

## PGA TOUR, The Barclays announce tournament venues for 2010, 2011

*Ridgewood Country Club, Plainfield Country Club to host first event of  
PGA TOUR Playoffs for the FedExCup the next two years*



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The PGA TOUR has announced that Ridgewood Country Club in Paramus, N.J., and Plainfield Country Club in Edison, N.J., will host The Barclays, the first event of the PGA TOUR Playoffs for the FedExCup, in 2010 and 2011, respectively. This year's Barclays will be contested at Liberty National Golf Club in Jersey City, N.J., Aug. 27-30.

Ridgewood Country Club hosted The Barclays in 2008 when Vijay Singh won the first of two Playoff events en route to capturing the FedExCup. The 2011 Barclays will be the first PGA TOUR event at Plainfield Country Club, although the Donald Ross-design has hosted the 1978 United States Amateur Championship and the 1987 United States Women's Open. Additionally, in conjunction with The Barclays, Plainfield Country Club is now an affiliate of The First Tee of Metropolitan New York as of April 2009. The Plainfield West Nine Golf Course – the West Nine, as its known – will be host to The First Tee's curriculum.

"New Jersey is honored that The Barclays will be staged in New Jersey at least two more years," said New Jersey Governor Jon S. Corzine. "We are fortunate to have the opportunity to partner with this event to make an impact across the state. This gives the Garden State an opportunity to showcase what we have to offer to golf fans throughout the world, and represents a substantial economic boost and a genuine commitment to charitable organizations at a time when it's needed the most."

### Ridgewood Country Club

"The Barclays at Ridgewood Country Club last year was a resounding success by all accounts," said PGA TOUR Commissioner Tim Finchem. "The preparation of the golf course, the impeccable clubhouse facilities, the way the membership welcomed the TOUR – all were factors that contributed to a first-class event and record-breaking crowds. In addition, the players' enthusiastic response to the venue was unprecedented. Vijay Singh said it best during closing ceremonies when he called Ridgewood Country Club one of the best golf courses the TOUR has ever played. We look forward to returning next year."

"The Club was proud to have hosted The Barclays in 2008, and the members are very enthusiastic about the world's best players returning in 2010," said Ridgewood Country Club President Steve Hennessey. "Local charitable organizations were most appreciative of the very significant contributions made by the TOUR in 2008. The support of Mayor Tedesco of the Borough of Paramus, New Jersey, and the local and regional agencies was an important factor in making the 2008 event a success."

"Fans in the New Jersey area have always had a passion for golf," said Paramus Mayor James Tedesco. "That was never more evident than when this community came out in droves to support The Barclays and the PGA TOUR last year at Ridgewood Country Club. We are thrilled to welcome the world's best golfers back to Paramus in 2010."

The Ridgewood Country Club was founded in 1890 and is one of the oldest clubs in America. The 27-hole golf course was designed by A.W. Tillinghast in 1929. Ridgewood has hosted two major professional championships, the 2001 Senior PGA Championship (won by Tom Watson) and the 1990 U.S. Senior Open (won by Lee Trevino), as well as the 1935 Ryder Cup (won by the United States) and the 1974 U.S. Amateur (won by Jerry Pate). The



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course was ranked 87<sup>th</sup> in the United States by Golf Magazine in September 2007 and the Club was selected as 84<sup>th</sup> on a ranking of the Most Prestigious Club in America by Golf Connoisseur in 2006. The 2008 Barclays was staged on the Championship course which is a route that consists of a collection of the best 18 holes from the Center, West and East courses. The Championship course record of 62 was set by Hunter Mahan during the first round of the 2008 Barclays. Vijay Singh played the four rounds in 8-under par and won the event in a playoff with Sergio Garcia.

### **Plainfield Country Club**

"There are so many excellent courses in the New York and New Jersey area, and we are pleased to add one of the best – Plainfield Country Club – to The Barclays rotation," said Finchem. "As the first event in the PGA TOUR Playoffs, The Barclays is an important tournament for the PGA TOUR, and there's no doubt that Plainfield, who some would say is Donald Ross's best design, will provide a worthy challenge to the game's best players in 2011."

Our Members are delighted that Plainfield has been chosen to host the PGA TOUR in 2011 for The Barclays," said Plainfield President Bob McTamany. "We're very proud of our course, and we believe that it will be a strong and fair challenge to the players. We're also proud of our partnership with the PGA TOUR and Barclays to benefit The First Tee program and the many other charitable beneficiaries of the event."

"We are excited to help host this world-class sporting event," said Edison Mayor Jun Choi. "We thank the PGA TOUR for selecting Plainfield Country Club in Edison to host The Barclays. It should be one of the top events ever held here."

Plainfield Country Club, founded in 1890, is one of the oldest golf clubs in America. The course was designed and built by Donald Ross in 1921, and is widely regarded as one of his masterpieces. Under the direction of Gil Hanse, the Club has spent the last 10 years restoring, renovating, and extending the course, using Ross's original blueprints. Plainfield has hosted two U.S. National championships, the 1978 US Amateur (won by John Cook), and the 1987 US Women's Open (won by Laura Davies). The course was ranked 28<sup>th</sup> on *Golfweek's* 2009 roster of America's Greatest Classic Courses.

In partnership with The Barclays and Plainfield Country Club, the Plainfield West Nine Golf Course in Edison, N.J., became a program affiliate of The First Tee of Metropolitan New York Chapter in April 2009. "The West Nine" will host The First Tee's curriculum of Life Skills and golf instruction for young people in Union County. This is one of the few private clubs in the nation that has offered its course for The First Tee's youth development program. The Plainfield Country Club began programs this past spring offering 150-200 youngsters The First Tee Life Skills Experience. Traditional junior golf programs stress golf fundamentals and skill improvement, but rarely focus on educating our youth about life skills for use on and off the course. The Barclays has also supported outreach programs and has funded The First Tee National School Program in many of the local school districts around Plainfield Country Club such as Edison, Plainfield, South Plainfield and Scotch Plains. In 2002, The First Tee of Metropolitan New York started its Chapter programs at Mosholu Golf Course in the Bronx and now has six program locations in the Tri-State Area.

### **About The Barclays**

The Barclays has been a part of the PGA TOUR schedule since 1967 when Jack Nicklaus won the inaugural event at Westchester Country Club. Since that time, some of the greatest players in the game have earned the title including World Golf Hall of Famers Arnold Palmer, Johnny Miller, Raymond Floyd, Seve Ballesteros, Hale Irwin, Curtis Strange and defending champion Vijay Singh, who has won The Barclays four times. Many of the world's current top players have won the event as well, including two-time champions Ernie Els and Sergio Garcia. The Barclays plays a leading role in the 2009 FedExCup, the season-long competition that is the centerpiece of the PGA TOUR season. The conclusion of the FedExCup will be the PGA TOUR Playoffs for the FedExCup, comprised of a four-tournament stretch beginning at The Barclays.

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