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It made for a few awkward moments on the tee at the Ginn as Brittany Lincicome's former caddie, Greg Johnston (blue bib), went to work for Suzann Pettersen. Lincicome (left) had Jason Hickman (red bib) on her bag.

CADDIE SWITCH: **Brittany Lincicome** entered her title defense at the Ginn Open without one key component to last year's victory: her caddie.

Greg Johnston, one of the LPGA's most respected loopers, quit after the Corona Championship in Mexico. The pair started working together in late 2006.

"I didn't see it coming," said Lincicome, who had **Jason Hickman**, a "friend of a friend," on the bag at Reunion. "It's unfortunate that it's the week I'm defending."

Johnston left Lincicome to loop for **Suzann Pettersen**, who fired **James Walton** after the Kraft Nabisco, where she tied for second. The Englishman had been on the bag for all five of Pettersen's victories last season.

Johnston began his career working for **Penny Hammel** before spending more than a decade with **Juli Inkster**. He left Inkster after the 2005 Solheim Cup to work for **Michelle Wie**, who fired him after the 2006 Women's British Open. Johnston picked up Lincicome's bag later that year.

Coincidentally, at the Ginn Open, Lincicome and Pettersen were paired together for the first two rounds. Lincicome shot 74-76 and missed the cut.

RETURN TO FORM: **Carin Koch** continues to make her way back to the top form she enjoyed early in her career. Coming off two seasons in which she had only three top-10 finishes, Koch already has two in 2008, including her seventh-place finish at the Ginn.

A new swing coach, **Steve Dahlby**, and a renewed commitment to fundamentals has Koch playing steadier golf. Dahlby was recommended by **Arron Oberholser**, the husband of former LPGA player **Angie Rizzo**, a friend of Koch's.

"I kind of proved to myself that I wanted to come back and play better before I'm done with this game," said Koch, who also spent time with Vision54 instructors **Pia Nilsson** and **Lynn Marriott** last month to work on the mental side of her game.

BAND DIRECTOR: **Suzann Pettersen** started working with a new trainer five weeks ago and already feels stronger and more flexible, thanks to a collection of colored bands.

David Herman got Masters champ **Trevor Immelman** working with a set of bands two years ago and said the training aid is just starting to catch on in professional golf.

Herman said the bands put less strain on the body than conventional weights and help athletes create a spring in their muscles that leads to a feeling of explosion.

"It obviously works since he's already gotten one major this year," Pettersen said with a laugh. "I haven't lifted one weight since we started, and I still feel like I'm 10 times stronger."

LEARNING FROM NO. 1:

Teresa Lu spent the entire weekend playing alongside **Lorena Ochoa** and soaked up everything about the experience. The first time she was paired with Ochoa during her rookie year, Lu tried hard to keep up with the powerful Mexican and struggled mightily. So when Ochoa outdrove Lu by 40 yards on the first hole Saturday, the third-year player tried to stay within herself.

"I learned my lesson," said Lu, who shot 69-72 the final two rounds and tied for third, a career-best showing. "I feel like I belong out here now."