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'BLUFFTON'S WORST GOLFER' UPDATE:

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Basch starting to see real results on his scorecard

Jerry Podgurski might be wishing he'd never pushed his buddy John Basch to sign up for the "Bluffton's Worst Golfer" contest. After just three lessons from Serious Golf's Kevin Hankey, Basch is already starting to show up his pal on the tee.

The duo played one of their favorite courses, Pennybranch Golf Club, on Tuesday, and Basch said he actually outdrove Podgurski on a few holes using his handy dandy three wood.

"I don't think Jerry was expecting that to happen. I certainly wasn't this soon. But there I was and all the things Kevin and I have been working on just started to click," Basch said. "It's not like I'm Tiger Woods or anything. I actually got tired and only played 16 holes. But I scored in the 90s through 16 and that's a huge improvement."

The on-course breakthroughs came after an up-and-down week on the range for Hankey and Basch. The pair met up on Aug. 4 and again on Friday. Hankey said he saw the first bit of extended frustration from his prize pupil during the first lesson of last week.