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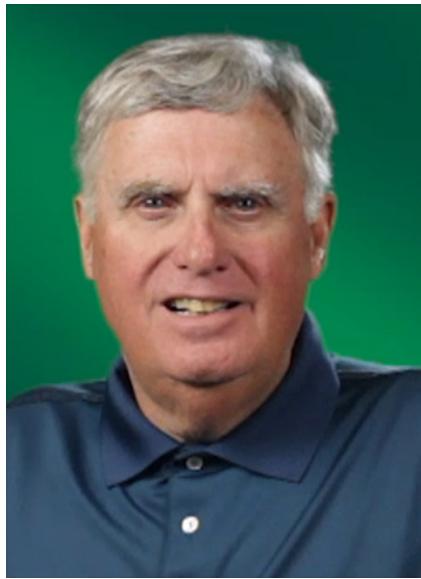
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# Golf Spans Generations



FRED ALTVATER



**"It is almost impossible to remember how tragic a place the world is when one is playing golf"**

Robert Lynd

**I HAD THE OPPORTUNITY** to participate in three golf happenings last month that reinforce some of the many reasons I love golf so much.

First, one of my sons was able to join our team for the Open Door Scramble at White Pines. In past years my partners for this event have included two old guys (liked me), Dan Donovan and Jack Taylor; we always have a great time.

Having Brandon along for this event was extra special. With the length that accompanies youth, he was a tremendous asset to our team and we all enjoyed watching his talent in action. On the other hand, he was also able to enjoy the company of men more than twice his age.

Second, I was privileged to attend the Toledo Junior Golf Association's (TJGA) season-ending Champions Banquet. Several awards were handed out.

It is always a pleasure to see young people, who are willing to put the time and effort into achieving a goal, being rewarded. The TJGA is a wonderful organization and has produced many great golfers throughout its history.

Third, while attending a family gathering, I was able to give some basic golf lessons to two nieces and a nephew, who range in age from 4-7. The kids had a great time batting wiffle golf balls around the yard and hopefully, will continue to be interested in golf as they grow.

Golf can connect young children, teenagers, young adults and even senior citizens. It is a game for all ages.

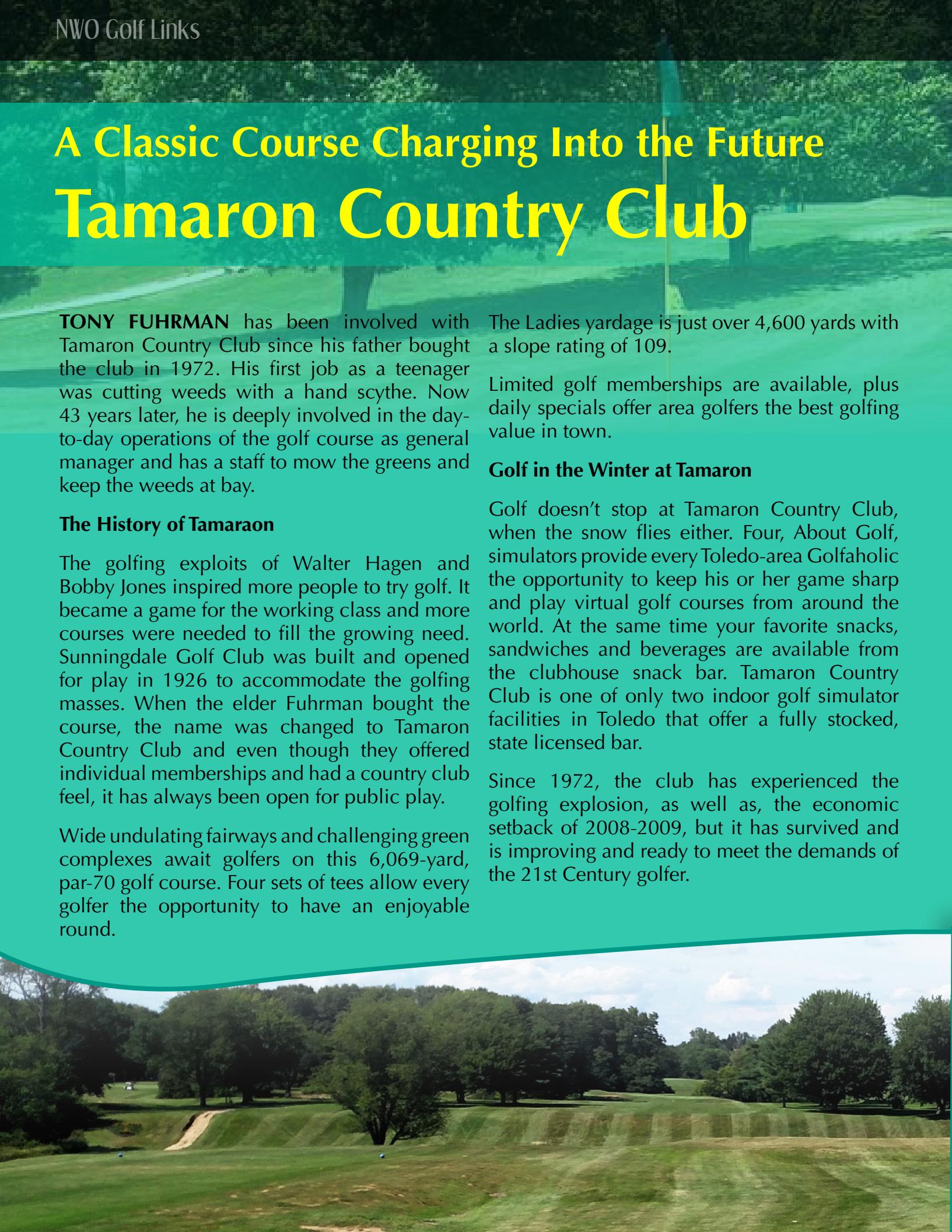
I hope you enjoy the August Issue of NWO Golf Links and I will catch you on the "Back 9."

**You are a Golfaholic if: You place a golf club in your new-born baby's crib. - Fred Altvater**

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# A Classic Course Charging Into the Future Tamaron Country Club



**TONY FUHRMAN** has been involved with Tamaron Country Club since his father bought the club in 1972. His first job as a teenager was cutting weeds with a hand scythe. Now 43 years later, he is deeply involved in the day-to-day operations of the golf course as general manager and has a staff to mow the greens and keep the weeds at bay.

## The History of Tamaraon

The golfing exploits of Walter Hagen and Bobby Jones inspired more people to try golf. It became a game for the working class and more courses were needed to fill the growing need. Sunningdale Golf Club was built and opened for play in 1926 to accommodate the golfing masses. When the elder Fuhrman bought the course, the name was changed to Tamaron Country Club and even though they offered individual memberships and had a country club feel, it has always been open for public play.

Wide undulating fairways and challenging green complexes await golfers on this 6,069-yard, par-70 golf course. Four sets of tees allow every golfer the opportunity to have an enjoyable round.

The Ladies yardage is just over 4,600 yards with a slope rating of 109.

