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# PUMA EVOKNIT



## Apparel Review

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### ***EVOKNIT Seamless Polo - "Peacoat"***

"We've outdone ourselves with this one. Breakthrough EVOKNIT designs feature seamless, body-mapped ventilation and engineered stretch construction for unrestricted range of motion. You've never worn a shirt like it."

The EVOKNIT Seamless polo was easily the standout piece sent in for review. Despite the trepidation from the initial pictures, the polo in hand is not only stylish, but makes the wearer immediately realize there is some serious validity to the EVOKNIT material. The design of the shirt does everything possible to show off the material, particularly with the accent patterns used via their "body mapping" concept on the back of the shirt, and because of that, it very much elicits some nostalgia to when Puma Golf first broke onto the scene, except it is about 100 times better. The material is superlight, and it truly is a seamless polo which made for one of the nicest fitting polos I have ever worn. Even with the patterns, it manages to flow well enough to work beyond the course, and the two-button placket keeps it from feeling too formal as well. No fear of overdone taper here, plenty of room in the chest and core, but it does refrain from being boxy, thankfully. At \$75.00 it is an upper tier price for a lot of people, but this one competes in comfort with any golf polo out there, whether it be a standard golf brand or boutique. Hopefully this is just the beginning for this application of EVOKNIT.

#### Design Details:

86% nylon, 14% polyester

2-Button Placket

Colors: Peacoat, Puma Black, Quarry, Lapis Blue

\$75.00



### ***Executive Golf Polo - "Puma Black"***

"Your playing partners will be begging to give you extra mulligan with a shirt that looks this cool. Classy lines on the collar and down the side with a knit PUMA logo down the back. Stay dry and comfortable with dryCELL technology."

The Executive Polo has a very appropriate name, what you see is what you get, and it is in stark contrast to the EVOKNIT Seamless covered previously. The Executive is a solid colorway with only a subtle two color accent on the collar. It offers that same American/Athletic fit one would expect, and wears much lighter than it looks. The fabric is breathable, especially in the back and underarm area, but it's a subdued look so it will work with flashy or traditional bottoms, and even in the office too. The Executive is also priced at \$75.00, and that is interesting because it is so much more stable in the looks and performance department than its Seamless counterpart, but for those who find a lot of what Puma does to be too loud, this will definitely quell that

#### Design Details:

86% nylon, 14% polyester

2-Button Placket

Colors: Peacoat, Puma Black, Quarry, Lapis Blue

\$75.00

Puma Golf has never been one to shy away from standing out. In years past, that seemingly centered on flash and color more than anything else (outside of shoes), but now they have a new offering that goes in a bit of a different direction with their EVOKNIT line. EVOKNIT is Puma's innovative take on finding ways to increase the range of motion, flexibility, and breathability of their apparel, but without sacrificing aesthetics. The interesting thing here, is that while there is form and function to line, Puma has also been sure to keep a balance by presenting more traditional/conservative looking pieces, as well as some fit for Rickie Fowler's flare. The material has been applied to multiple pieces in the line, and THP was fortunate enough to receive four of them to take a closer look.



Design Details:

100% nylon  
Colors: Puma Black, Peacoat  
\$85.00

## EVOKNITV Neck Golf Sweater - "Puma Black"

"Your eyes are not deceiving you this sweater really does look this good. It features EVOKNIT at the elbows and side panels giving you an engineered stretch construction for unrestricted range of motion. WarmCELL technology retains heat close to your body to maintain your optimum temperature. With a combination like that how can you say no?"

For golfers who like to get their V-Neck on, the EVOKNIT V-Neck is a solid article of golf apparel. This one does feature EVOKNIT and it has been applied to the design through the side panels to allow for maximum core rotation, something that a lot of secondary layers can cause issues with. It also has a unique elbow structure. In the elbows, the EVOKNIT is applied into almost an accordion like manner, making for a different kind of look up close, but that said, it did work functionally to not impede arm extension through the golf swing. With V-Necks, you either love them or you don't, and this one will appeal to those that do because when paired with a nice polo underneath it showcases the collar rather than distracting from it. At \$85.00 it's a pretty solid price overall, and there is definitely still a more traditional style group out there who it will appeal to, and introduce to EVOKNIT.



Design Details:

100% nylon  
Colors: Puma Black, Quarry  
\$90.00

## EVOKNITV Quarter-Zip Sweater - "Puma Black"

"The EVOKNIT 1/4 Zip Sweater is engineered with body-mapped stretch panels for unrestricted range of motion. Added benefits include UV protection, at UPF +50 will be protected even on the sunniest days."

The EVOKNIT quarter-zip is a straight forward design. The solid color design works well with a multitude of things and the decision to use a simple collar accent helps with that cleanliness. The 100% nylon build has a bit more heft than one might expect, and the size, as with all the other items in this review, fits very true within the American/Athletic area of the spectrum. The use of EVOKNIT here is similar to that of the V-Neck with stretch panels in the side to maximize torsional range of motion, and that same accordion like application in the elbows to make extension a tension free thing. Puma also claims SPF protection with this one, which is rather cool for those clear skied fall days. At \$90.00 it is the most expensive of the articles in for review, but it's a pretty common range for a nice quarter-zip.

# Roy's Aloha Hour and Menu Impress

Written By: Lisa Watterson, [www.jaxrestaurantreviews.com](http://www.jaxrestaurantreviews.com)

Photography By: Lisa Watterson

If you haven't been to Roy's in Jax Beach lately, you might want to make a trip over there, stat. The team at Roy's did some remodeling earlier this year due to the popularity of their Aloha Hour, and now the kitchen has cooked up some special dishes just for fall. It has been some time since my shadow darkened the doorway at Roy's, unfortunately. So I was all too eager to see what Roy's has been up to lately.

