

On the Tee

Titanium Has the Honour

After decades of playing golf with woods made of wood, we now seem to be in a period of rapid change with a new wonder material coming along every year to replace the traditional persimmon. In 1996, the magic ingredient, especially for the driver, is titanium.

Titanium has been used extensively in the aerospace industry because it is both very strong and very light in weight. But countries are not building as many war planes as they used to and there is the surplus of titanium available for more peaceful purposes like golf clubs.

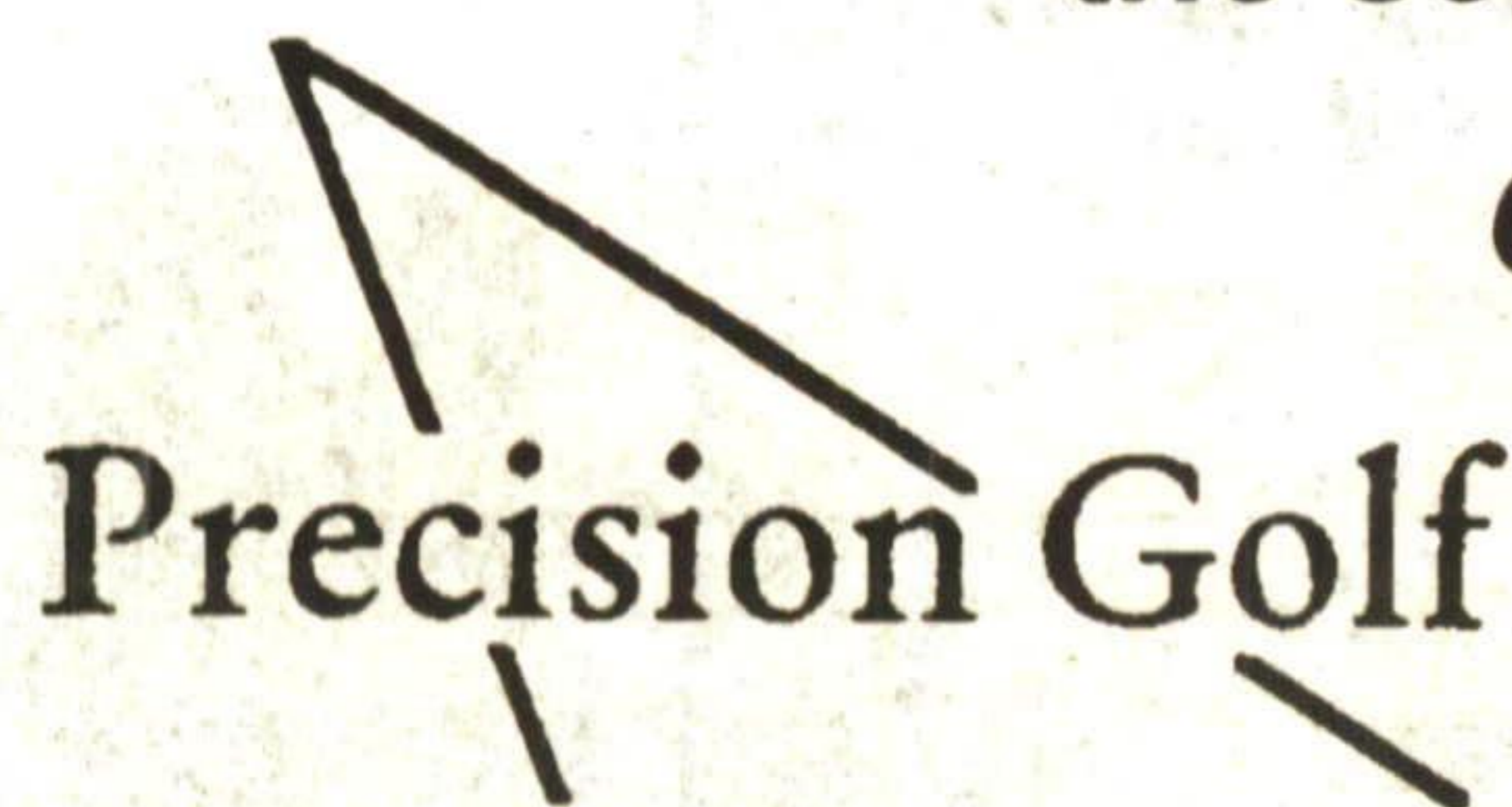
The combination of strength and light weight enables club manufacturers to build wood heads which are larger without making them heavier or weaker. It also allows them to place the weight in the toe and heel of the head, making the club more forgiving of off-centre hits, or to build extra-long drivers in which the lighter titanium head compensates for the added weight of the longer shaft.

Unfortunately, the price tags are not light. Titanium drivers definitely have the honour at the cash register where most cost close to \$500. Some titanium alloys may cost less but with a good graphite shaft, real titanium drivers can top \$750.

Will titanium help you hit the ball longer or more accurately? Maybe, if you feel more confident with a driver with an oversize head or you can handle the extra-long driver.

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Acton residents enjoyed "lightening up," February 6, with a festive mood at Wetherby's as (from left) Janice Fread, Halton Hills mayor Marilyn Serjeantson, Jessie Coles and Jo Lister got into the spirit of the day.

Top jokes earn BIA cash

And the winners are
Andrea Leferink, M. Buchanan, and Ryan MacDonald.

