

# GROHMAN GOLF GAZETTE

## JUNIOR GOLF EDITION

Joe Grohman PGA Publisher

Volume VI

Issue IV

May 2004

### WHATS UP IN SOUTH CENTRAL

#### JUNIOR GOLFER SHOT

On April 1<sup>st</sup>, 18-year old Da'Nitra Turner became a victim of a drive-by shooting. She was shot in the chest and neck and miraculously survived, but is paralyzed from the mid-back down for the rest of her life. Da'Nitra had recently won a college scholarship after I introduced her to golf only two years ago. Her dedication, positive attitude and positive outlook on life made her a wonderful student to have in class and a joy to be around. All the students and parents think the world of Da'Nitra as does everyone who meets her. She is one of those kids that everyone got along with. But alas we are in South Central Los Angeles. Violent crime is a fact of life for these kids. Getting shot at while sitting at a red light and ending up a paraplegic can happen as it did to Da'Nitra. These kids didn't ask to be born into this environment. They didn't create it. Yet they have to inherit it, deal with it and live in it because society allows it to exist. Until we take a closer look at the problems behind such violence and take action, it will remain a threat to the welfare of the kids who live with it and a danger to society. Gang violence has reached the golf world. What will it take for society to stop turning a blind eye to the problem? It's why I brought the Tiger blueprint. I could go anywhere with it. A junior golfer got shot – do you care?

### THE GREEN CROSS OF PEACE

In view of the environment in South Central, and the plans to enlarge our junior golf programs to expose the juniors to programs outside the golf course, I am introducing the Green Cross of Peace. It's a green cross on the back of a shirt, on a hat or on a bumper sticker on a car. This symbol means: Don't Shoot. The Green Cross identifies juniors as part of community programs that will make the community a better place to live. Most of the kids in the programs are from broken families and live in Foster homes. They have suffered enough already and are no threat to anyone. They come in peace - let's allow them to go in peace as well. All are welcome to wear the green cross and subscribe to peace under this banner. Maybe if Da'Nitra Turner had a green cross bumper sticker on her car she wouldn't be lying in a hospital bed contemplating life as a paraplegic. Violent crime is unfortunately a very real danger these kids have to live with. Let the green cross of peace be a symbol of safety in an otherwise unsafe environment for all who display it, no matter who they are, where they've been or where they have to go. Lets give those that want peace something that shows it. Lets give to those displaying a green cross some peace! Lets give the community a banner of peace without judgment! That banner is a green cross, the green cross of peace: Da'Nitra Turner's cross!

### INSIDE TEAM TIGER

**"It's just a magazine."** In 1992 Tiger Woods response, after I'd asked him why he didn't tell me he was on the cover of (that months) Golf Digest magazine, was simply: "It's just a magazine." (It was his first cover of a major publication.) We had been talking in the pro shop for some time a little earlier and he never mentioned it. A little while later another pro came in with the magazine. To me it was a momentous occasion and I ran out to the range to congratulate Tiger. He was modest to a fault, which is par for the course with Tiger Woods. In the midst of a history-making amateur career, Tiger never once reveled in his accomplishments, or even talked about them unless under direct questioning. And even then he never appeared too comfortable talking about what he had done. He was always more interested in discussing the golf swing and listening to whatever I had to say than talking about himself. When he won all those amateurs he would come home and seem almost embarrassed by all the attention he was given. To him it was no big deal; it was just what he did, naturally. I'll admit that when I was in the mix of Team Tiger, we all expected victory, and when it came we weren't surprised so there was really no reason to be overly excited. It's what Tiger worked so hard for and the team gave him unconditional support. I felt a bit foolish when I let my excitement get the best of me over

# GROHMAN GOLF GAZETTE

---

## JUNIOR GOLF EDITION

the magazine cover. Team Tiger was gunning for much larger accomplishments. The belief system, work ethic, standards and values were in reach. Publicity merely came with the territory. Tiger taught me a lesson that day. He may have said: "It's just a magazine" – but what he was really saying to me, as a member of team Tiger, was "don't be distracted by success, expect it as a result of proper preparation... That way there will be no surprises." At the time it was more like "If you want to be a member of the team you better get used to it." Tiger has accomplished tremendous achievements in golf. But after that day, nothing surprised me. Tiger's success was just a natural by-product of his preparation. I knew this and yet failed to realize the simple truth, that "It's just a magazine." Looking back I realize Tiger couldn't have accomplished what he'd accomplished being conceited. He's done so much that his ego would have gotten so big it would have derailed him years ago. The mark of a true champion is humility. Even today Tiger Woods remains humble in light of his accomplishments. It would be interesting to see how gracious anyone else on the planet would react to winning the grand slam or the Masters by 17 shots. Talk about amazing grace. Even with history making performances Tiger will say he wants to be the best but he'll never admit that he *is* the best, even though the stats and

rankings prove it! Now that's class!

