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PEOPLE ALWAYS TALK about the golf swing in segments—backswing, transition, downswing—but I don't look at it that way. I think of it as being one fluid motion. Sure, the backswing is slow and deliberate, and the downswing is fast and dynamic. But they should blend together *smoothly*. It's easier to do this with a driver, because you're not trying to hit the ball a specific distance or to a precise target. There's a flow to it. But when you get an iron in your hands, you find yourself making different swings for different situations and focusing on parts of the overall move-ment to try to create certain shots. That's when your swing can really get out of whack. If you want to hit your irons better, you've got to stay smooth from the moment you take the club back until the ball is gone. Practice hitting 100-yard shots with every iron in your bag. Making slower swings like this will help you build good rhythm and an awareness of how your body and club are moving. On the following pages I'll break down the swing—but re-member, it's one continuous motion. Soon you'll be hitting your irons sweeter than ever. —WITH RON KASPRISKE

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A CAPITALIST TOOL

TEEING UP NFW (1 IFNTS USING GOLF CONNECTIONS TO **BOOST YOUR BUSINESS** BY PETER FINCH ANY GOLFERS AREN'T just looking for lost balls when they play. They're looking to grow their businesses. How do they do it? What's the secret to turning a round of golf, or maybe a few rounds, into money? 🌣 I have an investment-manager friend with 50 wealthy clients, more than half of whom he signed up through golf. My friend—let's call him Steve—has been at this for more than 30 years. "No question, golf works better than anything else for building my [client base]," he says. "What am I going to do, email you? Cold-call you? No. Let's go whack it around, tell some jokes, get to know each other." Here are Steve's four keys for mixing golf and business prospects.

The care and treatment of potential clients

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TIME. A round of golf is a great start, but don't expect anything to happen after just 18 holes. You and your prospect are getting to know each other. This is why Steve always goes on two or three golf trips a year with clients and their friends (the prospects). "There are just so many opportunities to connect: sitting on the bus, in the pub, in the hot tub, gambling ...



3 THE COURSE IS NO PLACE FOR BUSINESS TALK. In three decades, Steve says he has never once brought up business while playing. "That's why we play-to get

Steve says, "I like to throw a little money around. Bring some away from talking business," he says. gifts, pick up a tab "We're building every now and then. relationships People Nobody hates that. You want to do business know that book Blink. with people they like. about trusting your but you've got to get first impressions? It's 'em to like you first." really true. You can't overestimate the value

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people saying, 'I like

this guy. He gets the

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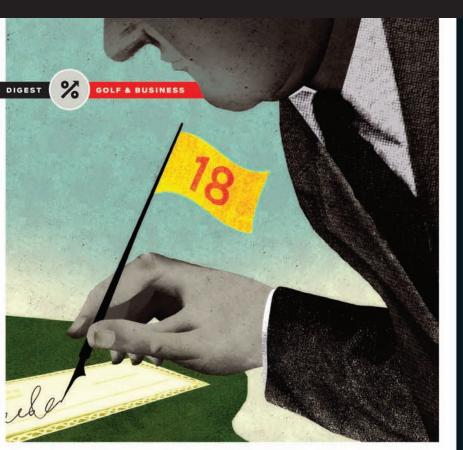
ARE THESE BUSINESS **EXPENSES?**

ay you went on a golf trip to schmooze potential clients, but your employer didn't cover the cost. Could you claim it as an unreimbursed business expense on your tax return? Yes, says Art Hurley, a partner in the accounting firm Daszkal Bolton. Just know that if you're audited by the IRS, you'll need to show that the primary purpose of the trip was client-generation or maintenance, not pleasure. It would help if you could document which current clients you recruited on previous trips. Something else to keep in mind: Only business expenses that exceed 2 percent of your adjusted gross income are deductible.

ELLTALE SIGNS Golf can do more than help you connect with clients. It can

reveal the people you don't want to do business with. On a trip with a prospect a few years back, Steve's internal alarm bells went off when he saw the guy furtively kick a ball out from behind a tree. Later on, Steve's fears were confirmed when the guy's caddie fired him-walking off the course in disgust over his rude behavior. "Life's too short," Steve says. "I don't need a client like that."





