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## Welcome...

Well it seems Tiger's troubles are still continuing, although this time at least, he is not the bad guy. Ex-caddie Steve Williams seems to have had a touch of the old 'foot in mouth' at a party and although Tiger spoke out in defence of him, it seems the lose-lipped caddie is still going to suffer for his inappropriate comments. And inappropriate they were, but thankfully anybody who looks at the allegations closely will realise his remarks have been wildly misinterpreted.

Misinterpretation was a subject that came up when chatting to John Low of the BB&O golf partnership after Golf South went along to interview him. As we discussed, the idea at large is still that golf is a game for rich, white males. But the people who think this are often the ones who haven't stepped foot into a golf club recently. Initiatives such as the County Golf Partnerships are exactly what is needed to open the game up to those who assume golf is 'not for them' simply because of their age, race, gender or sexuality.

That said, playing any golf is pretty hard this time of year, whoever you are! With the clocks stepping back an hour, we now all have precious little light with which to play. For most it is back to the driving range to work on the swing.

**Have a good November!**

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**A) Mark O'Meara B) Corey Pavin C) Paul Azinger**

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**Twelve-year-old Steven Stanhope from Milton under Wychwood in West Oxfordshire won the BB&O Golf Partnership's Champion of Champions 2011 trophy in style at Studley Wood on Wednesday (October 26).**

Steven (12 hcp), who qualified for the final by virtue of an unbelievable 49 points in the qualifying competition at Waterstock in July, recorded a birdie and an eagle on his last two holes on the way to a magnificent 45 points.

The total was enough for the Wychwood Golf Club member, who attends the BB&O Golf Partnership's Junior Academy at Studley Wood, to win the boys 12 and under category as well as grab the overall Champion of Champions trophy.

Runner-up in the boys 12 and under category was Callum Kirby (Harleyford GC and a member of the BB&O Golf Partnership's Junior Academy at Harleyford) with 40 points.



Oxfordshire county junior girls Victoria Hart (Hadden Hill GC and a member of the BB&O Golf Partnership's Junior Academy at Studley Wood) and Sally Ayres (Frlford Heath GC and a member of the BB&O Golf Partnership's Junior Academy at Studley Wood) have done battle throughout the six qualifying competitions, with both recording victories.





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The Melbourne is the handiwork of design duo Peter Aliss and Clive Clark who have created an outstanding golfing experience within the spectacular parkland terrain. Fittingly the course commences beside the eighteenth century hall with an intimidating par four opening hole that runs beside the Broadwater lake which is fed by the river Lea. Water is the distinctive feature of the Melbourne course. At the par three 2nd hole the golfer is obliged to hit his tee shot over the Broadwater to a green situated cunningly close to the opposite bank.

Difficult greens and first-rate short holes with the best being the 14th characterise this popular course which demands respect and accuracy throughout especially on the par four 16th - possibly the most testing hole on the course - which necessitates crossing the Broadwater for the third time.

The golfer faces a similar problem on the par five 18th where the round is concluded in a manner befitting its environs. What appears to be uncomplicated on the tee can prove otherwise as golfers must decide whether to traverse the Broadwater in two or lay up. Whatever the outcome, the ferry ride across the water to reach the final green is a fitting end to an unforgettable round.

Unlike the Melbourne Course the Broadwater doesn't come into play on the Palmerston course, the work of the renowned Donald Steel, instead there is bold bunkering to contend with and avenues of trees. Steel has created the thinking golfers course while minimising intrusion into the historic site.

The course, a colossal 7,080 yards long, often compared to Woburn's Marquess, has come to be regarded as one of the finest inland courses



in the country as it winds its way through parkland and a woodland of majestic specimen trees including Hornbeam, Beech and Pine.

The Palmerston boasts a raft of tremendous holes including the par five 6th - hewn out of the ancient woodland and featuring one of the tightest tee shots and most demanding approaches on the course. The 8th is a superb par 3 and like all the previous holes is framed by trees, but that changes on the 9th and 10th which are much more open and invite the golfer to attack the course and really enjoy the playing experience.

