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Is Olympic Golf Really Necessary?



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rolling**

~ MARK TWAIN

August will see golf as a sanctioned event in the Rio de Janeiro Olympics. Rio has a host of problems, financially bankrupt, unsafe water, public health and safety concerns, plus political unrest, which may keep many Olympic fans away from the games.

Golf has been added this year and again for 2020 for the first time since 1904. The professional golfers of today did not grow up practicing that five-foot putt on the practice green to win Olympic Gold. They dreamed of Green Jackets, Claret Jugs and Wanamaker trophies.

The Olympics does not offer a purse for its winner, however, most medal winners find commercial success from selling their name as their brand. Professional golfers already have established brands, earning millions of dollars in prize money and endorsement deals.

The fact is the modern professional golfer does not need the Olympics. Golf ball, equipment and apparel manufacturers need the Olympics to spread their wares around the world and bring in additional revenue streams.

The Zika Virus has given the top male golfers a good excuse to bow out of the 2016 Olympics and have given the game somewhat of a black eye in the process.

We cover golf in the Olympics from several angles this month and attempt to give you all the information you will need to watch the coverage from Rio on your big screen.

The Loop reversible golf course, featured on our cover this month, officially opened for play at the end of June and it is a must-play for serious golfers. It is truly golf, the way it was meant to be played.

We hope you enjoy reading the August issue of NWO Golf Links and I hope to see you on the Back 9.

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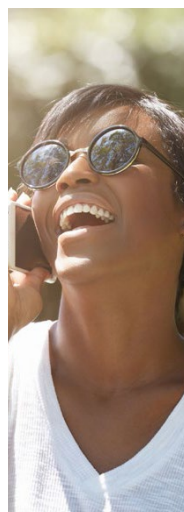
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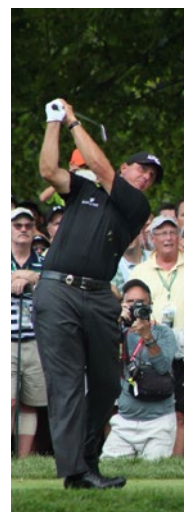
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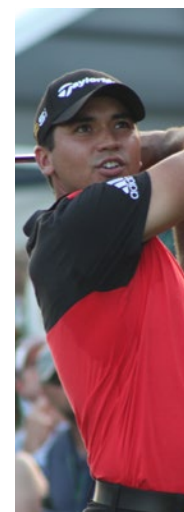
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TOM DOAK CREATES A MASTERPIECE IN MICHIGAN: "THE LOOP" IS GOLF THE WAY IT WAS MEANT TO BE



Tom Doak and Matt Ginella

When the old Scots took up sticks to knock stones around a sheep pasture, they didn't have modern equipment to move dirt, build cavernous bunkers or create greens that would reach supersonic speeds. They used what God had created on the land adjoining the sea.

Except for clearing a few pine trees, Tom Doak has employed the same theory for his new course **The Loop** at Forest Dunes.

While in college, Doak persuaded the scholars at Cornell to allow him to spend a year wandering around Scotland to gain a better perspective of original golf course design. During his time on the Auld Sod, he caddied throughout the birthplace of golf, studied original routings and learned about golf design from the greenskeepers and maintenance crews of those classic old masterpieces.

The ability of several courses to be played in reverse intrigued him and he filed that feature away in his memory bank

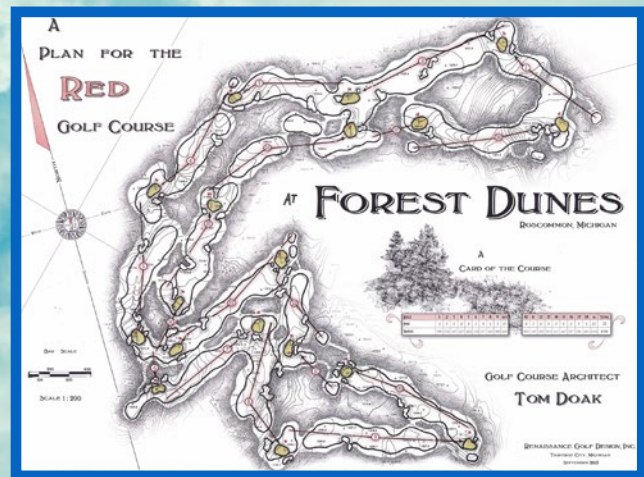


for future use. Twenty years later, Doak found the right situation and property to apply that knowledge, to create his own masterpiece, a tribute to the classics, and fulfill his dream.

He already has a sizable reputation as a forward-thinking designer from his previous works of art, Pacific Dunes and Old MacDonald, both at Bandon Dunes, as well as, Barnbough Dunes in Tasmania.

Forest Dunes already had an award-winning Tom Weiskopf design on the property, and it has been a popular destination for serious golfers, since it opened in 2002.

On his first visit to Forest Dunes Golf Channel's Travel Guru, Matt Ginella felt the Weiskopf course ranked with Bethpage Black, Pasatiempo, Pine Needles and Pacific Dunes as one of the top public courses in the country.



High praise indeed from one of the most widely traveled golf experts in the world.

Soon after the new course the “Loop” officially opened for play, Ginella returned to Forest Dunes and played 108 holes in one long summer day on Doak’s new creation. He played the course a total of six times, three times in each direction, Red and Black.

Of the new course Ginella said,

“For this particular situation, given the success of Weiskopf’s Forest Dunes



and the land Tom Doak was given to work with, which is across the street, a reversible routing is a perfect fit. Doak is a Michigan resident, he had been looking for land and an opportunity to execute the concept, and in owner, Lew Thompson, he had the support to build something unique. It's a home run for the architect, the owner, the destination and the landscape of golf in America."

It has long been known that if you have one famous golf course, you have a curiosity. If you have two highly-rated golf courses, you have a destination, but if you have three top-shelf courses, you have a must-stay and play for serious golfers.

When he purchased the property in 2011, Lew Thompson's vision for Forest Dunes was to create a world-class golf destination. The Weiskopf course provided Forest Dunes a credible beginning, but Thompson wanted more, something unique, something that would set Forest Dunes apart from competing Michigan golf resorts.

By adding the reversible course, Forest Dunes can offer golfers three courses to mix and match while staying in their comfortable accommodations, which are first-class in their own right and not to be overlooked.

The magnificent clubhouse has a complete pro shop, as well as, the bar which makes the perfect spot for an enjoyable lunch or quick bite at the turn. The dining room provides a beautiful vista across the massive, yet inviting patio and the ninth green.

Speaking of the patio, on tranquil Michigan summer evenings, after you have dined on the chef's delicious creations, the patio with its fire pit provides the perfect end to a satisfying day at Forest Dunes. With your favorite after-dinner libation in hand, sit with friends or make new ones and discuss the day's round or just golf in general.

