

THE GOOD STUFF

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Get Your Oh Face On

Odyssey Golf's O-Works putters have added Micro-hinge technology to send the ball rolling toward the cup. The stainless steel Hinge Plate is backed by a soft thermoplastic elastic inner layer and incorporates "micro hinges" that flex and rebound to promote a spin on the ball. In other words, the ball gets rolling as soon as it leaves the putter face. The Micro-hinge insert and elastomer inner layer require a 23-step production process, so sweet rolls off the O-Works putters happen by design.

\$229.99 www.odysseygolf.com



Sunshine on your Shoulders

When you trim a stand bag down to four pounds, there are convenience compromises that usually leave you with a glorified Sunday bag. Sun Mountain's 3.5 LS stand bag delivers the features that will make it your go-to bag for all occasions, not just when you are walking an executive course. Weighing in at 3.5 pounds, the 3.5 LS has a four-way, 9-inch top to carry 14 clubs, and it provides seven pockets plus a hydration pouch. For walkers, the X-System dual straps are wide and thick to ensure a comfortable trek.

If you are looking to go light and walk the course, then Sun Mountain's 3.5 LS does not make you sacrifice the conveniences of a purposeful golf bag.

\$229.99 www.sunmountain.com



Frogger Connects

The Hitchhiker's Guide to the Galaxy suggests that a towel is the most useful item you can carry during interstellar travel. True that for golf as well. Following up Frogger Golf's TRAX Towel with Latch Technology last fall, the company has introduced Latch-It Ecosystem, a line to attach, detach, and reconnect your expensive accessories to your golf bag or cart. New to the product line is a Latch-It for your range finder and smart phone. Both units include a strap with a Catch Latch magnet, while the Latch-It receiver has a lock to keep your devices secure while in motion. Whether you are looking to attach your towel, or a smart device worth more than your driver, Latch-It with Frogger Golf.

\$17.95 Range Finder Latch-It **\$22.95 Phone Latch-It** www.froggergolf.com

A Rising Star

Designed for better players, Srixon's Z-STAR XV is a tour-caliber golf ball with a new 338 Speed Dimple pattern for less air resistance. Another new feature in the Z-STAR XV is the third-generation Spin Skin coating that will encourage more spin around the green. An early-season round by a GOLFCicago staffer returned positive reviews. While firm around the greens, Z-STAR XV responds with results similar to other premium balls; however, it did fly straighter off the tee than its price-point counterparts did. Z-STAR XV is available in Pure White and Tour Yellow.

\$39.99 (dozen) www.srixon.com



Performance Knits

Carnoustie Sportswear is rooted in their tried and true performance knits. For this season, Carnoustie developed new colors appropriate for the season—such as amethyst, melon, spearmint, and sky. This season's mélange fabric is nuanced and has a dimension that ordinary piece-dyed solids cannot approach. Also featured in the new performance collection is a mini-floral print that is small enough in proportion to create an all-over look. The small prints are very much on trend for 2017.

A beautifully simple jacquard is offered to complement the collection. It introduces a sophistication and affords elegance with performance features. All of Carnoustie's performance styles include moisture management properties, stretchable comfort, odor management, and UV protection.

www.carnoustiesportswearonline.com



Air Jordan Tees Off

It has been over 30 years since Nike introduced their Air Jordan 1, the shoe that built a brand into a global platform for athletic gear. The iconic basketball shoe that Nike morphed into a retro-hip golf cleat is a limited offering. The shoe has favorable changes that include extra padding around the ankle, a soft spike sole, and a waterproof upper. The Air Jordan 1 golf shoe is at select retailers. Get 'em while you can.

\$200
www.nikegolf.com

