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THIS "TAYLOR" MAKES GOLF EQUIPMENT

We recently were gifted—it's true, Father's Day came early for us this year—with a beautiful new set of irons. Trouble is, this makes some of our other golfing utensils look a bit shop worn. What's a duffer to do? That's easy—we treated ourselves to some of the season's best golf gear from TaylorMade, Carlsbad, Calif.



TaylorMade Pure-Lite 2.0 Stand Bag

For starters, we went with the Pure-Lite 2.0 Stand Bag, the company's lightest full size, that helps you "walk lighter, walk longer, and perform at your best." The fit and support delivered by Pure-Lite is a revelation—and isn't it amazing how a bag can affect your score? The Pure-Lite has a



TaylorMade Burner SuperFast 2.0 Driver and Corza Ghost Putter

six-way top with an integrated handle, seven total pockets (including one for valuables with an internal keyring clip), insulated beverage sleeve pocket, ventilated ergonomic shoulder straps, full-length dividers, integrated bottom trunk handle, and three FAS-TEK receivers—and it all weighs less than five pounds.

Now, while we did get new irons, the golf gods left the selection of drivers, putters, and balls to us. The choices were simple: the TaylorMade Burner SuperFast 2.0 Driver, as well as its Corza Ghost Putter, quickly got both our long and short game in good working order.

The Burner SuperFast 2.0, with its more aerodynamic clubhead, is longer, lighter, and faster. As



TaylorMade Penta TP Tour Ball

WHAT'S NEW?

for the mystery of why in the world they painted it white—besides the fact that it looks outstanding—it cuts back on the glare that most "traditional" glossy black drivers produce. At only 279 grams, it's TaylorMade's lightest, while the ultra-large face promotes higher launch and lower spin—all for more distance. "It's such a good driver—it's ridiculous," says tour pro Jason Day.

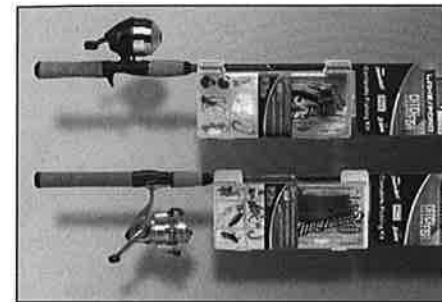
Day just as easily could have been marveling at the Corza of Ghost Series fame—its tour-proven shape incorporating a white clubhead, where the finish provides the best contrast with the green, making it exceptionally easy to line up your shot. Couple that with the three site lines and you have golf's easiest putter to aim.

The Penta TP, meanwhile, is the first ever five-layer tour ball—and perhaps the only golf ball with absolutely no deficiencies. Each layer is engineered to deliver optimum performance in five key areas: feel, spin, control, launch, and distance. So, whether it's putting, driving, or using a wedge or an iron, this is the ball that will send your game soaring.

To learn more about these and many other products, visit www.TaylorMadeGolf.com.

CATCHING MORE FISH IS THE WHOLE IDEA

Making the simple complex is one of our most tiresome habits—and a real burden, even when it comes to everyday pleasures. In other words, figuring out stuff is not one of our strengths. So, when the kids suddenly expressed an interest in fishing, we gulped... hard. Luckily, they weren't talking about going out on the ocean in search of



Shakespeare Catch More Fish Lake/Pond Complete Fishing Kits

tuna and shark, but rather the freshwater variety popular in one of the many lakes, ponds, and streams found close to home here on Long Island. Still, there was the fishing gear to deal with. How long should the rod be? What kind of reel does it need? What type of line and hooks does it use? What about bait?

Happily, we found the all-in-one solution for anglers of every age and experience level: the Shakespeare Catch More Fish Lake/Pond Complete Fishing Kit, which includes a spinning or spincast combo and a number of additional items designed to make fishing easy and fun. The spinning combo has a six-foot medium action tubular glass rod and a 30 size spinning reel with aluminum spool, pre-spooled with 6 lb. Stren line. Ditto to the spincast combo, except the rod is 5'6" and the reel is 8 size.

Both combos include Berkley PowerBait, hand-selected tackle, pre-tied bottom rigs, float rig, live bait rigs, and rigging guide—everything you need for turning those dreamed-up fish stories into reality.

For more on Shakespeare fishing equipment, visit www.shakespeare-fishing.com.

PROTECT YOUR GEAR BUT SPARE YOUR BACK

Trying to protect the expensive photographic equipment and other tech gear you tote around can be especially difficult while traveling. A line of products from Airbak Technologies, LLC, Huntington Beach, Calif., is designed to safeguard your valuables while at the same time alleviating the pressure and stress on the wearer's back caused by excessive backpack weight.

The Airbak Focus Tech (\$99.99) uses a built-in air cushion to shield delicate cargo and spread the load more evenly across the back. The majori-



Airbak Focus Tech

ty of the weight is distributed to the core muscles of the hips and waist and rests on the top of the gluteal muscles, padded with a cushion of air. When walking, the Airbak absorbs the shock of the impact of the bag banging off the back, making it more comfortable to wear.

The Focus Tech includes a large main pocket and one for laptop storage, multiple compartments for photography accessories, and mobile and MP3 pockets. The bag will hold air for two to five years without refill, but also can be adjusted at any time when contents are added or removed.

Weighing just over two pounds, the 12.5"x19"x7.5" Focus Tech comes in a variety of styles. Also available is a photography-only gear pack—the Zoom Pack—which retails for \$79.99. For more information, visit www.airbak.com.

