



# THE MODDER NEWS

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## CLUB NEWS

I know I am getting better at golf because I'm hitting fewer spectators.  
~Gerald Ford

Tiger Woods's return to competitive golf after a 301-day absence concluded on Sunday the way it began, with 18 holes in lock step with the reigning FedEx Cup champion, Justin Thomas. Woods closed with his third sub-70 score of the week, a 4-under-par 68, the same number posted by Thomas, to tie for ninth at eight-under at the Hero World Challenge. Perhaps fittingly, the runaway winner was a frequent practice partner of Woods's: Rickie Fowler, who birdied the first seven holes on his way to a scintillating score of 61, a course record. Fowler finished at 18-under, four strokes ahead of the third-round leader, Charley Hoffman, who carded a 72 and finished second. As was the case last year when he completed 72 holes for the first time in 15 months, Woods expressed optimism Sunday about the state of his health, and his game, moving forward. His positivity spread some holiday cheer throughout a golf industry that, as evidenced by the PGA Tour's countdown tweets and the Golf Channel reporters' breathless commentary, is determined to milk every last drop from its longtime cash cow. "I always thought that I was tough mentally," he said. "My dad always thought so as well. Going through all this just reaffirmed that." His father, Earl, also drilled into his head that winning is what matters. So it was heartening, at least, to see Woods diverging from that script and reveling in the journey. Before his opening 69, Woods said he offered a silent nod of gratitude for all the people — including his surgeon and, presumably, those he encountered during his brief stay in rehab this summer — who had helped make possible his latest comeback. To borrow one of Woods's favorite words, it was neat to see him make his way around the Albany golf course here with his eyes, ears and heart open. After briefly vaulting into the lead during his second-round 68, Woods said he was humbled by the support of fans, both in his gallery and on social media.

Happy Golfing.  
The Modder Team

## RESULTS

SATURDAY	A DIVISION	B DIVISION	C DIVISION
<b>MEN AM</b>	Steve West Ind Medal	Steve West Ind Medal	Ind Stableford
Winner	D Berrow 66 Nett	S Pillay 68 Nett	B Cross 36 Pts c/o
Runner-up	M Luis 69 Nett	S Mitchley 72 Nett c/o	L Fernandes 36 Pts
NTP 3rd	T Palmer		
<b>MEN AM</b>	Steve West Ind Medal	Steve West Ind Medal	Ind Stableford
Winner	B Mancer 72 Nett	W McLaren 69 Nett	R Bartram 35 Pts
Runner-up	G McKenzie 76 Nett c/o	D Swarts 71 Nett	C Levy 31 Pts
NTP 9th	D Griesel		
<b>CONGRATS TO S. PILLAY WINNING THE STEVE WEST TROPY</b>			
<b>SUNDAY</b>	AM - Ind Stableford		
Winner	A Wallis 34 Pts		

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

## UPCOMING GOLF COMPS

**SATURDAY, 9<sup>th</sup> DECEMBER**  
Individual Stableford

**SUNDAY, 10<sup>th</sup> DECEMBER**  
Individual Stableford

**WEDNESDAY, 13<sup>th</sup> DECEMBER**  
Mike's Day

## UPCOMING EVENTS

**SATURDAY, 9<sup>th</sup> DECEMBER**  
Joker Draw – R12 500

**SATURDAY NIGHTS**

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9<sup>th</sup> December 2017  
R12 500

18H30

**WEDNESDAY, 13<sup>th</sup> December**  
Green Bar – Quiz Night



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## LADIES SECTION

Thank you to everyone who came out and supported our Ladies Pinehurst Christmas Competition on Sunday. Great fun was had by all. Thank you to Debbie Dyers for assisting with the gifts and décor as well as Mark and Danny for all your hard work in getting the Marquee set-up and ready for us. Thank you to Khumbulani for the lovely meal. It was delicious. Thank you to the committee for all your efforts in helping to make the day a great success. Congratulations to all the winners.

Please remember The Medal Champs on 20 January.

Have a good weekend of golfing.  
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## BIRTHDAYS

THURSDAY, 7<sup>th</sup> DECEMBER

C Eddey

FRIDAY, 8<sup>th</sup> DECEMBER

L Morris

P Van Den Berg

SATURDAY, 9<sup>th</sup> DECEMBER

T Paterson

J Vaglietti

R Von Hagen

D Wallis

D Weiss

SUNDAY, 10<sup>th</sup> DECEMBER

J Boshell

B Chapman

P Du Plessis

B Gillespie

D Wenhui

MONDAY, 11<sup>th</sup> DECEMBER

TUESDAY, 12<sup>th</sup> DECEMBER

WEDNESDAY, 13<sup>th</sup>  
DECEMBER

A Bell

J Tarboton



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## GOLFING TIPS

### How to Score Better Through Proper Golf Course Management Harness The Power of Uphill

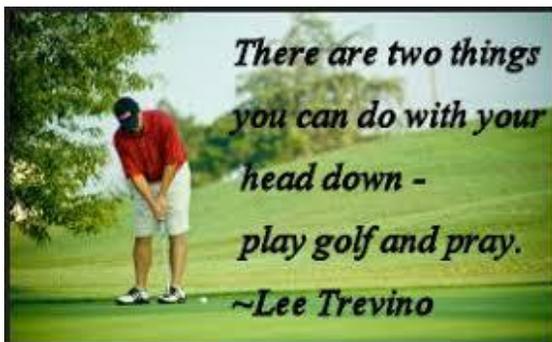
Once you are inside 50 yards or so from the green, ideally you want to be playing uphill as often as possible. Short shots are almost always easier to negotiate when they are played uphill toward the hole, as opposed to down the slope running away. Speed control is key on short shots, and you will have more of a margin for error when you are playing up the slope.

So what does this have to do with golf course management? Simply put, it's your job to position your ball below the hole as often as possible throughout the round. Try picking targets that error on the side of being below the hole, so you can enjoy the benefit of chipping and putting uphill more often. You won't always be able to position your ball successfully in this way – but the more you can do it, the better off you will be.

### Avoid The Dreaded Short Side

Just like the idea that you want to be playing chip shots downhill as little as possible, you also want to avoid chipping from the short side of the green. For those who are not familiar with the term, the short side of the green is the side which is closest to the location of the pin that day. Without much green to work with, you will likely have a harder time chipping the ball close to the hole, and therefore a harder time getting up and down to save your par.

Avoiding the short side is another reason to lean toward using a conservative game plan throughout the round. When you play away from the pin with your approach shot, you will naturally be aiming toward the wide side of the green, and will be less likely to wind up short sided. Avoiding the short side is a common golf course management tactic among professional golfers, and you would be wise to add it to your game as well.



## 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 Airmore  
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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