The latest addition to Forest Dunes was the Lake AuSable Lodge, completed in 2013, which features 14 rooms and suites



overlooking the lake. In addition, three villas, that can comfortably sleep up to eight persons per building, make it the perfect arrangement for buddy's golf trips.

As you look down any fairway on the Loop, be sure to check the course map for the location of camouflaged fairway and green-side bunkers. What looks at first blush as a simple mound along the fairway or at the edge of a green is really the back of a bunker waiting to gobble up an errant golf ball.

One of the features of the Loop was the necessity for each green to be able to accept shots from two different directions. Doak has accomplished this with aplomb. The greens although smallish and undulating, will hold a well-struck shot that has been effectively planned and executed.

Firm fairways and greens with run-up approaches allow for roll, which encourages golfers to play along the ground. There are few forced carries and a low ball flight with ample run, is preferable to long high carries.



Forest Dunes now offers three world-class golf courses for golfers to enjoy, while staying in comfort and dining on the best cuisine available.

The Loop at Forest Dunes is a walking-only course and provides a pure golf experience. It's the way golf was meant to be played. Carry your own bag, use a push cart or hire a caddy to do your heavy lifting, but come experience one of the great golf facilities in the country at Forest Dunes.

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RIO OLYMPICS GOLF TO BEGIN AUGUST 11



Sixty men and women from around the world will compete in the first Olympic golf competition since 1904. The men's portion begins August 11th and includes 72 holes of medal play with the final round set for Sunday, August 14th. The women's competition will be comprised of the same 72-hole medal-play format and will be held the following week August 17-20.

Much has been made of the top male player's decision to abstain from participating in Rio due to the threat of contracting Zika virus from mosquito bites. The top four ranked players in the world, Jason Day, Dustin Johnson, Jordan Spieth and Rory McIlroy have all announced they would not compete in Brazil. Add Adam Scott and Danny Willett to the group watching the Olympics from home and six of the Top 10 golfers on the Official World Golf Rankings will not be in Rio.

Only players ranked inside the Top 15 in the Official World Golf Ranking for the men and Top 15 on the Rolex Rankings for the women, earned automatic berths into the Olympics. The United States is the only country with four team members for the men competition.

The golf event will still have plenty of star power to please NBC and golf fans around the world. World No. 5 and reigning Champion Golfer of the Year, Henrik Stenson will be at the Olympics along with Bubba Watson, Rickie Fowler and Sergio Garcia.

Bubba and Rickie will be joined by Americans Patrick Reed and Matt Kuchar, who were added to the team with the abstentions of Spieth and Johnson.

The only eligible woman player that decided to stay away from Rio was Lee Anne Pace of South Africa. Nine of the Top 10 ranked women players in the world will compete in Rio. Lydia Ko, Brooke Henderson, Aryia Jutanugarn, Inbee Park, Stacy Lewis and Lexi Thompson headline the field.

Lewis and Thompson will be joined by Gerina Pillar to round out the American team. The South Korean team is loaded with Inbee Park, Sei Young Kim, Amy Yang and In Gee Chun all ranked inside the Top 10.

Gil Hanse designed and built the course that will be used for the Olympic golf tournament. In March, 2016, the Olympic Committee held a practice event with Brazilian professionals to demonstrate the course was indeed ready for play.

Given the political climate and unrest in Brazil, 85,000 soldiers and thousands of police will patrol Rio to maintain order and keep fans and athletes safe. Unclean water is a concern, street gangs and the Zika virus have all added to make the 2016 Games one of the most talked about and possibly avoided Olympics in history.



NWO GOLF LINKSTEAMS/ IGF RANKINGS FINAL: **MEN**

1	Bubba Watson	USA	31	Gregory Bourdy	FRA
2	Henrik Stenson	SWE	32	Julien Quesne	FRA
3	Rickie Fowler	USA	33	Nicolas Colsaerts	BEL
4	Danny Willett	GBR	34	Ricardo Gouveia	POR
5	Justin Rose	GBR	35	David Hearn	CAN
6	Sergio Garcia	ESP	36	Wu Ashun	CHN
7	Patrick Reed	USA	37	Miguel Tabuena	PHI
8	Matt Kuchar	USA	38	Hao Tong Li	CHN
9	Rafa Cabrera Bello	ESP	39	Alex Cejka	GER
10	Byeong Hun An	KOR	40	Graham DeLaet	CAN
11	Thongchai Jaidee	THA	41	Fabrizio Zanotti	PAR
12	Danny Lee	NZL	42	Padraig Harrington	IRL
13	Emiliano Grillo	ARG	43	Ryan Fox	NZL
14	David Lingmerth	SWE	44	SSP Chawrasia	IND
15	Soren Kjeldsen	DEN	45	Danny Chia	MAS
16	Bernd Wiesberger	AUT	46	Mikko Ilonen	FIN
17	Martin Kaymer	GER	47	Jhonattan Vegas	VEN
18	Kiradech Aphibarnrat	THA	48	Felipe Aguilar	CHI
19	Anirban Lahiri	IND	49	Cheng Tsung Pan	TPE
20	Thorbjorn Olesen	DEN	50	Adilson da Silva	BRA
21	Joost Luiten	NED	51	Seamus Power	IRL
22	Thomas Pieters	BEL	52	Espen Kofstad	NOR
23	Jaco Van Zyl	RSA	53	Roope Kakko	FIN
24	Fabian Gomez	ARG	54	Nino Bertasio	ITA
25	Jeunghun Wang	KOR	55	Siddikur Rahman	BAN
26	Scott Hend	AUS	56	Wen-Tang Lin	TPE
27	Marcus Fraser	AUS	57	Gavin Kyle Green	MAS
28	Brandon Stone	RSA	58	Matteo Manassero	ITA
29	Yuta Ikeda	JPN	59	Rodolfo Cazaubon	MEX
30	Shingo Katayama	JPN	60	Jose-Filipe Lima	POR

