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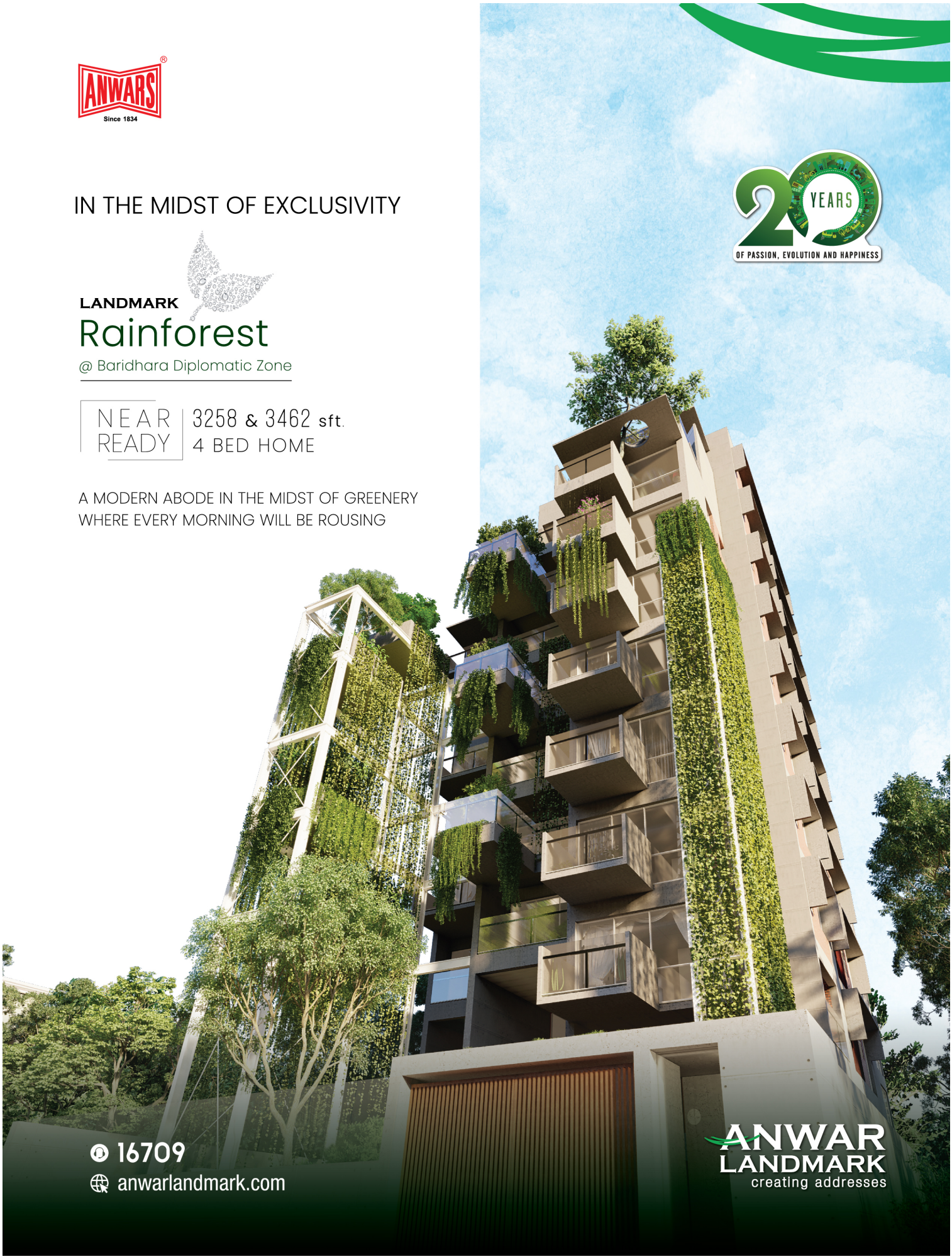

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Professional golf is back again in Bangladesh, back with a bang. Trust Bank led the way to end the drought at the KGC and now Runner Group is following suit at the Army Golf Club. Like professionals, the amateurs, too, are warming up to the tune as the clubs around the country are beginning to buzz with golfers again.

Meanwhile, as the Asian Tour is planning to resume events early next year, we hope we will soon see international events being staged at the KGC and the Bhatiary Golf Club again, like the good old days.

Till then, take care

Nazrul Hosen Ayon
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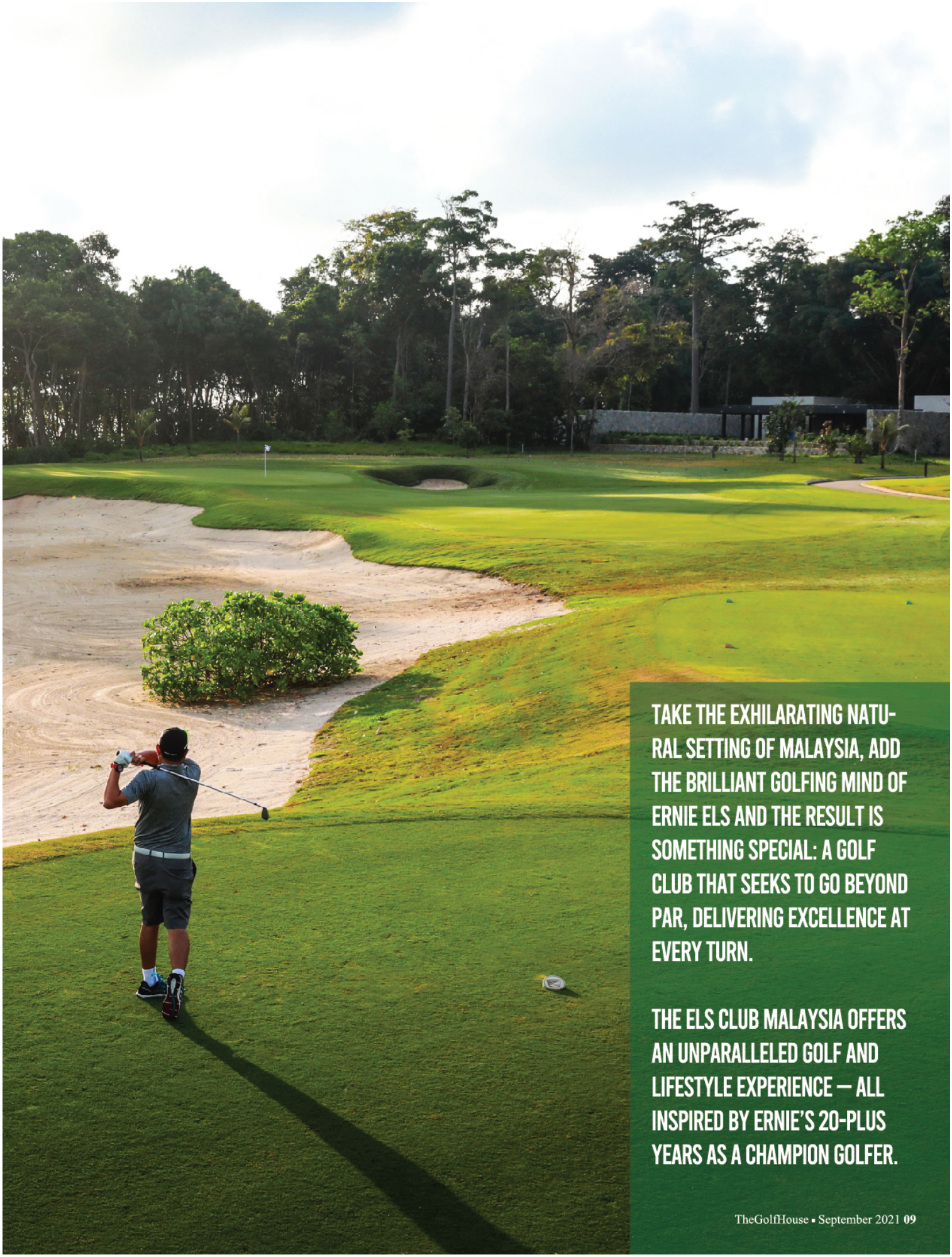

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Meanwhile, the Valley Course, designed by three-time major champion Vijay Singh in collaboration with Els, is a completely different test. The course provides small and elevated greens, sharp undulations, and a lot of bunkers; more than one hundred! Players are encouraged, if they can, to hit the golf ball with a precise approach. Prepare yourself, this is a tough course.

The differentiation between the two courses continues in the form of two separate clubhouses. The Ocean Course's clubhouse is a decadent masterpiece, at 45,000 square feet, with views for miles over the golf course towards the South China Sea, and with the 261 Bar and Restaurant, it's the ultimate 19th hole. Meanwhile, the Valley Course's clubhouse offers a more subtle, traditional design and a comfortable atmosphere with its casual dining area and open plaza overlooking the lush green landscape.



