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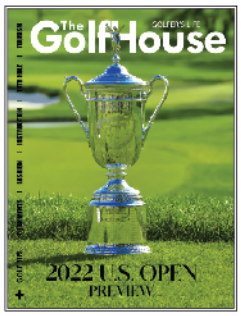

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Foreword

Dear readers,

You all know there is a lot happening in the golfing world. The LIV Golf has shaken the golfing establishment to the core and there has already been quite a few casualties on both sides – some ditching the PGA Tour and the DP World Your for the riches of LIV and being subsequently suspended.

Our understanding is, like every rebel league in any sport, this upheaval in golf will slowly die down and there will eventually be a common ground reached by the various stakeholders.

There has been a few suspensions already and there appear to be more incoming, but once the dust settles, those suspensions should be lifted over time, and the game will come out of this tumult stronger and richer.

We, here in Bangladesh, are still immune from this turbulence in the golfing world, albeit due to our golfers not being able to make it to the top-tier events in the world.

For the moment, all we can do is sit back and observe as the biggest upheaval in the sport unfolds before our eyes.

Here's hoping for a better and saner future of golf.

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Tiger Woods, a 15-time major golf champion, has joined NBA icons Michael Jordan and LeBron James as athletes with a net worth of $1 billion, Forbes magazine reported Friday.





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THE COUNTRY CLUB, IN SUBURBAN BASTON, HAS HOSTED MEMORABLE EVENTS IN ITS CENTURY-PLUS HISTORY. THE FIREWORKS INCLUDE AMATEUR FRANCIS OUIMET'S STUNNING WIN AT THE 1913 U.S. OPEN AND THE EXPLOSIVE "BATTLE OF BROOKLINE" AT THE '99 RYDER CUP. EXPECT SPARKS AGAIN WHEN THE OPEN RETURNS TO THE COURSE THIS MONTH—AND GOLF'S BOMB-AND-GOUGE YOUNG GUNS RUN UP AGAINST TCC'S AGELESS, UNBENDING BEAUTY.

WITH HISTORY COMES TRADITION– AT LEAST THAT'S THE WAY IT USED TO WORK ON CHAMPIONSHIP GOLF COURSES.

But this year, there was nary an eagle on the 15th hole at Augusta National. In 2014, Pine hurst No. 2 with no rough and the widest fair way sona Golden Age course in the modern history of the U.S. Open clobbered everyone but winner Martin Kaymer.

What's a golf fanto think? Times they are a-changing, yet many of us are still drawn to the thrill of the sport's tradi tions. Each season, everyone of the four major shas a role to play, and it would be at ragedyif, through the in creas in gly rou tine course twe aks now being made to "test" today's Tour pros, the ymor phed into similar events.

Well, the site for this year's U.S. Open The Country Club, in Brook line, Mass. will definitely be doing its part, reminding us how U.S. Open courses have historically been presented.

Eighteen holes already existed here prior to the advent of the game-changing



rubber-wound-core Haskell ball in 1901. Ever since, the only constant atthe old est country club in America has been change, with more than 10 architects having worked on the course in its 129-year existence. And that is very much a part of it scharm. This is n't one architect's 200th course. The Country Club has, in time, evolved into its own, fantastically inimit ablething, unified masterfully by a Gil Hanse restoration that began in 2007.

Interestingly, the exact configuration of holes for this year's Open will be used for the first time.The USGA's new rout ing—acombination of holes from TCC's three nines—is compelling,with its art ful mix of old-fashioned features and small greens and rough imperiling the sides and back of each putting surface. Players, consider yourselves on notice.

Overall, the greens nestle into their surrounds and are sloped either back to-frontor side-to-side. They're tiny too. Among current U.S. Open sites, only Pebble Beach features smaller targets. No doubt that some pros will jawbone about them, but Hansehas actually expanded the greens in size by 20 percent since the course hosted the Ryder Cup—the heated "Battle of Brookline"—in 1999.

Then there's the wind. At the 1963 Open, itblew sufficiently towhere, after 72 holes, the tournament's three leaders sat at +9! (Julius Boros eventually won the playoff.) But wind isn't essentialfor The Country Club to be a rigorous test. Under any scenario, relentless-ly staying in position will be the task. Long over any green is not your friend, and gun ning for back hole locations will be folly.

Case in point: The par-3 6th plays to a double plateau green, courtesy of Willie Campbel-lin1894, that features a steep fall off left and to the rear. There's no bunker behind the green to "save" the player from the prototyp-ically nasty U.S. Open rough. Yes, it's the largest green on the course, and, yes,Tour pros conjure all sorts of amazing up-and-downs most weeks. But this week will reward those with the discipline to resist flag hunting such "sucker" hole locations as front left, behind a yawning bunker, or back right, on the upper plateau. When Nick Faldo and Curtis Strange (p. 76) duked it out in the 1988 U.S. Open, they were masterful in staying below the hole as they tacked around the entire course.

The blend of holes at The Country Club is bewitching. To miss the green on the steeply downhill, 131-yard 11th (p. 80) is to open Pandora's Box. Even with a 60-degree wedge in hand, draw the wrong lie in the spinach and you risk sliding across the 17-yard-wide green. And if you think that first recovery shot is difficult, try the second one.







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How players handle the 310-yard, par-4 5th will be fascinating. It plays uphill to a small green ringed by rough and bunkers. What will the pros, who commonly run roughshod over short two-shotters, do?Will a player be hum ble enoughtohit, say,6-ironoffthe tee? One thing he shouldn't do is chase the perimeter hole locations recovered by Hanse. Miss those and you'll go from being the hunterto the hunted.

Both the 5th and the par-3 11th will pit technology and the golfer's confidence that he can summon pretty much any shot—against small targets that resist aggressive approaches.This showdown of old versus new permeates the design. Think you can hold the 18th green with its fronting-cross bunker while playing out of five-inch-deep rough should you miss the fairway? Let's hope not.

Some daunting 4½-par holes best highlight-the allure of the club's rugged New England topography, specifically the 3rd and 10th, both 499-yard brutes. Bothworld-class hole sweave past pud dingstone ledges and intrusive shoulders from hillsides. Many other holes elbow in one direction or the other. It's hard to believe players will hit driver on some of them,like the 373-yard, par-417th, which bends left, past four bunkers, to a slen der and minuscule green. Other fairways feature bunkers 20 to 60 yards short of greens. Think they're out of play? Miss a fairway and they become a factor, even for the world's best. (Orbrainiest. TCC is home to the Harvardgolfteam.) Getting up-and-in from 80yards will be important, even ifitisn't glamorous.

Finally, only two par5s exist, so no free bies this week! One of them, the 619-yard 14th, is among the hardest par5s I've ever seen. It's also one of golf's best relatively unknown-holes, borrowed as it is from the club's third nine, Primrose. Hitting the fairwayis critical to stairstepping 30 feet to the next level of fairway with your sec ond.Otherwise, be prepared for a blind 150-yard approachfrom the base of a hill to an angled green. Too many par 5s let golfers just slap the ball around. Nothere.

THE DIRECTION course design has taken in the 21st century is to be applauded. Fifty-yard-wide fairways and engaging greens framed by short grass—this provides ample challenge and plenty of fun for the greatest num berof players.I love what it brings to the game. But for this one week, that won't be the brand of golf on display.

I, for one, will be absolutely thrilled to see course discipline take center stage once again. The Country Club is a strict old schoolmaster, and few will get a passing grade at the 2022 U.S. Open.
But reflecting back, the sport's best may just become better, smarter golfers for the experience.

Have OUIMET Before?

A 20-YEAR-OLD AMATEUR WON THE 1913 U.S. OPEN AND, IN THE PROCESS, INVENTED GOLF AS HIGH DRAMA

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The first World Series was played the same year, and, while the R&A's Open Championship was contested for the 53rd time in 1913, golf had only been played in a semi-organized fashion in the United States for 25 years.

The previous two paragraphs are not auditioning for a role in a Ken Burns documentary, but, rather, pointing out that Ouimet won the 19th U.S. Open during the antiquity of golf in the U.S. His accomplishment on that long-ago September Saturday took place on a rain-soaked track two months prior to the Wright brothers' first flight—and yet, it is still the beat ing heart of what modern-day players and fans feel every time

1 July 4, 1826, in fact, which is easily the wildest thing in U.S. history. Although the true historians among you know that July 2, 1776, is when the "declaration of independency" (as Jefferson and Adams called it) was signed by delegates in Philadelphia.

2. Also born seven months later: future FBI agent Mark Felt. Better known to history as "Deep Throat," Felt was the primary source of information to the Washington Post's Bob Wood ward and Carl Bernstein during Nixon's Water gate scandal.

3. The origins of organized golf in the U.S. are generally ascribed to the founding of Saint And rew's Golf Club in Yonkers, N.Y. in 1888. The game was played prior to that in other places in the U.S., but the "Apple Tree Gang" in Yonkers gets the nod for having something resembling a club (as opposed to just a golf course). Emigrant Scots John Reid and Robert Lockhart, in particular, are oft cited as the "fathers of American golf." Saint Andrew's was a founding member club of the USGA in December 1894 along with The Country Club, Shinnecock Hills, Chicago Golf Club and Newport Country Club.



Ouimet won the most important tournament in the history of U.S. golf with 10-year-old Eddie Lowery on the bag.



a U.S. Ryder Cup team takes the field, or when Tiger Woods holes a chip at the 16th hole at Augusta National and it registers on the Richter scale, or when we collectively punch a hole in the sky to the tune of Verne Lundquist's greatest hit ("Yes, sirrrrrr!") as Jack Nicklaus one final time splatters our souls with goose bumps as a wobbly birdie putt falls on Sunday atAugusta's 17th green.

Realize it or not, Ouimet's U.S. Open win at The Country Club in 1913 is what you're blown away by in those rare moments when championship golf is ethereal. You see, in the age of Henry Ford and Orville and Wilbur Wright, Francis Ouimet also invented something: golf as epic drama.

In Ouimet's story, as is often told, he is a caddie at The Country Club and just fiddles with the game, sneaking on the course when no one is looking.Out of nowhere, theU.S. Open falls in his backyard. Unknown and brimming with pluck, he wins overthe local toffs who allow him to play in the national championship. He is David to Harry Vardon's Goliath and Stan Laurel toTed Ray's Oliver Hardy. Ouimet is outplucked only by his 10 year old sage on the bag, Eddie Lowery.

Closer to the truth is that in the very small community of superb golfers in the U.S. at the time, Ouimet was a rising star—he was also a junior member at Woodland Golf Club, about seven miles from The Country Club and the Ouimet family home on Clyde Street in Brookline.

Three weeks before the U.S. Open at The Country Club, Ouimet was nearly a medalist during the two-round U.S. Ama teur, qualifying at Garden City Golf Club, in Long Island, N.Y. Before match play began, the New York Times noted that "a new factor in national golf was developed yesterday at Garden City...the winning of the medal for the lowest score in the [first] round...was a noteworthy victory for Mr. Francis Ouimet...hitherto little known in these parts...he has been in national tournaments before but has never been a factor..." In short, Ouimet didn't come out of nowhere; he'd been aiming and trying to win at the highest level since he won the 1909 Boston Interscholastic Golf Championship. At Garden City, his level of playwas exceptional, despite a second-round loss to eventual champ Jerry Travers. Wrote Bernard Darwin of the Ouimet v. Travers dustup at Garden City: "I have scarcely ever seen a match between two amateurs in which the play went on hole after hole with so few mistakes and so many brilliant shots; there were, too, so many deadly thrusts by one party, met with such unwavering parries by the other, and neither man ever cracked or even weakened."