NWO GOLF LINKSTEAMS/ IGF RANKINGS FINAL: **WOMEN**

1	Lydia Ko	NZL	31	Alena Sharp	CAN
2	Brooke M. Henderson	CAN	32	Gaby Lopez	MEX
3	Inbee Park	KOR	33	Mariajo Uribe	COL
4	Lexi Thompson	USA	34	Nanna Koerstz Madsen	DEN
5	Sei Young Kim	KOR	35	Paula Reto	RSA
6	Amy Yang	KOR	36	Gwladys Nocera	FRA
7	Ariya Jutanugarn	THA	37	Julietta Granada	PAR
8	In Gee Chun	KOR	38	Kelly Tan	MAS
9	Stacy Lewis	USA	39	Marianne Skarpnord	NOR
10	Anna Nordqvist	SWE	40	Ashleigh Simon	RSA
11	Shanshan Feng	CHN	41	Laetitia Beck	ISR
12	Minjee Lee	AUS	42	Giulia Molinaro	ITA
13	Gerina Piller	USA	43	Ursula Wikstrom	FIN
14	Suzann Pettersen	NOR	44	Noora Tamminen	FIN
15	Harukyo Nomura	JPN	45	Klara Spilkova	CZE
16	Charley Hull	GBR	46	Christine Wolf	AUT
17	Teresa Lu	TPE	47	Giulia Sergas	ITA
18	Candie Kung	TPE	48	Maria Verchenova	RUS
19	Pornanong Phatlum	THA	49	Leona Maguire	IRL
20	Carlota Ciganda	ESP	50	Albane Valenzuela	SUI
21	Su-Hyun Oh	AUS	51	Alejandra Llana	MEX
22	Shiho Oyama	JPN	52	Chloe Leurquin	BEL
23	Azahara Munoz	ESP	53	Fabienne In-Albon	SUI
24	Xiyu Lin	CHN	54	Tiffany Chan	HKG
25	Sandra Gal	GER	55	Michelle Koh	MAS
26	Karine Icher	FRA	56	Aditi Ashok	IND
27	Catriona Matthew	GBR	57	Miriam Nagl	BRA
28	Caroline Masson	GER	58	Victoria Lovelady	BRA
29	Nicole Broch Larsen	DEN	59	Stephanie Meadow	IRL
30	Pernilla Lindberg	SWE	60	Maha Haddioui	MAR



WWJD: WHAT WOULD JACK DO?

BY **FRED ALTVATER**

Jack Nicklaus and Arnold Palmer, along with Gary Player firmly believed that the leading players of the day should help better the game of golf for future generations. It wasn't cool to play in Scotland until Arnie reignited interest in the British Open, when he won consecutive Open Championships in 1961 and 1962. Gary Player has logged more miles to promote golf than any other human being on the planet.

Today's professional golfers are faced with a conundrum. Should they or shouldn't they participate in the Rio

Olympics, which will offer golf as a sanctioned sport for the first time since 1904.

Rio de Janeiro presents a myriad of troublesome problems for the leading players. Jason Day, Rory McIlroy, Jordan Spieth and Dustin Johnson are currently the top-ranked players, but have bowed out of the Rio Games citing concerns over the Zika virus. In reality, their main concern may be money.

Day, Spieth and McIlroy are relatively young and will have future opportunities to participate in the Olympics, Johnson is the old man of the

group at the ripe old age of 32. They are all in the process or are anticipating becoming fathers in the coming years and that is where the Zika virus excuse becomes useful.

The major reason, however, is the possibility of losing millions in prize and bonus money from the 2016 FedEx Cup Playoffs, if they should become sick from competing in the Brazil Olympics.

At first blush this seems selfish and not in the Olympic Spirit, but on reflection the decision to abstain from Rio seems to be the smart answer to a complex question.

Even Jack Nicklaus, who at first chastised the players for withdrawing from the Olympics, felt they owed the game their time and effort to compete in Rio. He recently changed his opinion, however, and said so in an interview with Alex Butler from UPI,

"I started thinking more about it and thought maybe I shouldn't have said that because it's not about that. They aren't about growing golf right now. They are into playing golf. I'm into growing golf because I'm past my time. I look to the future of what happens to it."

These guys are thinking 'How do I make a living, how do I perform?' If they get sick, and then all of the sudden they have a family that gets sick, then they've got another issue other than what they are trying to do...making a living in golf and being able to perform at their best and highest level."

Every athlete knows that their time at the top of their sport will be limited and they must make the best of it. The FedEx Cup is offering \$34 million in total prize money for the four tournaments and another \$35 million in bonus pool money,

to be distributed among the top players at the end of the playoffs. \$69 million is serious money for any athlete.

With the Olympics scheduled just two weeks prior to the start of the FedEx Cup Playoffs, the timing could not be worse.

Jack Nicklaus may have changed his mind about today's best golfers foregoing the opportunity to compete for a gold medal at the 2016 Rio Olympics, but if he, Arnold Palmer or Gary Player would have had the opportunity to compete in the Olympics, I bet they would have run to the first tee.

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Golf is supposed to be a pastoral walk among nature, while chasing a little white ball around a manicured cow pasture and uttering four-letter words after missed shots.

The consideration, or lack of it, from your playing companions can also create an unsatisfactory effect on your enjoyment of the round. The following is a short list of things that **PISS me OFF** on the golf course. Hopefully none of them apply to you, but if they do, **SHAPE UP**, I hope the starter doesn't pair me up with you.

Cell phones are one of the most amazing inventions conceived by mankind, however, they seemed to have become anatomically attached to younger people. Most adults have developed Attention Deficit Disorder and cannot go for more than three minutes at a time without looking at their phone.





When you go to the golf course, turn off your cell phone, leave it in your car or throw it in the lake, but do not allow it to ring in my back swing.

Walking on My Line on Green: Golf touts itself as a gentlemanly pursuit and certain forms of etiquette are to be observed. Paying attention to your playing companions position on the green and not walking on their intended line is one of the most important rules in the game. Why is it that so many cannot seem to adhere to this simple rule?

On occasion I enjoy a good conversation, but **Excessive Talking** while I am trying to concentrate on making my five-foot putt or strike a perfect 5-iron from the fairway is the wrong time to explain your wife's latest problem with your behavior. Less is more on the golf course, keep it to yourself or save it for the 19th hole.

I have a huge problem with **Range Finders**. Every 20+ handicapper now has the latest technological advancement and feels he has to know the exact yardage to the front, center, and back of every green. It doesn't matter most of time, because they can't hit the correct shot

anyway. If you are going to shoot a yardage do it quick, six hour rounds are not for me.

Change Rattling: I used to play with a friend who would rattle the coins in his pocket, while his playing companions were trying to putt. Keep your hands out of your pockets and think about your own putt coming up. It will save time and not piss off your partners.

Not picking up Flag and Replacing in Hole: I played with a group one day and one of the members of the group never walked over to replace the flag after he putted out. Near the end of the round one of the players asked the offender if he knew the exact weight of a golf flag. He replied that he did not. The first man quickly said, Well, reach down and pick the damn thing up, then you'll know!

Did I mention **cell phones** on the golf course piss me off?

Have you ever played with that guy that takes **too many practice swings**? Practice is for the driving range, check your yardage, pull your club and hit your shot. We're burning daylight here, get on with it.

Usually the guy that takes too many practice swings, tops his next shot and then has an excuse for every missed shot. Do you know a **Too Many Excuses** guy? We are not scratch golfers and we don't hit 500 practice ball every day like the pros. Accept your misses and move on.

Slow play: Several of the items I have mentioned have a direct result on the pace of play. With everyone in a hurry to get somewhere else, let's keep it moving folks. 18 holes of golf should only take about 4 ½ hours maximum. Like the commercial says, **"While we're Young!"**

Another time waster on the golf course is **Excessive length of time looking for a golf ball.** Titleist ProV1's are expensive, I understand. If you can't afford to lose a few golf balls, give up the game. If you hit it in the tall weeds or the woods, give a quick look and drop another, let's goooooo.

