

# What's in the Bag?

As Some Players in This Week's AT&T National Field Demonstrate, Golf Provides Ways to Show Individual Style

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## CLUB COVERS



**Chad Campbell**

After graduating from UNLV in 1996, Campbell kept in touch with his college coach and still uses this head cover to remember his Runnin' Rebels roots. "It's a great school, and I like supporting the golf team," he said.



**Aaron Baddeley**

Baddeley wishes he saw more people with koala bear club head covers such as his. The proceeds, he said, go to a foundation that works to protect koalas in Australia, where he lives.



**Anthony Kim**

It took nearly six degrees to find the origin of Kim's RocketTour.com head covers. You see, Kim's caddie, Ron "Bambi" Levin, has a fiancée (Helena) who owns and operates the Web site. She made the covers for Kim and personalized them by adding "AK."



**Dean Wilson**

Few on the tour appreciate a good pineapple like Wilson, who is from Hawaii. He uses this club head cover in homage to his native state.



**Ryan Armour**

The reasoning behind why the Ohio State grad uses this particular head cover is simple: "I'm a Buckeye," he said.



**Jeff Gove**

Said Gove of the hula-skirted women who adorn his putter head cover: "I keep them around. They bring me good luck."



**Jonathan Byrd**

The orange claws on Byrd's putter head cover give away his allegiances. He graduated from Clemson in 2000 and now does his part to support his alma mater.



**Robert Allenby**

Allenby is the tour's official patron of Challenge, a charity organization devoted to helping children with cancer. He uses this duck, the charity's unofficial logo, as one of his club head covers.

## BALL MARKERS



**Jason Bohn**

Connor Bohn always follows his father around the golf course. Dad uses a ball marker with his 2-year-old son's picture on it, saying: "Every time I make a bogey, I take it out of my pocket and smile. It really puts things in perspective."



**Jamie Lovemark**

The rising Southern California sophomore will tell you he's not the superstitious type. Then he'll show you what he uses as a ball marker on the greens: a Sacagawea coin. "I used it a couple of years ago, and it worked well," he said. Nope, not the superstitious type at all.



**Todd Hamilton**

While playing in a tournament in Japan, the 2004 British Open champ recorded seven birdies in a row using the ball marker in the center and he has been using it ever since. No word on whether the marker works its magic only overseas.



**Eric Axley**

The Athens, Tenn., native never is without a quarter bearing the name of his home state. He uses Tennessee quarters, as ball markers on the greens.



**Shigeki Maruyama**

It would appear Maruyama has friends in high places. The golfer said a buddy of his made him a 23-karat gold coin with the number 23 on it. Maruyama, who uses the coin as a ball marker, said 23 is his lucky number.



**Daisuke Maruyama**

In line with his Japanese heritage, Maruyama uses a 100-yen coin as his ball marker on the greens. Speaking of green, Maruyama marks each of his balls with green lines. Green is his favorite color.



**Notah Begay III**

In addition to carrying around an Arabian dirham and a Singapore dollar coin, Begay also totes a 1927 Indian Head, or Buffalo, nickel. He said he often uses the nickel as his ball marker because he is one of the few Native American players on the PGA Tour.



**Ryuji Imada**

Imada uses only quarters made in 1965. Imada won't say why he likes that particular year, but his caddie, who was born in 1965, says the golfer is just paying tribute to him. The caddie then officially informed Imada of his birth year.

## BALL MARKINGS



**Shigeki Maruyama**

Some players use dots; others prefer lines. Some players use blue; others prefer red. Maruyama simply scribbles his signature to mark his ball, and unless his playing partner is Daisuke, there most likely will not be a mix-up on the course.



**Jason Bohn**

The Alabama grad's affection for the color red began as an obligation to his alma mater. Now, he said, he marks his balls in red because red "always means low numbers."



**Todd Hamilton**

The red dot Hamilton places just to the left of the ball number is not all that unique. The two red dots he uses to form a "T" on the trademark line, however, is a bit out of the ordinary.



**Boo Weekley**

The "T" and "P" that Weekley marks in yellow on his ball are the initials of his son, Thomas Parker. "If I get mad, it keeps me calm," he said. "It helps me remember this is just a game."