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Hello my golfing friends,

Another great week of golf to report on and the prospect of something special to look forward to next week.

This weekend we saw the first male double winner of 2004, Miguel Angel Jiménez, who followed up his Johnnie Walker victory in Thailand by winning the Algarve Open de Portugal. I nearly forgot to specify "male" but seeing as Annika Sorenstam now has 3 wins this year I thought I'd better be specific to avoid a deluge of e-mail from our lady readers.

And we had another rookie debut winner. Zach Johnson managed to hold it together at the end and take the spoils at the BellSouth Classic. If his Nationwide Tour track record is anything to go by, we'll be seeing a lot more of him in the future.

As for next week – The Masters – what more do I need to say. No other events are scheduled so we'll have a bumper write up with lots of photos. It's my favorite of the majors and this year's field looks as good as any I can remember.

That's it for now. Don't forget, if there is anything you would like us to add to ***Golfing Weekly***, or if you have any comments you would like to make, 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,

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Zach Johnson gains Debut Victory at BellSouth



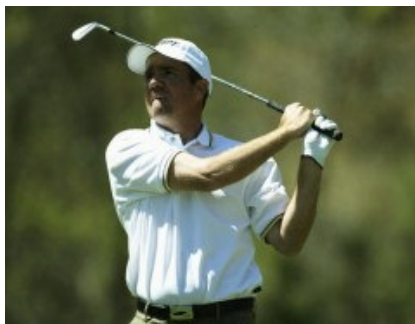
Winner, Zach Johnson. Photo – Getty images

Having ended last year as the 2003 Nationwide Tour Player of the Year, it hasn't taken 28 year-old Zach Johnson very long in his PGA Tour rookie year to make his mark. After only nine starts he has collected his first title, the BellSouth Classic, with a minus 13 total of 275 one shot clear of nearest rival Mark Hensby of Australia. Johnson started the day with a 3 stroke lead and began the final round well, picking up 5 birdies and a double-bogey in the first 10 holes.

Then things started to fall apart. With 4 bogeys and only one birdie on the next 5 holes he was back to level par for the day. There were still 3 holes left to play under the pressure of serious challenges not least from playing partner Padraig Harrington who had recovered the five shots he dropped early in the round and was then only 2 shots behind him.



Mark Hensby. Photo – Getty Images



Scott Hend. Photo – Getty Images

He parred the 16th and Harrington's challenge evaporated with a bogey. Meanwhile Hensby finished off a 5 under par round of 67 with a birdie on the 18th and was in the clubhouse just one shot back. Johnson couldn't afford to drop any more shots. He parred the 17th and took the safe route round the water to the par 5, 18th green and was left with about a five foot putt which he sank to secure victory and an emotional embrace from his wife.

Australian, Scott Hend, birdied the last two holes to finish one under for the day and take third place with a total of 277, 11 under par. Harrington ended up level for the day to take fourth with 278 and Peter Lonard made it 3 Australians in the top 5 by taking fifth place with 280.

Defending champion, Ben Crane, finished on 281 tied for sixth place with Lee Janzen and Phil Mickelson registered yet another top-10 finish (10th 283).



Padraig Harrington. Photo – Getty Images

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PGA Tour Results

BellSouth Classic, TPC at Sugarloaf, Duluth, Georgia – April 1–4, 2004
Par 72 – 7259 yards (6637 metres)

Pos.	Player Name	To Par	Day 1	Day 2	Day 3	Day 4	Total
1	Zach Johnson	-13	69	66	68	72	275
2	Mark Hensby	-12	73	70	66	67	276
3	Scott Hend	-11	72	66	68	71	277
4	Padraig Harrington	-10	70	69	67	72	278
5	Peter Lonard	-8	73	67	69	71	280
T6	Lee Janzen	-7	75	67	68	71	281
T6	Ben Crane	-7	68	69	71	73	281
T8	Luke Donald	-6	72	70	71	69	282
T8	Stewart Cink	-6	75	67	69	71	282
10	Phil Mickelson	-5	69	72	71	71	283

