

## Winter Golf at Westfields



One Wednesday in February we were teeing it up at Westfields, the next we were scraping snow and ice. Such is the state of golf in the area in mid-winter. The good news was 70 degree temperatures on a course that always provides a great golf experience. The better news is that Westfield resembles other area courses with their dramatically reduced winter rates. With a Waggle Golf Pass, the week-day fees were under \$40 on one of the finest tracks around. Sure the tees were up, it was cart path only, and the pin positions were designed to minimize balls marks. But, the course and staff still provided an exceptional day of golf. Get your Waggle Pass and check them out!

## Callaway Driver Update by Ayce

In a Nov. 20 newsletter I promise more info on the FT-9 and Diablo drivers just out by Callaway. I also hit these two clubs during testing when I locked in on the FtiQ as the driver for my game. The Diablo has a slightly unusual shape to the head making it appear as though it is in motion. I found its dynamic look helpful for an on plane take away. The club offers good distance, particularly on off center hits thanks to a variable thickness face. One of the big advantages of the club is price. It goes for several hundred dollars less than an FtiQ making it one of the best buys this year.



The FT-9 will be the Callaway driver you see most on the Tour as it is a shot makers driver. Pros want to maneuver the ball, get great distance, and have a traditional look in their big stick. The FT-9 fits those criteria very well. The club is simply very attractive! These are the strongest line of drivers to come from one company in recent years. So, take advantage of all this technology as both of these terrific drivers are found at the Washington Golf Centers. Tip: Spring is just around the corner so look for upcoming demo days so that you can get a real test drive.

## TOUR Talk

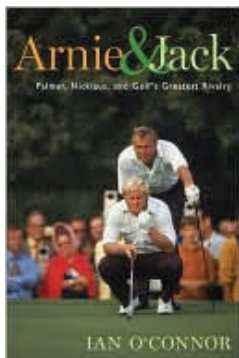
Last week we mentioned that Bob Heintz would make his first PGA start this year at Pebble Beach and wished him well. Bob made the cut by one stroke and despite being rained out of his final round went home with a five figure check. Congratulations to Bob and best of luck in your home state of Florida next month. This week may be the breakout for Phil Mickelson after a slow start (DISCLAIMER... this was written prior to seeing Thursdays results). He has finished 1-2 at Riviera and does well in Southern Cal. Oh, it took the Tour only 2 hours to issue a press release regarding troubled financier Allen Stanford (Waggle gets all those newsy TOUR dispatches). The "no comment" statement simply stated that the TOUR event in Memphis will be played as scheduled. It bears his name, Stanford St. Jude Championship, and had benefitted from his financial largesse. Looks like a continuation of the sponsorship drama for the TOURs.

### This Week on Tour

- **PGA TOUR**  
NORTHERN TRUST OPEN  
RIVIERA CC  
PACIFIC PALISADES, CA  
FEBRUARY 19 - 22
- **CHAMPIONS TOUR**  
THE ACE GROUP CLASSIC  
TPC TREVISO BAY  
NAPLES, FL  
FEBRUARY 20 - 22
- **NATIONWIDE TOUR**  
OFF
- **LPGA**  
OFF

## Book Review by C. Hofmann

### Arnie and Jack: Palmer and Nicklaus and Golf's Greatest Rivalry – Ian O'Connor



Having been around golf my entire life and I've seen thousands of names come and go. Most names vanished as quickly as they appeared, some names had runs of success, and a few names even went to the Hall of Fame. But throughout the past fifty years, the names Arnie and Jack have always towered above the rest - closely associated as both friends and bitter rivals in virtually every aspect of the game. And finally, someone has taken the time to examine the dynamics of that association and present them as not only a great sports rivalry, but also as the principle forces behind the definition of the modern professional golfer.

The book opens with the two men first meeting in 1958 and uses that first meeting as a stepping stone to identify and define the distinct differences between the two. Palmer was from humble beginnings with working class good looks, an everyman golf swing, and a "go for broke" style of play. He was perfect for television and had become an immediate favorite in the media and in the hearts of mainstream America. But, then along came Jack – a lumpy college kid with a bad haircut, clothes that didn't fit, a slow and deliberate game, and the ability to dethrone the King of Arnie's Army. A rivalry was instantly born and over the next 40 years it played out in weekly tour stops, Majors, endorsements, course construction, tournament hosting, and even the size of their jets. I was amazed to read the depths to which their competition went, but most amazing however, was the realization that the rivalry had little to do with money. These two guys were simply driven to win and hated to lose to each other.