About 8,000 spectators turned out to see the 18-hole playoff on Saturday, September 21, 1913. That's quite a mob to watch a game most ofthem likely knew little about. Very likely, the locals were spurred by this front-page headline in the Boston Daily Globe: "IT IS OUIMET AGAINST GREAT BRITAIN'S BEST IN PLAYOFF. America's Hopes Now Lie in Amateur. Professionals All Fail at Country Club. National Golf Title at Stake Today."

That it was a Saturday helped the turnout in support of Ouimet, but you've surely heard timing is everything. In 1911 and 1912, professional John McDermott became the first American

4. Lowery went on to make millions as a Lincoln Mercury dealer in San Francisco (where he employed a young Ken Venturi). He also eventually became a member at Cypress Point, California Club, Thunderbird, Seminole, San Francisco GC and Augusta National.

5. Forget superb in Philadelphia, a hotbed of golf, there were 800 golfers of any kind with handicaps in 1912. Among them was A.W. Tillinghast with a sporty 6.

6 . He joined the club in 1910 while still in high school because he knew club affiliation was necessary to play in the U.S. Amateur. He borrowed the $25 membership fee from his mother and took a summer job working in a dry-goods store to repay her.

7 .The house at 246 Clyde Street is still a private home and is indeed on the same street as The Country Club.

8 Late in the day, Chick Evans, out of Chicago, came home in 31 to pip Ouimet. Today, the two biggest caddie scholarship funds in the U.S. are named after Evans and Ouimet.

9 The U.S. Amateur was at The Country Club in 1910, the first time he tried to qualify (and why he borrowed $25 from his mother to join Woodland). He also tried and failed to qualify for match play at the 1911 (Apawamis Club, Rye, N.Y.) and 1912 (Chicago Golf Club) U.S. Amateurs. In each of his first three tries, he missed qualifying by one stroke.

10. The world's first golf writer of note (and still one of a handful of truly great ones), grandson of Charles Darwin, a leading expert on Charles Dickens' work and captain of the R&A in 1934.

11. Among the spectators during the week was William Howard "Big Bill" Taft, whose presidential administration ended in March 1913. He was



to win theU.S.Open, and the runners-up both years were also American.Outside the tiny world of golf, no one much noticed. Ouimet, however, had John Bull as a foe. Harry Vardon was the preeminent member of the Great Triumvirate, 15 a trio that combined to haul in 16 Claret Jugs 16 from 1894 to 1914. He was in the U.S. on a promotional tour, and it was his first appearance at the U.S.Open since he'd won the title in 1900 at Chicago Golf Club. Ted Ray, to speak plainly, was no Harry Vardon, but he'd won the 1912 Open Championship. 17 With home cooking 18 and the locals on his side, young Oui met made short work of Vardon and Ray in the play off, carding 72 to Vardon's 77 and Ray's 78. 19 Seasoned vets Vardon and Ray took it in stride. Both thought Ouimet would show some nerves and they would pounce, but the kid was rock steady all day.

"I wonder," wrote one reporter, "what were the expressions on the faces of the Englishmen at home when they read on the bulletin boards of the newspapers or heard in their clubs of the outcome of the play off. I can imagine that those who read the news through spectacles or eyeglasses wondered if the oculists had done something in the grinding process to make those glasses read topsy-turvy, and that those who read without glasses thought it was about time to getthem."

After dispatching Vardon and Ray, and escaping the hoopla, Ouimet spent the evening at the theater. The next morning, he went to church and spent the day at home with his family until they had dinner together. A writer who joined them noted that Ouimet's father reprimanded the new U.S. Open champion a few times for goofing around with his siblings.

The following year, 1914, the mild-mannered Ouimet achieved his primary ambition in golf: He won the U.S. Amateur in a 6 and 5 final over Travers at Ekwanok Country Clubin Manchester,Vt. In 1931, he won the Amateur again ina 6 and 5 final at Beverly Country Club in Chicago. In 1961, Ouimet become the first American to be named captain of the R&A, closing a loop that began with his win in 1913 at The Country Club.

Upon his death in September 1967—54 years to the week of his epic match against Travers in the 1913 U.S. Amateur the NewYork Times noted "that [1913U.S.Open] victory by a slim 20-year-old amateur furnished front-page news for newspa pers through out the world. Over night, Ouimet became a new sports hero as he brought attention to a game that had previ ously created little international interest.



OPPOSITE PAGE: OUIMET WAS THE 1909 BOSTON SCHOOLBOY CHAMP. FAR LEFT: OVERCOATED ONLOOKERS POSE WITH THE LUCKY WINNER (BACK) AND HIS WEE LOOPER (FRONT) AFTER A RAIN-SOAKED PLAYOFF SATURDAY. NEAR LEFT: VARDON (LEFT) AND RAY WERE SAVVY VETS AND HEAVY FAVORITES.

the first president to be an enthusiastic golfer and the first to turn up at a major golf event.

12. The first four rounds were played on Thursday and Friday 36 holes each day.

13. The referee for the match was USGA Secretary John Reid Jr., son of the cofounder of Saint Andrew's in Yonkers.

14. The crowd was obviously pulling for Ouimet and was occasionally overzealous. But, to be fair, fans at tournaments in Britain back then sometimes behaved boorishly too. Golf fandom was still in its infancy.

15. J.H. Taylor and James Braid rounded out the Triumvirate. Taylor also played in the 1900 U.S.

Open, finishing second to Vardon, and was in the 1913 field. He finished T-30 at Brookline in his second and final appearance in the U.S. Open. Braid never played in the U.S. Open.

16. The trophy presented to the winner of the British Open starting in 1872.

17. Ray made other headlines that week in 1913. On Thursday night, at the Copley Square Hotel, he gave fellow English pro Wilfred Reid two good shots to the schnoz. "A couple of well directed right-handed smashes on the nose, de livered with the full force of 220 pounds of bone and muscle..." is how the Globe described it.

18. Ouimet's mom said "she couldn't resist the temptation" to walk across the street to the 17th hole on Friday and see how her son was getting along. Swept up in the energy, she stayed with the crowd for the 18th hole too. Only after Francis holed out and was carried away by the crowd did she realize she was wearing her house dress.

19. Both played in one more U.S. Open. In 1920, Ray won at the Inverness Club in Toledo. Vardon finished second.

The Rub of the Green



BROOKLINE PRODUCED ONE OF THE MOST HISTORIC WINS IN U.S. OPEN HISTORY. IT ALSO GAVE US THE STIMP.



In the early 1930s, Francis Ouimet found himself teamed with Ted Ray his 1913 U.S. Open sparring partner in a four ball match. His opponent? A Harvard-educated banker (and fellow member at The Country Club) by the name of Edward Stimpson (left).

Stimpson was a burgeoning amateur himself, atough as nails competitor who had earned a reputation as one of the best players in the state. Though neither player knew it, their match would serve as a launching off point for the banker's starring role in golf history.

Years later, in 1935, Stimpson was a spectator at Oakmont CC for Sam Park Jr.'s controversialU.S. Openwin. He saw from up close how ParkJr. a Pittsburgh club pro who'd played the course daily in the lead-up to the Open used his knowledge of green speeds to earn a considerable advantage over the remain der of the field.

Less than a year after Park Jr.'s win, Stimpson unveiled the solution: a yard stick with a groove chiseled down the center. He called it the "Stimpmeter" and said it would provide a foolproof method of calculating green speeds across every course in the world.

To get a "reading," a person would hold the yardstick at 20 degrees and roll the ball down the center groove.

Then, that person would measure the distance the ball traveled until reaching a stop. The goal was to take six such readings from various pointsonthe put ting surface. If the average of the six measure mentswas 10 feet, the "Stimp reading" forthe hole was a 10, and so on.

At this June's U.S. Open, the Stimp meter will once again take center stage at the toughest test in golf. At Brook line, Stimpson's old home club will rely heavily upon his creationto ensure con sistency onthe greens throughout tour nament week.

Nearly a century later, the legend of Edward-Stimpson lives on in every maintenance shed of every course around the world. The details of his match with Oui met, however, do not. Stimpson won, but the rest remains a mystery a footprint in the sands of time.

How big is that footprint? At The Country Club, it rolls close to a 12.

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JUSTIN LEONARD

Where were you when the then-27-year-old Texan holed the 45-footer heard 'round the world at the 1999 Ryder Cup? Leonard reflects on "the putt"—and his Champions tour debut.

Dylan Dethier: Colorado? It's not a place a lot of golfers necessarily end up.
Justin Leonard: It's not. Back in 2015, when we moved here, I wanted to step off the grid a little bit. I knew I was going to pull back my schedule or stop playing alto gether, and it seemed like a good place to just slow life down.
For my wife and me, for my kids, we love being outdoors, and it seemed like the right time and right place to do it.
Funny timing, though.
We're moving to Florida atthe end of June. My wife has family there. And it's a lot easier for me to travelfrom Florida. Also, I wantto be somewhere that I can play a little golf.

“IT WAS A NICE IDEA, JUST IMPOSSIBLE TO EXECUTE. PORTRAITS OF ALL THE WINNING RYDER CUP TEAMS PRINTED ON A SHIRT?



DD: You turn 50 on June 15 and have plansto compete on the PGA Tour Champions. What does 50 mean to you?
JL: Well, I haven’t thought a lot about birthdays the last few years.This one, however,I’m a bit more excited about. I’m excited to go play a little. I’ve been spending more time on my game and gearing up forthe next chapter.

DD: Hastime away gotten you hungry for competitive golf again?

JL: It was an interesting process, getting into TV. I learned a lot about myself when I stopped playing, like, What was my motivation? It wasn’t necessarily the competition; it was the process. It was putting in the work to try to improve and get better. I was able to channel that passion into my work with Golf Channel and NBC, so I haven’t necessarily been hungry for tournaments. But I’ve been excited to put in the time and effort and to learn where my game is now.

DD: Howare your preparations different now from when you were playing ful ltime?

JL: I’m kind of atthe mercy ofthe weather up here, but I was able to get out when I worked some Florida Swing events. And I was just outin Carls bad getting equipment dialed in. So I would say it’s going pretty well. I’ve gotten used to the fact thatI don’t hit balls every day. I’ll go three, four weeks without touching a club.That means keeping things as simple as possible.

DD: You had a hot start to your career. Won the U.S.Am.Two-timeAll-American at Texas. Straight to the PGA Tour, no Q-School. Given everything you now know about the Tour and the sport, is there anything you wish you knew when you were coming out of college?

JL: That’s a great question. Maybe the most important thing I learned over the course of my career is just not to take it too seriously. There were times, certainly early in my career, where I lived and died with it. If I missed a cut or two in a row, I was ready to blow things up and start over again.But you’re nevertoo far away from some pretty good golf.Outside ofthat,Ifelt like I did a fairly good job of maintaining some normalcy—having friends on Tour and also outside ofthe game that kept me groundedwhen I needed it.

DD: The Country Club at Brookline is about to take center stage at the U.S. Open. You’re at the center of arguably the most iconic moment in its history—1999’s “Battle of Brookline”—when you sank a 45-footer on the 17th hole to snatch the Ryder Cup from the Euros. How would you describe the course to someone who’s never been there?

JL: Well, it’s changed quite a bit since ’99. But, overall, it’s going to be a great U.S.Open test. It’s going to require precision. But looking at how they’ve set golf courses the last few years, they’re also going to reward a guy if he can hitthe ball a longway but keep itin play. It’ll be fun to be back up there; it’s probably been nine or 10 years.To see it set up and to see some ofthe changes they’ve made—I’m excited aboutit.

DD: You recently said that you hear about 30 Ryder Cup commentsfor every other comment you get about your career. Was that an exaggeration? Do you love it? Do you ever gettired of it?

JL:No, that’s pretty true. Unless it’s about the Open Championship orthe Players [tournaments Leonard won, respectively, in ’97 and ’98],the other

50 weeks of the year, it's probably between 20 and 30to one, Ryder Cup to everything else. I don't gettired of it at all.

