

The Far Side of Technology-

Google Android. It is now the most popular smartphone in this country and on this planet. They have more market share than RIM Blackberry or Apple Iphone. To imagine the Android operating system was only launched in 2008. As I

discuss these devices with my clients I am often asked about business apps. Each device comes with a market app that you go into and search for the apps. I wanted to list a few productivity apps that anyone can use on their Android. The possibilities seem endless. Remember the web features on your phone 10 years ago? I do and it did not look like it does now on an Android.



Mikes Mobile Minutes with Android Productivity Apps –

- Do not disturb- puts ringer on a schedule to mute and un-mute the phone if you are in meetings.
- Timecard- checks in or out and emails your timesheet to yourself as a CSV file.

What is Right about Sports-

Springtime. Azalea's in full bloom. The Masters. Even if you are not a golfer, yesterday's finish was truly amazing. The sport could not be in a better place. There is so much diversity and youth to the game which is now truly become a global sport.

There are so many amazing young talents playing the game now. Yesterday was an example of that. Charl Schwartzel who is 26 years old became the 3rd South African to win this event. He is the first man to ever birdie the last 4 holes to win the championship in Augusta. Ironically it was 50 years to the day that Gary Player of South Africa won this same great event. How about the Aussie's? 3 of them in the top 10, Jason Day and Adam Scott both played amazing down the stretch. Rory McIlroy from Northern Ireland had a day to forget but this is just the beginning to his young career. There was young talent from Argentina, Japan, S. Korea, Italy, and England. Of course we still have our young Americans like Rickie Fowler, Anthony Kim, and Dustin Johnson but the game is so strong worldwide now.



They are all very athletic and strong; it will push our veteran players like Mickelson, Furyk, Cink, Els, Stricker, Westwood and even Tiger to work that much harder. You would think it would be the other way around. But these younger players are not afraid of anything. They are so well prepared for these events now. They are brought up

- Camera- Picasa Google hosted storage site for pictures.
- Mileage tracker- track all miles from the car for tax purposes.
- Excel, word, PowerPoint editor- edit any document inside the device itself.
- Color notes- go green, no need for pen and paper for customer notes and can be backed up.
- Card scanner- no more business cards piling up on your desk.
- Remote wipe feature- sends text to wipe or reset your device to protect your info.
- File manager- browse your SD memory card for documents.
- USA Today- news.
- QuickBooks Mobile / Online
- Peep- Twitter. Tweet business tips throughout the day from your device.
- Document scanner- PDF scanner for taking a picture of a document and emailing the document.
- Hotspots- 3G or 4G wireless internet connection.
- Google maps/navigation
- Drive safe app- listen to texts or emails and reads them back to you while you are in your vehicle.
- Visual voicemail- delivered as an email into a wav file that is listened to.
- Google search/Web browsing.
- App share feature makes it easy for sharing apps amongst Android end users.

and prepared for these kinds of situations and they come from such diverse back rounds globally.

Whether you were in Augusta for the event or just watching on TV, we were all treated to great sportsmanship, superb shot making and a great time for this sport. These players all earn their way into this event and the paycheck at the end. There are no contracts guaranteeing them of playing rights or earnings. That is what makes the sport so genuine. They start as kids with dreams of winning The Masters and become great champions like Nicklaus or Palmer over time. This event venue in Georgia and these young players are what is right about sports.



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