GET SHELTER FROM THE STORM IN STYLE

We admit it to us, at least, the Great Outdoors oftentimes is not so great. The sun is hot; the wind is cold; the ground is dirty; the bugs are big. There's a reason our house and car have windows, heating, and air conditioning—to keep nature out. Still, we knew this battle to remain inside ultimately would be lost the day two of our boys became Boy Scouts, whose synonym is... outdoor camping.

There is no escaping, obviously, so we instead need to be rescued from the elements—and our hero just appeared on the horizon, the Coleman



Coleman Instant Tent 8

Having a Ball in Your Garden

After enduring a seemingly never-ending winter, we couldn't wait to get our hands dirty and begin our spring planting. A sight for sore eyes, the early blossoms have renewed our spirits, but they've also revealed a few bare spots in our landscape. With an exciting line of woody ornamentals, Ball Horticultural Company, West Chicago, Ill., has just the shrub to fill every niche on our property.

For a low-maintenance choice, the fragrant Abelia Sunshine Daydream produces white, trumpet-like flowers in the spring, which eventually turn a pink-rose color. With orange, red, and bronze foliage, this evergreen shrub blooms all summer, attracts butterflies, and is great for container gardens, patios, foundations, and borders. Heat- and humidity-tolerant, the plant requires six hours of sun a day and will grow 36"-48" tall and spread 36"-48" wide.

With huge, blue-gray flowers that fade to yellow-orange throughout the season, the Buddleia Flutterby Grande Blueberry Cobbler Nectar is adaptable to a wide range of soil types and growing conditions. Needing six hours of daily sun and little to no pruning, the bush will grow as large as 72" tall by 72" wide, and will bloom from early spring through late summer.

The Buddleia Flutterby Lavender Nectar Bush produces densely branched plants with two-tone, lavender blooms: darker prior to opening and richly colored with lighter centers in summer. This compact-growing series features gray-green foliage and continuous blooming from ear-

ly summer until frost. Drought- and heat-tolerant, it can reach up to 60" in height and width. The Flutterby Petite Lavender groundcover will grow up to 36" high.

The Buddleia Flutterby Petite Blue Heaven, with its fuzzy silver foliage and beautiful blue flowers, blooms from early spring until late summer. This spreading groundcover requires six hours of sun and will grow to a height and width of 30".

The Double Delights Perfection Hydrangea displays colorful blooms from summer to fall. With beautiful pink-rose to blue flowers against dark green foliage, the mounded plants require partial sun and are suitable in landscapes or containers. They will achieve a height of 24"-36" and a width of 36"-60".

The Double Delights Star Gazer Hydrangea offers a collection of double blooms for more flower power. This lacecap hybrid has large flowers with blue centers and white picotee edges



Buddleia Flutterby Petite Blue Heaven



Next Generation Hydrangea Pistachio

against dark green to green foliage. Requiring less pruning, this low-maintenance plant is suitable for shade gardens or containers.

The Double Delights Wedding Gown Hydrangea is earlier to bloom than other Hydrangeas and will reflower until frost. With stunning white double blooms against dark green to mid-green foliage, it also is suitable for shade gardens, and makes a lovely container plant.



Double Delights Hydrangea Perfection

Next Generation Hydrangeas offer exciting new color combinations. The reblooming, mounded Pistachio variety features extraordinary flowers with variable coloration, while the Wedding Ring selection gives a vibrant display of bicolor blooms against dark green foliage from early spring until late fall. New breeding allows both to have stronger stems and greater tolerance to disease and their low maintenance makes them perfect accents in the landscape or containers.

The Hydrangea Paniculata Fire and Ice is an upright variety with creamy white blooms in early summer that turn deep red come autumn. Its unique green-red foliage is enjoyed all season in this brilliant garden standout. This shade and heat-tolerant, mounded shrub is the perfect accent or border plant for beds and foundation landscape and can achieve a height of up to 10'. The Paniculata Bombshell, on the other hand, offers a dwarf growth habit. Well-branched and covered in white flowers against dark green foliage from early summer until frost, this cultivar has more flowers per plant than any other Hydrangea paniculata and needs little pruning to keep it compact and tidy.

The Ligustrum Sinense Sunshine (or Sunshine Privet) features bright golden foliage when in full sun throughout the growing season, with gold and orange overtones in winter. Drought- and heat-tolerant, and resistant to deer, it has a round growth habit that is suitable for topiary, and makes an excellent border, filler, or landscape plant that also can be used in containers. Growing to a height of 5', the privet needs no pruning and does not produce seed.

Perovskia Atriplicifolia Lacey Blue is a compact variety (up to 18" in height) of Russian Sage and features large flowers and scented foliage in July

and August. Easy to grow and drought-tolerant, this plant performs well in full sun and well-drained soil. Useful in borders, landscapes, and mixed containers, it should be cut back to a few inches from the ground in spring.

Physocarpus Opulifolius Lemon Candy, with white blooms in spring, showcases rich, chartreuse foliage straight through fall. Its compact habit makes it excellent for foundation and shrub border use, or for large containers.

The spring-blooming Weigala makes a great accent in borders, garden beds, or large/mixed containers. Merlot Rose has richly hued rose flowers on dark silver-bronze foliage, whereas the Wings of Fire variety features red to white flowers and green leaves that turn a gorgeous red in autumn. These compact plants grow best in full sun.

For more information on the wide variety of plants and vegetables offered by Ball Horticultural, as well as planting tips and other supports, visit www.ballhort.com.



Double Delights Hydrangea Wedding Gown