The Ryder Cup is different from everything else because people have a rooting interest. You're rooting for the U.S., you're rooting for Europe, even if you're notfrom either place you've probably taken a side. When I won the Open, there weren't many people rooting for me outside of my own family. Same thing at the Players. But when you can add a team element, where people have a rooting interest, that's why I getthe amount of comments I do. People were pulling for us.

DD: When you think back to that putt, that pivotal Sunday and the celebration that followed, what sticks out?

JL: It's the moments that led up to that putt that made it important. It was Davis Love III coming back, when I was on the 10 th or 11th fair way, and telling me he was going to come watch my match. It was Phil Mickelson sitting at breakfast, 45 minutes before his tee time, not going out to the range until he felt like we could win as a team.And then, all of a sudden, two or three minutes later, he didn't say aword, he just got up and left. Even back to the night prior, Saturday night, whenwe got the pairings and thought, ya know, this is actually set up pretty well for us. It was all the little moments thatled up to that putt even making a difference.

DD: You broke out that—let's face it— hideous shirt atthe last Ryder Cup, after you said it had been sitting in a closet for 22 years.How does it feel that perhaps the most famous moment in U.S.Ryder Cup history came while wearing, arguably, the most dubious shirt in Cup history?

JL: [Chuckling] I get asked about the shirt often, just this past weekend in fact.Ya know, it was a nice idea, just impossible to execute. Portraits of all the winning Ryder Cup teams printed on a shirt? Agreat idea for, like, a quilt. Maybe the inside liner of a sport coat. But to wear that as a shirt? It was a bold move. Fortunately, it paid off.

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Strokes Gained Total for 2021 U.S. Open champ Jon Rahm at Torrey Pines. Rahm gained 6.17 strokes—or 40.8 percent of his week's total—during Sunday's final round.

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Total feet of birdie putts made by Rahm on the 71st and 72nd holes, where two bombs delivered him his first-ever major win.

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CUT LINE AT THE 1913 U.S. OPEN (SEVEN STROKES ABOVE FRANCIS OUIMET'S WINNING SCORE OF +12). SEE PAGE 82 FOR MORE ODDITIES FROM THE '13 OPEN.

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FEET FROM OUIMET'S CHILDHOOD HOME TO THE 17TH GREEN AT THE COUNTRY CLUB. SOURCE: GOOGLE EARTH



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The last 10 U.S. Open winners tell us that, contrary to popular belief, shooting even par just isn't good enough to win our national championship.

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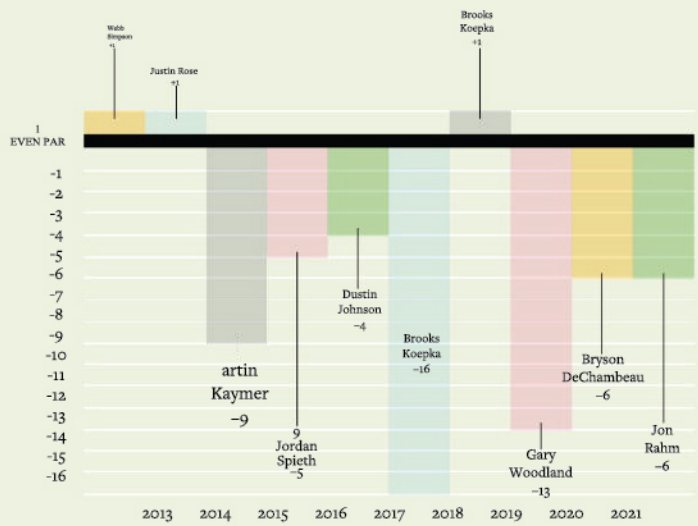



By "rolling" his ankles during his swing, Jack Nicklaus produced what modern tech tells us is frontal plane torque—a key to add yards without worry of going right.

GOLDEN RULES WITH JON TATTERSALL

"SHIFT" INTO HIGH GEAR

Copy one of Jack Nicklaus' best moves to add yards and nix slices. It's as easy as rolling your ankles from side to side.

JACK NICKLAUS OWNS SIX GREEN JACKETS. I'm more impressed with his four U.S. Open trophies, indicating wins in the toughest conditions against the toughest fields on a variety of tough courses (for Jack: Oakmont in1962, Baltusrol in '67 and '80 and at Pebble Beach in '72).They're proofthat his swing could excel anywhere and across multiple decades.

A lot of what helped Nicklaus claim these national titles (in addition to his 14 other majors and 73 PGA Tour victories) can be found in his 1974 instruction manual, Golf My Way.It became the inspiration formillions of golfers,many ofwhom wouldgo on to Hall of Fame careers (GregNormanincluded), and, for this northern England native, the basis for much of the fundamentals Iteach my students to this day.

If you read Golf My Way (it's available on Amazon), you'll learn the story of Jack's long time teacher, Jack Grout, grabbing hold of Nicklaus' short, crew-cut hair on the range at Scioto CC in Columbus,Ohio, as he hit practice balls.It encouraged young Jack not only to keep his head in place but also to "roll his ankles" on both his backswing and downswing. The drill worked. According to Jack, "When your hair was as short as mine back then, it hurt when I moved my head with Grout grabbing hold. I learned pretty quick."

As simple as this advice sounds, it's rooted in great functional movement. And today's coaches have the data to prove it. At my teaching facility in Atlanta, we use GASP dual force plates, which measure the contribution to ground force by each foot during the swing and how these contributions shoot back up to the body for it to generate power. Force plate data shows that by rolling your ankles, as Nicklaus started doing some 60 years ago, youproduce frontalplane torque, a force createdand used by some of the longest drivers in the game today. To best understand frontal plane torque, think of a Ferris wheel: It spins vertically—basically, a side-to-side motion. The problem for most rec golfers, or those short on power, is that they swing too much like amerry-go-round, spinningratherthanshifting.

Fact: Force precedes motion. When Jack rolled his ankles on his backswing, his center of mass (COM) automatically shifted to his trail leg and did so around a steady head (thanks to Mr. Grout grabbingontohishair). Rollinghis ankles toward the target on the forward swing gotJack's COMover his front leg.The resulting frontal plane torque is what made Nicklaus one ofthemost powerful drivers of his generation. Andwhile many swing pundits peg Jack as a fader of the ball, his ability to produce frontal plane torque ensured he rarely sliced.

The lesson: Do what Jack did. Roll those ankles! (Even a slightroll will do.) Think of your backswing and downswing more as a Ferris wheel instead of a merry-go-round. That means more shifting, less unnecessary turning. You'll add power. And for slicers, you can thank me (and Jack)later.

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2022 U.S. OPEN PREVIEW



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THEWALK UP THE 18TH HOLE AT AUGUSTA NATIONAL IS SUPPOSED TO BE ENJOYABLE.

But on the second Friday in April of this year, the hike could not have been fun for BobKoepka.

The wind whipped 25 miles per hour as we trudged up the treadmill-worthy incline.His sonBrookswasfive over parfor the tournament, searching for his tee shot among the pines and about to miss a second straight cut at the Masters. Bob had no reason to be smiling, but he was, lost in the memory of the first time Brooks beat him on a golf course.

Twenty years ago, whenBob was a club champion, he was a perfect match for 12-year-old Brooks. And one day, with Brooks ahead aftertwo holes oftheirtypical nine-hole jaunt, the little guy danced around the green, giddy as ever. Ninety minutes later,when the kid missed a 5-footerfor par, his eyes welle dashe came to gripswithanotherloss toDad—and with the loser's prize of doing the dishes after dinner.

"He would have been doing dishes no matter what," Bob says,"butIwantedhimtothinkthattheputtmeantsomething." Itwas animportantprecursor,Bobthinks.Twoweeks later, Brooks tookhimforthefirsttime,buttherewasnofist-pumping and definitely no tears. No surprise, either. Brooks hadn't even realized he'd won. "Because he was so focused on himself," his father says.

Now,Bob's grinwas brimmingwith pride.He talked about raisinghis sonthe samewayhis parents raisedhim,inahouse where you "had to earn everything."He then turned our chat to everything Brooks has taught him overthe years. Thelessons.They'reacommonthreadyoufindwhentalking to the people inKoepka's inner circle. Some he's learned, others he's taught. This time of year—U.S. Open season, Brooks Koepka season—we should pay attention.



LESSON 1
EXTRAORDINARY SELF-BELIEF. WHAT'S THE HARM IN IT?

Ask Chris Malloy, a former assistant coach at Florida State, about his finest pupil and he doesn't talk victories or what the kid looked like coming out of high school. What comes to mind first is Koepka's self-belief, of the mildly delusional variety. The Seminoles were competing in the 2010 NCAA Men's Golf Championships in Tennessee, and, in their downtime, they were watching the Korn Ferry Tour on TV. Journeyman Tommy Gainey, then 34, with nearly $ 1 million in career prize money, was polishing off a win in Maryland and earning his way back to the PGA Tour. Koepka wasn't impressed.

"I'm better than him, "he said to his teammates at the time. "We just kind of laughed and said, 'Yeah, sure,whatever,'" Malloy recalls. "But he wouldn't let it go. He said, 'I don't care what it is. I'll beat him right now. There is no doubt.' It was one of those moments where you go, allright, this isn't even worth arguing about because you'll never be able to tell this guy anything different. When he first got out [on Tour], there is zero question that he thought not only was he going to beat Tiger Woods, but he could do it right then and there

LESSON 2

Learn from your mistakes. Immediately.

Koepka's circuitous route to the PGA Tour irst, through the Florida mini tours, then the Challenge Tour in Europe—has placed all kinds of people in his or bit. Brad Gehl, who bounced through many of the same tours Koepka did, recalls crumbling on the final hole of a Minor League Golf Tour event, losing thousands of dollars that would have covered caddie fees, hotels and travel for a blissful few months.

"Brooks and I went out to dinner that night, and I was kind of bitching about it," Gehl says. "Iremember he grabbed me on the shoulder, looked me square in the eyes, and he's like, 'Do you know how much money I've lost on the last hole of a tournament? 'And I said, 'I don't know.' He's like, 'More than you can count. You've got the second phase [of Korn Ferry qualifying] in a couple of weeks, right?' I said, 'Yeah, I've got two weeks.' He goes, 'Well, when you get on the 18th hole at second stage, when you're about to get through, you're not going to do what you just did. And that's all that matters.'

"I'v enever for gotten that was so inherently his mentality," says Gehl, who's now pursuing a careerin course design. "It wasn't about making a mistake; it was about not making it again."

LESSON 3

Transparency trumps all.

Koepka might not be on the cover of GOLF were it not for Pete Cowen's short-game expertise and blunt dose of reality.

As the story goes, in June 2017, Koepka, then the 22nd ranked player in the world, was dragging his heels at the St.

Jude Classic. He was T-11 through two rounds but made two doubles on Saturday and five bogeys on Sunday to finish tied for 37th. He responded with a lot of "poorme" vibes, as Cowen remembers it, so the short-game coach pounced on him.His message: "If you want to be a champion, you have to have the attitude of a champion."

A week later, Koepka became a major champion at the U.S. Open at Erin Hills.

Those thorny conversations a bollocking, as Cowen put it work particularly well with Koepka, the Tour leader in Strokes Gained-

Keeping It Real.

"His staff has to be totally honest with him," Cowe says. "Wehavemeetingseveryyear,andyoucansaywhat you want. It's not personal; it's purely professional. If it's going to make him a better player, he wants to hear about it."

And that bluntness is rewarded. "On the flight home from Erin Hills—I've still got [the text message]," notes Cowen. "It says, 'Thanks forthe bollocking. I couldn't have done this without it.'"

LESSON 4

Confrontation is a good thing.