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This was Jakir's first win in his home club and second BPGA title overall. Jakir scored two-over (74) to finish on top with a three-over-par (291), one shot ahead of his immediate competitor Mohammad Nazim of KGC.

Nazim, who was on top after the third round, slipped to tied second place with Mohammad Rasel of Savar Golf Club after playing a five-over par on the final day to finish at 292. Abdul Kader of Savar Golf Club was the leading amateur of the event.

General S M Shafiuddin Ahmed OSP, ndu, psc, Chief of Army Staff, Bangladesh Army & Chairman, Trust Bank Ltd handed over the trophies and cheque to the winners as the chief guest at the prize giving ceremony. Maj Gen Shakil Ahmed, SPP, nswc, afwc, psc, Adjutant General, Bangladesh Army and Vice Chairman, Trust Bank Ltd was present during the ceremony. Lt Col Khandaker Abdul Wahed (retd), President, Bangladesh Professional Golfers Association and Brig Gen Ahsanul Huq Miah (retd), Secretary General, BPGA were also present during the event.



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1	Md Jakiruzzaman Jakir	3-over (291)
2	Md Rasel	4-over (292)
3	Md Nazim	4-over (292)
4	Abdur Rahman	6-over (294)
5	Md Sajib Ali	9-over (297)
6	Md Akbar Hossain	9-over (297)
7	Md S. H. Sohel	11-over (299)
8	Anaf Sharfuddin	11-over (299)
9	Md Solaiman (SGC)	11-over (299)
10	Md Liton Miah	12-over (300)









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Vikram Kumar Doraiswami, India's high commissioner to Bangladesh and Joao Tabajara de Oliveira Junior, Brazil's ambassador to Bangladesh, were welcomed as the new presidents of DDGA and TGC respectively.

Mustafa Osman Turan, Turkish ambassador to Bangladesh, was felicitated as the alternate president of the TGC in the programme.

They were congratulated by Brigadier General (retd) Manzur Kader, the vice-president of TGC, on behalf of the two clubs and the dignitaries.

Earlier, a friendly nine-hole golf tournament was organized at the Kurmitola Golf Club on this occasion. Lt Col Golam Mohaimen emerged champion in men's category while Luna Sarkar became champion in women's category in this golf tournament.

Ambassadors from Pakistan, Kosovo, Japan, Netherlands, Sweden, Bhutan and high commissioners and high officials of several missions as well as corporate professionals were also appeared.

"It will be easier to exchange ideas, socialization, culture, and friendship through golfing. Besides, a bond of harmony among us will be formed amid such an event," the organizers of the event said.


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US RYDER CUP TEAM WARY OF 'UNDERDOG' EUROPE'S BITE



A year's delay has only made the United States more hungry to reclaim the Ryder Cup, but captain Steve Stricker knows even a star-studded American side will have to battle to wrest the coveted trophy from Europe at Whistling Straits.

"I feel like on paper, from head to toe, the world ranking, I would say we're a stronger team," Stricker said of a team that features eight of the top 10 in the world rankings. "But I don't think our guys feel we're better. They know deep down how hard it is to beat them."

Europe have won nine of the last 12 editions and 11 since continental Europeans joined the biennial match play showdown, swelling the ranks of the team from Britain and Northern Ireland.

Spain's Sergio Garcia, one of Padraig Harrington's European captain's picks, has earned the most points in the continent's Ryder Cup history and owns a record of 22-12 with seven ties.

He says the Europeans are still in catch-up mode.

"We've obviously had a great run," Garcia said. "I'm not going to deny that. But at the same time, if you look overall, I think we're still behind ... and that's a goal to try to tilt the balance in our favor when it comes in the global score of the Ryder Cup."

Europe closed the gap in that overall record to 26 US wins to 14 European with two drawn with their victory at Le Golf National in France in 2018.

Then as now the USA boasted the advantage on paper, with players who had combined to win 10 of 16 prior major championships, but they were out-classed 17.5-10.5.

Europe's recent success make them unlikely underdogs despite the rankings, but there's no question they'll be in hostile territory at Whistling Straits, the bunker-strewn layout along the shore of Lake Michigan that has hosted three PGA Championships.

The notoriously partisan Ryder Cup crowd will have even fewer Europe backers this year as pandemic travel restrictions continue to bite.

England's Ian Poulter said the visitors will try to turn that to their advantage, as Europe's women did in the Solheim Cup matches in Ohio this month.

"It's a different scenario that we are going to experience and hopefully we can pull all of the energy from that that we need," he said. "Hopefully we can do just exactly what the girls did."

Poulter says the "magic sauce" for Europe has been team chemistry -- something US captain Stricker is trying to build on a squad featuring six rookies and the feuding duo of Brooks Koepka and Bryson DeChambeau.

Koepka has insisted he'll be ready to tee it up despite injuring his left wrist hitting out of the rough at the US PGA Tour Championship this month.

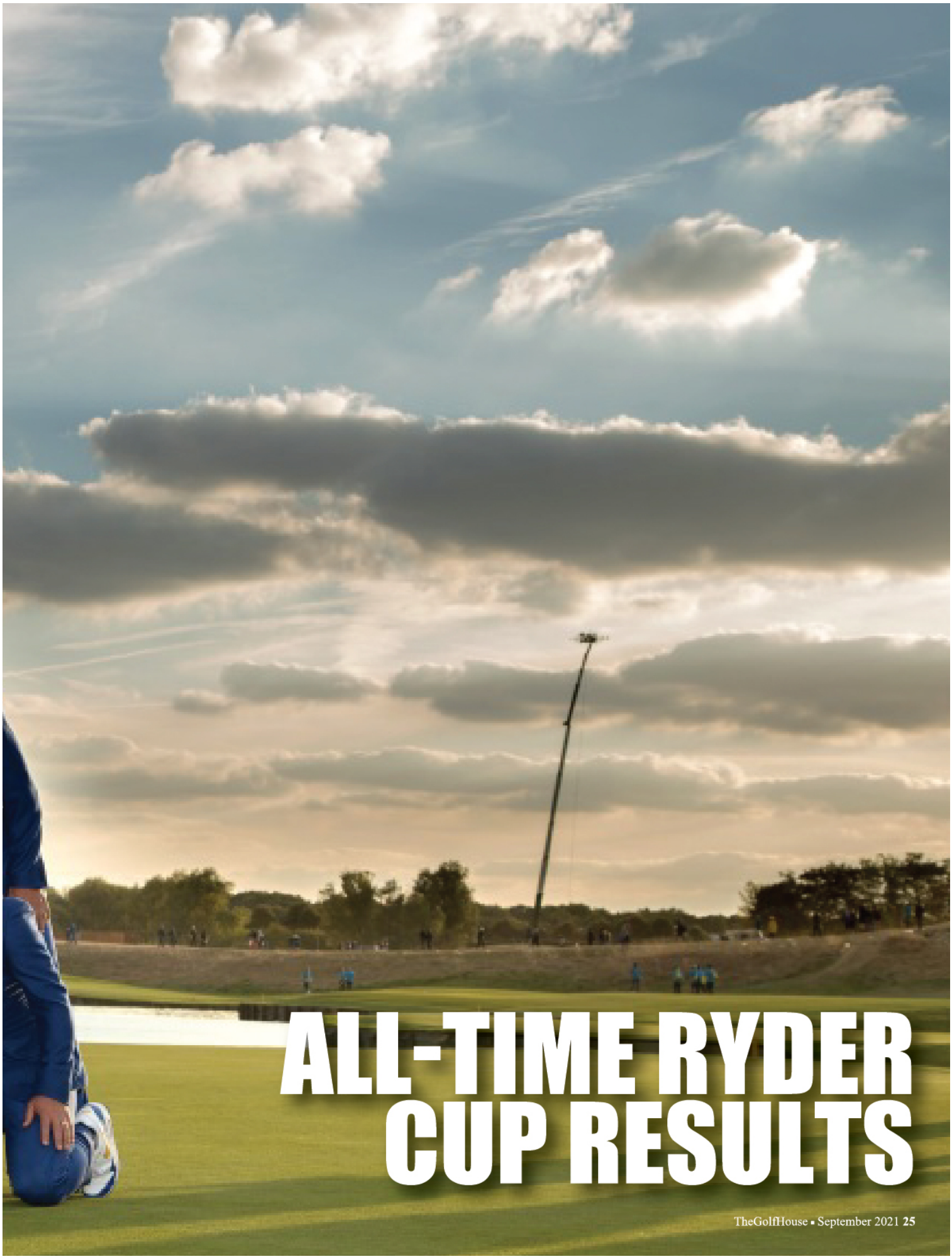
The four-time major champion raised eyebrows with an interview with Golf Digest in which he suggested team bonding might not be up his alley.

