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Well it's all happening (*I said that last month too!*).

We've got a BLOG ! Yes, we've added a blog, '[Rub of the Green](#)' to the GCDU site which will be constantly updated with golfing news and with articles from respected golf coaches, updates on Golf Australia, Women's golf, PGA Pro Tips, Golf Equipment, etc. [Subscribe for an RSS Feed](#)

Tiger vs. Jack? It's on Tomorrow

The argument has been tossed around since Tiger Woods fist-pumped his way to a 12-shot victory at Augusta National in 1997. Who is the best golfer to ever play the game, Tiger or Jack Nicklaus?

We aren't necessarily going to get the answer tomorrow at Muirfield Village, but Tiger and Jack will compete against each other for just the second time ever in the same group. Woods agreed to compete in the Wednesday Skins Game at the Memorial Tournament with Jack, Stewart Cink and Kenny Perry. The other skins group will include Vijay Singh, Jim Furyk, Camilo Villegas and Pdraig Harrington.

Tiger and Jack played together at the 2000 PGA Championship, and Woods went on to win that event, so maybe Nicklaus and his 18 majors will be the boost to get Tiger going. If nothing more, it will give everyone the perfect example of why golf is the best sport in the world. What other sport do you get to see the best golfer of his generation and the best golfer in this generation go out and legitimately compete.

Rules Quiz

Tom and John, bitter antagonist but also very good friends were playing in the club championship, a stroke round. Tom's approach to the third landed on the green some metre and a half from the pin. John was not so fortunate; he finished short of the green. As John was preparing to chip on Tom said "Hold it, I'll mark my ball." to which John replied "No! Leave your ball as it is." and before Tom could mark his ball proceeded to chip his ball on; his ball struck Tom's ball, finishing within a metre of the hole. What is the ruling?

1. John incurs a two-stroke penalty and must play his ball as it lies.
2. John incurs no penalty and must play his ball as it lies.
3. John is disqualified

Dream Swing

We've all seen those large metal circular objects called Explanar. These are very popular with many golf coaches as an aid to teaching the perfect golf swing. [Dream Swing](#) is the same thing in reverse and teaches you to swing like a Tour Professional; not only with your driver but with every club in your bag, including your putter. Instead of standing inside the metal hoop, [Dream Swing](#) schools your swing from in front of you and encouraging you to hit balls while you are doing so. Arnold Palmer tried [Dream Swing](#) and said "Sh###, have

you felt how this trains you?" "It forces me to swing the way I'm supposed to swing." The home model is totally portable and sets up in minutes and great value at \$319.99 plus shipping. [CLICK HERE](#)

Brush up on your short game

Many players practice chipping from one distance until they get the feel for that shot from that distance. This can be effective, but what happens when you don't see that distance during your next round of golf.

Instead try chipping from different distances during your next practice session. Drop six balls in pairs of two from twenty feet, twenty-five feet, and thirty feet. Hit the first two, move back and hit the next two, and then move to hit the last two. Start over, and maybe even adjust distances. This drill will give you a better feel for all distances when you get to that next chip shot. You might not be perfect from one distance, but you will be much more effective from all distances.

Then, take the drill one step further. Try hitting a bump and run with one ball, and a higher chip shot with the other. Working on different shots, from different distances will improve your confidence around the greens.

It's the Law

Bets lengthen putts and shorten drives .

It's not all Black and White (An observation)

In the dozen or so years since Tiger Woods slipped on a green jacket at Augusta National and paid tribute to the black pioneers who broke down golf's racial barriers, no other African-American has earned PGA Tour membership. Not a single black woman plays on the LPGA Tour. Neither of the top two developmental tours have black golfers in the pipeline, either.

Acer XK Clubs are put to the test

Recently our Acer XK clubs, Driver thro' irons, were taken to the range in difficult weather and reviewed. The end result makes interesting reading [CLICK HERE](#)

HE SAID

"Golf is so popular simply because it is the best game in the world at which to be bad."
A. A. Milne

Until next time, keep 'em down the middle.



Cliff Nunn

Rules Answer:

3. John is disqualified. Rule 3-4 If a competitor refuses to comply with a rule affecting the rights of another competitor he is disqualified. It was Tom's right to mark his ball if he so wished. Decision 3-4/1 is even more specific.

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