Put a microphone in front of Brooks and you're bound to get something in return. It could be cockiness, it could be an eye roll, it could be a peek into the mind of an uncommon champion. But almost always it's fueled by candor.

"I've always told him, just be honest," his father says. "It doesn't always have to be the most popular opinion. It's your opinion and you believe it. Hold true to your word until someone proves you otherwise."

After the third round of the 2020 PGA Championship, Koepka was asked to assess the leaderboard. He was tied for fourth and saw that Dustin Johnson was a few strokes ahead of him. But he shrugged him off: "He only has one [major win]." It was catnip for the Koepka haters and his most ardent fans. Was he wrong? No. Was he being himself? Yes. Was he vilfied forthe quote when, on Sunday, he shot 74? You bet. For Koepka, it's the cost of doing business.

"It backfired on him," Bob says. "But that is his persona. They asked him a question, and he answered it. You might not like the answer, but he gave you what's on his mind."

That is how Koepka operates, and though it might not sit well with everyone, we're betterforit.

"He's taught me a lot about communication, and I've taught him a lot about communication," says Jena Sims, now Jena Koepka, Brooks' bride as of June 4, 2022. "But you can have really constructive conversations if you just have those uncomfortable conversations. It's worth it on the other end. He's not going to let anything pass by if he

GOLF CHANNEL'S BRANDEL CHAMBLEE SPOKE FOR ALL OF US WHEN HE SAID, "WE WANT A COCKY BROOKS KOEPKA." WHY? BECAUSE A COCKY KOEPKA IS A FUN KOEPKA. A CONTENDING KOEPKA. A CAN-YOU-BELIEVE-HE-SAID-THAT, CAN-YOU-BELIEVE-HE-DID-THAT KOEPKA.

doesn't agree with it. He speaks his mind, and people know exactly where he stands."

LESSON 5

Push the boundaries.

Good luck finding golf clothes in the House of Koepka. They're hidden in a separate closet in the laundry room, far from the sneakers and designer brands that fill Koepka's actual ward robe. "He wouldn't be caught dead in a pair of khakis," Jena says, laughing.

Why? "He loves to make his outfits count," she continues, chuckling a little more.

Breaking tradition in golf is no laughing matter, but Koepka insists on it. The bleach-blond'do this spring. The three-piece suits at dinners. This year, he became the first pro to outfit his fans with player T-shirts thatread "Koepka" across the back, like the kind you see at baseball stadiums across the country.

Koepka's goosing of golf tradition reached its zenith at the 2019 Tour Championship, when he wore a pair of Off White X Nike Air Max 90 golf shoes custom designed by Virgil Abloh, the Louis Vuitton creative director who passed away unexpectedly in late 2021. Koepka and Abloh shared a texting relationship, messages that Koepka still holds dear.

"Virgil took a liking to Brooks," Jena says. "I think it's because of how much of a black sheep he is in this golf fash ion world. He had some special things in mind for Brooks that may or may not still be in the works."

LESSON 6

Bet on yourself.

Koepka was miffed in 2018. He'd just won major No. 3 over Dustin Johnson at Shinnecock and majorNo. 4 against Tiger Woods at Bellerive. He was No. 1 in the world but not making a single dollar from an equipment deal.

Koepka knew his worth in sponsorship value and was unwilling to accept anoffer of anything less. Playing whatever clubs he liked best for the next three years, he continued to power through at the majors, rackingup three more top 10s and a fourth win in 2019, at the PGA Championship at Bethpage. It wasn't until January 2021 that the equipment free agent was wooed sufficiently to sign on the dotted line. As Srixon-Cleveland Tour rep Rob Waters remembers it, all it took was one swing.

"He fell in love with the irons the very first shot he hit with them," Waters says. "He was like, 'This is the best-feeling iron I've ever hit in my life.'" Koepka walked away with a set of ZX7 irons that day. Two weeks later, he won with them in Phoenix, then posted T-2 at the PGA,T-4 atthe U.S. Open and T-6 at the British Open. Just a typical BrooksKoepka summer. He "wanted a home," Waters says, and Srixon-Cleveland turned out to be a natural fit. Koepka has since added the Z-Star Diamond ball and ZX7 driver to his bag. While most players make equipment-deal announcements in January, Koepka's came inNovember 2021, immediately preceding his high-profile, made-for-TV match against Bryson DeCham beau. That's good business.

LESSON 7

Silence is an art form.

On the eve of this year's Masters Tournament, Golf Channel's Brandel Chamblee did as we all do: assessed Koepka's chances differently than we do most players'. Koepka is, after all, a major championship anomaly, with top 10 finishes in half of his appearances. Which version of Koepkawillshowup? Chamblee spoke for all of us when he said, "We want a cocky BrooksKoepka." Why? Because a cocky Koepka is a fun Koepka. Acontending Koepka. Acan you believe he said that, can you believe he did that Koepka.

The problem: At this year's Masters, we didn't have a healthy Koepka. His hip labrum tear flared up that week in Augusta, to the point where he considered withdrawing. Rather than go public with his injury, he grinded silently, eager not to make it sound like an excuse. After back-to-back 75s on Thursday and Friday, not a single member of the media asked to speak with Koepka, so we didn't hear about it. We didn't hear from him for the next four weeks. He traveled to Turks and Caicos to finalize wedding plans and barely looked at his phone. He calls it "going dark" shutting up and shutting down. In fact, he's enjoyed the power of silence recently, like the way he barely said a word to DeChambeau during The Match, where he let his clubs do the talking in a 5 and 3 drub bing. More ominous withholding followed a week later, in December 2021, at the Hero World Challenge.

He was asked a simple question: Have we seen the best of Brooks Koepka? Was 2018 your peak? "That wasn't peak," he replied, shaking his head. "That wasn't peak. Just wait." And with a wink, Koepka walked off the stage. What, exactly, was he trying to tell us? Maybe nothing, maybe everything. There's a lesson in that.



TIGER WOODS JOINS LEBRON, JORDAN ON SPORT BILLIONAIRE LIST





Tiger Woods, a 15-time major golf champion, has joined NBA icons Michael Jordan and LeBron James as athletes with a net worth of $1 billion, Forbes magazine reported Friday.

Woods, making a comeback at age 46 from severe leg injuries suffered in a February 2021 car crash, has made about $1.7 billion in prize money, endorsements and business deals over his 27-year career, Forbes reported.

The earnings update said that was the most money of any athlete the magazine has tracked, with less than 10% of revenues for Woods coming from his winnings.

Jordan, who won six NBA crowns in the 1990s with the Chicago Bulls, was the first sportsman to reach the milestone, his endorsement pitchman role and Jumpman logo products setting standards for athletes.

Los Angeles Lakers playmaker James, a four-time NBA champion and four-time NBA Most Valuable Player, crossed the $1 billion figure only last week, according to the magazine, which said he made $121.1 million gross in the past year.

Woods, whose 82 career US PGA Tour victories is level with Sam Snead for the all-time record, ended a 14-month injury layoff in April at the Masters, making the cut in a fightback effort where simply walking 72 holes at hilly Augusta National was considered a major effort.

Woods made the cut last month at the PGA Championship but withdrew before the final round after limping his way over Southern Hills in the third round.

While he will skip next week's US Open, Woods plans to play in next month's British Open at St. Andrews.

Greg Norman, commissioner of the new Saudi-backed LIV Golf Invitational Series, said Woods was pitched an offer in the "high nine digits" to join the upstart tour, but Woods said at the PGA Championship he prefers the PGA, built upon the legacy of legends such as Arnold Palmer and Jack Nicklaus.

In addition to endorsement income, Woods owns event staging and course design companies.

Woods made $68 million in off-course income over the past 12 months, Forbes reported, noting that figure alone would rank him 14th on the global world athlete income list.

TOP 10 HIGHEST PAID ATHLETES OF 2022

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1	LIONEL MESSI
2	LEBRON JAMES
3	CRISTIANO RONALDO
4	NEYMAR
5	STEPHEN CURRY
6	KEVIN DURANT
7	ROGER FEDERER
8	CANELO ALVAREZ
9	TOM BRADY
10	GIANNIS ANTETOKOUNMPO



GREG NORMAN:
GOLF SUPERSTAR TURNED PIONEER





Former world number one Greg Norman will watch from the sidelines on Thursday as stars including Phil Mickelson launch a controversial bid to revolutionise golf.

The Australian two-time major winner is the figurehead of the Saudi-funded LIV Golf Invitational Series, which is challenging the sport's status quo.

But it is not the first time the golfer-turned-businessman, 67, has been a disruptor.

In 1994, Norman was at the forefront of plans to establish a World Golf Tour featuring the top players, an idea that failed to get off the ground in the face of opposition from the golfing establishment.

Now he has returned as part of a project bankrolled by enormous Saudi funds.

Forty-eight players will tee off at the Centurion Club in St Albans, near London, with $25 million -- the biggest-ever prize purse for a golf tournament -- on offer.

It is the first of eight tournaments in the inaugural LIV series -- with plans to expand over the coming years.

There has been strong pushback from golf's establishment, including the US PGA Tour, which has threatened players with sanctions, and the source of the funding has proved controversial.

But Norman is bullish, with a growing number of global stars coming on board, including six-time major winner Mickelson and Dustin Johnson.

"We've got $2 billion backing us," Norman said at last month's launch event. "We've got an incredible legal team, and we're still going to defend the rights of the players going forward."

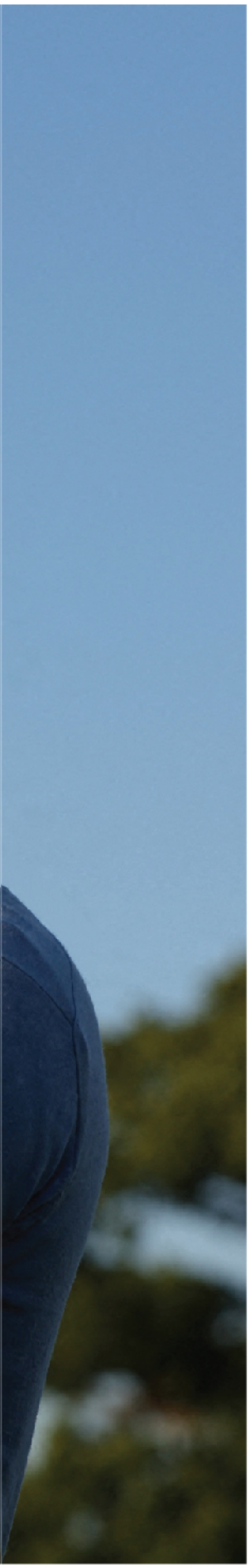
Norman believes golfers should be free, as independent contractors, to play where they like and should not be ruled by the established tours.

The charismatic Australian raises the profile of the LIV series but it has not all been plain sailing in the build-up to the launch event.





SCHWARTZEL CELEBRATES AS GOLF'S POWER STRUGGLE DEEPENS



Charl Schwartzel's victory at the first event of the rebel LIV Golf series brought the curtain down on one of the most dramatic weeks in the history of a sport now in deep turmoil.

The breakaway circuit, fronted by former world number one Greg Norman and bankrolled by Saudi Arabia's sovereign wealth fund, is now a real and present threat to golf's established tours.

The stars at the opening tournament outside London, which finished on Saturday, included six-time major winner Phil Mickelson and two-time major champion Dustin Johnson.

But there were other big names in the 48-man field too, including major winners Schwartzel, Sergio Garcia, Martin Kaymer, Graeme McDowell and Louis Oosthuizen.

During the event at the Centurion Club in St Albans, the organisers trumpeted the signings of 2020 US Open champion Bryson DeChambeau and former Masters winner Patrick Reed.

Organisers have vowed to "supercharge" golf, offering 54-hole tournaments with no cuts, simultaneous "shotgun starts" and a team element.

