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Wiest Aces Pinehurst Test

Gary Wiest and his 3 teammates came to the finishing hole on day 1 of the Pinehurst Qualifier in pretty good shape. The foursome was well over their quota when Wiest, in front of the entire field, holed out his fairway shot from 120 yards for an eagle, his second best shot of the day.

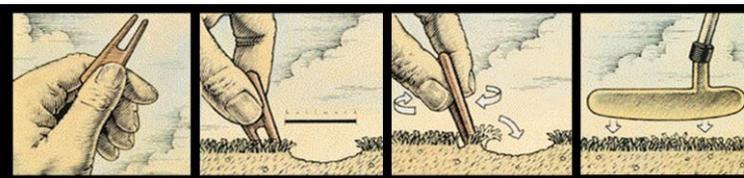
Wiest threw a body blow to the field earlier in the day when he made a hole-in-one on the par 3 fourth hole. It was all part of a day that saw the team of Wiest, **Fred Blatchford**, **Mike Hamrac** and **Earl Lanoue** cruise to a 9 point lead heading into day 2.

The shamble/stableford format created a lot of competition – all for second place - after the boys followed up their dominant day one performance with a solid second day round that gave the foursome a comfortable 10-point victory. The win earned the team an all-expenses paid trip in September to play in the Club Corp Team Championship at the famed Pinehurst resort.

Congratulations guys, you all played great and will represent Hunter's Green well. *And Gary, thanks for the drinks!!*

Do Your Part...Fix Your Mark

Golf Course Superintendent Brian Mortillarro and many of the new faces on the golf course are working hard to fix the issues that have plagued our course for way too long. The success of the improving greens will be measured over months and years, not weeks. Aerification, top dressing, "drill and fill," these are all major projects designed to give us what we want, consistently good putting surfaces...do your part – fix your ball mark plus two others. We are all in this together.



.....COMING UP NEXT.....

Up Next: Tough Day

It's not called "sort of tough day." It's supposed to be hard. The 2015 MGA Tough Day Tournament is fast approaching.

The rough will be punishing, the pins will be brutal, and the course will play long. It is the hardest test you will face all year. What a way to challenge your skills and your mental game. Sign-ups are open for the event which will once again take place on US Open Saturday, June 20.

See if you can handle Hunter's Green when she shows her teeth. Tough Day is a Hunters Cup major event.

For more details or to sign up online visit the MGA website (www.hg-mga.com). You can also sign up by calling or visiting the pro shop at (813) 973-1700.



While We're Young!

It's a problem that every golf course faces - The pace of play. Nothing seems worse than standing around waiting for the foursome in front of you to let the green clear on a 590 yard par five, only to watch the best player in the group top it 80-

yards sideways. Let's face it, slow play sucks. Many players don't even know they are slow. So the MGA is here to help. Here is a hint, if everyone complains that you are slow, guess what. – you are slow. Play ready golf, walk the 10-yards to your ball instead of driving to it after your partner hits, play ready golf during casual rounds and remember, everyone out there is trying to enjoy the day. Don't be "that guy." Pick up the pace, keep up with the group in front, and for crying out loud, take a peek back every once in a while. The club has not started allowing eight-somes – That's 2 groups waiting on the tee box for you to hit. Pick up the pace.

Tough Day: Saturday, June 20
For details visit: www.hg-mga.com