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## Golf in the Winter at Tamaron

Golf doesn't stop at Tamaron Country Club, when the snow flies either. Four, About Golf, simulators provide every Toledo-area Golfaholic the opportunity to keep his or her game sharp and play virtual golf courses from around the world. At the same time your favorite snacks, sandwiches and beverages are available from the clubhouse snack bar. Tamaron Country Club is one of only two indoor golf simulator facilities in Toledo that offer a fully stocked, state licensed bar.

Since 1972, the club has experienced the golfing explosion, as well as, the economic setback of 2008-2009, but it has survived and is improving and ready to meet the demands of the 21st Century golfer.

## New Staff Injects New Life

Wanting to inject new life into the historic course, Fuhrman hired a new Head Professional. Johnny Widmer was born and raised in the Cayman Islands and still calls them home. He was a top-ranked junior golfer and traveled to Florida to attend David Leadbetter's IMG Golf School for his high school years. Highly recruited, he attended the University of Colorado and was a member of the golf team throughout his collegiate years.

On a trip home to the islands from college, he happened to meet a young lady from the Toledo area and as these things tend to happen, eventually they were wed. Not wanting to leave her family and still a student herself at the University of Toledo, the Widmers' decided to reside in Toledo.

Widmer brings a fresh new outlook to Tamaron and as a stand-out collegiate player, brings the skill set to keep improving the golfing experience at the course.

The second major change at Tamaron Country Club this season was the hiring of a new superintendent, Jason Cline. Cline graduated from Ohio State in 2011 with a degree in turf management. He furthered his education at Belmont Country Club for five years and brings that knowledge, as well as, his experience to Tamaron.



He has been extremely busy improving the quality of the green complexes. Since April, he has aerified and top dressed greens, as well as, reseeded and filled in thin areas.



Heavier than normal rains this year has helped to identify drainage problems and much of his time has been spent updating the overall drainage system for the course. Over 5 million gallons of water had to be pumped off the course during one six-inch downpour in July.

Another big accomplishment for Cline is the implementation of a structured nutrient and preventative maintenance program for the greens. He not only wants the greens to be better today, but is building a base for future health to survive normal wear-and-tear from daily play.

Something unusual at most golf courses, Cline and Widmer are working together to make every golfer's experience at Tamaron Country Club enjoyable. They consult on improvements and conditions to provide a better golfing experience.

## Tamaron is Not Just For Golf

Tamaron Country Club also offers one of the best locations in Toledo to host a big event. Events Manager, Vicki Fuhrman has 20 years' experience in wedding organization, banquets and corporate catering. With Head Chef, Erin Paule on staff, Tamaron Country Club can prepare a feast for any size meeting, wedding or event.



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The dining room can accommodate a group as large as 300 or be prepared for a more intimate dining experience if you wish. The outdoor wedding chapel is strategically located to provide a view of the course and is close to the clubhouse for the post-ceremony reception.

When looking for a beautiful location to host an event or meeting, don't overlook a classic venue that has stood the test of time. Tamaron Country Club hosts over 120 weddings and events annually and their staff can customize their facilities to meet your needs.

Tamaron Country Club has seen the ups and downs in the golf industry since 1972, and survived the economic downturn of 2008-2009. With the addition of young and energetic staff like Head Professional Johnny Widmer and Course Superintendent Jason Cline, plus the experience of the Fuhrmans, this historic club is enjoying a reawakening and has renewed its commitment to Toledo-area golfers to provide an enjoyable round of golf for its patrons.

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# Golfers Need to



**WHEN WATCHING GOLF ON TELEVISION,** you frequently hear people yelling random phrases as someone tees off. **You Da Man.** This has become a common phenomenon on golf telecasts. These tiresome phrases have trickled down to the local courses.

If I hear “**Get in the hole**” one more time, I swear I am going to stuff the person that said it into the hole. It is time to get original people. Set the creative side of your brain free and come up with new material.

The following are a few examples that are part of the “**Ultimate Foursome’s**” vernacular to help you in this quest.

## “YOU CAN ALWAYS MAKE A PUTT!”

I agree it may be a little weak and you may not always be sincere in uttering this phrase, when your opponent is trying to hole a long snake to grab a five dollar bill from your pocket. But deep emotional qualities of truth are hidden within these few words.

You can have a triple-breaker from 60 feet away, but if the Golf Gods decide you are worthy of break, well “**You can always make a Putt.**”

My so-called golf buddies and I have actually experienced it. Once in a heated playoff at the end of a Ryder-Cup-style match, everyone was holding up their cell phone lights, because the sun had set and the green was shrouded in darkness. My friend, whom I like very much, when he is on my team (as far as he knows) is not the best putter in the world, but “**You can always make a putt.**” The rest is golfing history.

## “EVERYBODY HAS A BAD DAY!”

This is a quote we use on the golf course quite frequently. It encompasses various situations and golfing maladies, from hitting a bad shot, to having a bad round or even making an unwise wardrobe selection.

The birth of a golf phrase can be derived from an accidental slip of the tongue. One such phrase was born on the first tee, the morning after a late night of exuberant imbibing of adult beverages.

Suffice it to say, actions that occurred among the golf group involved in off-the-course-social-activities at the bar the night before, caused this phrase. It has stuck around since then.

# Be More Creative

## "YOU HAVE TO MAKE A CHOICE"

This quote also came about on one of the "Ultimate Foursome's" golf trips. Sometimes you wake up in the morning and have a terrible headache. You are not quite sure why you have this headache, but it is quite possible that you may have over indulged the previous evening. The simple task of standing erect and addressing your golf ball on the first tee is a monumental chore.

A friend noticed my predicament and called out, "**You have to make a choice.**" He then handed me some "hair of the dog" "swing oil" medicine.

There was never been two truer statements uttered in the history of mankind than, "**Wallow in your Misery**" or "**You have to make a choice**".

I hope these few examples from the "Ultimate Foursome's" library of Golf Phrases, stimulate your creative thinking brain cells.

It's time to WAKE UP! The days of "**You DA MAN**" and "**Bababooey**" need to be put to rest.

That's enough for today, I have to hit the links and take the ball to "**Poundtown.**"

