

What a Tournament!

I hope you had the pleasure of tuning in to the PGA Championship last weekend. It was broadcast from Whistling Straits, Sheboygan, Wisconsin. Being from Wisconsin, it was probably more noticeable for me, but did you hear the compliments? The bigwigs of golfdom were constantly ranting and raving about the golf course, the shot values, and its beautiful proximity to Lake Michigan. The course also has the Ryder Cup finals and the PGA again in 2015. Every time the camera changed, there was a great shot of the course, the lake, the fans, and of course the action. The weather co-operated for the most part, except for the foggy starts, which were forgotten by Sunday evening.

I have never witnessed a more exciting tournament. A three way tie after 72 holes, with many others just one stroke back. Poor Dustin Johnson, getting disqualified for grounding his club in the sand on hole 72. It's just a good thing he missed the putt on the last hole, so he didn't receive the ultimate penalty. Personally, I think the USGA could do away with the grounding rule, you can "test" the sand with your feet anyway. Maybe they will review the rule and finally get it correct. The experts have selected him as the "favorite" if not the sentimental favorite to win the next major, the Masters next Spring. I hope he does, especially the way he came back after The U.S. Open.

The economy also got quite a boost, they estimated about 74 million dollars came into the Wisconsin area, 74 million that should change hands about seven times. When you think about it, a little town the size of Sheboygan doing those kind of numbers! The only thing that could have happened better was if home state favorites Jerry Kelley or Steve Stricker could have won. I'm sure they will both make the field next time, again.