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#1 OUTERWEAR IN GOLF

THE RULES...

...start with a few key principles, as explained by the USGA's Rob Ockenfuss

1 IN MATCH PLAY, WHEN IN DOUBT, PLAY A SECOND BALL

Playing a second ball is only allowed in stroke play (Rule 3-3). If you and your opponent have a dispute about a situation or Rule, do what you think is allowed under the Rules and if your opponent disagrees, he can make a timely claim (Rule 2-5).

2 YOU ARE ENTITLED TO A GOOD LIE IN THE FAIRWAY

Breaks both good and bad are part of what makes golf such a great game, and each must be accepted when they arise. For every bad lie you get in the fairway, at some point you'll get a good lie in the rough, but no one complains about a good break!

3 "EQUITY" MEANS THE RULES ALWAYS TREAT ME FAIRLY

A commonly misunderstood and misused term, "equity" (Rule 1-4) does not ensure that the Rules guarantee all situations receive a fair or just outcome. Instead, it is meant to ensure that like situations are treated alike and similar situations receive the same treatment.

4 AN INFRACTION IN MATCH PLAY ALWAYS RESULTS IN LOSS OF HOLE

The "general penalty" (loss of hole) is meant to deter a player from gaining an indefinite advantage, but a breach of the Rules doesn't automatically result in loss of hole. There are many Rules that prescribe one-stroke penalties in match play, including accidentally moving your ball, hitting your equipment with your ball, or hitting into a water hazard.

5 A "RUB OF THE GREEN" IS A BAD BREAK

While playing golf results in a fair amount of misfortune, a "rub of the green" actually occurs whenever a ball in motion is accidentally deflected or stopped by an outside agency, such as a yardage post or sprinkler head. Sometimes it results in bad luck, but it could be good luck.



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SECESSION GOLF CLUB

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Beaufort, S.C.
7,068 yards
Par 72

17th hole

PHOTO BY L.C. LAMBRECHT

THE CONCEPTION OF SECESSION Golf Club in Beaufort, S.C., in the mid 1980s was well ahead of its time, or perhaps well behind its time, depending on how you look at it. Minimalist, links-style courses are all the rage these days, but when this walking-only club opened in 1992, it defied the current vogue of lush, target-style golf. No asphalt cart paths distracted from the soothing views of the salt marsh and all the bunkers were both striking and revetted, just like back in Scotland.

The Secession experience—and it most definitely is an experience—hasn't changed much over the years. The national membership of diehard golfers loves coming from faraway to indulge their love of the game in a sensational Lowcountry setting. And the affable "Ol' Pro," Mike Harmon, is still at the helm.

What has changed is the course's defining characteristic: the sod-faced bunkers. Most had been lost to the excessive costs of rebuilding them every three years. But thanks to a new construction process called EcoBunker that replaces the sod wall with one made of AstroTurf that should last 30 years, Secession recently restored all 50 bunkers to their original glory (click [HERE](#) for a time-lapse video).

The results are stunning. They give the holes definition and add depth perception, while giving the course a uniformity of look as it had at the beginning.

"I'm excited about this as I can be," says Harmon. "It gets us back to where we used to be."

—Tom Cunneff





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Callaway Apex hybrid

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Cobra King LTD fairway woods

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Srixon Z355 fairway woods

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Callaway Apex CF16
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Cobra King LTD Forged CB
Rickie Fowler helped design this iron, which features a tungsten toe weight to better align the center of the face with the club's center of gravity and produce more ball speed. **\$1,100**

Mizuno JPX-EZ/EZ Forged
Dual-pocket construction and a multi-thickness face on the JPX-EZ produce maximum forgiveness and distance. The forged model is made of boron steel, stronger than carbon steel. **\$800, \$1,000**

Ping GMax
The company's longest, straightest iron uses new COR-Eye Technology to increase flexing across the clubface for more ball speed, distance, and forgiveness. **\$121.25 per club, steel; \$136.25 per club, graphite**

Ping i
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PXG 0311
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TaylorMade PSi
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Titleist AP1/AP2
The undercut cavity and thin face make AP1 the company's longest, most forgiving iron. The AP2 is forged. Both models have a low center of gravity for more ball speed and forgiveness. **\$900, \$1,199**



Cleveland Smart Sole 2.0

Two models to handle two shots: The wide-sole S is for hitting more lofted shots, especially those from the sand, while the C has 42 degrees of loft and a more forgiving sole to hit low, running chips.

\$110

Mizuno S5

The blue finish and silhouette profile give this wedge a distinct look, while a patented forging process produces a soft yet solid feel. Milled grooves and surface roughness deliver ball-stopping spin.

