



2011 ITG schedule announced

SAN ANTONIO, Texas -- "It's been a fantastic 2010," said Steve VanWert, Iron Thong Golf Gang president. "And 2011 will be even better!"

The San Antonio golf group, now with nearly 70 members, plays a different course every Saturday morning in the San Antonio area. The group plays the best courses with optimal tee times and discount greens fees. And 2011 is no exception.

Next year, the schedule includes some new courses, such as Pecan Valley, Silverhorn, The Republic and The Resort at ConCan. Favorites such as Olympia Hills, Alsations, Hyatt Hill Country Resort, The Quarry, The Buckhorn, Canyon Springs and Pine Valley will return, as well, and 2011 welcomes back The Golf Course of Texas to the fold.

All these great courses feature 8 a.m. shotgun starts and greens fees ranging from \$34 to \$50.

Here is the 2011 schedule:

Jan 1	Silverhorn	April 2	Pecan Valley
8	Olympia Hills	9	Canyon Springs
15	Open	16	Hyatt Hill Country Resort
22	The Republic	23	The Golf Club of Texas
29	Alsations	30	Alsations
Feb 5	Hyatt Hill Country Resort	May 7	The Bandit
12	Pecan Valley	14	Olympia Hills
19	The Quarry	21	The Buckhorn
26	Canyon Springs	28	The Golf Club of Texas
Mar 5	The Buckhorn	June 4	The Quarry
12	Olympia Hills	11	Pecan Valley
19	The Golf Club of Texas	18	Hyatt Hill Country Resort
26	Silverhorn	25	Canyon Springs

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*From
the
editor*



Gang,

Welcome to the newly resurrected Thong Adjuster. Now that my schedule is less hectic than before (funny how retirement can have that affect on you!), I have the time to put this little online magazine together for you. Some of our newer members may not realize this ever existed, but I hope they'll enjoy it as much as everyone else did in the past.

As I told you in the first edition, this magazine is yours. Let me know what you want to see on its pages. This edition features our new schedule and a recap of our recent 9th semi-annual tournament. I'm also including a "Fore Sale" section. If you have anything to sell, send me the info and a photo. There's no charge.

Those of you who remember the old Thong Adjuster may notice some layout changes. I decided to simplify everything, and I hope it will make it easy to read and still attractive to look at.

New features will include a photo feature, golf history facts, rules, local and national golf news, golf stories and golf jokes. Help me make this online magazine exactly what you want!

Steve

Golf History

Baffy, brassie, mashie, spoon



Golf clubs in days gone by had some lovely names. Sadly, they are no longer with us, and they have been replaced by simple descriptions like 2-wood, 4-iron, wedge, and so on. The following list is of old clubs and their modern-day equivalents.

Baffing spoon	9-iron or wedge
Baffy	4-wood
Blaster	Sand wedge
Brassie	2-wood
Cleek	2-iron
Jigger	4-iron
Mashie	5-iron
Mashie-niblick	7-iron
Niblick	8 or 9 iron
Play Club	Driver
Spoon	3-wood

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July 2	Quarry	Oct 1	Canyon Springs
9	Olympia Hills	8	Pecan Valley
16	The Republic	15	ConCan
23	The Bandit	22	Open
30	Alsations	29	Alsations
Aug 6	The Republic	Nov 5	Hyatt Hill Country Resort
13	Pecan Valley	12	Olympia Hills
20	Canyon Springs	19	The Republic
27	Hyatt Hill Country Resort	26	The Quarry
Sep 3	The Quarry	Dec 3	Hyatt Hill Country Resort
10	Olympia Hills	10	Pecan Valley
17	The Buckhorn	17	The Republic
24	Alsations	24	The Republic
		31	The Bandit

35 Thongers fought the sun, the wind and the pressure, but ...

Scott Thompson beat them all!



Thirty-five members of the Iron Thong Golf Gang pose with the new tournament banner prior to teeing off for the 9th semi-annual ITG golf tournament, played at Canyon Springs Golf Course on Oct. 2, 2010.

Jamie McBride, left, winner of the 8th semi-annual tournament and resident King Thong, congratulates Scott Thompson on winning the 9th semi-annual tournament. Scott shot a net 71 and beat Ronny Copeland and Buck Buchanan after three tie-breakers. Scott holds the ITG Traveling Trophy, his for the next six months.



The tournament in photos



THE 17 MOST MISUNDERSTOOD RULES OF GOLF

1. Lateral Hazard

Option 1 – Play it from the hazard

Option 2 – Replay the shot from the original position incurring a stroke and distance penalty

Option 3 – Draw a line from the hole to where the ball last crossed the margin of the hazard and drop anywhere behind that point keeping the point between you and the hole incurring a 1 shot penalty.

Option 4 – go to the point where the ball last crossed the margin of the hazard and drop within 2 club lengths, no nearer the hole, on either side of the hazard incurring a 1 shot penalty.

2. Lost Ball or Out-of-Bounds (white stakes, white posts, white paint, etc.)

After looking for a maximum of 5 minutes, you must go back to where the shot was originally played from, and replay, incurring a stroke and distance penalty. You cannot play a found ball that is out of bounds. Note: It is permissible to stand out of bounds to hit a ball that is in bounds.