The greens have sufficient undulation to make them devilishly difficult to master. The 11th is a perfect example as it provides a

safe refuge for only the best struck approach shot while approach shots on the par 4 twelfth must negotiate a chalk face which lies some 100 yards from the green. This is a really wonderful hole which demands pin point accuracy from the tee.

The Palmerston was designed to test all the shots in a golfers arsenal and no where is this more apparent than on the par five closing hole which calls for a long drive, an scrupulous second shot and then a precise pitch to a closely guarded putting surface - the appropriate conclusion to a testing but thoroughly pleasurable course at a venue that exceeds every golfers dream.



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# 'Babe' Zaharias



Golfing Great

Mildred Ella Didriksen (later known as 'Babe' Zaharias) was the sixth of seven children born to Norwegian immigrants Hannah and Ole Didriksen. When she was still quite young, Babe proved herself to be astonishingly athletic. Having a very strong body she often ran to get about the neighbourhood, vaulting over obstacles that got in her way. She was also a keen lover of other sports and spent a lot of her time playing baseball with the local boys, who gave her the nickname 'Babe' after the famous baseball player of the same name.

Babe came to national attention when she competed in the 1931 Olympics in Los Angeles where she won two gold and one silver medal in track and field events. She became an all American hero overnight and the public adored her. But it was not until 1935 that Babe started to play the sport she would become best known for – golf. At the age of 24, she was a late starter in relative terms. But her natural abilities with sport meant Babe was soon ready to take on

top flight golf. However, her sponsorship in other sports meant she was unable to compete on the amateur status. Instead she played in the Men's LA Open and although she missed the cut, she was paired with the man who would later become her husband – George Zaharis.

Still wanting to pursue golf, Babe chose to give up all of her other sports for three years so that she could regain amateur status. Her first big win was the 46-47 US Women's Amateur Championships. In the same year, she also won the British Women's Amateur Championships too. Her career blossomed and she was soon the most famous female golfer in the USA. When the professional women's circuit was started, she dominated there too. In both the WPGA and LPGA, she proved herself to be a formidable player. Her career ended in the 1950s when Babe was diagnosed with cancer. In total, she won 82 golf tournaments in her short career. Sadly despite an operation to remove her cancer, it returned and she died in 1955 aged just 45.

  
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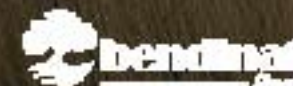
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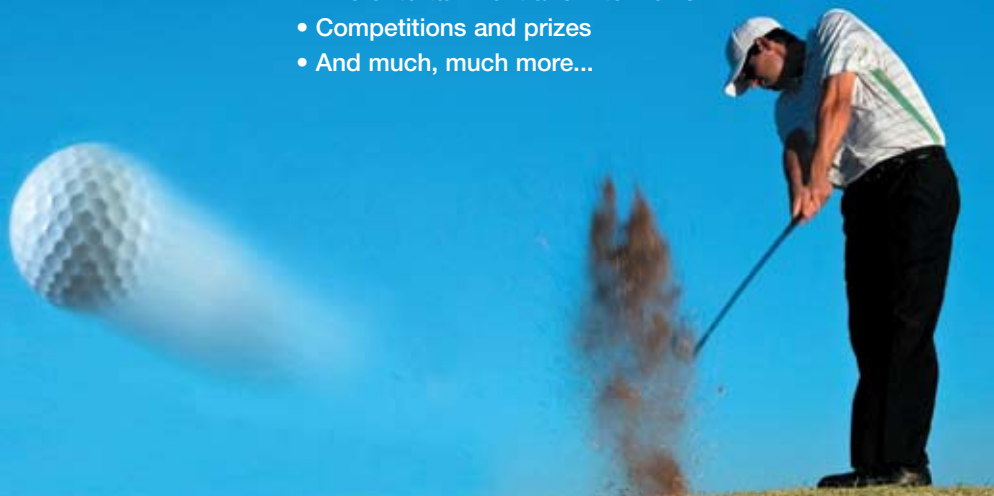
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