PUSH THE BOUNDARIES

If I were to list the names Michael Weir, Jim Furyk, Ben Curtis and Shaun Micheel what would they mean to you? Now I'm pretty sure the golfers among you will be able to say that they are the winners of golf's four majors in 2003, but you have to admit that it helps that the names are listed together and in order.

If the names had been thrown at you at the beginning of the year I'm sure you would have heard of Jim Furyk, he was after all, already a Ryder Cup player and you may have known Michael Weir, as he had won the 2000 American Express Championship at Valderrama and was one of a very small band of top quality left handers. However, I'd bet bucket loads that Ben Curtis and Shaun Micheel could have walked past you in the clubhouse without a second look. They probably still could!

Talking of betting it would be interesting to learn what a 10p accumulator would have reached on a successful prediction of the 2003 Major Winners. Having said that I don't think you would have believed your crystal ball. Let's face it, no Tiger, Ernie, Phil, Vijay or Sergio, you've got to be kidding!

I'm equally sure that this time last year Ben and Shaun didn't have "Win a Major Championship" as one of their goals for 2003.

And I suppose that should be a lesson to us all. We may not know what we are capable of and it may be that if we were to push ourselves forward and accept challenges we might not be found wanting. Holding back because we might fail or, worse, be found out, is a failing we succumb to all too often as unfortunately we seem to think it's better to have abstained than to have tried and failed.

I find with the magazine that often people with a great tale to tell are reluctant to put pen to paper or digit to keyboard. Don't be. If what you want to say is worth saying we'll find a way of making it publishable. It's the same in other areas. Why not enter your club in the Environment Competition? You may have failed.

What's the worst that can happen? I'll tell you. You failed.

Master Greenkeeper programme? You may have entered your club in the Environment Competition? We may not know what we are capable of and it just three years earlier.

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