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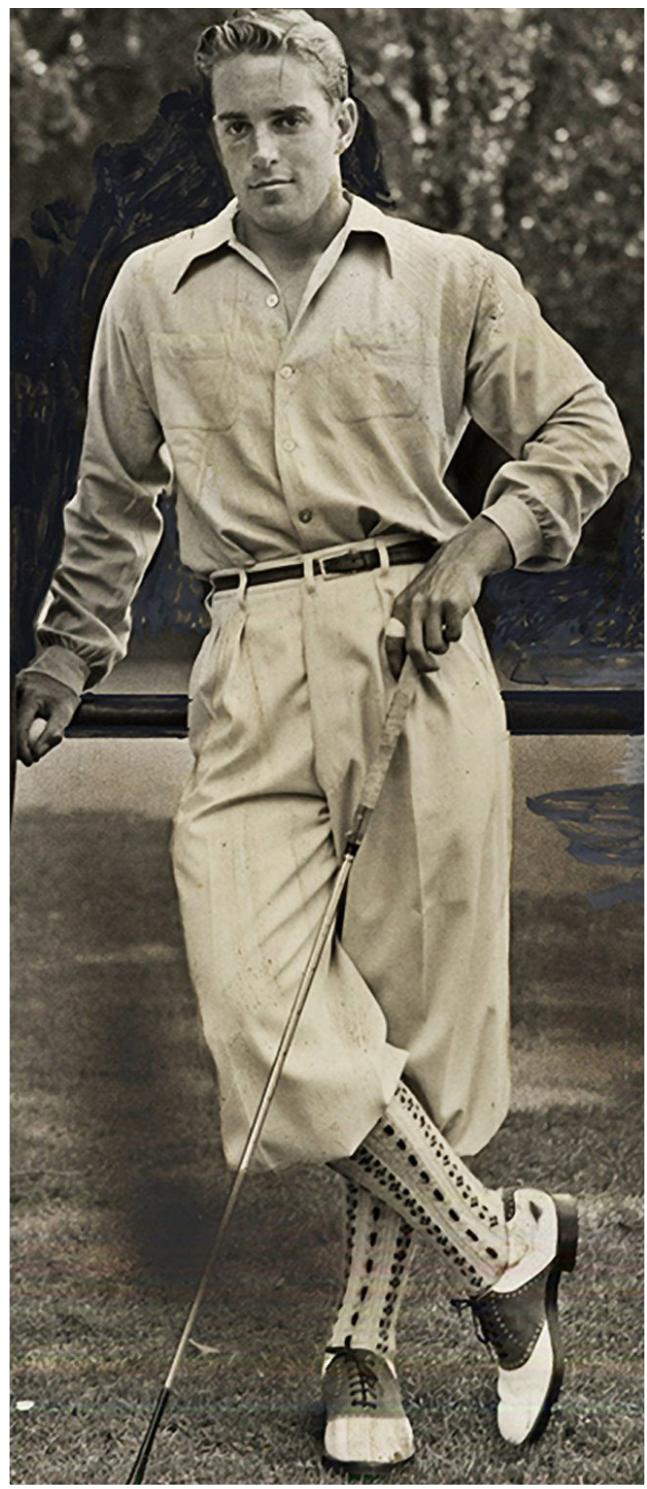
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# Toledo's *Frank Stranahan* Excelled at the Open Championship



**LAST MONTH AT THE OPEN CHAMPIONSHIP** held at historic St. Andrews, nine amateur golfers made the cut after the second round and four finished among the leaders at the end of the tournament. Paul Dunne, from Northern Ireland, a student at the University of Alabama Birmingham, finished fifth in the NCAA Championship last month and was tied for the 54-hole lead at the Open Championship.

The last amateur to win the Open Championship was Bobby Jones in 1930. Today with the high level of play on professional tours around the world, it is exceedingly difficult for amateurs to compete with professional golfers.

Toledo can lay claim to one of the best amateur golfers of all time. Frank Stranahan competed on the world golf stage at a very high level and finished runner-up at the Open Championship on two occasions.

Stranahan opened with a 71 at Royal Liverpool in 1947 and carded 79-72-72 for the final three rounds to finish tied for runner-up, one shot behind the winner, Fred Daly.

His score was close to the lead all four days of the 1953 Open Championship, held at Carnoustie. Four rounds of 70-74-73-69 left him at two-under-par for the tournament and he once again tied for runner-up, four shots behind Ben Hogan. Hogan won the 1953 Masters and the U.S. Open prior to winning the Open Championship.

Stranahan also won the British Amateur twice, 1948 and 1950. He was never able to capture a U.S. Amateur, but finished runner-up in 1950. He also finished runner-up in the 1947 Masters Tournament and his best finish in a U.S. Open was a T-10 in the 1958 tournament held at Southern Hills Country Club in Tulsa, Oklahoma.

Frank Stranahan, who learned the game at Inverness Club, was able to compete around the world as one of the best amateur golfers and as an equal with the best professionals of his age. A feat we are unlikely to see again.



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# Pat Markland Completes Golf Marathon

**ELEVEN YEARS AGO, PAT MARKLAND,** a Perrysburg native and long-time golfer, envisioned playing 54 holes of golf in three states, Ohio, Indiana and Michigan, in a single day. Life got in the way, however.

Health issues, work and family prevented him from undertaking his dream, but the idea was always there, stuck in the back of his mind.

Markland, like a lot of us, is a confirmed 'Golfaholic' and loves to play whenever the chance presents itself. He has been involved in several different leagues over the years and tested his game on nearly every local golf course.

His wife actually got him interested in the game and in the past they enjoyed casual rounds of golf together.

Vacations were planned around golf destinations, trips through Michigan and surrounding areas always included a round or two exploring a new golf course. Time and physical limitations prevent his wife from playing now, but she encourages Pat to continue enjoying golf.

Earlier this year, Markland decided to make his dream a reality and plotted out an itinerary that included stops at three golf courses in the three adjoining states. Rain prevented completion of the quest on the appointed day, however, just as it has most everything else this spring and summer.



With Lisa at Tamaron  
Beginning of the day

Undaunted, Markland reset the date for Wednesday, July 15, and this time the weather cooperated.

Tamaron Country Club was chosen as the first stop on his golfing odyssey. He arrived at 6:45 AM and Lisa, a Tamaron employee, gladly opened the doors, got his cart and accepted his green fees.

Markland caught the Tamaron grounds crew unawares and played No. 1 before they were able to get the flag stick set into the hole on the first green. A slight inconvenience that didn't deter our golfing hero from the completion of his task.

With the inaugural leg of his journey compete by 9:30 AM , Markland threw his clubs in the trunk of his car and headed across the border to Bedford Hills for his second 18 of the day.

Although heavy rains had left both courses water logged and still flooded in some areas, he was able to complete his appointed rounds without too much difficulty.

He encountered his biggest challenge of the day at Bedford Hills, when he inadvertently drove his cart through a low area and nearly got stuck. He was able to maneuver the cart and get to the safety of higher ground without causing too much damage to the cart, himself or the golf course.

There was a slowdown of sorts, when he had to follow a men's retiree league and women's walking league, but he finished by 1:30 and was on the road to Indiana for his final 18 holes.

Markland arrived at the final stop on this golfing adventure, Cold Springs Resort near Angola, Indiana, just after 3:00 PM. His brother, Skip lives in the area and accompanied Pat on his final 18 holes.

With six hours of sunlight left, his only worry now was simply running out of energy to complete the marathon.

Markland said, "54 holes of golf in one day for a 66-year-old is just about the maximum."

Indeed, even a man half his age would be feeling the effects of that much golf in one day.

Markland began the day at Tamaron Country Club at 6:45 AM, he ended his 54-hole, three-state quest at exactly 6:45 PM.

Twelve hours of golf and travel - that is one for the record books.

Of the day Markland said,

"Time ended up being the least of my concerns. There was still plenty of daylight remaining to play more golf, but my body was telling me I was through for the day."

He also was appreciative of the help he received from all of the golf courses and well-wishers that helped him complete his dream.