You can view the complete results by visiting www.pgatour.com

PGA Tour Money List

2004 Top Money Earners – updated April 5, 2004 after BellSouth Classic

Rank	Last Week	Player	Events Played	Money Earned
1	2	Phil Mickelson	8	\$2,318,600
2	1	Vijay Singh	9	\$2,259,973
3	3	Adam Scott	6	\$2,025,000
4	4	Stuart Appleby	7	\$2,020,120
5	5	Tiger Woods	6	\$1,859,850
6	6	Davis Love III	7	\$1,788,211
7	7	Mike Weir	8	\$1,459,480
8	8	Jonathan Kaye	9	\$1,366,415
9	9	Chad Campbell	10	\$1,321,337
10	10	John Daly	7	\$1,284,206
11	11	Darren Clarke	7	\$1,148,675
12	58	Zach Johnson	9	\$1,145,031
13	12	Scott Verplank	6	\$1,138,250
14	13	Shigeki Maruyama	9	\$1,134,646
15	14	Craig Parry	4	\$1,079,250
16	15	Todd Hamilton	8	\$1,064,337
17	16	Ernie Els	4	\$999,800
18	40	Mark Hensby	9	\$989,106
19	17	Jerry Kelly	8	\$951,880
20	18	Retief Goosen	8	\$924,375

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Jiménez does Double in Portugal

Miguel Angel Jiménez became the first player on the European Tour to win two titles in 2004 when he recorded a 2 stroke victory over Terry Price at the Algarve Open de Portugal Caixa Geral de Depositos. His first win this year was at the Johnnie Walker Classic in January. His 5 under par final round of 67 brought his total for the week to 272, 16 under par.



Miguel Angel Jiménez.
Photo – Getty Images



Terry Price.
Photo – Getty Images

Australian Terry Price started the day tied for 25th place, 5 shots off the pace but equalled the course record of 64 (set earlier in the day by Sweden's Robert Karlsson who finished T16) to vault himself into second spot with a 14 under total of 274. This is 43 year old Price's second year on the European Tour having played most of his career in his native Australia and Asia.

Third place was shared by Sweden's Klas Eriksson and Northern Ireland's Graeme McDowell. They both had 5 under par final rounds of 67 to finish the tournament one shot back from Price, with minus 13, 275s.



Klas Eriksson.
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Graeme McDowell.
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Jiménez had started the day as joint leader with fellow Spaniard, Ignacio Garrido and England's David Lynn who both put in final rounds of 71 to finish up tied for fifth place, four strokes behind the winner on 276.

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European Tour Results

Algarve Open de Portugal, Le Meridien Penina Golf and Resort
Par 72 – 6798 yards (6217 metres)

Pos	Name	To Par	Day 1	Day 2	Day 3	Day 4	Total
1	Miguel Angel JIMENEZ	-16	69	66	70	67	272
2	Terry PRICE	-14	68	68	74	64	274
T3	Klas ERIKSSON	-13	71	72	65	67	275
T3	Graeme McDOWELL	-13	69	70	69	67	275
T5	Ignacio GARRIDO	-12	69	67	69	71	276
T5	David LYNN	-12	71	68	66	71	276
T5	David PARK	-12	70	71	66	69	276
T5	Jean-Francois REMESY	-12	70	68	70	68	276
T9	Fredrik ANDERSSON HED	-11	71	70	67	69	277
T9	Desvonde BOTES	-11	70	70	69	68	277
T9	Emanuele CANONICA	-11	71	67	70	69	277
T9	Paul EALES	-11	71	69	69	68	277
T9	Gregory HAVRET	-11	67	72	68	70	277
T9	José Manuel LARA	-11	68	74	66	69	277
T9	Damien McGRANE	-11	70	66	72	69	277

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

Volvo Order of Merit

2004 European Tour Money List updated April 4, 2004 after Algarve Open de Portugal

The US\$ earnings is an approximate equivalent figure calculated at the rate applicable on the day of publication (€1=\$1.21084). Actual earnings on the European Tour are paid in Euros.

