

The 2012 U.S. Open Golf Championship at San Francisco's Olympic Club



▲ The crew chow line

▼ Jason Green, Jim Alwine and Josh Clevenger



▲ Nor Cal with the Trophy



▲ California Volunteers

▼ Nor Cal boys





▲ Ready, set...



▲ Go!



▲ Jon Christensen's U.S. Open mowing debut



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▲ Chasing Ian Poulter down the #5 fairway



▲ Fairway roller



▲ We are sometimes in the dark


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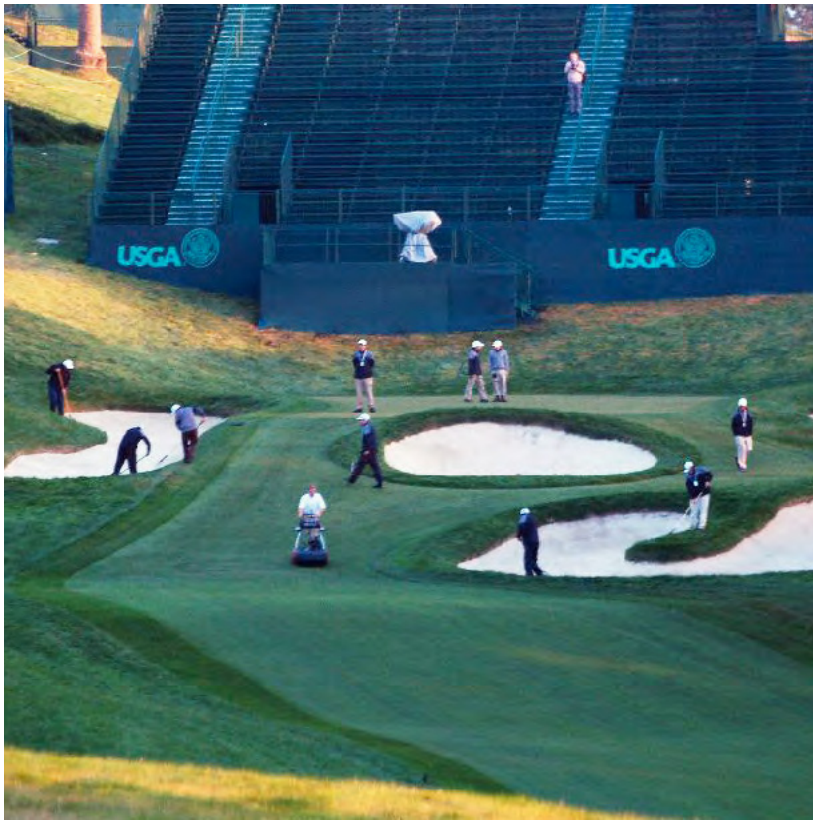
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Editor's Ramblings BY BRIAN C. NETTZ, CGCS, PRESIDIO GC; EDITOR, THRU THE GREEN



Wow! I think it's been nearly a year since my last rambling. I guess this is an annual contribution to TTG? I have a few musings.

"I don't have the time." There's one we hear all the time. I happen to sit on the HOA board where I live. As you can imagine, this is the universal response from any whiner when you ask them if they would like to take on solving the

very issue they are whining about.

"People aren't picking up their dog feces."

"Well, why don't you help us all out and email us some suggestions or form a committee and help correct the problem?"

"I don't have time; I work full time and have kids."

Uh huh.

In a similar vein, Mike Souza has been a tremendous help in creating the new TTG. On one occasion Mike emailed out no less than 12 profile requests and got two back. Are you really that busy you can't get a photo and respond to a dozen or two inane questions? I doubt it. To those who responded, thank you. I hope you enjoyed how the profile turned out.

Congratulations to the entire Olympic Club staff on a very successful Open! Certainly Pat Finlen, CGCS, is the face of the department and the look and conditioning of the course, but knowing Pat some 15 years and having worked with him 3, I know Pat would

be anxious to spread the congratulatory feeling to everyone on his staff. Well done to all staff and volunteers at the O Club! Leave it to Pat; hosting the Open is not enough. Pat has the pleasure of hosting a renovation immediately before and immediately following the Open. Some guys just have to bring it up a notch.

I'm not sure what to think of the clothing choices in professional golf right now. While I do like the more sneaker shoe look, I'm just not that big a fan of the wacky pants and weird colors. It's a painful look on HDTV. Although I doubt the USGA would condone my camo cargo shorts and Harley t-shirt look were I on the tour.

Speaking of pro golf, I've heard some rumbling of Casey Martin and his cart among the golfing masses here at our course. Really?? I know golf is traditional and all, but c'mon...get over yourselves if you think a guy who needs a cart shouldn't have one. A complete perpetuation of the "old fogey, elite" golf stereotype. Let him play and let him be an inspiration to some 12-year-old kid with a similar disorder. I bet if he was a vet injured by an IED there would be no rumbling.

Speaking of veterans, I give Dave Davies, CGCS, my own personal 21-gun salute. Dave has a tireless energy for helping those who gave more than their time and energy in the pursuit of protecting our freedom. Were it not for these people, we couldn't sit back in comfort and complain about how another crappy election is upon us with another lousy choice of candidates and so on and so forth. Thanks, Dave, for giving so much of yourself for those who gave too much of themselves.

Enough diatribes. Out to see if the grass is still growing...