MAKING YOUR BOSS SPRING FOR GOLF

THINK IT'S OUT OF THE QUESTION? DON'T BE SO SURE



BY PETER FINCH

HAT IF YOU could get your company to pay for all or part of your golf expenses? It's not an unreasonable request, according to many compensation experts. "Hockey or basketball expenses—yes, those might be difficult," says Heather Turnbull, president of the Association of Career Professionals International. "But with golf, you've got some real opportunities to do business and build relationships. Many companies recognize this." You'll increase your chances of getting the boss to cover your golf expenses if you time the request right—and frame it properly. Three tips:

You've got leverage. Use it wisely. The

ideal moment to negotiate anything is when you've been offered a new job but still haven't said yes. "That's when they value you the most," says Jack Chapman, a Chicago career coach and author of Negotiating Your Salary. "You know they want you, so you've got the leverage." This can apply when you're changing jobs within the same firm, leverage in this situation.

Think of negotiating as a meal.

Chapman describes the easy stuff-"I'll need a new phone and laptop" or "I could use a certain type of chair"-as your appetizers. Salary, bonus and commission are the main course. "If the main course they offer isn't quite ideal-and typically it isn't-that's when to bring up the dessert: maybe a one-time signing bonus, or some extra though you probably have less vacation or flex time, or golf expenses," he says.

Keep the focus on your employer.

not you. What's in it for me? your boss will wonder. You need to demonstrate how golf helps the bottom line. Intangible benefits are OK. You could argue, for example, that a club membership will make it easier to entertain and impress clients. A better argument has real names and numbers-e.g., "Of these 25 potential customers representing \$10 million in sales, 20 are golfers. I will reach out to them all."

WHAT'S **THE**

Many companies reimburse employees for gym memberships, up to an annual limit. Would a golf membership count? Others pay for their employees' continuing education. Could that include golf lessons? It can't hurt to ask, says Jeff Pon, chief human resources and strategy officer at the Society for Human Resource Management. "I know some companies are getting Pilates machines for their employees," he says. "Why stop there? Why not a golf-swing analyzer, too?'





g critical-sk es." The message: Ask for the perks you need.

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Short-term solution Sure, your boss might look at you funny—or worse—when you ask the company to reimburse your golf expenses. Here's an alternative: Try asking for a year-long "pilot program." When the year is up, you can measure how sales increased, how many new clients you attracted, how many current customers you retained, or whatever metric you choose. "That's much easier than making it a permanent part of your compensation," Chapman says.

FASHION FORWARD







MILLENNIAL COOL

ROOKS KOEPKA is chatting before the Open at Muirfield when he stops in mid-sentence. Phil Mickelson is on the television screen, and he's talking about ... Brooks Koepka. "He's really a good, talented player," Mickelson

says as Koepka (pronounced Kepp-ka) listens, rapt, after their practice round together. "His ball-striking is extremely solid," Mickelson continues. "He's a wonderful putter. I can see why he earned his right to get on the European Tour so quickly with three wins on the Challenge Tour." Heady stuff for Koepka, 23. It wasn't all that long ago that he

was an 8-year-old from South Florida asking Mickelson for an autograph at the Masters. "He said he'd catch me tomorrow, but I never got it, so I joked with him about it," Koepka says, realizing that being a peer is more precious than a signature.

You could say that Koepka took the road less traveled, but he put in the miles. A two-time Atlantic Coast Conference Player of the Year at Florida State, he has made trips to India, South Africa, Kenya, Spain, Italy, Portugal, Belgium, England, the Czech Republic, France, Kazakhstan and Scotland.

Koepka didn't get his PGA Tour card at the 2012 Q school—he and Jordan Spieth missed by three strokes in the second stage—and with tour school no longer in existence, the Challenge Tour became the best option.

"I was excited and had no hesitation," he says of playing overseas on the European Tour's feeder circuit. "Any chance to play against good players."

A pep talk from Peter Uihlein, a roommate in Palm Beach Gardens, Fla., who also parlayed the Challenge Tour into a spot on the European Tour, picked up Koepka when the grind became too much. "I was tired of golf. It had been so long on the road, like nine weeks where I felt I didn't have a day off," he says. "I needed a break to re-energize."

