

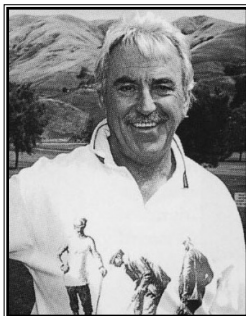
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PGA Tour

Three hundred to three hundred and fifty yard drives - how can this be done by tour players averaging 150 to 200 pounds? ...equipment, golf balls, drug testing an option. The LPGA has adopted a drug testing policy starting in 2008. Does the Men's Tour need this policy? Yes and no. Golf is the only sport that does not have a union. Tim Finchem has total power under his "Conduct unbecoming a professional" clause. The form the drug policy takes has the potential of tarnishing the cleanest sport in the world.

My favorite young golfer, with the exception of his outlandish non-coordinated color combos, is Camilo Villegas -- Rookie of the Year. What I like most about Camilo's swing is his transition from backswing to finish. Watch the pause at the top; this is what puts Camilo at superstar status. All sports have a transition from top to finish; Camilo does it better than anyone on tour.

Champions Tour

Fred Funk, if he chooses to play full-time, will win more events than any play-

er in the history of the Senior Tour. The magic age of 50: no other sport in the world could you be a rookie at 50, and Fred is not only the leader on the PGA Tour for accuracy, he has all the shots to compete anywhere.

John Jacobs, a personal friend and approaching the age where the body parts are in need of lubrication, has missed the top 50 for eligibility but does have enough money to play a limited schedule. Good work, John -- a true super senior.

The qualifying school for seniors has undergone a major change since I qualified in the '90's. There were only 8 spots available for a limited number of tournaments. I was the 4th qualifier and that only allowed me to play a limited Senior Tour schedule. There are now 33 seniors that qualify, however this only allows the qualifiers to qualify once again to try to be eligible to play in an event with nine qualifiers plus former PGA Tour and Champion players. In order to be exempt for the next tournament and avoid having to qualify on Monday you must come in the top ten the week before.

LPGA Tour

It is hard to believe the ladies on the LPGA Tour are almost flawless in their fundamentals. Equipment and golf balls

have neutralized the gap to a large degree between the two tours. Michelle Wie, at the age of 15, is coming close to competing on the Men's Tour. The difference in strength between the ladies and the men has also contributed to the development of swing fundamentals that are extremely exacting for the ladies, and it is a pleasure to watch them compete on the LPGA Tour.

Boundary Oak News

New website:
www.BoundaryOak.com

Sign up for email specials by selecting the "Specials" from the main website menu bar: green fees, information on golf course updates, Pro Shop specials including golf club specials from Kepler's Golf and holiday promotions.

Reservation system
934-6211 automated
934-4775 human voice

We suggest that you phone our Pro Shop, 934-4775, for starting times until the city can repair the problems with the reservation system. ID members should not have the problems of non-ID members, but the system does not:

1. Give same day reservations
2. Accept American Express credit cards

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3. Inform customers of available times. We will have a full-time operator to accommodate your starting time requests during prime hours. Sorry for the inconvenience.

Long Range Planning

A long range plan will be formulated in the spring. Green restoration - tees - traps - driving range upgrades will be in the next Thunderboldts.

Bob's Tour Stories

I thought it might be interesting to relate some episodes from my personal experience to give you a feel for what touring professionals are confronted with in terms of what you don't see on TV.

Travel: I qualified for the PGA Tour in 14th place out of 30 qualifiers -- left Miami Airport to meet my sponsors "Shakespeare Golf" in Fayetteville, Arkansas. I arrived in Fayetteville -- no one was there -- I phoned the sponsors -- they were at the airport to meet me, but I was in Fayetteville, North Carolina -- a nice start.

I had to buy a car in order to play in the British Open, and that was only the beginning. The full story "A Trip to the Senior British Open" is in Thunderboldts back issues - available through the website.

A rain out at the Hawaiian Open had all the Pros in the locker room waiting to go out and play again. I was sitting on the locker bench putting my golf balls through a ring to check for roundness. All the golf balls were wound with rub-

ber. Lee Trevino comes over and says "'Boldtzy', what are you doing?" "I'm checking my balls to see if they're round." Lee says "go to my locker and get the top Titleist packages and put them through the ring". I started putting them through and they went through without touching the ring. I said "they're smaller". Lee said "be quiet - I freeze them, but they're still legal!"

I'm playing in the Cajun Classic - last tournament on the PGA Tour before the Crosby. If you make the cut, you are automatically in the Crosby. After the first round, I am in 10th place and in great shape.

The next day, I go to get my clubs from the trunk of the car and I notice the trunk has bulged up and there are dent marks all over it. When I opened the trunk, all of my Dunlop golf balls had exploded. The rubber bands and covers melted inside of the trunk and ruined my bag, clubs, shoes, suitcase, etc. And my caddy didn't show.

I was given a Cajun caddy (no shoes) that spoke *some* type of French-American dialect. I borrowed clubs, shoes, etc. I still had a lot of golf to play to make the cut.

Through the first 15 holes of the second round I am in good shape - four shots above the cut line with three holes to play. On the 16th hole I hit the ball in a long fairway trap and told my caddy to stay at least 30 yards behind me because he had never caddied before and I was worried he might give me a penalty - and then, it happened - as I was preparing to hit my shot from the trap, I saw my caddy raking the trap - two shots - double bogey.

On hole #17, I told Jake to stay 40 yds. behind me "and don't move unless I tell you". Jake didn't speak English, or if he

did, it was not understandable to me. I hit my tee shot around the corner in good position. I told Jake to bring the bag over and stand still while I looked to see the pin position. When I came back, Jake was gone - the bag was covering my golf ball. The official came over - two shot penalty - double bogey.

On the 18th hole, a new caddy came (you cannot carry your own bag). Luckily, I parred the last hole and made the cut. But wait - just like on TV - there's more. Jake turned me in for swearing at him - when all I was trying to do was communicate - \$500 fine -- conduct unbecoming a professional.

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