Stricker has downplayed the threat of dissension on a team that features other multiple major winners in Dustin Johnson, Collin Morikawa and Jordan Spieth, major champions Justin Thomas and DeChambeau as well as Tokyo Olympic champion Xander Schauffele and PGA Tour playoffs champion Patrick Cantlay along with Daniel Berger, Scottie Scheffler, Harris English and Tony Finau.

World number one Jon Rahm of Spain spearheads the European challenge, joined by former No. 1 Rory McIlroy, Matt Fitzpatrick, Tommy Fleetwood, Viktor Hovland, Bernd Wiesberger, Garcia, Poulter and 2019 British Open champion Shane Lowry.

What they lack in world rankings power and major titles they might well make up for in Ryder Cup experience, with a combined 39 Ryder Cup appearances and 12 victories among them.

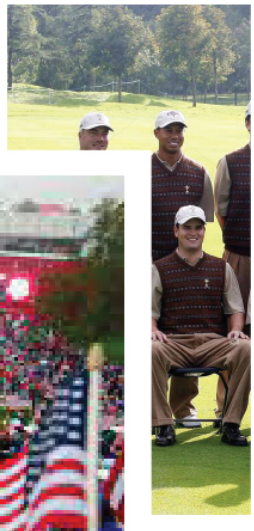




ALL-TIME RYDER CUP RESULTS













ALL-TIME RYDER CUP RESULTS

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1957: Britain 7.5 USA 4.5
1955: USA 8 Britain 4
1953: Britain 5.5 USA 6.5
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1935: USA 9 Britain 3
1933: Britain 6.5 USA 5.5
1931: USA 9 Britain 3
1929: Britain 7 USA 5
1927: USA 9.5 Britain 2.5

- Note: American opponents Britain from 1927-71, Britain and Ireland from 1973-1977, Europe from 1979 to present
- Overall record (USA wins, Europe/GBR & IRL wins, draws): 26-14-2



KIRADECH APHIBARNRAT RESET



After a popular and timely return to form over the past few weeks, Thailand's Kiradech Aphibarnrat is competing with renewed confidence in this week's Fortinet Championship ⊠ the opening event of the PGA Tour's 2021-22 season.

He shot an even-par 72 in the opening round yesterday at Silverado Resort and Spa North, Napa, California – where the lead was held by American Chez Reavie with a 65.

There is work to be done there for Kiradech but, at present, these are happier times for the Thai star, a three-time winner on the Asian Tour.

He lost his status on the PGA Tour this year after finishing outside the top-125 on the FedExCup ⊠ mainly the result of being hampered by an injury and Covid-related travel problems.

Back in 2018, he had memorably made history by becoming the first Thai to earn a card on the PGA Tour, for the 2018–19 season.

However, he only made the cut five times in 17 starts on the PGA Tour's 2020-21 season to record the poorest season of his career.

But any concerns about his future were quickly allayed in the space of a few weeks when first he regained his card via the Korn Ferry Tour Finals in the first week of September, and then the following week, on the other side of the Atlantic, he nearly won the BMW PGA Championship ⊠ the European Tour's flagship tournament, and a Rolex Series event.

The testing Korn Ferry Tour Finals are played over three successive events with the top-25 earning their cards; Kiradech made it through in 21st position.

"It's an amazing day, amazing week," he said at the time.

"I've played bad golf for almost two years because of my (knee) injury and the Covid situation but I just feel the last three months I've played solid golf and I deserved to get something back."

The Thai is now playing his fourth season on the PGA Tour and believes the challenges and pressure he faced in having to qualify again will serve him well.

He credited his family for providing him with morale support over the past few months after his wife, mother and sister flew to the U.S. and travelled with him across the three Korn Ferry Tour Finals events.

"It's always good to have family around. Get to eat some Thai food and you just feel more comfortable having family with you. Otherwise, you can feel lonely on Tour, and I certainly enjoyed myself the last few months," added Kiradech.

And, the comeback did not stop there as he went on to thrill the galleries at Wentworth Golf Club, venue for the BMW PGA Championship.

Twice before he has been a runner up in Rolex Series events although after a poor year not much was expected of him at Wentworth, despite his Korn Ferry Tour Finals success.

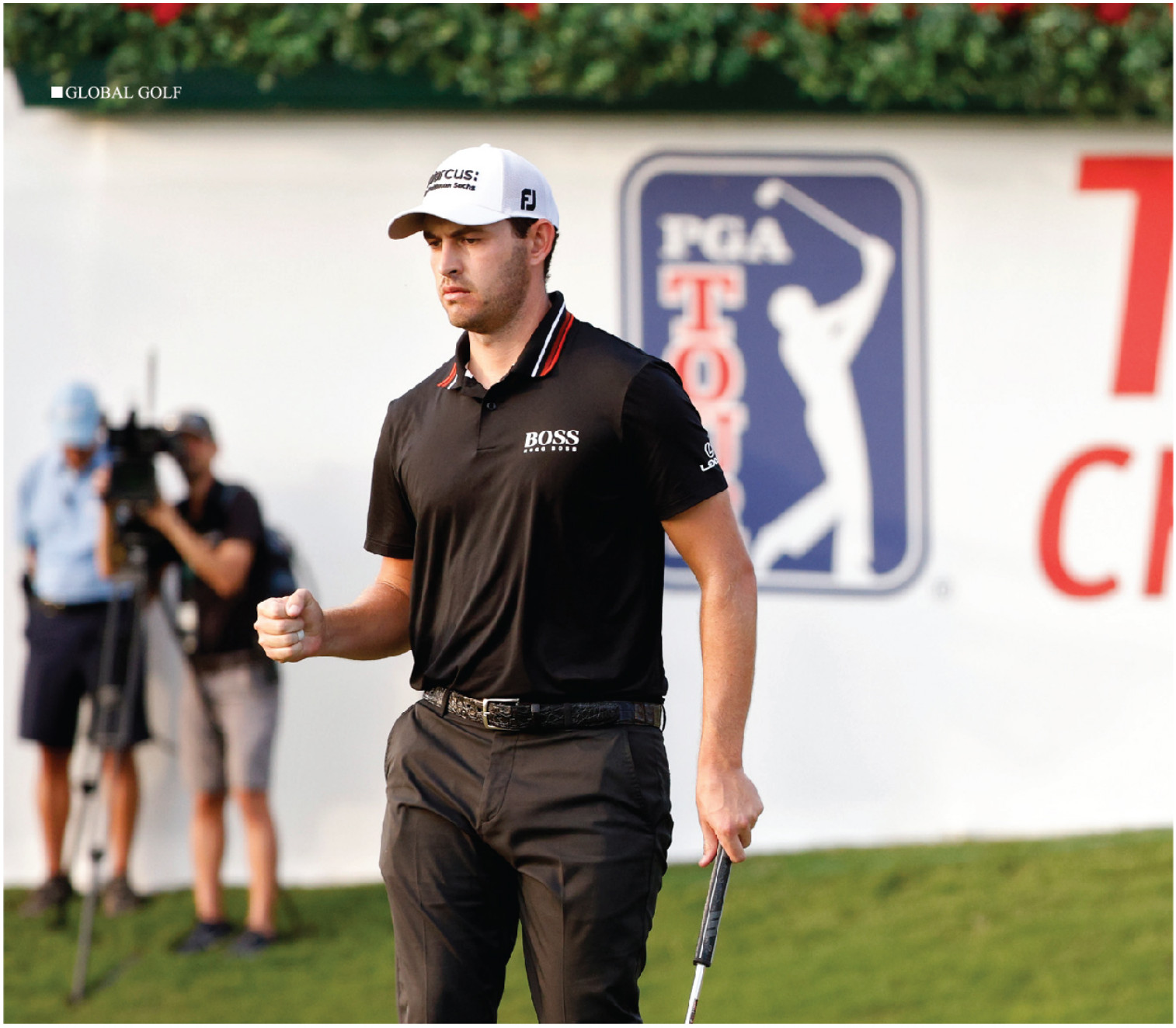
But the 32 year old ⊠ a four-time European Tour winner ⊠ was again on point and shot sublime rounds of 66 and 64 to lead by one at the half way mark.

"I'm really proud of the way I'm playing these first two rounds," he said. "A lot of good stuff in there.

"I don't want to really set a goal, to be honest. I just want to go out there and swing, what I'm doing the first two rounds, do the same thing I'm doing, try to hit fairways, greens. Whatever the result, at the end of the day, I just accept it."

He slipped back with a 74 on day three but responded in brilliant fashion, that suggested he has reset and is returning to his best, with a jaw-dropping 64 on Sunday to tie for second behind the champion, American Billy Horschel.

It was like the Kiradech of old and for his huge army of fans, hopefully, it is the Kiradech of the future.



CANTLAY TAKES BMW CHAMPIONSHIP CROWN



Patrick Cantlay drained a 17-foot birdie putt at the sixth playoff hole to deny Bryson DeChambeau and win the US PGA Tour BMW Championship.