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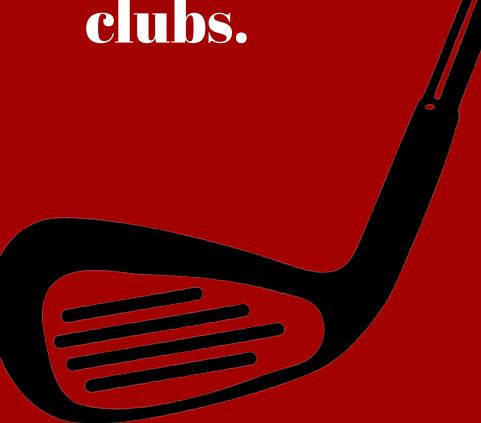

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**A player must not start a round with more than fourteen clubs.**



# How many clubs? (or maybe 'A Bag Full')

**DID YOU EVER HEAR THE ONE** about the golfer whose ball lands on the cart path but his playing partner won't let him take free relief?

After several practice strokes, he hits off the pavement, scratching the club badly but winning the hole and the match. The punch line is that the club used was his playing partner's, not his.

While this is a funny tale, the reality is that a penalty of loss of hole (match play) or two strokes (stroke play) would have been assessed due to the fact the player had more than 14 clubs accessible. This is why some golf bags come with the sectioned areas in the top, one space for each club.

## What do the rules say?

A player must not start a round with more than fourteen clubs. They can add clubs during the round, provided the total number does not exceed fourteen.

The addition or repair of a club(s) must not unduly delay play. Partners may share clubs, provided that the total number of clubs carried by the partners does not exceed fourteen.

Think this is this an obscure rule? Several touring pros have carried more than the allowed number of clubs onto the course and were on the receiving end of the penalty, which caused a drop down the leaderboard. This happened because their caddy forgot to pull out the extra club that was stuffed in their bag for use on the range.

## Count your Clubs!

I know golfers that have been playing for decades and still get this rule wrong. You can refer to the June issue of NWO Golf Links for help with this rule and see my humorous books for additional help in tackling the rules and etiquette of golf.

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MARY ANN SINGER

# “Par” Laying: A Golf Lesson

**THE GAME OF GOLF TEACHES** us many life lessons. Last week I played one of the best rounds I have ever played. I shot two back to back birdies, a par and had one of my longest drives ever. At the end of the 18 holes, I was one stroke over my goal because I did not play the last two holes well.

As any golfer knows you can have your best and worst shots during the same round.

It is what keeps you coming back.

That said, at the end of the day, I initially focused on my mistakes from the last two holes rather than on the earlier holes that had me doing the happy dance. I realized this was taking away from the joy of the game and what I had accomplished.

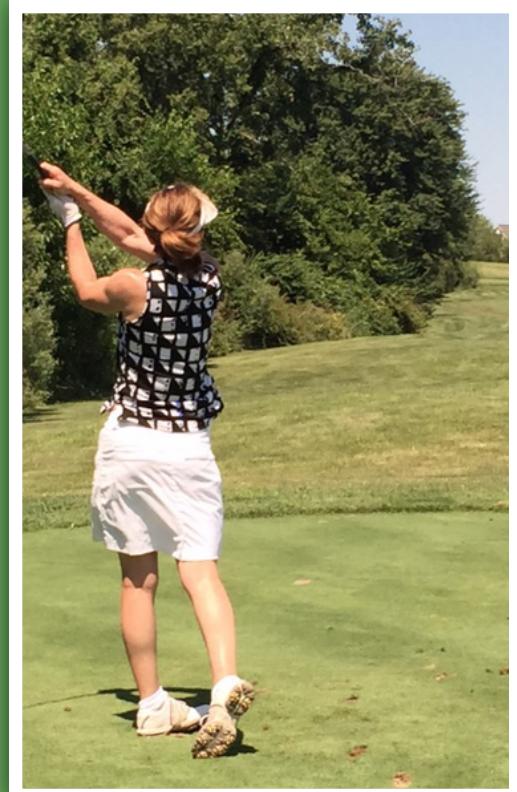
So often we focus on what is lacking or where we messed up. We lose sight of what went well or the accomplishment or progress made. Of course there is value in debriefing mistakes and learning from them. That is how we improve.

It is the over-focus on the error, one bad evaluation among many, one poor comment we said in the interview or the few bad shots in a game of many that can cause us to lose perspective, confidence and joy.

Being aware of where you choose to focus and your ability to shift will impact how you score in the game of life.

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# Local Golfers Test Their Games at Whistling Straits



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**GOLFERS OFTEN DREAM** of playing the same courses they see the pros play on television. Pebble Beach, Pinehurst, Torrey Pines and Doral are examples of iconic courses that host PGA Tour events.

Whistling Straits in Kohler, Wisconsin, will be hosting its third PGA Championship this month (August 13-16). It is a challenging and stunningly beautiful golf course with majestic views of Lake Michigan available at every turn.

Frequent golf partners, Ralph Steinman, Ben Russow, Cris Desatte and Andrew Brown decided during some post-golf conviviality that they should make a golf pilgrimage to the “Land of the Cheeseheads” to check out Whistling Straits for themselves.

Russow was delegated the task of travel agent for this expedition and received the “Stay & Play” travel package information from Destination Kohler.

You may be familiar with the name Kohler.

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Herb Kohler has been the CEO of the Fortune 500 company since 1972, and in addition to running the company, finds time to partner with well-known designer, Pete Dye, to build fantastic golf courses. Together they have built two destination golf resorts, Whistling Straits and Blackwolf Run in Kohler.

Whistling Straits hosted the 2004 and 2010 PGA Championships, as well as, the 2007 U.S. Senior Open and will host the 2020 Ryder Cup. Its sister, Blackwolf Run, hosted three World Golf Championship tournaments from 1995-1997, as well as, the 1998 and 2012 U.S. Women’s Opens.

With their sticks safely packed in the trunk the foursome set out on the six-hour drive to Sheboygan last month.

The traffic in Chicago is always an adventure, but with visions of golf balls dancing in their heads, they made the perilous journey relatively unscathed.

Visitors to either Blackwolf Run or Whistling Straits can stay at the five-star American Club, which sits directly across the street from the Kohler Company's world headquarters. There are also other suitable lodging options and our group chose to stay at the Inn at Woodlake, which as you could imagine is decked out with the latest in plumbing technology.

Andrew Brown was quite impressed with the shower in his room,

"Just taking a stimulating shower with several of the latest high-jet Kohler shower heads soothing every muscle in your body, was worth the trip."

The American Club and the staffs at both Whistling Straits and Blackwolf Run are all about service.

Brown also said,

"This is not your average golf trip. It's a "Bucket List" trip that is to be enjoyed and savored. The accommodations and service from every single staff member is impeccable. They anticipate your every need and the food is outstanding and plentiful."



When our local golfers were at Whistling Straits, preparations for the PGA Tour were in full swing and the grandstands were being built. Being along the western coast of Lake Michigan, water comes into play on many holes and fog can roll in to add to the aesthetic of the course.

Whistling Straits requires players to walk the course and local caddies must be used. The caddies are invaluable in assisting with yardages and course knowledge.

When their round was over they found the veranda at the beautifully adorned stone clubhouse at Whistling Straits provided the perfect place settle up the day's wagers and soak up more views over Lake Michigan.