One thing that can help prevent lost balls is watching your playing companions shot. **Not Tracking a Shot or Helping to Look for a Lost Ball,** slows play and is inconsiderate.

Yeah, I know this list is longer than 10 Things, but I just couldn't help myself.



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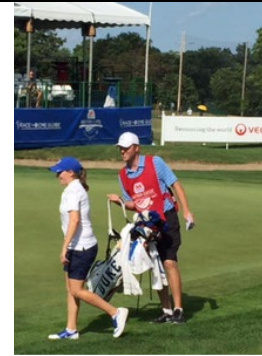


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Carta is an excellent ball-striker. It is only a matter of time before we will see her on tour regularly



Adam Reny is a former caddy who has gone on to bigger and better things, but still enjoys the occasional loop. He began caddying at the age of 13 for the members at Inverness and continued the job through high school, eventually earning an Evans Scholarship to attend Ohio State University.

After graduation, he took a sales job outside of golf for a few years, but wound up back at Inverness as the Caddy Master. He ran the caddy program and taught young

men and women how to correctly perform the duties necessary to serve a golfer.

In 2015, Reny accepted the position as Executive Director of The First Tee of Lake Erie and after trying to continue as Caddy Master, decided both jobs demanded too much time and resigned from Inverness.

When the LPGA Tour visits Toledo each year for the Marathon Classic, a few of the newer players on tour

do not have regular caddies and seek a local caddy for the week. This year the Marathon Classic extended a sponsor's exemption to Duke University Freshman, Virginia Elena Carta, who won the 2016 NCAA Division 1 Championship and Reny was contacted by tournament director Judd Silverman, to locate a suitable caddy.

Reny met with Carta and the two immediately hit it off and he offered to serve as her caddy for the week.

This is not the first time he has had the opportunity to caddie for the tournament. He had toted the big bag for other young women golfers seven previous times in the Marathon Classic.

Carta and Reny spent time on the course on Tuesday and Wednesday prior to the tournament and Carta's pro-am group even won the Tuesday Pro-Am at Highland Meadows. Carta and her caddie came into the week with zero expectations, but an even-par round on Thursday coupled with a two-under-par-round on

Friday left her inside the cut line and eligible for play on the weekend.

She became rattled when her group was put on the clock on Saturday. Then unfortunately an overly-enthusiastic fan dropped a beer can during her back swing on number 14 on Saturday, which resulted in a double-bogey. Her 77-75 on the weekend left her at T-69 for the tournament, still a very respectable finish for the young amateur. She learned a huge lesson about playing in front of big crowds as well as what it takes to succeed on the LPGA Tour.

Reny said of his player,

"Carta is an excellent ball-striker, better than 99% of other LPGA Tour players and is long off the tee. We were consistently 15 yards past our playing partners. It is only a matter of time before we will see her on tour regularly."

Carta moved on to the U.S. Women's Amateur in Pennsylvania and Reny returned to working with junior golfers from around Toledo for The First Tee. Both had a great week and enjoyed walking the fairways of Highland Meadows together.



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Caroline Powers **ACCEPTS ASSISTANT COACHING POSITION AT MSU**

BY **FRED ALTVATER**

Local golfer Caroline Powers from Bowling Green has accepted an assistant coaching position with Michigan State University Women's Golf Team. Powers was a standout performer at Bowling Green High School and in Toledo Junior Golf Association events before becoming a Spartan.

She earned All Big-Ten First Team honors at MSU and helped the Spartans win consecutive Big-Ten Championships in 2011 and 2012. She qualified for the 2013 and the 2014 U.S. Women's Opens, but missed the cut both years.

After three years traveling around the country on the Symetra Tour, she has decided to enjoy a more dependable source of income.



Caroline had mentioned to her coach at MSU, Stacy Slobodnik-Stoll that she would like to try coaching at the collegiate level, when her playing days were through. That opportunity presented itself when the former MSU assistant decided to leave for a similar position at Vanderbilt. Coach Slobodnik contacted Caroline about the position.

"I am happy and excited for this opportunity at Michigan State," Caroline told us. "I am totally at peace with leaving the professional tour and ready to jump head first into coaching."

Caroline still has two events to play on the Symetra Tour, but officially began her duties at MSU on June 27th. She was in the field for the Firekeepers Casino Hotel Championship in Battle Creek, Michigan last month and will play in the PHC Classic in Milwaukee, August 19-21.

Since she began her new job at MSU, she has been busy with a fund raiser to be held August 28th, planning for two tournaments the Spartans host, one in the fall and another in the early spring in Florida. She will also assist in keeping



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practices on schedule and recruitment.

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Caroline is following in the footsteps of her cousin, Emily (Bastel) Glaser, also an MSU alumnae, who played on the LPGA Tour and is currently the Head Coach of the University of Florida Women’s Golf team. Another

cousin Nick Myers is the Head Professional at Highland Meadows Golf Club and her mother, brother, as well as, other cousins and uncles are PGA professionals.

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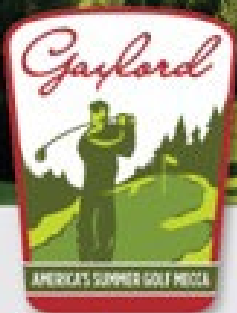
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QUIET PLEASE!

BY RICHARD TODD



Nearly every golfer has been told, and knows, to be **quiet on the course** when others are playing. But how many times *have you broken this rule* or seen others act without courtesy?

While at the LPGA **Marathon Classic** last month, I witnessed the ultimate etiquette faux pas. An older gentleman, apparently hard of hearing, was talking on his cell phone quite loudly about thirty yards from the putting green, while Anna Nordqvist was attempting to putt. The conversation was so loud that Anna backed off and her caddie yelled to the man to stop talking. I couldn't believe my eyes or ears. Later that round, her playing companion, Nannette Hill, also requested a couple to stop loud whispering.

Throughout the day I heard loud conversations, infrequent

noises, and several various ringtones. Last year, at the same tournament, my son was scolded for walking, while someone was playing out of a greenside bunker, in spite of the fact the golfer was facing the opposite direction and twenty yards away. There are even signs on the inside of the port-o-lets that request closing the door gently upon leaving.

This begs the question, at what distance or decibel level is any activity or sound acceptable on the course?

I asked Matt Blum, of the Golf Channel Amateur Tour, how much noise throws off his game. Matt responded that he can generally block out background sounds that he can't control, such as that from the Goodyear Blimp, generators, or the hospitality tents; but over-powering or awkward noises, such as

spectators talking, phones ringing, or passing traffic, can cause him to step away from his shot. He is normally comfortable with the sound of cameras, but in a recent tournament, he was caught off-guard by a shutter click, which caused him to chunk an approach shot.