Play got under way on Thursday but was quickly overshadowed by a brutal statement from the US PGA Tour, banning the rebel golfers, who had not been given permission to play in the LIV tournament. Ten of the 17 listed had already resigned their membership.

PGA Tour commissioner Jay Monahan said the "same fate holds true" for any players who compete in future LIV events, with Reed and Bryson DeChambeau due to be in the field in Oregon later this month.

There was uncertainty in the run-up to the inaugural event about who would be in the field.

Norman himself had previously said the tournament did not need the biggest names to be an instant success, arguing it could be a showcase for future stars.

But the Australian managed to attract enough big names to make the sport's power brokers sit up and take notice and he can now count nine major winners on his books.

A number of high-profile players had previously pledged their allegiance to the PGA Tour, including Johnson and DeChambeau, before making U-turns.

Others are staying loyal -- at least for now. Four-time major winner Rory McIlroy, currently playing in the PGA Tour's Canadian Open, said Monahan had simply enforced membership regulations and had "done the right thing".

The dispute could be heading for the courtroom if any of the players banned by the PGA Tour pursue a legal challenge.

Norman's big pitch is for a "free and open market" in golf and he has pledged to back his players to the hilt, even saying LIV Golf would pay any fines.

Ryder Cup star Ian Poulter plans to appeal against the PGA Tour ban, saying it makes "no sense" to limit players' choice.

The DP World Tour, previously known as the European Tour, has yet to react but the LIV players have been reassured they can play in next week's US Open.

Another unknown is the issue of world ranking points, currently unavailable at LIV tournaments.

The points are crucial because they help players qualify for the four majors, which are the sport's marquee tournaments.

Aside from the bitter power struggle, two issues have pursued players at the event in St Albans -- accusations of greed and questions over Saudi Arabia's human rights record.

The money involved is undeniably mind-blowing.

There was a record $25 million prize pot at the Centurion Club and there is a total of $255 million on offer at this year's eight tournaments.

Mickelson did not dispel rumours he was receiving a fee of $200 million to compete, while Johnson is reportedly getting $150 million.

Norman said last month he had secured an extra $2 billion to turn the initial eight-event invitational series into a 14-event league by 2024.

Mickelson faced an uncomfortable grilling by reporters on the eve of the tournament over the Saudi funding but insisted he did not "condone human rights violations", adding that golf could be a force for good.

Amnesty International renewed its call for players to speak out about "human rights abuses" in Saudi Arabia, rather than being "willing stooges of Saudi sportswashing".

The questions are unlikely to go away as LIV Golf heads to the United States, with the sport braced for the next instalment in a gripping drama.





THE RECORDS FOR MOST CAREER HOLES-IN-ONE IN GOLF

Scoring a hole-in-one is one of the biggest thrills in golf, for golfers of every skill level. It's also a feat that requires a lot of luck. But there's no question that the higher your skill level, the better your odds of making a hole-in-one. The first step in scoring an ace is putting your tee shot on the green, after all. Would you believe that the golfer generally acknowledged as the all-time record-holder for most aces has more than 50 of them? It's true. Here is a look at that record, plus some of the records on the pro tours for career aces.



The All-Time Record for Most Holes-in-One: 51

Mancil Davis is generally recognized as the all-time record-holder with 51 career holes-in-one. We say "generally recognized" because there was an amateur golfer in California named Norman Manley who claimed to make 59 aces. Davis' 51 aces, however (unlike some of Manley's claimed aces) are almost all well-documented — one was even witnessed by Ben Crenshaw.

Davis has been a PGA of America member since 1974. Over his career, he served as director of golf at The Woodlands near Houston and at The Trophy Club near Dallas, among other stops. He briefly played on the PGA Tour. And many of his aces happened during tournament play. That includes the most recent of Davis' 51 holes-in-one, which happened during a celebrity golf tournament in 2007. Davis' first ace occurred in 1967.

In addition to his 51 career aces, Davis' record includes 10 career double eagles. (Double eagle odds are much higher than hole-in-one odds.) He has made a hole-in-one with every club except putter, sand wedge and pitching wedge. Davis has made five aces on the same hole (No. 2 at Odessa Country Club in Odessa, Texas),and has aced all four par-3 holes on one course (Trophy Club). And he made at least one hole-in-one per year from 1967-87. It's probably not a surprise that Davis' income as a golf professional included many personal appearances at tournaments and hole-in-one contests, billing himself as "The King of Aces."

Before Mancil Davis came along, the golfer usually called the hole-in-one record-holder was 1959 Masters champion Art Wall. Wall made 45 holes-in-one, a total that includes aces scored in every setting, whether official tournament rounds, friendly rounds or practice rounds. Many of the, however, were scored on one particular hole on his home course in Pocono Manor, Pa., , where he played a lot.

Tour Records for Most Holes-in-One

On the PGA Tour, the record for most career aces is 10, according to PGA Tour statisticians. That record is shared by Robert Allenby and Hal Sutton. Note that this, and the other tour records that follow, counts only those aces scored during official tournament play. These are the numbers of holes-in-one these golfers made in tour events.

Most PGA Tour Aces

Robert Allenby, 10
Hal Sutton, 10
Hubert Green, 8
Gil Morgan, 8
Scott Hoch, 7
Corey Pavin, 7
Bob Tway, 7
Lanny Wadkins, 7
Willie Wood, 7

Most LPGA Tour Holes-in-One

Kathy Whitworth, 11
Vicki Fergon, 8
Meg Mallon, 8
Jan Stephenson, 8
Mickey Wright, 8
Betsy King, 7
Sandra Palmer, 7

Most European Tour Aces

Miguel Angel Jimenez, 10
Colin Montgomerie, 9

What About Nicklaus and Palmer?

Perhaps you noted the absence of the all-time great golfers from the PGA Tour list above. According to PGA Tour record-keepers, Jack Nicklaus made "only" three aces in official PGA Tour rounds. Nicklaus has made 20 holes-in-one overall (including all his practice and friendly rounds), according to Nicklaus' website. Arnold Palmer is also credited with three aces during official PGA Tour rounds, but Palmer had 19 holes-in-one across all settings. Other totals (among all rounds played, including friendly and practice rounds) are 19 aces for Gary Player and 18 for Tiger Woods.



LAS VEGAS:
A HEAVEN FOR SPORTS FANS



I'm standing feet from the best women golfers in the world and nobody's around to disturb me from watching their brilliance. No marshals. No other fans. No rules officials. It's just me and a front-row ticket to the action at the 2022 Bank of Hope LPGA Match Play at Shadow Creek, the exclusive green oasis owned by MGM Resorts just minutes from the Strip. This isn't just another LPGA Tour event. It's a small but important piece in a massive push by MGM (and others) to transform Las Vegas into the sports capital of the world.

Las Vegas is pushing its chips all in on hosting large-scale sporting events as its next big thing. For decades, the fear was that mixing sports with gambling in Las Vegas would lead to crime and corruption. Now, in typical Vegas fashion, the question is: How big can we go and how fast can we get there? As I found out during a memorable Memorial Day weekend stay, mixing sports and endless entertainment is a winning bet for fans of whatever game's in town. It's not just boxing, MMA and golf anymore.

"They are basically city takeovers," said Lance Evans, MGM's senior vice president of sports & entertainment, of the city's ambitions around hosting big sporting events. "It allows more fans to see their team in different cities. ... It's not just about the game. It's all about what is around afterward."

Las Vegas as a sports destination

Las Vegas has always found ways to reinvent itself ever since gambling first attracted people to The Strip in the 1940s. Live entertainment was added in 1950s and continues today with extended residencies for mega-stars. Next came the foodie scene as mega-casinos were built skyward in the go-go 1990s and early 2000s. The first lavish pool party launched in 2004. They continue to rage in the sun daily from late April through October. The attempt to market Vegas' family-friendly side was a notable swing and miss along the way. But this next step could be its biggest bet yet: live sports bring visiting fans ready to support their favorite teams. Even if they aren't gambling, they're spending money to be entertained in unique Vegas style.

Evans said MGM is involved in virtually every sporting event that comes to Las Vegas, whether that's sponsorship or other support. Things have progressed quickly since 2017, the year the NHL's Golden Knights came to town. The Raiders made the move from Oakland to Las Vegas in 2020, opening the door for the NFL to go all-in on Las Vegas, hosting the draft and Pro Bowl here in 2022, with the city's first Super Bowl to come in 2024. It seems just a matter of time before MLB and the NBA follow, according to Yahoo Finance. Formula 1 will create a 3.8-mile-long track for the first time to race on the Strip in 2023.

Golf has always been part of the fabric of Las Vegas, dating to its first PGA Tour event in 1953 and the nearly four-decade run of the Shriners Hospitals for Children Open since 1983. TPC Summerlin, the long-time host, is currently undergoing a six-month renovation to upgrade all the course's infrastructure. It will reopen this fall to host once again.

The game's influence only continues to grow. Both Shadow Creek and The Wynn have hosted Capital One's The Match in the past five years, although nothing will top the spectacle of the first when Phil Mickelson beat Tiger Woods in a playoff under the floodlights at Shadow Creek in 2018.

Shadow Creek hosted its first PGA Tournament, the C.J. Cup in 2020. The LPGA Tour has been visiting the area off and on since 1966. There's discussion under way about opening up more access to fans for the Match Play in the future. Currently, only VIPs within the new MGM Rewards program could access a couple hundred coveted tickets this year. They were pampered with free food and drink in hospitality tents at key spots on the Tom Fazio-designed course.

Could Shadow Creek ever take the ultimate step and host a golf major? General Manager Monte Montgomery thinks so. When I expressed skepticism about the logistics, he said: "There's always a way to get something done. If it was ever going to happen, we'd

make it happen."

Translation: If the money talks loud enough, the United States Golf Association or PGA of America just might listen.

College sports are also flocking to town for the first time, including five different Division I, Division II and Division III men's and women's golf regional and championship tournaments on several area courses from 2023-26. Bigger still are the PAC12's football conference championship game and conference men's basketball tournament, the men's basketball Division I NCAA Tournament regionals during March Madness in 2023 and the "Frozen Four" Division I NCAA hockey championships in 2026.

The Strip: A sports fan's dream

It's easy to see why sports fans flock to Las Vegas. The venues are so modern, and the climate almost always warmer than home. T-Mobile Arena (for hockey and concerts) debuted in 2016. Football's Allegiant Stadium followed in 2020. There's also a proposal to build a new basketball arena 10 minutes from The Strip. The Oakland A's are in active negotiations to relocate to Las Vegas and stadium sites could be announced within a few weeks, according to Fox 5 KVVU-TV in Las Vegas. If you can't land a ticket, casino sportsbooks also provide great energy for watching any game.

I had a blast exploring Shadow Creek during the Match Play for the first time since I played it in 2013. As fun as it was, nothing compares to the action on The Strip after the golf. I stayed in the Aria Resort & Casino's Sky Suites, which not only offer guests spacious accommodations that feel like high-rise apartments but free food and drink in a VIP lounge just off the casino floor and their own pool outside.

The Vegas food scene rivals the most cosmopolitan cities in the world. It's incredible how often restaurants I've never heard of turn out to be some of my favorites. The Mayfair Supper Club at Bellagio and Best Friend at Park MGM deliver deliver great food and incredible atmospheres, too.

