



THE MODDER NEWS

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CLUB NEWS

The start of something big

Five years ago, Jordan Spieth began his unique path to becoming a PGA TOUR pro, a journey filled with tough decisions and dramatic moments. It seems unfathomable now, in light of all that he's accomplished, but Jordan Spieth was hitting striped range balls off an artificial-turf mat as he warmed up for his first round as a professional. "It was probably 40 degrees, the range balls were rock hard. I remember thinking, 'Man, this is something else,'" Spieth recalls. He was preparing for the Thursday pre-qualifier for the 2013 Farmers Insurance Open, i.e. the qualifier for the Monday qualifier. He had a handful of PGA TOUR starts awaiting him, but on this day the future major winner was competing against guys clinging to the lowest rungs of professional golf's ladder. The hype and hoopla surrounding a player's pro debut vary greatly, and depend on myriad circumstances, but this scene was closer to "Tin Cup" than "Hello World." Spieth's detour wouldn't last long, though. He would be a PGA TOUR member exactly two months later. Four successful weeks in four different countries – and a risky decision that one player deemed "idiotic" – set his career on its historic trajectory. Five years later, Spieth owns 11 PGA TOUR titles, including three majors, and a FedExCup. He's the defending champion of the AT&T Pebble Beach Pro-Am, the tournament where in 2013 he cashed his first check as a pro. The anniversary of his rookie season offers the perfect occasion to revisit the opening weeks of his career. His performance in those early events offered a harbinger of later heroics, as he summoned the improbable hole-outs and fortitude under duress that have defined his career. There also were moments during those early days that seem humorously quaint in hindsight. Back in 2013, he was a teenager embarking on an uncertain journey. His sidekick was a caddie, Michael Greller, who weeks earlier was teaching math and science to sixth-graders. They celebrated Spieth's first taste of PGA TOUR status – which he earned with a chip-in on the 17th hole – by playing Texas Hold 'Em with Spieth's father, Shawn, and agent, Jay Danzi, in the lobby of their hotel. Spieth had earned more than \$500,000 over the previous four weeks, but now he was playing for peanuts. Peanut M&Ms, specifically, were the stakes in this card game. The options for post-round celebrations are limited for 19-year-olds, after all. Spieth's achievements later that year – his win at the John Deere Classic, close call at the TOUR Championship and captain's pick for the Presidents Cup – may have overshadowed these early events, but their importance should not be understated. They provided the foundation for his future success. "I would have never guessed things would happen so quickly," Spieth said recently. "It's pretty unbelievable. Not everything went exactly according to plan. ... (I've) taken the blows and the triumphs as they've come and learned from each one. "It's been an amazing journey. It really has." Happy Golfing.

RESULTS

SATURDAY	AM MENS	PM MENS	LADIES
	Individual Bonus Bogey	Individual Bonus Bogey	Individual Bonus Bogey
Winner	S Mather +5	B Clark +3	A Darling +3
Runner-up	M Snyman +4	J Berrie +2 c/o	B Mokaba
3rd Place	C Bracegirdle +3	J Darling +2	
4th Place	S Davies +2 c/o	P Conlin	
5th Place	R Ayer +2		
NTP	3rd L Schmidt	11th D Berry	

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

UPCOMING GOLF COMPS

SATURDAY, 10th FEBRUARY

Betterball Stableford
BB Matchplay Round 1

SUNDAY, 11th FEBRUARY

Individual Stableford

WEDNESDAY, 14th FEBRUARY

Mike's Day

UPCOMING EVENTS

SATURDAY, 10th FEBRUARY

Joker Draw

SATURDAY NIGHTS

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CAPTAINS REPORT

Congratulations to Reece Palmer who had a Hole-In-One on the 14th Hole on the 13th of January. Congratulation Reece on your Ace!!!

Regards
Scott



LADIES REPORT

We wish all of our Ladies the best of luck for the Club Champs this weekend. Our defending champs are Sam, Bongsi and Debbie - who will it be this year? This is our premier event for members and we look forward to seeing you.

Well done to Bongsi on winning best nett in the B division Gauteng Mid-Amateur championships at Ruimsig.

Best wished to Kerry who celebrates her birthday this week.

Please note that as a result of the Club Champs and League dates, the Committee Cup will be postponed to later date.

Good luck this weekend!

CLUB REPORT

"Modderfontein Outfall Sewer Pipeline Construction"

Kindly note that even though the construction for the pipeline through the Modderfontein Golf Course will be commencing this week, the golf course will remain open for play for the duration of the construction. The Project will be closely monitored by Club Management to minimise the impact to your golfing experience. Please support us during this period."

CLUB CHAMPS

We would like to invite all our members to enter this years Club Champs. Unfortunately due to the planned sewerage line construction, which is starting next week with Phase one, we have had to bring this years' club champs forward to 10th & 11th February.

Please note that entries will close on 8th February at 18h00 and the draw will be posted on 9th February 2018.

Entry fees for the competition are as follows:-

Male Member:	R430.00
Lady Member:	R420.00
Senior Member:	R250.00
Juniors:	R150.00
A-Division and Junior Champs:	R330.00
Season Ticket Holders:	R150.00

Please get your entries through as soon as possible as this year promises to be the highlight of our golfing Calendar.

BIRTHDAYS

THURSDAY, 8th FEBRUARY

FRIDAY, 9th FEBRUARY

J Darling
K Eley

D Kaczmarek
A Pienaar

SATURDAY, 10th FEBRUARY

A Anderson
S Leventhorpe

SUNDAY, 11th FEBRUARY

G De Villiers
J Kyle

M Lambourn
R Nowicki

MONDAY, 12th FEBRUARY

A Bartram
A Henderson
C Levy

W Pienaar

TUESDAY, 13th FEBRUARY

L Cox
S Howitt
Pmoitse
S Wallis

WEDNESDAY, 14th FEBRUARY

R Bernberg
S Bracegirde
A Viljoen
F Viljoen



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GOLF TIPS

10 Best Swing Tips Ever!

Thumbs Up, Thumbs Down Hookers need to stop the clubface from closing too soon. To do this, adopt a thumbs-down approach to impact. In the photos at right, you clearly can see the red side of the paddle with both my thumbs pointing down toward the ground. This type of movement slows the closing of your clubface, thus eliminating shots that curve to the left.

No Flips "Flippiness" (the dreaded early release) occurs if your body gets too far in front of the golf ball. When this happens, your club will drastically lag, usually with an open face. Instinctually, your hands will work to close the face at impact. This level of timing is difficult even for the pros to execute on a consistent basis. What usually happens is the club head races in front of the shaft and strikes the ball with an open or a closed face, and typically on an ascending arc. In baseball, if you get too far in front, you'll hit the ball to right field, unless you flip the wrists. The same is true in golf. You need to establish a firm left side to keep your head behind the ball and stop the flip.

Usual suspects Enemy number one: Your body is out of position or out of balance. Your body senses this, so your hands take over to try to get the clubface squared at impact. However, this adjustment usually takes the form of a flick or flip of the wrists.

Fixing The Flip Set up to an impact bag (or an old duffel bag stuffed with towels), push the clubhead into the bag and set your body into a good impact position. The lead arm and shaft should form one straight, vertical line with the head back. Make sure your lead leg is braced and that your hips are turned slightly open. Hold this position to create the proper feel.



Happy Golfing one and all.....

EXTRAS

If you have any special news you would like us to include in this newsletter please send the information to kerry.eley@yahoo.com