Pos	Name	Country	# of Events	Earnings (Euros)	US\$ (approx.)
1	Miguel Angel JIMENEZ	SP	8	€514092.39	\$622,484
2	Darren CLARKE	N.IRE	3	€449122.29	\$543,815
3	Brian DAVIS	ENG	7	€363307.00	\$439,907
4	Ernie ELS	SA	3	€349309.68	\$422,958
5	Joakim HAEGGMAN	SWE	10	€308120.49	\$373,085
6	Padraig HARRINGTON	IRE	4	€296474.64	\$358,983
7	Thongchai JAIDEE	THAI	5	€286571.45	\$346,992
8	Colin MONTGOMERIE	SCOT	6	€280959.67	\$340,197
9	Ian POULTER	ENG	5	€247262.41	\$299,395
10	Adam SCOTT	AUS	3	€233282.03	\$282,467
11	Raphaël JACQUELIN	FR	9	€220626.00	\$267,143
12	Thomas BJÖRN	DEN	4	€212326.54	\$257,093
13	Trevor IMMELMAN	SA	5	€211519.16	\$256,116
14	Paul MCGINLEY	IRE	7	€200118.15	\$242,311
15	Brad KENNEDY	AUS	10	€186000.58	\$225,217

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2004 World Golf Rankings updated April 5, 2004 after BellSouth Classic

Rank	Last Wk.	Player	Avg. Pts.	Total Pts.	# Events	Pts. Lost	Pts. Gain
1	1	Tiger Woods	13.55	541.91	40	-165.17	124.00
2	2	Vijay Singh	10.20	570.93	56	-115.41	129.64
3	3	Ernie Els	8.95	456.30	51	-107.87	118.33
4	4	Davis Love III	8.71	400.80	46	-77.73	109.77
5	5	Mike Weir	7.58	341.02	45	-61.57	101.96
6	6	Jim Furyk	6.20	285.38	46	-76.15	7.54
7	8	Padraig Harrington	5.49	268.98	49	-68.09	78.12
8	10	Phil Mickelson	5.45	272.48	50	-66.85	144.09
9	9	Stuart Appleby	5.44	315.71	58	-48.91	134.07
10	7	Retief Goosen	5.43	309.70	57	-95.63	55.88
11	11	Kenny Perry	5.16	268.37	52	-57.73	57.02
12	12	Adam Scott	4.82	284.58	59	-39.61	144.73
13	13	Chad Campbell	4.80	292.92	61	-41.15	95.80
14	15	Darren Clarke	4.51	256.85	57	-50.08	68.28
15	14	David Toms	4.49	220.14	49	-70.68	21.19
16	16	Scott Verplank	3.99	199.55	50	-34.83	74.56
17	17	Jonathan Kaye	3.72	215.71	58	-30.71	89.60
18	20	Robert Allenby	3.49	195.69	56	-48.22	30.89
19	18	Fredrik Jacobson	3.49	170.94	49	-30.97	36.37
20	19	Shigeiki Maruyama	3.47	177.20	51	-35.64	79.32

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

Preview of Next Issue

The PGA Tour and the European Tour both have the same tournament listed on their schedule for this week and I'm sure you all know why. The first major of the 2004 season, The Masters, is being held this week at Augusta National in Georgia. As always, only the best players in the world will be competing to win the Green Jacket. The field of 103 includes 43 overseas players and 30 previous Masters winners, including Mike Weir returns to defend his title. Just for a bit of fun, here are my top 10 picks for the Masters in no particular order.

Tiger Woods – who could leave him out
Vijay Singh – wants Tiger's #1 spot
Phil Mickelson – always thereabouts
Davis Love III – having a good year, due for a win
Scott Verplank – couple of recent near misses
Padraig Harrington – never gives up
Stuart Appleby – solid player
John Daly – back in form and motivated
Mike Weir – one successful title defence already this year
Adam Scott – young challenger, in form

Personally, I'd love to see Jack Nicklaus win again, unlikely as that might seem.

Neither the LPGA Tour nor the Champions Tour have an event scheduled for this week which isn't really surprising as they probably want to watch The Masters along with the rest of us.

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Office Depot Championship Hosted by Amy Alcott

El Caballero Country Club, Tarzana, California – April 2–4, 2004



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Annika Sorenstam notched up her 50th LPGA Tour victory this weekend by winning the Office Depot Championship for the third time in the last four years. Her nine under par total of 207 in this 54 hole event left her three shots clear of Ashli Bunch and Meg Mallon who shared the runner-up slot on 210.

Bunch's final round of 65, 7 under par, set a new course record but was not enough to threaten Sorenstam's dominance of the event, having led from start to finish.

