



## October Newsletter



### ***Golf balls are not gone forever . . .***

So you just hit a ball in one of our ponds and you figure that's the last of it, right?

Not so . . . we have a company that dives our little lakes several times a year, and take a guess how many balls they retrieve . . . would you believe as many as 5,000?

Those balls are shipped to a company in Texas, where the bad ones are tossed out and the others are given a second chance. Those balls – not the same ones that were originally removed from our ponds – are cleaned and polished and returned to us, where we sell them – 6 for \$6 or \$1.50 per single ball.

### ***Not every Tuesday . . .***

Our driving range is usually closed until about 9 a.m. on Tuesdays so we can mow . . . but not always.

Weather doesn't always permit us to mow, or occasionally there's an equipment issue. So if you want to hit balls early on a Tuesday, call (707-284-3520). We'll probably tell you the range is closed until 9 a.m. . . . but not always !!!

And remember, our range is covered and lighted, so you can hit balls even in not-so-good weather and even when it's dark.

### ***If you need a golf cart . . .***

We have three new electric golf carts for our golfers to use.

The carts are mainly for those with medical conditions, but are available to anyone.



But with the weather starting to look more like winter, there are days when the weather is wet we may not be able to allow carts out on the golf course.

So if you want to reserve a cart, call the Pro Shop (707-284-3520). In fact, because we have just three carts, it's always a good idea to call the day before you want to play and we will reserve a cart for you. Carts are \$10 per rider for nine holes, \$15 per rider for 18 holes.

We also have a large number of pull carts, which we rent for \$5.

## ***What is a hole-in-one?***

A hole-in-one, or an ace, occurs when your *first* hit from the tee lands the ball in the cup. Making a hole-in-one is more common on shorter courses like Fairgrounds. The first recorded ace was in the 1869 British Open by **Tom Morris**.

There must be a credible witness to verify the shot; a hole-in-one recorded during a "scramble" is still considered valid; when a player makes an ace with a second ball during a practice round, the shot is invalid; when a player hits a hole-in-one from a temporary tee, any registered certificate should still record length of the hole

Odds: Tour player making an ace, 3,000 to 1; low-handicapper, 5,000 to 1; two players from the same foursome acing during the same round, 17 million to 1; one player making two aces in the same round, 67 million to 1.

Every year, there are 450 million rounds played in the U.S. with the average course reporting 10-15 aces per year. Less than 2 percent of golfers score an ace in a year and the average years of playing golf for a player before recording a hole-in-one is 24.

The age group making the most aces is golfers between 50-59; the next highest is golfers 40-49. Women make 16 percent of holes-in-one annually. Average handicap for a golfer making a hole-in-one is 14.

Every heard of an "albatross" in golf? That's when a player aces a par-4 or scores a 2 on a par-5. Odds for an albatross are 6 million to 1.

What about a "condor?" It's when a golfer makes a hole-in-one on a par-5, which reportedly has happened just five times in history! A condor is so rare that bookmakers don't even offer odds on the possibility.

