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November brings cooler temperatures and the threat of winter in the north. The clubs get stashed in the garage and Golf in the upper Midwest gives way to snowmobiles, sleds, snowboards and skis.

Golfaholics start thinking about trips to warmer climes. Florida, Arizona, and the Carolinas normally top most lists, but in this issue we mention a few alternatives to those popular destinations.

November also leads into the Holiday Season and we have some Christmas gift ideas for your favorite Golfaholic.

NWO Golf Links wants to congratulate all high school and collegiate golfers, who just completed their 2015 golf season. We highlight the accomplishments of our local high school golfers in the OHSAA State Tournaments.

We strive to bring a variety of golf information and features to golfers and I feel we have succeeded again this month. With articles on The First Tee, Travel, Equipment, as well as, Bryan Renius' humorous piece on the "Cart Girl Boogie," we have a little of everything golf.

If you haven't seen it already, be sure to click on the link on our videos page to the Jason Day Story. It is truly inspirational and is a must-watch for every Golfaholic.

I'll see you on the "Back 9."

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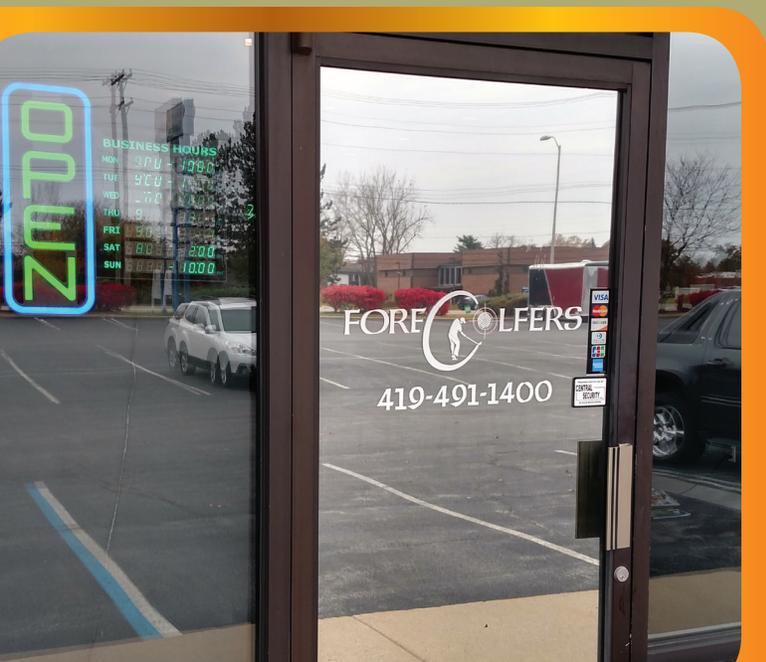
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FORE GOLFERS BRINGS GOLF INDOORS

Toledo has seen a significant increase in the number of indoor golf simulators over the past several years. Fore Golfers Indoor Golf Center on Airport Highway originally opened its doors in November of 2013, with four About Golf virtual simulators and area golfers flocked to the facility. Three more simulators were added in 2014 to bring the total to seven simulators to accommodate local Golfaholics, who don't want to let a little snow and cold stymie their weekly golf game.



The owner of Fore Golfers, Justin Rist played football and wrestled for the Rossford Bulldogs and considered golf a game for old men. When his athletic career ended after high school, his buddies drug him to a golf course and, like the rest of us, he was hooked.

He has become such an avid golf fan that now with young children of his own, he said,

"I can't wait to teach golf to my children."

He became so enthralled with the game that he began looking for ways to become more involved with it. In 2008, Rist happened to visit the golf simulators at Tamaron Country Club. He immediately saw the potential of offering indoor golf in cold, snowy northwestern Ohio and began researching what it would take to begin his own indoor golf business.

Most of the simulators in use back then were part of a golf course, used mainly as a training aid for golf instructors, or as an adult toy in a wealthy person's man-cave. The question remained, Would the everyday golfer pay to hit their golf ball into a screen?

After five years of study and learning everything there was to know about golf simulators, he took the leap and opened Fore Golfers Indoor Golf Center. At the time there were very few stand-alone indoor golf facilities functioning as a viable business. It was unknown if an indoor golf center could generate enough revenue to service the debt, cover the electric bill and still provide a profit. With an entrepreneurial spirit and a love for the game of golf, Rist took a chance.

In his first season over the winter of 2013-2014, Rist saw a steady growth as area golfers became aware

of the new facility and how much fun could be had, playing golf with your regular foursome in the virtual world. It didn't hurt that the weather was bitterly cold and the Toledo area witnessed record snowfall that winter.

After digging out the driveway for the umpteenth time, with icicles clinging to your eyelids, hitting some golf balls, while downing a few cold brews with your buddies, on a palm-tree-lined-virtual-fairway looked pretty good to area golfers.

About Golf virtual simulators are considered some of the finest produced and their corporate office is located right here in Maumee. Their simulators are shipped around the world and are even used by the Golf Channel.

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to fly to Pebble Beach and pay \$500 to play that iconic course. Just dial it up on the About Golf simulator and play away. Other familiar courses available are; TPC Sawgrass, Harbour Town, Pine Needles and the Ocean Course on Kiawah Island.

The options aren't just limited to the United States either. Both the Old Course and New Course can be played at St. Andrews, home of the Open Championship, as well as, other European venues.