Koepka, a gym rat who says he hits it "really far and straight," admits the far-flung travel of the Challenge Tour isn't for everyone. "It just depends on the player," Koepka says. "I enjoy being alone. I can come over and get away from distractions." Also not for everyone: unfamiliar food. On a visit to

Kazakhstan, Koepka dined on horse meat. "We'd eaten pasta three nights in a row, and I noticed everyone else was having it," he says. How did he order

it? "Medium," he says. "It was pretty good. Just like beef." Better fare beckons, on the plate and on the golf course. "My expectations have always been to be the top player in the

world," he says. "I don't think anyone wants to be mediocre." Straight from the horse's mouth. –MIKE O'MALLEY



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GARMIN APPROACH G6

PRICE \$300 DIMENSIONS (INCHES) 3.6 x 2.1 x 0.75 SCREEN SIZE 2.2 x 1.5 WEIGHT 3.4 OUNCES BATTERY LIFE 15 hours COURSES 30,000+ MEMBERSHIP No additional fee

VERDICT So compact, this unit qualifies as handheld even if you still have your baby teeth. But it packs plenty of grown-up features to go with the 30,000plus loaded courses with hole diagrams. The touchscreen provides yardage to any spot on the green and allows you to quickly adjust to a view of the green. It also has a scorecard and shot-measuring features that can detail your average distance with each club.

GOLF BUDDY PLATINUM Price \$350 dimensions (inches) 4.3x2.5x1.0

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SCREEN SIZE 2.6 x 1.6 WEIGHT 5.6 ounces BATTERY LIFE 18 hours COURSES 35,000 MEMBERSHIP No additional fee

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VERDICT The touch-screen gives users the ability to view a diagram of the hole and the green (including adjusting the hole location), distance to any spot on the hole or a list of preselected targets. Users can also add targets to any course. The screen contrast is a noticeable improvement from past models, and the ProPlay mode includes shot-distance measurement, plus multiple-round statistical analysis for fairways hit, greens in regulation, sand saves and putting.



GOLD

SKYCADDIE BREEZE

PRICE \$200 (upgrades for \$20 to \$50 more) **DIMENSIONS (INCHES)** 4.75 x 2.5 x 0.75 **SCREEN SIZE** 2.6 x 1.6 **WEIGHT** 5.3 ounces **BATTERY LIFE** 10 hours **COURSES** 30,000+ **MEMBERSHIP** \$30 to \$60

VERDICT The screen is as easy to read as a Jumbotron. The course library is extensive, and the standard model provides front, middle and back yardages. But the company's well-researched course maps—target information that is unequaled in the GPS industry—come with the purchase of must-have add-on packages, which can be upgraded to the device at any time. Some might find having to download these course maps tedious, but there's no questioning the value of this device on the golf course.



INNOVATION

GOLF THROUGH THE LOOKING GLASS

HERE'S PERHAPS no greater embodiment of the technological age than Google, the company that didn't exist when Tiger Woods won his first major in 1997. Nowits newest invention, Google Glass, could have significant applications for golf. Retailing for about \$1,500, Google Glass (below) is a wearable computer that sits on your face as glasses do. If you want aphoto of that sunset on the 15th hole or want to video a shot through your eyes' perspective, you can do both-through voice command, Worried about those dark clouds in the distance? You can get weather reports

instantly, too. And for golfers, that's just the beginning. GolfSight, a program de-veloped by the makers of the SkyDroid-Golf GPS mobile app, offers Google Glass-wearers a constant stream of information: yardages, live scorekeeping and aerial hole ews (top two photos, right). iCaddy, an app scheduled to launchin early 2014 (bottom two photos, right), offers wind direction, aiming points and club suggesti

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GolfSight creator Paul Goldsteinforesees a day when his app can provide users with an overlay of green contours and breaks. What will the game's rules-makers at the USGA and R&A think of that?

"Why wouldn't there be a day when tour players are using these?" Goldstein says. The PGA Tour's Billy Horschel tested Google Glass on the range at the Barclays last year.