\$130

Ping Glide ES

A tapered hosel and scooped sole provide versatility for hitting shots from all conditions. Chrome-plating the head repels moisture and creates more friction for spin and consistency from wet grass and rough.

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Titleist Vokey SM5 Raw

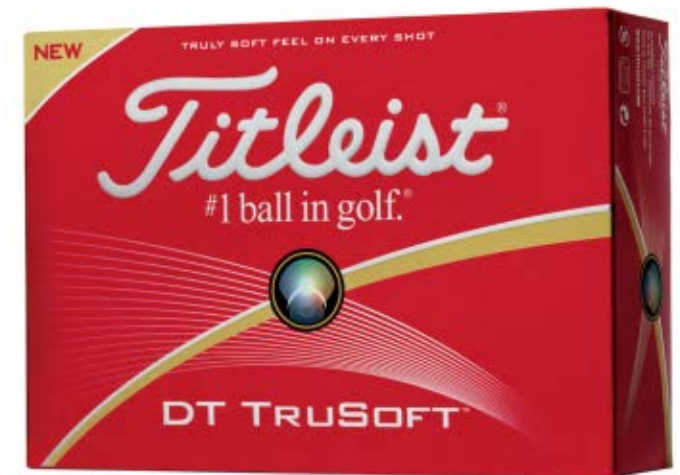
Previously only available to tour players, the raw finish starts as satin then rusts to limit glare. Deep milled grooves deliver maximum spin and channel away sand and grass for improved contact, fewer flyers.

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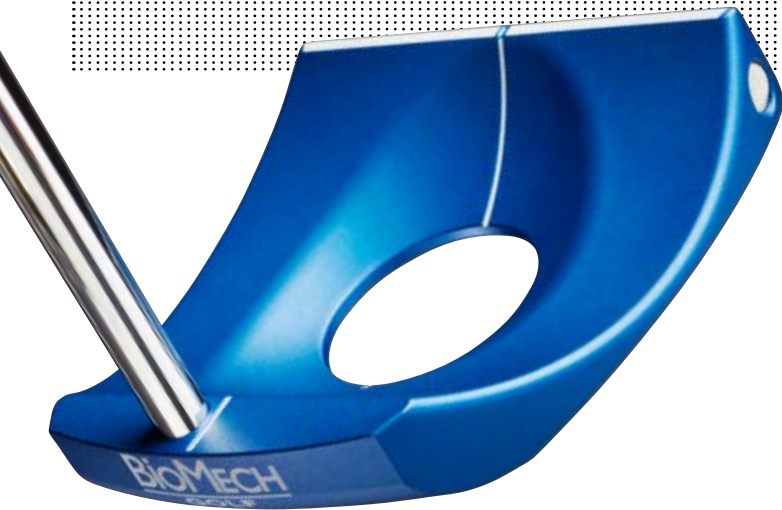
Bridgestone Extra Soft

The name says it all. A soft, two-piece ionomer cover wraps around a soft core, resulting in soft feel, more distance, straight flight, and short-game control. **\$22**



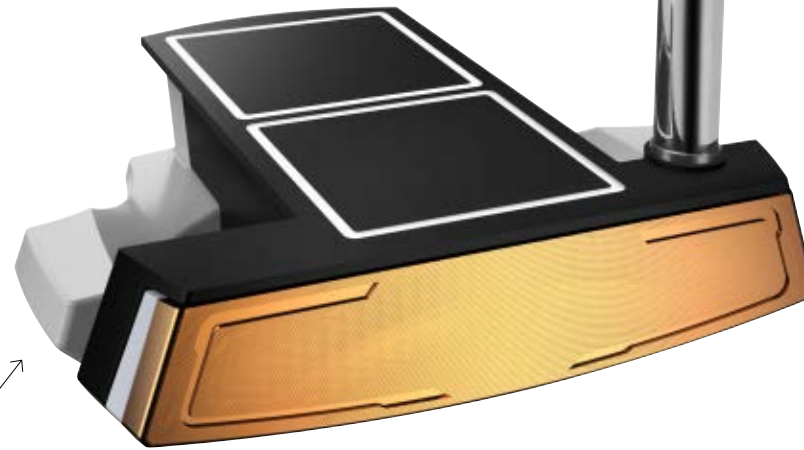
Titleist DT TruSoft

New core and cover formulations—both the company's softest ever—give this ball a softer feel without sacrificing distance or short-game spin and playability. **\$22**



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Cleveland TFi 2135

Not all golfers position their eyes over the ball, so Cleveland raised the alignment line, producing accurate set-up whether the eyes are over, inside, or outside the ball. **\$130**



