

CALLAWAY GOLF CO /CA

Form 8-K

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**UNITED STATES
SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION
Washington, D.C. 20549**

FORM 8-K

**CURRENT REPORT
Pursuant to Section 13 or 15(d) of
The Securities Exchange Act of 1934**

February 24, 2005

Date of Report (Date of earliest event reported)

CALLAWAY GOLF COMPANY

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

DELAWARE

(State or other jurisdiction
of incorporation)

1-10962

(Commission
File Number)

95-3797580

(IRS Employer
Identification No.)

**2180 RUTHERFORD ROAD, CARLSBAD,
CALIFORNIA**

(Address of principal executive offices)

92008-7328

(Zip Code)

(760) 931-1771

Registrant's telephone number, including area code

NOT APPLICABLE

(Former name or former address, if changed since last report.)

Check the appropriate box below if the Form 8-K filing is intended to simultaneously satisfy the filing obligation of the registrant under any of the following provisions (see General Instruction A.2. below):

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Item 1.01 Entry into a Material Definitive Agreement.

Separation Agreement and General Release with Patrice Hutin.

As set forth in its previously filed Form 8-K, dated November 8, 2004 and filed with the SEC on November 8, 2004, Patrice Hutin resigned as President and Chief Operating Officer of Callaway Golf Company (the "Company"), effective as of November 8, 2004. In connection with his separation from the Company, Mr. Hutin and the Company entered into a Separation Agreement and General Release on February 24, 2005 (the "Separation Agreement"), setting forth certain agreements and understandings between them associated with Mr. Hutin's separation from the Company.

Pursuant to the terms of the Separation Agreement, in consideration (among other things) for Mr. Hutin's execution of an unconditional and irrevocable release of claims in favor of the Company and his reasonable post-employment cooperation as requested by the Company, the Company agreed to provide Mr. Hutin with certain separation benefits in addition to those to which he is entitled under the terms of his Executive Officer Employment Agreement dated as of November 6, 2002, as amended. These additional separation benefits include (i) a one-time cash payment of \$150,000, to assist Mr. Hutin in his relocation to France, (ii) an additional sum of approximately \$42,000 for tax preparation assistance, outplacement assistance and French health insurance premiums for a transition period, (iii) the payment of life insurance premiums for a transition period and (iv) certain other non-cash benefits set forth in the Separation Agreement.

The description of the terms of the Separation Agreement is qualified in its entirety by reference to the Separation Agreement, which is attached hereto as Exhibit 10.52 and incorporated herein by this reference.

Item 9.01 Financial Statements and Exhibits.

(c) Exhibits.

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SIGNATURES

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, the registrant has duly caused this report to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned hereunto duly authorized.

Date: March 1, 2005

CALLAWAY GOLF COMPANY

By: /s/ Steven C. McCracken

Name: Steven C. McCracken

Title: Senior Executive Vice President,
Chief Legal Officer and Secretary

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