Having tested their games where the pros play and enjoyed the service and amenities of the best that Wisconsin can offer, our intrepid foursome returned to Toledo with a new appreciation of the course they will see, when the professionals tackle Whistling Straits for the PGA Championship.

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# Toledo Golf Show

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A graphic element featuring a white golf ball with the "Toledo Golf Show" logo. The logo includes the words "Toledo Golf Show" in green and blue, with "BWgolf" underneath. The ball is shown in mid-air, having just hit a white tee, with a blurred background suggesting motion. The entire graphic is set against a blue gradient background.

FRED ALTVATER

# The Golf PIT & White Pines Add Laser Technology to Flagsticks

The Golf PIT in Maumee, as well as, White Pines Golf Course, near Swanton, recently upgraded their facilities to provide the latest technology available to golfers. Both popular local golf facilities added The Spryte Golf Laser System to their flagsticks to give area golfers the most accurate distances, when using range finders.

Many golfers are finding it very helpful to use a range finder when on the golf course. They help the player pick the proper club for the shot at hand and can also help, when practicing, to learn the exact distance each club will produce.

The SPRYTE Golf Laser system made its PGA Tour debut on the practice range at Muirfield Village during the Memorial Tournament in June. The Laser Reflective Targets (LRT) were mounted on the flagsticks to provide the professionals with the most accurate distance. Tour players, like Justin Rose, Hunter Mahan, Jason Day and Bubba Watson, were able to accurately

dial in their distances for precise yardage control while practicing on the range.

Spryte designer and company president, Steve Phillips explained,

"The Spryte was developed to give golfers a more accurate Laser Target and provide a lower cost product for the golf course."

When asked why The Spryte Laser Target Technology was being used at The Golf PIT, David Graf commented,

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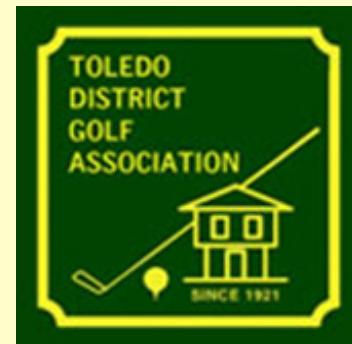
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# Association News:

## Toledo District Golf Association:

Roger Proctor, Rick Johnston, Tom Grier, and Dan Grunder won the Gross Division of the One Best Ball of Four Tournament held at Lenawee Country Club July 8.

John Hills won the Stroke Play and Senior Stroke Play with an even-par 144 at Findlay Country Club. Rick Elrod claimed runner-up honors with a four-over-par 148.



<b>Shamble</b>	<b>August 12</b>	<b>Sylvania Country Club</b>
<b>Stableford</b>	<b>August 19</b>	<b>Higland Meadows Golf Club</b>
<b>R.A. Stranahan</b>	<b>August 26</b>	<b>Hantz Country Club of Tecumseh</b>
<b>Team Championship</b>	<b>August 28</b>	<b>Stone Oak Country Club</b>
<b>Two Man Better Ball</b>	<b>September 14</b>	<b>Inverness Club</b>

## Toledo Women's District Golf Association:

Betsy Kenniston, Cathy Happel, Mary Walter, and Jody Deal won the 2/4 Best ball held at Lenawee Country Club, July 24.

Seven events remain on the 2015 Summer Tournament schedule for Toledo Women's District Golf Association season



8/12-8/14	Stroke Play Championship	Tee Times	Sue Kolinski	Stone Oak CC	8/7	No
8/21	Stroke Play	9:00 SG	Cathy Happel	Grosse Ile G&CC	8/14	No
8/28	Stroke Play	8:30 SG	Sue Kolinski	Belmont CC	8/21	No
9/4	Scotch Twosome	8:00 Tee Times	Cathy Happel	Brandywine CC	8/28	Yes
9/11	Stroke Play	8:00 SG	Sue Kolinski	Valleywood GC	9/4	No
9/18	1/2 Best Ball	9:00 SG	Mary Cowan	Lost Creek GC	9/11	Yes
9/25	Shambles		Mary Cowan	Heather Downs CC	9/18	Yes

## Toledo Metro Golf Association

Jim O'Neal filed this report for the Toledo Metro Golf Association.

A few weeks ago Brian Gerken, a BGSU graduate and golfer defeated current BGSU student-golfer Mitchell Kontak in the finals of the S.P. Jermain Match Play Championship. It was a different story, however, for the Toledo Metro Golf Association Championship.

Kontak turned the tables as he birdied the final two holes at Detwiler to fire a 1-under-par 70 to best Gerken by 2 shots. After shooting even on the front, Kontak holed out for eagle on the par-5 14th in route to his even-par 72 and win over Gerken.

Mike Kennedy shot two-under-par 34 on the front nine Sunday, but faded on the back nine shooting 39 totaling 146 and captured third place. Brian Simmons and Scott Conrad tied for fourth.

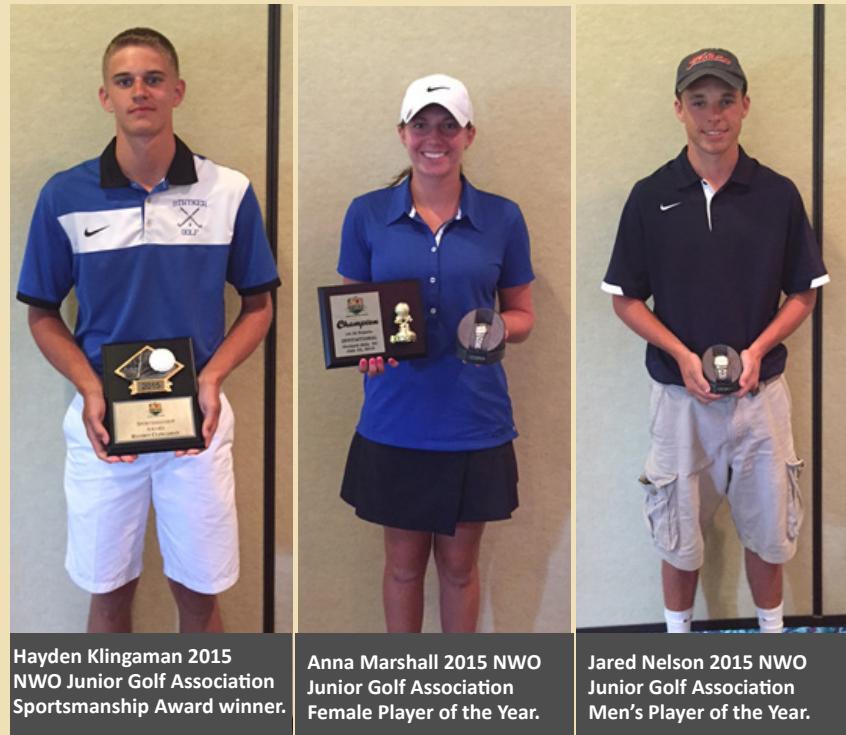
Conrad netted 66 at Detwiler and was tied with Scott Huffman. But, Conrad, with his hot back nine, was able to crush his handicap for the 2nd day in a row as he netted 65 at The Legacy for a two day total of 131, 5 shots better than Kennedy, 6 shots under Huffman and 7 better than Brian Piezer and Chad King.