Cantlay secured his fifth Tour title -- and his third of the year -- when DeChambeau was unable to get his own eight-foot birdie attempt to drop, an agonizing defeat for a player who had looks at potential tournament-winning putts at the 72nd hole and first three playoff holes.

"I'm as focused as I can be on every single shot, and I try not to let my mind get past the moment that I'm in," Cantlay said.

"Then I kind of let the chips fall where they do. I try not to get caught up in being out-driven 45 yards or whatever it is. I just try and lock in and do my absolute best in that moment, and my best is pretty good."

The last-group playing partners started the day tied for the lead and carded six-under par 66s to finish on 27-under 261 -- four strokes in front of South Korean Im Sung-jae.

The victory in the second of three PGA Tour playoff events sends Cantlay into the concluding Tour Championship atop the playoff standings and in pole position to claim the FedEx Cup top prize of $15 million.

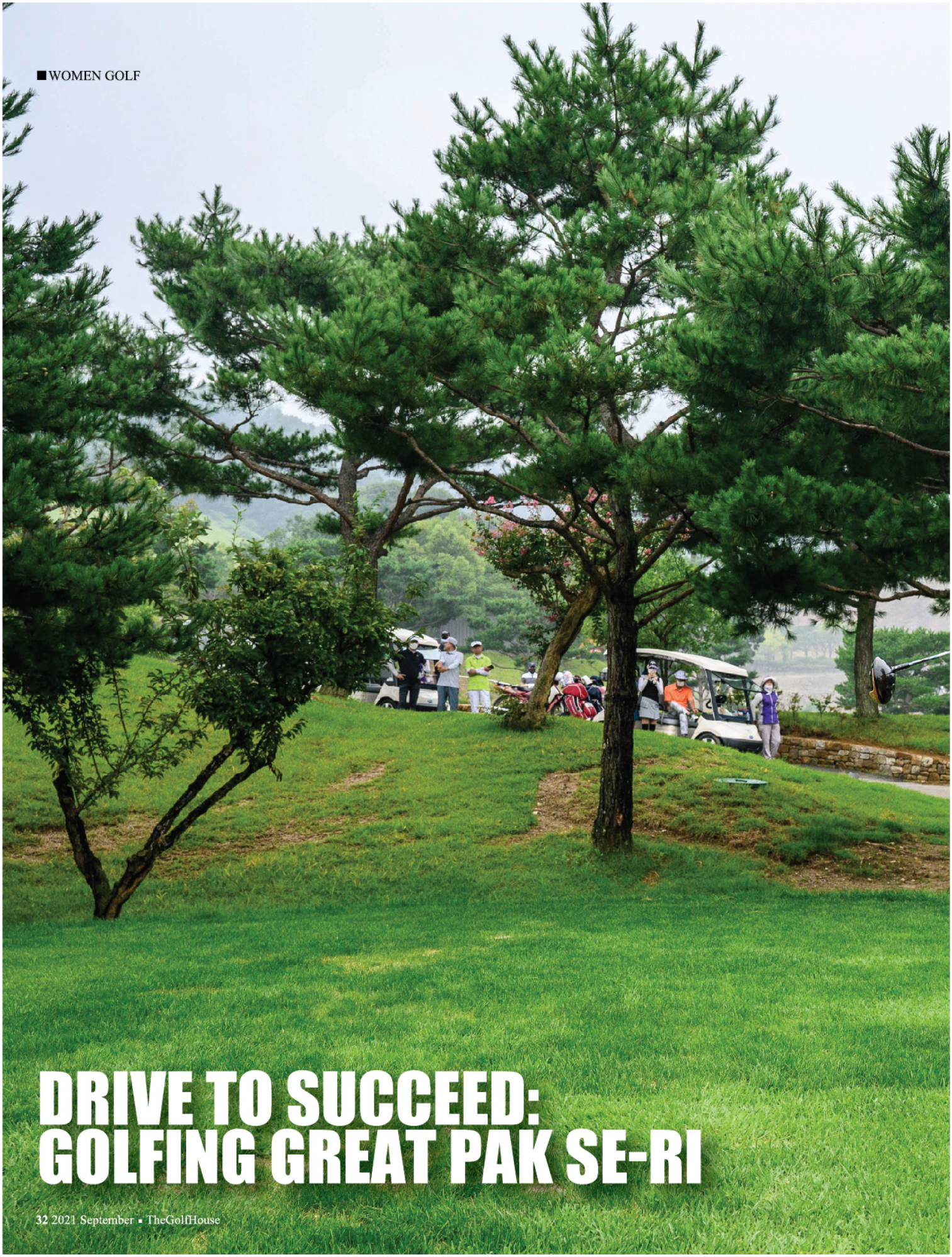
Cantlay rolled in a 21-foot birdie putt at the 72nd hole to pull even, piling the pressure on DeChambeau who couldn't get his 12-foot birdie attempt for the win to drop.

DeChambeau had taken a one-shot lead with a birdie at the par-five 16th, and appeared to be in full control when Cantlay hit his tee shot into the water at the par-three 17th.

But both players ended up with bogey there, Cantlay making a clutch eight-footer to limit the damage as DeChambeau's poor chip from the greenside rough left him a 10-footer for par that he missed.

The two had been neck-and-neck all day, DeChambeau using his long-hitting aggressive style and Cantlay a more methodical approach.

"My game feels really good," Cantlay said. "It has for a while now, since the Memorial, and I'm finally starting to putt like me again. It's really nice."



DRIVE TO SUCCEED: GOLFING GREAT PAK SE-RI







Five years after retiring, the woman who paved the way for South Korean golfers to dominate the ladies' game still exudes a sense of steely determination on the course.

Pak Se-ri addresses the ball before striking it straight and true with as smooth a swing as at the peak of her career.

Pak won the first of her 25 LPGA titles -- the 1998 US Open -- in her rookie season at the age of 20, the first Asian to win the oldest women's major.

Her success inspired a generation of South Korean women to follow in her golf-shoed footsteps, dubbed the "Pak Se-ri kids".

It was a moniker that weighed on her at first, giving her a "sense of burden" rather than pride, she told AFP.

And golf is perhaps the ultimate individual sport, with players having to confront their own weaknesses and team competitions such as the Solheim Cup rare exceptions rather than the rule.

"I went to the US to solely pursue my personal goal," she said in her first international media interview for three years. "But at one point my dream also became someone else's."

Later she began to share her LPGA knowledge with her fellow Korean competitors, as her mindset shifted "to focus on what kind of a role model I could be".

The "Pak Se-ri kids" phenomenon has endured and strengthened: South Korean women won at least one major every season from 2010 until this year.

Now three of the world's top five women golfers are South Korean, including number two Ko Jin-young, with seven of Korean nationality or descent in the top 10 -- although the country's male golfers are nowhere near as globally competitive.

'Entirely devoted to golf'

Women's world number four Kim Sei-young, who has 12 LPGA wins, told AFP: "If it wasn't for her, we would not have even recognised there was a career path in the US LPGA. "She is a trailblazer."

Pak puts the women's dominance down to "gruelling practice and strong mentality".

"There are no time limits on training for Korean golfers," she told AFP. "Their golf-life balance is entirely devoted to golf."

Western players have a different approach, she believes.

"They do their best at golf within their capability. But when they are done for the day, they find something else they enjoy."

Koreans would see that as risking their routine and focus, she says.

But the pressure to succeed and the unrelenting training regimen can ultimately be overwhelming.

"Everything is defined by tournament outcome and that makes life difficult," she said. "A burn-out could come in an instant. It did for me."

After winning the Michelob ULTRA Open in 2004 she missed the cut in her next event and went into a two-year slump.

"I had just won a competition a week before but found myself a totally different person on the green five days later."

It was not until the 2006 McDonald's LPGA Championship -- one of five majors on the LPGA tour -- that she recorded her next victory, winning a head-to-head playoff with a birdie on the first extra hole.

Sporting spirit

Since retiring from the game, Pak has built successful new careers both on television -- coaching celebrities in one show and camping with younger athletes in another -- and in business as co-CEO of sports marketing firm Baz International.

She remains instantly recognisable: in the space of three holes on a weekday afternoon at the Silk River Country Club in Cheongju -- which hosts the Pak Se-ri Invitational tournament later this month -- around a dozen fans approached to ask for selfies.

All were granted, with Pak friendly and professional at the same time.

But when a cameraman stood in front of her to film a tee shot she warned him: "You'll either end up in hospital or you won't make it alive."

Pak coached the South Korean women's golf team at this year's Olympics for the second time, but they failed to replicate Park In-bee's Rio 2016 gold and came home without a medal.

She feels a "heavier weight of responsibility" as a coach than as a competitor.

"As a player, you just focus on yourself," she said, but a coach's main mission is to "help players bring the best out of themselves".

The South Korean Olympic performance was marred by online abuse of triple gold medallist archer An San, with misogynists accusing her of being a feminist for having short hair.

