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The following products were tested and recommended by at least two out of every three PGA TOUR Partners Club testers. 1,619 Club members tested more than \$47,000 worth of equipment for this issue. The Overall member rating is an average of all specific ratings as scored by each tester. 10-Excellent, 5-Average, 1-Poor. To view detailed ratings of each tested product, go to partnersclubonline.com.

Nicklaus AirMax DPT 460 Driver

OVERALL MEMBER RATING 9.1

Nicklaus Golf's new AirMax DPT 460 driver is micro welded of forged titanium. The big 460cc head and multi-layer face construction [thicker in center and thinner around perimeter] increases forgiveness. Its Dual Point Technology [DPT] aligns the center of gravity with the club's optimal face flex to increase ball speed. Available in five shaft flexes and a variety of lofts with offset versions. For more information, contact: Nicklaus Golf Equipment, 800-322-1872, www.nicklausgolf.com. \$299.



E. Denni Ehrenberger, Sierra Vista, AZ: "I have owned 14 drivers and the AirMax DPT 460 is the best driver for my game. I am now 15-20 yards longer off the tee and more accurate than ever before."

Mark Millard, Simi Valley, CA: "The AirMax DPT 460 driver looks great and has an exceptional feel at impact. The distance was amazing as the ball explodes off the clubface."

Vulcan Sniper Hybrid Transition Wood

OVERALL MEMBER RATING 8.7

The Sniper Hybrid Transition woods are cast of strong 17-5 stainless steel with a hard steel face to increase distance. A lightweight carbon crown lowers the center of gravity toward the heavy sole to produce high-launching shots that hold greens. Fitted with an enhanced tip Aldila V-Tech shaft and available in 17-, 20- and 23-degree lofts. The Sniper Hybrid is a good option to replace long irons. For more information, contact: Vulcan Golf LLC, 800-842-1836, www.vulcangolf.com. \$129.



Jerel Blair, Memphis, TN: "The Sniper Hybrid Transition wood is easier to hit than my 3- and 4-irons, giving me added distance, trajectory and control. The club is a very good value."

Michael Plunkett, The Villages, FL: "I have used the Sniper Hybrid off the tee and in the fairway. In both cases the ball held true to my target line."

Ping Sensor Cool Polo

OVERALL MEMBER RATING 9.3

The Sensor Cool Polo from Ping Collection merges Dry-Fiber Dynamics and Sensor Cool fabric technologies for supreme temperature regulation. Dry-Fiber Dynamics fabric absorbs, wicks and dries quickly as the Sensor Cool fabric absorbs excess body heat and stores it until the body cools down. Ping combines these technologies to keep golfers cool, dry and fashionable both on and off the course. For more information, contact: Ping Collection, 800-775-1107, www.pingcollection.com. \$54.

Richard Leffer, Del Ray Beach, FL: "The material in the Sensor Cool polo seemed to absorb the perspiration and heat, making me feel 10-15 degrees cooler than the actual temperature."

Arnold Dunn, Potsdam, NY: "The Sensor Cool polo keeps my sweat away and keeps the shirt dry. It is extremely comfortable and gives me ample room to make a full swing."



DeLaCruz Wolfram Wedges

OVERALL MEMBER RATING 8.2

DeLaCruz Golf's Wolfram wedges feature a W90tm [Tungsten Carbide alloy] face insert. This wear-resistant face utilizes precise diamond ground U grooves to produce consistent spin and trajectory control for many golf seasons. A unique sole design allows the club to rest underneath the ball as the bounce angle goes straight back from the generous leading edge. Available in 52-, 55- and 60-degree lofts. For more information, contact: DeLaCruz Golf, 760-732-0100, www.delacruzgolf.com. \$150 per wedge.



Troy Halsey, Fort Smith, AR: "Once I replaced my three wedges with the Wolfram wedges, my scores lowered by four to six strokes a round. I then shot my first round in the 70s."

Corey Jones, Tulsa, OK: "The Wolfram wedges have an amazing amount of control. The insert grabs the ball and puts it where you want with the desired spin."

GolfGym PowerSwing Trainer Personal Edition

OVERALL MEMBER RATING 8.0

GolfGym's PowerSwing Trainer combines the ProPerfect training grip and resistance PowerCord to increase flexibility and strengthen golf-specific muscles. Using the suggested exercises on the exercise program and DVD, golfers will build muscle memory and master the feel of their own swing. The convenient carrying case along with a door attachment and foot anchor allow golfers to improve their conditioning wherever they desire. For more information, contact: GolfGym LLC, 877-4-GOLFGYM, www.golfgym.com. \$39.95.