### PUTTERS CORNER

#### INSIDE 10 FEET

By far the number one reason golfers miss short putts are from moving their head. A great tip I heard years ago from LPGA Teaching Pro Linda Larsen is to listen for the ball to fall in the cup before moving your head at all. This is especially helpful on those pesky 2 and 3 footers when the pressure is on. So the next time you're on the practice putting green try to incorporate this tip into your routine on putts inside 10 feet. It's not as easy as it sounds but with a little practice it won't be long before you can *hear* just what you're missing!

### TIGER TRAITS

Here are a few aspects of Tiger Woods that are from the team Tiger blueprint. These are qualities of his that you must have if you want to be your best in golf, or anything else for that matter. One of the most important qualities is tolerance. You can't hate anyone or anything if you want to be your best. Hate is a cancer that eats you from the inside out, and will keep you far from your goal. Tiger was exposed to more discrimination than most athletes (golf, unlike basketball and football, is predominantly white) and was able to stay above it. So you can too. Don't let intolerance or hate affect you. If exposed to it, stay above it. Don't let someone else's problem become yours. When discussing incidents of discrimination with

Tiger I'd usually be furious at what was thrown at him. Tiger would always shrug it off and say, "That's just the way it is." Having someone throw hate in your face is hurtful, to say the least. But don't let it stick. Stay above it and know it's not your problem: it's just the way it is – and if Tiger can hack it, so can you!

Another important quality is giving back to others no matter how much you have. This is not only an important quality you'll need to reach the top, but it's essential to use this quality to *stay* on top once you get there. Always be on the lookout to help others on a daily basis. This could be something as small as giving someone a smile that doesn't have one. Make giving back significant when you strive for success. I knew many junior golfers that didn't possess this quality of character, and they really didn't reach their potential. Talent alone will only take you so far. Giving back must be part of your routine if you want to go all the way, and especially if you want to stay there!

A quality related to the before-mentioned qualities is that you have to *care* – care about yourself, about others, and about your goals in life. All must be treated with equal importance. I've seen juniors that cared about others but didn't care about themselves. I've seen even more that cared about themselves but didn't care about others at all. And obviously, if you don't care about goals you have no

map for success. Again – all three of these qualities must be equally important or you'll never be your best. So remember, always make sure you care!!!

## IN MY OPINION BY COACH JOE

It's been difficult seeing one of my junior golfers fall victim to a drive-by shooting, thus becoming a paraplegic overnight. As a golf pro you become quite close to the kids and the parents that you work with. Watching Da'nitra Turner evolve into an accomplished golfer and getting to know this wonderful young lady and her family is one of the great things about my job. This tragedy has been by far the worst situation I have been through as a golf pro/instructor. But there has been one shining star of inspiration throughout it all: Da'nitra herself. This young lady remains as positive and upbeat as ever. She never lost her smile, and if she senses that anyone is feeling sad she says she's fine, and that everything is going to be okay! She's already made plans to return to school and play golf again. We once had a clinic where a trick shot artist gave an exhibition. He was also a paraplegic. She'll be back - I know it! And also, she's making some good happen from this tragedy by letting me bring my boot camp juniors to visit her. We want these troubled kids to see the dangers that exist in the community and what can happen if you happen to be with the wrong person at the wrong time. It's

powerful stuff. Da'Nitra Turner is an amazing young woman with incredible strength of character and tremendous courage – she's a tremendous inspiration. In the midst of tragedy she is a blessing to behold!

## JUNIOR BLIND GOLF CLINIC

Coach Joe's 4<sup>th</sup> annual golf clinic for the junior blind has been moved to August 7<sup>th</sup> from 9 to Noon at Chester Washington Golf Course. Thirty-five blind kids from the Los Angeles Foundation for the Junior Blind will be treated to a three-station golf clinic and luncheon. Juniors from the various inner city golf programs will be on hand acting as guides. PGA Pro's and local teaching professionals will be instructing the blind juniors. Everyone is welcome to attend and cheer on these special kids!