Roy's Aloha Hour is 3-7pm everyday, with their late night Aloha Hour 9-10 on weeknights and 9-11 on weekends. In the spring, the team expanded the bar and bar seating at Roy's because so many people come to the Aloha Hour for specially priced bar bites and drinks. Roy's Aloha Hour food transports one to the islands with unique items like Peppercorn Ahi Tuna Lettuce Wraps, featuring ahi tuna, lettuce leaves, kimchi, yuzu aioli, and crispy onions. For those who want to pair a refreshing cocktail with their Aloha Hour bar bites, the Cool Breeze is a perfect companion- Prairie organic cucumber vodka, coconut water, pineapple juice, fresh lemon, Monin agave.

Here's the rundown of the dishes we tried from Roy's menu:



**Auntie Lei's Aloha Roll**



**Hawaiian Tuna & Salmon Poke**

## APPETIZERS

**Rock Shrimp Tempura** – These babies were delicious- sweet and meaty.

**Peppercorn Tuna Wraps**– The Tuna Wraps were a healthier option, each served on their own lettuce leaf, but had plenty of flavor.

**Blistered Shishito Peppers** – Shishito peppers are often referred to as Russian roulette peppers in culinary circles because while they are not spicy, every so often you get a spicy one. The peppers were fantastic. We didn't get any hot ones.

**Hawaiian Tuna & Salmon Poke** – This poke was the showstopper of the appetizers. It had great flavor due to the Inamona Jus and it came with a few crispy taro chips for scooping the poke.

**Auntie Lei's Aloha Roll** – Roy's offers a handful of sushi rolls and Auntie Lei's Aloha Roll had just the right amount of kick. Tuna and yellowtail with cucumber accompany spicy tuna, and it is finished with garlic ponzu sauce. I only eat mild spiced foods and this roll was a breeze. The spicy tuna was there, but not overpowering.

**Kung Pao Calamari** – Fresh calamari with a sweet heat to it.



**Kung Pao Calamari**



**Peppercorn Tuna Wraps**

## ENTREES

**Braised Short Ribs of Beef** – Wowza. These short ribs were dynamite. Melt-in-your-mouth tender meat, full of flavor from the lengthy braising time, if you are only going to try one dish, it needs to be this one.

**Butter Seared Georges Bank Sea Scallops** – The scallops give an impressive visual, especially when served over black rice. The flavors of this dish- the fresh scallops, the lobster essence, the creamy coconut black rice- they danced beautifully together.

**Andouille Crusted Whitefish** – This was prepared so lovely, with hot sauce buerre blanc so that you experienced the flavor of the fish and the hot sauce without too much of the accompanying heat. This way your palate could take in all the goodness of the fish.



**Butter Seared Georges Bank Sea Scallops**



**Andouille Crusted Whitefish**

## SIDES

**Lump Crab Fried Rice** – If you love crab and fried rice, you will love this match made in heaven.

**Truffle Bacon Mac & Cheese** – Rich and savory and creamy, this mac and cheese was pure bliss. If you love mac and cheese, don't pass this up.

**Broccolini** – Broccolini is a thinner broccoli hybrid and it is served perfectly crisp-tender at Roy's. This is another excellent choice for enjoying a healthier meal out.

**Sautéed Bok Choy** – Along with the broccolini, the sautéed bok choy is a yummy way to get your greens. These hearty stalks are cooked exquisitely with ginger and garlic.

## DESSERTS

**Pineapple Upside Down Cake** –aramelized pineapple and brown sugar pound cake come together in this delectable dessert, served a la mode with coconut ice cream. The coconut ice cream is a perfect partner to the pineapple cake.

**Roy's Melting Hot Chocolate Soufflé** – The flourless chocolate cake that gives way to hot, melted chocolate in the middle, served with raspberry coulis and vanilla bean ice cream, this is rich and decadent and impressive. If you are looking for an indulgence, look no further!



**Dessert Assortment**

What sets Roy's apart is the way they take dishes and foods that people are familiar with and put their own Asian-Hawaiian spin on it to create an even more delicious dish. The first Roy's opened in Honolulu, Hawaii in 1988 by namesake Roy Yamaguchi, a James Beard Award winner. Since those early days, the restaurant has proudly spread its passion around the world- there are 18 Roy's restaurants in the continental United States, including our own Jax Beach location, as well as international locations. Blending classic techniques with the freshest ingredients and adventurous bold flavors, Roy created an entirely new approach to fine dining. Guests can indulge in one of the restaurant's spectacular cocktails or choose a glass from the award-winning wine list while discovering the finest seafood, steaks, and sushi all made from the best local ingredients expertly prepared by local chefs.

# What's Your Golf Fashion Style Ladies?

A guide to finding the women's golf clothing brands that match your attitude, by Katharine Dyson and Susan Fornoff



*Outfits from SanSoleil at left, Iconic Sport at right*

A man walks into a golf shop, picks out a shirt, holds it up to his chest, and heads for the cash register. But the woman golfer of today faces an incredibly diverse array of golf apparel options, from retro plaid shorts to capris, to shirts of all sleeve lengths and collar treatments, to eye-teaser skorts and even dresses.

That's good news: No matter what your flavor of the day is, you are certain to find the perfect outfit. The trick is how to marry the fashions and accessories and brands with who you really are, so that you can quickly identify a great find, even online, and not spend hours locked in a converted-closet-now-dressing-room when you could be golfing.

So.... **WHO ARE YOU?**

## Golf Fashion Style 1: LIFE OF THE PARTY



*Loudmouth*

She starts her day –usually late– with a cappuccino then lets the day unfold. Loves it if something serendipitous happens, like an offer to go for a spin on a Harley. She doesn't mind ordering her own Pinot Gris at the bar and only gets her mojo going after 11 p.m. She watches SyFy and superhero movies.

For Her Closet: Definitely Loudmouth for the course. Cassie Kovacevich at Loudmouth says, "You can't wear Loudmouth and not get attention." Embroidered rubber duckies, bright pink flamingos, Jolly Roger skull & crossbones, blueberry pie, disco balls– the list of designs and colors just gets more and more cheeky.

