

Vineyard golf date may link p

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EDGARTOWN — Now don't breathe a word of this. Because nobody's supposed to know. But word here on the Vineyard is that the Secret Service has scoped out the oh-so-exclusive **Vineyard Golf Club** to prepare for a possible golf outing between **President Obama** and golf great **Tiger Woods**!

Now, THAT is a photo op for the ages.

Needless to say, no one is talking. But the buzz on the links is that Woods — who is coming off an upset loss to **Y.E. Yang** in the **PGA Championship** — will hop over to the island for a round of golf with the Duffer-In-Chief sometime next week during the prez's summer hols.

The presidential golf outing would fit rather nicely into Tiger's schedule, as the World's Greatest Golfer is expected to tee off in the **Deutsche Bank Championship** at **TPC Norton** on Sept. 4. Obama leaves The Rock on Aug. 30 and Woods normally shows up for the Deutsche Bank tourney four days in advance, so it's all quite convenient!

"The Secret Service was all over the course," said Someone Who Knows. "They're hard to miss in those big black **Suburbans** with the blacked-out windows."

Word is, D.C. and NYC power broker **Vernon Jordan**, who was ex-Prez **Bill Clinton**'s constant links companion on The Rock, is involved in orchestrating the outing.

Neither the **White House** nor the golf course returned our calls. So we have no idea what the prez's handicap is. However estimates run between 16 and 24. Against Tiger, we advise taking the 24!

We can tell you that Obama

known as a links trash-talker. Again, Barry, you might not want to go down that road with Tiger!

The prez, according to **Time** maggie, plays his pals for \$1 a hole and does not cheat, à la the last president to vacation on the Vineyard. (We refer, of course, to Hubba's well-documented mulligans, not **Monica Lewinsky**.)

Obama keeps all his golf winnings in an envelope for first daughters **Sasha** and **Malia**'s college fund. As of early July, **Time** reports, there was \$2.25 in the envelope.

As for the **Vineyard Golf Club**, it is one of the country's most expensive private courses with a reported \$350,000 membership fee — down in deference to the recession from \$500,000. The chi-chi club sports the nation's only truly "green" green, since the island forbids the use of synthetic pesticides on the property.

One of the founders of the club is Mississippi timber tycoon **Billy VanDevender**, who owns **Blue Heron Farm**, where the Obamas will shack up next week. VanDevender, as we've mentioned before, is also a big Republican.

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