Miura KM 008 Small Blade

This compact blade mixes art and science. Toe-weighting and a milled face, along with an industry-leading forging process, produce good feel, good roll, and good looks. **\$450**



**Ping
TR Cadence Ketsch Mid**

The compact mallet-shaped head takes a choice of face inserts, their weight varying to match different tempos. Grooves vary in width and depth to produce consistent ball speed. **\$230**



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BAY HILL CLUB & LODGE

ORLANDO, FLORIDA

What most people know about Bay Hill is that it's Arnold Palmer's winter home and the host of a popular PGA Tour event. What they don't know is that it's a resort, so the course they see on TV every March is open to them, along with a host of other top-scale amenities. Located close enough to Florida's famous theme parks to make them accessible but not overbearing, Bay Hill offers 70 guest rooms and 10 two-bedroom cottages, four restaurants, a spa, salon, and fitness center, a marina with fishing charters, swimming, and—since after all that activity you need to relax—a cozy fire pit overlooking the putting green. The championship golf course (designed by Dick Wilson and Joe Lee in 1961, redone by Arnold in 1980) is one of the most recognizable on Tour, with its fearsome foursome of par threes and the water-lined 18th hole that has drowned the hopes of many; all 188 greens were recently re-grassed with TifEagle Bermudagrass. There's also a forgiving nine-holer, plus the very good chance that Arnie himself will say hello. Now that's an amenity.

DON'T MISS... the rare photos, from Mr. Palmer's personal collection, that give each guest room a distinctive touch.

[website](#)

GRANDE LAKES ORLANDO

ORLANDO, FLORIDA

Most resorts are happy with one hotel. Grande Lakes has two—the 582-room Ritz-Carlton Orlando and the next-door, 1,000-room JW Marriott Orlando—offering a choice of accommodation experiences. Nearly everything else is shared and available to all guests, including the elegant Ritz-Carlton Spa, outdoor heated pools and whirlpools, tennis, volleyball, a fitness center, and kids' programs. Also shared is the resort's commitment to sustainability, which extends from waste management throughout the property to the careful use of chemicals and water on the Greg Norman-designed golf course. The course, which features wide-open landing areas, a choice of tees, and firm, fast conditions, sits at the headwaters of the Everglades and also offers distinct experiences: A number of holes run through preserved wetlands and natural woodlands, with the finish playing out dramatically in the shadow of the hotel towers.

DON'T MISS... kayaking Shingle Creek, where the Everglades begins. Guides explain the history and ecology of the region, and point out the abundant local denizens, including alligators, bald eagles, ospreys, and other creatures.

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HAMMOCK BEACH

PALM COAST, FLORIDA

The ocean coastline of northern Florida is known for a relaxed, family-friendly atmosphere, which is exactly the skinny on Hammock Beach. Situated along the state's historic "First Coast," the resort is big enough—320 rooms, including spacious villas and suites—to accommodate all comers, while maintaining a calm and intimate feel. Activities for all ages center on the water, including a water park, flowing river and other pools, surfing, kayaking, and a marina; there's also a spa, tennis, kids' camp, and that gorgeous Atlantic beachfront. The two golf courses also make good use of the water. The Jack Nicklaus-designed Ocean Course

has six holes on the Atlantic—the final four, called "The Bear Claw," sweep along the coast—with other holes playing along wetlands and lakes. Tom Watson's inland Conservatory Course features lakes, waterfalls, and brooks, as well as 140 bunkers that make a different kind of splash. When you've had enough of sand bars, Hammock Beach also offers a sushi bar, coffee bar, and cigar bar.

DON'T MISS... a brunch, cocktail, dinner, or private cruise through the Intracoastal Waterway on the resort's 117-foot yacht, *Sundancer*.

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MISSION INN RESORT & CLUB

HOWEY-IN-THE-HILLS, FLORIDA

Mission Inn proves there is another Florida, older, historic, where time seems to have stood still. About 45 minutes northwest of Orlando, set amidst orange groves and rolling terrain, the resort traces its roots back to turn-of-the-century land booms. The El Campeon golf course—tough, strategic, and featuring sharp elevation changes—was established in 1917 (making it one of the state's oldest), while the more wide-open Las Colinas opened in 1992. The resort's Spanish Colonial-style architecture came in the late '60s after the Beucher family took over; they've been running the place for more than 50 years with a relaxed and loving hand,

reveling in its idiosyncratic charms and lack of big-chain sameness. There are 176 rooms, suites, and villas, along with three restaurants (weekend buffets are famous for quality and quantity) and a choice of cozy lounges. Along with golf, the resort offers tennis, shooting, trails, pools, a marina, spa, fitness center, and more in a retro-modern mix that delivers on the fun.