LOP also digs Kevan Hall Sport's playful dresses that seamlessly shift from swinging on the golf course to swinging on the dance floor. Jamie Saddock is another winner with her daring bling and shimmering fabrics. On cool golfing days she'll keep warm by wearing Lady Skinz leggings in eye-popping colors and patterns.

## Golf Fashion Style 2. MULTITASKER

She's hip, she's busy, she's involved. She helps out with charities, plays tennis, and scrapbooks – all the while maintaining her 10 handicap. She reads to her kids every night before unwinding with a Netflix movie. When she buys clothing, she looks for things that are classic with lasting power so that they still look good after many rounds. Throw in a little spandex and sass and she's there.

For Her Closet: Kristin Debany, team head of golf apparel at Cobra Puma, says, "Our sweet spot is 35-50, with a youthful mindset and multisport interests. Our DNA brand is bold, graphic, colorful and fun." Other good bets include Lija Style for form-fitting sports attire in surprise prints and fabrics, and Sunice's jackets and pants that are beautifully cut and come in solids punched up with bursts of color.



*Lexi Thompson in Puma*

## Golf Fashion Style 3. FASHION DIVA



*aDRESSit*

She's really not that much into TV. Saturday night she's out with her friends going to dinner or taking in a concert. She shows up wearing Pucci and Prada knockoffs; valet parks her Audi R8; changes her hair color every six months; and is jazzed by the fountains and gardens at Trump's tracks.

For Her Closet: For FDs who dare to be different, think aDRESSitgolf where stripes and blocks of Mondrian-meets-Miro-like color light up the fairways. CEO Lloyd Eisler says, "We offer lots of reversible tops and dresses with sneaky cap sleeves so they're course legal." Our Fashion Diva also favors classy Ralph Lauren and Catherine Wingate's fab dresses that look as great on the course as in the clubhouse dining room. Among classic brands, look to EP Pro and Bette&Court for even more dresses.

## Golf Fashion Style 4. TRADITIONALIST

Our Traditionalist watches "Downton Abbey," "60 Minutes" and "The Good Wife." She belongs to a book club; has worn the same perfect-on-her hairstyle for years; volunteers at club benefits; and likes to have her family and friends for dinner. She never has trouble meeting golf course dress codes. Just put her in a golf cart with a bottle of water and her GPS watch and she's good to go.

For Her Closet: Lizzie Driver co-owner Lorrie Forgatch says, "We're traditional and classic. Some have called us the J. Crew of women's golf." Fresh upbeat colors and classic cuts are safe havens for our preppy Traditionalist, including snappy fashions from Bette & Court, Chase54 and Greg Norman.



*Lizzie Driver*

## Golf Fashion Style 5. FIT-CHALLENGED



*EP Pro*

She's talkative and heaps of fun. She loves to cook and try new recipes, and is forever looking for golf clothes that fit her comfortably yet still make her look sharp and sexy. She drinks Prosecco, reads 50 Shades of Grey and the New York Times, and likes to play courses that showcase her long drives.

For Her Closet: Finding flattering golf attire can be a challenge. Those shorts and skorts that look great in the ads on Paula Creamer may not look so great on our girl. But help is on the way. Apparel in plus sizes that have great cut and some give in the fabric as well as longer shorts and elbow-length sleeves can do the trick. Fashions that come in plus sizes by EP Pro, Tail Activewear, Cutter & Buck, Bette & Court, Nancy Lopez and JoFit work, as well as Monterey Club shirts in jewel colors accented by flashes of rhinestone bling. And more good news: Almost all of the bottoms by these brands have stretch, and many are pull-on.

## Golf Fashion Style 6. GIRLY GIRL

With a sunny disposition, she laughs a lot and loves surprises. She bakes cookies once a week, lunches with her girl friends and is determined to read all the alphabet books by Sue Grafton in order. Her golf bag and clubs come as a matching set.

For Her Closet: Details like ruffles, ruching and pretty necklines with touches of contrasting color can make all the difference. Take fashions from Roaming Dhabi (offering adorable dresses) or Golftini (with an irresistible lineup of pink and white coordinated outfits). Sweet.



*Golftini*

## Golf Fashion Style 7. SUN SAVVY



*SanSoleil at left, Iconic Sport at right*

She may have used a reflector in her youth, but today her bronze look comes from a tube. No sun for this moisturizer-loving babe. Hats and sunscreen are a must, but she refuses to sacrifice her great fashion sense and cover up under a nun's habit.

For Her Closet: Apparel from SanSoleil and Iconic Sport (shown above) uses fabric that is treated to protect you from harmful sun rays. Much of Tail's apparel is 40+, and the Annika Collection from Cutter & Buck also offers long-sleeve shirts with 35+ UV protection. Hats from Tilley Endurables and Head 'N Home hats have been certified to 50+UPF.

## Golf Fashion Style 8. JOCK GIRL

She wears Chaco sandals; drives an SUV with room for her clubs, kayak paddle and beach chair. She likes to walk the course and carry her lightweight stand bag. She watches Golf Channel and relishes settling in a hammock with a good book. Her favorite shows include “Bones” and “CSI.”

For Her Closet: Sarah Marai, global product manager of Taylor-Made Adidas Golf, says of the Adidas women’s collection, “Our tagline is ‘Built for an athlete, designed for a woman.’ She’s beautiful, she’s strong, she’s a competitor, she’s fierce - and she’s a fashionista.” Cutter & Buck’s Annika line also kicks in with its sporty clothing geared to high performance worthy of its namesake. Other contenders include Nike, Greg Norman, Antigua, Sunice, Daily Sports, Tail Activewear and JoFit.



*Annika Sorenstam in Cutter & Buck*

## Golf Fashion Style 9. THE JUGGLER



*Sport Haley*

Saturday afternoon she may meet girlfriends for lunch and run errands, while that night she could dig in at home and savor a glass of wine with cheese and crackers. In her dreams she waltzes to Strauss at the Vienna New Year’s Eve Ball but is a happy girl at her club’s Summer Dance. She’s always struggling for balance.

