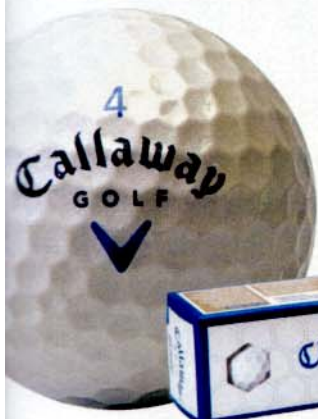


# MADE FOR A WOMAN

strong enough for a man?



Callaway's HX Pearl and Precept's Tour SIII were designed for women, but men should consider them, too.



years ago, we found out the golf ball is, in fact, bisexual.

The cult success of the **PRECEPT** MC 2000-01, which became popular with men, that a ball designed for women could not just as well for men, it could be used by men, too. Now, we have two more examples, too. Now, we have two more examples of golf balls ready to be used by both sexes.

It's new Tour SIII was designed to fit Paula Creamer, and she plays it on the tour (R12,99 per ball, [preceptgolf.com](http://preceptgolf.com)). In design to Precept's U-Tri family and company **BRIDGESTONE's** B330 line of urethane-cover balls, the Tour SIII has less compression and cover hardness between Bridgestone's B330 and the slightly softer B330-S. It's designed to fit Creamer's driver clubhead speed of 160kph, significantly faster than the average speed of – that's right – most men.

Her new ball aimed at women might be an

even better fit for men with slower swing speeds. **CALLAWAY's** HX Pearl (R19,99 per ball, [callawaygolf.com](http://callawaygolf.com)) incorporates the multilayer design seen in the company's HX Hot, but in a softer package for swings of 110 to 145kph. The HPF polymer intermediate layer is designed for resilience and to enhance feel at slower swing speeds, but it works for all players, says Mike Yagley, vice president, golf ball category management for Callaway.

"Five years ago, this technology didn't exist," he says. "Sure, it works better than most balls for lower speeds, but that doesn't mean it doesn't work at higher clubhead speeds." The only shortcoming for the HX Pearl would be a limit on the variety of spinning short-game shots a player can hit with it. However, if your game lacks those skills, or if the course you regularly play does not have fast, firm, tour event-like conditions, you might not be giving up anything. - **MIKE STACHURA**

## LOCALLY-BUILT ELMER PUTTER

John Elmer, who founded the successful Option Golf company in the '90s, has launched a new line of locally-produced equipment under his new Elmer Golf brand, based in KZN. The M1 putter comes with a range of adjustable accessories that allows you to change lie angles, heel or toe weighting and a choice of an insert or standard face. Adjustable for right or left hand use. R1 895 including delivery, [www.elmergolf.com](http://www.elmergolf.com)



LoCo line of low-spin, two-piece balls include the LoCo with a cover designed for spin (R9,99 per ball, [sports.com](http://sports.com)).



comes with two adjustable weight screws (below) and features a beta-titanium cupped face chemically brazed to a heavier steel alloy body. There are six screws for customising centre-of-gravity location (R1 299, three lofts, [exoticsgolf.com](http://exoticsgolf.com)).

**IRONS**  
**CLEVELAND** takes its game-improvement CG4 iron and gives it a player's tweak with the CG4 Tour (right). Highlights include a thinner top line and a shorter

blade length than the standard CG4, but it features the same carbon-infused metal of the company's CG wedges and irons (R5 299, [clevelandgolf.com](http://clevelandgolf.com))... **ROYAL PRECISION's** iron shafts have found their way into the bags of 12 of the top-20 players in the world, noteworthy because the company closed the doors of its only



factory in May... **Cleveland, TaylorMade** and **Titleist** account for the top-three brands of irons played on the PGA Tour. The top-three most played models? Cleveland's CG1, Taylor-Made's rac CB and Titleist's 695MB.

**PUTTERS**  
The grooved-face technology in the **YES!** putter line extends to a 10-percent larger mallet (below). The Victoria II has a 370-gram head and tour-influenced sight lines (R999, [yesgolf.com](http://yesgolf.com)). **GD**