33 year old Annika Sorenstam is only the sixth player in the history of the LPGA to pass the 50 Tour victories milestone. This was her third win from four starts so far in 2004.

Final Scores – Office Depot Championship – Par 72 – 6,394 yards (5,846 metres)						
<i>Pos.</i>	<i>Player Name</i>	<i>To Par</i>	<i>Round 1</i>	<i>Round 2</i>	<i>Round 3</i>	<i>Total</i>
1	Annika Sorenstam	-9	68	70	69	207
T2	Ashli Bunch	-6	70	75	65	210
T2	Meg Mallon	-6	69	71	70	210
T4	Lorie Kane	-4	72	73	67	212
T4	Mi-Hyun Kim	-4	72	71	69	212
T6	Tina Barrett	-2	72	72	70	214
T6	Catriona Matthew	-2	72	70	72	214
T8	Lorena Ochoa	-1	73	71	71	215
T8	Michelle Ellis	-1	74	68	73	215
T8	Michele Redman	-1	71	70	74	215

LPGA Tour – ADT Official Money List – April 5 2004		
Rank	Player	Earnings
1	Annika Sorenstam	\$468,920.00
2	Grace Park	\$390,859.00
3	Cristie Kerr	\$204,959.00
4	Aree Song	\$191,946.00
5	Karen Stupples	\$166,103.00
6	Mi-Hyun Kim	\$156,233.00
7	Meg Mallon	\$149,762.00
8	Lorena Ochoa	\$149,082.00
9	Catriona Matthew	\$143,901.00
10	Ashli Bunch	\$140,209.00

Full Scoreboard and Money List can be found at www.lpga.com

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The Grip – which one is right for your body type?

by Mel Sole

The grip is the most neglected element of the golf swing. As an instructor I see more bad grips than bad swings, and I have never seen a good player with a bad grip.

For reasons of clarity I will be referring to top hand and bottom hand rather than left or right. This is so the article can be understood by both left or right handed golfers.

The problem begins when the student is unsure of which of the three grips is best. Decide your body type – do you have strong hands and arms, or are you weak in that area, and are your fingers long and thin or short and pudgy ? This will determine the right grip for you.

#1 The Baseball Grip

The baseball or 10 finger grip is good for lady golfers and senior golfers who do not have a lot of strength in their wrists and forearms. This allows the lower hand to be a little more active through the hitting area helping rotation and resulting in straighter shots and more distance.



#2 The Overlapping Grip

The Overlapping or Vardon grip (named after Harry Vardon) is the most popular grip and is suitable for most male golfers and female golfers with strong arms and wrists. This grip unifies the hands and helps them work as one unit.

#3 The Interlocking Grip

The interlocking grip works well for people with short fingers and pudgy palms who find it difficult to get the small finger to overlap correctly or sufficiently. The small finger and index finger of the opposite hand interlock again unifying the hands in order to work as one unit. (Jack Nicklaus uses this grip)



There are a number of common denominators regardless of which grip you choose.



The top hand position

The top hand needs to be placed on the club so that as you look down you can see two knuckles. The line formed by the thumb and the back of the hand is pointing to the right shoulder. (left shoulder for left handers)

The bottom hand position

The bottom hand is placed on the club with the palms adjacent to one another and the lines formed by the thumbs and the back of the hands are parallel to one another. The lifeline of the bottom hand fits snugly over the thumb of the top hand. The thumb and index finger of the bottom hand form a slight "trigger grip" with the tip of each finger touching.



Next Week: The Backswing – the start to a good swing

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.

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Player Profile

Miguel Angel Jiménez

Last week's win in Portugal, the second of the year for Miguel Angel Jiménez, moves the Spaniard to the top of the Volvo Order of Merit and into the top 50 of the World Golf Rankings at #37.



Johnnie Walker Classic winner, 2004 Thailand – Getty Images

40 year old Jiménez turned professional in 1982, aged 18 and went through qualifying school 4 times in the 1980s. His first European Tour win came in 1992 at the Piaget Belgian Open where his earnings of £100,000 were more than he had previously earned in a year.

Eight more European Tour victories have followed since then. 1994; Heineken Dutch Open, 1998; Turespaña Masters Open Baleares, Trophée Lancome, 1999; Turespaña Masters – Open Andalucía, VOLVO MASTERS, 2003; Turespaña Mallorca Classic, 2004; Johnnie Walker Classic, Algarve Open de Portugal Caixa Geral de Depositos.



