

Hello Michelob ULTRA Open Participants,

A few of you have voiced your concern regarding the pace of play for the event this past Saturday and we wanted to reach out to all of you regarding the plan to improve this issue moving forward to our next five events. The same is said for the scoring.

Obviously a six and a half hour+ round is not acceptable. Nobody wants that kind of pace. Not you, not us and not the course. We feel there were several factors that contributed to it, some of which were unique to the Chambers Bay.

-Chambers Bay is walking only course. It is long and it is difficult. Many in the field had not played it before as well and it is a unique course. It will always be slower and more difficult the first time you play it.

-This was a net stroke play event. The slowest of our 3 formats

-Not a reasonable pin placement on hole 12. It was roughly a 30 minute wait for the field at that hole alone.

-Full 144 shotgun field

-There was a lot of beer consumed which might have contributed to the pace of play and high average score. The average score for the tournament players was 9.8 strokes above their course handicap. That is 6-7 strokes above the norm.

Moving forward we do feel the pace of play will pick up considerably at the other venues.

- Carts are provided at all the other venues.

- 4 of the next 5 events are Best Ball or Scramble, all faster formats than this last Saturday's format.

- We do anticipate the scoring improving. Less shots=less time. I would envision 700+ less shots per tournament from the field.

- We will not have a pin placement issue ever again like we did at #12.

As far as the size of the field. Each event of the Cascade Golfer Cup is designed to be open to the first 144 players(72 teams). I suppose we can adjust that. However, that will also eliminate a team or teams from the opportunity from competing in an event and earning points. We would like to avoid that if possible. However, if the event on May 22nd is a full field and the pace of play does not pick up considerably, we will not ignore that.

If any of you have any feedback please do not hesitate to contact me via email or at the number below. This was the first ever event of the Cascade Golfer Cup and the first of what we hope to be many for years to come. We want everyone involved to have a wonderful golf experience. We did run two events last Fall at Druids Glen and expect our next event to be much improved. However, there will always be room for improvement.

Handicaps

A couple of golfers will have their handicaps adjusted for the May 22nd event due to exceptional rounds. They have or will be contacted. This will be standard policy for each event of the Cascade Golfer Cup. If you have any questions on this please let me know.

Thank you once again for helping make the Michelob ULTRA Open a great event. Congrats to Toddy Roney and Byron Rich on winning a trip to Pebble Beach in June for the US Open. We will have to get a full report on your experience.