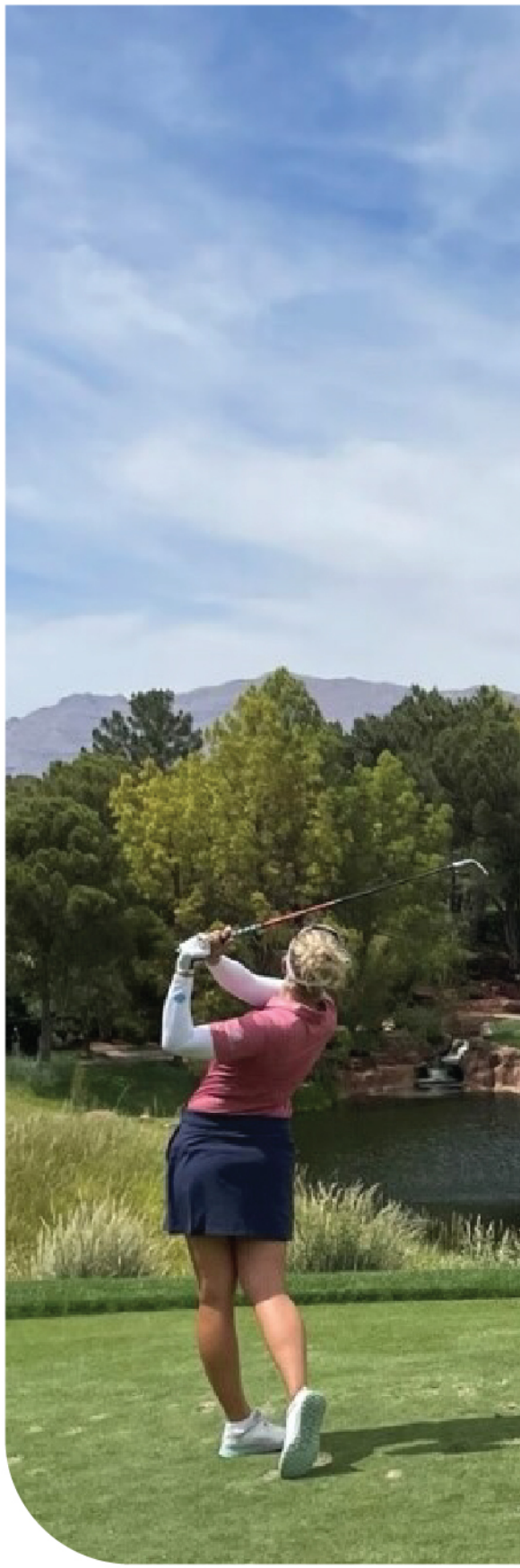
Mayfair feels like a swinging Prohibition-era jazz club with singers and dancers energizing the crowd as people dine. Best Friend, a Korean BBQ with an attitude, is funky personified thanks to a live DJ flowing old-school rap and hip hop and a menu of spectacular tastes. Don't skip the spicy pork, short rib tacos, street corn or the Kimchi fried rice. If you're a sushi lover, Morimoto is another great choice in MGM Grand.

The Bellagio is home to a pair of popular local breakfast/brunch haunts: Sadelle's and Spago by Wolfgang Puck. Sadelle's had a line halfway down the hall for good reason, notably killer Eggs Benedict. Spago's brunch serves anything from fluffy french toast to loaded thin-crust pizza. Watching the famous fountains come to life at noon from the patio requires reservations well in advance.

After dark is where Las Vegas shines brightest. I caught the second performance of the new Cirque du Soleil show, Mad Apple, at New York-New York. It's a wild spectacle of comedians, beautiful singing, sexy swinging and surprise acts, all centered around the street life in the Big Apple. Las Vegas residencies are all the rage for popular acts like Silk Sonic, where the duo of Bruno Mars and Anderson.Paak dance, sing and jam on the drums at the Dolby Live amphitheater in Park MGM. Usher and Aerosmith are next in line.

Sin City can be relaxing, too. Booking a treatment in the Spa at Aria allows guests to stay all day to enjoy the private outdoor pool on a balcony or stay inside to use the steam room, sauna and hot and cold tubs in the locker rooms.

If you're looking to tee it up, I've played nearly 20 top area courses in the past decade. Here's my recommendations for the 10 best local golf experiences. Like the restaurants or casinos, there are so many options. That's Vegas - something for anyone anytime, from $50 bargain tee times to a $1,000 splurge like Shadow Creek. It's a choose-your-own-adventure vacation, all anchored by the big game.

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IS THIS THE BEST GOLF MOVIE EVER MADE?



This summer's box office is crowded with hits.

"Top Gun: Maverick" pumps audiences up with patriotic nostalgia. You'll leave the theater feeling like you just experienced 10Gs standing on the wing of an F-15.

"Jurassic World: Dominion" dominated last week's box office in its debut, once again turning the clock back to the original cast to get fans excited.

Then there's the lovable underdog, "The Phantom of The Open." Don't believe that a golf movie belongs among the best flicks of the summer? It's currently pulling in an 85% Certified Fresh rating from the Tomatometer and an impressive 94% audience score from rottentomatoes.com.

It's the strange-but-true story of Maurice Flitcroft, a crane operator from Barrow-in-Furness, England, who managed to gain entry into qualifying for The Open Championship in 1976, despite never having played before. He shot a major-championship record of 121, drawing the ire of the game's elite but becoming a folk hero of sorts to everyday golfers.

Flitcroft, impressively portrayed by Mark Rylance, is an undying optimist. His is a philosophy every golfer must embrace to take up this crazy game. Golf may knock us down - much like life does to Flitcroft - but that never extinguishes our passion and hope that, maybe, tomorrow will be our day, on or off the course.

Cheeky British humor and an uplifting soundtrack bring heartwarming soul to the production by Sony Pictures Classics. The end of the movie shares some real media footage from Flitcroft's journey, dispelling any notion that the facts were exaggerated by Hollywood. Flitcroft did have disco-dancing sons. He even tried to enter other Open qualifiers under pseudo names like "Arnold Palmtree". And yes, he was invited to Michigan by Terry Moore, a friend I've played golf with when I lived there.

To be honest, I couldn't convince my wife or kids to watch the movie with me. They didn't want to watch a movie about golf. Now that I've seen it, I'll strongly encourage them, too. It's not a movie about battling bogeys. It's more about pursuing dreams.

Flitcroft never did qualify for The Open, but he still managed to leave a lasting legacy in the game with this film. I can't quite crown "The Phantom of the Open" the best golf movie of all time, but it's a contender, which is all Flitcroft ever wanted to be.

THE BEST GOLFER NICKNAMES OF ALL TIME

WHAT ARE THE BEST NICKNAMES OF PRO GOLFERS IN THE HISTORY OF THE GAME? WE'VE COME UP A LIST OF THE FAVORITES. SOME OF THEM YOU'LL INSTANTLY RECOGNIZE, OTHERS MIGHT BE NEW TO YOU. BUT ALL OF THEM ARE FUN (FOR FANS, AT LEAST). NICKNAMES ARE LISTED ALPHABETICALLY.

1. Aquaman

Golfers typically get their nicknames early in their careers. It's unusual for a nickname to show up late in one's career and stick, or become well-known.

But Woody Austin was 43 years old when he got tagged as "Aquaman." Prior to the 2007 Presidents Cup, Austin was best-known as a journeyman PGA Tour pro with a terrible temper - he occasionally did things like slam a putter shaft over his head, bending the shaft in anger.

But in 2007 he had a terrific season and made the United States Presidents Cup team. On Day 2, Austin was paired with David Toms in a fourball match against Rory Sabbatini and Trevor Immelman. Austin drove into a water hazard on the 14th hole but decided to try to play the ball out of the water. He was standing on a steep bank, just inside the water, and when he swung his momentum took him backward. His balance lost, Austin face-planted right into the pond.

The next day, during his singles match, Austin put on a scuba mask as he walked up that 14th hole. "Aquaman" was born.

2. Bam Bam

"Bam Bam" is Brittany Lincicome. And "Bamm Bamm" is the name of a Flintstones character famous for swinging his club with great strength. Coincidence? Doubtful!

Lincicome remembers being given the "Bam Bam" name by either Kristy McPherson or Angela Stanford in her rookie LPGA Tour season of 2005. Whichever of the two came up with it, the name stuck and Lincicome has been called that ever since.

Because Lincicome swings a very big stick, too, knocking drives well past almost every other LPGA golfer she's paired with. In every year on tour, she's been one of the longest drivers, or No. 1.

Lincicome's nickname is similar to Fred Couples' "Boom Boom." And Boom Boom could just as easily have made our list. But we prefer Bam Bam: It's sharper, stronger-sounder to our ear. And it's just plain fun to say. Go ahead, say it out loud: Bam Bam! See? It's fun!

3. The Big Easy

Ernie Els gained his nickname - "The Big Easy" - early in his professional career (he turned pro in 1989, but gained worldwide fame after winning the 1994 U.S. Open).

And "The Big Easy" is a perfect match of nickname and golfer. The 6-foot-3 Els came on the scene with a sturdy frame and with the ability to hit very long drives as a strapping young man. That's part one. Part two is that his power appeared effortless - that swing is so fluid, so ... easy. And part three is the easy-going, mellow personality that Els almost always has on display.

The Big Easy also gets extra credit because Els' nickname served as the inspiration for another great golf nickname. Michelle Wie is called "The Big Wiesy."

4. Boss of the Moss

Loren Roberts learned his approach to putting from Olin Dutra, a 2-time major winner in the 1930s. And his putting prowess was touted early on by another old-timer, 3-time major winner Cary Middlecoff.

By 1985, his fellow PGA Tour pros had seen enough of Roberts' rules with the flatstick that a nickname seemed in order. David Ogrin was the PGA Tour player who provided it, dubbing Roberts "the Boss of the Moss" during that season ("moss" being a slang term for the putting green surface).

The name immediately stuck. Roberts went on to an 8-win PGA Tour career. He's still making putts today as a senior major winner on the Champions Tour.

5. Champagne Tony

"Champagne Tony" is Tony Lema, the 1964 British Open champion. Two years earlier, Lema was just a 1-time winner on the PGA Tour playing the Orange County Open Invitational. The night before the final round, talking to the gathered press, Lema said that if he won the following day he'd have champagne delivered to the writers.

He did win, and he did deliver the champagne. From that point, he was never just Tony Lema, he was Champagne Tony Lema.

Unfortunately, Lema's story ended soon after his lone major championship win. In 1966 the small airplane flying him and his wife to an exhibition tournament in Illinois crashed ... onto a golf course. All on board were killed.

From 1962-66, Lema won 12 times on the PGA Tour, including the 1964 Open. He was dashing, handsome, had a cool nickname, and

was one of the tour's biggest winners. It ended much too soon for "Champagne Tony" and for golf.

6. Chucky Three Sticks

The great thing about the nickname "Chucky Three Sticks" is how diametrically opposed it sounds compared the actual name of the golfer to whom it applies: Charles Howell III. "Charles Howell III" is about as formal-sounding as it gets in golf; "Chucky Three Sticks" is about as informal-sounding as it gets. (The three sticks in question are the three I's - Roman numeral "3" - at the end of Howell's name.)

Howell turned pro in 2000 and joined the PGA Tour that year. And that's the year that announcer Charlie Rymer, then with ESPN, coined the nickname.

"(Rymer) started it," Howell once told ESPN.com, "and it stuck. Hey, you could always be called something worse."

Howell might not be in love with his nickname, but it's a lot of fun for the rest of us.

7. Dynamite

Patty Berg was small of stature, but a giant in the history of women's professional golf. She still holds the women's record for most major championships won with 15, the earliest in 1937, the last in 1958.

She was a "fiesty fireplug," as the USGA once put it. She was a powerpack of energy and drive and determination, all topped off with a mop of red hair. "Firecracker" might have been a good nickname for her had "Dynamite" not stuck. But Dynamite is entirely appropriate, given all the energy she always displayed.

Berg was one of the first women in golf to sign with an equipment company, and represented Wilson Sporting Goods almost her entire adult life. She gave an estimated 10,000 golf clinics in her life as a Wilson rep.