## NWO Jr Golf League Awards

The NWO Junior Golf League wrapped up its 2015 season on Wednesday, July 22 with the Orchard Hills Invitational. Winners included, Evan Recker, Boys 16-18, Drew Peters, Boys 13-15 and 12-under Boys was won by Spencer Clingaman. Anna Marshall took the honors in the 14-18 Girl's division.

Season ending awards were presented to, Jared Nelson and Anna Marshall for Player of the Year. Hayden Clingaman earned the 2015 Sportsmanship Award by setting a fine example of golf etiquette, class and leadership.

The NWO Junior Golf Association returned this year after a one-year absence and was a rousing success.



Check their website: <http://www.nwojga.com/> for results and sign up information for the 2016 season.

# The Toledo Junior Golf Association

**THE TOLEDO JUNIOR GOLF ASSOCIATION** (TJGA) held the season-ending banquet at Sylvania Country Club on Monday, July 27. University of Toledo Men's Golf Coach, Jamie Broce addressed the honorees and talked about his experiences in golf first as a junior, then a collegiate player at Ball State, a tour professional and now a head coach.

Broce was a stand-out golfer, as well as, student at Ball State and won the Ben Hogan Award in 1999. He finished runner-up in the 2014 PGA National Professional Championship, which earned him a spot in the field for the 2014 PGA Championship at Valhalla.

Five TJGA members won awards at the banquet. Pinya Pipatjarasgit, who won six titles this season, was named the Sharon Keil Player of the Year for the women.

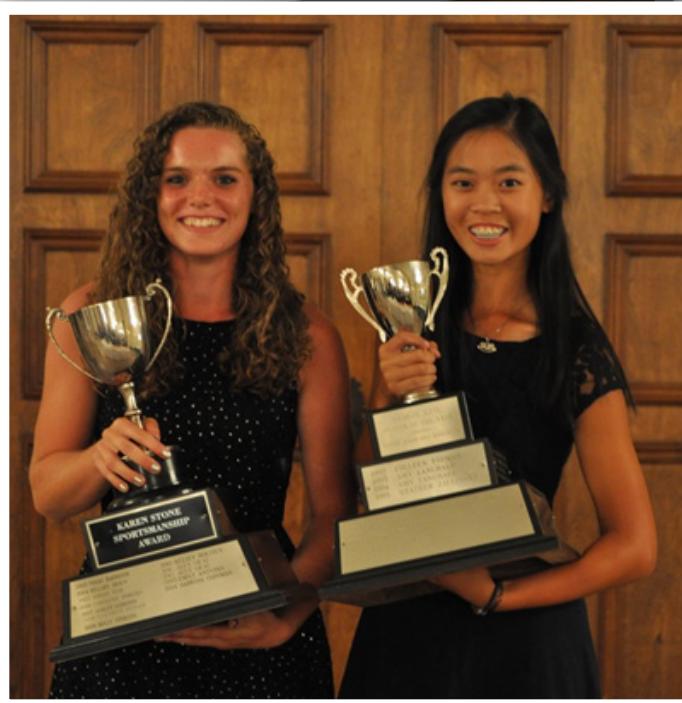
Jack Kunkel won three events this year and was named the winner of the Frank Stranahan Player of the Year.

Sabrina Coffman, who won the Karen Stone Sportswoman of the Year Award in 2014, made it two in a row as she took home the same honor again this year. She also double-dipped by being named the recipient of the 2015 Dr. Ed Jacob Scholarship. She is a member of the St. Ursula golf team that finished high in the Ohio High School Golf Tournament last year.

Ben Kimmet won the Paul Hahn Boys Sportsmanship Award. He attends Sylvania Northview High School and plans on attending college upon graduation in 2016.

Morgan Hazzard from Port Clinton won the 2015 Paul Szymanski Spirit Award. A scholarship is given with this award and Morgan will use it to attend Bellevue College in Nebraska and play on their women's golf team.

TJGA Co-Executive Directors, Karen Stone, who completed her 31st year working with the TJGA, and Jim McGill are to be congratulated on another successful year of junior golf in Toledo.



*Sabrina Coffman Karen Stone & Dr. Ed Jacob Award winner with Pinya Pipatjarasgit Women's Player of the Year*

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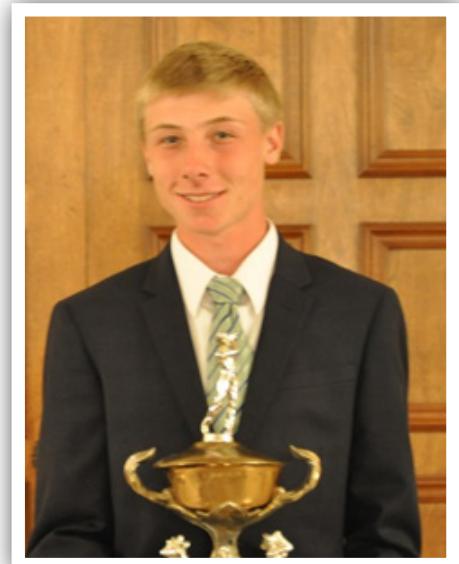
The Toledo Junior Golf Association was established in 1973 as a non-profit organization to give junior golfers an opportunity to gain tournament experience in a competitive playing environment.



**Jack Kunkel**  
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**Morgan Hazzard** won the  
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# Practice Makes Perfect, or Does It?

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**Practice  
doesn't always  
make perfect  
if you're doing  
it WRONG!”**

Frank Sonnenberg

ONCE WHEN GOLFING with our twin grandsons, who were 6 years old at the time and their brother, who was 10, one of the twins gave up playing on the fourth hole. The other brother continued to play the entire 9 holes. When my wife praised him for continuing to play and not quit like his bother.

He looked at her with wonder, and said, *“Well, you have to practice if you want to get good.”*

*That's true to an extent.*

**It's deliberate practice that makes perfect.**

Having drills that train a certain proper swing technique or movement and then practicing to gain a repetitive motion that will repeat under pressure is the correct way to practice.

But it also helps to have the conviction and willingness to stick to the routine and put the time on the range to improve.

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# August Events

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What a DEAL! Contact: **Mike Whalen** at **419-251-1824** or email him at: **Michael.Whalen@mercycollege.edu**.

## ANDREW GULCH MEMORIAL GOLF/HOCKEY OUTING

**Local Golfers** should mark their calendars for the annual Andrew Gulch Memorial Golf Outing to be held August 22nd at Bedford Hills Golf Club. This will be the last Saturday before football season begins and all funds benefit the Muscular Dystrophy Association.

Visit their Facebook Page: [www.facebook.com/AndrewGulchMemorial](http://www.facebook.com/AndrewGulchMemorial)

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## You May Be A Golfaholic if:

You anticipate the New Equipment Issue of Golf Digest with the same eagerness as the annual Sports Illustrated Swimsuit Issue.

Fred Altvater

MARK CROFT

# Golf Skills



**WE BEGAN A JUNIOR GOLF PROGRAM** in our very small rural school district here in Yuma County, Somerton Arizona in 1998. The program outline called for the class to be offered one day a week for 4th and 5th grade students, who were allowed to choose that activity versus other activities such as art and computer science.

