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**Players at the Arnold Palmer Invitational may find the greens** a little bit faster when they assemble at the Bay Hill Club for the tournament's first round on March 26.

The reason is the event is just two weeks before the Masters. "I think we'll want to speed the greens up just slightly to give the guys a feel for faster greens," Arnold Palmer told me last week. "Since we're closer to the Masters, we want to justify guys coming here to not only compete, but also to get ready to attack Augusta."

**Arnold also told me that his stint as host of the Bob Hope Invitational** this year was only a one-year commitment. "I did it because it was the fiftieth anniversary of the Hope," he said.

**A few weeks ago I told you that Luke Donald just about disappeared** last year after the U.S. Open because he seriously damaged his wrist at Torrey Pines. He was off to a good start this year but if you followed the Accenture Match Play Championships last week you know he withdrew on the 18<sup>th</sup> hole during his Friday match with Ernie Els. Els was 1-up at the time. Donald felt soreness in his left wrist and after a year of rehab didn't want to risk it. But good news! Over the weekend Luke got a good report from the doctor in New York who performed the surgery six months ago.

**Dr. Andrew Weiland of the Hospital** for Special Surgery determined the pain was caused by scar tissue, not the tendon that was repaired. Donald said he should be able to resume practicing after a few days of treatment and anti-inflammatory medication. He hasn't ruled out playing in next week's Honda Classic.

**The line of the week has to go to Tiger Woods.** When asked where he goes from here after his second round loss, Tiger's response was: "To the airport."

**The last time Tiger took off any substantial time** was following the death of his father, Earl, in 2006. That time it was only for a month but how did he do once he returned? He missed the cut at the U.S. Open but then went on to win eight titles including the British Open and the PGA Championship.

**The Euros have another budding star for Ryder Cup.** Rory McIlroy, who is only 19 years old, was tipped to shine this year and so far he has not disappointed. The Irishman, who first raised eyebrows at the 2007 Open at Carnoustie where he had an impressive opening round and finished with the silver medal, has climbed into the world's top 20, bagged his first European Tour title and won the inaugural The Race to Dubai European Tour Golfer of the Month award. In the Match Play this week he beat Hunter Mahan and Tiger killer Tim Clark before losing to Geoff Ogilvy.



Returning from his long absence, Tiger Woods won his first match this week before losing to Tim Clark, another player with a history of asking SST to PURE his clubs. I say another player because it appears from an accredited published source, *Golfweek* columnist James Achenbach, that Tiger's Nike clubs have been PUREd by SST. Here's the quote:

***"Golfweek has learned through sources at Nike that Tiger Woods had his clubs checked and adjusted by SST. As revealed by Nike insiders, the company assembled a dozen sets of irons for Woods, with only two sets being PUREd. In blind testing Woods picked those two sets as his primary set and backup set."***

**Players with clubs PUREd by SST** did very well in the first World Championship event of the year. Paul Casey finished in second place. In the quarterfinals, Casey was joined by Ernie Els and Sean O'Hair. The sweet 16 saw the above group as well as Tim Clark and Camilo Villegas.

**Players with a history of having SST PURE** their clubs also did extremely well in the Mayakoba Golf Classic. J.J. Henry took second place and was joined in the top 20 by Kevin Na, Rich Beem, Jerry Kelly, Bo Van Pelt, Briny Baird, Scott Verplank and Cameron Beckman.

**Now the Tour moves to Florida where Ernie Els**, who has a history of requesting SST to PURE his clubs, is the defending champion at the Honda Classic.

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