But many female athletes keep their hair short to avoid distraction in competition, Pak noted -- as she did herself.

The archer "trained five years this time for the Tokyo Games and her fate could be decided in the span of three to five minutes", she added.

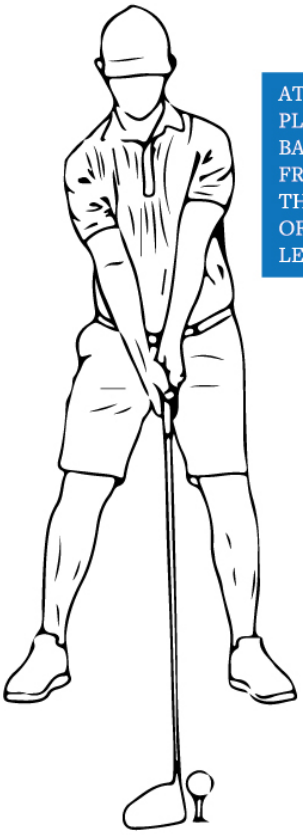
And her critics "do not understand the spirit of sport".

OPTIMISE YOUR DRIVER DISTANCE

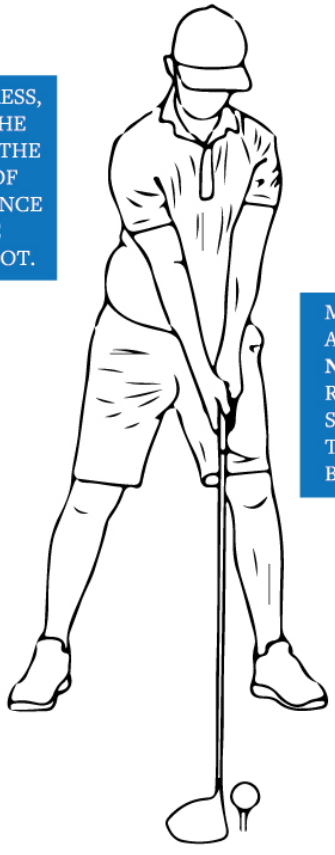
IN THE GAME OF GOLF WE ARE CONSTANTLY LOOKING TO FIND THOSE FEW EXTRA YARDS THAT MIGHT HELP US HAVE A SHORTER DISTANCE IN FOR OUR SECOND SHOTS.

Our driver is the club that brings us joy when it's struck well. It's interesting just how many golfers have a good idea of how to hit the driver yet miss the small details that make it possible to get the little bit of extra distance that we know is possible. You probably know that for driver, the ball position is slightly ahead of the regular position of an iron shot, and due to fact that the ball is resting on a tee, we actually strike the ball more efficiently when we strike with an ascending blow.

With that said, I see lots of players place their ball in a good position relative to their stance but they then change their body position and sometimes their hand position in ways that make it very difficult to achieve the correct strike. To fix this, make sure the position of your body and hands are correct at address and use a simple towel drill to build awareness of how to strike the ball in the correct moment of the swing arc.



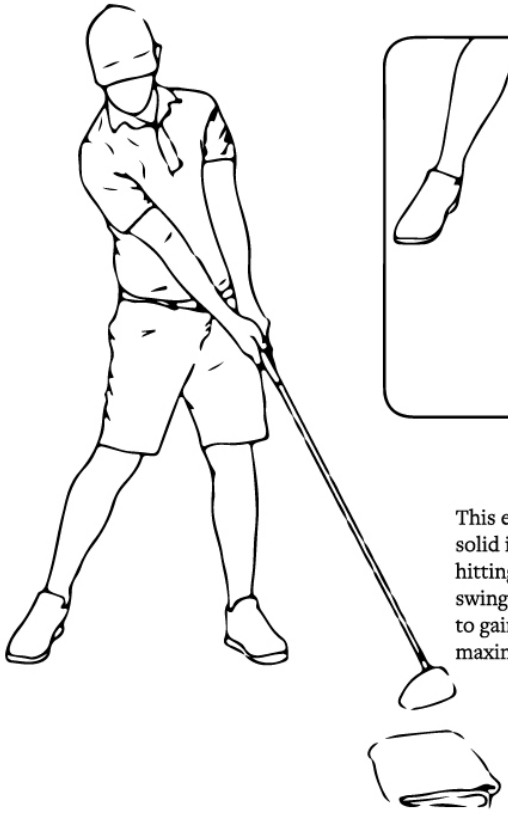
AT ADDRESS, PLACE THE BALL IN THE FRONT OF THE STANCE OFF THE LEAD FOOT.

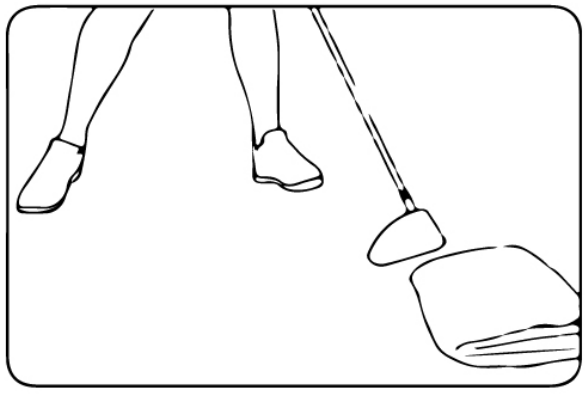


MAKE SURE AT ADDRESS **NOT** TO ROTATE THE SHOULDERS TO FACE THE BALL AT SETUP.



IF THE BODY IS ALREADY IN THE CORRECT POSITION, BE CAREFUL NOT TO MOVE THE HANDS FORWARD (THIS DEFEATS THE PURPOSE OF HAVING THE BALL POSITIONED FORWARD)



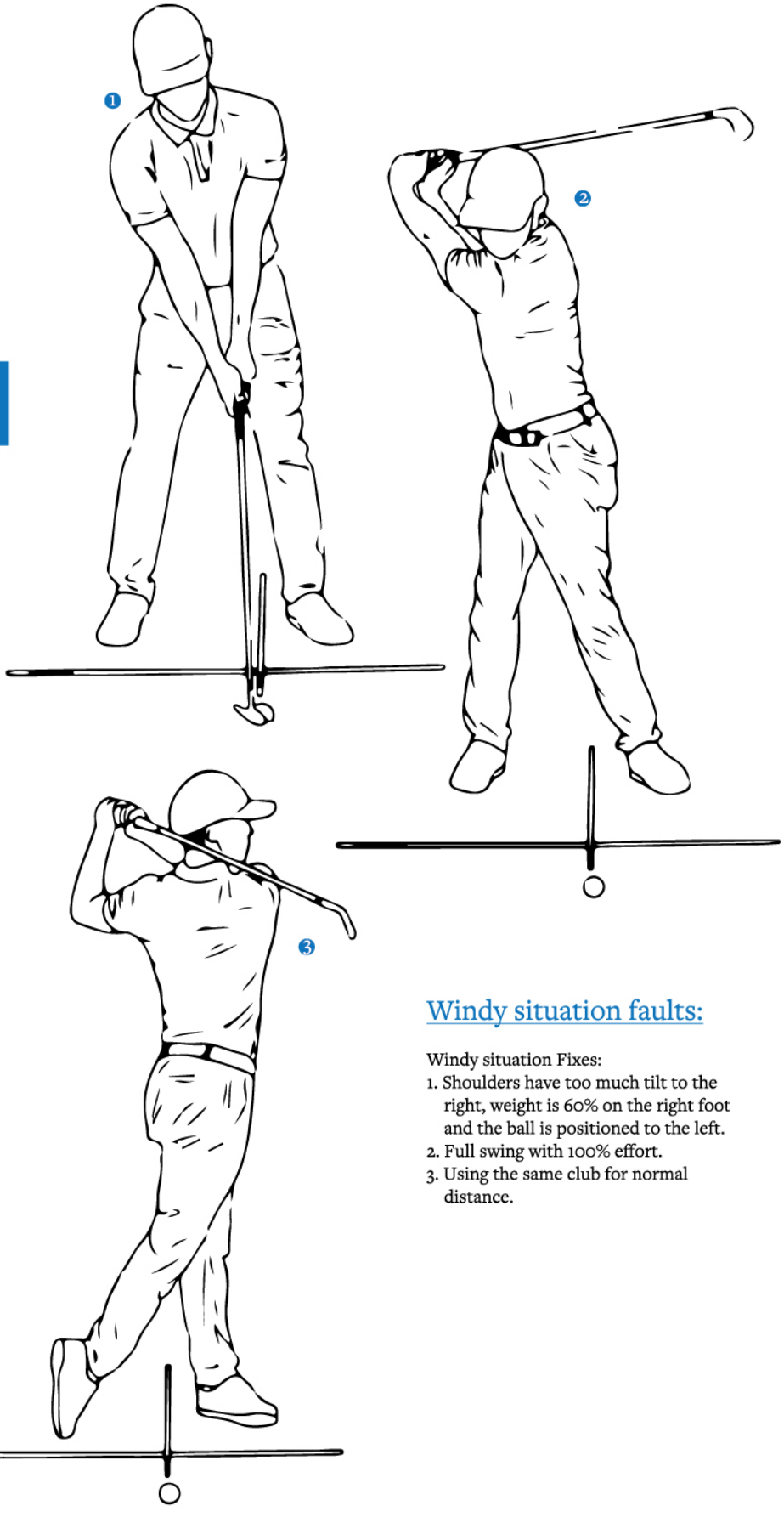


PLACE A FOLDED TOWEL ON THE TARGET LINE AND TRY NOT TO HIT IT WITH THE CLUB AS THE CLUB MOVES THOUGH TO THE FINISH.