Last year saw a boom in the number of golf leagues and competitions at Fore Golfers. Most leagues are set for the 2015-2016 season, but weekly skin games and other tournaments will be available all season long.

One of the promotions that Fore Golfers has for this year is a Closet-to-the-Pin Contest. All golfers can pay a fee for a shot at winning a Harley Davidson Sportster. Rist has the Harley parked for everyone to view in the Fore Golfers facility.

Contestants purchase a shot on Pete and Alice Dye's famed No. 17 "Island Green,"

at TPC Sawgrass' Stadium Course. Every Golfaholic has watched as the best golfers in the world make that dreaded walk from the 16th green around the water, to the 17th tee at TPC Sawgrass. They are forced to find that little sliver of green over 150 yards of water or suffer the consequences of a watery grave and penalty strokes.

The Fore Golfers Closest-to-the-Pin Contest will end April 15, 2016. If more than one participant makes a hole-in-one, each will be invited to a playoff. The closet shot to the pin will win the playoff and the Harley.

In addition to enjoying a round of golf in a warm comfortable setting, the golf simulators can be used to better understand your own game. Rather than playing one of the courses, a player can choose from a variety of driving ranges and practice every club in the bag.

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Fore Golfers Indoor Golf Center also offers a complete line of everyone's favorite beer. Every golfer knows that a cold beer soothes

the nerves after an ugly three-putt or slice into the rough.

The congenial feeling inside Fore Golfers also adds to the experience. Couples can enjoy a round on the Auld Course, before heading out for dinner, or hard-core golfers can compete and have a small wager, just like they would in their weekly game.

Golfers used to dread cold and blowing snow, but now with Fore Golfers, the golf season can be extended and weekly visits with your favorite foursome can continue until the spring thaw.



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THE FIRST TEE OF LAKE ERIE BRINGS GOLF TO JUNIORS

Adam Reny was elected Executive Director of the First Tee of Lake Erie in September. Reny attended the Ohio State University on an Evans Scholarship and spent 13 years at Inverness Country Club in various capacities. His role is to expand the local chapter and introduce golf and the nine core values of The First Tee to as many young people as possible in Northwest Ohio and Southeast Michigan.

For the last two years, The First Tee of Lake Erie has hosted a clinic for local junior golfers. Two-time major champion, Jordan Speith was the featured guest in 2014 and 2011 U.S. Senior Open Champion, Olin Browne attended the clinic this year.

Its stated mission is to impact the lives of young people by providing learning facilities and educational programs that promote character de-

velopment and life-enhancing values through the game of golf.

Through its curriculum programs, local golf instructors touch over 7,500 students, in more than 30 area schools, every year.

The First Tee of Lake Erie also provides training for local YMCA's and holds a summer camp for both boys and girls.

They have been helped immensely by local donations, especially a grant from The Andersons, that helps provide SNAG, golf training equipment to every school's physical education department, when they become a First Tee of Lake Erie member school.

The First Tee of Lake Erie also has some very aggressive plans to reach more children and train them to become caddies, as well as, teaching other life skills.



If you would like to learn more about the First Tee of Lake Erie, contribute unused golf equipment, or make a donation, contact Adam Reny at: 419-376-5945, email: adam.reny@thefirstteelakeerie.org, or visit The First Tee of Lake Erie online.

THE CART GIRL BOOGIE

BY: *BRYAN RENIUS*



SHE LAUGHS AND EMPLOYS THE SKILLFUL TONGUE OF A POLITICIAN DURING A PRESIDENTIAL DEBATE.

The Cart Girl is approaching! Your group can see her from several holes away making the rounds. That one guy, you know who I mean, that guy in every foursome, immediately sucks in his gut, puts on his best smile and slicks back his hair.

Every golfer has seen this phenomenon. Hopefully it doesn't hit too close to home, but it can be witnessed in some variation at every golf course. Here is an example of a recent interaction that I happened to witness. I will try to describe the scene without too much offense, although I

was laughing like a hyena as I wrote this piece.

"How are you doing sweetheart?" I hear, as I roll my eyes and put my club back in my bag. The answer does not matter, the 'Cart Girl Boogie' has begun and it is quite comical.

The conversation emanating from this 40-something, who thinks he is suave and debonair, chatting up this attractive young lady in her 20's, can be likened to listening to nails on a chalkboard. This guy actually thinks his manly charms will work on this girl, young

enough to be his daughter, or even granddaughter.

Coy compliments flow from his mouth like water over Niagara Falls. She patiently listens, as she attempts to do her job, smiling the entire time in order to extract a sizable tip. She holds the upper hand in this exchange and she knows it. He is persistent, however, clinging to the slightest hope of success. It is a game of cat and mouse, although the roles, in actuality, are reversed, unbeknownst to, and I use this term loosely, the gentleman.



As the interaction progresses, it is obvious the cart girl is a master at defensive tactics. She shoots down his unwanted advances using simple facial expressions. She laughs and employs the skillful tongue of a politician during a presidential debate.

Her actions do not deter the image the wannabe lover boy has of them living happily ever after. He prances and primps, like Satan enticing Eve to take a bite from the apple. She stands her ground and with one last smile, climbs into her cart. With a wave and a nod, tip safely in hand, she is gone heading bravely to the next battle.

After her departure, it is time for the most ludicrous, yet hilarious, part of the entire exchange. He turns to his buddies, as they collectively roll their eyes and utters,

“I think she wants me.”

