

The Handicap



Handicapping a golfer allows players of different proficiency to play against each other on somewhat equal terms, and pro golfer Dexter Dinklaker had always been comfortable with the practice. That all changed when the World Putting Association did away with numerical handicaps and substituted small, whining children—the better the golfer, the more annoying the moppet. At the Pringler City Invitational Open in June, Dexter was assigned Baby Meptang, who latched onto his right arm and refused to let go. This led to an unfortunate incident that got the attention of toddler rights activists, who took the WPA to court. Although the judge ruled Dexter’s actions were in self defense, she did award Baby Meptang a new set of teeth.