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Hello Fellow NASGA Members,

2010 – another decade. The last one was certainly fun as far as golf was concerned, and hope everyone enjoyed the annual schedules we put together, always trying to find that balance between quality and affordability. And then in the Pro world of golfers, there's the question many were asking last year - "When will Tiger play again?" The question is still valid for 2010, but for very different reasons... But the rest of golf goes on, and so will NASGA!

I look forward to kicking off this new decade, to seeing everyone with more regularity this year, and to a schedule that I consider one of our best yet.

A few important things to point out:

1) **Please note that sign up deadlines for the first 2 tournaments are only a couple weeks away.** The **signup deadline** for Poppy Ridge is **Feb 19th**, and Santa Clara (which is actually our first tourney) is **Feb 24th**. I encourage members to take advantage of electronic tournament signup options available from the NASGA website. These are more immediate for you, and easier to track for us.

2) We're looking for enthusiastic, responsible volunteer(s) to join the NASGA board for next year. I've been your president for 10 years and have enjoyed the role and responsibility very much. But 10 years is a long time, and NASGA can benefit from new energy and ideas - it's time to give the opportunity to others to lead us into this next decade. So we have not firmed up whether the president role will be filled from someone on the existing board or from the general membership, but either way, at least one position will be open on the board and would love to see some enthusiastic volunteers! Please contact me with your interest.

Now, as to our schedule this year, it wasn't planned, but it turns out that a majority of our tournaments are on Sundays. This was due either to availability or more attractive rates offered on Sunday. Haven't seen much difference on turnout based on Saturday or Sunday, but wanted to make everyone aware of this – please plan accordingly. As to schedule highlights, one of the clear ones is that we got the fantastic deal up in Tahoe again. Coyote Moon is no longer part of the club that we booked the Truckee courses through, but to complement Old Greenwood, they gave us tee times on Gray's Crossing, a highly revered private venue as our second course for the 2-day tournament. And I'm sure there will be a number of us trying to unofficially play Coyote Moon on either Friday or Monday ☺. You'll never get to play these courses at these rates under normal circumstances, and we had a full house last year at 32 players, so don't miss it. For Labor Day, we're headed to the Gold Country for the first time since 2005. Two great golf courses in Greenhorn Creek and Saddle Creek await us there. And besides the great long weekend events, we've got a number of courses that NASGA has not visited in a long time. These include The Bridges, Rancho Canada, Callippe Preserve, and Crystal Springs, with the latter also serving as the location for our season ending banquet.

And with that, I'll just say that I'm very much looking forward to seeing everyone soon out on the links, and thanks to each of you in your participation and helping make NASGA a very successful NCGA associate club!

Sincerely,

Mark Thronson
President, NASGA