For Her Closet: Haus of Gray co-founder Kelli Marie Riley says, “We like tone on tone—we are a much more subtle brand. We want our line to be something you can wear on and off the course. The last thing a woman wants to do is have a bold look and have people remembering you wore that outfit last week.” Then there are Sport Haley with luxurious fabrics and details, mood-setter GG Blue for upbeat happy prints and plaids, while Nivo Sport marries European style with athletic-inspired designs.

## Golf Fashion Style 10. ECO-GIRL

She believes our planet is warming, dabbles with gluten-free diets and uses only organic compost in her garden. She reads New Yorker magazine, votes as an independent and drives a Tesla. EG recycles everything including cat litter. When she travels, she actually goes out of her way to stay at a place with LEED (Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design) certification.

For Her Closet: EG likes AUR Aware classic fashions created in eco-friendly fabrics. She loves 100% cotton shirts like Alibaba pima cotton polos, and looks for the “Made in the USA” label from the likes of Kevan Hall Sport and Lizzie Driver, because she knows that means her outfit’s journey required less fuel. Another wardrobe staple is Kentwool’s Sport Skinny socks made from bamboo and wool, said to last longer and resist odors. Now there’s a challenge!



*AUR*

# GOLF TOWN NEW YORK!

*With the New York area playing host to nearly 20 of America's top 100 golf courses, it is without a doubt one of the best areas for high end golf in the country. The issue for most golfers is that the majority of these courses are private clubs. Don't get me wrong, for a weekend golfer looking to pay a daily fee, you have got some great options with Bethpage Black, or nearby Ferry Point. However, most passionate golfers have their eye on Long Island or Westchester as these regions pack a serious golf punch. Getting an invitation to play some of these exclusive clubs is partly what makes these rounds so special. I was fortunate enough to have a couple of these "Bucket List" courses on the agenda. Let's jump into it, as I get excited just warming up to it.*

## QUAKER RIDGE GOLF CLUB

Coming in at #71 on Golf Digest's Top 100, Quaker Ridge is a Tillinghast gem and an excellent way to start off my adventure. The course is pure classic golf and the greens are regarded as some of the finest in the country. I found this to be especially true as I was one of the first to head out in the morning, following right behind the maintenance crew. Given the challenge on the greens, there are certain places you can't afford to miss. Unfortunately, I found just about all of those places. A great start course wise, a bad start score wise.



## OLD OAKS COUNTRY CLUB

A quick afternoon tee time was just what I needed to address my early morning swing woes. As it turns out, that was definitely not the case. However, I didn't mind my poor play one bit as the walk around Old Oaks is a fantastic one. It was my second Tillinghast course in the same day. The only way you can pull that off on the west coast is to own a private jet. I do not own a private jet. The highlight of the day was playing through a fourball on the 5th hole and nearly holing out for eagle. As I tapped in for birdie, I pretended like I hadn't doubled the last two holes.



## HUDSON NATIONAL GOLF CLUB

Resting on dramatic bluffs above the Hudson River Valley, Hudson National is regarded as one of Tom Fazio's finest designs. The design is not a natural one, as Fazio dynamited over 130,00 cubic feet to match the terrain with his design. Built in 1996, Hudson is one of the more modern additions to the Top 100, coming in at #95. The site used to be home to Hessian Hills Country Club in the 1920's. However, a fire burned it down in the 1930's. In an odd coincidence, my golf game would also go up in flames for my 2017 round. Remnants of the old clubhouse can still be seen today along the 4th and 5th holes. Remnants of my golf game would also survive the fire.



## ESSEX COUNTRY CLUB

After playing Shoreacres in 2016, I immediately became a Seth Raynor fan. Unfortunately, there are not many Raynor designs and none near my home base of Seattle. So when I had an afternoon open up, I gladly signed up for some twilight action at Essex. The club was founded in 1887 and is the oldest in the state of New Jersey. A composite design by Banks, Raynor, and Tillinghast, Essex is one of the 25 founding clubs of the USGA. I had the pleasure of employing Spencer for my round at Essex. When it comes to caddies, Spencer was just about as enthusiastic as they come. Quick quote from Spence: "Oh yeah, our greens are big... Big enough for your ass." With the help of my man Spence, my game was back on track.



## MAIDSTONE CLUB

Having found my groove at Essex, I was stoked to be heading out onto Long Island and paying a visit to Maidstone. The club was founded in 1891 and architectural credits go to Willie Parker Jr. It also has as a pretty sweet whale logo. I had heard great things about Maidstone and I was pretty fired up to play. The holes on the ocean definitely stand out, but the entire design is very enjoyable and a lot of fun to play. Fun fact: The house to the right of the tee box on #15 has bullet proof windows to protect itself from errant tee shots and I guess.. gunfire. Although, in East Hampton, people are not too concerned about flying bullets penetrating their million dollar homes.



## BAYONNE GOLF CLUB

The last thing I said before I found the entrance to Bayonne Golf Club was "Oh man, I definitely made a wrong turn." It is easy to think you are in the wrong area as you pull in from the nearby industrial area into the private gates of Bayonne. It's a touch of Scotland that some how found it's way into New Jersey. Built on top of an old waste disposal site, Bayonne does an excellent job at providing the golfer with a links experience... A links experience with a view of Manhattan. The day started out with rain and by the 4th hole, it was pouring down pretty good. Not good for pictures, but not a problem for this Seattleite. However, by the 7th hole, the rain had lifted and we ended up with a pretty good day for golf. Nothing quite like the feeling of peeling off your rain gear as the sun hits your shoulders.