This exercise is a great way to build a solid impact with a slightly ascending strike, hitting the ball at the correct moment in the swing arc. Getting good at this is a sure way to gain a few extra yards on your driver and maximize your distance.

If you would like to find more ways optimize your game, come and see us at the Leadbetter Golf Academy in Bali or Jakarta - we would love to help you reach your goals!

GO THROUGH THE WIND!

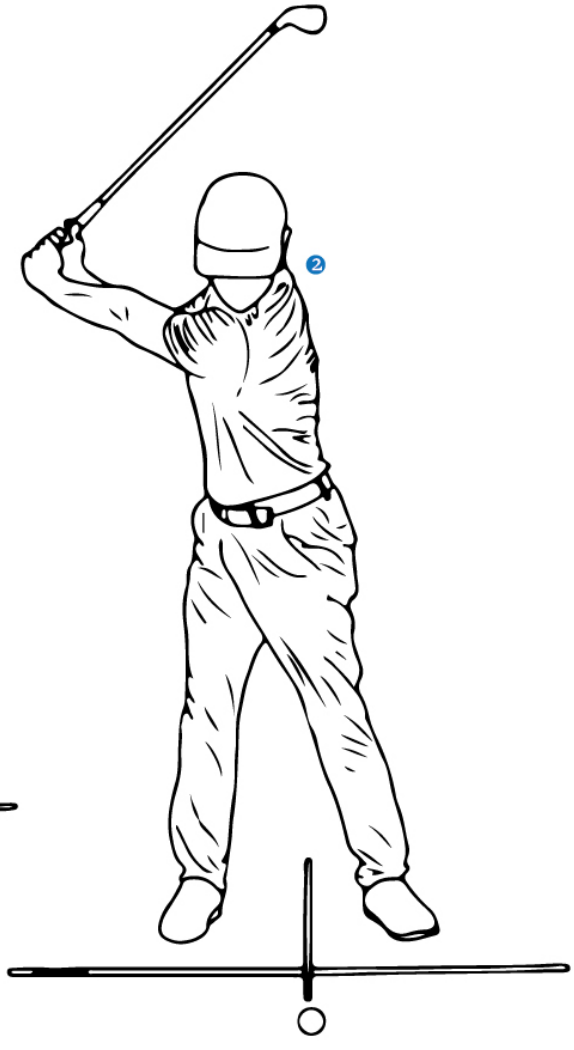


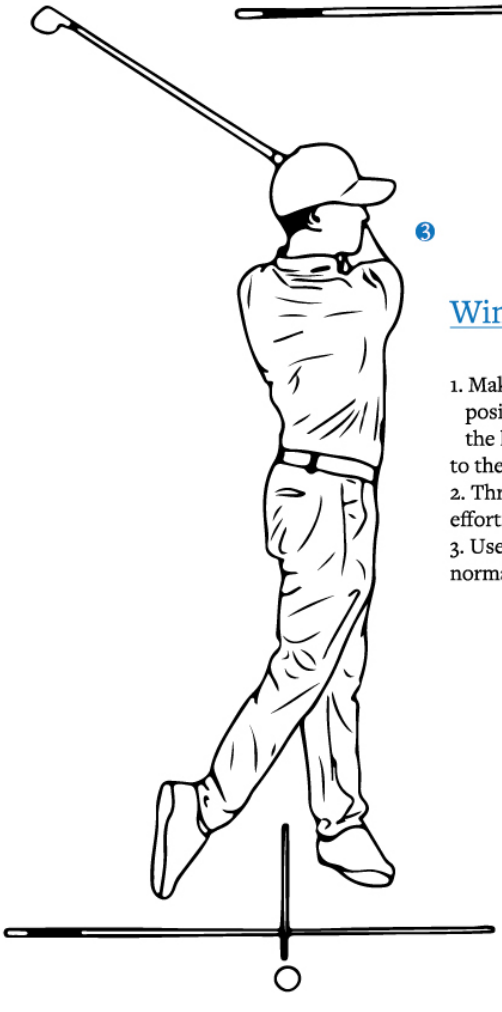
One factor that many golfers underestimate on the golf course is how much the wind affects your ball. There are situations where you feel like you've hit a perfect shot, exactly how you wanted it, yet you still see the ball drift off left or right ending up in the rough or a bunker. This is because amateur golfers often tend to swing harder and faster when it gets windy which will apply more spin to the ball resulting in a high, spiny ball flight.
Let's learn how to lower our ball flight and hit through the wind!

Windy situation faults:

Windy situation Fixes:
1. Shoulders have too much tilt to the right, weight is 60% on the right foot and the ball is positioned to the left.
2. Full swing with 100% effort.
3. Using the same club for normal distance.







Windy situation Fixes:

1. Make shoulders more level at set-up position. Your weight will be 60% on the lead foot, ball position will be more to the middle.
2. Three-quarter swing with 60~70% effort.
3. Use one or even two clubs higher than normal distance.

Windy environments definitely create a difficult and unpredictable situation; even professional golfers can struggle in the wind. However, if you learn how to hit a lower ball flight with less spin on the ball, you will be able to control the ball much better on a windy day.If you would like to find more waysoptimize your game, come and see us at the Leadbetter Golf Academy in Jakarta - we would love to help you reach your goals!

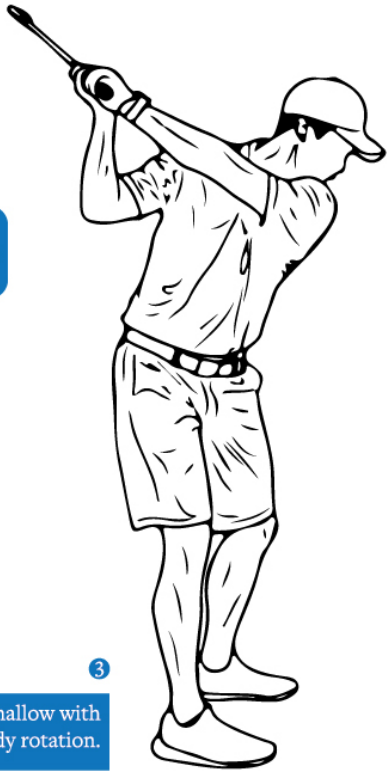
ROUGH NO PROBLEM

THE ROUGH IS ONE OF THE PLACES WHERE ALL PLAYERS STRUGGLE. FOR AMATEURS ESPECIALLY, YOU HAVE A MUCH LOWER PERCENTAGE OF HITTING THE FAIRWAY OR GREEN FROM THIS POSITION.

It's crucial to know how to hit the ball from the rough to get back in play or give you a chance to save par. I think it is key to acknowledge and accept that it is a difficult shot to hit and to predict. The biggest difference in hitting a shot out of the rough is that you will probably catch some grass between the ball and club which will cause your clubface to shut and hit a heavy shot that goes low, short, and left. To have a chance of hitting it straighter and more solidly out of the rough there are some must-know factors. Let's get to it!



❷ Shutting or leaving the clubface square at address position.



❸ Swinging too shallow with a lot of body rotation.

