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MEMBERS ONLY!

Myth Busting, USGA Style

If you've read a golf magazine, watched golf on TV, or discussed it at the 19th hole at your local club in the past five years, then you surely have read, heard, encouraged or dispelled the notion that the game is being ruined by PGA TOUR players who hit the ball too far because of technology-enhanced equipment. The new balls go too far, the new drivers make the new balls go too far, the new shafts make the new drivers make the new balls go too far, and so on.

Is all this true? Are there facts that support all this innuendo? Well, for my two-cents-worth on the subject I'll go with findings reported by Dick Rugge, the U.S. Golf Association's senior technical director, in the USGA's May Newsletter titled *Myths About Golf Equipment and Performance*. An edited version follows:

Golfers with faster swing speeds get disproportionately greater distance benefits from new golf balls introduced after 2000.

False. Physics, scientific tests, and actual results on the PGA TOUR all confirm that faster swinging players have not gained a disproportionate amount of distance from modern golf balls. Example: Corey Pavin, the shortest hitter in 2000, gained about the same amount of distance from 2000 to 2005 [7.4 yards] as the longest [John Daly at 8.7 yards].

Golf Ball distance is not currently limited.

False. Golf ball distance has been regulated since 1976 and golf ball rebound characteristics have been regulated since the 1940s. In 2004, the USGA updated its testing methodology to more closely reflect the athleticism and clubs of today's TOUR pros.

Driving distance on TOUR is increasing rapidly.

False. While average PGA TOUR driving distance significantly increased over the past 10 years, it has leveled off during the past three. The average increase from 2003 to 2006 is only about one yard per year.

The longest hitters on TOUR finish higher on the money list.

False. While some long-driving professionals have been very successful, on average, the top-10 driving-distance players have actually been falling down on the money list in recent years. From 1980-85 the average rank was 64.2; in 2000-2005 it was 77.1. In 2004, the longest drivers' average rank on the money list was 103.3, their second worst single-year average.

Accuracy off the tee isn't as important as it used to be on TOUR.

That's no myth, it's true. During the 1980s driving accuracy was almost as strong a predictor of money winning as putting. Today it has fallen to the lowest level ever. Thank you, Mr. Rugge. Case dismissed.

And I still haven't met a golfer who complains he or she hits the ball too far.

Tom Stine
Executive Director



From My Library

Club Life
The Games Golfers Play
John Steinbreder,
Taylor Trade Publishing
Good writer. If you belong to a private club you'll probably know someone in the book.

email

For some golfers the only difference between a one-dollar ball and a three-dollar ball is two dollars.

Please...

Fix your pitch mark and one more on every green! If you didn't make one, fix two anyhow.

Golf Passion Pays Off For Partners Club Members

Partners Club members are passionate about golf, and that has led a few entrepreneurs to create, patent and market products for the game. While they may not be mentioned in the same breath as the metalwood or solid-core golf ball, the products have found a niche.

Searching for a solution to worn, slick grips, Life Member Westy Foss, of Cary, IL developed Gotta-Grip, a polymer filled tube that slides over the grip, restoring new-grip feel.

"After the initial idea, it was a matter of tracking down the elements to fashion the tube delivery system with the right polymer inside," said Foss, who got the idea in 1991 after the grips on a new set of clubs quickly became worn. "After many frustrating experiments, I finally developed the forerunner to



Westy Foss

our current model and made my first prototypes by hand in my home."

Managing the company is now a full-time job for Foss, a former director of sales for a software company. He's on target to sell 100,000 units in 2006.

Life Member Jim Paradise's Athletic Glove Grabber is so simple and convenient it begs the question, "Why didn't I think of that?" Its Velcro backing allows two or three golf gloves to hang and dry naturally. Available with a nylon or leather front, it allows for custom printing a company name, logo or event.

"The prototype was made in 2002 and quickly grew to a marketing plan that is three months ahead of me," said Paradise a mortgage consultant from Pinckney, MI. "We have acquired orders for approximately 180,000 pieces, and calls are still pouring in."

