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2013 was certainly a busy year, and like most, had its good and its bad. I played 29 events in 20 countries in 45 weeks and was in the US for 9 of those weeks. I saw (played in) 10 new countries: Kenya, Portugal, Belgium, France, Austria, Germany, Italy, Ukraine, Kazakhstan, and Oman, and flew through multiple others (like Ethiopia), although I don't really count those. I took about 75 flights comprising of over 170,000 miles, which was something like 3 weeks of the year in the air.

Of the 29 events I played, 7 were on the Asian Tour (it had 24 total events in the season), where I finished around 110th on the order of merit. 17 were Challenge Tour events (of the full 25), and I finished 80th on their money list. I played 3 European Tour events (two also counted as Challenge Tour), and 1 Asian Development Tour event, and 3 Qualifying School weeks. My best finish on the Asian Tour was t10 (Philippines); on Challenge t9 (Belgium); on European t15 (Portugal), and I finished 4th in my only Asian 'D' Tour event. And I had two holes-in-one: 3rd round in Belgium and practice round at the Asian D Tour (hmmm... guess I need more of those).

Neither of my final order of merit finishes were good enough to guarantee status on that given tour, so I was sent back to Qschool. I made it through 2nd stage in Europe and was tied for 5th halfway through finals (total of 6 rounds), but went backwards in rounds 4 and 5, and shot an 80 the final day when I needed a 70 to earn a European Tour card. I did, however, earn the same status on the Challenge Tour for 2014 as I had last year. I will be traveling to Thailand to play my third Asian Qschool next week.

2013 was not all unmet goals and frustration however. I made significant gains in the evolution of my swing, verifying that it never did regress during long stretches of continuous playing (10 of 11 weeks in one case), but that inconsistencies were due do things I can have conscious awareness of (stance and setup being the most important). My wedges and putting improved over the year to the point of being the sole reason I had a chance the final day of Qschool. Finally, my mental approach to shots,

rounds, tournaments, and seasons made the biggest gains (mostly toward the end of the year). Im excited for the chance to put all of these together this upcoming season.

My goal for next year is the same as for 2013: to earn my European Tour card through a top 15 finish on the Challenge Tour money list as well as finish top 60 on the Asian Tour money list, which will earn me spots in about 8 European Tour events I wouldn't get into otherwise. With both of these paths to the European Tour I will have the best chance of keeping my card (finishing top 110 on the European Tour Order of Merit) in 2015, giving me the best chance to raise my ranking to the top 50 in the world and thereby earn spots into the majors and WGCs and the chance to win enough money in those events (which count towards the PGA Tour moneylist) to earn my PGA Tour card.

I will be sending more frequent short emails about the upcoming week and will re-vamp my twitter and facebook page output before and during the week. Ill make an effort to add more pictures and opinions and poor excuses for wit as well.

Thanks again for your continued support and all the best for 2014.

Dodge