Nearly choking on my newly acquired cold beer and wracked with the pain of the frothy liquid exiting my nostrils, I reply,

“We will see when she comes back,” while mentally thinking, What an IDIOT!

Three holes later ‘The Dance’ starts all over again.

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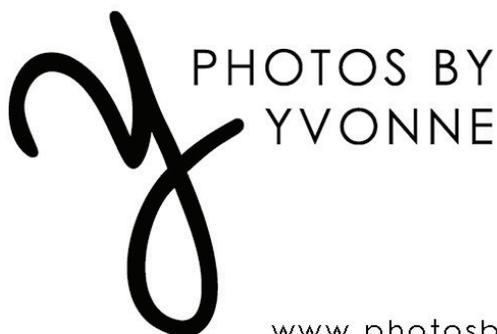
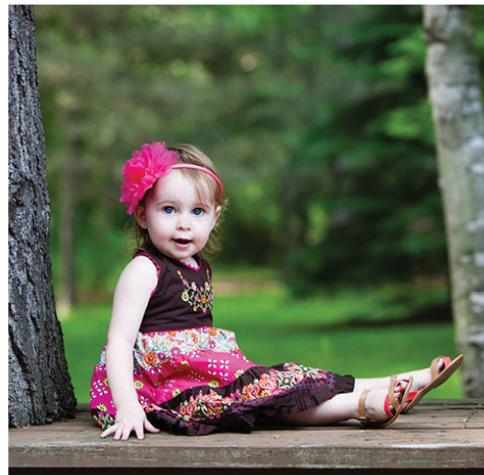
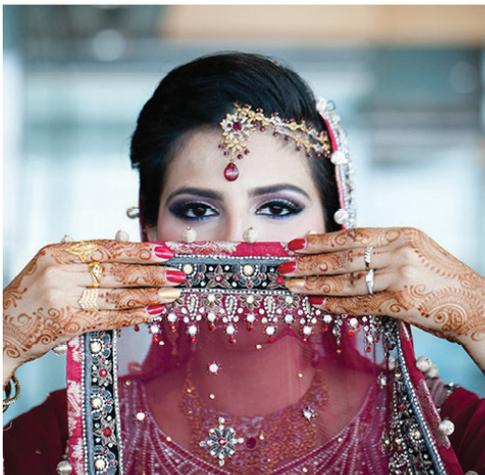
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GET INVOLVED WITH MOMMY GOLF & GOLF IS FOR EVERYONE

By: **Mark Croft**

Brad Patterson and I are both PGA teaching professionals, and along with David Rallis, have started two Facebook pages to promote the game of golf to Mothers and Families.

'Mommy Golf' opens a line of communication with mother's around the world, introducing, promoting, and welcoming them and their children to the game of golf. 'Golf is For Everyone' shares the concept that golf should not be limited to just the privileged or elite, but needs to reach out to every ethnicity, age group and economic class.

Patterson is a two-time Teacher of the Year in the Central New York PGA section. I have taught golf in Yuma, Arizona for over 25 years. We have both witnessed the positive effects golf can have on building confidence in women and children. Rallis is a golf travel writer, who believes the world would be a much better place if everyone became involved with golf.

The positive values that golf teaches children in their formative years can be used to make them better citizens and adults. 'Mommy Golf'

also shares the important values of family and the meaningful relationships that can be created and nurtured through the game, as well as, valuable family time spent on the course.

'Mommy Golf' and 'Golf is for Everyone' have reached thousands of people worldwide. Since their initiation, interest in golf has increased in local communities, as well as, around the world.

Both Facebook Groups are working with other PGA and LPGA members to bring golf into school curriculums, as well as, focusing on other parent/ child opportunities.

Give "Mommy Golf" and "Golf is For Everyone" a LIKE on Facebook. Help make our children and our families stronger through the tenets of Golf. Check with Brad Patterson, Mark Croft or David Rallis to see what you can do to bring golf to your local community.

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Maple Hill Golf Club has been a family owned business since 1978 and is one of the largest golf retailers in the Midwest. They originally started the Toledo Golf Show in downtown Toledo and have continued to be a major equipment supporter, since Richard and Andrew Brown assumed management of the annual golf show.

They have an executive golf course as well as, a virtual golf simulator for winter use at their Grandville, Michigan location. Golfers can demo the latest drivers, irons, wedges and putters before they buy them.

But they are much more than just a local retail shop, through their online website: <http://maplehillgc.com/shop/>, they are a major golf supply retailer for golfers everywhere.

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Caroline Powers found success early, on the Bowling Green High School Women's Golf Team and in Toledo Junior Golf Association events. She was one of the most decorated golfers to ever graduate from Michigan State University and has played two full seasons on the Symetra Tour. She recently qualified for the final stage of the LPGA Q-School to be held December 2-5 at LPGA International Golf Club in Daytona Beach, Florida.

She talked with Back 9 Report and here is a brief synopsis of that interview.

“What is the biggest thing you have learned in two years as a touring golf professional?”

Powers shared that after her rookie season last year, she felt that she had learned valuable lessons and was prepared to have a monster year in 2015. But the biggest lesson she learned is that playing professional golf is a continuous learning process. She also hired her brother, John to caddy for her this year, which required an adjustment

period. She told us that having him on her bag has been extremely helpful, but there was a learning curve for both of them early in the year.