Both products received the Partners Club Member Tested Seal of Approval from hundreds of Club members. Gotta-Grip conforms to USGA



Jim Paradise

standards and retails for \$19.95. The Athletic Glove Grabber retails for \$8.95. Partners Club members can buy it for \$5.95, which includes free shipping and handling. For more information, go to gottagrip.com and theglovegrabber.com.

If you developed or market a product and would like to have it tested by your fellow Club members, contact the Partners Club at 888-672-2223 or memberservices@partnersclubonline.com.

Ask THE Pros



Q What's your personal policy for autographs?
Kathy Williams,
Evanston, IL

"I'll usually sign them when I'm done with play."

—Tim Herron

Q How many sets of clubs do you have in your garage?
Ben Soutendijk,
Grapevine, TX

"Twenty-five, and I've probably given away that many in the last six years."



—Brent Geiberger

Do you have a question you want answered by a PGA TOUR, Champions Tour or Nationwide Tour pro? Send them to: PGA TOUR Partners Club, Attn: Ask The Pros, 12301 Whitewater Drive, Minnetonka, MN 55343 or go to partnersclubonline.com.

MESQUITE RESULTS

| NAME | City, State | 54-Hole Net |
|-------------------|---------------------|-------------------|
| CRENSHAW | | |
| Tracy Sergeant | El Sobrante, CA | 208 * |
| Kent Geartz | Bradenton, FL | 207 ¹ |
| Bill Keanu | Encino, CA | 223 ² |
| Glenn Gibbons | Ellenton, FL | 231 ³ |
| Gene Price | Azusa, CA | 246 |
| Bruce Sutherland | Lewiston, NY | 247 |
| Al Kuchler | Ringwood, NJ | 248 |
| Kenneth Williams | Port St. Lucie, FL | 261 |
| PALMER | | |
| Randy Foreman | Keller, TX | 227 * |
| Ben Strong | Ballwin, MO | 229 |
| Curtis Marder | Marquette, MI | 237 ² |
| Carmen Jensen | Chester, MT | 241 |
| Larry Nelson | Kingsburg, CA | 242 |
| Gary Kingery | Greenbelt, MD | 250 |
| Ken Barr | Redlands, CA | 259 |
| Wes Garner | Lubbock, TX | 292 |
| SNEAD | | |
| Don Kallander | Mercer Island, WA | 215 * |
| Jim Whitworth | Burlington, WA | 213 |
| Ken Bosch | Hudsonville, MI | 214 ² |
| Don Whaley | Stevenson Ranch, CA | 217 ³ |
| John Ward | Janesville, WI | 217 ⁰⁰ |
| Bill White | Lodi, NJ | 297 |
| SORENSTAM | | |
| Jeannette Mihalak | Campbell, CA | 217 * |
| Joey Bosch | Hudsonville, MI | 219 |
| Gayle Gibbons | Ellenton, FL | 229 ² |
| Kathie Geartz | Bradenton, FL | 249 ³ |

[ALL SCORES NET]
* Low Gross Winner

Twenty-six PGA TOUR Partners Club members gathered in Mesquite, NV for a four-day golf tournament on April 5-9. The Desert Challenge drew members from 11 states competing over 54-holes on the Casa Blanca, Falcon Ridge and spectacular Coral Canyon courses in Utah.

"You know a course is going to be amazing when the drive there leaves you in awe," said Kristine Houtman, events director for the Partners Club. "And with the perfect weather, it really made for three wonderful days of golf."

Tracy Sergeant, of El Sobrante, CA, took home low gross for the event, with rounds of 76-72-76. Low net went to Kent Geartz, of Bradenton, FL, with scores of 75-66-66.

Other low gross division winners included Randy Foreman, of Keller, TX, in the Palmer Division; Don Kallander, of Mercer, WA, in the Snead Division; and Jeannette Mihalak, of Campbell, CA, in the Sorenstam Division. Low gross, low net and the top three finishers in each division took home Waterford crystal engraved vases.