8. The Golden Bear

Along with Arnold Palmer as "The King," Jack Nicklaus' "Golden Bear" moniker is the most famous in golf. (Many of Nicklaus' old golf friends call him "Bear" conversationally.) The nickname originated in the early 1960s and was coined by Australian sportswriter Don Lawrence. Lawrence wrote for the Melbourne Age newspaper.

In reply to a question about what he thought of the young Nicklaus, Lawrence, according to Nicklaus.com, said that the blonde, crew-cutted and then-portly Nicklaus looked like a "cuddly, golden bear."

Did Lawrence know that Nicklaus' high school - Upper Arlington in a suburb of Columbus, Ohio - used "Golden Bears" as the name of its sports teams? And that its mascot was, yes, a cuddly, golden bear? It appears to have just been a coincidence.

But the Golden Bear nickname was born, and immediately caught on with golfers. Nicklaus enthusiastically embraced it, too - not surprising given that some golf fans (and some fellow pros) were calling him "Fat Jack" or "Ohio Fats" in those early days.

9. The Great White Shark

Greg Norman was already a winner on the European Tour when he showed up at Augusta National Golf Club in 1981 for his first Masters. And Norman set the United States golf media atwitter with his aggressive play - he finished fourth in that debut.

His look was noticed, too: that shock of blonde, almost white, hair, the distinctive face, and nose. Norman was a good talker, telling stories of encounters with great white sharks (it was only six years after the movie Jaws debuted) in the waters off his home-town in Australia.

And that did it: During Masters week 1981, the American media dubbed Norman "the Great White Shark." Norman ran with it. In later years he created companies with the name, trademarked it, created logos and brands around the nickname.

Today "Great White Shark" is usually shortened to "Shark" by Norman and those talking about him.

10. Mr. 59

On Friday, June 10, 1977, Al Geiberger became the first golfer in PGA Tour history - the first golfer on any significant professional golf tour - to shoot 59 during a sanctioned tournament. He did it in the second round of the Danny Thomas Memphis Classic (today known as the St. Jude Classic).

Geiberger had 11 birdies and one eagle, including a birdie on his last hole of the day to get the 59.

And forever since, and always, Geiberger is known as "Mr. 59." Others have shot 59 since, and someday there will be a 58 on the PGA Tour. (And the golfer who does that first will become Mr. 58.) But there can only be one "Mr. 59," and that is the guy who did it first. That is Geiberger.

11. Mr. X

Mr. X was Miller Barber, who showed up on the PGA Tour in the last year of the 1950s and went on to start a combined 1,297 tournaments between the PGA and Champions tours.

It was in the 1960s that Barber earned the Mr. X nickname. It was originally "The Mysterious Mr. X," a name bestowed upon Barber by fellow pro Jim Ferree.

Why Mr. X? Because, James Bond-like, Barber

had a tendency to disappear at night as he pursued the single life.

"I never told anyone where I was going at night," Barber once explained to Golf Digest. "I was a bachelor and a mystery man with many girlfriends in many cities."

12. The Pink Panther

Paula Creamer became a star very early in her LPGA Tour career, after turning pro at age 18 in 2005. She won Rookie of the Year that year, and her first major came at the 2010 U.S. Women's Open.

One thing fans immediately noticed about Creamer in her first months on tour was her fondness for the color pink. Creamer liked to wear a lot of pink. It might show up in her clothing, her shoes, her hair ribbons, on her golf bag. Sometimes even on her golf ball.

So calling her "The Pink Panther" makes a whole lot of sense. But, in fact, Creamer had that nickname before she ever turned pro. Casey Wittenberg, also a future tour pro, gave Creamer the "Pink Panther" nickname when they were both still amateurs.

Creamer now usually has a Pink Panther (as in the movie/comic strip/cartoon character) headcover in her golf bag, too, in addition to whatever pink she might be wearing.

In a 2006 interview, Creamer told Golf Digest why she's so fond of pink: "It's so girlie. It's a totally different side of me. When people think of me on the golf course, they think of me as so competitive -- and I am. Pink represents the other side of me, the side off the golf course. It reminds me there's more to life than just golf."

13. The Silver Scot

"The Silver Scot" is one of those golfer nicknames that is so ingrained in the sport's history it's almost impossible to imagine Tommy Armour ever being called anything else.

And why would he? He had silver hair, and he was a Scotsman! The nickname is also crisp and to the point, just like Armour himself.

This nickname first became famous during Armour's playing career - he was a 3-time major championship winner. He later became a highly sought-after golf instructor, and the Tommy Armour Golf company, for decades, manufactured "Silver Scot" irons - one of the most iconic iron issues in the history of golf equipment.

14. The Towering Inferno

Tom Weiskopf was tall for a golfer in his era (he turned pro in the mid-60s): 6-foot-3. And he had a temper that he wasn't afraid to show on the golf course.

So when the disaster movie The Towering Inferno arrived in theaters in 1974, the perfect nickname for Weiskopf arrived, too. He was "The Towering Inferno."

That was just a year after Weiskopf won the 1973 British Open. He won 16 PGA Tour titles, and that one major. But many - Weiskopf included - thought he should have won more.

In a 2002 interview with Golf Digest, Weiskopf said, "The most persistent feelings I have about my career are guilt and remorse. Sometimes they almost overwhelm me. I'm proud I won (16) times on tour and the 1973 British Open. I should have won twice that many, easy. I wasted my potential. I didn't utilize the talent God gave me."

OK, maybe the reason for the nickname isn't very sunny, but the nickname itself is great.

15. The Walking 1-Iron

Who was "The Walking 1-Iron"? Ken Brown. Brown, a Scotsman, played on the European Tour from the mid-1970s into the early 1990s. He won four times in Europe, plus once on the US PGA Tour.

What comes to mind when you think of a 1-iron (besides obsolescence)? One-irons were the longest irons and the thinnest blades. And that was Ken Brown: He was very, very thin in his early days (still is pretty thin today, in fact), and was considered tall (6-foot-1) for a golfer when he arrived on the scene.

One-irons are also notoriously difficult clubs and Brown had a reputation for being difficult. He was a very slow player and, sometimes, at least early in his career, refused to talk to pro-am partners - or even partners in team competitions.

Brown has no trouble talking today, though. He's a broadcaster and writer.

16. The Walrus & Smallrus

Craig Stadler was nicknamed "The Walrus" for reasons obvious to anyone who remembers how he looked (or has seen photos of his look) in the 1970s and 1980s. His own website puts it this way: He earned the Walrus nickname "for his portly build and ample mustache."

Those bushy whiskers really made the look, as did the, um, er, somewhat "galumphy " way Stadler walked. We chose a photo from later in his career, however; from a time when he had ditched the bushy mustache for more of a trim goatee.

But for a good reason! That lookalike in the photo with him is son Kevin Stadler.

Look-alike, they do: Same build, same (now) facial hair, same walk. It's like Kevin is Craig's Mini-Me.

So with Craig as the Walrus, what to call son Kevin? The Smallrus! Perfect. Father and son, Walrus and Smallrus.

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2022 ELECTRIC BUGGY GUIDE

When it comes to golf, Australia is a nation of walkers. For the most part, the regular player mixes with their pleasure by striding out across the course. Take Mike Clayton as an example, who in his recent birthday tweeted "Never get in a golf cart and have young friends!"

Of course, some courses require a cart, some prefer to ride, but for those who enjoy the walk, there are now more ways than ever to do it in style and ease thanks to the variety of electric buggies on offer. There are even wheels to supercharge your existing push/pull buggy.

The following pages feature some of the latest and greatest from all the big brands in the electric buggy world, for golfers looking to save some energy in their daily steps.



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Smart Wheels give you the ability to upgrade your push buggy to a remote control electric golf buggy in seconds. Completely wireless with a high torque motor for all terrain control, Smart Wheels will effortlessly power your buggy around the course round after round. With custom axle adapters in every set of wheels on and off your buggy in one motion for easy transport to and the course.

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The Vogue Smart Buggy includes your own set of S2 Smart Wheels already fitted to a fully remote control, electric buggy system. The triple braced , dual beam, fold-up Vogue buggy delivers a whole new level of performance and comfort. Connected with s2 Smart Wheels, fully remote controlled, and completely wireless, the Vogue Smart Buggy will effortlessly power you around the course round after round.



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- Always updated – free software updates to ensure your wheels are up to date with the latest tech.
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The CBM3 Smart Buggy includes your own set of S2 Smart Wheels already fitted to a Concourse Vogue Push buggy, creating a fully remote control, electric buggy system. For the ultimate in portability, the space saving CBM3 buggy and Wheels is the buggy system for you . Together, hold the uncontested title of lightweight leader, with a combine weight of just 6.2kg. Equipped with S2 Smart Wheels, this system is a heavy weight performer.

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The MGI Zip Navigator AT is All Terrain by name and All Terrain by nature.
Available in Black and Titanium Grey colourways, the Zip Navigator AT is designed to take on the toughest courses you can find and making walking a golf course a more enjoyable experience with your remote-controlled buggy for company.
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- Dual swivelling independent front wheels.
- Full directional remote control and speed control.
- Patented 'Gyroscope Straight Tracker Technology' keeps the buggy on track.
- Downhill speed control minimises your effort and maximises control.
- Twin calibrated motors for supreme power and agility.
- Powered by the largest capacity Lithium 24v 380Wh battery.
- All terrain tread rear wheels with quick release handle all conditions.
- Fully foldable rear fourth wheel for added stability.
- Monochrome design.
- Three-year warranty.
- USB charging port.
- Adjustable ergonomic T-bar handle and bag support.
- Zip-fold.
- Advanced 'Click & Go' Lithium battery system.

MGI ZIP X3



Packed full of features, the MGI Zip X3 grabs attention with its stylish looks, is easy and simple to use and provides information like distances walked and longest drive.

- Advanced digital electronics and odometers for tracking distances walked, longest drive and total use.
- 'Controlled Distance Function' enables you to select the desired distance and the buggy will stop on demand.
- Three-year warranty.
- Swivelling and lockable front wheel.
- All terrain tread rear wheels featuring quick release.
- Fully foldable rear fourth wheel for added stability.
- Newly engineered Zip fold, three-wheel design.
- 12 percent lighter and 25 percent smaller for absolute space saving.
- Advanced Click & Go Lithium battery system
- 24-volt electronic system for efficiency.
- Ergonomic T bar handle.



POWAKADDY CT8 GPS

Touted as "The world's smallest touchscreen GPS golf buggy" the all-new CT8 GPS affords golfers the opportunity to enjoy smarter power.

A fully-integrated GPS is accessible via a new 3.5" TFT full-colour touch screen, making it the smallest, most intelligent ultra-compact golf buggy in the world. This high-performance model comes preloaded with over 40,000 courses worldwide with no annual fees or subscriptions. The 'Simple-2-Fold' system collapses 20 percent smaller than the previous PowaKaddy Compact C2i models and 35 percent smaller than its nearest competitor on the market.

- NEW 3.5" mid-size Full Colour TFT Touch screen widescreen display.
- Touch screen control.
- Delivers fast, accurate distances to front, centre, and back of the green.
- Automatically locates courses.
- Auto advance from hole-to-hole.
- Active Green View – automatically updates green shape.
- 'Drop Flag' technology for precise distances to the hole.
- Stroke indexes and par information.
- Scorecard tracks your performance history.
- Bluetooth connected App for iOS and Android allows for quick golf course updates.
- Automatic Distance Function.



POWAKADDY FX7

The Freeway series has been renamed the FX collection to mark the tenth reimagining of the popular buggy family. The new FX3 is the entry-level model with a 2.3" full colour widescreen display with digital power gauge and battery fuel indicator, 1-Click folding system and now folds 20 percent smaller than its predecessor. Optional self-sensing Electronic Braking System (EBS) automatically slows the buggy on steep inclines. recognise that the stylish FX3 offers engineered simplicity at the highest level.