DON'T MISS... poking around off property. Mt. Dora is a charming lakeside town of shops and restaurants, and the nearby German-style Yalaha Bakery is a sweet treat.

[website](#)



HAMMOCK BEACH



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AMELIA ISLAND, FLORIDA

Once upon a time, Amelia Island, at the very top of Florida, offered refuge for pirates and rumrunners. Today, it's active travelers and frazzled families who flock here for escape and adventure. As part of a recent \$85 million renovation, the resort added to its more than 600 rooms with new "End Suites" that boast wrap-around porches and endless views of the Atlantic. There are also 10 restaurants and lounges, a vast deck with a choice of pools, one of the country's top-ranked tennis facilities, a spa, salon, kids' programs, mini-golf course, and a nature center that brings the island's abundant animal and plant life into sharper view. Nature also embraces the three golf courses: Pete Dye's Oak Marsh, its greens recently resurfaced, wanders through the marsh; Long Point, by Tom Fazio, positions its tight fairways and elevated greens along ocean, marsh, and oak trees; and the windswept Ocean Links, designed by Bobby Weed, plays past lagoons and dunes. As escapes go, this one is great.

DON'T MISS... a paddleboarding tour of the surrounding marsh creeks. Every tour begins with a lesson in paddleboarding, which is a cross between surfing and kayaking.

[website](#)

OMNI ORLANDO RESORT AT CHAMPIONSGATE

ORLANDO, FLORIDA

While much of central Florida seems to have been designed with children in mind, this Omni resort offers a more grown-up atmosphere even though it is just six miles from Disney World and has a playground's worth of amenities for the small set. The gated, Mediterranean-styled property has an adults-only pool (with private cabanas, even a meditation garden), tennis courts, full-service health club and fitness center, and Mokara Spa. There are 720 rooms, suites, and lavishly decorated villas, and a variety of dining options from casual Italian to Pan-Asian. Perhaps most grown-up of all is The International, one of two Greg Norman-designed golf courses, patterned after the links courses of the British Isles and carrying one of the highest slope ratings in the state; the more "American" National weaves through woodlands, wetland, and orange groves.

DON'T MISS... the nearby shopping, which runs the gamut from the 110 stores at Premier Outlets to the Mall at Millenia, 1.2 million square feet of upscale emporia such as Cartier, Neiman-Marcus, Jimmy Choo, and Tiffany.

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PONTE VEDRA INN & CLUB

PONTE VEDRA BEACH, FLORIDA

Long before Ponte Vedra became famous as the home of the PGA Tour and stadium golf, this exquisite grande dame was sitting amidst lush tropical landscape along Atlantic sand. Opened in 1928, the inn maintains a grace and presence hard to find today, evident in its refined service, elegant guest rooms, and a hedonistic menu of activities that includes a luxurious spa, horseback riding, shopping, and water sports galore—pools, boats, fishing, and more. (Offering the same fun is the more contemporary Lodge and Club next door.) The golf might be overshadowed by better-known neighbors, but deserves

your attention. The Ocean Course, as old as the original resort, was one of the area's first golf experiences and presents its own island-green challenge. The Lagoon Course is a combination Robert Trent Jones/Joe Lee design that puts a premium on accuracy. Prepare to be charmed.

DON'T MISS... the Royal Coconut Milk and Honey Ritual in The Spa. Based on body-soothing principles practiced in Fiji, the combination of organic cane sugar, honey, coconut milk, and other oils will give your skin an island glow.

[website](#)

REUNION RESORT

KISSIMMEE, FLORIDA

It's called "reunion" because it was designed to bring people together. It certainly succeeds on the golf front as this is the only resort in the world with courses by Jack Nicklaus, Arnold Palmer, and Tom Watson, while also serving as home for Annika Sorenstam's namesake golf academy. The oversized multi-bedroom villas and vacation homes are also designed for gatherings, and there are half a dozen dining options as well as tennis courts, a fitness center and spa, a club for kids, pools and a water park, as well as bikes and trails linking it all together. Where friends and family are likely to separate is on the

courses, which offer challenges as distinct as their architects: Nicklaus's layout is parkland-style, with trees and elevated tees and greens; Watson's is fast, firm, and wide-open; Palmer crafted a hillier track with sand and some dramatic drops in elevation. In honor of the property's 10th anniversary, there are special deals and giveaways throughout the year.

DON'T MISS... the Frankly Golf Putting Academy, which offers 30-, 60-, and 90-minute lessons ranging from the basics to the advanced in green mastery.