I want to state up front that I really did enjoy this book and truly believe you will. But, with that said, I need to ask your indulgence as I qualify my opinion. When you consider that this book is based on the careers of two of the greatest golfers ever and contains only 315 pages, common sense tells you this isn't intended to be a complete biography of both men. And, it's not. But, because I'd read Palmer's book "A Golfer's Life" and Nicklaus' book "My Story", I was able to fill in the gaps left by O'Connor and enjoy this book as a great complement to the two auto-biographies. O'Connor did a great job of researching this book and brings to light facts I've never read, but had I not read the other books; I think my lack of background knowledge would have made this book hard to follow. For that reason, I strongly recommend that you read both auto-biographies in conjunction with this book to get the complete story.

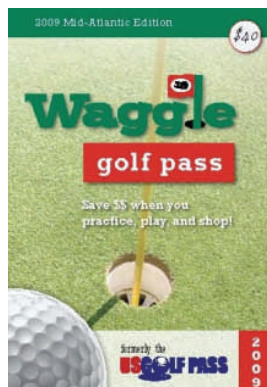
It goes without saying that as you read this book, the name Tiger constantly sits in the back of your mind. O'Connor first mentions him in the Introduction where he references an interview in which Tiger downplays his need to have a defined rival due to the depth of talent on the Tour. That may be the way Tiger sees it, but as a fan, I really wish he had one. Arnie and Jack played some of the best golf ever simply because they had each other. The Tiger era fan is missing out on that and, with apologies to Rocco, tired of seeing the rest of the field just roll over. I've always hoped that Phil, Vijay, or even DL3 would emerge as that rival but it's just never happened. Perhaps some of these new names like Camilo, Zack, or even Boo can become his rival... just promise me the name won't be Sergio.



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## Upcoming Local Events

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### 2/21/2009 - Par 3 Shoot-Out at Marlton

Saturday, February 21st head to Marlton for their Par 3 Shoot-Out. There will be Closest to the Pin contests on all par 3s. Everyone is welcome - play for just \$29. Call the golf shop at 301-856-7566 for tee times.

### 2/23/2009 - VSGA-MAPGA Rules of Golf Workshop

On Monday, Feb. 23, Springfield Golf and Country Club in Springfield, VA will host a rules workshop. It will feature: review of definitions, discussions on the Rules of Golf, Use of the Decisions book and the Rules of Golf, and a PowerPoint presentation showing actual Rules' situations. The program begins at 9 a.m. and concludes no later than 4:30 p.m., with registration at 8:30 a.m. Call 804-378-2300 to register.

### 2/25/2009 - Rules & Etiquette Seminar at Hilltop

Hilltop's annual Rules & Etiquette Seminar will be held on Wednesday, February 25th from 7PM to 8:15PM. Patrick Holland, PGA will be on hand to discuss and illustrate course management, etiquette, rules and answer your questions. They are limited to just 20 participants so please call early to reserve your space. Call the pro shop to register 703-719-6504.

### 2/28/2009 - Battle Bowl II

Head to Battlefield Golf Club for Battle Bowl II on Saturday February 28, 2009. It's a 1000 shotgun start. The entry fee is \$25. Entry fee includes Golf Cart, Range Balls, Food and Beverage upon completion of play. Format: 4 Person Florida Ball. Prizes will be awarded to low team score and closest to the pin on all par 3's. Super Bowl Trophy to the NFL team that is most represented whether it be by Jersey, Hat, or whatever. Phone 757-482-4779 to sign up.

### 2/28/2009 - Women on Course Golf Fashion Luncheon

Women on Course opens the door and invites you to enjoy all the benefits the golf lifestyle has to offer. This unique luncheon offers networking to meet women who share your interests, golf fashion presentation and trunk show, lunch, wine, gift bags and prizes. FREE GIFT for the first 10 who register for this event. 11:30am - 1:30pm at Fleming's Prime Steakhouse, 1960 Chain Bridge Rd, McLean, VA 22102. Call 703 268-5078 or visit [www.womenoncourse.com](http://www.womenoncourse.com) to register. \$35 guests, \$20 members.

### Quote of the Week

**"When she made the mistake on 11, she didn't rebound...You could see her youth."**

-Angela Stanford, on Wie's unraveling on the back nine last week.