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Integration Award: Nickent 3DX Hybrid Irons

Since the somewhat recent popularization of hybrids took place, a common problem among golfers is deciding which hybrids fit into their set and what clubs to remove. Unfortunately, even the most knowledgeable golfers have had a hard time successfully bridging the distance gaps in their sets due to how high and how far modern hybrid clubs hit the ball. The new Nickent 3DX Hybrid Irons solve this problem by providing players with a truly integrated iron/hybrid set that was specifically designed to span the full range of distances. It's a worthy product that does what it's supposed to do.

For more information, visit www.nickentgolf.com.

Game-Improvement Award: Perfect Club Perfect Driver

Despite a name that reeks of hubris, the Perfect Club's Perfect Driver is actually an impressive piece of equipment. Made with a length that is approximately 2.5 inches shorter than standard drivers, the Perfect Driver is easy to hit and versatile. A high-tensile beta-titanium crown, titanium soleplate and variable-face technology make the Perfect Driver a technologically advanced specialty driver that's worth a try.

For more information, visit www.thepperfectclub.com.

Ultra Value Award: Dunlop LoCo Dart

Considering how expensive premium-quality titanium drivers have become, it's refreshing to come across a model that provides outstanding performance and features without demanding a hefty price. The LoCo Dart from Dunlop features both brass and aluminum weights, which can be adjusted to manipulate launch and spin characteristics, as well as a carbon crown that displaces weight toward the heel and sole. The fact that this combination of features can be had for less than \$250 is impressive.

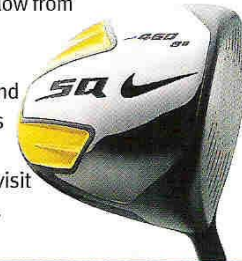
For more information, visit www.dunlopsportsonline.com

Mass Award: Heavy Putter

Created by Bocchieri Golf, the Heavy Putter is a unique design that weighs up to 200 grams more than typical flatsticks. An impressive list of features includes a Weight Management System that consists of a 250-gram insert located in the upper portion of the shaft that's designed to effectively prevent an early release of the putterhead and the accompanying wrist breakdown errors that lead to offline putts. The extremely heavy weight of the putter encourages the player to use the bigger muscles in the torso to control the stroke, rather than those located in the wrists and hands. Adjustable weights allow for customization. For more information, visit www.heavyputter.com

Bigfoot Award: Nike Golf's PowerBow Technology

When you've got the best player of all time using your equipment, it's easy to sit back on your heels. However, Nike Golf's engineering staff, lead by Tom Stites, has done nothing of the sort, as evidenced by the SasQuatch driver and its PowerBow design, which stretches the clubhead as far as the USGA will allow from front to back. An extremely low and deep CG location and a ton of forgiveness is the result. For more information, visit www.nikegolf.com.



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