Powers finished 2014 at No. 37 on the Symetra Tour with a 72.7 stroke average. This season she ended the year at No. 86 on the money list, with a scoring average 74.1, nearly 1.5 strokes higher.

“Obviously 2015 wasn't



your best statistically and you struggled throughout the year, have you analyzed what needs to improve?"

Powers said, "I had driver issues for most of the year; it's difficult to post good scores when you lose one or two balls each round out of bounds. That lack of confidence with the long game seeped over into the rest of my game."

Another valuable lesson she learned was that a short-term memory is mandatory, because each week starts anew, with new opportunities for success. A positive mindset is just as important as making a five-foot putt.

Caroline was relieved when the 2015 Symetra Tour season ended but realized that she

had learned more, was playing better than her scores indicated and accepted a positive, as well as, relaxed mindset for Q-School.

She played well in the second stage of LPGA qualifying, finished tied for 45th and earned a spot in the Final Stage of Q-School at the beginning of December.

"After playing in a few events on the LPGA Tour, what is the difference between the competition on the LPGA Tour versus the Symetra Tour?"

Powers stated that the fields on both the Symetra and LPGA Tours are filled with great young women golfers. The main difference being that LPGA Tour players make fewer mistakes, but when they do, they have the shots to get back in play and avoid a disastrous score on that one hole.

She feels the Symetra Tour has been a wonderful training ground for her to learn how to compete, travel and understand the demands of professional golf. She is ready to accept the next challenge on the big tour.

There seems to be a depth of very young women finding their way to the LPGA and Symetra Tours every year. The sister of LPGA Tour winner, Jessica Korda, 17-year-old Nelly, won the second stage of Q-School and now must decide, whether to attend college or play the Symetra Tour next year. She will not

turn 18 years old until July and cannot play full-time on the LPGA Tour until then.

We asked Caroline for her opinion; *"As someone who finished college and has been a touring pro for two years, what advice would you give Nelly Korda?"*

"I am 100% in favor of every golfer attending college for at least one or two years. It was such a wonderful experience for me, being a member of a team and making great friendships. College allows a young player to have time to grow and learn, without the pressures of earning a paycheck each week."

Powers is just one of a long line of Golf Professionals in her family. Her mother and uncle, as well as, several cousins are teaching professionals. One of her cousins, Nick Myers is the Head Professional at Highland Meadows, the home of the LPGA's Marathon Classic. In addition, her father was the Head Coach of the BGSU Hockey Team for many years. Another cousin preceded her as a member of the LPGA Tour and is now the Head Coach of the University of Florida Women's Golf Team.

She says it is a huge plus to have a great support system in place at home, plus her Uncle David, and cousin, Emily Bastel-Glaser, have been huge sources of information for life as a touring professional.

You can follow Caroline Powers at her website, on Facebook or on Twitter.

2016 LPGA SCHEDULE BENEFITS



The LPGA Tour released its tentative schedule for 2016 and there are some interesting changes for Toledo golf fans. The Rio de Janeiro Olympics to be held August 17-20 have forced the tour to fit that additional event into the middle of the golf season. Plus the International Crown will pit the top eight golf countries of the world in a round-robin, match-play format, July 21-24 outside of Chicago.

These two events have had a huge effect on our local LPGA Tour tournament. The 2016 Marathon Classic, scheduled for July 14-17, the week immediately prior to the International Crown, will be the last full-field event before the Olympics. It will also be the last chance for the ladies to qualify for the Asian Swing, which are all limited-field events leading up to the season-ending Race to the CME Globe.

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The best women golfers will have a tight schedule in July and August. After the Marathon Classic in Toledo, they will head to Chicago

for the International Crown and then fly across the Atlantic for the Ricoh Women's British Open at Woburn outside of London, England.

In addition to the Marathon Classic, local golf fans can see the LPGA Tour at the new LPGA Volvik Championship, May 26-29 in Ann Arbor and the Meijer Classic at Blythefield Country Club in Grand Rapids, Michigan, June 16-19.



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Golf course designer Rees Jones 'got it right' when he designed The Oconee, one of six golf courses at Reynolds Plantation, located 80 miles east of Atlanta.

"The classic golf course that we designed fits the land perfectly," says Jones. "The topography is such that the green sites are natural and the finishing holes on both nines are spectacular." When The Oconee first opened in January

of 2003, Golf Digest named it as one of the "Best New Upscale Courses." Since then, The Oconee has remained in the "Top 100 Resort Courses" by Golfweek.

In a nutshell, Oconee will create an indelible memory for anybody who plays it. The attention to detail is what sets it apart from other resort golf courses. Jones did a wonderful job of incorporating the natural woodlands, rock-strewn brooks, central Georgia's natural rolling terrain, and the breathtaking views of Lake Oconee. At The Oconee, there are no homes along the fairways and only two fairways (the 1st and the 10th) are remotely close to one another. When playing The Oconee, you have 18 distinct golf experiences, which adds to this course's overall appeal and attraction.

The Oconee has five sets of tees, marked simply, 'one,' 'two,' 'three,' 'four,' and 'five.' The distance from the tips, 'one,' is a shade over 7,000 yards, while the distance from the



'five' tee is under 5,200 yards. For the avid/competitive player, the scorecard suggests a mixture of the 'two' and 'three' tees, which is referred to as the 'tournament' distance.

