



Ogilvy Spark

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Geoff Ogilvy never thought he would use a sports psychologist, though he enjoyed casual conversations with Bob Rotella and a few others. But he decided to hire Julie Elion about a month ago on what he described as a “neighborly recommendation.”

Ogilvy is neighbors in Scottsdale, Ariz., with Jim “Bones” Mackay, who came to know Elion when she worked with Phil Mickelson.

“I just realized this was a good thing for me — obviously it’s been a good thing for me,” Ogilvy said.

They first met at the Phoenix Open, and after he missed four straight cuts on the West Coast, the former U.S. Open champion delivered a clutch

performance in the Honda Classic with four rounds at par or better to finish second. It moved him up 32 spots in the world ranking to No. 47, getting him into Doral and boosting his odds of staying in the top 50 at the end of the month to get into the Masters.

Ogilvy said he’s fine Thursday through Sunday, but it was Monday through Wednesday where he had a “history of messing my game up in practice.”

The move came with one endorsement.

“Bussy (caddie Matthew Tritton) says I’m in a better place on the golf course,” Ogilvy said.

