

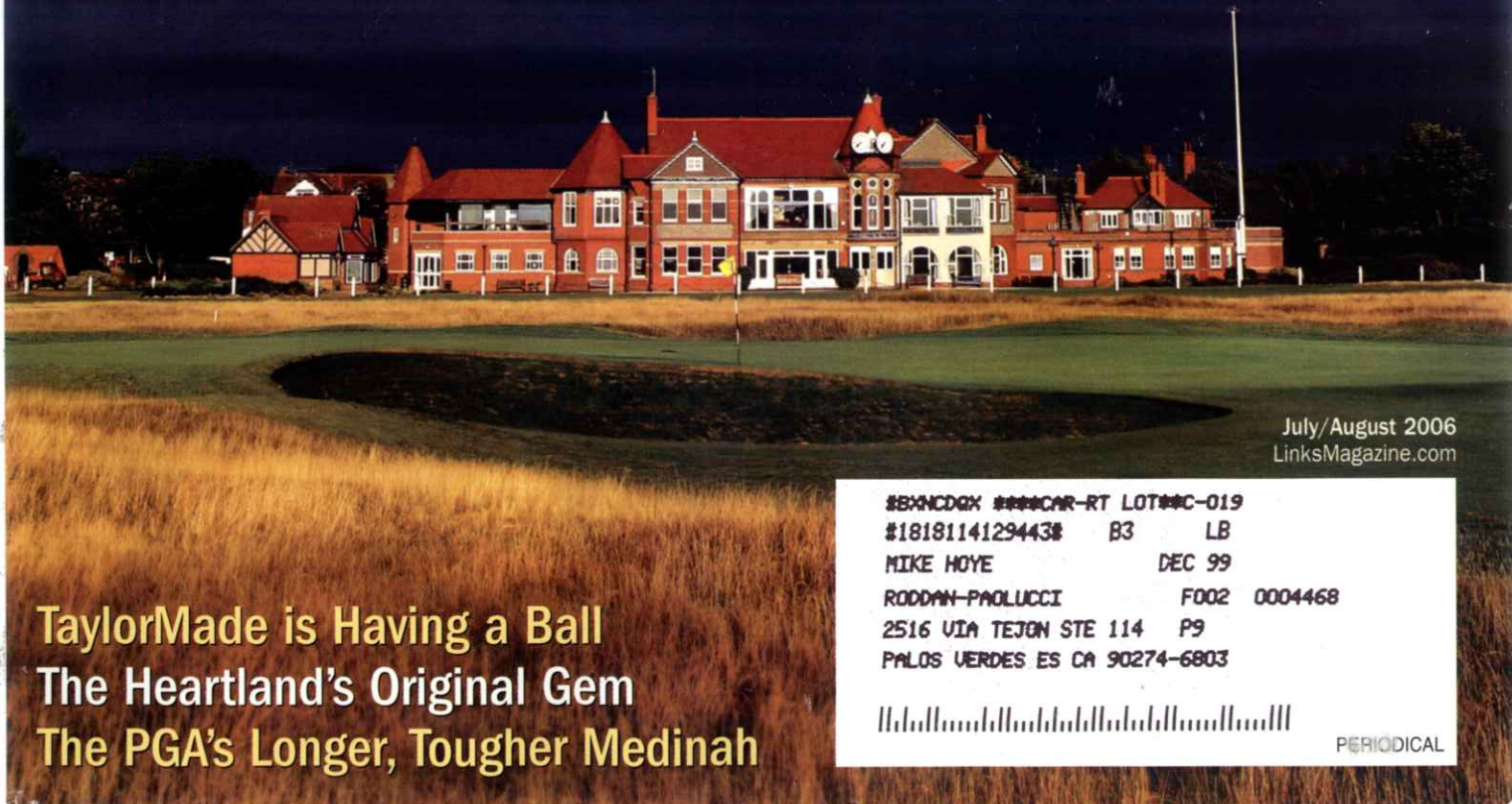
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The Bobby Jones Hybrid combines a throwback look with cutting-edge technology. Designed by Jesse Ortiz, formerly of Orlimar, the hybrid is reminiscent of an old mashie. But no mashie could rocket 230-yard shots that land as softly as a butterfly. This length is not at the expense of control. "This club might be an inch shorter than my hybrid, very easy to swing," says a 2. With a contoured sole for playability from a variety of lies, this hybrid is a true players' club. Slow swingers may benefit from a higher-launching club.

BOBBY JONES Hybrid

BOTTOM LINE: Long and playable, with a medium-high flight, the Bobby Jones Hybrid is ideal for the better player.

RETAIL PRICE: \$180 (available in four lofts)

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A Tight Line

Andrew Tarlow used to be the president of Swing Dynamics, an independent equipment testing firm. He was so impressed with Q-Roll's test results that he jumped ship and became the putter company's president.

Every Q-Roll putter features a radius face designed to make impact above the ball's equator, imparting immediate overspin. Testing the Classic III, a face-balanced mallet, our panel found even mediocre strokes imparted a tight, true roll.

Easy to align, the Classic III is pleasantly head-heavy and easy to swing. Impact feel is somewhat firm—a few testers described it as a little harsh—but provides ample feedback that's important for developing distance control.

Q-ROLL Classic III

BOTTOM LINE: The radius face of this firm-feeling mallet allows putts to stay true to their line and suffer less distance loss.

RETAIL PRICE: \$200

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