## ARONIMINK GOLF CLUB

I had originally visited Aronimink Golf Club in 2016 and it was easily one of my favorite Donald Ross designs. So when I got a chance to head back out and see the Gil Hanse renovations, I was pretty excited. If you follow golf course design, you know that Gil Hanse is the hottest architect in the game right now. It's basically Zoolander but for golf nerds. See video below for clarification on this point. After visiting several of Hanse's renovations, I have found them to be very well done and non intrusive. As a member at Maidstone described it to me, "It's not like he changed the nose on the Mona Lisa, he just scrubbed off all the grime and dirt that had built up over the years. Now we can see the beauty of the original intent." The renovation at Aronimink is no exception. When the BMW Championship visits in 2018, I am sure the players will rave about the course.



## NATIONAL GOLF LINKS OF AMERICA

After several days of dealing with the big dogs, it was time to bring in the really big dogs. National Golf Links of America is the ultimate creation from the father of American golf course architecture, Charles Blair McDonald. This is his masterpiece. When Stephanie Wei of Weiunderpar.com informed me that we had a tee time, I nearly threw up and definitely peed my pants. As a fan of the classics and a fan of golf course architecture, NGLA or National, has been at the top of my bucket list for quite some time. I had studied it from above via Google Earth and now it was time to study it from ground level. I was beyond excited. Unfortunately for my score, that excitement would carry over to the first hole and I would promptly open up with a double bogey. The good news is that the golfer within would emerge and manage a handful of birdies and a score in the 70's. Every hole is a study in architecture and a joy to play.



**FISHERS ISLAND**

There is an old saying that goes “The only thing better than playing NGLA, is playing NGLA and Fishers Island.” Naturally we hopped onto the ferry to Fishers Island to honor this ancient saying. Another Seth Raynor gem, Fishers Island is widely regarded to be one of Raynor’s very best designs. Because the course is basically on it’s own private island, it offers a golfing experience like no other. There are some outstandingly good template holes at Fishers Island and I was particularly impressed by the “Punchbowl” and “Biarritz” options on the front nine. Other highlights include a birdie bomb on the first hole and the bounce I received on the 8th that led to a very memorable eagle.



*The best part about the New York area is that you could easily do 3-4 trips of similar quality before you would run low on amazing new courses to play. This golfer will have to return.*

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## TaylorMade is changing the way golf clubs are purchased with *The Turn*

When purchasing an iPhone 7, rarely does someone pay the \$649 upfront for the phone, but rather opts for the monthly \$32.41 fee. Then when it's time to upgrade to the new model, simply trade in the old phone.

Essentially, TaylorMade is bringing this concept into the realm of golf clubs with a program called *The Turn*.

Instead of paying \$499 for a new M1 2017 driver and \$1,199 for a set of P-770 irons, it's allowing customers to finance the clubs over 18 or 30 months and pay a monthly fee at 9.99 percent interest. This program also allows customers to upgrade into newer models after 12 or 24 months.

### ***Here's how it works:***

When you go to purchase a driver or set of irons on TaylorMade's website, you'll have the option to pay in full, or enter into the upgrade program through a credit company called Klarna. You'll first need to apply for credit approval.

Then, you'll select a finance program – either 18 or 30 months. Let's say you purchase a \$499 TaylorMade M1 2017 and the 18-month plan. That means you'll pay \$33 a month for the next 18 months, totaling \$594.

After 12 months when the new TaylorMade 2018 driver comes out, you have the option to upgrade. TaylorMade will send you a return label and you'll ship the old driver back to TaylorMade and they send you the new driver. Your payments on the old driver will carry, or roll over to the new driver. If you decide you want to keep the old driver, you continue the payments for the full 18 months and the driver is yours.

### Your old club will NOT be eligible for upgrade if it has any of the conditions below:

- Clubs with cracked or bent shafts
- Clubs with dented or cracked crowns
- Wedges with excessive sole wear and/or groove wear
- Iron sets that do not consist of 5-8 consecutive clubs, do not have a pitching wedge or do not match other clubs in the set
- Counterfeit/knock-off clubs

### Your old club WILL be eligible for upgrade if it has any of the following conditions:

- Moderate face and sole wear
- Sky-marks
- Chips in paint
- Paint blemishes
- Scratches/nicks on the crown
- Shaft wear

## *...So, what's the catch?*

Well, the catch is that you eventually pay more money – \$95 more in the example above – to keep the driver. There are benefits, though.

1. If you can't afford or don't wish to pay the full cost upfront, this gives you the flexibility to pay monthly.
2. Instead of dealing with the hassle of selling your old driver to buy a new driver, TaylorMade streamlined this process (as long as you upgrade to the new TaylorMade product).
3. At the promotional offer of around 10 percent interest, you're essentially saving money against the credit card system, which averages somewhere around 15 percent depending on your banking plan.

For golfers who want to stay up with the newest equipment and don't necessarily have the cash laying around to support that desire, TaylorMade's "The Turn" could be a savior. Those interested in entering this upgrade program, it should be noted that the 9.99 percent interest rate is promotional. The standard Klarna interest rate is 19.99 percent, which will raise both your monthly rate and expected total price of the driver.



# Golf Tips from a PGA Pro

By Gina Scanlon

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PGA professional instructor, Charlie Lostracco, frequently gives his clients at The Classics Country Club in Naples, Florida some expert blog advice. We thought it worthwhile to share some of his recent tips with all of you who are continuing to hone your golf game.