The final attributes of The Oconee experience are its customer service and convenience. The Reynolds Golf Academy, featuring the personal instruction of highly acclaimed, Charlie King, one of Golf Digest's "50 Best Teachers," is based at The Oconee. If you feel that you need new clubs, a swing analysis, and personalized

club-fitting, it can be done at The TaylorMade Kingdom. The Ritz-Carlton Lodge, Reynolds Plantation is so close to The Oconee that it's more accessible with a short golf cart ride than driving your car.

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The calendar has turned to November and Thanksgiving is looming, which means Christmas is not too far behind. Santa Claus is checking his list and loading up his Sleigh with goodies for Golfaholics everywhere.

If you need a little help finding just the right gift for your favorite golfer here are a few ideas that will please every good little golfer.

Sunice:

The Sunice 2016 Rain Wear will once again be available in Gore-Tex, FlexVent and Zephal technologies. The Sunice Berlin Waterproof Stretch Short Sleeve Pullover has three new color combinations that can be viewed at: www.sunice.com.



Antigua:

Antigua has brought current runway fashion trends to functional ready-to-wear golf apparel. Bright electric colors from previous years have given way to up-to-date and simplistic color combinations.

Color direction in the sportswear market has been stagnant, Antigua took their cue from high fashion and created a new version of trendy golf fashion colors. View their complete line at: www.shop.antigua.com

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Srixon Z 355 Driver Review

MATT SATERNUS

Over the past ten years, the major golf club manufacturers have produced a steady stream of lighter drivers, claiming that light weight is the key to more speed and distance. What if they had it backward?

The new Z 355 driver from Srixon refutes that theory. The “Action Mass” technology pairs a heavier head with a counter-balanced shaft and promises more consistency, distance, and forgiveness.

The new Srixon Z 355 driver is billed as a game improvement driver, but the look also appeals to better players. The face is deep and the footprint is large, round, and symmetrical,

plus the gloss black crown is free of alignment aids, a rarity in a game improvement driver.

What I particularly like about the Srixon Z 355 is that it sets up beautifully. In a neutral position, it looks perfectly square. The Z 355 does offer adjustability; you can get the exact look you prefer – up to 2 degrees open or closed. When you pick up the Srixon Z 355 the “Action Mass” is immediately noticeable. It is very head-heavy, for players who prefer a higher swing weight.

At impact, the Z 355 creates a high pitched, medium volume sound that gives excellent feedback on the quality of the strike. Combined



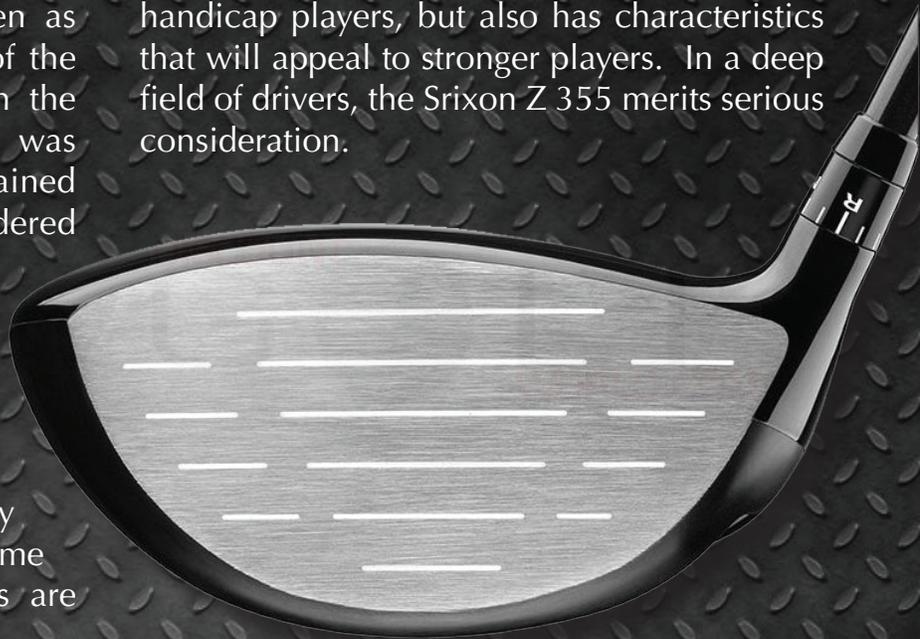
with good feedback through the hands, players will be able to tell exactly how well they struck the ball in spite of the excellent forgiveness.

Based on launch monitor testing, I find it hard to argue with Srixon's premise that a heavier head promotes more forgiveness. Even as I worked to adjust to the unique feel of the Z 355 driver, my ball speed stayed in the expected range. Even more impressive, was that the launch and spin numbers remained consistent, even as my strikes wandered around the face.

On the range, the Z 355 produced high launching shots with strong, flat trajectories and the consistency was impressive. It's also worth noting that the center of gravity on this club is fairly neutral which is a real surprise in a game improvement club. Many new drivers are

heavily draw-biased, but this club allows you to swing away without fear of a snap hook.

What Srixon lacks in hype, they more than make up with performance. The Srixon Z 355 driver is a very forgiving driver that will help higher handicap players, but also has characteristics that will appeal to stronger players. In a deep field of drivers, the Srixon Z 355 merits serious consideration.



