



Sir Michael Bonallack Trophy 2010

21-23 April 2010 *Karnataka Golf Association, Bengaluru, India*

Match Cancelled

The biennial Sir Michael Bonallack Trophy due to be played this week in India has been cancelled owing to the air traffic closures prompted by the Eyjafjallajokull eruption in Iceland.

Of the 12-man European team expected to arrive in India last weekend, only four players were able to take the trip. Three of those were the Arizona State University (ASU) teammates, Jesper Kennegard (SWE), Knut Borsheim (NOR) and James Byrne (SCO) who were able to fly westward from Phoenix, Arizona to avoid the ash cloud that has paralysed air transport since last week. Carlos Pigem (ESP) was able to leave Madrid on Saturday via a flight to Moscow before heading south to Delhi and the eventual destination of Bangalore.

The other eight European players have been grounded in Europe with their national golf authorities and families spending sometimes hours on the telephone trying to rebook flights. The enthusiasm of the players and the help they received from their supporting national golfing bodies has done everyone credit.

Tommy Fleetwood (ENG) summed up the feelings of the players after the cancelled was first announced: "... really gutted for everyone concerned. Would have done anything possible to have got myself there".

There will be no opportunity to reschedule the match.

All of the Asia/Pacific Team arrived at the venue and will play an exhibition match with the four European players present. The ASU players will plan to return to university earlier than first scheduled to give themselves time to better prepare for the PAC-10 conference championship hosted in Arizona next week.

The European Golf Association would kindly like to thank the players and their member national golf authority members who were involved for their persistence in attempting to bring the match together.

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