## **On developing a smarter lay – up**

*When you are faced with having to lay-up, make sure you do the math in order to do so at a good distance. Too often you will tend to always hit a 3-wood. The problem is that you generally end up too close to the green to hit a full shot. An example would be if you are 230 yards from the green and your favorite shot is to have 60 yards into the green, then hit your 170-yard club.*

*You will find that you will make more birdies or get the ball up and down more often by doing this than just blasting your 3-wood.*

*So give it a try the next par five you are out of your go zone. Lay it up to a comfortable number and then take advantage of your wedge play!*

## **Connecting your arms with your swing**

*Creating a connection between the turn of your shoulders and swing of your arms promotes a more efficient golf swing with less moving parts.*

*Most amateurs' swings have too many moving parts, and as a result develop a great deal of inconsistency. To improve the connection in your swing, I recommend 'The Ball Drill.' Find a ball about the size of a slightly deflated volleyball, and then pinch the ball between both biceps while also having it contact your chest. Once the ball is in place, grip the club and begin to make short swings.*

*Gradually work your way up to a full-length swing while swinging slowly. The key to performing the ball drill is that the ball must maintain contact with all three points while you are swinging. The length of your back swing may feel shorter and more restricted.*

*Connecting the motion of the body and arms will eliminate unnecessary moving parts in your golf swing, and make it easier to repeat.*



# 5 REASONS TO CHOOSE MANOR HOUSE FOR YOUR NEXT GOLF BREAK

There are plenty of options when it comes to Stay & Play golf holidays in the UK but if you're looking to escape for a weekend away towards the South of England, you'd be mad not to consider heading to Manor House.

BY RORY [www.yourgolftravel.com](http://www.yourgolftravel.com)

## 1 – BYBROOK RESTAURANT

*Are you a foodie? You'll simply love the Bybrook Restaurant if so. Taking its name from the river that runs through the grounds of the infinitely charming Manor House Hotel (located less than 10 minutes from the golf course), this Michelin Star establishment serves up delicious seasonal dishes which are perfectly complemented by fine wines which have been handpicked by an expert sommelier, creating an unforgettable dining experience.*

### DINNER AT THE BYBROOK

## 2 – THE COURSE

### THE COURSE

*Designed by the legendary Peter Alliss, known by golfers around the world as "The Voice of Golf", the course at Manor House is one of the most picturesque in the South of England and an absolute joy to play for golfers of all abilities. The undulating landscape of the course lends itself to some quirky but truly remarkable holes. The 2nd is one of the best par 3s in the country, while holes like the par 5 12th and the par 3 17th just ooze fun and are sure to thrill visiting golfers.*

### 3 – ESCAPE TO THE COUNTRY

*Manor House Hotel is set amongst 365 acres of pristine Wiltshire countryside, and throughout the beautiful woodland and parkland, there's an abundance of activities to keep you busy during your time away from the golf course. Try your hand at fly fishing on the river, play a game of croquet on the lawns or simply stroll through the beautiful grounds, all the while forgetting the stresses and strains of everyday life; the choice is yours.*



### 4 – STAYING IN STYLE



*From the Waterfall Lodge, located a stone's throw from the 18th green at Manor House Golf Club and an ideal base for groups of golfers who are travelling down with golf as the main focus, to the main Manor House Hotel and its luxurious Mews Cottages, among the most charming places to stay in all of England, you might find it hard to leave your room or suite of choice if it weren't for the wealth of attractions just outside your doorstep.*

### 5 – OUT & ABOUT

*Whether you're based at the main Manor House Hotel or the Waterfall Lodge which overlooks the 18th green at the golf club, you're never too far away from fascinating local attractions that are waiting to be explored. From Stonehenge and the Roman Baths, both an absolute must for history buffs, to a day at Bristol Zoo or an adrenaline-fuelled track experience at Castle Combe Circuit; there's plenty to do within a reasonable distance of Manor House.*



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# Teeing Up With Golf Humor

By Brent Kelley, [www.thoughtco.com](http://www.thoughtco.com)

Every golfer needs a good laugh now and again. Our sport is a tough one to master, which perhaps helps explain why golf jokes are such a part of the game.

Ready to laugh, then? We've compiled some of golfers' favorite golf jokes on this and the following pages. The ones included here are longer jokes, more of the "story" kind of golf joke.

## The Funeral Procession

Four golfers who like to gamble wind up in the same foursome. The pot builds throughout the day until they reach the 18th green, where Charlie has a chance to putt for dough. If he makes his 10-foot putt, he wins \$200.

Charlie lines up his putt, but just as he's about to take his stance, a funeral procession begins passing by on the road that runs alongside the 18th hole.

Charlie steps away from his ball, sets down his putter,

takes off his hat and places it over his heart, and waits for the funeral procession to completely pass. Once all the cars in the funeral procession have passed, Charlie picks up his putter and begins lining up the putt again.

"Wow," one of his opponents says. "That was the most touching thing I have ever seen. You've got a makeable putt for \$200, yet you stopped and paid your respects. You really are something."

"Well," Charlie says, "we were married for 25 years."

## Dear Abby

*Dear Abby,*

I've never written to you before, but I really need your advice. I have suspected for some time now that my wife has been cheating on me. The usual signs. Phone rings but if I answer, the caller hangs up. My wife has been going out with "the girls" a lot recently although when I ask



their names she always says, “Just some friends from work, you don’t know them.”

I always try to stay awake to look out for her coming home, but I usually fall asleep. Anyway, I have never approached the subject with my wife. I think deep down I just didn’t want to know the truth, but last night she went out again and I decided to check on her. Around midnight, I decided to hide in the garage behind my golf clubs so I could get a good view of the whole street when she arrived home from a night out with “the girls”.

It was at that moment, crouching behind my clubs, that I noticed that the graphite shaft on my driver appeared to have a hairline crack right by the club head.

Is this something I can fix myself or should I take it back to the pro shop where I bought it?

*Signed,  
Perplexed*

### **Arnie, Jack and Tiger Before God**

Arnold Palmer, Jack Nicklaus and Tiger Woods are standing at the throne of heaven. God looks at them and says, “Before granting you a place at my side, I must ask you what you have learned, what you believe in.”

God asks Arnie first: “What do you believe?” Arnie thinks long and hard, looks God in the eye, and says, “I believe in hard work, and in staying true to family and friends. I believe in giving. I was lucky, but I always tried to do right by my fans.”

God can’t help but see the essential goodness of Palmer, and offers him a seat to his left. Then God turns to Nicklaus and says, “What do you believe?”