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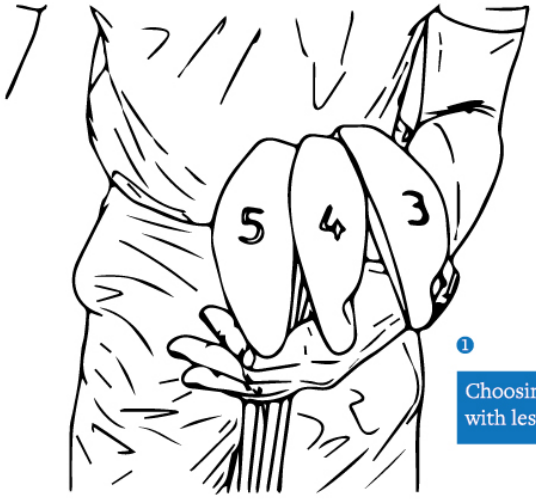
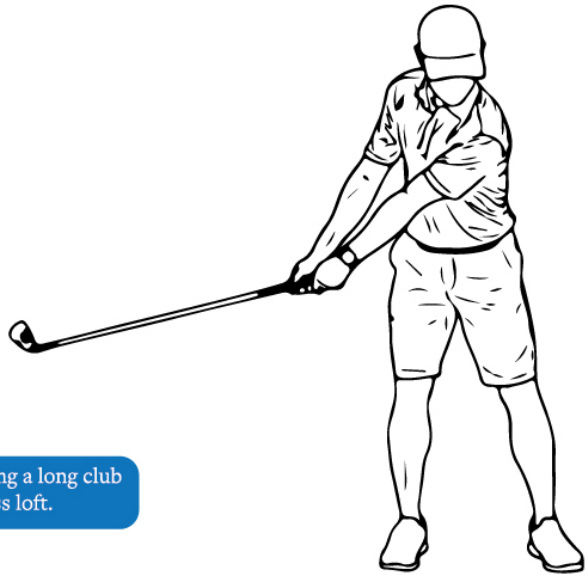
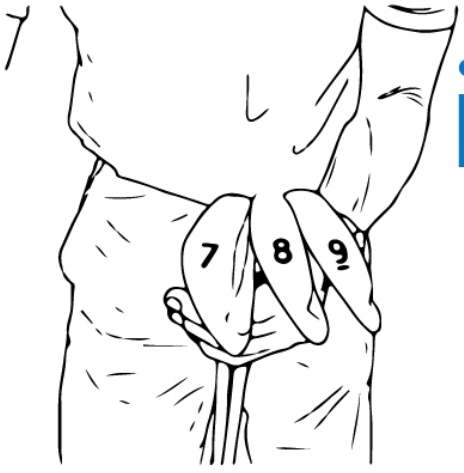


❶ Choosing a long club with less loft.



ROUGH SHOT SECRETS



1. Choosing a shorter club that has higher loft.



3. Swing more upright with a quicker hinging motion in the wrist at the start of the swing.





2. Opening the clubface a little bit and re-gripping the club at address position.

These changes will help you to launch the ball out of the rough to the target with less effort. Remember these positions to stress less in the rough!

FIX YOUR SLICE

ONE OF THE MOST COMMON PROBLEMS WITH MANY AMATEURS IS A SLICE. GET SOME TIPS TO HELP FIX YOUR CLUB CUTTING ACCROSS THE TARGET LINE AT IMPACY WITH AN OPEN CLUBFACE.

The frustrating part of hitting slices for the many golfers that do, is that they are unsure how to create a movement pattern that can get the path moving more from the inside to create a nice draw.

More often than not, I see people trying to resolve this issue by starting the takeaway further inside. Unfortunately, this can make the problem worse. When you take the club back on the inside, it leaves the shaft low and flat (this also causes other problems like flaring the clubface open and flattening the plane of the shoulders) and in the transition to the downswing the club could now move outside and steepen. This may contribute to the problem worsening over time.

To ensure you are on the correct track to fixing the main problem, follow the simple drills on the right page to create awareness of the club plane in the backswing and on the way down to impact.

These exercises develop the movement pattern for your club. After you have some confidence with this movement, try hitting some golf balls. Keep in mind, to create a draw the clubface must point at the intended starting line at impact with the club path more inside than the clubface.

For more tips and on how to shape your shots the way that you want, come see us at the Leadbetter Golf Academy.





Club starts low and flat under the swing plane.



Too far inside and behind the body.



Club moves outside the swing plane with a steep descent into the ball.



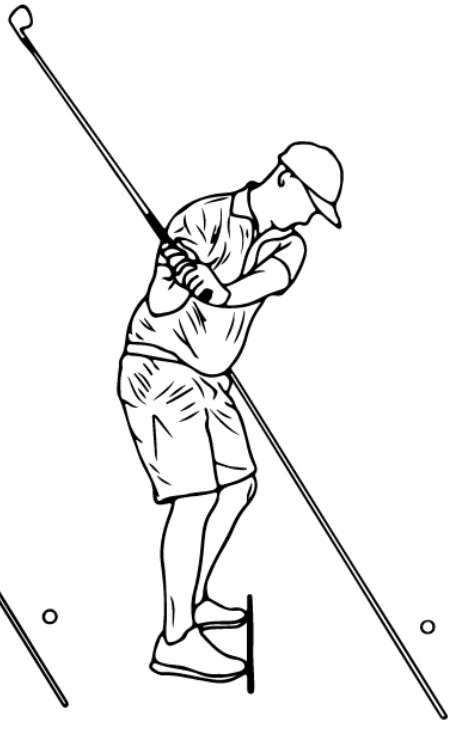
Use an alignment stick on the original shaft plane to help create the awareness in the new movement pattern.



Start the takeaway along the target line with the club head on the outside of the alignment stick.



Moving to the top of the backswing create a steeper angle with the shaft so that the butt of the shaft points in between the ball and the feet.



For the transition into the downswing, now shallow the club back parallel to the original shaft plane as you rotate through to impact, missing the alignment stick on the inside.

Callaway's new Apex 21 iron family

Everyone wants to hit the ball like a tour pro. This extends from booming drives to precisely struck, soaring iron shots that settle close to the pin.

That said, the irons TOUR pros play are rarely, if ever, the best-suited weapons for average amateurs as they wage war with old man par (as much as they attempt to convince themselves otherwise).

Xander Schauffele and Jon Rahm, for example, play Callaway's Apex TCB irons. At the "elite player" end of the Apex 21 cavity back iron spectrum, TCB (Tour Cavity Back), irons feature a more compact shape and TOUR pro-preferred look at address as well as a weighting system more conducive to the needs of the best golfers in the world.

On the other end of Callaway's Apex 21 lineup is an iron similar in name but packed with technology for a very different player: the Apex DCB (Deep Cavity Back). The DCB is built for a player who needs more forgiveness but who still wants to play a forged club. It's an iron that shares the same soul as the Apex TCB Jon Rahm played en route to his U.S. Open win, but it's presented in a package much more beneficial to an 18-handicapper who is pursuing club championship or Tuesday night league glory.

"What's interesting is that the TCB and DCB are two ends of the Apex offering, but they share the same forged DNA. The Tour Cavity Back is our most popular Tour iron, with a compact shape that still provides some forgiveness. Whereas the Deep Cavity Back, or DCB, is a game improvement model for players who want forged performance but also need extra help, particularly in the long irons." - Dave Neville, Senior Director, Brand & Product Management

In addition to the two poles in the Apex cavity back world, Callaway's Apex 21 family also includes, Apex MB, Apex Pro, and Apex irons.

For more on the specifics of each of these models, and which one is right for your game, check out a detailed breakdown below.



Apex MB

The new Apex MB iron from Callaway features a slight offset decrease compared to its 2018 predecessor, along with a brushed satin finish, a slight reduction in the top line, modified height in the toe, and a weighting port in the back of the club.

Forged from 1025 carbon steel with a classic blade shape, the clubhead also contains a slightly narrower sole and less offset than the 2018 version, while the clubs' 20V grooves are designed to provide optimal spin control in and out of the rough to prevent unwanted fliers.

The visible removable weight at the back of the club allows swing-weight changes to be made without altering the center of gravity location, a feature that the stronger player will appreciate.

The brushed finish of the iron also helps to reduce glare compared to its predecessor.



Apex TCB

Specifically designed for Tour players and elite golfers, the Apex TCB irons combine forged performance, shot-making, and control in a Tour-inspired forged 1025 players cavity back.

Played by 2021 U.S. Open Champion Jon Rahm, the clubs feature a thin topline and narrow sole along with a premium satin finish.

Internal and also external metal injected molded tungsten weighting in the Apex TCBs aims to provide precise shot control through the entire set, while the clubs also offer the opportunity to alter the CG (center of gravity) for the best players who want and need to fine-tune their game.



Apex Pro

The 2021 Callaway Apex Pro is designed with an Artificial Intelligence Flash Face Cup to increase ball speeds and forgiveness in a hollow-bodied forged 1025 mild carbon steel chassis.

The internal tungsten weighting system goes all the way up to 90 grams in the 7-iron to ensure greater launch characteristics while simultaneously improving forgiveness, while the irons also incorporate Callaway's urethane microsphere injection, which is designed to fine-tune feel and sound.

The club contains a compact players profile that contains just a hint of offset, a thin topline, and a players sole that has been designed to provide optimized turf interaction.



Apex

With an A.I-designed Flash Face Cup, the Callaway 21 Apex irons are designed to provide high ball speeds and increased spin robustness across the face. At the same time, the 100% forged body and proprietary urethane microspheres aim to deliver optimal sound and feel at impact.

Each Apex iron face is tuned to complement the loft (i.e. long irons = high launch/low spin, mid irons = mid launch/mid spin, short irons = lower launch/higher spin), with a focus on spin to allow golfers maximum control over their iron shots.