If golfers with great ability are bothered by the slightest sound it's no wonder these noises and movements impact the recreational golfer regularly.

So the next time you're on the course, whether in a friendly round or at a professional tournament, keep your voice down, your phone turned off, and your movements slight whenever near a player.

If you'd like information on over 200 more etiquette items check out my humorous book, *The Golf Rules – Etiquette!*

WATERVILLE'S MARIA CONNELLY WINS *Ohio Junior Girls Championship*

BY FRED ALTVATER



Maria Connelly is looking forward to attending Eastern Michigan University this fall, but before beginning her collegiate career, she picked up a trophy for winning the **Ohio Junior Girls Championship** in July. She posted scores of 72-73 at Marion Country Club to win by four shots over Ashley Knight from Sylvania and Sammi Blackburn from Monroe, Ohio.

Maria said of her win,

"This was the third year I had competed in this event and I really like the golf course. My short game was very good the first day, but on the second day my long game came around and helped me to score well."

Maria was home schooled, but played on the Anthony Wayne High School Girls golf team and participated in Toledo Junior Golf Association (TJGA) events. In 2014, she earned the TJGA Girl's Player of the Year award, but was only able to compete in three TJGA events last year. She still managed two wins.

Another Toledo-area native, from Sylvania, Pinya Pipatjarasgit finished runner-up in the 14-15 age group at the Ohio Junior Girls Championship.

Maria has been competing in several Optimist events, the Hudson Junior Championship and AJGA tournaments this summer. In a qualifier at Springbrook Golf Club in Lima, she earned a trip to Rhode Island to play in the PGA Junior Championship.

She visited two other colleges, but found Eastern Michigan to her liking and has committed to play for the Eagles.

Maria said,

"I loved the coach, the school and am excited about competing in the Mid-American Conference. I am looking forward to the challenge of collegiate golf as well as attending Eastern Michigan."

Maria has been playing golf since she was very young, but did not begin playing competitively



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until she was 14 years old. Her father is PGA Professional Dan Connelly, owner of Practice Tee Driving Range on North Dixie Highway in Perrysburg.

Maria shared:

"I try to win every tournament I enter, but I have not set long-term goals for golf, other than to do my best for Eastern Michigan."

Maria lists Riverby Hills Golf Club as her home course and can be seen practicing and playing there.

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Local Golf News

Toledo Junior Golf Association News



The Toledo Junior Golf Association wrapped up its season with the TJGA Invitational at Sylvania Country Club. Pinya Pipatjarasgit fired an even-par 72 to win the Girl's

Division with Lexi and Ashley Knight tying for runner-up with a pair of 73's.

Eric Mancinotti won the Boy's Division with a one-over-par 73. Brodie Kajfasz finished second and Brett Rich was third.

The year-end banquet was held after the tournament and the following won awards.

Boy's Player of the Year, Frank Stranahan Award: Jack Hanus

Girl's Player of the Year, Sharon Keil Award: Macy Hanus

Paul Hahn Boy's Sportsmanship Award: Justin Schnebelen

Karen Stone Girl's Sportsmanship Award: Molly Bennett

Paul Szymanski Spirit Scholarship: Drew Beattie

Dr. Ed J. Jacob Scholarship: Mikalya Moldenke

NWO Junior Golf Association News



The NWO Junior Golf Association's final event of

2016 was held at Auglaize Country Club.

Evan Baughman, 16-18, Dylan VonDeyen, 13-15 and Luke Rosebrook, under 12 were the the Boy's winners.

Anna Marshal won the 14-18 Girl's Division and Kenadie Daeger won the Girl's under 13 division.

Congratulations are due to Anna Marshall and Hayden Klingaman as the Player of the Year award winners and Jeff Knueve won the Sportsmanship Award.



Albatross Recorded at Bedford Hills

On Monday, July 25th, Kyle Upchurch scored a rare Albatross at Bedford Hills Golf Club. Upchurch found the bottom of the cup with a well-struck 7-iron from 180 yards on the par-5 ninth on the Wolverine.



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SUMMER BOOK REVIEWS

2016 HAS SEEN THE RELEASE OF TWO INTERESTING BOOKS ABOUT GOLF.

Brandel Chamblee has stirred a debate about the golf swing this summer with his new book, **"The Anatomy of Greatness: Lessons from the Best Swings in History."**

Chamblee joined the PGA Tour in 1985 and enjoyed an 18-year career playing golf for money. He entered 370 events, earned over \$4 million and had one career win at the 1998 Greater Vancouver Open over Payne Stewart.

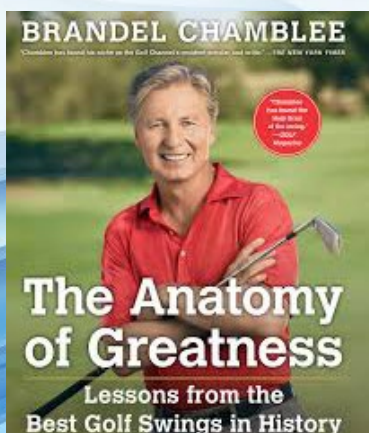
He is currently a golf analyst for the Golf Channel and never shies away from a controversy or argument. He appreciates the history of golf and helps put modern golf issues in perspective with past performances and players.

Through his years of watching the modern golf swing, he has

become convinced that the fixed lower body and severe rotation of the shoulders creates too much tension during the swing. This violent torso turn promotes injury. Example, Tiger Woods' series of leg, knee and back issues.

Bobby Jones, Ben Hogan, Sam Snead, even Jack Nicklaus lifted their left heel in the back swing, had longer more flowing swings and played most of their careers injury free.

Chamblee read hundreds of books, watched hours of video and analyzed thousands of photos doing research for this book. If you want to improve your swing and learn from the greats, read Brandel Chamblee's **"The Anatomy of Greatness"** while you are lying on the beach.



Ted Bishop's new book, "**Unfriended**" gives golf fans a look inside the boardrooms of golf. It provides a better understanding of the politics of the golf world and the interaction of the ruling bodies of golf.

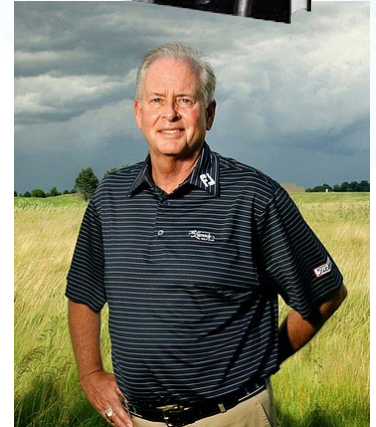
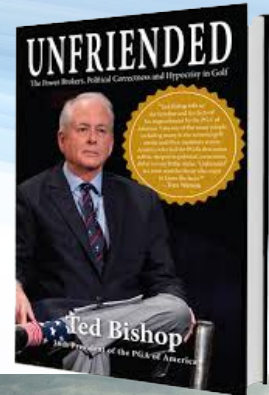
Bishop is a golf course owner, operator and PGA Professional. He spent 30 years serving the PGA of America in various capacities and rose to become the largest golf organization's President in 2012.

