

Flint, Cantu to Captain Sides in 2008

Tournament Regulars Are Known For Their Fierce Competitiveness and Skills



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It was announced last night at a hastily arranged Press Conference in the back room of a Costa Mesa, California Hooters that Bruce Flint and Joe Cantu had accepted invitations to be the Captains for this years Blue and Gold Cup match play competition. The 13th edition of this enjoyable event will be played out on Friday, July 25th at the Bridges Golf Club in San Ramon, California. First tee time is 11:00 a.m.

Both Flint and Cantu are CBI tournament veterans. Mr. Flint, who hails from Humble, Texas has played in ten straight CBI competitions. He is still searching for his first title. His match play record is more formidable. He is 6-3-1 in his ten starts, although last year at San Clemente he was hammered by Curtis Montgomery 7 and 6. Bruce currently maintains a CBI handicap of 6.

Dublin, California based Joe Cantu has played in eight CBI competitions, the first being in 1992. He has one victory, which was secured at Tilden Park in 2002 with the

assistance of Jeff Dense, Bill Schack and Henry Torres. Joe's match play record is 2-2 with his last performance in 2007 being a 5 and 4 victory over Jeff Dense. Joe's current CBI handicap is 10.

In announcing his selection, Charlie Clark offered the following, "I think Bruce Flint is just the type of competitor the Gold side needs to get the Cup back. Jim Ferraro's 2007 display of "Shock and Awe" couture was certainly well received by his teammates, but regrettably it wasn't enough to get the job done. Flint is a taskmaster, and I trust he will drive his charges relentlessly to victory at the Bridges in late July". Greg Clark was more blunt in his assessment of his decision. He stated, "I wanted someone who has won both in the CBI and in the Blue and Gold. I wanted a pit bull, someone who will sink their teeth into the competition and never let go – until pried off by a licenced animal control officer with the right tools. Joe Cantu fits the bill." When asked by one reporter if his CBI comment was a veiled jab at Flint, Greg gave the following explanation, "I really am not focused on the merits or lack thereof of the Gold team Captain. Everyone knows who is the best player never to have won a CBI. I don't care about all that. All I care about is who wins at the Bridges. I wanted a winner, and I've got one."

In the twelve years during which this competition has been held, there have been 105 different match play participants. As a result of last years Blue victory at San Clemente, the Blue side currently retains ownership of the Cup, and has a slight edge in the overall series 6-5-1. This will be the first ever CBI event held at the Bridges Golf Club in San Ramon. There will be an awards dinner immediately following the conclusion of play in the Bridges Clubhouse.

