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**Colin Montgomerie clashed with an American heckler** as his hopes of appearing in the U.S. Masters were devoured by the Blue Monster. The 44-year-old Scot, about to be married, had arrived at the CA Championships desperately out of form and in need of a top-four finish at the World Golf Championship event to keep from missing Augusta for only the second time in 16 years. After battling his way around the first 17 holes Montgomerie hit his second shot into the lake beside the 18th green for a double-bogey six and a round of 74. As he left the green a burly spectator yelled, "It's a good thing there's no cut, Monty." Instead of ignoring the insult, Montgomerie wheeled round and glared at the man. A stand-off then took place as the two men, only five yards apart, stared defiantly at each other and, with tension rising, security men moved closer and led the insulting fan away.

**In case you were wondering exactly what damage Ian Poulter** did to his putter on Saturday that led to his having to putt with lob wedge the rest of the way, here it is: "The weight on the back of the putter moved and I called for a rules official. I didn't want to be disqualified. I dropped the putter on the path and there was a bit of frustration because I missed that putt," said Poulter. The ruling was he had to take the putter out of play because he had changed the characteristic of the club. Even then he holed a birdie putt on the 16th and rolled in a 20-footer for par on the 18th.

**Arnold Palmer, as reported here last week**, will indeed take over as host of the Bob Hope Classic but only initially for next year's 50th anniversary event. But I think it will go on longer as Arnie is beloved out in "The Springs." So much so they wanted to rename the Palm Springs Airport after him. But his hometown of Latrobe Pa., had already named their airport after Arnie, and FAA rules prohibit two airports named for the same person, even if they are 3,000 miles apart. Did you know his final PGA Tour victory came at the Hope?

**Camilo Villegas** was one of our interviews this week at Doral. "In the last two years, I've learned a lot," he said. "Experience is important in this game. And I've just got to get good targets and hit good shots." When he burst on the scene in 2006, his flashing rippling biceps attracted swarms of screaming female fans. Reading putts from a one-handed pushup position earned him the nickname Spiderman. He almost won Doral two years ago and I think if he had been in Sunday's final round paired with Tiger he may have. Why? Because his crowds from Latin Miami were about twice the size of those for Woods.

**The Champions Tour's Denis Watson** won last week and this week came down from his Fort Lauderdale home with his young son to watch Tiger play. "I don't have many opportunities these days to take my kids to see the younger guys play and he wanted to see and meet Tiger," Watson said.



## SST PURE marches to 10th win

**Greg Kraft, a guy who never gives up, has a history of asking SST to PURE his clubs.** Greg won the Puerto Rico Open on Sunday, giving SST PURE its 10th win so far in this very young 2008 season. Kraft had never given up the hope of once again being a PGA Tour star and now he has a two-year exemption and a load of confidence.

**At the World Golf Championship this weekend in Miami, SST players** were in contention and if it hadn't have been for the rain delays which cut into some momentum they could have won. How about Retief Goosen, Jim Furyk and Vijay Singh? They tied for second but were nipping at Geoff Ogilvy's heels all weekend before finishing one stroke behind. All three fired 4-under par final rounds.

**How about Steve Stricker (who SST PUREs his clubs)** and his 9-under par final round that resulted in a sixth-place finish? Defending Masters champion Zach Johnson also has SST PURE his clubs and his ninth place finish on the Blue Monster shows he's getting ready to mount an impressive defense of the Masters in three weeks.

**This week you can watch the Tavistock Cup on the Golf Channel.** It's the annual event played between the players who live in Isleworth and Lake Nona in Orlando. Basically it is the world's best players. SST PURE is highly represented just as it is in every Ryder Cup and President Cup. Players like Ernie Els, Retief Goosen, John Cook, Robert Allenby, Stuart Appleby and Charles Howell III have all asked SST to PURE their clubs.

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