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BUILD CONFIDENCE, MAKE MORE PUTTS

SANDY EARL

If you consider that putting accounts for nearly half of your score, it would seem that added attention and focus be given to improving your short game.

Sometimes the biggest obstacle to successful putting has to do with “thinking” that you won’t make it. If you made a conscious decision over each putt to fully expect it to go in, you just might gain the confidence to allow it to happen.

Putting is more about “feel” than any other shot. If you look at the great putters in history, they had different styles, mechanics, and dispositions, but the one common element among all of them, was confidence.

Confidence: is a mental characteristic developed by physical performance and can increase or decrease according to how well you play.

Here are a few simple steps to help you become a more confident putter.

Step 1

Identify your limiting belief relating to your putting game.

Example: “Putting is the weakest part of my golf game.”

Step 2

Replace that negative thought a positive confidence-boosting belief.

Example: “I am consistently a strong putter.”

Step 3

Apply your new belief to your actual game.

Example: Now that you have restated your belief into a phrase that feels good for you, start using it on the course, whenever you hear the negative belief entering your consciousness.

A golf pro friend of mine thinks that every putt he attempts will find the bottom of the cup. He even believes that before he reaches the green. Does it always go in? No, generally not, but with continued practice, and greater focus, your new confident attitude and affirmation, might just eliminate those pesky 3-putt greens, and allow you to even drop a few five-footers, to lower your score.



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What a Jerk!

“Where did this guy learn his Golf etiquette?”

RICHARD TODD



Each of us should become stewards of the game for future generations.

Have you ever said something like that after watching someone acting inappropriately on the golf course? The unfortunate answer to this question is, Yes.

Nearly all golfers learn how to act on the course by watching other people, even family or friends. The problem is they learned that inappropriate behavior from someone else, who learned from somebody else, and so on and so on. The kicker is, none of these ‘teachers’ had any formal training or education, thus they spread bits and pieces of fact, fiction, and interpretation throughout the golfing community.

I’ve been in this situation myself, most of my golfing manners derive from my father, who despite being retired, still throws clubs and swears at the ball for the wrongs it’s done. I’ve also had embarrassing moments happen because I didn’t know the best way to conduct myself. And there’s no worse feeling than being called a poor sport or cheat, on the course in front of others.

So what did I do? I took my embarrassment and created a humorous book that explains the proper way to behave on the course.

Do you think there are only a few areas to make

mistakes? Do you feel there aren’t a lot of etiquette rules? Nearly 250 points of behavior are covered in, *The Golf Rules-Etiquette*. It follows a municipal golfer, who needs to ‘up his game’ and wins a round at an elite country club.

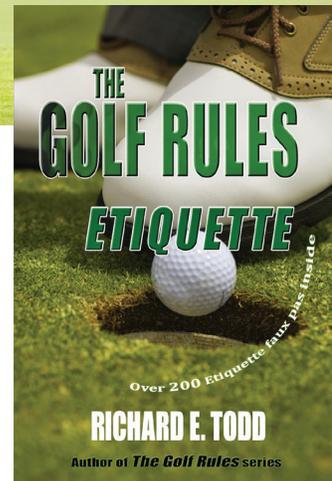
Rather than perpetuate the continuing bad behavior of some golfers, take the time to politely educate yourself on the proper way to handle situations.

Each of us should become stewards of the game for future generations. If you see a situation and do not address it for the betterment of golf, then no one will improve. Inappropriate behavior will continue and other golfers will in turn be affected.

The ripples a ball makes when it’s hit into a water hazard, cause the circles to expand. It’s only a one-stroke penalty, but the ripples continue long after you hit your next shot.

Be a steward of this historic game we play. Execute proper behavior on and around the course and teach those you meet. Otherwise, we may all end up wondering,

“Where did this guy learn his Golf etiquette?”



LOCAL HIGH SCHOOL GOLFERS PERFORM WELL AT STATE TOURNAMENTS



Ottawa Hills Men's Golf Team coached by Jim McGill, once again qualified for the OHSAA Division III State Golf Tournament held on the Scarlet Course at the Ohio State University. The Green Bears posted a team total of 669 for the two-day state tournament and finished in third place. Mark Denner shot 76-79=155 to finish tied for third in the state tourney.

Two other northwest Ohio teams played well in Columbus. Van Buren finished fourth and Arlington fifth. Playing as an individual, Hunter Foltz from Van Buren finished T-8 in the state with two rounds of 82-78.

Jack Kunkel led Sylvania Northview Men's Team to a ninth place finish in Division I at the State Tournament, with two rounds of 77-88.

Tommy Sullinger from St. Johns Jesuit qualified as an individual and after a first round 76 that put him among the leaders, posted a second-round 83 and finished tied for ninth.



In the Girl's Division II Milan Edison, Bellevue and Huron grabbed the first three spots in the northwest sectional qualifier. Milan finished third in the state tournament, Huron was seventh and Bellevue finished 11th in Columbus.

Toledo St. Ursula Academy Women's Golf Team once again earned a trip to the Gray Course at OSU for the OHSAA Girl's Division I State Golf Tournament.

The Arrows posted a two-day total of 641 to finish fourth in the state tournament for the second consecutive year. Lizzie Win posted 77-76 to finish ninth individually. Lily Rinker shot 79-77 to capture a tie for 18th.

Also in individual play, Ashley Knight from Sylvania Northview carded 75-81 to also finish T-18. .

