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## Editor's Comments

Hello my golfing friends,

Welcome to all the new readers in USA, Canada & UK and thanks to everyone who has spread the word about ***Golfing Weekly***.

What a week it's been. The website is really coming along and, as you will have seen, this week we have published the magazine on the site as well as making it available for download. I started the magazine so that I would have a good excuse to watch and play more golf, but last week I was so busy that I didn't swing a club once. So, now that the magazine is put to bed I'm going for a quick practice session. Talking of practice, this week's tip is an excellent technique for practicing your chipping at home. Before you try it out yourself, I recommend that, rather than practicing in the direction of a window (as shown in the photos) you line yourself up with the sofa or something else which is unbreakable and will deaden the sound of the golf balls bouncing around your living room.

There was some excellent golf to watch at the weekend, not least the nail-biting finish of the Nissan Open. After leading by 7 shots earlier in the round, Mike Weir was faced with playing the final hole as if it were sudden death in order to retain his title. Great stuff.

Everyone has been saying that Tiger Woods isn't playing so well these days but three top ten finishes from three starts this year isn't bad in my book. As soon as he starts playing all four rounds of a competition in the same determined way he has played the final round in recent tournaments he'll be taking the silverware home again, I have no doubts. This week's matchplay format may just give him the focus he needs.

That's it for now. Don't forget, if there is anything you would like us to add to Golfing Weekly, just drop us a line. This is your magazine and we want you to enjoy reading it as much as we enjoy putting it together.

All the best,

Andy Smith  
Owner/Editor  
Golfing Weekly

## Mike Weir retains Nissan Open



Mike Weir lining up a putt on the final round.  
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Weir's second shot left him with a tricky chip from off the left side of the green which looked like it was going in and almost had the Canadian celebrating prematurely. He didn't have long to wait. Maruyama couldn't hole his par putt and Mike Weir slotted his in to retain the title. The win moved him up to 4th place in both the official world golf rankings and the 2004 money list.

After starting the final day with a five shot lead which he quickly increased to seven it looked like Mike Weir was going to have it all his own way at this year's Nissan Open. But Japan's Shigeki Maruyama decided to give him a run for his money by banging in the birdies and taking a share of the lead on the 17th. By this stage the rain was making the holes play longer and when Shigeki put his 18th tee-shot into the rough, Mike Weir knew that driving his ball down the fairway would give him the upper hand.



Shigeki Maruyama. Photo – Getty Images



Stuart Appleby. Photo – Getty Images

Stuart Appleby put in a final round 66 to finish third, just 3 shots off the pace with a 14 under par total of 270. That was enough to move him up into the top ten of the world rankings and third place on the money list behind Vijay Singh and Phil Mickelson.

John Daly showed that last week's Buick Invitational victory wasn't just a "flash in the pan" by carding 68–64–72–67 over the four days for a 13 under par total of 271 and outright fourth place. He jumped another 21 places up the world rankings to 64th and with earnings over \$1 million stands at number 6 on the PGA money list.



John Daly. Photo – Getty Images



Tiger Woods. Photo – Getty Images

Tiger Woods had a slow start to the week again but recovered well to finish on 7 under par 64, equal best final day score with Jay Williamson. They both ended with a share of 7th place with 274 as did J.J. Henry. No wins so far this year for Tiger but 3 consecutive top tens and a cracking final day here could just give him the momentum he wants going into the WGC–Accenture Match Play in a couple of days time.

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# PGA Tour Results

*Nissan Open February 19–22, 2004 at Pacific Palisades, California*

<b>Pos.</b>	<b>Player</b>	<b>Par</b>	<b>Day 1</b>	<b>Day 2</b>	<b>Day 3</b>	<b>Day 4</b>	<b>Total</b>
1	Mike Weir	-17	66	64	66	71	267
2	Shigeki Maruyama	-16	64	66	71	67	268
3	Stuart Appleby	-14	70	64	70	66	270
4	John Daly	-13	68	64	72	67	271
5	Hank Kuehne	-12	65	72	68	67	272
6	Kirk Triplett	-11	66	67	72	68	273
T7	Jay Williamson	-10	69	69	72	64	274
T7	Tiger Woods	-10	72	66	72	64	274
T7	J.J. Henry	-10	71	69	65	69	274
T10	Bob Tway	-9	68	67	71	69	275
T10	Tim Clark	-9	72	69	64	70	275
T10	Briny Baird	-9	69	62	73	71	275
T10	Loren Roberts	-9	70	65	69	71	275
T10	Jeff Maggert	-9	67	66	69	73	275

