## **EZLinks Golf, Inc.**

# THE TEE TIMES

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#### Chip-Shots:

- In 2003, www.ezlinks.com and EZLinks partner websites **generated 8,540 golf** rounds, resulting in \$476,906 in extra revenue for member courses!
- The 2004 season kicks off the **10th Anniversary** for EZLinks Golf. Inc.!
- EZLinks installs its Point-Of-Sale software at Stonebridge Meadows (AR) and San Pedro GC (Tucson).
- For previous newsletters, visit www.ezlinks.com. Click on Corporate/News.



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### TEE TIME EXCHANGE USERS: SCHEDULE A YEAR-END REVIEW

For those course managers opting to pay for EZLinks products and services in tee times instead of cash, now is a good time to review the effectiveness of your program.

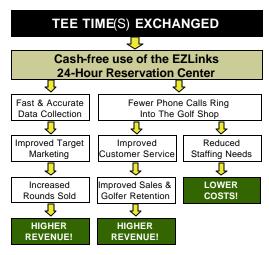
#### ...boosting your profitability...

By analyzing your historical tee time data, your EZLinks Account Manager can pinpoint which hours of the day are less utilized at your golf course. The details can be extracted with ease, and the results are often surprising. Using this data, EZLinks will then position its tee time exchange inventory accordingly. By focusing its allotment on those tee time slots that traditionally go unsold, it insures that the program does not interfere with your peak revenue times.

"The amount of play at golf course varies by day of week and time of year", says Andy Weeks, EZLinks Chief Executive Officer. "By strategically selecting the tee times that we use, we can minimize the net cost of the various EZLinks services, ultimately boosting each golf course's profitability."

In addition to this special analysis, your Account Manager will also review the EZLinks products and services that your golf facility is using, along with the quantity of tee times you

are exchanging. Perhaps you are thinking about a new point-of-sale system? Perhaps you want to use the EZLinks 24-hour Reservation Center, without the cash expense? By discussing where you are and where you want to go, EZLinks will design your individual program to provide the best possible solution at the lowest possible cost.



Contact your EZLinks Account Manager to setup a time when your usage of the tee time exchange program can be reviewed.

### INTERNET TEE TIMES—BEST OF 2003

A whopping 179,031 golf rounds—approximately \$9,621,755 in tee times—was booked at EZLinks member course's websites during 2003. This represents a 37% increase over 2002! These golf course websites were the leaders in 2003 for the most total reservations:

#### FIRST NINE

- 1. Pinehills Golf Club (MA)
- 2. Centennial GC (NY)
- 3. Cypresswood GC (TX)
- 4. Desert Mountain (AZ)
- 5. Harbor Links GC (NY)
- 6. Sunol Valley GC (CA)
- 7. Presidio GC (CA)
- 8. Lyman Orchards GC (CT)
- 9. Silo Ridge GC (NY)

#### SECOND NINE

- 10. Eisenhower GC (MD)
- 11. Great River GC (CT)
- 12. University Ridge (WI)
- 13. Bear's Best GC (NV)
- 14. Pine Barrens GC (NJ)
- 15. Cherry Creek Golf Links (NY)
- 16. Cranbury GC (NJ)
- 17. Hiddenbrooke GC (CA)
- 18. High Bridge Hills (NJ)

#### **MULTI-COURSE WEB SITES**

- 1. Forest Preserve Golf (IL)
- 2. Robert Trent Jones Trail (AL)
- 3. PGA West/LaQuinta (CA)
- 4. Carolina Golf Trail (NC)
- 5. Chicago Park District (IL)
- 6. Traditional Clubs (VA, CT)
- 7. Moorhead Golf Courses (ND)
- 8. Bear Trace (TN)
- 9. WCI Golf (FL)