Congrats to all area high school golfers for a great season.

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Winter Golf Travel

As the air turns cooler and the leaves begin to pile up, Northwest Ohio and Southeast Michigan Golfers start to think about finding warmer climes to break up the winter blahs and hit some golf balls. Here are three travel suggestions that offer a variety of activities to please Golfaholics and non-golfers alike.

Lake Charles, Louisiana

Area golfers are probably not familiar with Lake Charles, Louisiana, as a golf destination, but believe me it is perfect for a winter getaway. Two large casinos, The L'Auberge and the Golden Nugget provide first-class accommodations and Las Vegas-like entertainment and excitement.

Each casino has its own championship golf course, immaculately manicured to please even the most demanding golfer. Several other golf courses in the immediate area will satisfy avid golfers, as well.

A multitude of dining choices between the two casinos, provide every guest with an impossible task of

choosing where to dine, let me recommend just two. The Ember Grille in the L'Auberge is guaranteed to prepare one of the finest steaks that will ever tickle your taste buds. Try the 40-ounce Tomahawk Bone-in Rib-eye if you dare.

The Country Club Restaurant at the Golden Nugget offers views of the golf course, plus provides cuisine with a Cajun flair. Seafood gumbo and Sea Bass are just two menu selections that will satisfy any palate.

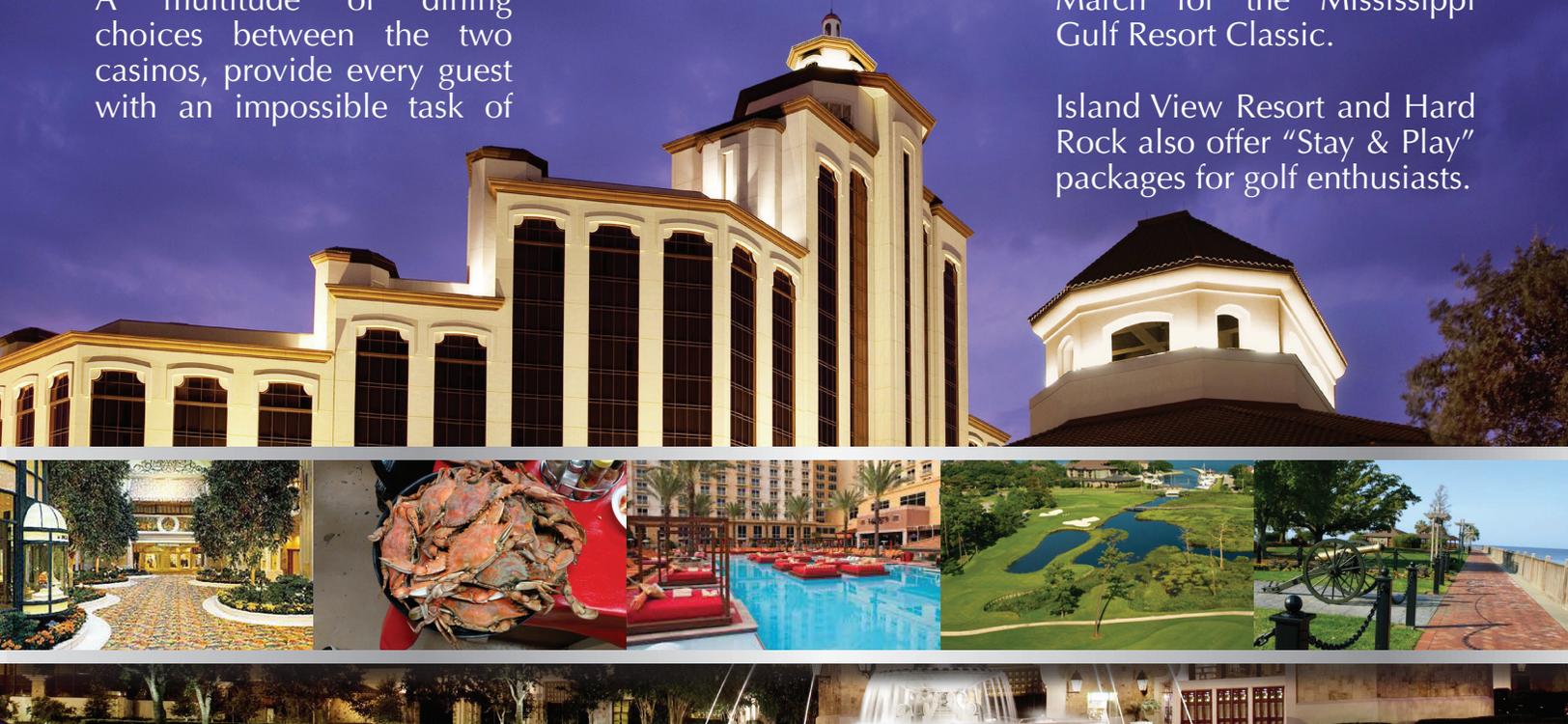
Mississippi Gulf Coast

Gulfport and Biloxi, Mississippi have too many resorts and golf courses to

mention them all. Three of the best are Island View Resort in Gulfport, plus the Beau Rivage and Hard Rock in Biloxi. All three are on the beach and offer panoramic views of the Gulf of Mexico.