Jiménez with Jose Maria Olazabal & Sergio Garcia holding the Alfred Dunhill Cup, St. Andrews, 1999 – Getty Images

Apart from his individual triumphs he has represented Spain and Europe in Team competitions and has twice been on the winning Spanish team at the Alfred Dunhill Cup (1999 & 2000).



Jiménez (back row, 2nd left) in the 1999 Ryder Cup European Team – Getty Images

In 1999 Jiménez represented Europe in the Ryder Cup and although the team lost 14.5/13.5 he acquitted himself well, winning one of his matches and halving two more. He is currently striving to ensure he is selected for the 2004 Ryder cup Matches due to be held in September and on his form so far this year he would certainly be an asset to the team.

For more information about Miguel Angel Jiménez, read his full bio at www.europeantour.com

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Continuing our series on the Caribbean, this week we feature the island of Barbados.

Barbados

Barbados' four noteworthy golf courses are scattered about the island, providing for a unique visual experience at each. The majority of the four are coastal courses, each home to breathtaking views of the ocean and beaches. The golf itself is top notch and the courses coming from the minds of many of the world's most acclaimed designers.

Golf Courses at a Glance

- ***Barbados Golf and Country Club***

This Ron Kirby design was the island's first public championship course when it reopened in September 2000.

- ***Rockley Golf Course***

A pleasant nine hole course located in the southeastern tip of the island among villas, tennis courts and swimming pools.

- **Royal Westmoreland**

Robert Trent Jones Jr. built this challenging course on a former sugar plantation, offering golfers unmatched views of the Caribbean Sea.

- ***Sandy Lane Golf Club***

Recently renovated to include 44 holes of breathtaking golf, the resort property includes the Tom Fazio–designed Green Monkey, the lengthy Country Club course, and the original nine holes developed in 1961.



Barbados is located well south east of Cuba and Puerto Rico, just north of Trinidad and Tobago, which is off the northeast coast of South America. All told, the island is about 21 miles by 14 miles. The west and south coasts feature the calm Caribbean Sea and pristine beaches, while rugged cliffs and the Atlantic Ocean populate the east coast.

Temperatures in Barbados range between 75 and 90 degrees Fahrenheit, year round, with slightly cooler temperatures after dusk. The island consistently receives between eight and nine hours of daily sunlight.

English is the official language, although the native Barbados dialect can be difficult to understand at times. The Barbados Dollar is the official currency. Traditionally, the one U.S. Dollar is equivalent to about two Barbados dollars.

Besides golf, there are many other worthwhile activities to consider during a visit to Barbados. A favorite among vacationers is to explore the – Seven Wonders of Barbados – The points of interest are scattered about the island, and provide visitors with an all-encompassing tour of the land, including Harrison's Cave and the citrus paradise Grapefruit Tree in central Barbados as well as a Jewish Synagogue, a collection of 17th century cannons, and the enormous Baobab tree in the south. And, as is commonplace throughout the Caribbean, the soft, white beaches and bounty of water sports always draw constant attention.

Transportation Information

Three airlines make scheduled trips to Barbados from major American cities everyday – American, BWIA, and Air Jamaica. Travel time from New York is about 4 hours and 20 minutes and 3 hours and 40 minutes from Miami. Canadian travelers can get to Barbados via daily Air Canada flights from Toronto, as well as on weekly Air Canada flights from Montreal. BWIA flies from Toronto to Barbados on Saturdays.

From within the Caribbean, your best bet may be to board an inter-island tour, which provides the most scenic and structured trip throughout the region. For a more direct trip, several airlines including Air Jamaica and LIAT make daily trips to Barbados from other major Caribbean islands.

Obtaining a rental car in Barbados is not difficult, but it does include a little extra paperwork. All visitors must pay \$10.00 Bds for a temporary driver's license, assuming they have a valid license from their home country. These licenses can be issued by any authorized car rental company.

Barbados is in the Atlantic Standard Time zone (GMT –4), one hour ahead of Eastern Standard Time.

