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Whether you love the Yankees or loathe them — and, it seems, no one is neutral on the subject — you have to admit, they have a certain style about them. There's the pinstripes and the plaques at Cooperstown and the history that seems to creep out of every crack at Yankee Stadium, not to mention all those World Series titles.

They also have undertaken what is the most ambitious stadium project in history, building a "New Yankee Stadium" adjacent to the current park. What with New York property values and all, plus the inevitable amenities, the price is zooming toward a billion bucks or so.

But after one look at online galleries of the new palace, it might actually be worth it. There's a good assortment of both artists' renderings and men-at-work photos at the team's homepage, Yankees.com (pull down the Yankee Stadium menu and click on "New Yankee Stadium").

The place, at least in CGI, is impressive. The original exterior facade is back (although it's not actually connected to the stadium — consider it an architect's trick) as are the friezes (the decorative scrolls around the very top of the seating bowl) that disappeared when the current stadium was uglified in the 1970s.

In addition to the galleries at Yankees.com, there also are some renderings at ballparks.com/baseball/american/nyybpk.htm, in addition to some background about the efforts to get the park built. There's also an extensive article at wikipedia.org (search for "New Yankee Stadium").

Newsday did a special section of the newspaper when the plans were announced, and much of it has been translated to multimedia format, from videos to the watercolor artwork of the new park to historical photos (remember the "Reggie" bar?). It's all accessible at newsday.com/sports/baseball/yankees (scroll down and click on "Special Section: The New Yankee Stadium").

OF NOTE

You have to give it to golfers — few other weekend warriors will try so many gimmicks and work so hard to get just a little teeny bit better.

So of course, here's another bit of gimmickry for them: A Web site that rates golf balls, at GolfBallSelector.com.

It will cost hackers money to find out which balls actually are longer, spin better or are the best value, but no matter the fee (\$19.95 for one session, \$29.95 for a year), we suspect golfers will be flocking there. And a session actually helps golfers select the ball that's right for their games (a ball perfect for our game would have a GPS device, so it could be found in the woods, rough and/or water).

The site has some serious science behind it, with testing done by both humans (of an assortment of skill levels) and robots (all, we suspect, programmed to hit like Tiger Woods), using a driver, a 6-iron and a wedge.

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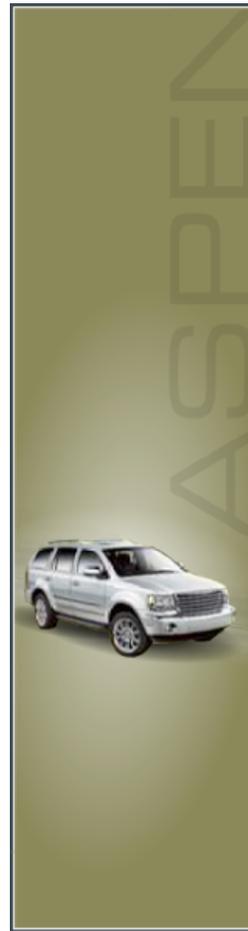
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Apparently, the Web site for the extreme sport called Wheelbarrow Freestyle is defunct, but that doesn't keep us from rolling on the floor laughing at highlight videos at YouTube or buying a commemorative T-shirt.

The videos are truly bizarre. There's a series of more than a dozen, most of which look as if they were produced on a cell phone (taping, editing and all), featuring guys sailing around the countryside, doing "tricks" with wheelbarrows. Thankfully, no passengers, loads of bricks or piles of sod were harmed in the process.

Find the videos by searching for "extreme wheelbarrow" at **YouTube.com**.

And if that gets you inspired to head over to TrueValue and buy your own 'barrow for tricky purposes, then you'll also need to pick up an official T-shirt as well. Those are available at **cafepress.com/wheelbarrow**.

THE LIST

From the Page 2 at ESPN.com, the top 10 moments for New York Yankees haters:

1. David Ortiz helping the Red Sox rally from a 3-0 ALCS deficit en route to ending The Curse in 2004.
2. The homer by the Pirates' Bill Mazeroski in Game 7 of the 1960 World Series.
3. The game-winning bloop single by the Diamondbacks' Luis Gonzalez in Game 7 of the 2001 Series.
4. The Brooklyn Dodgers finally beating the Yankees in the World Series, in 1955.
5. The Seattle Mariners rallying from 2-0 down in the 1995 playoffs to eliminate the Yankees.
6. Josh Beckett and the underdog Marlins raining on the Yanks' ALCS victory parade by winning the 2003 World Series.
7. The Los Angeles Dodgers overcoming a 2-0 deficit to win the 1981 World Series.
8. Sandy Koufax throwing two complete-game victories for the Dodgers in the 1963 Series.
9. The Tigers shutting down A-Rod and Yankees' offense in the 2006 American League Division Series.
10. The Angels' claiming a decisive victory in the 2002 ALDS.

FOUND ON eBAY

With the talk about finding the perfect golf ball for every player (see "Of Note," we thought we'd take a look at the world's marketplace to see whether there were any of the dimpled darlings for sale there.

Turns out, there are a few. By our estimate, about 150,000 of them, of virtually every brand, rating, color and overblown description ("Easy to hit! Easy to score! Easy to win!").

Granted, not everything that pops up when you search for "golf balls" on eBay is in fact golf balls. There also were such items as a mailbox cover that makes your receptacle look like a sign for the 19th hole (perhaps to encourage your letter carrier to stop in and have a cold one) and embroidered towels from your favorite schools, NASCAR drivers and pro sports teams.

But if you've gotten fitted for your perfect golf balls elsewhere on the page, you have a real opportunity to pick up a dozen or a gross online with the click of the mouse.

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