



The "real" experts

I've come across something on The Facebook (my wife hates when I call it that). There are people posting videos of their swings on a page for people to diagnose their swing flaws...just random people. Occasionally a professional sees it and will post some help, but about 99 percent of the time, guys like me are posting comments in order to "help" them with their swing and how to fix it. I actually read these for comic relief, but actually this is the equivalent of the guy on the course or the range asking for help with their swing.

Please, please don't do this. For long-term fixes, please get a lesson or two in order to have the suggestions come from a professional and actually have the advice be sound and relevant to you and your flaws. Here at The Golf Station, we're ready to help!



I was asked by a friend who made me go with him to shop for some TaylorMade Milled Grind 2 wedges for his set of irons, *"At what stage do you*

change from the wedges that came with a set to 'real wedges'?"

We're asked this every so often in the store too. It really depends on what you're doing, want to do, and how comfortable you are with making a change. My son still has the sand wedge with his Callaway irons, but he's been searching for MD5 wedges recently (yes I check his phone). He hasn't sprung it on me...yet. But I know he's been tinkering with my old wedges more and more. He has that look that he's ready to move on from the big iron to more of a traditional look.

So it's an individual decision. Many golfers go traditional wedges from the gap wedge down. I actually prefer a gap wedge with my irons, because I take more full shots with it. But that's just me. Maybe next season I'll bite the bullet and put a "real" gap wedge in the bag. It's more versatile, and it's something that you might want to consider as well.



I couldn't let you get away without showing the "players" out there a seriously pure blade. This is the **Miura MB-101**.

And for something special, PING has had quite an interesting past 3 weeks. Their sponsored players have had wins on the PGA (three in consecutive weeks!), PGA Champions and European Tours. Please enjoy this newsletter within our newsletter!

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TOUR NEWS

SEPTEMBER 30, 2019

PAPA'S CHAMP



#1

Driving Distance **337.1 yards**
 Longest Drive **372 yards**
 Strokes Gained: Off The Tee **6.696**



His beloved grandfather Mack in hospice care 60 miles away, Cameron Champ played the Safeway Open with emotions close to the surface. But his play was fierce and determined as he won his second PGA Tour title with a birdie on the 72nd hole at Silverado Resort & Spa in Napa, Calif.

"The most loving man I know," he said of Mack. "If I win one more tournament or 10 more, this will be the greatest moment of my golfing career."

Cameron has "Papa Champ" stamped into his PING wedge and "POPS" written on his shoes and golf balls.

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WINNING STREAK

PING pros are on a streak, winning the PGA Tour's first three events of the season. As a result, Sebastián Muñoz, Cameron Champ and Joaquín Niemann sit 1-2-3 in the FedExCup points standings.

3 FOR 3 ON PGA TOUR

- **Joaquín Niemann (-21)**
A Military Tribute at The Greenbrier
- **Sebastián Muñoz (-18)**
Sanderson Farms Championship
- **Cameron Champ (-17)**
Safeway Open



PEREZ IS VICTOR AT DUNHILL

Victor Perez's first win in his first full season on the European Tour will be memorable, and not just for the prestige that goes with the Alfred Dunhill Links Championship. The venue for the final round was special in itself, the Old Course at St Andrews, giving Perez the opportunity to pose with his hardware on

the famous Swilken Bridge.

He climbed to 72nd in the Official World Golf Ranking, up from 184th the previous week. To prevail over an elite field, the Frenchman, 27, utilized a G410 Plus driver, G410 3-wood, iBlade (3-5) and Blueprint irons (6-PW), Glide 3.0 wedges (52°, 56°, 60°) and a PLD Bruzer putter.



