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Newsletter
South Lakes
Golf Club

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Club Vision Statement...

To be the best Golf Club in the Fleurieu Region through the provision of quality facilities and members services that reflect value for money

CAPTAIN TONY'S REPORT

Congratulations to Jan & Cliff Carthew and Paul Goode on becoming accredited Club Level Golf Rules officials following the recent Golf SA seminars and exam. As our GM has recently pointed out in his weekly email, member Anne Bell is the highest qualified referee and rules official at our club and is most likely to be able to answer any rules question on which you wish to be enlightened. Apart from the above three, other members with club level accreditation are John Lowry, Max Pitkin, Roger Phillips, Peter Marshall, Malcolm Hart and yours truly. With GM Alan Tarry who is a good authority on the rules, any of the above named should be able to answer, or find an answer to, golf rules questions members might pose.

PLAYING GOLF AT SOUTH LAKES

The Mixed Foursomes (sometimes referred to as 'Divorcesomes') Championships over 27 holes was played on Saturday 27 August. The weather was fine and the course was good and so we were expecting good scores.

The top seeds justified their position and Chris Murrell and Steve Ross came in with the excellent gross score of 122 (42, 42, 38) to take out their seventh title. Runners up were Margo and Geoff Trimmer, the highly regarded second seeds, who struggled early but still returned a score of 129. In the Nett event, newcomers to the event, Debbie and Rohan Hart returned a score of 105.25 followed by Janet and David Haddrick a quarter of a stroke behind. With 82 players, this was the highest number of participants any of us could remember which bodes well for the future of the one day 27 hole event. There were only four women who played in the non-championship foursomes which showed that all those who wanted to play in the championship had partners.

There were several men who would have played if women partners were available on the day. The sausage sizzle and party pies for the presentations were very popular and members are advised that we plan to continue this practice for future honour board events to encourage players to come back for the trophy presentations.

The **Friday Foodland 9-hole golf** season started on Friday 2 September, the games during September being pre-season games for players to get their eyes in for the main season from October to March. Some Fridays will be played on the back nine so that players do not get bored playing only the front nine every week. Goolwa Foodland has generously agreed to extend their sponsorship for the daily vouchers. Committeeman John Hudson is the co-ordinator for Foodland Golf this season.

CAPTAIN TONY'S REPORT CONT.....

The **club championships** will start later this month and women's entries are in. The approach for men is different in that anyone who plays in at least two of the three qualifying rounds will automatically be entered in the championships. The top eight qualifiers will be invited to go into the match play rounds and if any of those are unavailable, the next eligible player will be invited, and so on until we have eight definite starters for the finals in each grade. We will have a sheet in the pro-shop on Saturday of the last qualifying round where players can signal their intention to play in the finals and I ask that anyone likely to qualify signs up, or be available for easy contact to confirm their intentions.

The **Phil Hoffmann Travel November Week** will be upon us straight after the championships. Entry forms are available on the club web page or in the clubhouse and we urge members to invite friends from other clubs to come and take part in this most enjoyable week of golf and socialising.

GOLF COURSE MAINTENANCE AND DEVELOPMENT

The greens were cored and sanded on Monday 29 to Wednesday 31 August. Due to less than ideal drying days to start, we had to play on temporary greens in Wednesday's competition. This made for interesting play and most members treated it as essentially a fun day. Those willing to charge the hole straight on with little regard for the intricacies of speed and borrow tended to be quite successful. The course was about 600m shorter than normal and so many players found it easy to be near the green in regulation with a stroke to spare to get the dang ball into the hole. Consequently 44 points won for both men and women and there were more than usual numbers over 38 points. For the men I clicked a button when uploading the results to GolfLink which meant that the course rating was 68 (38 points) and so handicap adjustments would not be skewed unduly by this unusual course.

With good weather for the rest of the week the greens will be back in play for Saturday and I expect them to quickly be heading toward superb condition for the club championships. The ground's staff have worked hard to ensure member disruption is kept to a minimum while ensuring that this vital maintenance ensures our greens stay in good condition.

Most members accept the need for greens to be cored, and willingly put up with a few days disruption twice a year. For those who are critical of this course management I recommend you read a recent letter in Australian Golf Digest from Brett Robinson of the Australian Golf Course Superintendent's Association. He points out that on greens, an organic layer develops above the soil and below the cover of grass, which if allowed to get excessive, promotes disease, reduces water infiltration and can ultimately compromise the health of the entire green profile. He describes how important coring and sanding is to guarantee healthy turf and quality surfaces on which to play. I thank the vast majority of our members who accept the need for coring and take a little disruption in their stride.

ETIQUETTE AND RULES

I wonder where some players (not South Lakes) learn the etiquette of the game. At a recent Vets game my group waited on a tee for the group in front to search for a ball, which they did for about 5 minutes without calling us through. Then, to our surprise and chagrin (a word of the day for the GM) a player from that group marched back toward the tee on which we were waiting, still without calling us through. At that juncture I told him we would be playing through and his group would have to stand aside. It is embarrassing and frustrating to have to do this and I continue in my forlorn wish that players would learn the most basic rules and etiquette to make golf more pleasurable for us all; again I refer to a quotation from Tony Jacklin I used in last month's newsletter - "Courtesy, fairness and integrity are expected of each player."