HOWTOGOLF.com  
BACK ONLINE  
HOW TO GOLF  
BEGINNERS GUIDE  
BY JOE GROHMAN PGA  
FOREWARD BY  
EARL WOODS  
AVAILABLE ONCE AGAIN  
IN ENGLISH,SPANISH  
AND KOREAN  
LEARN TO GOLF  
IN MINUTES  
WITH

## THE WORLDS FIRST INTERACTIVE GOLF INSTRUCTION GUIDE EXCLUSIVELY AT HOWTOGOLF.COM THE RETURN OF HOWTOGOLF.COM

I'm happy to announce the return of howtogolf.com after 8 years offline. The year it was online there was only \$200,000 in total **Internet** sales. The Internet was new and people were still unfamiliar with it. PayPal was years away and selling online was a credit card authorization **nightmare**. But it was a good experience. I took it offline thinking I'd wait and see if the Internet caught on. I think it is safe to say the Internet has caught on. I hope you enjoy the site.

## HOW TO GOLF BEGINNERS GUIDE SALES SUPPORT JUNIOR GOLF AVAILABLE ONLY AT HOWTOGOLF.COM

All my work with inner city children is at my own expense. Tiger and Earl **never** charged me for all the instruction and thoughts they shared with me which is the core of my work. Basically I'm only a messenger. I hope to finance my work with sales of the book. I don't want to take money from these kids to be able to help them. And I've been **disillusioned**

# JUNIOR GOLF EDITION

by the grant money scene. So help me help others by buying a book . And the Team Tiger blueprint may soon be helping kids in your community. And parents. Thanks.

## WELCOME

I'd like to welcome the Sheriffs Department Youth Activities Center Juniors to junior golf. I'm looking forward to a great year with everyone involved in this program!

## QUOTEBOOK

He who lives without discipline dies without honor-Icelandic Proverb

Embrace fear, embrace exhaustion for they are your call to arms-Coach Joe

High achievement always takes place in the framework of high expectation.-Jack Kinder

I'm always doing things I can't do, that's how I get to do them.-Pablo Picasso

Two men look out the same prison bars, one sees mud the other sees stars.-Fred Langbridge

To different minds the same world is a hell and a heaven.-Ralph Waldo Emerson

Always look at what you have left. Never look at what you have lost.-Robert Schuller

Holding onto anger is like grasping a hot coal you intend to throw at somebody else; you are the one who gets burned.-Buddha

The optimist sees opportunity in every danger; the pessimist sees danger in every opportunity.-Winston Churchill

There is nothing in which people more betray their character than in what they laugh at.-Johann von Goethe

Character cannot be developed in ease and quiet. Only through experiences of trial and suffering can the soul be strengthened, vision cleared, ambition inspired and success achieved.-Helen Keller

No one can make you jealous, angry, vengeful or greedy-unless you let them.-Napolean Hill

In reading the lives of great men, I found that the first victory they won was over themselves. Self-discipline with all of them came first.-Harry Truman

Without goals and plans to reach them you are like a ship that has set sail with no destination.-Fitzhugh Dodson

Go for the moon. If you don't get it you will still be heading for a star.-Willis Reed

Difficulties increase the nearer we approach the goal.-Johann von Goethe

Winning is a habit. Unfortunately

A leader takes people where they want to go. A great leader takes people where they don't necessarily want to go but ought to be.-Rosalynn Carter

There's no such thing as shoulda, woulda and coulda. If you shoulda and coulda you woulda done it.-Pat Riley

It's not so important who starts the game but who finishes it.-John Wooden

Don't expect to build up the weak by pulling down the strong.-Calvin Coolidge

I would rather lose in a cause that will someday win than win in a cause that will someday lose.-Woodrow Wilson

People do not lack strength; they lack will.-Victor Hugo

Winning is not everything, but the effort to win is.-Zig Ziglar

There is no victory at bargain basement prices.-Dwight Eisenhower

GROHMAN GOLF GAZETTE

VOL. VI

ISS. IV

M

JOE GROHMAN PGA

714.218.1507

JoeGrohmanPGA@aol

To order

How to Golf Beginners Guide  
send \$10 to Joe Grohman Golf

1400 Harmony Lane

Fullerton CA 92831

PROS CORNER

LESSON CORNER

IN MY OPINION

TOURNAMENT REVIEW

LESSON PROGRAMS, RATES  
AND SCHEDULES