Jack says, “I believe passion, discipline, courage and honor are the fundamentals of life. Like Arnold, I believe in hard work. I, too, have been lucky, but win or lose, I’ve always tried to be a true sportsman, both on and off the playing fields.”

God is greatly moved by Jack’s high-pitched eloquence, and he offers him a seat to his right.

Finally, God turns to Woods: “And you, Tiger, what do you believe?”

Tiger replies, “I believe you’re in my seat.”

### **A Liar and a Cheater**

Lee and Gary head out to the golf course for a quick nine holes. On the first tee, Lee turns to Gary and says, “What do you say we make this time worth something. Play you for \$5?” Gary agrees, and they start their rounds.

It’s a great game, and the two lifelong friends reach the No. 9 tee box with Gary ahead by one stroke. After Lee hits a great drive, right down the middle, Gary steps up and promptly hooks a ball into deep rough and trees.

“C’mon,” Gary says to Lee, “help me find my ball. I’ll look in this patch of trees, and you look around over there.”

They look and look and look, but no ball can be found. The five-minute time limit on searching for lost balls is about to run out. Gary gets desperate. He gives a quick glance over to Lee to see if he is looking, then swiftly reaches into his pocket and drops a new ball into the rough.

“Found my ball!” Gary shouts out triumphantly.

Lee looks at his friend with great disappointment. “After all the years we’ve been friends,” Lee says, “you’d cheat me at golf for a measly five bucks?”

“What do you mean cheat?” Gary asks indignantly. “I found my ball sitting right here!”

Lee lets out a heavy sigh. “And you’d lie to me, too? All for a tiny little sum of money? You’d cheat me and lie to me, for what? For five bucks? I can’t believe you’d stoop so low.”

“Well what makes you so sure I’m cheating and lying, anyway?” Gary asks.

“Because,” Lee replies, “I’ve been standing on your ball for the last five minutes!”

### **Senior Caddies**

Jim-Bob showed up at his golf club one day to discover that the club had begun a program using seniors as caddies.

One day a week, the club replaced all its regular caddies with senior citizens.

"It's a new program," the club starter explained. "All the seniors we hired live at the old folks' home down the road. But they are in terrific physical shape, and we're just trying to help them earn a little extra money, get some exercise and stay young." That sounded like a noble idea to Jim-Bob, so he set off to the first tee with his 75-year-old caddie. When Jim-Bob finished up on No. 18, the starter asked him how it went.

"Well," Jim-Bob said, "my caddie was nice guy and he tried really hard. But his eyes were bad. He just couldn't see far enough to help me find all my shots."

The starter was apologetic. "I'm sorry. Come back next week and I promise I'll get you a caddie who can see just fine."

A week later, Jim-Bob returned. He headed to the first tee, and this time his caddie was 80 years old.

Jim-Bob was a little worried, but his concerns disappeared after his first tee shot.

It was booming drive, around 300 yards but a little off-line. "Do you have it?" Jim-Bob asked, "I lost it in the sun." "Don't worry," the elderly caddie replied, "I saw exactly where it landed."

Jim-Bob and his caddie started up the fairway in the direction where the old man said he'd seen the ball.

But Jim-Bob started to get a little worried when they began wandering a bit, the caddie seemingly unsure of the exact location.

"What's the matter?" Jim-Bob asked, "I thought you said you saw where it went."

"Oh, yes sir, I saw exactly where the ball went," the caddie replied.

"Then where is it?"

The caddie replied, "I forgot."



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**Buick Regal** - The Regal has been completely redesigned for 2018, and the results are impressive. Two body styles are offered - the Sportback (pictured), which walks the line between hatchback and midsize sedan, and the TourX, which is essentially a wagon, even though Buick has tried to label it a crossover. Don't be put off by the utilitarian labels "hatchback" and "wagon" - the new Regal is decidedly upscale. Its ride is smooth and refined the way luxury-car buyers like it. Its styling is sleek and handsome - the Regal looks right at home parked among Audis and Volvos. Its turbocharged two-liter, four-cylinder, 250-horsepower (hp) base engine rivals the base engines of much more expensive competitors such as the Audi A4. There's a healthy amount of cargo and passenger space, particularly in the TourX, which is available with optional all-wheel drive. The 2018 Regal, which will reach showrooms this autumn, is a lot of car for the money. Starting price: \$25,915 for the Sportback...\$29,995 for the TourX.

## Rival to the BMW 3 series from an unexpected source:

**Kia Stinger** - The BMW 3 series has long been the obvious choice for buyers who want a small sedan offering both luxury and stellar rear-wheel-drive handling. But now the famed BMW 3 might have been caught - and surpassed in value - by Kia, which up to now has been known for economy cars, not luxury sports sedans. The all-new Stinger looks like a German luxury sports sedan inside and out, and it handles like one, too. The base two-liter, four-cylinder engine delivers 255 hp, while an optional 3.3-liter V6 produces 365 hp. Pricing has yet to be announced but is expected to be thousands less than that of comparably equipped BMW 3s or Audi A4s. Cost of ownership should be lower, too, thanks to Kia's excellent warranty and build quality - Kia recently ranked first among all automakers in JD Power's Initial Quality Study. The Stinger comes up short in only one significant way - its Kia badge might not impress your neighbors. The Stinger should reach showrooms by the end of 2017. Starting price: Expected to be between \$30,000 and \$35,000.