Perez had three new Glide 3.0 wedges in his bag

THIS WEEK

PGA TOUR

SHRINERS HOSPITALS FOR CHILDREN OPEN

TPC Summerlin
Las Vegas, Nev.
Oct. 3-6

Cameron Champ
Austin Cook
Tony Finau
Brandon Hagy
Mackenzie Hughes
Andrew Landry
Nate Lashley
Sebastián Muñoz
Joaquín Niemann (below)
Rob Oppenheim
Michael Thompson
Bubba Watson



EUROPEAN

MUTUACTIVOS OPEN DE ESPAÑA

Club de Campo Villa de Madrid
Madrid, Spain
Oct. 3-6

Scott Fernandez, Calum Hill
Daniel Gavins, Nico Geyger
Miguel Ángel Jiménez
Liam Johnston, Anton Karlsson
Johannes Veerman

LPGA

VOLUNTEERS OF AMERICA CLASSIC

Old American GC
The Colony, Texas
Oct. 3-6

Brittany Altomare
In Gee Chun
Jacqui Concolino
Laura Gonzalez Escallon
Dane Finkelstein
Isi Gabba
Brooke Henderson
Jennifer Kupcho
Pernilla Lindberg
Ally McDonald
Jane Park
Lizette Salas
Angela Stanford
Marissa Steen
Elizabeth Szokol
Charlotte Thomas
Ayako Uehara



Marty Jertson, PING's VP of Fitting & Performance, earned the decisive point for his U.S. team Sunday by winning his match at the PGA Cup, a Ryder-Cup-style event for PGA Pros between the U.S. and Great Britain & Ireland. The U.S. trailed 10-6 entering the final day but stormed to a 14-12 victory by winning eight of 10 singles matches at Omni Barton Creek Resort & Spa in Austin, Texas. Jertson was the last man out. "It's an unbelievable feeling," he said. "I think it was fitting to clinch it in front of all the boys, spouses and fans."



'TRIPS' FOR TRIPLETT

Kirk Triplett won the Pure Insurance Championship on Sunday for a third time at the famed Pebble Beach Golf Links on the Monterey Peninsula. He capped his final-round 67 with a birdie at 18 to force a playoff. He returned to 18 for the first extra hole, which he birdied, rolling in the

winning putt with his Sigma 2 Valor.

Triplett's eighth PGA Tour Champions victory was his second this season. He won the Hoag Classic, also in a playoff, in March. In addition to the Valor putter he relied on a G400 Max driver, G400 17° hybrid, i210 irons, and Glide 3.0 and Eye2 XG wedges.

CAMERON CHAMP

WHAT'S IN THE BAG

DRIVER

G410 LST, 9°@9.5°
44.25", Project X Hzdus
Smoke Green
70G-6.5TX, tipped 1.5"

FAIRWAY

G410, 17.5°@17°
41.75", Project X Hzdus Black
95G-6.5, tipped 1.5"



IRONS

i500, #4; iBlade #4 -1/4";
Blueprint 5-PW,
True Temper Dynamic Gold X7

WEDGES

Glide Forged 50°, 54°, -1/4",
TT Dynamic Gold T1 S400

PUTTER

PLD Prime Tyne C
34.75", 20° lie, 3° loft,
PING PP58 FC Midsize

Game improvement never looked this good



CONFIDENCE TO ATTACK THE FLAG

Standing over a tough approach becomes easier, and more enjoyable, when you have lots of confidence.

Callaway have added game improvement tech to their new Epic Forged Iron that is going to give you that added confidence. And they've packed it into a sleek profile.



A FIRST FOR FORGED

Forged irons give good ball strikers added control over flight shape and distance. Mid- to high-handicappers can now tap into that control, too.

The Epic Forged has a Tungsten weight suspended in urethane microspheres, allowing Callaway to position the CoG precisely for each iron. This increases the MOI across the set, giving you easier launch on all your iron shots.



ATTACK THE FLAG.

When you're out on the range try to hit more than just distance markers and greens. Go for the flag.

Consistently better

Please,
not the hands

What part of your body controls your swing? Too many golfers struggle with consistency because their hands (and arms) are too involved in their golf swing.



A swing controlled by the hands and arms depends too much on the finer, smaller muscles. Swinging on plane becomes difficult. Consistency of ball striking is impossible. And it's much more difficult to create power.

You need to let the large muscles control the swing to create consistency and power.



Test it out on the range

On the range, feel what part of your body starts your backswing and what part starts your downswing. Controlling the first movement of both the backswing and downswing with the correct part of your body can be a big pay-off for most of you.

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