## PGA Tour Money List

*2004 Top Money Earners – Updated Feb 22, 2004 after Nissan Open*

<b>Rank This Week</b>	<b>Rank Last Week</b>	<b>Player Name</b>	<b># of Events</b>	<b>Earnings 2004</b>
1	1	Vijay Singh	6	\$2,003,140
2	2	Phil Mickelson	4	\$1,512,100
3	4	Stuart Appleby	4	\$1,405,120
4	15	Mike Weir	5	\$1,371,867
5	3	Jonathan Kaye	6	\$1,321,470
6	6	John Daly	4	\$1,133,646
7	5	Ernie Els	2	\$943,000
8	27	Shigeki Maruyama	5	\$809,339
9	10	Jeff Maggert	4	\$682,800
10	7	Harrison Frazar	4	\$622,543
11	8	Chris Riley	4	\$604,073
12	9	Jesper Parnevik	6	\$601,899
13	20	Kirk Triplett	5	\$576,343
14	11	Chris DiMarco	3	\$575,767
15	13	Luke Donald	5	\$559,099
16	12	Retief Goosen	4	\$549,375
17	14	Steve Flesch	6	\$542,309
18	22	Tiger Woods	3	\$531,000
19	16	Skip Kendall	5	\$486,000
20	17	Davis Love III	3	\$481,400

[For full PGA Tour Results & Money List  
visit PGATour.com](http://PGATour.com)

# Jaidee is 1st Thai Winner on European Tour



Thongchai Jaidee. Photo – Getty Images

Thongchai Jaidee went down in the history books on Sunday as the first ever winner of a European Tour event by a golfer from Thailand, when he won the Carlsberg Malaysian Open by two strokes. His hole-in-one on the 16th hole and birdie on the last helped him complete the back nine in just 30 shots. The event, co-sanctioned by the Asian Tour, was held at the Saujana Golf Club in Kuala Lumpur, where both Friday's and Saturday's rounds were interrupted by torrential rain.

Players finished the third round on Sunday morning then stayed in the same groupings to play the last 18 holes. After completing his first two rounds in only 2 under par, that meant that Jaidee was in the clubhouse on 14 under for an hour before the tournament's early leaders arrived on the 18th green. Runner-up, Australian Brad Kennedy needed a birdie at the last to force a playoff but ended up with bogey after firing his second shot into the trees.



Brad Kennedy. Photo – Getty Images



Thomas Levet. Photo – Getty Images

It was a great day for Thai golf as two of Thongchai Jaidee's countrymen also finished in the top five. Chawalit Plaphol and Prayad Marksaeng shared third place with Frenchman, Thomas Levet, two shots further back on 278. Miguel Angel Jimenez continues his good season, finishing tied for sixth place with the young englishman, Andrew Marshall. The Spaniard's earnings took him above Ernie Els to the top of the Volvo Order of Merit.

South Korea's Sung-Man Lee led going into the final round but could only manage a disastrous 77 on the last day to finish tied for eighth place with 7 under par 281.



Sung-Man Lee. Photo – Getty Images

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# European Tour Results

## Carlsberg Malaysian Open 19–22 February 2004

Saujana Golf Club, Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia  
(Event Co–Sanctioned with Asian Tour)

Pos.	Player	To Par	Day 1	Day 2	Day 3	Day 4	Total
1	Thongchai JAIDEE (Thai)	–14	71	71	64	68	274
2	Brad KENNEDY (Aus)	–12	69	70	70	67	276
T3	Chawalit PLAPHOL (Thai)	–10	68	72	65	73	278
T3	Thomas LEVET (Fr)	–10	69	70	69	70	278
T3	Prayad MARKSAENG (Thai)	–10	70	69	69	70	278
T6	Andrew MARSHALL (Eng)	–8	71	69	68	72	280
T6	Miguel Angel JIMÉNEZ (Sp)	–8	70	72	67	71	280
T8	Klas ERIKSSON (Swe)	–7	68	74	70	69	281
T8	Thaworn WIRATCHANT (Thai)	–7	70	67	72	72	281
T8	David DIXON (Eng)	–7	70	73	69	69	281
T8	Sung–Man LEE (Kor)	–7	69	68	67	77	281

[Click Here to get full scoreboard from EuropeanTour.com](http://EuropeanTour.com)

## Volvo Order of Merit

2004 Top European Tour Money Earners  
Updated Feb 22, 2004 after Carlsberg Malaysian Open

Rank	Player	Country	# of Events	Earnings (Euros)	US\$ (approx.)
1	Miguel Angel JIMÉNEZ	SP	4	€ 277,902.82	\$351,908.34
2	Ernie ELS	SA	2	€ 258,802.31	\$327,721.37
3	Brian DAVIS	ENG	4	€ 219,741.18	\$278,258.26
4	Thongchai JAIDEE	THAI	2	€ 207,425.43	\$262,662.82
5	Thomas BJÖRN	DEN	2	€ 152,627.46	\$193,272.15
6	Trevor IMMELMAN	SA	4	€ 151,820.08	\$192,249.77
7	Adam SCOTT	AUS	2	€ 141,743.43	\$179,489.71
8	Raphaël JACQUELIN	FR	5	€ 139,683.90	\$176,881.72
9	Brad KENNEDY	AUS	6	€ 137,347.87	\$173,923.61
10	Thomas LEVET	FR	4	€ 128,820.35	\$163,125.21