## All-wheel-drive luxury sedan with the handling of a classic rear-wheel-drive sports sedan: **BMW 5 series** -

A completely redesigned version of the iconic BMW 5 series luxury sedan reached showrooms in February as a late addition to BMW's 2017 lineup. If you're looking for a midsize luxury sport sedan that's responsive and engaging to drive, this latest 5 series is once again the car to beat. Particularly notable is that the new 5 series is available in all-wheel drive in addition to the traditional rear-wheel drive - and incredibly, the all-wheel-drive version manages to effectively mimic the 5-series' famed rear-wheel-drive driving dynamics. It's a great choice for anyone who wants the 5-series experience but also all-wheel drive for when the roads are slick. It's fast enough with its base 248-hp, two-liter, four-cylinder engine...and even more so with the optional 335-hp six-cylinder. It's well-equipped with the latest tech, including "gesture control," which lets drivers do things such as adjust the stereo volume and answer phone calls by making hand gestures in the air. Starting price: \$52,195. (20 mpg city/31 highway).

## All-wheel-drive luxury convertible:

### **Mercedes-Benz E-Class Cabriolet** -

The new convertible version of the Mercedes E-Class sedan offers an impressive amount of comfort and technology. It also avoids some common convertible complaints. Unlike most drop tops, wind buffeting is a virtual nonissue...there's plenty of room for two adults in the back seat...and the top opens and closes quietly and quickly - in less than 20 seconds. Also, unlike most convertibles, it will be offered with all-wheel drive in addition to the standard rear-wheel drive. Like the other cars in Mercedes' fabulous E-Class line, it's loaded with the latest tech, including an excellent 12.3-inch optional touch screen and a vibrant, easy-to-read digital gauge cluster. The twin-turbocharged three-liter V6 delivers 329 hp. It should reach showrooms by the end of August 2017. Starting price: Expected to be between \$60,000 and \$65,000.



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## Head-turningly beautiful luxury coupe:

**Lexus LC 500** - Lexus has long been known for making luxury cars that are reliable, comfortable, refined and boring. The automaker has been working hard to shed that boring image, and the two-door LC 500 coupe is a leap in the right direction. This car inspires passion when you drive it or even when you glimpse it - pedestrians often pull out their phones and snap its picture when it pulls up to a light. Combine that sex appeal with the interior refinement, reliability, quiet cabin and smooth-as-silk drivetrain for which Lexus is known, and the result is a tremendously good car. This is a powerful car, too - the base 471-hp, five-liter V8 can launch the LC 500 to 60 miles per hour in less than 4.5 seconds. It's already available. Starting price: \$92,995. (16 mpg city/26 highway).

## Latest safety tech in a compact luxury SUV:

**Volvo XC60** - The XC60, Volvo's top seller, has been completely remade for 2018 with bolder styling, more refined handling and more interior space. It also offers the best standard high-tech features of any car in its class. In keeping with Volvo's reputation, much of this tech is safety-related. This includes the "City Safety" system, which does more than just automatically engage the brakes when it senses a potential collision - it can automatically steer you to safety as well. What is a bit surprising for a Volvo SUV is that the XC60 offers fun-to-drive handling. The base two-liter, four-cylinder engine produces 250 hp, and optional larger engines can produce up to 400 hp. All-wheel drive is standard. The new XC60 should reach showrooms this autumn. Starting price: \$41,945.



## Sexy Italian compact luxury SUV:

**Alfa Romeo Stelvio** - The all-new Stelvio doesn't have the Volvo XC60's safety technology or the Audi Q5's class-leading refinement but what it does have is plenty of Italian flair inside and out. It's worth considering if you're looking for a compact luxury SUV that's distinctive, eye-catching and extremely engaging to drive. Being behind the wheel of the Stelvio is more like driving an Italian sports coupe than an SUV - its light weight and low center of gravity contribute to some of the best handling in the category. The Stelvio's base two-liter turbocharged four-cylinder engine supplies 280 hp. Deep-pocketed buyers can upgrade to the Stelvio Quadrifoglio, which features a Ferrari-developed 2.9-liter, 505-hp V6. Starting price with base engine: \$42,990. (Pricing has not been announced for the Quadrifoglio version, but expect it to cost tens of thousands of dollars more than the base model).

## Full-size SUV that sets a new standard for luxury:

### **Lincoln Navigator** -

The completely redesigned 2018 Lincoln Navigator has an interior so roomy, comfortable and sophisticated in its styling that it sets a new standard for SUV luxury. Its restyled exterior is aggressive, flamboyant and decidedly upscale. The 3.5-liter, 450-hp EcoBoost engine provides plenty of power. Starting price: Around \$73,000.



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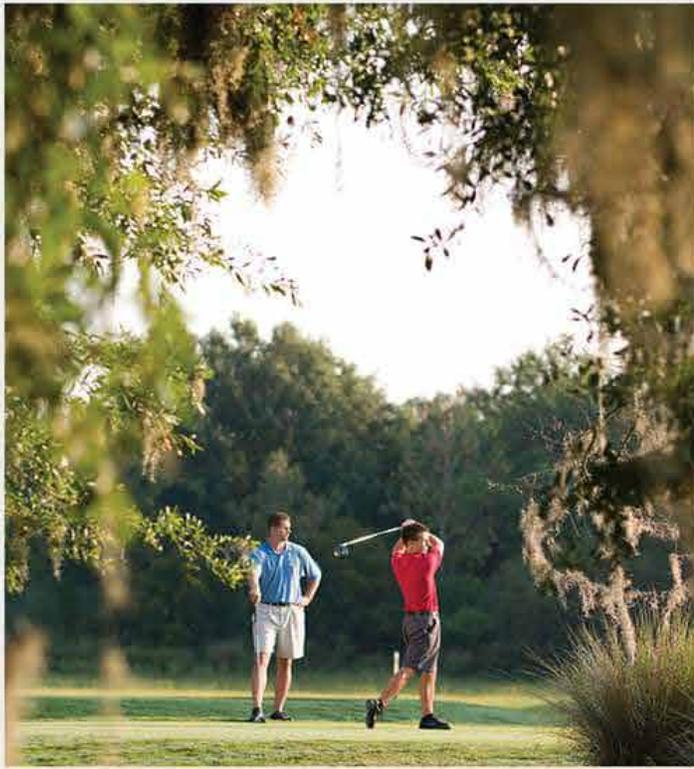
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