Fred Shay, Merritt Island, FL: "Every serious golfer should have the PowerSwing Trainer. It's a portable gym that has improved my game by increased distance, improved balance, strength and endurance."

Shaun Millard, Loganville, GA: "All of the exercises with the PowerSwing Trainer are effective at targeting golf-specific muscles. This is a great tool to build strength and flexibility."



The Athletic Glove Grabber

OVERALL MEMBER RATING 8.5



Invented by Partners Club Life Member Jim Paradise, the Athletic Glove Grabber is a simple and convenient place to store your golf glove. Gloves attach using Velcro, which allows them to hang and dry naturally. Gone are the days when golfers used two or three gloves per round or lost gloves because they fell out of a pocket. Available in a variety of colors and logos with custom printing options. For more information, contact: Sports Paradise Inc., 877-846-0724, www.sportsparadiseinc.com. \$8.95 Retail. Partners Club special pricing of \$5.95 plus FREE shipping and handling.

Bert Quinlan, Camden, AR: "The Athletic Glove Grabber could be the golf version of the paper clip or post-it note."

Dwayne Vanderhorst, San Jose, CA: "It is simple, convenient and effective. No more stuffing your glove in a pocket or golf bag. The glove stays secure, dry and will not be lost, while also extending its life."



If you would like to be a Product Tester, you must submit a Product Test Profile form to the Club. The Profile form is available in hard-copy from Member Services [888-672-2223] or online at www.partnersclubonline.com. You will be selected to test a golf product on a first-come, first-served basis, provided you are qualified to test the product that is available. Your test product will be delivered to you completely free—it's yours to keep. You are required to return a brief report on the product. Sign up today.

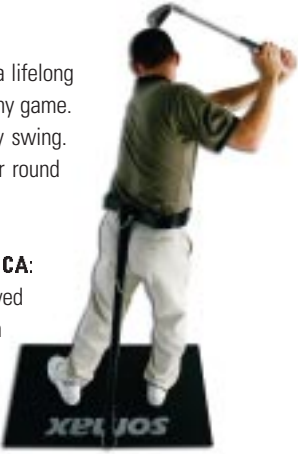
Somax Power Hip Trainer

OVERALL MEMBER RATING 8.0

The Somax Power Hip Trainer is the only aerobic exercise machine specifically designed to improve the strength, timing and speed of hip rotation. A heavy-duty spring attaches the base to the hip cinch and creates resistance when working out through a variety of exercises. A 90-minute DVD covers assembly, how to measure your current flexibility and drills to help create a more powerful swing from a better rotation of the hips. For more information, contact: Somax Sports, 800-227-6629, www.somaxsports.com. \$275.

Dean Hogaboam, Dade City, FL: "As a lifelong slicer, the Power Hip Trainer has saved my game. My hips finally beat my arms during my swing. I've dropped a minimum five strokes per round with a more effortless swing."

Gianni Roque, Rancho Cucamonga, CA: "The Somax Power Hip Trainer has improved my flexibility and hip rotation, resulting in a better swing. It will add power, flexibility and confidence golfers need to perform at their full potential."



Golf Kart Kaddy
OVERALL MEMBER RATING 6.5

The Golf Kart Kaddy securely attaches a bag to a motorized cart using the adjustable Velcro belt and holds the bag at an angle. It fits on any size golf bag, allowing for easy removal and return of clubs and also provides full access to all golf bag pockets. When not at the course, the Golf Kart Kaddy folds down for safe storage. For more information, contact: Golf Kart Kaddy Inc., 877-844-3433, www.golfkartkaddy.com. \$59.99.

Joe Kirk, Tullahoma, TN: "Using the Golf Kart Kaddy, my clubs are easy to retrieve as they stay organized in the bag. It is very stable, easy to use and allows for easy access to all golf bag pockets."



Ray Spruell, Greenwell Springs, LA: "The Golf Kart Kaddy facilitates easy selection, removal and reinsertion of my clubs."

Swing Plane Coach
OVERALL MEMBER RATING 6.7

Practice makes perfect when using the Swing Plane Coach. This swing training aid provides immediate feedback if a swing is off plane by identifying where the fault is. Adjustable foam rails extend and collapse allowing golfers to build a proper and repeatable swing path for their full, chip and pitch swings. The Swing Plane Coach is perfect for indoor and outdoor use, and comes with a fitted hitting mat, full assembly instructions and a 10-day quick start plan. For more information, contact: Gates Golf LLC, 866-371-0027, www.gatesgolf.com. \$149.95.



Drew Cordone, Naples, FL: "After viewing the DVD, it was easy to follow the assembly instructions and perform the practice sessions. I now have a better shoulder turn and better accuracy to the greens."

