## **SPORTS**

## How to get more distance & consistency

## **By Cory Gentes** Special to The IFP

Congratulations to Chris Kirk, who won for the fourth time on the PGA Tour at the Crowne Plaza Invitational at Colonial Country Club.

Chris's coach on tour is Scott Hamilton, who also coaches Boo Weekley, Brendon Todd, Harris English and Russell Henley.

Hamilton uses a number of tools to help him show the best players in the world what they are doing in their swings including video and launch monitors. Another tool that he uses is a pressure sensitive BodiTrak mat that allows players and Scott to see exactly how the player is using the ground throughout the swing to create power and consistency.

In my teaching, I find that my students are consistently asking me how to get more distance and more consistency in their swing.

The answer is in how you use the ground to create the proper sequence in your swing. I use a BodiTrak mat to help them see that, whether they are making a swing with their driver or chipping greenside.



Imagine under hand tossing a bean bag into a hoop from 15 feet. You can use just your arm to toss the bag in the air and hope it hits the hoop or I would argue the more efficient way is to allow your weight to transfer from back foot to front foot and use the whole body to swing your arm in the direction of the hoop.

Try swinging the arms and club to the target with your body instead of hitting the ball with your hands and you will create better contact which should equal better distance and dispersion in your shots.

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Georgetown's Kristen Giles finished in a tie for 18th after rounds of 81, Spring 80 and 74 at the Golf Association of Ontario Junior Spring Classic held Classic at the Grey Silo course in Waterloo last week. In the boys' Spring Classic, held at the Wooden Sticks Golf Club, Callum Biehn tied for 34th results (79, 80, 78) and Thomas Hunt was 38th (80, 78, 81).



FOR STARTERS: Cameron Wigle of Georgetown Volkswagen and Wilson Trophies' Oliver Fritsch duel for the ball during the Opening Day for the Georgetown Soccer Club's under-6 boys' division Saturday morning at Trafalgar Sports Park. Nearly 3,000 youths and adults make up the GSC and several tournaments are planned throughout the summer. It's still not too late to register for one of the house league divisions. Visit the website www.georgetownsoccerclub.com www.georgetownsoccerclub.com for more info. Photo by Jon Borgstrom





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Can Acupuncture and TCM help with my fertility?

Infertility rates are on the rise with an estimated 1 in 5 Canadian couples now experiencing trouble conceiving. Chinese Medicine has gained much positive attention for its ability to enhance fertility. Whether you are trying to

conceive naturally or are using assisted reproductive techniques, Acupuncture and Traditional Chinese Medicine (TCM) can help you prepare not only for conception, but also for a healthy and

The ways in which Acupuncture can enhance fertility include: reducing stress, improving circulation to the ovaries and uterus, and balancing hormones. This is evidenced in medical research that supports the incorporation of Acupuncture into IVF protocols and other assisted reproductive technology techniques.

This week of May 19-28 represents Canadian Infertility Awareness Week; an important week for patients, families, governments and communities across Canada to reflect on the challenges many face to have children. It is a time to recognize those struggling with fertility issues by offering support, compassion, and awareness. For further information on whether Chinese Medicine can address your reproductive health needs, please contact Carolyn at cdew@ healthspan.ca or check out her website at www.carolyndew.ca.



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