3. Unplayable Lie

Option 1 – Take 2 club lengths relief no closer to the hole and assess a 1 stroke penalty

Option 2 – Replay the shot from the original position incurring a stroke and distance penalty

Option 3 – Take the ball back as far as you want keeping the point where the ball lays between you and the hole incurring a 1 shot penalty

4. Improving Your Swing Path

You cannot bend, break or hack anything growing or fixed if it improves you lie, your stance, or your area of intended swing. The penalty for doing so is loss of hole in match play, or a 2 shot penalty in stroke play.

5. Unplayable Lie in a Bunker

Option 1 – Take a drop of no more than 2 club lengths no closer to the hole, but still in the bunker incurring a 1 shot penalty

Option 2 – Replay the shot from the original position incurring a stroke and distance penalty

Option 3 – Go back as far as you like in the bunker and drop keeping that spot where your ball laid between you and the hole. This incurs a 1 shot penalty

6. Removing Objects in a Bunker

You may not move or remove any loose impediments in the bunker unless they are foreign to the area. Example – you may remove a candy wrapper but not a pine cone or tree branch

7. Number of Allowed Clubs

You are only allowed to carry 14 clubs in your bag. The penalty for carrying more than 14 clubs:

Stroke Play – 2 strokes per hole up to a maximum of 2 holes or 4 shots

8. Casual Water

Find your nearest point of relief no closer to the hole where neither you or your ball lie in water that can be seen without pressing your feet up and down. You may then drop your ball within 1 club length from that point no nearer to the hole at no penalty

9. Grounding Your Club in a Hazard

Practice swings may be taken inside a hazard as long as you don't touch the ground, sand or water with your club. The top of the grass may be touched during a practice swing. The penalty for grounding your club is a 2 shot penalty in stroke play.

10. Accidentally Moving Your Ball

There is a 1 stroke penalty for accidentally moving your ball and it must be replaced in its original position before hitting. There is another 1 stroke penalty for hitting the ball from the wrong place if it is not replaced. There is no penalty for accidentally moving the ball when on the tee.

11. Removing Loose Impediments

If, in moving loose impediments, you accidentally move your ball, you must return the ball to its original position and penalize yourself one stroke

12. Asking for Advice

It's against the rules of golf to ask an opponent what club they have hit. The penalty for this breach is a 2 shot penalty in stroke play.

13. Ball on a Cart Path

You are entitled to free relief.

Step 1 – Determine the "nearest point of relief." This is the point where the ball would lay affording the player both swing and stance from the cart path.

Step 2 – You are entitled to 1 club length relief from the point where the ball would lie once full relief is taken.

Step 3 – After dropping, the ball may roll up to 2 club lengths no closer to the hole.

14. Changing Club Characteristics

Clubs may not be altered in any way once play has begun. If a club is altered during the normal course of play, such as bending it after hitting a tree while attempting to hit the ball, the club may be taken to the shop for immediate repair and a replacement club may be used until the original club is repaired. If the club is modified by breaking or bending it in a fit of anger, it must be taken out of play.

15. How to Drop the Ball

After determining the nearest point of relief, you may stand outside the drop area, no closer to the hole, and extend your hand to the side dropping the ball from shoulder height. The ball may roll up to 2 club lengths no closer to the hole. If the ball rolls farther than that you must re-drop. If after dropping 2 times the ball continues to roll past 2 club lengths, you must place the ball where it first touched the ground.

16. Repairing the Line of your Putt

You may repair any ball marks in your line and removed any pebbles or foreign objects in your line, provided you do it with your hand or club. You may not fix spike marks or fan the ground with a towel or cap to remove sand or foreign objects. The penalty for doing so is a 2 shot penalty in stroke play.

17. Hitting the Wrong Ball

The penalty for hitting the wrong ball in stroke play for either player is 2 strokes and the original ball must be replayed from its original position.

And the winners were ...

Par 3's Closet to the hole

Hole #17 - 4 HCP - Flight A only - \$60 + trophy - Todd Mumford

Hole #7 - 7 HCP - Flight B only - \$60 + trophy - Ron Harris

Hole #3 - 15 HCP - Flight C only - \$60 + trophy - Mike Linares

Hole #13 - 18 HCP - All flights - \$60 + trophy - Steve Vanwert

Longest Drive - Par 4 Fights A/B/C

Hole #12 - All Fights A/B/C - \$60 + trophy - Caleb Groom

Fewest Putts

All 18 holes - All fights A/B/C - \$60 + trophy - (28) Derek Frank

Most Putts - (41) - (Wins Portable Putter/Case) - Caleb Groom

Low Net Front 9

Flight A - \$75 - Ray Strickland

Flight B - \$75 - Al Menchaca

Flight C - \$75 - Ronny Copeland

Low Net Back 9

Flight A - \$75 - Ed Chrismer

Flight B - \$75 - Jeff Konop

Flight C - \$75 - Scott Thompson

Low Gross

1st Place - Flight A - \$50 - Todd Mumford

1st Place - Flight B - \$50 - Al Menchaca

1st Place - Flight C - \$50 - Ronny Copeland

Low Net Full Round

1st Place - Flight A - \$140 Todd Mumford

1st Place - Flight B - \$140 Buck Buchanan

1st Place - Flight C - \$140 Scott Thompson

2nd Place - Flight A - \$100 - Tony Bishop

2nd Place - Flight B - \$100 - Al Menchaca

2nd Place - Flight C - \$100 - Ronny Copeland

3rd Place - Flight A - \$80 - Steve Vanwert

3rd Place - Flight B - \$80 - Pete Cliburn

3rd Place - Flight C - \$80 - Josh Howard

Iron Thong Low Net Champion - Scott Thompson