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Course Review
Royal Westmoreland – Barbados

Excerpts from:

Royal Westmoreland: Transformation in Barbados

By Dale Leatherman, Associate Editor for TravelGolf.com

Photos by Donnelle Oxley

To fully appreciate the beauty of Barbados' Royal Westmoreland course, play it late in the day. That's when Robert Trent Jones Jr.'s Caribbean creation looks as if the designer worked with oils on canvas rather than stone, grasses and water on an old sugar plantation and rock quarry.



Hole 3, Royal Westmoreland

The course, which opened in 1995, occupies a canyon-riddled plateau 200 to 300 feet above sea level on the island's west coast. Come afternoon, shadows deepen in the ravines, then edge into cloverleaf bunkers and bring mounds and swales into sharp definition. In contrast to smooth green fairways, tall brown feather grass ripples in the prevailing trade wind. Flowering shrubs and trees provide bright spots of orange, red and yellow.

Like make-up artfully applied, Jones' work has brought out the land's best features. Nature does the rest, closing each sunny day with a sunset show of oranges, purples and magentas behind luminous clouds. Chance adds one more artistic touch, a white triangle of sail on the smooth blue of the Caribbean.

Breathtaking, yes, but beneath the beauty of Royal Westmoreland lies a beast of a golfing challenge. There are many long carries over inhospitable terrain and that pretty feather grass gobbles errant shots. There's not an abundance of water, but where it is, it counts. Wind is a constant, invisible hazard, and of whimsical velocity. Fortunately, the designer placed four or more tee boxes on each hole to allow players to adjust the challenge to their pleasure.

Time it right and you'll finish your round in time to catch the last of the sunset on the clubhouse terrace over a bottle of locally brewed Banks beer. There, conversation often turns to signature holes. There isn't one -- but there could be half a dozen.

The par threes, for instance, are four of the best short holes in the Caribbean. The third hole plays toward the ocean, dropping 171 yards to a greased-lightning green perched on the edge of a cliff and fronted by rock outcroppings and sand bunkers. It's the "Monkey Table" hole, taking its name from the gallery of monkeys who gather to watch humans at play.

After the first five holes, the route turns away from the ocean, and quarry pits provide challenge and visual impact. One of these is the sixth, a likely signature hole. The "Hermit Hole" takes its name from a recluse who was discovered living in an abandoned cement mixer during the course construction. The 327-yard par four doglegs to an elevated, sloping green surrounded on three sides by high quarry walls. It's the shortest par four on the course, but by no means a pushover.

The seventh hole, another devilish par three, calls for a 161-yard carry across a water-filled quarry pit to a shallow green sloping right to left, with the wind. It cost \$50,000 to seal the porous bottom so that water would stay in the quarry, and, as one Brit said, "it's worth every cent."



The winsome front nine leads to a daunting back nine. Positioned high on a ridge, the second act opens with a par four doglegging from a high tee along a deep ravine. This insidious gully comes into play on three more holes. On the par-three, 198-yard twelfth hole, a direct shot to the pin means braving the void.

The par-three fifteenth hole is the most scenic shot on the back nine. The tee is cut into the slope of the ridge, with a 209-yard carry across jungle-like rough to a green protected on the front and side by the omnipresent ravine. This gorge flanks the par-four, 451-yard eighteenth hole, then cuts across the fairway 20 or 30 yards from a paltry green. The fourth-ranked finishing hole drops like a ski slope toward the white, sail-like roof of the clubhouse. Ocean fills the horizon.

There can be no doubt that Jones is as at home in the Caribbean as his father, who designed many island classics. With big bucks and modern technology at his command, the son has created four terrific island courses in recent years -- Four Seasons Nevis, Aruba's Tierra del Sol, the Reef Course on Grand Bahama Island, and Royal Westmoreland.

But only Royal Westmoreland has the unique British/Bajan flavor of Barbados, an island strongly loyal to the Crown since the 1600s, yet softened by sea and sun. The golf club, too, is impeccably British, but with island warmth. The open-air restaurant is hospitable, with excellent food and service.

Like Barbados, Royal Westmoreland targets a decidedly upscale, predominately British market (though Americans such as Kevin Costner, Phil Donahue, Whitney Houston, former Vice-President Dan Quayle and former President Ronald Reagan have had no trouble finding the island).

Greens Fees: \$75-\$140 for villa renters, \$100-\$190 for visitors (February 2003 prices).

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