These are the winners of the Acton Free Press/Georgetown Independent and the Acton BIA joke contest held in conjunction with Lighten Up Canada Week.

There were plenty of entries — our funny bones were tickled and our red noses twitched — but we could have only three winners.

Each will receive a \$10 BIA cheque courtesy of the Acton BIA which can be used in more than 40 quality stores in Acton.

Last night I had a funny dream. I dreamt that I ate a 10 pound marshmallow. When I woke up my pillow was gone.

— Ryan MacDonald, 7, Georgetown

One night around the campfire, the family yawningly listened to a boyfriend's chatter about mechanics, cars, races, and other senseless chatter. Finally the girlfriend interrupted by asking, "Can we not talk about something more interesting?"

"Like what?" he replied.
"Like issues such as euthansia!" she reponded.

With a dumbfounded look, he said, "Now why would I want to talk about young people in China?"

— Andrea Leferink, Acton

Four mice get sent to Heaven and meet St. Peter at the gates. St. Peter says "Welcome, feel free to look around and decide if you want to stay."

The four mice come back a while later. St. Peter asks, "What did you think?"

One mouse says, "We didn't get a chance to see too much, our legs are too short to go long distances."

St. Peter offers rollerblades and says, "Have a second look." So off they go.

Meanwhile a cat comes up to the gates and St. Peter says, "Welcome, feel free to look around and decide if you want to stay."

A short time later the cat comes back. St. Peter asks, "Well, what did you think?"

The cat says, "I'll stay, I especially like the meals on wheels service."
— M. Buchanan, Acton



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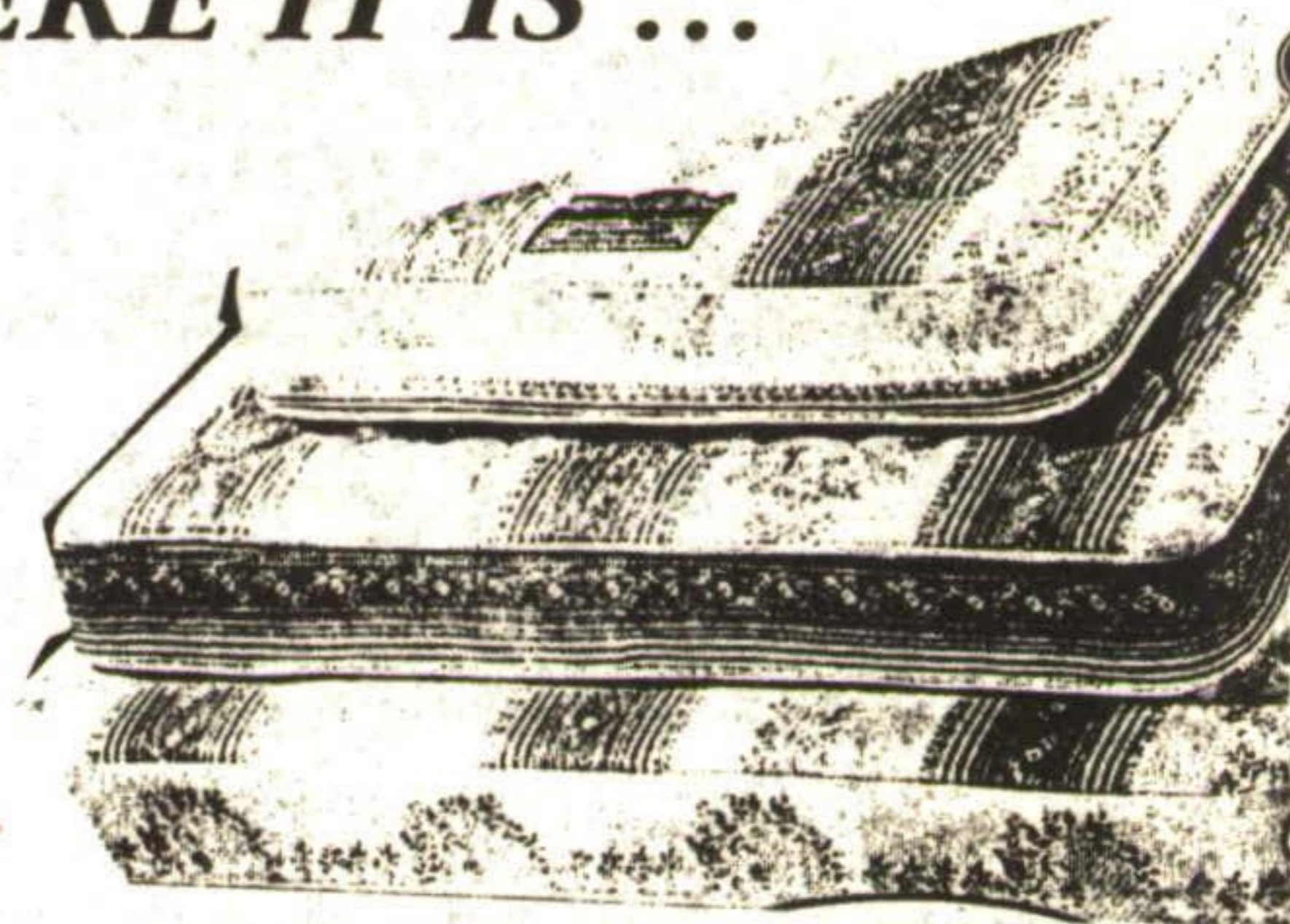
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