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ROCKET SCIENCE

Cobra Puma Golf's new King LTD drivers and fairway woods bring back a regal air to the brand. But this time, the clubs boast technology that emanates from collaboration with the Center for Advancement of Science in Space (CASIS).

Research conducted on the International Space Station has helped the team create "the most technologically advanced golf products in the world".

One of the key results from this technological breakthrough is the TeXtreme Carbon Fiber material that is now used to make the crown of the Cobra King LTD woods.

This is 20 per cent lighter than regular carbon fibre, allowing for more weight to be distributed to optimum positions. With a lower and deeper weighting, the clubs offer greater forgiveness and distance.

The Cobra's exclusive Speed Channel around the perimeter of the clubface increases ball speed across the face, and the reduced thickness further expands the sweet spot. The Cobra King LTD drivers come in two versions, the King LTD driver (lofts of 9, 9.5, 10.5, 11.5 and 12 degrees) offers maximum distance and forgiveness, while the King LTD Pro (lofts of 7, 7.5, 8.5, 9.5 and 10 degrees) targets those who prefer a fade-bias and more control. The King LTD Fairway has all the available technology of the drivers, and come in 3-wood/4-wood and 4-wood/5-wood versions.



HAPPY FEET

The FootJoy D.N.A. (DryJoys Next Advancement) golf shoes, which were launched last year, quickly grew to be the best-selling shoe in golf.

The new D.N.A. feature a new TourLock Cleat System for better traction while maintaining a low profile that is increasingly popular with golfers. The new SnugFit Tongue further helps conform to the top of the foot, locking it in place through the swing.

The 3D FoamCollar helps the shoe mold to the foot, minimising excess movement that can lead to power-reduction in the swing.

FootJoy's NitroThin™ 2.0 TPU Outsole is a super thin-yet-strong chassis that frames the soft, FTF in-



ternal midsole for a combination of rigidity and flexibility.

The new FootJoy D.N.A. will be available next month for \$320/\$350 (BOA lacing system), and will come in seven colours with four in BOA.

DIM SUM ON THE GO

If you fancy a party and want to impress with a unique spread of dim sum, Yum Cha Restaurants has introduced a service that fits the bill.

Yum Cha Express now offers a variety of dim sum favourites delivered to your doorstep.

The items offered include the familiar favourites of steamed and fried dim sum items, including dishes like Seafood Fried Rice, Special Salted Egg Prawns, Signature Chilli Crab, and Salted Egg Baked Crab. In addition, a vegetarian selection of dish-

es like Bai Ling Mushrooms, Home Made Bean Curd with Mushrooms and Vegetables are also available.

For a more personalised offering, Bento-style boxes in three different sets of selected items can also be ordered (minimum 10 boxes per order).

Ordering from Yum Cha Express may be done over the phone, or online through their website www.yumchaexpress.com.sg, and can be ordered a day in advance for convenience.



FUTURISTIC FLATSTICKS

The new Scotty Cameron Futura X7 and X7M putters push the boundaries of multi-material construction.

Combine this with the latest generation of its performance technology and you have putters that all but swing themselves to get the balls to the hole.

Both the X7 and X7M have face-sole core technology with advanced perimeter weighting to increase stability and forgiveness, while providing easy alignment and that traditionally soft feel. All this modern technology delivers high-MOI performance, resistance twisting during each stroke.

The Futura X7 has a wingback mallet design with horizontal and vertical sight lines. The Futura X7M offers a pop-through, bar-back mallet design for added moment of inertia and stability.

Adding to the offerings, the Futura X7M also comes in a Dual Balance design for maximum stability in a non-anchored stroke.

Like all Dual Balance models, Futura X7M DB has a 50g heavier head (400g total) and a 50g counterweight in the butt of the shaft. This configuration helps many players make a proper stroke where the butt of the shaft remains pointed at the

midsection.

Dual Balance putters have a standard length of 37 inches with a 15-inch grip that allows the player to grip down below the counterweight for a more stable stroke. Both putters are milled from lightweight aircraft-grade aluminium, combined with precision-milled 303 stainless steel frame, and come with a single bend shaft with a high bend point that produces a true-face balanced configuration and one-shaft offset.

A box of Titleist ProV1s is the no-brainer, go-to gifts to a golfer. This Christmas, there's even more reason to buy one given that Titleist has

rolled out a limited edition Pro V1 balls with Christmas icons. Coming in both Pro V1 and Pro V1x golf balls, the balls have been in stores a week ago, and are available only in Singapore, Malaysia, Thailand and Indonesia.



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LEARNING ASPIRATIONS

Young amateurs looking towards a future playing golf have a new avenue to pursue their dreams.

Mizuno Singapore launched the Mizuno Golf School Asia Headquarters at the National Service Resort and Country Club, and is now open to taking in junior and competitive players, as well as the recreational golfer looking to improve.

Students will go through "Joe Thiel's 5 Level Development Program" and will not only hone their games, but also establish physical and mental skills for golf. Thiel is a USPGA Master Professional, and has been with Mizuno Japan for 14 years pass-



ing down his knowledge and proven programmes to the teachers in Japan. The school, based at NSRCC, will be helmed locally by Edmund Tan, Head of Golf Instruction, Mizuno Golf School Asia HQ.

All students will have access to NSRCC courses in the evening at special rates, and will also be entitled to special discounts when buying Mizuno products.

CROSS STRAIT FRIENDSHIP

Golf has a canny way of getting people together, and keeping them together. And when it comes to getting to know your fellow professionals across the border, there are few better ways to solidify the camaraderie among journalists than over a game.

For the last eight years, that essence has been the driving force behind The Causeway Cup.

Played over three rounds, the tournament pits two-person teams from the Singapore and Malaysia media against each other in a Ryder Cup-style format that often results in no shortage of thrills. Singapore took full advantage of homeground

to win 23-9 – equalling the overall score at four each.

The games were sponsored and played at the renovated Garden Course at Tanah Merah Country Club (fourball) and Laguna National's World Classic Course (foursomes and singles).

Other sponsors for this year's event included apparel sponsor BCLN, FootJoy for gloves and socks, TaylorMade for balls and beverage sponsor Chang Beer. CIMB Bank continued their annual support of event with their sponsorship of lunches and dinners on both days of the tournament.