During his brief tenure he presided over some of the biggest issues that have ever been discussed in golf history.

After 30 years of service, the PGA of America impeached Bishop with just one month remaining in his two-year term in office. Comments made on social media comparing Ian Poulter to a "little girl" were taken as a slur against women and the PGA made a knee-jerk reaction.

Bishop doesn't take shots at his former associates, but he does lay out the events in an understandable and frank manner.

This book will help golf fans better understand the people and organizations that run golf and is a great read.



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PLAYOFFS

FEDEX CUP PLAYOFFS SIGNAL END TO 2016



Once the Olympic golf event is concluded in Rio de Janeiro, Brazil, on August 14, the top 125 players on the PGA Tour will switch their focus to the FedEx Cup Playoffs. The playoffs consist of four tournaments that bring an end to the 2016 season and provide a boat load of money to be divided among touring professionals. It is the real reason many of the big-name professional golfers opted to skip the Olympics and rest up at home.

The Barclays is the first stop,

August 25-28 and will be held at one of the most difficult and demanding A.W. Tillinghast designs, Bethpage Black. Only 100 players will qualify for the next stop, the Deutsche Bank Championship held at TPC Boston, which allows New England area golf fans a chance to see the pros in action. The field will be cut to 70 players for the BMW Championship at Crooked Stick, September 8-11th, outside of Indianapolis, Indiana. It was the home of one of the most improbable major championship victories of all time, when John Daly won the

1991 PGA Championship, as the eighth alternate

After the BMW Championship the field will be limited to just 30 players invited to East Lake Country Club in Atlanta for the season-ending Tour Championship. The Tour Championship does not receive enough credit. It is the pinnacle of golf. The major championships get all the glory, but these are professional golfers and the only true way to keep score is, who wins the most money.

The FedEx Cup Championship



offers \$10 million to the winner and that is a very big motivator. Don't feel too sorry for the player that finishes dead last in the Tour Championship field though. He will receive \$135,000 in prize money and an additional \$175,000 in FedEx Bonus Pool earnings. \$310,000 does tend to take the sting out of finishing last.

Past winners of the \$10 million FedEx Cup include, Tiger Woods, Vijay Singh, Jim Furyk, Bill Haas, Brant Snedeker, Henrik Stenson, Billy Horschel and Jordan Spieth. Woods is the only player to win the FedEx Cup

twice; he took home the \$10 mil in 2007 and 2009.

Winning the \$10 million first-place check is fantastic, but simply making the top-30 is the goal of every touring professional at the start of each year. The four tournaments individually offer an \$8.5 million purse with \$1.485 million going to each winner.

In addition, FedEx provides a total bonus pool of \$35 million to be split among the top 150 golfers in descending amounts down to \$32,000 each, for numbers 126-150.

Add the \$35 million bonus pool to the \$34 million total purse available for the four tournaments and FedEx shells out \$69 million every September to the top 150 professionals on the PGA Tour.

Merry Christmas boys!

For the players that failed to make the FedEx Cup Playoffs this year, not to worry. The 2016-17 PGA Tour season begins with the Safeway Classic immediately after the Ryder Cup, October 13-16.

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We read and hear a lot about "The Process."
What is it and why is it important?



In July, Henrik Stenson won the Open Championship at Royal Troon and joined a distinguished list of Pete Cowen pupils to win a major championship. A list that includes; Danny Willett, Darren Clarke, Louis Oosthuizen and Graeme McDowell. Lee Westwood and Sergio Garcia have also been long-time Cowen students.

Cowen has worked with Henrik Stenson since 2001 and has witnessed him rebound from two serious setbacks, while accepting the challenge to continually improve. Cowen said that Stenson does not care about what he did yesterday, but wants to know how he can improve today.

He believes that the climb to reach for the stars, "The

Process," is much more satisfying than the realization that you have reached the top.

The annals of golf or any sport is filled with athletes that wanted to be the best, but would not commit to a plan or embrace the process necessary to reach their goal.

Tiger Woods felt he had to constantly change his swing,

assume a new challenge, and climb a new mountain. That was his "Process." Athletes need that motivation to invigorate their competitive juices. With few peers who could challenge his abilities, he had to create his own motivators to continue to improve.

Phil Mickelson constantly tinkers with all aspects of his game. At the age of 46, he still has the desire to compete with younger men. He has improved his diet, changed his fitness routine, changed coaches and is constantly experimenting

with various putting strokes. He needs this "Process" to continuously improve.

An athlete's psyche demands that they are always competing and improving. If they ever reach the top and achieve success, what is left to reach for?

In our everyday lives we get caught up in mundane tasks that we must accomplish in our job, at home or with our family. We have a goal in mind of earning enough money to reach a retirement nirvana, where everything will be

cupcakes and sunshine.

Do we ever stop to understand that it's this daily journey, the everyday tasks and interaction with our family that is really the important part of the trip?

Pete Cowen has been one of the leading golf coaches in the world for a long time. He understands exactly what "The Process" is and why it is important.

Henrik Stenson, kissing the Claret Jug and Danny Willett wearing the Green Jacket, are the most recent examples of Cowen's successful "Process."

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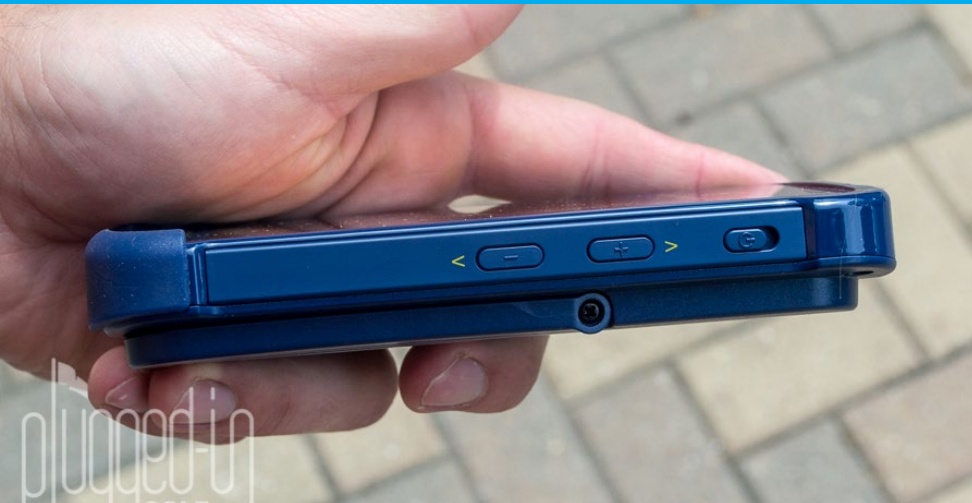


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SWING CADDIE SC200 REVIEW

BY MATT SATERNUS, PLUGGEDINGOLF.COM

You hear a lot about Trackman and how professionals use it to collect data on their golf swing. You may have even paid up to \$100 to have your local teaching professional get your numbers from Trackman.