Matt Tanner, Delray Beach, FL: "The Swing Plane Coach is easy to use. It has improved my distance and precision by keeping me on the proper swing plane."

Golf Grip Coach
OVERALL MEMBER RATING 6.8

The Golf Grip Coach is a non-slip molded rubber sleeve that attaches to every club in your bag. Whether practicing at home or on the range, it properly places your fingers and hands in the correct position. Regardless of your grip size, the Golf Grip Coach allows golfers to practice, retain and use the proper grip with every swing. For more information, contact: Club Clean LLC, 877-510-5550, www.clubclean.net. \$12.99.



J. Kevin Caple, Charlotte, NC: "The Golf Grip Coach is great for beginners as well as low handicaps to reinforce the fundamentals of a good grip with your own clubs."

Richard Monroe, Bruceton, TN: "It is a great aid for use with your own clubs at home or on the range before a round."

Sport Spwipes Sun Protection Wipe
OVERALL MEMBER RATING 8.2



Sport Spwipes provides SPF 30+ sun protection that is water and sweat resistant. The compact package holds a 5x8-inch moist towel that will protect your face, neck, arms and legs. Its small packaging fits conveniently in a golf bag. For more information, contact: Spwipes Corporation, 866-779-4737, www.spwipes.com. \$8.99 per 10-pack box.

Jim Cox, Oklahoma City, OK: "The Sport Spwipes are more convenient than carrying a bottle of sunscreen and its non-greasy formula is perfect for on-course use."

Ronald Keaton, Denton, TX: "There is plenty of sunscreen on the Sport Spwipes to cover all exposed areas. It prevented sun burn while playing in 98-degree Texas heat."

Preview:

Here are a few of the products members are currently testing. Look for results of approved products in upcoming issues or at partnersclubonline.com.

Nickent 3DX DC Utility

Nickent Golf expands its line of hybrids with the 3DX DC Utility [\$199 graphite/\$179 steel]. Its setup is similar to a fairway wood with the control and accuracy of a hybrid. A total of 40 grams are moved to the extreme perimeter of the clubhead using two tungsten-polymer fused inserts [XW Inserts]. These XW Inserts combine with a low and deep center of gravity to produce a high ball flight. Available in five lofts for both right- and left-handed golfers. For more information, contact: Nickent Golf, 888-NICKENT, www.nickentgolf.com. **Walter McCallum** of **Vicksburg, MS** and **James McLean** of **Fuquay Varina, NC** will be swinging the 3DX DC Utility.

Bridgestone e5 & e6 balls

Bridgestone Golf's new e5 and e6 balls [\$38 per dozen] are made specifically for mid-skilled players. Both balls use Bridgestone's Seamless Cover Technology and allow golfers to customize their desired trajectory. The e5 is a two-piece ball with a large core for a higher and longer ball-flight and a urethane cover for soft feel and spin. The e6 is a three-piece ball with a soft surlyn cover and core with an inner layer designed to reduce sidespin. For players that lose distance due to a hook or slice, the e6 will be their ball of choice. For more information, contact: Bridgestone Golf, 800-358-6319, www.bridgestonegolf.com. **James Huegel** of **Midlothian, IL** will be playing the e5 ball and **Thomas Lawson** of **Gaithersburg, MD** will be playing the e6 ball.

Daito Golf Stealth Putter

CNC milled from a solid block of lightweight aluminum, the Stealth putter [\$189] from Daito Golf includes a copper/nickel face insert for soft feel. The 350-gram clubhead utilizes extreme back-end weighting for a high moment of inertia, which results in straighter putts and true roll. Available in right- and left-hand models with choices of 33-, 34- and 35-inch lengths, offset or straight shaft and a black or natural matte nickel finish. For more information, contact: Daito Golf, 866-773-GOLF, www.daitogolf.com. **Leonard Feiner** of **Ft. Lauderdale, FL** and **Richard Holley** of **Weatherford, TX** will be putting with the Stealth putter.

Bridgestone J33 Utility Woods

The J33 Utility wood [\$249] from Bridgestone Golf is constructed from 17-4 stainless steel that incorporates an elastomer insert to reduce vibration at impact. A tungsten weight in the sole of the clubhead helps facilitate a more penetrating ball flight preferred by better players. The J33 Utility woods feature a Tour Camber Sole, which reduces turf resistance and allows better players to work the ball. Available in 15-, 18- and 21-degree lofts and with an Aldila NV 85-gram hybrid shaft. For more information, contact: Bridgestone Golf, 800-358-6319, www.bridgestonegolf.com. **Michael Carrier** of **Shreveport, LA** and **Dean Argo** of **Prattville, AL** will be playing a J33 Utility Wood.