Together, with the Physical Education Director, we created a curriculum based on teaching Golf skills and their relationships to Life skills.

We identified Core Skills to align with 18 holes in a round of golf.

Golf teaches values, principles, respect and integrity. It also demonstrates that achievement is the result for doing what is expected every time and that life requires the same attention to detail and principles.

Golf is FUN and it is a sport for life, because it teaches the True Values of Life in a very positive way!

Maybe if golf were an option in more schools across the country and these basic life skills were taught in conjunction with the curriculum, we would see less of the atrocious acts that headline the news every day.

**Integrity:** To act according to a sense of what is right or wrong.

**Initiative:** To do something, of one's own free will, because it needs to be done.

**Flexibility:** To be willing to alter plans when necessary.

**Perseverance:** To keep at it, no matter what the obstacles.

**Organization:** To plan, arrange and implement in an orderly fashion for use when needed.

**Sense of Humor:** To laugh and be playful, without hurting others.

**Honesty:** To be honest and tell the truth no matter the consequences.

**Effort:** To do your best, what comes from effort is based only on what effort you put in.

**Common Sense:** To use good judgment and make good common sense decisions.

**Problem Solving:** To create positive solutions in difficult situations and everyday challenges.

**Responsibility:** To respond when appropriate and be accountable for your actions.

**Patience:** To wait calmly for someone or something.

**Friendship:** To make and keep a friend through mutual trust and respect.

**Curiosity:** To investigate, understand and seek the possibilities of your world.

**Cooperation:** To work together with others to achieve a common goal or good.

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The resort offers five courses that will satisfy even the most discerning golf aficionado. The Masterpiece is a Robert Trent Jones design which used the natural valleys and ravines to carve out its classic routing. The signature 6th hole features a 120' vertical drop from the tee and a panoramic view of the Pigeon River Valley.

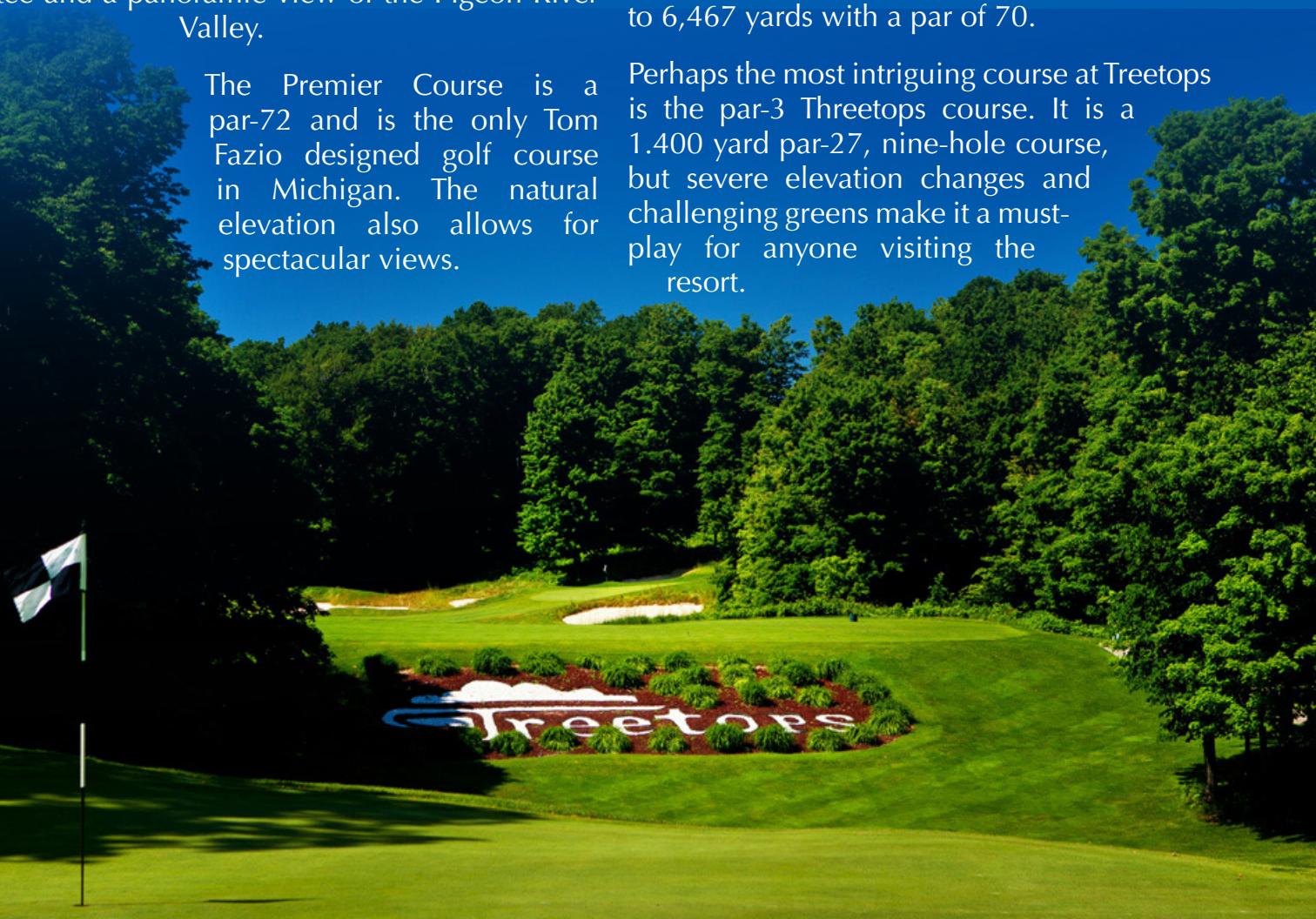
The Premier Course is a par-72 and is the only Tom Fazio designed golf course in Michigan. The natural elevation also allows for spectacular views.

It can be stretched to 6,800 yards, but is probably best played from the Blue tees at 6,287 or the Whites at 5,857. The Ladies can also have an enjoyable day on the links from the Red tees at 5,039.

The Signature Course is a 6,653 yard par-70, designed by Rick Smith and opened for play in 1993. It is more of an upland course offering wide fairways and undulating greens.

The Tradition pays homage to the great links courses in Scotland with traditional wooden pins and pennant flags. It was also designed by Rick Smith, opened for play in 1997 and plays to 6,467 yards with a par of 70.

Perhaps the most intriguing course at Treetops is the par-3 Threetops course. It is a 1.400 yard par-27, nine-hole course, but severe elevation changes and challenging greens make it a must-play for anyone visiting the resort.





