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OPINION

Traps For The Unwary: A Cautionary Tale for Partnerships in Golf Course Ownership

By Rob Harris, Golf Dispute Resolution

Recent publicity disclosed that Johnny Miller and two of his partners in Napa Valley's Silverado Resort have been sued by a fourth partner. The legal complaint makes allegations of mismanagement and "outright willful and wanton misconduct and gross negligent" by the defendant partners, together with a "hostile attempt" to take over the resort, while purposefully mismanaging the company to depress the value of the resort 'so they could eventually purchase it on the cheap.' Miller and his partners, through an attorney, have denied the allegations. ... The litigation is emblematic of what can happen when partners become disenchanted with a business relationship, and it provides a cautionary tale for anyone who owns, or seeks to own, a golf course with others... [READ MORE >>](#)

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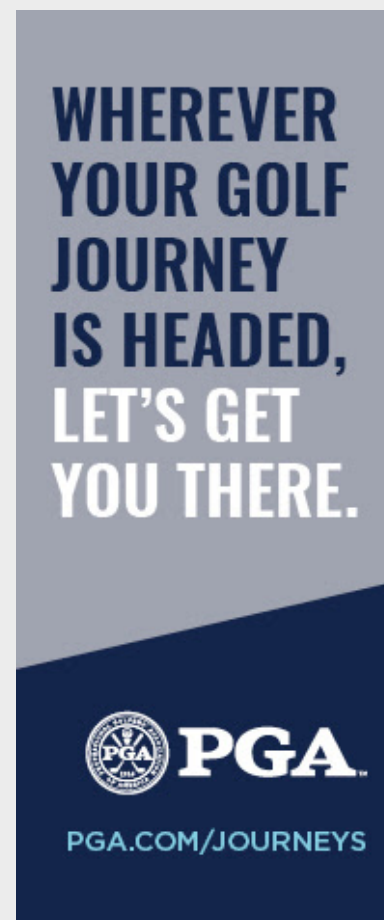
By Jerry Tarde, Editor-in-Chief, Golf Digest (as seen in "Golfworld")

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I've always been inspired by the tradition of the honorary starters at the Masters—the two or three aging heroes who hit the opening shots of the tournament. When I was still in college in the fall of 1976, I borrowed my roommate's Gremlin and drove to a nursing home in suburban Chicago to meet Jock Hutchison, 92, the 1921 British Open champion, who served with 1908 U.S. Open champion Fred McLeod as the original honorary starters... [READ MORE >>](#)

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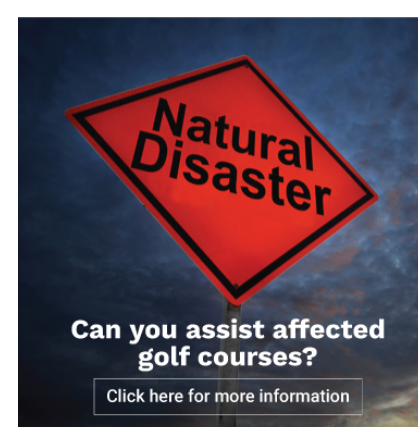
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