[Click Here for complete Volvo Order of Merit from EuropeanTour.com](http://EuropeanTour.com)



# Golf World Rankings

*2004 Golf World Rankings – Top Ten  
Updated Feb 23, 2004*

<b>Rank</b>	<b>Last Week</b>	<b>Player</b>	<b>Points Ave.</b>	<b>Total Points</b>	<b># of Events</b>	<b>Points lost 02/03</b>	<b>Points Gained 2004</b>
<b>1</b>	1	Tiger Woods (USA)	13.19	527.78	40	88.46–	33.16
<b>2</b>	2	Vijay Singh (FIJ)	10.21	592.06	58	79.11–	114.48
<b>3</b>	3	Ernie Els (SAF)	9.02	469.05	52	75.28–	98.48
<b>4</b>	6	Mike Weir (CAN)	7.67	352.71	46	44.34–	96.42
<b>5</b>	4	Davis Love-III (USA)	7.41	348.21	47	51.36–	30.81
<b>6</b>	5	Jim Furyk (USA)	6.55	314.59	48	46.94–	7.54
<b>7</b>	7	Retief Goosen (SAF)	5.52	314.66	57	67.87–	33.09
<b>8</b>	8	Phil Mickelson (USA)	4.96	247.92	50	42.95–	95.63
<b>9</b>	9	Kenny Perry (USA)	4.88	248.64	51	36.39–	15.95
<b>10</b>	13	Stuart Appleby (AUS)	4.73	283.64	60	35.87–	88.96

[Click here for the site of the Official World Golf Ranking](#)

## Preview of Next Issue

The main event this week is the World Golf Championships – Accenture Matchplay Championship which will be held at the La Costa Resort & Spa, Carlsbad, California. The top 64 ranked players in the world on Feb 16 2004 qualify to compete. Alternates are taken from the next in line in the World Golf Rankings of the same week. This event is officially scheduled on both the PGA Tour and The European Tour calendars. A total of \$7million in prize money between the 64 players means that even first round losers walk away with \$35,000 but naturally they would all prefer the winners purse of \$1.2million.

This is the first dual–event week of 2004. Although the top–ranked 64 players are staying in California to play the head–to–head knockout format of the WGC–Accenture Matchplay, the Chrysler Classic of Tucson still has a pretty impressive field of players. Not least of these is the in–form John Daly whose current ranking (64) would have qualified him for the MatchPlay if the event was scheduled for next week instead of this.

There is no Champions Tour Event scheduled for this week.

The LPGA Tour doesn't start for another month or so but when it does we'll have a weekly report on that too.



## Golf Tip

# Learn to Practice Your Chipping at Home

by Mel Sole

Last week we covered practicing your putting at home. Another aspect of your short game that you can work on indoors is chipping. One of the big keys to chipping is "feel". If we can develop this during our down time, we will perform well when Spring comes around. Wouldn't that be nice?!



Picture #1

In picture #1 I have set up a spare piece of carpet (that way the wives won't come after me for a carpet repair bill!) I place a small piece of paper (in this case a business card) out about 10 feet away to mark my landing spot. I now do my practice swing looking at the card to get the "feel" of how hard I need to hit the ball.



Picture #2

In picture #2 I have chipped the ball, while attempting to land the ball on the card. If you can do this consistently, come springtime you will be able to land the ball where you want. And if you understand the Air time/Ground time ratios of your clubs, (see next week's follow-up article on chipping) your chipping will definitely improve and the resulting scores will be lower too. Make sure to get your bets in early this season, because your handicap will come down pretty fast once you are chipping them dead!

### **Goals:**

- To get the execution of the chipping stroke perfected.
- To develop feel in order to hit the ball in the air the required distance

Mel Sole is a former South African Tour player with about 30 years of teaching experience. He is the co-founder of Ritson-Sole Golf Schools, which is rated one of the 25 best golf schools in the U.S. Mel's home course is Pawleys Plantation in Myrtle Beach, S.C. Other Ritson-Sole Golf Schools are located in Wilmington, N.C., Atlanta, Blue Springs, Mo., Harrisburg, Pa., and San Sebastián de Amola, México. You can visit the Ritson-Sole Website at [www.ritson-sole.com](http://www.ritson-sole.com).

