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Hi again!

Suddenly it's Spring! What's more the sun is shining outside ... first time for nearly a week; it's a good feeling. Discipline says write the newsletter THEN go and play golf - not the other way around.

### **A \$156,000 AUD Clanger**

Oooo! That must have hurt. Jim Furyk was penalized four strokes in the third round of The Barclays when he and caddie Mike "Fluff" Cowan left an extra club in the bag, a mistake that ended up costing Furyk \$131,250 US and 188 FedEx Cup points. Furyk discovered the 15th club while preparing to play a shot near the second green Saturday and had to take two penalty strokes for each hole, turning his opening pars into double bogeys.

"It was a chain of events that added up to a stupid mistake," Furyk said. "I assumed he (Cowan) knew I was going to play this 60 and he didn't know which way I was going to go. ... It's one of the simplest rules in golf. It's so easy. I pride myself on being really prepared - and to do something like that. I think mental errors are much harder to overcome on the golf course than physical errors. The ones that you make because of an absent mind or not paying attention or not doing your homework, those are the ones that hurt the most because you can control that." (Thanks Mike at Golf Industry Central for the post.)

### **Rules Quiz**

I thought we should give the girls a mention this month. Judy, the club's renowned hooker; don't get me wrong she draws the ball violently left nine times out of ten, strode onto the tee and struck the ball with the almost inevitable result. The ball travelled 100 metres forward and 30 metres left into dense rough.

After searching for the ball for two minutes, she declared it lost and started back to play another ball. Before she'd reached the tee to play a second ball the first ball was found within the five minutes allowed for search. What is the ruling?

1. She had declared the ball lost; she should play a second ball
2. She had started walking back to the tee; she should play a second ball
3. Her original ball is the ball in play

### **Flying Elbow**

This is a fault that besets many of us; our trailing elbow (RH for RH) comes up (loose from the body) at the top of our backswing with disastrous result. Mind you some contenders in the Longest Drive Championship use a flying elbow to their advantage but, for us normal mortals, our game is better with that elbow tuck-in to our side.

Here's a drill which can help, it is one that Vijay Singh uses during his warm-up prior to a round:

Put a golf glove under the right arm. Make a shortened swing concentrating on the action of the arms and hands. Your goal is to keep the glove in place during your swing. Though I have watched Vijay launch 300 metre drives with a head cover under his arm, this drill is not intended for a full power swing, but rather to help you get the feel of a specific part of the swing movement. Keeping the right arm close to the body will help your right shoulder stay under and through the shot.

### **Dream Swing**

There appears to be a lot of happy swinging people out there. Feed back continues to be good. I have just brought in another shipment from the States and our buying power has improved consequently we are now able to offer the [Dream Swing Swing Trainer](#) for \$385 – a saving of \$34.00

### **Replace those Golf Grips**

With a new golf season upon us; take a close look at your grips to see if they need to be replaced. If you can't remember the last time you replaced them, then I think you have your answer. Otherwise, check the softness and consistency. There should be a definite spring-like effect when you lightly grip them.

The idea is to get a confident grip on your club without squeezing it. Worn, slick grips cause you to grip too tightly; this in turn can create a series of problems; tension, stress and, not the least, loss of distance. Renewing your grips could be the easiest thing you do to help your golf scores this season. Especially when you think about the fundamentals leading up to a well executed golf shot. See you local Pro or golf Shop

### **It's the Law**

The stages of golf are Sudden Collapse, Radical Change, Complete Frustration, Slow Improvement, Brief Mastery, and Sudden Collapse.

### **Golf Ball Cleaner**

Recently we've had a run on the [Dual Clean Advantage Golf Club and Ball Washer](#). It cleans up to four balls at once, **with its golf** course style rotary cleaning motion and the bristles on the club cleaning side clean your club grooves in an instant. Clips on and off a golf cart in seconds it truly is portable but more importantly it works.

### **He said**

"Although golf was originally restricted to wealthy, overweight Protestants, today it's open to anybody who owns hideous clothing." - Dave Barry

*Is he talking about our [Loud Mouth Pants](#) ? NB New season stocks are arriving in our warehouse in the next couple of weeks. We should be able to supply all sizes in all patterns again, Hooray!*

### **It's the Law**

Topping a 3-iron will bring forth the most painful torture known to man.

Don't forget to call into our blog, ["Rub of the Green"](#) There's something new every day

Until next time - Keep 'em down the middle.



Cliff Nunn

Rules Answer:

3. A player cannot render a ball 'lost' by declaration (see Definition of "Lost Ball" in the front of your Rules of Golf) and the fact of returning to the tee no longer applies. Because a second ball had not been hit, the original ball having been found within the time limit remains the ball in play.

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