

# Off The Fringe

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and silver in between those awards, as well as the green jacket.

Nicklaus said he was surprised to see the jacket in the museum because the green jackets aren't allowed to leave that mecca in Augusta, Ga. "I don't know how it got here, but there's a green jacket in the museum," Nicklaus told attendees.

While the museum features several wings, including the Masters room, the Nicklaus family room and the Nicklaus Design room, it doesn't include a space for sportsmanship. Most all of the speakers attending the museum's christening spoke of Nicklaus' ability to be a good sport.

"He's the greatest loser I've ever seen," Gary Player said. "A great football coach once said, 'Show me a good loser, and I'll show you a non-winner.' Well, I beg to differ. It's so easy to be a good winner, but it takes courage and grace to be a good loser."

PGA Commissioner Tim Finchem said Nicklaus is golf's ultimate role model for conduct on the course.

"Every time he has set foot on the golf course over the last 40 years, he has conducted himself every minute of that time in a way that you would want players to conduct themselves," Finchem said. "That's why so many players look to Jack as a role model."

Former LPGA Commissioner Charlie Mechem Jr. borrowed a line from Tiger Woods' to describe Nicklaus. "Tiger called him a champion's champion." Then Mechem added, "No one has ever or will ever bring to the game a greater combination of skill, dignity, professionalism or sportsmanship than the Golden Bear."

To celebrate the opening of the museum, Nicklaus went out a few days later and shot a one-under-par 71 on the opening day of his tournament, the Memorial Tournament, held at nearby Muirfield Village GC, the outstanding track he designed nearly 30 years ago. It was the first time Nicklaus broke par at the tournament in five years.

He can still play. But is there room left in the museum for more trophies?

## Architects Have Wide Worries

Golf course architects have protested about the increased length of golf courses. Now they're protesting about courses' increased widths, too.

Architects say the "long ball" is the problem. They may go farther, but high-tech balls that are poorly hit also go farther off-line. That's what architects say they must contend with in new designs.

The American Society of Golf Course Architects projects that at least 20 percent more space is now required to design golf courses to accommodate today's high-tech equipment and balls. The more space, the more maintenance for superintendents.

"The consensus is that most architects are now designing fairway corridors 50 yards wider than they did just a decade ago to provide the space necessary to contain today's off-line balls," says Jay Morrish, president of ASGCA.



## Scanning the Web

Frank Andorka reviews [www.ivillage.com](http://www.ivillage.com)

(All sites are preceded by <http://> unless otherwise noted)

You can read all the stories you want about making your relationship with your spouse or significant other work, but we all know where you can find the real scoop: an Internet love compatibility survey.

At [ivillage.com](http://www.ivillage.com), they have a section called Love Compatibility that links to a three-page, 15-question survey that allows you and your partner to determine whether you'll be together forever or are destined for the rocks. (Husbands: Don't be put off by the fact that [ivillage.com](http://www.ivillage.com) is part of "The Women's Network." After all, it is the 21st century and we're all supposed to connect with our feminine side.)

The compatibility survey covers three important areas of a relationship: atti-

tudes toward romance, sex and communication. (The questions get a little personal, so if you're easily embarrassed, this site is not for you.)

The survey is designed so that you and your significant other can fill it out together or separately. Then you submit your answers for what I'm sure is a completely scientific analysis of them to determine your compatibility.

The analysis is pretty detailed, and I found it described my personality pretty well. How accurately they describe my wife is a question because I filled out both of our surveys since my wife doesn't work with me. After seven years of marriage, I have a pretty good handle on how she'd answer the questions (I think).

Embedded within the detailed compatibility results are other links that led to other surveys on the site or articles that could help you improve any aspect of your relationship that you believe needs work.

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