[website](#)



PONTE VEDRA INN & CLUB



REUNION



TPC SAWGRASS



VILLAS AT GRAND CYPRESS

SAWGRASS MARRIOTT GOLF RESORT & SPA

PONTE VEDRA BEACH, FLORIDA

Only a few truly iconic layouts are open to all: This is one of them. So if you haven't played the Players Stadium Course, you absolutely should. Much more than simply the notorious island green, it's one of the game's cleverest designs, a Pete Dye original that uses mounds, water, bunkers, and trees to wage a non-stop battle of wits and wills. But there's more. The Valley Course, also a Dye design, shares many of its big brother's characteristics, and like the Stadium is best played with the assistance of a personal forecaddie who will make the round more enjoyable and enlightening. The 500-room Marriott hotel couldn't be more convenient (it's right next door), contemporary, and comfortable, offering a full-service spa, fitness center, pools, and a choice of restaurants. If you didn't play in enough sand on the courses, take a shuttle to the resort's Cabana Beach Club, which has its own dining, pools, watersports, and 26 miles of Atlantic beach.

DON'T MISS... a guided tour of the 77,000-square-foot, Mediterranean Revival-style TPC Sawgrass clubhouse, which features displays that recount the great moments and milestones of the Players Championship and the PGA Tour. [website](#)

VILLAS AT GRAND CYPRESS

ORLANDO, FLORIDA

It may be hard to believe that this 1,500-acre retreat is back-to-back with Disney World since the feel is more country club than cotton candy and the golf is anything but Goofy. A sophisticated yet fun way to enjoy greater Orlando, the property offers 121 fully equipped suites and multi-bedroom villas (recently upgraded in a multi-million-dollar renovation) laid out along tree-lined paths and 45 holes of Jack Nicklaus-designed golf, and with all the amenities expected of a much larger resort, including dining, in-room spa services, pool, fitness center, hiking/biking trails, watersports, and more. The original Nicklaus nines—North and South—are from Jack's big-mound, big-trouble period, while the East nine is a little easier, although still tough enough to challenge the pros who competed here over the years in the Shark Shoot-Out, World Cup, and LPGA Titleholders. A real treat is the New Course, Jack's homage to the Old Course at St. Andrews, with pot bunkers, double greens, even gorse. It's just like Scotland—only 30 degrees warmer!

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earliest days, have wide Florida fairways, lots of water and sand, and trees. The Palm Course—which with the other two used to host a PGA Tour event—was recently modernized by Arnold Palmer's design company with new green complexes, tees, and bunkers. A family-friendly nine-hole, Oak Trail, is made for walking. And in this magic golf kingdom, there are always deals on tee times and accommodations.

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BODE MILLER

AMERICA'S MOST DECORATED male competitive Alpine skier has earned six Olympic medals, 33 World Cup victories, and World Championships in four different events (Giant Slalom, Combined, Super-G, and Downhill). He's also an avid golfer—that is, in the five months he isn't skiing—having picked up the game after high school in his native New Hampshire. He now lives in California, and his course favorites show a bias toward both his original and current homes. He belongs to two clubs in Orange County, where he maintains an unofficial handicap of around 5.

Asked if there's a parallel between his two sports, the 38-year-old Miller—who was injured skiing back in February and hasn't decided if he's coming back to ski competitively—says, "They're both really challenging mentally. Golf isn't that physically demanding, but when you're standing over a ball and to have to execute a specific series of movements, that can be frustrating and challenging." —*Garrett Johnston*



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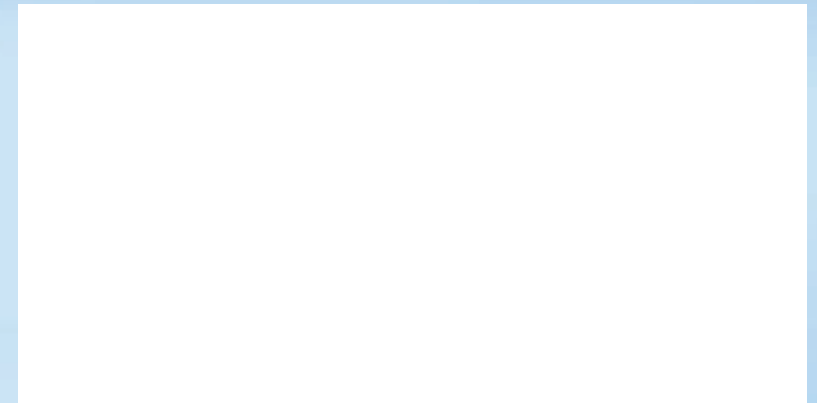
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