



December 2020 Newsletter



Father-son duo tops our 2020 field . . .

‘Golfers of the Year’

Mike Stephens, left, and his dad, Albert, have been regulars at our golf course for a long time. They always take a cart and play nine holes, in good and not-so-good conditions. They were selected 2020 “Golfers of the Year” from an extremely outstanding list of candidates. Congratulations to the Stephens.

We see parents bring their kids to Fairgrounds Golf Course all the time, and we are always pleased and encouraged when that happens.

But the father-son pairing of Albert and Mike Stephens is, well, a little different from the usual family twosomes we see.

Albert, a former welder and carpenter, is 90 years young, and Mike, also a former carpenter, is 70. They have been regular visitors to our course for a long time, always calling ahead to reserve a cart for their 9-hole round.

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Around the Track

Albert, who at one time was a 12-handcapper, has a hole-in-to his credit, on the No. 1 hole at Wikiup, and has also won a few tournaments, according to Mike. He has been playing golf for 65 years, Mike about 40.

Albert has played golf in 25 different states, Mike claims 10. They've been playing Fairgrounds, Wikiup and Sebastopol in recent years. They visit the warmer climate of Yuma, Arizona, in the colder months. Albert retired in 1982 and spent a lot of time traveling with his wife and playing golf all over the country.

Mike and Albert consider Fairgrounds their home course and we are happy they feel that way. *Congratulations to our 2020 "Golfers of the Year."*

As previously mentioned, we had a long list of great candidates in 2020, which is a testament to the quality of people we have visiting our course.

In no particular order: **Donald Cha**, who uses his Senior Player Card several times a week; **Shawn Chase**, a Fairgrounds Club member who rarely misses a day to play or hit balls; **Ernest Leichter** and **Gerald Petlock**, who take a cart and play at least twice a week; **Buddy Salvador**, who plays 18 holes several times a week; **Eddie Yanagida**, an almost daily visitor to our driving range; **Lou Fornace**, **Lowell Carpenter** and **Sid Palagruti**, a regular threesome; brothers **Marvin** and **Neil Colter**, regulars on the course and the range; **Jackie Tisthammer** and **Eve Joseph**, very familiar faces; **Dennis Earnest**, an 18-hole players several times a week; **Dave Clarey** and **Mike Hall**, who play a lot; **Dennis Zalamea** and **Kevin Belew**, who wisely purchased annual playing cards and are getting their money's worth; **Jerry Perkins**, who usually plays more than once a week and accompanied by his wife **Irene**.

And we can't forget our former "Golfers of the Year" like **Bill Davies** and **Pieter Spaans**, **Fred Walsh**, **Mark** and **Carter Howe** and **Scott Rybacki** and **Troy Jensen**.

These are just a few of the players who spend a lot of time at Fairgrounds GC and we truly appreciate their patronage.

Happy Holidays !!!

This has been a challenging year, and we appreciate all of you who have chosen to make Fairgrounds a course you enjoy playing as much as we enjoy having you here.

