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- I loved seeing Rory McElroy go low on the “Blue Blazer Boys” from the USGA this year in the US Open. It is refreshing seeing birdies once in a while instead of the sideways chip outs and five minutes looking over the 20 footers for par. McElroy’s performance almost made some of the 40 hours of coverage bearable. At least Andy North and Mark Roling can do wonders for insomnia!
- Speaking of the USGA, Sustainability continues to be their topic de jour. They sure tout it a lot for being such a broad, un-specific, indefinable topic.
- Are any of you hosting youth golf camps this summer? What we should really call them is golf-themed child care. I do love seeing young people introduced to the game and the programs are generally good for the kids. But things are definitely different at the course with them around. I was pretty impressed when I saw a camp counselor and eight kids on one golf cart. “Yes young man, I understand it is hot outside and one of the kids has to go potty, but ARE YOU KIDDING ME!” You can make multiple trips you know...
- I was able to sneak away for some vacation back in June. Hope you can find a way to get away too. We went to Cabo which was a lot of fun. The problem was that I returned with really sore arms. It wasn’t from the world-class fishing, the Jet Ski riding, or from the exciting ATV adventures along remote beaches. It was from performing the non-stop Heisman pose in town to keep all the

- solicitors away. These guys were everywhere, including the airport, rental car agency, Corona factory, etc! Next time I’m getting a T-shirt made: NO GRACIAS SEÑORES, I’m really not interested in another presentation for a fly-by-night, overpriced, sketchy-titled Time Share/Vacation Club that I can never get rid of—even if it does get me a free round of Margaritas and half off my fishing trip!
- How about the sorry act of Laker Forward Ron Artest? He has filed papers to change his name to Metta World Peace. Are you kidding me? This is the same guy who went into the stands and slugged a fan during a NBA Game. Please, Ron, try to come up with something fresh! It was Clipper Guard Lloyd Free who changed his name to World B. Free over 20 years ago. Maybe you should try to audition for reality TV, your stuff could actually fly there...
- And finally, PGA Tour character Bubba Watson is back in the fray again. He reportedly received a \$200,000 appearance fee to play in a European Tour event in Paris. Besides missing the cut, and blaming the lack of security and mobile phones, he found a way to further endear himself to the French media. When asked if he had taken in any scenery while he was in Paris, he said he saw some tower, went around a circle with an arch, a toured this mansion next to his hotel (Versailles). And we wonder how we get the ugly American stereotype?

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