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Moring mauls, VanWert vanquishes the field at first Iron Thong tourney

It was a warm July morning and 11 Iron Thong golfers showed up at the first annual Iron Thong Golf Tournament to compete for bragging rights for the next six months, and adjust a few thongs along the way. Clouds kept the blistering Texas heat away for most of the round, and a slight breeze kept the weather comfortable, but didn't affect club choices. In short, it was a great morning to be a Thonger.

Steve Moring and Dan VanWert made it clear who were the best Iron Thong golfers on July 8 at The Golf Course of Texas. Moring shot a gross 75 for a net 64 to grab "A" flight honors and VanWert shot a net 70 to lead the "B" flight players.

Each won \$75 for low net. Moring also posted the best low net for the front nine and won an additional \$37, while VanWert took both front and back nine honors and padded his winnings with an extra



Steve Moring, right photo, and Dan VanWert, left photo, were the big winners in the first Iron Thong Golf tournament. (Photos by John Hernandez)

\$75.

Ron Boone and Jesse Flores tied for second place low net in "A" flight and Hershel Krigbaum and Mike Linares tied for second place low net in "B" flight.

Flores also won low net for the back nine for "A" flight.

John Hernandez, Krigbaum and Boone took closest to the pin money, as well.

Hernandez cruised around the course, taking only 31 putts to win that category, and VanWert had the longest

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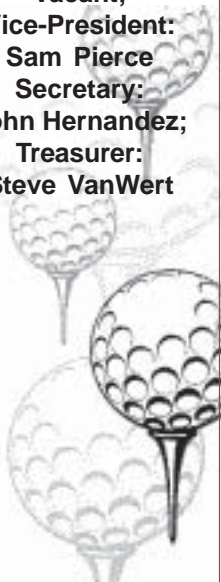
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The Putter speaks

A word from the editor

All you Iron Thongers, welcome to the first issue of the Thong Adjuster, our monthly news and feature online magazine.

You'll be able to open up the Thong Adjuster from our website and enjoy everything from golf rules to golf jokes, to Iron Thong meeting minutes to those all important stats. After all, what is golf without numbers?

You can send in your story ideas, rules questions and anecdotes, just as long as they concern this game we love: golf.

In the near future, we hope to start a classified for sale section where you can advertise used clubs, new clubs or anything you have for sale, as long as the item in some way helps adjust somebody's thong!

But this publication won't be successful without your help. I need photos of each member. Please take a couple of minutes and complete a bio for our bio page. If you'd like to write a short critique of any of the courses we play, send them to me. If you have a personal challenge to make to another of our members, send them to me, as well.

In short, send me anything you'd like to share with your fellow Thongers. This newsletter will only be as good as its content.

Who was the big winner last month? Who got his or her name in the Iron Thong vault? Watch this space!

-- Steve VanWert



Moring, VanWert win inaugural tourney

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drive on hole number 17, beating Moring, who held the lead until the last group.

Iron Thong golfers won \$500 worth of prize money, as well as taking home goodie bags filled with golf balls, tees, pens, ball repair tools, towels and shirts.

A free round of golf at Randolph Air Force Base Randolph Oaks golf course was given away during a raffle that was won by Mike Linares.

“It was a great tournament,” said Hernandez, one of three tournament organizers, along with Sam Pierce and Steve VanWert. “Everyone had a great time. I’m already looking forward to the second Iron Thong Golf Tournament.”



Top left, the gang gathered at the Golf Course of Texas snack bar to figure out who won what. Top right, Hershel Krigbaum and Mike Linares wait to learn how much they won. Above, Sam Pierce and Dan VanWert discuss the day’s rules sheet. Left, Ron Boone show off two envelopes containing two closest to the pins awards. (Photos by John Hernandez)

The inaugural Iron Thong Golf Tournament



Mike, Dan, Darren and Randy on the teebox.



Don't get so excited, John, it's only \$15!



*Left, Steve Moring takes a mighty swing;
Right, how did Hershel get a cart of his own?*



Sammy on the first tee.



Big John smacks another one.



The Golf Club of Texas.

July 8, 2006 at The Golf Club of Texas



Jesse smiles and shows off his winnings.



So does Hershel, while Steve shows off his shirt.



Steve heads to the tee box.



While Dan and his group wait their turn.



Hershel digs for money while John checks out the drink girl.



Success! This drink girl will do almost anything for a tip, even pose for a photo.

Golf story of the month

This is a true story.

We were following a foursome of reasonably good players. You could tell that one of this foursome was not at all pleased with the way his game was going.

On his approach shot to the 14th green the agitated player had 80 yards over a pond. His shot hit the green and rolled off the back. Even though it was dry, the shot apparently wasn't good enough for him, because he threw the club in his hand right into the pond.

Evidently this did not make him feel any better.

He then walked over to the cart he was riding in, removed his golf bag and tossed that into the pond as well. Without saying a

word he turned and walked off towards the parking lot.

We finished the 14th and had all completed our tee shots on 15 when we saw the disgruntled golfer heading back towards the pond where he had deposited his clubs.

We watched as he sat next to the water and removed his shoes and socks. He waded into the pond, found his golf bag and pulled it out to dry land.

After rescuing his equipment from the murky depths he opened a side pocket and removed what appeared to be car keys, and threw the golf bag back into the pond.

