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miss the bunker left of the green. He made a good sand save for his birdie but Appleby's long putt just in front of us will send him home after today's round. Perez and Austin will both play on the weekend (Austin finished at 2-over par while Perez finished the second round at 6-over par). Today my guys shot 72 (Austin), 73 (Perez), and 76 (Levet).

#### SATURDAY, JUNE 14

I go today at 12:10, with Hunter Mahan and Sergio Garcia. I had Garcia at the Open in Southern Hills in 2001 and really enjoyed that day. I got to the first tee 20 minutes ahead of my starting time, just in time to see Phil Mickelson and Adam Scott tee off two groups ahead of Mahan and Garcia, the third day in a row they had played together. There was a huge crowd there to see Mickelson, who's from San Diego and lives close by in Rancho Sante Fe. It had been well publicized (and second-guessed by many in the media) that he had taken the driver out of his bag for the first two rounds. When he pulled out his newly inserted driver for his tee shot on No. 1 he got a huge ovation! It apparently didn't serve him very well as he shot a 76 on Saturday, including a nine on No. 13. I got to see some great golf today. Mahan and Garcia really played well, both finishing with birdies on No. 18. Hunter shot a 2-under-par 69, and Sergio shot a 1-under-par 70. It was really a treat to be able to see them decipher the wind and work the ball into what were some pretty challenging hole locations. Both players could have gone quite a bit lower than they did as each missed some makeable putts during the course of the round. The only ruling of the day came on No. 14 hole. Mahan split the fairway, the ball coming to rest on a sprinkler head that was a bit recessed. We couldn't see the ball at first even though we knew it had to be in the middle of the fairway. We went through the procedure for taking relief (find the nearest point of relief no nearer the hole,

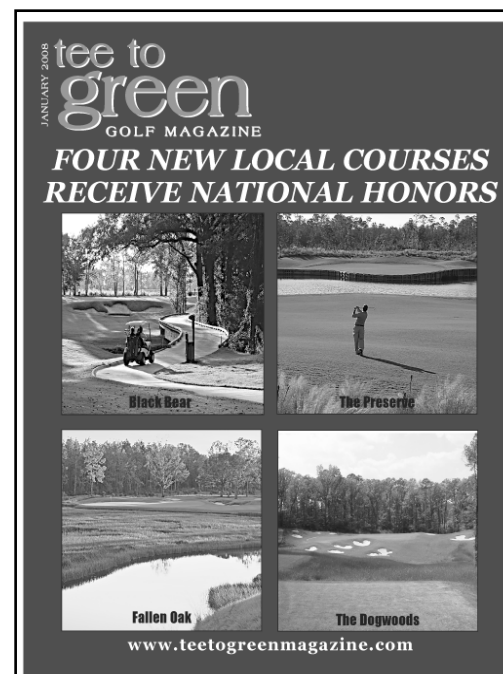
place a tee there, then measure a club length from that point, again no nearer the hole, and drop between the two points). It took all of about 45 seconds to complete the ruling and I was back to being a spectator again. All in all an uneventful day from a rules standpoint, which is just the way I like it. People often tell me that they hope to see me on TV at these events. My typical response is that I'd just as soon they don't because if I get too much TV time I'm probably in the middle of something I'd just as soon not be. Mahan and Garcia were both very cordial. Sergio isn't quite as happy-go-lucky as he had been seven years ago when I walked with him at Southern Hills. I guess that's what the pressure of unrealized expectations can do to you. When I finished I headed to USGA Hospitality to grab a bite to eat and watch the rest of the day on TV. Woods was playing the seventh hole when I got there and we watched the rest of his round, and what a round it was! He double-bogeyed the first hole again (as he had on Thursday) and a three-putt par on the par-5 ninth brought him out in 37. It was apparent his knee was beginning to bother him a bit but that unbelievable mental toughness that he's become known for again showed through. A 60-foot eagle putt on 13, a chip-in birdie on 17, another eagle on 18 and all of a sudden it was Woods leading after 54 holes. It should be quite a finish tomorrow.

#### SUNDAY JUNE 15, 2008

I'm heading home today. My flight leaves at 6:45 a.m. so my ride to the airport is scheduled to pick me up at 4:45. The same driver that brought me in on Tuesday was behind the wheel this morning. I got to the airport in plenty of time and had a smooth journey back home. I arrived back in Lafayette just before 2 p.m., with just enough time to get home, change clothes and settle into my easy chair to see if Tiger can complete this extraordinary journey to his third U.S. Open title.

A quick postscript....you know by now that Tiger Woods and Rocco Mediate played off for the Championship on Monday, Woods taking home the title by besting Rocco in 19 holes. It was a great finish to a great Championship. The USGA got tremendous accolades for the course set-up, a perspective I totally agree with. It is truly worthy of being called our National Championship.

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