



# THE MODDER NEWS

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## CLUB NEWS

I'm hitting the woods just great, but I'm having a terrible time getting out of them. ~Harry Toscano

The Hero World Challenge has a longstanding history of incredible golf moments thanks in part to the game's most exclusive field. With 18 of the world's top ranked players vying for the Hero World Challenge trophy each year, the competition at Albany, Bahamas, Nov. 30-Dec 3, is sure to heat up. Tournament host Tiger Woods announced late Monday that he will make his return to competitive golf at the tournament.

Justin Thomas was 7 years old when he watched from Valhalla's clubhouse as Tiger Woods completed his dramatic victory at the 2000 PGA Championship. It was the event that inspired Thomas to become a professional golfer. Over the years, Woods has transitioned from Thomas' idol to a friend and mentor. They had dinner together after Thomas won the Wanamaker Trophy for himself, and have competed in short-game contests in Woods' backyard. "(I've) learned a lot from him through the past few years," Thomas tweeted after the PGA. Now he'll get to play with Woods for the first time. The reigning FedExCup champion will play the first round of the Hero World Challenge alongside the only player to hoist the FedExCup more than once. They will tee off at 12:05 p.m. Eastern on Thursday. It will be Woods' first competitive round since February. Thomas credits Woods for inspiring the wave of young stars who have dominated the PGA TOUR recently. Last season, there were a record 18 victories by players younger than 25. Thomas had five of them en route to becoming the second-youngest player to win the FedExCup. "We grew up watching one of the best athletes of all time dominate in Tiger Woods," Thomas said. "We watched him have no mercy on anybody and just absolutely tear apart golf tournaments and golf courses."

Happy Golfing.  
The Modder Team

## RESULTS

SATURDAY	A DIVISION	B DIVISION	C DIVISION
<b>MEN AM</b>	<b>Steve West Ind Medal</b>	<b>Steve West Ind Medal</b>	<b>Ind Stableford</b>
Winner	L Schmidt 37 Nett	W Breytenbach 41 Nett	L Perkin 20 Pts c/o
Runner-up	C Whitehead 39 Nett	G Rump 43 Nett	D Hoehler 20 pts
NTP 11th	S Howitt		
<b>SUNDAY</b>	<b>AM - Ind Stableford</b>	<b>PM CHRISTMAS OPEN MIXED</b>	
Winner	J Wright 36 pts	S Davies, W Postma, S Eley, K Eley 102 pts	
Runner-up		E Stramrood, B Stramrood, P Mohlala, J Mukwala 100 pts	
3rd Place		T Arnold, N Christie, D Scott, J Fabricius 100 pts	
		A Darling, J Darling, M Bird, M Bird 99 pts	
NTP		Ladies - D Meyer	Men A Ackermann
Long Drive		Ladies - D Allnutt	Men - B Mancer

PLEASE NOTE: PRIZES ARE VALID FOR 60 DAYS FROM DATE OF ISSUE

## UPCOMING GOLF COMPS

**SATURDAY, 2<sup>nd</sup> DECEMBER**

Betterball Stableford

**SUNDAY, 3<sup>rd</sup> DECEMBER**

Betterball Stableford

Ladies Christmas Pinehurst

**WEDNESDAY, 6<sup>th</sup> DECEMBER**

Mike's Day

## UPCOMING EVENTS

**SATURDAY, 2<sup>nd</sup> DECEMBER**

Joker Draw – R12 500

## SATURDAY NIGHTS

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2<sup>nd</sup> December 2017  
R12 500

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## FROM THE CAPTAIN

### League Golf

Please note. There will be a Mid AM League meeting on Wednesday, 6<sup>th</sup> December, straight after Mike's prize-giving.

Regards  
Scott

**10 FUN GOLF FACTS**

"Golf is the greatest game in the world" may be an opinion, but here are some actual golf facts for you.

HOW MUCH OF THIS GOLF TRIVIA DO YOU KNOW?

- 125K Golf balls are hit into the water at the 17th hole of the Stadium Course at Sawgrass each year.
- The French word "Cadeil" (cad-DAY) means "youngest child" and is where the word "Caddy" comes from.
- Doug Ford entered a contest and predicted his own 1957 victory as well as his winning score of 282.
- A golf ball will travel further on hot days, because the air is less dense, so it takes less velocity to travel.
- Golf balls used to be made from leather and chicken or goose feathers. One ball would cost \$10-20.
- Only 20% of golfers have a handicap below 18. A golfer with handicap of 18 is called a "Bogey Golfer".
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- Kassandra Komma from Oakland University has recorded two holes-in-one during a nine round game.
- Only two sports have ever been played while on the moon. One is golf and the other is the javelin throw.
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- Until the invention and rising popularity of the golf tee, golfers played off of sand piles they built themselves.
- If you walked all eighteen holes instead of riding in a golf cart, you would walk approximately four miles.