**EZLINKS MEMBERS** (partial list) Arizona National Golf Club Bear's Best - Atlanta & Las Vegas Bridlewood Golf Club Cabo del Sol Resort Camelback Resort Carmel Valley Ranch Canoa Ranch Centennial Golf Club Chalet Hills Charlotte Golf Links Dacotah Ridge Eagle Glen Golf Course Eagle Ridge Inn & Resort EagleSticks El Conquistador Resort El Dorado Golf Club Grand Traverse Resort and Spa Gulf Harbour Golf & Country Club Harbor Links Hawk's Landing Hiddenbrooke Golf Club Horseshoe Bay Indian Wells Resort Kaanapali Resort Legend Trail Golf Club Lyman Orchards Golf Club Maderas Country Club Marriott's Desert Springs Resort Marriott's Shadow Ridge McCormick Woods Mirage City Golf Club Monarch Beach Naples Grande Pasatiempo Golf Club PGA West / LaQuinta Resort Pine Barrens Pinehills Golf Club PineIsle Resort Poinu Bay Resort Presidio Golf Club Raptor Bay Ritz-Carlton Golf Club at Orlando Reunion Golf Club Robert Trent Jones Golf Trail Siena Golf Club St. Marlo CC Stone Mountain Sunol Valley Superior National GC Tahquitz Creek Resort The Oaks at Tan-Tar-A Resort The Audubon Golf Trail The Bear Trace—Tennessee The Bog The Georgian Resort The Golf Club at Branson Creek The Golf Club at Castle Hills The Golf Club at Desert Mountain The Legacy Golf Club The Montgomerie Dubai The Nick Faldo Golf Institute The Ocean Club at Atlantis Resort The Revere at Anthem The Ridge at Castle Pines North The Tradition at Royal New Kent Tiburon Golf Club Toftrees Resort Tour 18—Dallas & Houston TPC at Snoqualmie Ridge Troon North Golf Club University Ridge Westfields Golf Club Westin Innisbrook Resort Westin La Cantera Resort Westin Mission Hills Resort Westin Savannah Harbor Resort Wildfire Golf Club

Wintonbury Hills

### EZLINKS PROFILE: MARK MALLY



If you have contacted the EZLinks Client Services Department, there is a good chance you have spoken with Mark Mally. Mark came to EZLinks in 2001, and quickly developed a sound understanding of the complex tee time application. He now manages the customization of each golf course's tee sheet software, oversees report design, provides assistance with special requests, and handles various tasks to keep EZLinks customers happy.

Mark was born in Berwyn, Illinois in 1976 and is currently "unattached". He enjoys fine dining (pizza) and classic cinema (Caddyshack). His hobbies include working on and racing his car,

volleyball, fantasy football, rollerblading, and golf club repair. Mark didn't begin playing golf until after high school, and now has a hole-in-one, a long drive of 385 yards, and a low round of 70. Don't be fooled by his calm demeanor, or he will quietly dismantle you on the course!

# \*\*\* 2004 PGA MERCHANDISE SHOW \*\*\* Booth #17245

If you are attending the show in Orlando, we encourage you to stop by and meet the staff, tell us how things are going, learn a couple software tricks, and rest your feet!

#### NEW MEMBERS

Colonial CC—Florida
Kaanapali Resort—Hawaii
Red Rock CC—Las Vegas
Rose Hill—Oklahoma
Stonebriar—Texas
Stonebridge Meadows—Arkansas
The Phoenician—Arizona
TPC Snoqualmie Ridge—Washington

# THE CITY OF CINCINNATI TO INSTALL EZLINKS!

Another municipality has joined the EZLinks tee time network: The city of Cincinnati. Their seven courses, under the management of Billy Casper Golf, will be utilizing the EZLinks tee sheet software, web reservation capability, database marketing tools, and 24-hour tee time reservation center.

The facilities include Avon Field G, California GC, Dunham GC, Glenview GC, Neumann GC, Reeves GC and Woodland GC. The installation is scheduled for the beginning of 2004.

## **EZLinks Software Tip**

...HTML Email Confirmations

For each tee time reservation booked, you can now send your golfers email confirmations in an HTML format. Don't settle for plain text emails, when a little color and flair can now be added with ease. Add your logo or a course photo to quickly catch the eye of your customers.



These emails are automatically generated by the EZLinks Tee Time Network at the completion of each reservation, and include the course, date, time, number of players, and the EZLinks confirmation number. This is also a great way to communicate other pertinent information to your golfers— such as dress code, driving directions, cancellation policies, lessons/clinics, merchandise sales or restaurant hours.

Contact EZLinks Client Services at clientservices@ezlinks.com or 1-888-77-LINKS for guidelines and assistance. They can apply an HTML format provided by you, or they can apply a basic pre-built template on your behalf. Golfers who are unable to receive these HTML emails will automatically receive the standard text-based format instead. There is no additional cost to utilize this new capability.