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**Pavin Snaps 10-year Golf Drought**

**By Jonathon Hardcastle**

After a 10-year drought, golfer Corey Pavin finally barged into the winner's circle again on the

Professional Golfers Association (PGA) by winning the 2005 U.S. Bank Championship in July 2006. The victory snapped a losing streak of 242 consecutive tournaments without a win.

It was Pavin's 15th PGA victory — and he did it in grand style. On the very first round of the US Bank Championship, Pavin broke the PGA record for the fewest number of strokes need to complete nine holes at a PGA Tour event., with an eight-under score of 26 (July 7, 2006). The previous record was 27 strokes and was held jointly by Mike Souchak, Andy North, Billy Mayfair and Robert Gamez. Pavin's score of 125 for the first 36 holes also tied the record for fewest shots taken in the first 36 holes of a PGA Tour event held by Tom Lehman, Mark Calcavecchia, and Tiger Woods. Overall, Pavin averaged just 26.5 points per round en route to a final round score of 20-under-par 260.

Pavin had to weather a strong challenge from Jerry Kelly in the U.S. Bank Championship before finally snagging the title with a two-stroke victory. Kelly started the final round just two strokes behind Pavin. His final round was bogey-free, but Kelly also missed 13 putts for birdie putts, including a close one from just seven feet. For the day and despite having the gallery's backing, Kelly did not make a single putt longer than five feet.

The turning point of the tournament for Pavin came on the par-4 eighth hole, when he opened a four-stroke lead over Kelly. Pavin hit a drive 270 yards to the center of the fairway, and his second shot, a 6-iron from 172 yards, bounced three times and rolled into the cup for an eagle."That was huge, I was playing real solidly and hitting a lot of greens, but I couldn't seem to get a putt to go in," Pavin said later. "Then I hole a shot and that gave me a nice cushion."

Prior to the US Bank Championships, Pavin's previous win came in the 1996 Colonial. He has also won the prestigious US Open in 1995, his lone major championship win.

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## **Why Are Golf Courses Designed The Way That They Are**

**By Carl Walker**

No matter where you go on this great big planet of ours you are bound to come across at least a few golf courses. These days golf courses are the must have for all countries and that is because now more than ever, golf is a major tourist attraction. People travel far and wide to visit the best and most talked about golf courses. That is why so much time and effort, not to mention money is poured into these projects each and every year.

If you love to play golf then you know how great really good golf courses can be. Playing on world class golf courses is very different than playing on a poorly designed one. If you are like me, and like most true golfers, you search for the golf courses that will provide the most amazing game play of all.

The world would not be such a magnificent place as it is if not for great golf courses now would it. And who do we have to thank for these fantastic golf courses? Well here, we usually thank the USGA. They are the ones who have come up with the most amazing guidelines for golf course designers to follow. All of the best golf courses have been built to their find standards. Since way back in 1960 those who design golf courses have been building the most fabulous of all courses according to the ideas set out by the USGA and people from all around the world have been thanking their lucky stars.

The perfect golf courses are not only designed to provide the best golf game, they are also designed in a way that will look gorgeous. All of the greatest golf courses are a wonder of design I that they look glorious and they play like a dream. To live in a place with a view of these kinds of golf courses is something that most people dream of, that is how great they can look.

There is much more to the design of good golf courses though. Such as the number of slopes and waterways. Good golf courses will have plenty of both. These kinds of obstacles are necessary for any good and challenging game. No one wants their golf game to be too easy and that is why these types of things are added into the equation when designing golf courses. The intrigue the eye and provide you with amazing opportunities to outwit and out play your opponents.

Most of us take for granted the golf courses in our area. We just play there and have fun but we do not take into consideration the amount of work and planning that goes into each and everyone of these fantastic golf courses. It takes years to plan the best golf courses and it is about time that we

recognized this fact and gave the appreciation that they designers of golf courses deserve to them once and for all.

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