## LADIES SECTION

Thank you to everyone who came out and supported not just the final Mixed Open on Sunday but all of them. We look forward to seeing you on 28 January for our first 2018 Mixed Open.

The Medal Champs which were rained out on 25 November will now be held on 20 January and we would love to see all our qualifiers. The competition is open to both qualifiers and non-qualifiers and the winner of the Medal competition on the day will be the first qualifier for 2018. An IPS competition will run in parallel.

Good Luck to all the ladies who are playing in our Pinehurst on Sunday. I'm sure we are all going to have loads of fun.

Have a good weekend of golfing.  
Ally

## BIRTHDAYS

**THURSDAY, 30<sup>th</sup> NOVEMBER**  
X Abrahams  
B Mokaba

**FRIDAY, 1<sup>st</sup> DECEMBER**  
G Cross  
R Hundermark

**SATURDAY, 2<sup>nd</sup> DECEMBER**

**SUNDAY, 3<sup>rd</sup> DECEMBER**  
W Dyers  
H Visagie

**MONDAY, 4<sup>th</sup> DECEMBER**  
R Curle  
M Farmer  
J Stuart

**TUESDAY, 5<sup>th</sup> DECEMBER**  
P Clough  
J Hannigan  
R Panaino  
P Sefatsa

**WEDNESDAY, 6<sup>th</sup> DECEMBER**  
S Walters



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## GOLFING TIPS

### How to Score Better Through Proper Golf Course Management Do What You Do Best

At the heart of the matter, golf course management is really about putting yourself in situations that play to your strengths, and avoiding situations that expose your weaknesses. Think about the golf course like the defense of a football team. The bunkers, water hazards, slopes, trees, etc., are all defenders that are trying to stop you from shooting good scores. It is your job to beat that defense with a solid game plan. Just like the QB of a football team who looks over the defense and picks out the weak spots, you should be analyzing the course and picking shots that give you the best scoring opportunities. Before you decide where the weaknesses in the golf course are, you need to understand fully the strengths and weaknesses in your own game. What is your favorite ball flight? Alternatively, what ball flight can you just not hit at all? Simply, don't hit the shots you aren't comfortable with, and find ways to hit the shots you love. Regardless of what the kind of shots the course is encouraging you to hit, try not to stray too far from what comes natural to you. For example, if the only way to hit a protected green is to play a high fade around the tree line, and you know your game well enough to understand that you're just not capable of making the shot, simply don't try it! One day you might add that specific skill set to your arsenal but for now it's not worth the aggravation (and bad score) that will result from not executing the shot. Instead try a shot path that you have a better chance of executing. In this case it may be a low punch shot or even a layup that gets you close enough to setup a chip shot. Remember, there is always time to go back and learn new shots on the range. The time to push the limits of your capability is not when you're on the course and trying to score well.

### Build a Conservative Plan

Many golfers choose to use a more-aggressive golf course management strategy simply because it sounds like more fun. After all, who doesn't want to try for all of the par five greens in two shots, or try to drive the green on a short par four? Aggressive shots might be exciting, but they are rarely the smart play. If you are like most amateur golfers, you don't possess the consistency in your ball striking to take on challenging shots hole after hole and escape without doing some major damage to your scorecard.

When you are putting together your game plan for a given round, look for the most conservative path first. Once you have figured out the safest clubs to hit on each hole, and the safest targets to pick, then you can mix in a few more aggressive decisions if the opportunity presents itself.

When in doubt, always opt for the safer shot – your score at the end of the round will thank you.

## PRO SHOP SPECIALS

### CHRISTMAS SPECIALS

BALLS – Srixon AD333  
Double Dozen for R399

Srixon AD333 Tour –  
R349/Dozen

Srixon Z Star and Z Star XV –  
R200 for 6 balls

Titleist Pro V1 & Pro V1X –  
R600 per dozen (R50 per ball)

Taylormade RocketBlade Irons  
2.0 – Steel @ R8999 + Free  
Taylor TM17 Stand Bag

Taylormade M1 Drivers –  
R5500

Taylormade Spider Tour Putter  
– R4999

Taylormade TP Red Ardmere  
Putter - R3699

Titleist Vokey Wedges –  
R1299 when you buy 3. You  
save R900 per wedge.

Calaway Epic Drivers – R6999  
Save R1000

### EXTRAS

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