Unless you have a spare \$20,000 and the time to learn to use it correctly, Trackman does not work for the individual golfer. Not to fear, however, you can benefit from launch monitor technology, with the Voice Caddie Swing Caddie SC200 and it is affordable.

The **Swing Caddie SC200** is easy to use. Simply set it down 40" to 60" behind

your golf ball, turn it on, and you're good to go. You will need to input which club you are using, but that can be accomplished via remote control, when you change clubs. The SC200 even measures barometric pressure to make the distance readings more accurate.

Three various modes, **Practice Mode**, informs you of your speeds and distances. **Target Mode** allows you to program a distance and the SC200 will measure a series of ten shots to that target yardage. Finally, **Approach Mode** generates random distances after each shot to vary your practice routine.



The screen data presents club speed, ball speed, smash factor, and distance. **Speeds are actual measurements, but distances are calculated.** Thus, it is important to input the correct club and adjust the loft settings to match the actual lofts of your clubs to assure accurate distances data.

Understanding your individual numbers can be useful in several ways. **Knowing your club head speed is beneficial** especially



if you are trying to add distance. Knowing where you started and where you are now measures improvement. The Swing Caddie **gives you the unflinching truth about your ball striking** via the **smash factor**. Knowing and understanding your individual smash factor can

quickly add yards to your driver. Also accurate distances will help dial in your irons and wedges for better greens-in-regulation statistics and proximity-to-pin numbers. Using the Approach Mode promotes the kind of **random practice** that creates long term improvement and creativity.

The **Swing Caddie SC200** is affordable. It **retails for around \$350, a fraction of the cost of a Trackman**. One downside of Swing Caddie is that it doesn't measure launch or spin, but the cheapest device, which provides that

data is **SkyTrak** and it costs six times as much.

If you are looking for a relatively inexpensive way to evaluate your ball striking, learn your distances, and possibly add yardage, the Voice Caddie **Swing Caddie SC200** is a good addition to your golf equipment. It's easy to use, has enough different modes to keep things fresh, and it delivers reliable information.

Bottom line: the **Voice Caddie Swing Caddie SC200** is an affordable, portable launch monitor that will help improve your game.

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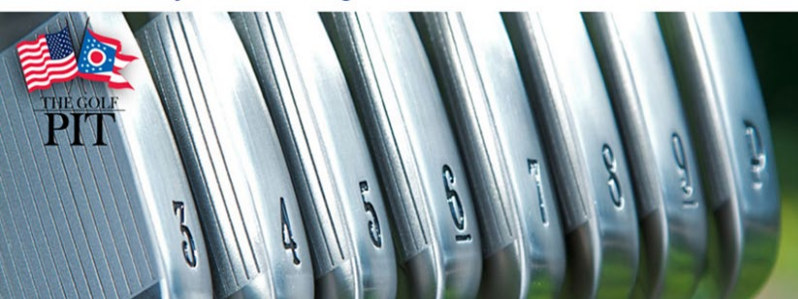
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HISTORY WAS MADE AT LPGA PORTLAND CLASSIC

BY FRED ALTVATER



Charlie Sifford, Lee Elder and Calvin Peete broke the color barrier in professional golf. In fact, prior to 1961 the PGA of America maintained an all-white policy for professional golfers allowed to become teaching professionals or participate in professional golf events.

These men competed and were eventually accepted as equals in the professional ranks and Lee Elder was the first African American to be invited to the Masters in 1975.

All of these men opened the door for Tiger Woods to come barging through in 1997, when he became a force on the PGA Tour for the next 20 years.

Although primarily a tennis player, Althea Gibson was the first woman of color to play on the LPGA Tour. Renee'

Powell became the second and played on the tour from 1967-1980. She is still the Director of Golf at Clearview Golf Club, the course her father built and operated.

Tiger Woods' niece, Cheyenne Woods joined the LPGA Tour in 2014 and is currently in her third year on tour.

In 2016, three other young Black women, Sadena Parks, Ginger Howard and Mariah Stackhouse, have joined Woods on the LPGA Tour and in June at the Cambia Portland Classic history was made when all four of these young ladies were in the field. It was the first time four African American women were in the field for an LPGA Tour event.

Parks is a former contestant on the Golf Channel's Big Break.

Howard turned professional in 2013 at the age of 17 and earned her way on to the LPGA Tour this season.

Stackhouse had a stellar career at Stanford, where she was a four-time All American and a member of the 2015 Cardinal NCAA Championship team.

Golf is sometimes castigated for being too exclusive and not open to other races. The LPGA Tour is a point to the contrary.

If you have talent and are willing to work to improve to be the best, golf, like any athletic endeavor, will provide a venue to exhibit that talent.

Golf was slow to come around, but it is open to diversification and players of all creed, color or religion.

KIVA DUNES

A SEASIDE SPECTACLE

BY MIKE MAY



While the state of Alabama has established itself as a juggernaut of college football and the ultimate source for the nation's finest shrimp & grits, the state has also firmly established itself as one of America's premier golf destinations. While the development of the Robert Trent Jones (RTJ) Golf Trail has given many golfers a reason to visit Alabama, there is one golf course, not on the RTJ Golf Trail, which has established itself as one of the must-play destinations in both the state and the Southeast.

Kiva Dunes is located in Gulf Shores, Alabama, just a hop, skip, and a jump away from the Gulf of Mexico. The Gulf is not visible from the course, but the its breezes are an ever-present part of the Kiva Dunes experience and provide the greatest obstacle on the course.

Designed by Jerry Pate, Kiva Dunes is one of his finest creations. When you try it, you won't just like it, you will LOVE it. Since the course opened for play in 1995, Kiva Dunes has quickly

established itself as one of Alabama's finest golf courses.

In the summer of 2015, the ownership at Kiva Dunes decided it was time for a facelift and transformed the golf course from a great course to a seaside spectacle.

The renovation process was completed by November 2015 and met the three primary transformation objectives, redesign the bunkers, level the tee boxes, and replace the greens. Kiva Dunes reopened looking



better than ever with new greens and Tifeagle turf.

"For the first 20 years, our most negative comments were on the bunkers," said Mark Stillings. "For the mid to high handicapper, the bunkers were too tough with too many plugged lies. We weren't happy with the greens, so they were completely replaced, but we maintained the original contours."

An unexpected benefit of the renovation was an improvement in the speed of play by 20-30 minutes per round.