# John Daly

Over the last couple of weeks, John Daly has returned to the sort of form which saw him win majors in the 1990s. This week we take a brief look at the career of this ever-popular golf personality.



1995 at St. Andrews – Getty Images

Born in 1966, John Daly turned professional at the age of 21. After playing on the Nationwide Tour in 1990 and winning the Utah Classic, he joined the PGA Tour in 1991, when he was named Tour Rookie of the year. In 1991 he won the PGA Championship, 3 shots clear of the field, after starting as the final alternate and not even having a practice round. He followed up the next year by winning the BC Open by 6 shots. His third Tour victory came in 1994 at the BellSouth Classic.

In 1995 he won his second major when taking the British Open at St. Andrews, winning a playoff with Constantino Rocca by 4 strokes. At that time, he was only the fourth American since World War II to win two majors before his 30th birthday, keeping company with Jack Nicklaus, Tom Watson and Johnny Miller. In 1998 Daly joined Mark O'Meara and Tiger Woods to represent the U.S. in the Dunhill Cup, where he was unbeaten in four matches.



Nissan Open 2004 – Getty Images



Buick Invitational 2004 – Getty Images

In 2001 he had return to form, earning over \$800,000 and finishing the year in the Top 50 World Rankings, having had four top tens and winning the BMW International Open. From the very early days, the one thing that everybody (even non-golfers) knew about John Daly was that he was a big hitter and by 2002 he had won the Driving Distance category for the 11th time, which was more category wins than anyone in history. His average driving distance that year was 306.8 yards per drive. No mean feat.

In 2003, he tied 7th at the Shell Houston Open and went on to win the Callaway Golf Pebble Beach Invitational and the Korean Open.

And 2004, well, it's great to see John Daly really returning to form this year. Four out of four cuts made, back to back top tens (Buick Invitational 1st, Nissan Open 4th), 7th in the World Money List (\$1,133,646) and climbing the World Golf Rankings once again, currently at #64. It's only February and already 2004 is a big year. I know I'm not alone in wishing John continued success for this and many more years to come.



Golfing Weekly's First Cover.

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For more information about John Daly, visit his website, [www.johndaly.com](http://www.johndaly.com)

Article by Andy Smith

# Golfing Destinations

In this section we will be writing articles about different states, provinces and countries which are popular with golfers or noteworthy destinations for you to consider for a golfing holiday. This week we continue from the first issue, talking about the winter golf capital of Europe, the Canary Islands, where the staff of *Golfing Weekly* are based.

## The Canary Islands (continued)

### Gran Canaria

Gran Canaria is the third largest of the islands, behind Tenerife & Fuerteventura. It's surface area is 1,532m<sup>2</sup> and its most prominent features are the ravines which come down from the 2,000m high central peaks to the shore.

Las Palmas, the capital of the province which also incorporates Lanzarote and Fuerteventura, is the largest city of the archipelago. It is a prosperous, beautiful city with over 370,000 inhabitants and is home to the busiest port in Spain. Its airport receives regular flights from the most important airlines in Europe and the United States. The capital has all the attractions of a major city, with excellent hotels and restaurants, night clubs, international shows, an intense social life and a large number of local festivals throughout the year.

The island, probably due to its pleasant year-round climate, is home to the oldest golf course in Spain. Real Club de Golf de Las Palmas was founded in 1891 and, as the name suggests, is close to the capital city. Although its website is only in Spanish, the language of golf is international and the photographs tell you all you need to know. All of the courses in Gran Canaria are excellent quality and a visit to the island will guarantee you a great golfing holiday. For more information on each of the courses you can visit their websites which are listed below.

Real Club de Golf de Las Palmas	18 holes – Par 71	<a href="http://realclubdegolfdelaspalmas.com">realclubdegolfdelaspalmas.com</a>
Campo de Golf de Maspalomas	18 holes – Par 73	<a href="http://www.maspalomasgolf.net">www.maspalomasgolf.net</a>
Salobre Golf & Resort	18 holes – Par 71	<a href="http://www.salobregolfresort.com">www.salobregolfresort.com</a>
El Cortijo Club de Campo	18 holes – Par 72	<a href="http://www.elcortijo.es">www.elcortijo.es</a>
El Cortijo Golf Centre	18 holes – Par 54	
Anfi Tauro Golf (+ 18-hole soon)	9 holes – Par 27	<a href="http://www.anfitauro.es">www.anfitauro.es</a>

Due to the shortage of other locations in Europe where you are virtually guaranteed fine weather in the winter months there is great demand for tee times in the high season (October to April). Consequently, green fees are, on average, 25% lower in the summer months (May to September).