The new 2021 Callaway Apex Forged incorporates five times the tungsten as its previous version (up to 64 grams in the 9-iron). Combined with Callaway's urethane microsphere injection, this creates an iron that gives you that crisp forged iron feel, all while giving you the help you need across the face of the club.

An extensive Tungsten Energy Core has been designed to offer a club with excellent forgiveness, while the enhanced shaping of the 2021 Callaway Apex irons also seeks to provide golfers with improved turf interaction.



Apex DCB

The Apex DCB irons are for those wanting the Apex Forged experience but with a bit of added forgiveness, combining the look, feel, and performance of a forged players club with the forgiveness of a deep cavity back.

The deep cavity back design and enhanced sole width aim to promote easy launch and solid turf interaction out of various lies. The irons are engineered with an A.I.-designed Flash Face Cup and up to 50 grams of tungsten per iron in order to maximize launch and forgiveness on off-center hits. The club's profile features a bit more offset, a thicker top line, a wider sole, and a longer blade length in design to combine added forgiveness with greater speed.



GOLF, STUDY, SLEEP, REPEAT



IS THIS HOW YOUR LIFE LOOKS LIKE RIGHT NOW? IF IT IS, YOU ARE ONE STEP CLOSER TO A COLLEGE GOLF LIFE! GOLF, STUDY, SLEEP, REPEAT. THIS IS, IN ESSENCE, THE LIFE OF A NCAA DIVISION 1 (TOPTIER GOLF TEAM) STUDENT-ATHLETE.

So why play college golf? So far does it sound more like a struggle, than a fun and rewarding experience? Well, I played because I just loved the game. Some people also play because it pays their tuition. Hey, it paid mine too! But more than anything, I did what I did, because of the people--my teammates, my coach, my parents--who motivated me, encouraged me. Who celebrated my wins and picked me up when I was down.

Because there is an unexplainable joy when you are celebrating a win or even the smallest accomplishment, not just as an individual, but as a team. Because the feeling of absolute elation when your team wins the conference title and qualifies for the National Championships, makes all the hard work leading up to that moment, totally worth it. It's something no one can take away.

With my parents being halfway across the world, my teammates were my support system when I was in college in the United States.

They became my extended family. They are my support system even today - so many years on, after college golf is over.

All the exhaustion and seemingly "negative" aspects that come with being a college golfer are nothing compared to what the experience actually brings. I learnt that college golf was more than playing golf to secure a scholarship to pay for my education. The life of a college golfer builds character. College golf is an education – an education of perseverance and determination. The experience pushes an athlete to find their "inner strength" to survive in the real world beyond golf and college. That is what you can expect from college golf.

The daily routine of a college golfer really instills discipline. I was recruited to play college golf for the University of Richmond's Women's Golf team. 3-4 hour practices, 6 times a week was the norm. Three times a week, we woke up at 6 am for team workouts. We took classes in the morning, so that we could practice our game in the afternoon. The day would sometimes end with tutoring sessions or another class in the evening. On average, a Student-Athlete spends 30 hours or more on their sport. Yes, it's a lot! But if you allocate less time for golf, you run the risk of being overtaken by your more disciplined teammates. If you allocate less time for studying, then of course, you would risk graduating with flying colors.

Let's compare it to regular students daily schedule. If I were just a regular student, I would not have to worry about waking up early in the morning for workouts, or bunching up all my classes in the morning to make time for afternoon practice. I would not have to sleep early to make sure I have enough rest for the next day's practice or qualifier or tournament round. I would not have to do my homework on the road when we travelled for tournaments. After classes I would have time to nap and/or hangout with friends. I would even have the time to take up some part-time work on campus. But wait! My friends are on the bus with me when I travel to practice and tournaments! My teammates pushed me to become the best version of myself that I can possibly be! So if you are currently living the "Golf, Study, Sleep, Repeat" life, you are on the right track! You are already ahead of the game in terms of adjusting to the collegiate golf life. Keep working hard on both your golf and academics, because these will only get you closer to your goal.

And of course, don't forget to #DreamBig!

Jessica Lydia received a 100% golf scholarship to study at the University of Richmond, Virginia, USA, where she competed for her college golf team and graduated with a Business Administration: Finance degree. She is now with AddedSport, a sports management company that focuses on helping students and student-athletes across Asia achieve their dreams of playing college sports in the U.S.



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“I NEEDED TO UP MY GAME TO BE ABLE TO BUY A DECENT CAR”







I was always a wannabe petrolhead as a youngster – I just didn't have the finances to be able to buy a nice car.

My mum and dad always had very high mileage secondhand cars and my first was a £300 Vauxhall Astra. I had that for about 18 months before it died, then I bought myself a Fiesta XR2i. That was a very high mileage car again, but at least it was something a bit quicker. It didn't last long, though – I crashed it soon after.

All I could afford afterwards was a £150 1.0-litre Fiesta. I was doing 50-minute drives to work every day, so it wasn't long before that died. When I was 20, I realised that I really needed to up my golf game to be able to buy a decent car. I remember winning my first tournament and earning about £1,400 – shortly after I upgraded to a much newer Vauxhall Nova.

Over the next couple of years, my golf improved significantly, and my first proper car as a petrolhead was an R34 Nissan Skyline GT-R. It was an awesome car. I had it in Bayside Blue with no modifications. I'm actually trying to find it at the moment so I can buy it back. I know it's in the UK.

I won the Italian Open in 2000, and then a couple of other tournaments after that, and eventually I managed to buy myself a Ferrari 360 Modena. That was the first of my Ferraris – I've got a few now. I look at the history and heritage, going right back to their racing roots. They've had so much success through the years and I just love learning about all the different models.

I drive them a bit, but I also try and maintain them in perfect condition. My oldest is a 1967 275 GTB Four Cam. I had that fully restored about three years ago.

It's silver with black leather and won a Platinum Award at the Cavallino Classic concours last year. Next, in age order, is a 288 GTO. That's an amazing car, it's done 2,800 miles in 34 years.

I've got a 1990 Testarossa, which is my dad's favourite car so I had to buy it. Then there's an Enzo, a 458 Speciale Aperta – I'm jumping around now – and a 550 Barchetta.

I've also got the LaFerrari and a LaFerrari Aperta, and my daily-driving Ferrari is an FF. Then there's the 488 Pista Aperta – that's an absolute weapon. You can thrash the living hell out of it and it still wants more. And I've got a 512M – a right-hand drive version – I think they made 36 of them for the UK market.

It's not just Ferraris, though. I've got a Ford GT from 2005 and also a new one – that wasn't easy to get hold of. Then I've got a Porsche 911 GT2 RS and a Mercedes- AMG G63 which I like to use every day. The family car is a GLS 63.

Asking which is my favourite is like asking which one of my kids I prefer. I sold two cars a couple of years ago that I sort of regret, though; I had an amazing F50 which had done 240 miles from new, and an F40 which was just such an awesome car to drive. I'm looking to get both of those back.

I have a wish list of cars I'd love to own at some point, but being 43 I'm probably not going to be able to fulfil it. They're bloody expensive, so I'm trying to play as good golf as I can to pacify the fascination.



New York's climate change-themed mini golf course





An 18-hole mini golf course opened earlier this month in New York City's borough of Brooklyn, with the aim of teaching players about climate change.

Each of the 18 holes at the Putting Green mini golf course showcases a climate change problem or solution. A placard at each hole describes the theme.

For example, hole 1 shows how litter and debris get washed down storm drains and into waterways, while hole 2 shows what happens when a whale dies and sinks to the bottom of the ocean.

Hole 3 describes polar bear habitat loss as ice disappears, hole 6 shows how extreme weather could trigger climate refugees, and hole 12 highlights the energy inefficiency of older city buildings.

"Climate change and the environment are such important topics right now," said Mike Lampariello, the director of Domino Park where the course in located. "So by bringing the environmental issues to the forefront in a fun, playful way like mini golf, it really sparks the conversation and helps folks understand the scope of the issue."

Each of the course's holes was designed by local artists or non-profit groups such as the Building Energy Exchange, which designed the "Energy Efficient Buildings" hole.

While many full-sized golf courses are criticized by environmentalists as wasteful and harmful to ecosystems, Putting Green was constructed with "environmentally responsible materials," including reclaimed wood used for the decking. A model of Earth made from used bottle caps and recycled turf greets guests.

Visitors to the course said they appreciate the climate change message.

"It's good to teach both adults and kids because there's some information on these signs that I didn't even know, especially some of the stuff about urban resiliency to climate change," said Emanuel Evans, who was playing mini golf with his son Liam.

"All of a sudden you go through the hole, you read the little paragraph and go, 'Oh, I didn't realize that,'" said mini golfer Brett Serafin. "It's certainly a way to inform people while also letting them have some fun."

According to organizers, profits from the course will benefit two local environmental groups - The Wildlife Conservation Society and the Newtown Creek Alliance.

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