

CONDI RICE'S SO-CALLED BANNER WEEK FOR FEMINISM



On Monday, Condi Rice became one of two women to become the first female members of Augusta National Golf Club.

Now, I'm with many who had other honors in mind for Condi in her post-Bush career. But I do recognize she's a good enough athlete that she might one day kick the ass of the misogynists at Augusta who don't like girls, even if they did let Condi into their exclusive club. In my experience that's one of the quickest ways to educate men about their impotence.

And today, we learn that Dr. Rice will have the honor of putting lipstick on the pig that is the GOP's rabidly anti-woman Vice Presidential candidate, Paul Ryan. Presumably, having one of their most respected women introduce Ryan will draw attention away from the fact that Ryan shares Todd Akin's beliefs that even women who have been raped shouldn't be permitted to choose not to bear the child. Indeed, in spite of the GOP's efforts to drive Akin from his race against Claire McCaskill to downplay his disdain for women, the party nevertheless adopted the Ryan-Akin no rape exception policy as part of their platform.

Yet with an Augusta ground-breaker like Condi introducing Ryan, I'm sure we'll all forget how systematically the GOP has fought women's equality and autonomy in both personal and professional venues.

What a banner week for feminism Condi has enjoyed!