Water comes into play on seven of the holes at Kiva Dunes. The fairways have generous landing space, plus the greens are a firm, fast, and true. Four tee box choices give every golfer a fair test to pursue a good score and the proximity of the driving range and practice putting green allows golfers the time to fine tune their swing until they are beckoned by the starter. The breeze off the nearby Gulf provides a cooling effect from the ever-present southern Alabama sunshine.

When Kiva Dunes opened

for play in 1995, Golf Digest honored the course by ranking it one of the top two public golf courses. Now that the course has experienced a facelift, it will be interesting to note how the golf media view the new Kiva Dunes.

Personally, I nominate Kiva Dunes (www.kivadunes.com or 1-888-TEE-KIVA) for "Best Course To Play on Your Next Trip To Alabama."

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GOLF TIP:

FOCUS ON YOUR OWN GAME

BY **FRED ALTVATER**

A student I have been working with has been steadily improving and his scores were declining nicely. He had consecutively posted two of his better rounds, but then skied to a very high score and seemed completely lost on the golf course.

We discussed the difference with the round in which everything came unglued and

found that he had allowed factors that were out of his control to affect his play. While playing in his regular league, he was paired with an extremely slow player and lost **FOCUS**.

This player took an inordinate amount of time between each shot, missed several shots in a row and had an excuse for every hack, top and chop.

Playing in the same group with this gentleman became very unpleasant, to say the least, and his actions began to affect my student's play and enjoyment of the game.

To top it all off, because of the inconsiderate player's slow play, the group behind them became agitated and zinged a few shots into their group. This added more negative mental anguish to my student and he could not find any semblance of his good golf swing during this nightmarish round of golf.

This led us to a discussion about total **FOCUS** on the golf

course. Ben Hogan and Tiger Woods never engaged their opponents or playing partners in conversation during the heat of serious competition and were completely focused on their own game.

We all want to be considered enjoyable companions on the golf course, but if you are trying to post a number for a competition, total focus on your own routine is mandatory.

My student became so worried about his playing partner's slow play and the following group's agitation that he completely lost

FOCUS on his own game and his score ballooned.

Jack Nicklaus is the ultimate golfer to study for concentration or **FOCUS** on the golf course. He could engage his playing companion in conversation or enjoy the views of his surroundings, while walking between shots, but during the 30-40 seconds it took him to execute a golf shot, he was totally zoned in to his routine and process.

Current world No. 1, Jason Day takes a moment to stand behind his ball and mentally

prepare before he steps in to hit each shot.

Riding in a cart and trying to chat up your companion also adds distraction. Walking the course or at least walking between shots helps eliminate outside distractions and allows more focus on the task at hand.

The lesson here is to learn to **FOCUS** on your own game. Learn a routine and follow it on every shot. Don't let factors outside of your control affect our game.

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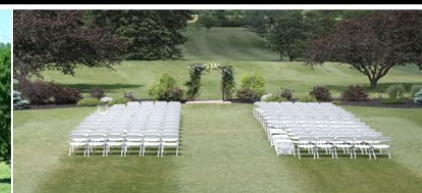
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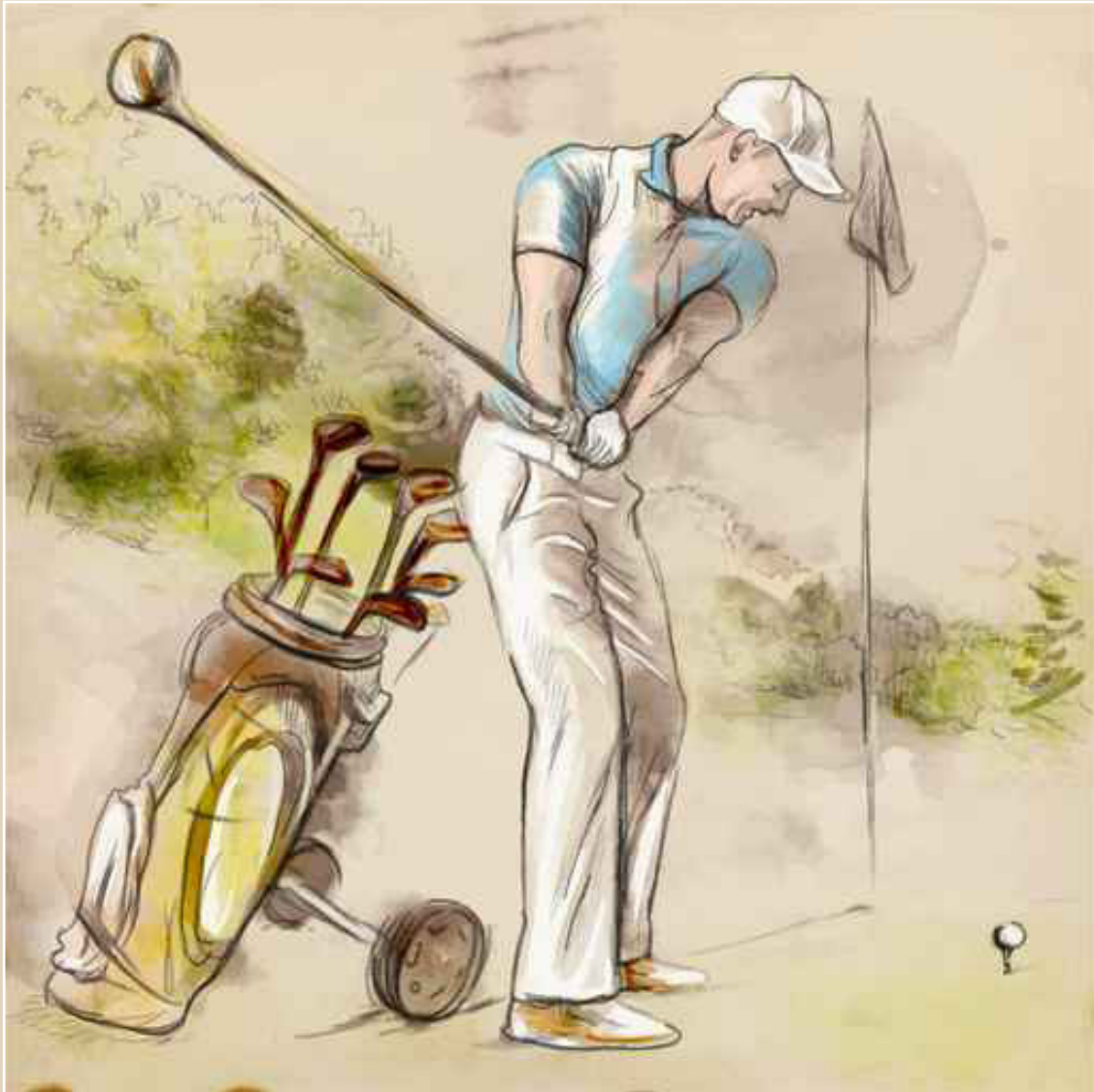
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