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I guess green finally is a woman’s color after all.

“I’m delighted”



More after this from Charlie:

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How new members get invited to join the Augusta National Golf Club is one of those unknowable mysteries. Like the formula for Coca Cola, or how gas can suddenly cost $4, or why a single cupcake is actually two servings.

But whatever the reason, suddenly, two women, Condoleezza Rice, and Darla Moore have been invited to become members of what was once an all male club. Apparently all you have to do is have served as Secretary of State, or to have been the highest paid woman in the banking industry.

For Psychologist Martha Burk, who’s been challenging the club to do this for ten years – it’s a victory.



“We have prevailed, I’m very happy”

As recently as April, Club Chairman Billy Payne was still stonewalling questions about female members:



Reporters back then couldn’t believe that even the female CEO of IBM, which was sponsoring the Masters, didn’t rate an invite:



But those private deliberations have apparently now taken place,

And I can’t say for sure but my guess is the secret process involved Mr Payne secretly deciding he was sick of getting these questions.

Writing in Salon, Mary Elizabeth Williams speculated that private deliberations may have involved someone waking up and realizing my God it’s 2012.

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But now… the trend at Augusta seems irreversible. Black members were admitted in 1990, 26 years after the Civil Rights Act. Women got in 90 years after getting the vote.

Galileo could be next.

And sure it’s taken a while, but you know what they say – because I’ve heard golfers say it… golf is the one sport that can’t be rushed. “And in fact the only way to get better at it, is to go back and take it up at a much earlier age.’

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