- High power 30-volt speed controller system
- HET for greater downhill control.
- LCD backlight control system.
- Low-profile sports wheels.
- Height adjustable soft touch handle.
- High power 'Plug 'n' Play' 30v battery system.
- Battery top isolator switch with LED indicator.
- Anti-Tamper Dial Control.
- High performance low profile 'Power frame' chassis .
- Cutting=edge technology ensures your battery discharges less.
- Two-year warranty on the buggy.
- Five-year pro rata warranty on lithium bettemes





POWAKADDY FX7

Suited to the performance driven golfer, FX7 is the most intelligent trolley of its kind.

The chassis is designed to seamlessly integrate with improved technology, providing golfers with the ultimate electric buggy experience, while it features the same simple folding system as the FX3.

- Stunning 3.5" OCA full colour widescreen display.
- High power 30-volt speed controller

system.

- HET for greater downhill control.
- LCD backlight control system.
- High power Plug 'n' Play 30v battery.
- Battery top isolator switch with LED indicator.
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- High performance, low profile 'PowaFrame' chassis.
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- Automatic Distance Function
- Built-in calorie counter.
- Distance measurement function.
- Extended three-year buggy warranty.
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- Available with optional Electronic Braking System (EBS)

A bunkerless golf course by design: 1.2

by Paul Jansen

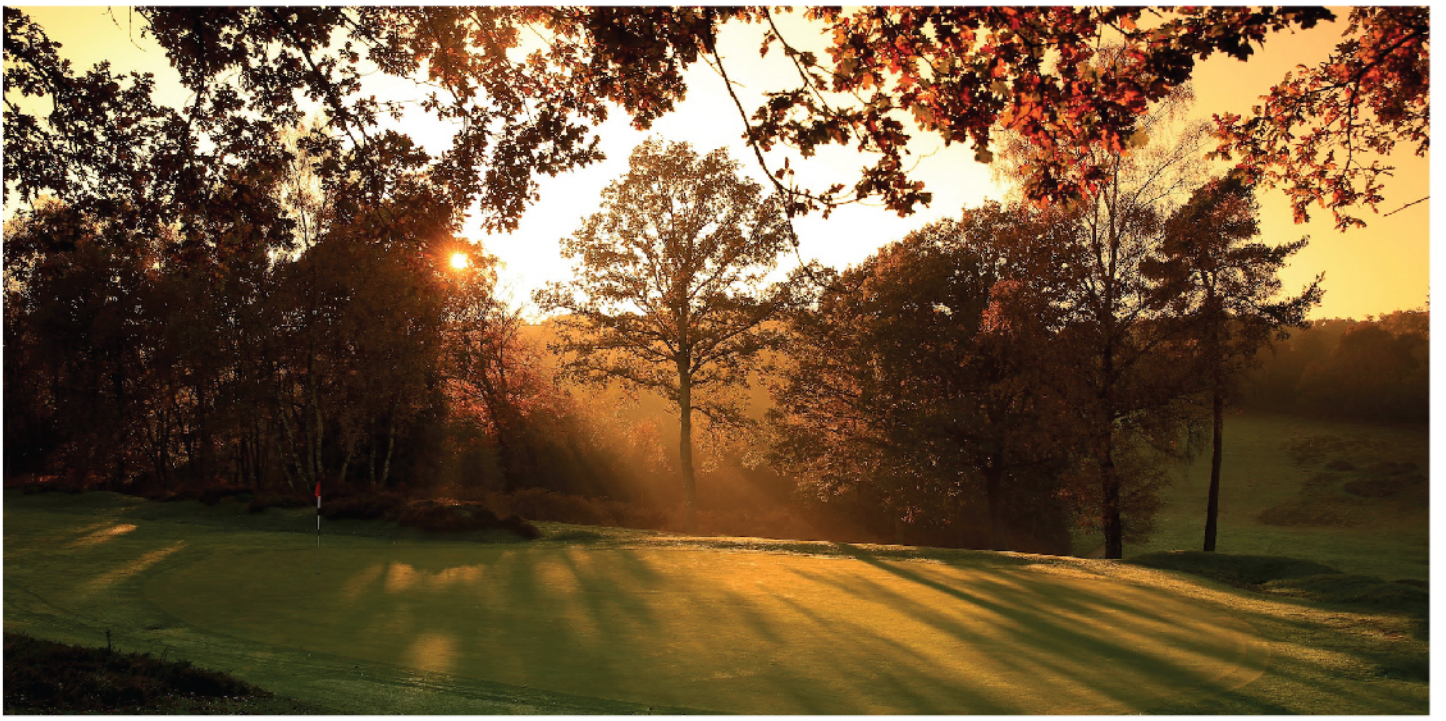
Bunkers are an essential part of the game of golf. They give thearchitect an opportunity to create strategic and visual interest -at the same time. Many of our modern golf courses and someof our old would hardly be the visual and strategic treat theyare today without sand. If you want to improve the visual aspectof your golf course, then start with bunkers at least until youget a grip of the cost of building and then maintaining them.

For most of us it would be hard to imagine a golf course withoutsand given how frequent this feature is used in modern designtoday. Admittedly bunkerless golf courses are a rarity but thereis one such golf course and personal favorite of mine thathighlights how golf can be good/ even great without so much asa sand depression.

Royal Ashdown Forest, situated in the southern English countyof East Sussex and within an hour's drive of the Londonmetropolis - is the setting for the "Winnie the Pooh" stories butalso home to one of the most quaint and unique golf courses inthe land. The Old Course at Royal Ashdown Forest Golf Club,
which writer A C M Croome said, "Must rank in character with StAndrews, Prestwick and Westward Ho!", has not one sandyhollow throughout, yet remains riveting from start to finish. It isindeed a treat and this is further substantiated by theillustriousgolf scribe Bernard Darwin, who wrote of the course: "It is onlyat the end of the round do we realise with a pleasurable shockthat there is not a hideous rampant on the course, or so much as a pot bunker."

Royal Ashdown Forest is protected by Acts of Parliamentrestricting any alterations to the land without approval fromconservators. With that in mind the golf course was made to siton the property with little disturbance and this in itself gives itappeal.

Instead of mining bunkers for strategic and visual interest, otherfeatures that exist on the property are used to great effect tocreate the drama and determine the play. For instance, wavesof heather and native vegetation eat into the play corridors atstrategic moments. Interesting humps and bumps and generalcontours bound many of the green complexes. Outstandingtrees frame the majority of holes and are very pleasing on theeye. There are pleasant stream systems that meander in and outof the course at opportune moments and add to the danger.Also, the topography









severe at times gives the course addedvariety and, on many occasions, allows the golfer to survey thesplendid surrounds.

The golf course is somewhat unconventional in that there is theodd blind shot to go with crossing holes at the start and finish.This is all infused with some fascinating green complexes and awonderful routing that makes great use of the land.

What's interesting is that without any bunkers the golf course seems even more entwined with its surrounds almost at onewith nature. It fact little about the golf course seems contrived,artificial or forced. It melds naturally into its environment andbecause of this has a real sense of place and a character all itsown. It is a delight to play forgiving at times, fun, interestingand strategic as well. Not over maintained or wanting to beanything more than it is.

I suspect when most golfers finish a round at Royal Ashdownthere is no longing for sand. Come to think of it sand would havehardly made the test any better, but it would certainly havemade it much worse.

Some other notable golf courses with no bunkers:

Kington GC, Minchinhampton(Old), PainswickGC,Berkhampstead GC, Piltdown GC and Wimbledon Common GC(All United Kingdom) Arrowtown GC- New Zealand

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Having grown up in Southern Africa, Paul began his career in the USA with Ault, Clark and Associates before relocating to Europe where he worked as a lead architect for Faldo Design - the design arm of golfer Sir Nick Faldo.

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JAPANESE LUXURY STAPLE

TOYOTA CROWN ROYAL SALOON G


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The Toyota Crown has been a popular badge around the world since the car was brought up in the toyopet stores. Introduced in 1955, the Toyota Crown is the longest-running badge in the market portraying the Japanese "people's" luxury without being a Lexus. In this issue of recon talk, we are going to discuss a bit about the 14th generation Toyota Crown Royal Saloon Hybrid and why the reader could consider it as a viable option in the luxury recondition market in Bangladesh.

The Crown

When it comes to the Royal Saloon badge on a Crown, Toyota tends to cut fewer corners in terms of luxury and comfort, as it is one of their top of the line model available in the market which is not a Lexus. The 14th generation perhaps is one of the more popular Japanese luxury cars that seem to increase road presence in the streets of Dhaka. Coming in at a price range of 50-60 lacs, the amount of amenities paired with the silver lining of Toyota's guaranteed reliability, the European counterparts always seem to take notes on closing the ratio.

Distinguishable road presence

The Toyota Crown being a luxury executive car is rather large and easily distinguishable on the road. The boxy designs are long gone, and a rather, more sophisticated design is introduced on the 14th generation, which is more rounded off. Sly Crown badging can be found all around the car, including inside the HID xenon headlights present in the front fascia. Overall, the car is packed with chrome bits and pieces, which is a staple from Toyota when it comes to luxury.

Insides

Climb inside the Royal Saloon and you will get a sense of classic luxury amenities present only in Japanese cars, where Toyota made available the option to get fabric seats, instead of leather to suit warmer climates better and much more. The seats are wide and comfortably bolstered, coming heated or cooled, fully automatic with memory toggles, the steering wheel comes in leather, where the steering buttons do not feel mushy. The infotainment system is a large section divided in two, where the top layer is the main screen and the bottom screen is used for climate control, where the climate control has the Nano-e carbon filter, for extra freshness in air conditioning.

Specifications

When it comes to locally available Crowns, Bangladesh usually opts for the 2.5L hybrid model, since taxes take a huge chunk of change if opted for the models with larger engine sizes. The 2.5L hybrid comes with 197 HP and 221 Nm of torque combined. The crown can also be fully driven in EV mode, but that only for a short distance.

Verdict

The Toyota Crown does not need a cosign, the models have had a long heritage of many happy customers. The 14th generation does not disappoint in any means, when it comes to commuting and covering longer distances, and after the introduction of the 15th generation recently, these cars are slowly becoming more affordable. One can never go wrong with a Crown, as Toyota specifically designed the car with equal pleasure for the driver and the passenger.



















FACT SHEET

Price Range	5,000,000-6,000,000 BDT
Engine	2.5L hybrid
Torque	221NM
Top speed	200 km/h
Max Power	6000rpm
Drive Type	ALL Wheel Drive (AWD)

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Ingredients
Ingredients Cucumber, Vegetable noodles, Cottage cheese, Herbs, Apple, Gherkins, Arugula (roquette).

How to Prepare
Dice the apples and chop the arugulas.

Making Cucumber Noodles
Using slicer, cut each cucumber lengthwise into long 1/8-inch-thick julienne strips, slicing until you reach core, then rotate cucumber a quarter turn and continue slicing and rotating until left with nothing but core. Blanch cucumber "noodles" in a 4-quart pot of boiling salted water 1 minute, then drain in a colander. Immerse colander with cucumbers in a large bowl of ice and cold water to stop cooking, about 2 minutes. Drain cucumbers, then transfer to a clean kitchen towel and pat cucumbers dry.

Put Diced apples and arugulas in a bowl. Throw in the cucumber noodles. Sprinkle with herbs and then top it with cottage cheese.

If you don't have cottage cheese, you can use sour curd (Tokdoi).







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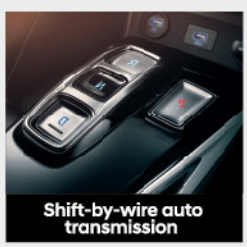
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