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Ross Tanner, Product Test Editor

The following products were tested and recommended by PGA TOUR Partners Club members. The Member Rating is based on a 1-10 scale with 10 being Excellent, 7 being Good, 4 being Fair and 1 being Poor.

Nickent Golf 4DX Driver

MEMBER RATING 8.9 BEST FEATURE: DISTANCE The 460cc Nickent 4DX driver head weighs only 180 grams, due in part to a thin titanium crown laser welded to its titanium body. The saved weight is distributed by tungsten-polymer inserts for more forgiveness and feel.

Bruce Rose, Vancouver, WA: "With the 4DX driver I'm consistently hitting the ball longer and straighter than any other driver I've used."





Magique Golf EC2 Hybrid

800-247-2452, www.magiquegolf.com, \$99 steel/\$150 graphite MEMBER RATING 9.0 BEST FEATURE: PERFORMANCE

Magique's EC2 hybrid features an Elliptical Cavity Sole and a low leading edge to launch the ball quickly from any lie. Each EC2 is custom fit using Magique's 24-point fitting method.

Thomas White, Quincy, MA: "The Magique EC2 has good balance and feel with a high trajectory and soft landing on the greens."

Louisville Golf STIMP AC Putter 800-456-1631, www.louisvillegolf.com, \$149 MEMBER RATING 8.8 BEST FEATURE: QUALITY

A persimmon, heavier head in the face-balanced STIMP AC putter promotes a pendulum putting stroke. The brass dot insert on the face provides great feel. Available with three alignment options. **Warren Safran, Pottstown, PA:** *"The quality and workmanship is first class, and it's easy to align."*



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Perfect Connextion

Swing Training Aid 847-847-7435, www.perfectconnextion.com, \$99.95 MEMBER RATING 8.3 BEST FEATURE: EASE OF USE The Perfect Connextion is an adjustable training aid. Placed between

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your biceps, it promotes a solid connection between the arms, which connects the big muscles to the smaller muscles for a powerful, connected swing.

Ronald Cook, Bluffton, SC: "After using the Perfect Connextion twice, I noticed a marked improvement in my ball striking."



Jack Jolly & Son, Inc.

Green Friendly Belt 856-234-4448, www.greenfriendlygolf.com, \$75

MEMBER RATING 8.2 BEST FEATURE: QUALITY

Made of full-grain leather with double stitching, the Green Friendly belt conveniently places a nickel-plated divot tool and ball marker in the tip of the belt. Available in a variety of colors.

Robert Heim, Chesterfield, MO: "It is a quality belt that integrates functionality with style."

Buster Golf Devices

Buster Grips 888-88-GRIPS, www.bustergrips.com, \$6.99 per grip MEMBER RATING 7.4 BEST FEATURE: DURABILITY

Buster grips use a reverse taper design [thicker at the bottom], which conforms to the natural shape of your hands when gripping a club. The grips retain their tackiness and reduce vibration. **Richard Lien, Lake Elmo, MN:** *"The Buster grips' reverse taper design helps me loosen my grip on the club and swing with ease."*

Choice Putter 412-913-8872, www.choiceputter.com, \$139.99

MEMBER RATING 7.7 BEST FEATURE: ACCURACY The Choice Putter provides 40 options for an alignment aid. It is machine milled from a solid block of aluminum and designed to put golfers in an upright position, which keeps the eyes over the ball. **Don Frey, Schenectady, NY:** *"The upright position of the Choice Putter makes lining up putts easy."*

Club members tested products for this issue totaling more than \$53,000.



A Quiver Full, Inc.

Polar Fresh Frosty Towel 678-231-7702, www.frostytowel.com, \$2.99 MEMBER RATING 8.0 BEST FEATURE: EASE OF USE

The Polar Fresh Frosty towel helps beat the heat, humidity and biting insects when on the course. Made of 100-percent cotton, it uses pure plant essential oils, natural botanicals and other essential ingredients to cool the body and ward off insects.

Anthony Araujo, The Colony, TX: "The fragrance was pleasant, and once I wiped down, the flies and gnats left me alone."



Solid Golf

The Kure: Total Putting Solution 877-952-PUTT, www.kureputting.com, \$199 MEMBER RATING 6.8 BEST FEATURE: QUALITY

The Kure module attaches to the putter shaft and sends signals to a receiver suspended over the hole. It helps golfers focus with aim, alignment and squaring the putter at impact.

Gene Kinnunen, Marysville, WA: "In a few practice sessions with the Kure I lowered my putts per round by four."

Living Essentials 5-hour Energy Drink 248-960-1700, www.fivehour.com, \$2.99

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MEMBER RATING 7.6

BEST FEATURE: CONVENIENCE

With only as much caffeine as a cup of coffee, 5-Hour Energy provides increased energy, focus and concentration. The small two-ounce bottle contains large amounts of bvitamins and amino acids for sustained energy without the crash associated with canned energy drinks.

Warren Bush, North Tonawanda, NY: "5-hour Energy kept my energy level high for an entire round on a hot, muggy day."



Tee Guard Launcher Tees 360-618-3482, www.greatgolfusa.net, \$5.99 per 4-pack MEMBER RATING 7.5

BEST FEATURE: DURABILITY

The top of the Launcher tees is smaller than wooden tees, which means less friction and better distance and accuracy. Made from a soft composite, the Launcher tees are virtually unbreakable.

Carlos Stimson, Omaha, NE: "The Launcher tees gave me five more yards off the tee and better accuracy compared to wooden tees. It actually felt like I was hitting the ball cleaner, minimizing the resistance."