Each has "Stay & Play" packages at several of the area's finest golf courses. In addition to gambling, the spa, a complete salon, as well as, various shopping opportunities will please non-golfers. Guests at the Beau Rivage also have playing privileges at one of the area's premier courses, Fallen Oak Golf Club. The Champions Tour visits Fallen Oak every March for the Mississippi Gulf Resort Classic.

Island View Resort and Hard Rock also offer "Stay & Play" packages for golf enthusiasts.



Being along the Gulf, fresh seafood dominates the menus and several restaurants in the immediate area will assure that you do not starve during your winter sabbatical.

Southern Alabama

Like Louisiana and Mississippi, southern Alabama has great beaches, seafood and fantastic golf.

Gulf Shores is one of the premier beaches in all of the country and the area offers a variety of shopping and dining opportunities.

For Golfers, the Robert Trent Jones Golf Trail has two locations in the area that provide excellent "Stay & Play"

options. The Lakewood Golf Club near Point Clear, on the eastern shore of Mobile Bay, has been completely renovated and offers 36 holes of championship golf. The classic Grand Hotel Marriott Resort has a unique history and guests can stroll on the boardwalk or soak in the sun on the white sandy beach.

Visitors to the area can also stay in the historic Battle House in downtown Mobile and play at Magnolia Grove, which has two 18-hole championship golf courses, plus a wonderful par-3 course.

For something a little different golfers can check out the

Stewart Lodges at Steelwood, which features play on the Jerry Pate designed, Steelwood Country Club, or experience Rock Creek Golf Club's 36 holes of challenging and well maintained golf.

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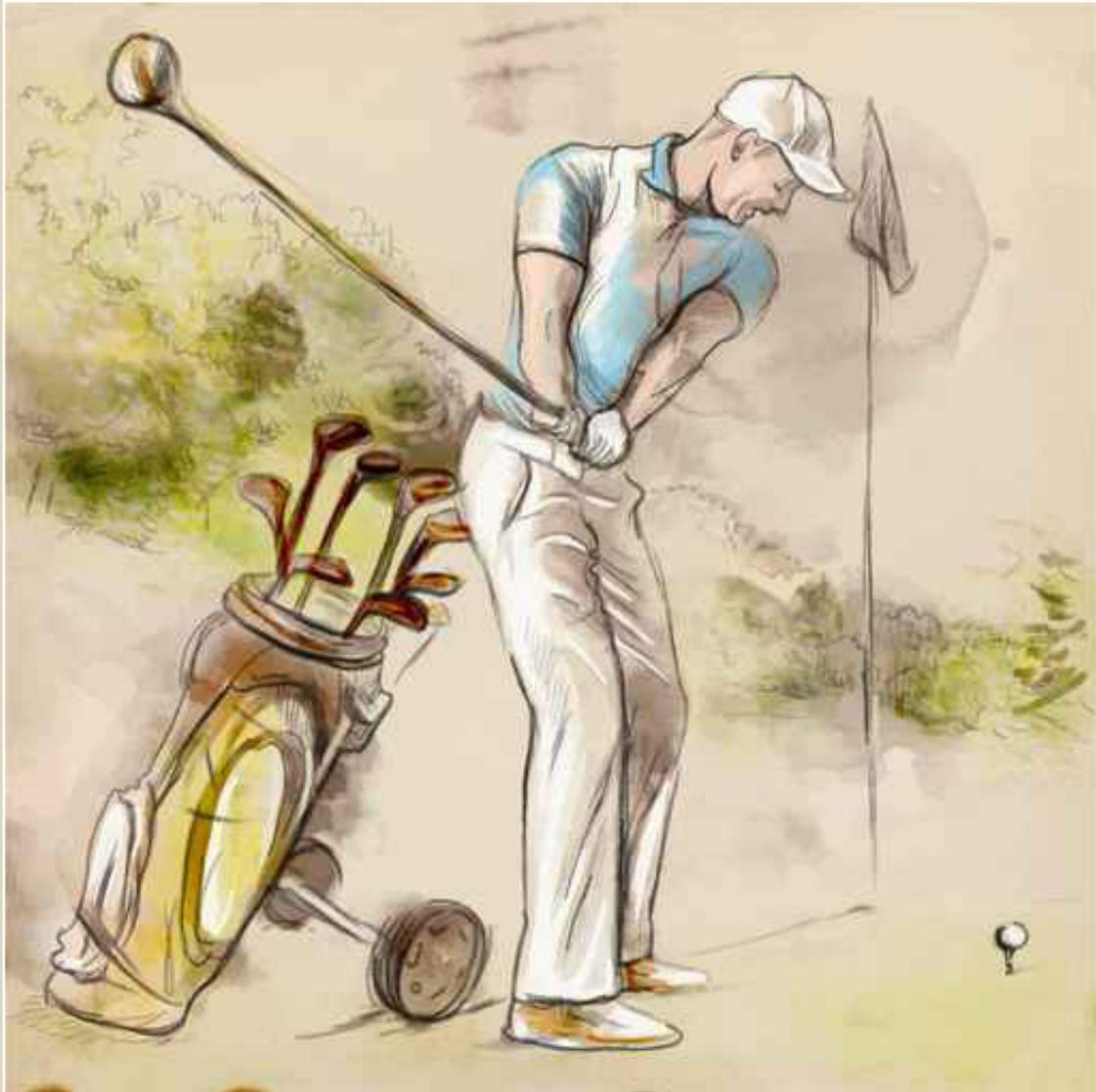
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