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There was a poster that explained that he was a certified NG instructor and I'm not sure anyone in NG is legit. I think it's all about making \$\$\$\$. Last time I checked, all intelligent businesses are all about making \$\$\$. As far as I can tell, the entire golf industry is about snake oil peddling, including the legit ones. All the golf mags have been publishing cures to slices, increasing distance, and improving putting for as long as I can remember. We should all be hitting the ball into orbit at this rate. As for NG, if it as rotten as some claim, the truth will come out eventually, and it will go away. If at least a good fraction do improve their games, it will stick around. Finally, there is at least a little truth to the saying Those that can, do; those that can't, teach. (And those that can't teach, teach gym.) Instructors in a field are not necessarily the best the field has to offer. We have heard of people in wheelchairs coaching sports teams, are they not legit? The ability to convey information and skill is something else than doing a skill. JMHO. -gsp

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Exceptions to a rule do not make the norm. Sorry you are so opinionated about that which you know little about. Brad Brad, I know this is the usenet and everyone is entitled to say whatever they want. I truly respect that as well as your opinion on NG. If you think NG is trash, hey more power to you. :) I personally have been using it for about 1.5 years ( total time playing golf about 3 years ) and for the most part play better than most of the conventional golfers I play with. I work in the silicon valley so I get the chance to play golf a lot with different players who all play CG and have mostly been playing for at least 5 years. I am not saying this to imply that NG is better but to merely point out that there are varying degrees of skill level in both methods and a person should use whatever makes them a better player. The final point I wanted to make is that any golf method out there is going to have good instructors and bad instructors. My NG instructor can rocket golf balls like a mad man to the back of the range (all straight). I am sure that CG has legions of bad instructors as well, but to say that conventional golf is garbage because of 1 bad instructor should not tarnish the reputation of NG. To make a general statement like that from watching 1 person ( the NG Inst) hit one bad shot is pretty ridiculous in my opinion. I also see from your profile that you carry a handicap of 11 and I am sure that you still hit some grounders. Does that mean that your method sucks or that you are a bad golfer? Of course not. Even PGA pro's hit a bad shot everyonce in awhile but that in itself does not invalidate the method.

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My NG instructor can rocket golf balls like a mad man to the back of the range (all straight). I would be interested in taking NG lessons from someone like that, can you provide contact info? Thanks. David A.

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As for NG, if it as rotten as some claim, the truth will come out eventually, and it will go away. If at least a good fraction do improve their games, it will stick around. There is a fraction improving their game with NG but unfortunately it's very high handicappers. Matter of factly any swing method will help these same people, not just NG. Truth be told NG's agenda is not selling you a swing, it's selling you the clubs. They can make more money off a \$1000 set of clubs than they can a \$19.95 video or book. The more people they get swinging the NG way the better their chance at selling more sets of clubs. David Laville, G.S.E.M. The Golfing Machine Authorized Instructor Contributor Of Spam Free Golf Advice

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Also, Bob Estes has started using some of the principles of natural golf in his own swing without acknowledging that fact. And since doing so has performed better on the PGA tour. He has gone to a 10 finger baseball grip and uses larger grips on his clubs. The ten finger grip is integral to the natural golf system as I have read about it. Funny that those two fundamental changes away from the Varden Grip have made him so much more successful on tour. Bob

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Estes believes that his collarbone is tilted and that using the 10-finger grip lets his bottom hand be lower to accommodate the clavicle tilt. I've never seen any mention from Estes that Natural Golf has anything to do with it. I also believe he's used the 10-finger grip at least occasionally for most of his golfing life. Brent Hutto

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If you want to see something amazing, try and get a hold of some video of him striking the ball. Every shot is perfect and down the line, almost in the same space as the shot before. I have a video my friend took of him hitting balls at a driving range in Myrtle Beach and the legend is a lot bigger than his abilities. He does miss shots and spray the ball. Another friend of mine saw him at a clinic in Florida and said when he hits it he nails it but he does have his share of misses. No conventional golfer has ever been as accurate a ball striker. Neither has anyone else using NG. Once again, natural golf and single axis have not been practiced long enough. Also, it is very difficult for an adult, nonetheless a young golfer to use a system as different as single axis due to peer pressure. Unfortunately I have seen too many golfers give up single axis before giving it a chance due to the ridicule of peers and go back to conventional golf. As for Moes Abilities, his record speaks for itself. Don't put the man's talent down just because he marches to a different drum.

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I am a golf instructor... I struggled years to find a good instructor... I was lucky to find one who swing like Ben Hogan who said every natural instinct to hit a ball is wrong, absolutely wrong. If we use our mind or brain to hit a ball, then you have to suffer and hurt your confidence... go to buy better golf by paying to good instructor. I respect Ben Hogan and admire Ben Hogan... please buy his book and read it is very useful .... I highly recommend to all people who loves golf. You Tarzan, she Jane? David Laville, G.S.E.M. The Golfing Machine Authorized Instructor Contributor Of Spam Free Golf Advice

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Am I missing something or was that a cheap shot at someone whose native language isn't English? It was Mr. Nice Guy, our beloved dlaville taking a cheap shot at James Leung's perfectly valid post. David A.

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BTW - though Bob Estes uses a ten finger grip , it appears like he has a 'conventional' swing. {With current girlfriend a 10 finger grip is a must!} :-)

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