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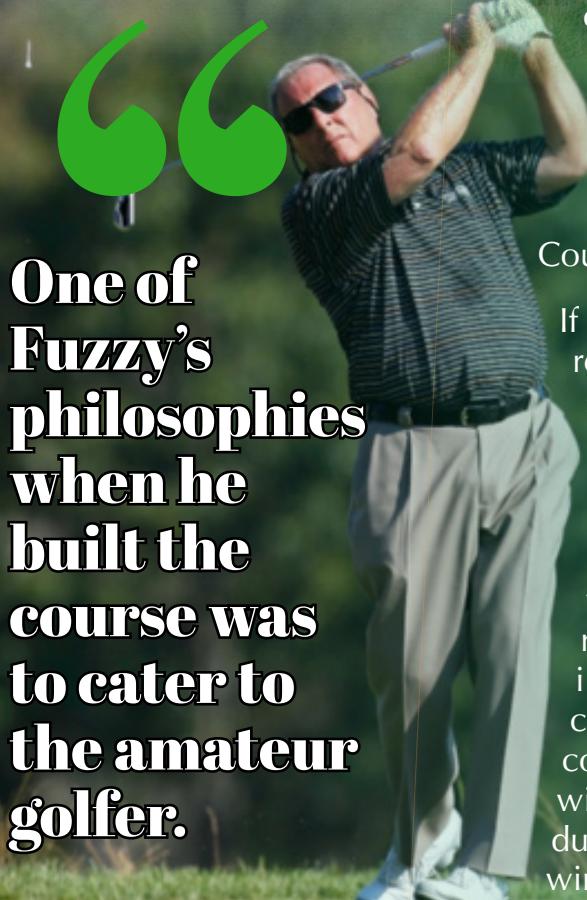
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# Covered Bridge Golf Course: It's Back Home In Indiana



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**WHEN YOU** Mix the game of golf, a historic Indiana landmark, and southern Indiana's most beloved golfer, you get **Frank Urban Zoeller** or Fuzzy's Covered Bridge Golf Course.

If you do some historical research about life in southern Indiana, you'll learn the significance of covered bridges in the daily life of those that lived in this 'neck of the woods.' With so many rivers, streams, and creeks in southern Indiana, the covered bridge enabled communities to connect with one another, especially during tough times in the winter.

So, it's only appropriate for Fuzzy Zoeller, born and raised in this part of the world, to name his golf course after such a historic symbol of Hoosier life. Zoeller lives near Covered Bridge and honors his roots with a golf course named after this unique landmark.

Covered Bridge has evolved into one of the favorite layouts in the Hoosier state. It's as popular and talked about as other great Indiana courses such as; Brickyard Crossing, Otter Creek, The Fort, and the two world-class golf destinations in nearby French Lick, The Donald Ross Course and The Pete Dye Course. One of Fuzzy's philosophies when he built the course was to cater to the amateur golfer.



His goal was not to build a course that would challenge the best players in the world, but to entertain and delight average golfers.

At Covered Bridge, Fuzzy designed his course to fit all golfers, young and old, male and female, pro and amateur so each hole offers a choice of five separate tees matching the course to the ability of any player.

The practice facilities at Covered Bridge deserve a special mention. They are championship-caliber and there can be no excuse for not being ready when you step onto the first tee.

As you would expect, an actual covered bridge sits on the course and is used by golfers who must cross a stream to go from the 2nd green to the 3rd tee and again to make the transition from the 5th green to the 6th tee.

How did the handle Fuzzy come about for southern Indiana's favorite golfer? His nick-name derives from an expanded version of the initials of his full name, Frank Urban Zoeller.

**The next time you head to southern Indiana, make it a point to stop by, maybe even see Fuzzy and play his Covered Bridge Golf Course.**



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# VIDEOS

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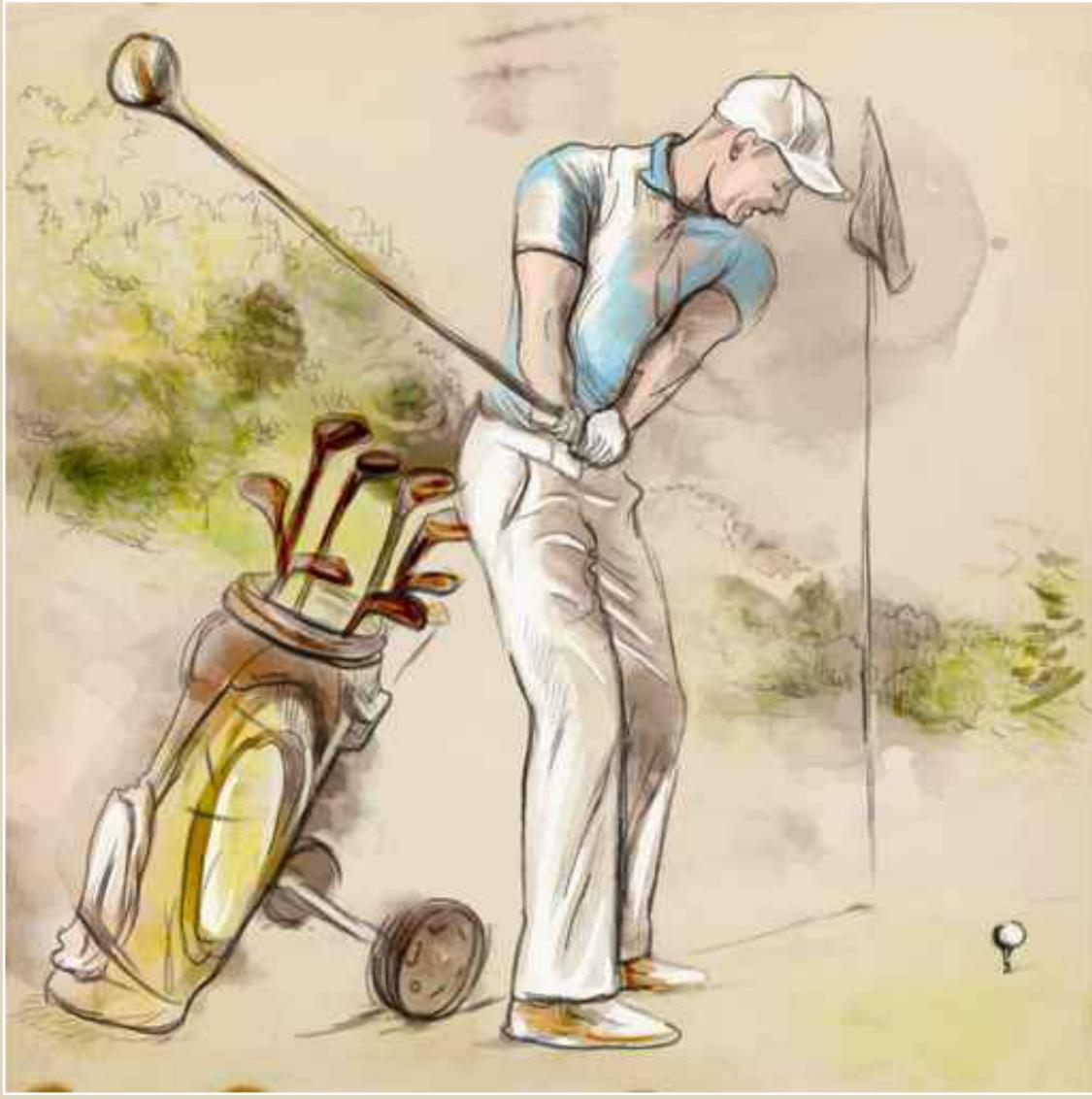
**Watch now!**

## The Best 3-putt ever

Our second favorite video this month comes from Pinehurst Resort's Kelly Mitchum.

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