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4 RISE MET NO D MOD One of four newstyles, the Alethod Mod-90 features the company's polymer-filled groove technology, which saves weight that can be redistributed to the perimeter. The al-terna fing polymer and metal grooves are designed to start the ball rolling faster than an insert and with less backspinth an amilied face Says Nike designer Oavid Pranklin" These old designer David Franklin: "These old shapes were successful for a reason. They in spire confidence, and now we're taking that classic design and making it perform like a modern putter."\$300





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54% of millennial golfers plan to join a country club in the next five years

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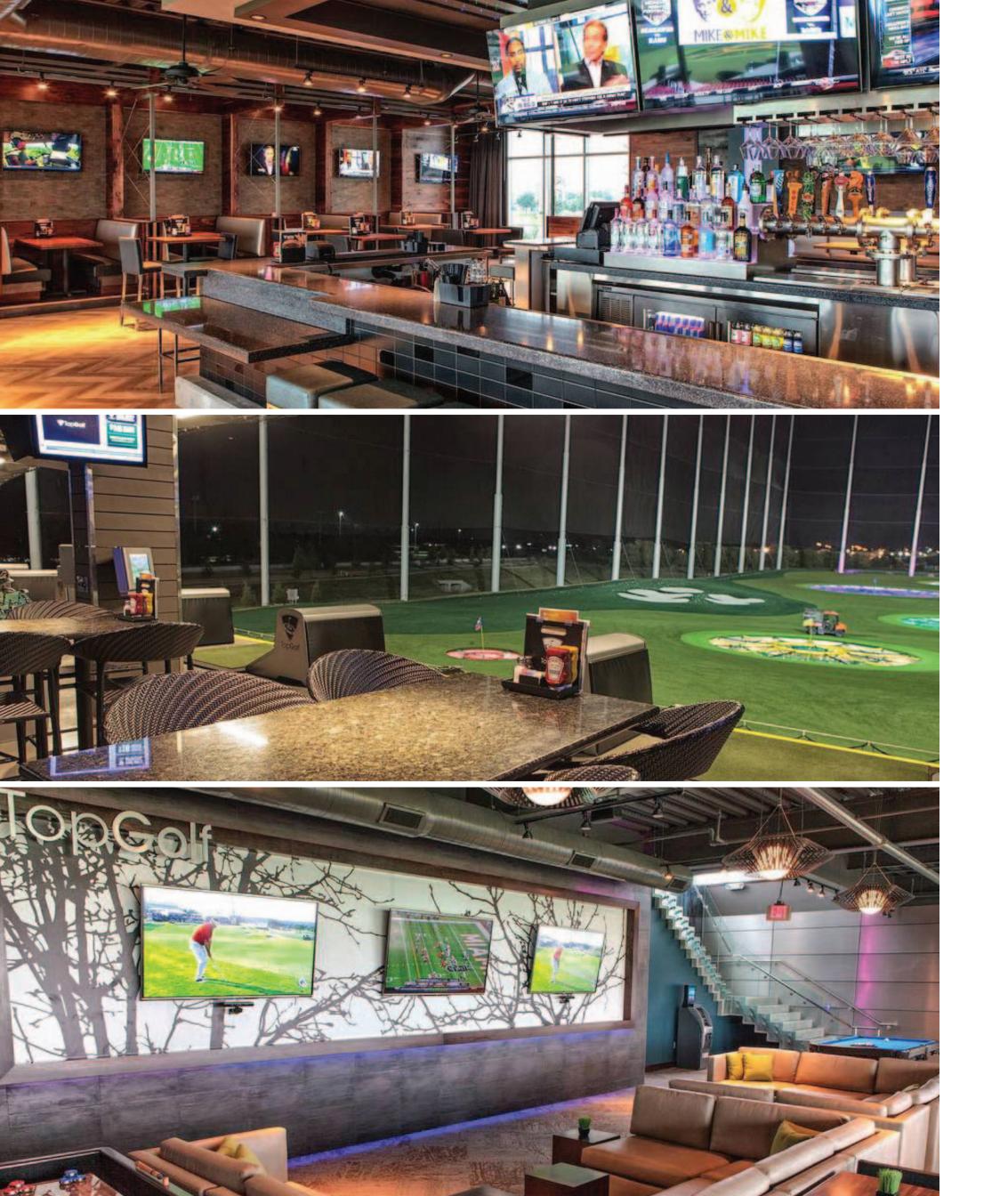


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