This time he added his golf shoes to the sunken treasure and walked back to the parking lot.

Joke of the Month

A priest, a doctor and an engineer showed up to play golf at a course they had not played before. The group ahead was extremely slow and after about five holes, the threesome flagged down a course marshal to complain about the slow pace of play.

The marshal explained. "Oh, you'll have to excuse them, but they are firefighters who were blinded fighting a fire here last year. They saved the club house though and we now let them play anytime they want for free.

Feeling kind of embarrassed, the priest said, "We had no idea. I shall pray for them each morning from now on."

The doctor quickly spoke up and said, "I have a good friend who's an excellent ophthalmologist. I'll speak with him and perhaps there something he can do to help."

The engineer looked up and said, "Why can't they just play at night?"



Top 7 golf movies

What are the best golf movies ever made? More of them have been made than you probably suspect. Here are the editor's choices for the best.

1) "Dead Solid Perfect"

This movie starring Randy Quaid is all about life on the pro tours. It's based on the book of the same name by Dan Jenkins - the best golf book ever written. But that's another list.

2) "Tin Cup"

From the opening song by the Texas Tornados ("A Little Bit is Better than Nada") to the U.S. Open showdown with Don Johnson, this Kevin Costner vehicle strikes the perfect pitch. It helps that Costner can actually play. And it helps that Cheech is around, too.

3) "Follow the Sun"

Glenn Ford stars in the life story of Ben Hogan. If you've seen 1950s biopics of athletes, you know how sappy they can be. This one is better than most, and Hogan's story is a fascinating one.

4) "Caddyshack"

I'm not afraid to admit it - I'm the biggest fan of this movie. Watching it as an adult, it still seems hilarious. But hey, that's just me.

5) "The Legend of Bagger Vance"

Will Smith and Matt Damon are extremely likable actors. Throw in Charlize Theron and, even if the plot isn't much, you've at least got plenty to look at.

6) "Bobby Jones - Stroke of Genius"

The life story of Bobby Jones stars Jim Caviezel, better known as Jesus Christ in Mel Gibson's "The Passion." A bit overwrought, and Caviezel doesn't replicate Jones' swing very well ... but then, who among us does?

7) "Happy Gilmore"

Name another movie that features appearances by both Bob Barker and Lee Trevino. Go ahead - I dare ya! Can't do it - this is the only one. Whether you're a fan of Adam Sandler or not, you'll enjoy this nutty flick about a hockey player whose slapshot produces prodigious drives



Golf rule of the Month

Q: If a club breaks during a round, can it be replaced?

A. Depends on how it was broken.

If the club was broken in anger - for example, as a result of being slammed into a tree or thrown down the fairway - it may not be replaced. If the club was broken because it was used as a walking aid, it may not be replaced. In other words, if you were doing something with it unrelated to your playing of the course, you're out of luck.

If, however, the damage occurs in the course of play - e.g., the clubhead snaps off a driver, or an iron is bent when trying to play from under a tree branch - there are options for replacement (see [Rule 4-3](#)).

The first option: Keep playing with the damaged club (not much of an option, eh?).

The second option: If it can be done without unduly delaying play, you can repair the club yourself, or try to have it repaired.

The third option: If the club is unfit for play, you can replace it in your bag with any other club, as long as play is not unduly delayed.

The replacement may not be borrowed from any other player. But you can get it anywhere else - from the trunk of your car, from your locker back in the clubhouse, from the pro shop, from your Uncle Harry who always carries an extra club for you, just in case.

Iron Thong member profile



John Hernandez

Average Handicap -16-18

Nick Name - Big John

Average Drive Length - 275 yards

In the Bag - Nike Ignite 10.5, Nike Slingshot 3-9, PW, AW, SW, Nike 15 Degree 3 Wood, Nike 18 Degree CPR Utility, Nike OZ Bluechip Mallet Putter.

My motto is live hard, play hard and pay for it later. I've been playing golf hard for about 6 years and was introduced to it at a young age. I love the game; it teaches you about patience, overcoming the odds and the ol' risk/reward factor, something we all learn -- some of us learn harder than others on the golf course though, that is for damn sure.

I play the game and enjoy the friendship that comes along with it, after all we wouldn't be here if it wasn't for the same interest we share and the game we will never master - GOLF!

Don't get me wrong, I play this game to win baby! I'm not out there to talk about business - I'm there to adjust your freakin' thong! Readjust is so bad your going to need a surgeon to remove the knots.

I'm not there to teach you how to play the game, cause, hell, half the time I'm battling my own personal demons "you know them Shanks, Cranks and Chili dips" and besides I'm not as good as I think I am. But somehow I work my way around a course using my lack of god given talent and score pretty good for a 300 pound guy!

I believe strongly in playing by the rules, the rules we all break - you know the bumping, mulligans and good by me on the green gimmies within the leather. The way I figure it, why play the game if your not going to play by the simplest of rules of the game and buddy them are some important rules when you play golf.

So next time you see me on the course, struggling (which I do quite often), remind me why I'm there again - to adjust your thong and have a damn good laugh or two over a cold brew on the 19th. Now ain't I a cocky SOB? Damn, and I bet you thought you were the only one that liked to win huh? Right! Like I believe that!

Enjoy! And Always - Hit 'em straight, play it as it lies and play 'em down!

Big John.....