It’s in the bag

Nobody makes better golf bags than Datrek, which recently introduced its new F-15 cart bag. The F-15 features a 15-way organizer top with an integrated oversized putter well and soft grip handles for easy loading. The sporty yet classic F-15 also has 10 pockets, including a fleece-lined valuables pocket and an insulated cooler pocket. It comes in black with five accent colors — orange, royal blue, silver, lime green and red. Dynamic Brands also makes Burton, Bag Boy, Devant and Sir Christopher Hatton golf bags, but Datrek is its top-of-the-line.

www.datrek.com • $199.95

Top Secret: Boccieri Golf

He came to Scottsdale with a heavy load, and things have gotten more secretive since Stephen Boccieri opened his Research & Performance Center at the Scottsdale Airpark. Boccieri, of course, is the inventor of the Heavy Putter, and more recently he has come up with the Secret Grip, a back-weighted grip endorsed by Jack Nicklaus and swing guru Rick Smith. According to Nicklaus, he used the same counterweight technology throughout his illustrious career. The Secret Grip is 40 percent heavier than a standard grip, with the tungsten weight in the butt-end of the grip raising a club’s balance point to promote consistently crisp contact, greater control and even added distance. Special “golfer’s dozen” (13 grips) are $163.

www.SecretGrip.com • $16.99 per grip

Loudmouth grows mustache

The good folks at fun-loving Loudmouth Golf have created a whiskered wardrobe for the Scottsdale-based Mustache Open. The limited edition of bold facial-hair-festooned apparel features every type of mustache known to man on its trousers, shorts, mini-shorts and sport coats. The golf tournament, which is set for May 18 at Troon North, is the brainchild of Scottsdale’s Clifton S. Waterbury III and benefits Team Up Against Cancer. The entry fee of $185 includes a two-man scramble with the winning team advancing to the Mustache Open’s national championship in Las Vegas. Why a mustache? Because as Waterbury likes to say, “Golf with a mustache is so much fun-ner.” To register, visit www.MustacheOpen.com.

To order the mustache-logoed clothes see following website.

www.LoudmouthGolf.com • $65 to $350

Golden at Gold Canyon

Forget about Jacob Waltz, aka “the Dutchman” and the treasure he never found. The real hidden gem of the Superstition Mountains is Gold Canyon Golf Resort, where the Sidewinder and Dinosaur Mountain courses are golden. On the eastern edge of the Valley at the base of the spectacular Superstition Mountains, Gold Canyon is the quickest golf getaway outside the Valley without really getting away. It’s also the most affordable, as this summer Gold Canyon offers a “Lost Dutchman’s Summer Special” for $249 per couple. It includes a one-night stay in a deluxe casita, two rounds of golf on the Dinosaur, two rounds on Sidewinder and two breakfast buffet vouchers. The offer is based on double occupancy and valid May 28-Sept. 15, 2013.

www.gcgr.com • $249 (per couple)

Caddie tales

Actor Michael Douglas, one of the guys whom caddie-author Oliver Horovitz looped during his seven-year stint at St. Andrews, said of the latest golf tale: “The book has great characters and a wonderful sense of being a fish out of water.” And for those who read Horovitz’s “An American Caddie in St. Andrews” that pretty much sums it up. Horovitz spent seven straight summers as a caddie at St. Andrews and lived to tell about his crazy moments in this coming-of-age account at the game’s most storied caddy shack. The caddies of St. Andrews certainly are the story, as Horovitz gets in some crazy tidbits and tips for playing the Old Course.

www.oliverhorovitz.com • $26 (hardback)

GoBe . . . a golfer!

They come in every color imaginable, and if that’s not enough, the Pride, Prodigy and Rebel golf shoes from Minnesota-based GoBe Golf are just plain cool. The Talon outsole features GoBe’s molded five-point star pattern to provide maximum grip throughout the golf swing. The strategic design of the stars also keeps debris from building up on the bottom of the sole. Other benefits of GoBe shoes include hybrid design, water-resistant leather, flexible sole, deep heel cup, roomy toe box, cushioned insole, microfiber lining and natural cotton laces that stay tight. And Minnesota-based GoBe’s are “breathable.”

www.gobegolf.com • $159 per pair