CAPTAIN TONY'S REPORT CONT.....

I must make a positive note however. Recently at South Lakes two women's groups playing in front of us called us through promptly when it was obvious they could not find their ball in the first 30 seconds or so of searching; I thanked those groups for their courtesy and advised Women's Captain Margo. I trust that our men players are showing the same courtesy and spirit when they should be calling following groups through!

In addition, rules violations are regularly reported to me but without photographs or names of players. There seems quite a lot of lazy or slack play going on, particularly in taking a free drop from a staked tree or a penalty drop from a lateral water hazard. These are probably the most basic and regularly used rules and so all players should at least know the rules well. If you don't know how to determine the nearest point of relief from a staked tree (or other immovable obstruction) please have a good look at the rule book, or ask one of our accredited officials to explain it to you. I don't know how many times I have had to explain that the nearest point refers to where your ball would go for you and your intended swing to be clear of the obstruction, not where your feet are! And two club lengths from the entry point into a lateral water hazard means just that; you may use the longest club in your bag, but such clubs are never 5m long which seems to be what some players think. And please learn how to drop a ball from shoulder height – surely this is pretty self explanatory and is not a knee high drop or a throw to a nicer looking area from which to play. It is time some players thought more about their obligations when playing competitions; it will be too late if you get pinged in an important event because you have not bothered to play to the spirit of the game at all times.

FROM THE DESK OF THE GENERAL MANAGER

Thank you, Thank you & Thank You to Bob & Gail Pritchard for organising the questions for our **QUIZ NIGHT** last month. They were ably assisted by Tony & Margaret Bedford, Paul Goode and Jan Heggaton with the score correlation, checking of answers etc. I think everybody had a great time and a few laughs with some of the answers. Our team was terribly unlucky in that we had memorised all the answers to all the wrong questions for over a month!! At least we had a great basket supper arrangement and 6 bottles of wine to null the agony of defeat.

Take Note –The 2011 Club Championships for men & women start this month. Please refer to your Club Handbooks for the dates of the qualifying rounds. The Men's Conditions of Play are posted in the Starter's Box and everybody who plays in at least 2 of the 3 qualifying rounds has a chance of making the finals. This is the most prestigious event on our golfing calendar, so ensure you play 2 qualifying rounds.

Only 18 players turned up for **Gourmet Golf** last month to face another bout of wet and windy conditions. At least the Master Chef recipes produced by members warmed everybody up and there was still a good crowd for the feast. Scones, jam and cream from the Goolwa Original Bakery for dessert helped to add a few calories to battle the cold. Diana Williams played very well to win the Di Ledo voucher with 19pts and Captain Tony Bedford proved too good in the men's field with a score of 18pts to collect the other Di Ledo voucher. This month's Gourmet Golf is on Tuesday, 13 September 2011 with member's asked to bring a Pasta Sauce for 4. The Club will organise the pasta and dessert. Nomination sheet for the 9-hole competition is in the Starter's Box.

SLGC v the Lefties is rapidly approaching on Sunday, 11 September 2011 with tee times from 11.00am. **We need at least 18 South Lakes' members** to represent the Club in this individual Stableford competition where the scores will also count towards the team average. Cost is \$10 including a light meal afterwards. Nomination sheet is in the Starter's Box. **Please consider** in memory of Sandy & Joan Hamilton who have sponsored this event for many years. This is a mixed competition.

FROM THE DESK OF THE GENERAL MANAGER CONT.

More of the Best – Another of our major sponsors - **Elders Real Estate Goolwa** has recently received 9 SA awards for their success in 2010/11 including:

No. 1 Regional Office

No.1 Regional Principal – Lucas Bradley &

No.2 Regional Principal – Enid Simpson

Elders Goolwa have been a major sponsor of the South Lakes Golf Club since Lucas was just a boy! **Congratulations Lucas, Enid and your team!** We are proud to be associated with such professionals, and loyal supporters of our award-winning Club.

Entry Forms for the **2011 Phil Hoffmann Travel November Week Tournament** are already being received.

Last month's winners of the \$60 worth of bar vouchers in our Friday free membership lotteries were Peter Marshall, Georgie Tarry, Pauline Wheare & David Bedson.

Feeling Bored?? Then you may wish to nominate for the Board of Golf SA or submit a Notice of Motion for their next AGM. **Nominations for the Board** and **Notices of Motion** must be lodged on the prescribed Forms by **4.00pm on Fri 16th Sep 2011** to the CEO Golf SA. Visit the Golf SA website for more information.



CAPTAIN MARGO'S REPORT



After an action packed July, August was relatively quiet by comparison, although our field sizes averaged 40 players per competition, due mainly to some of our holiday makers returning home.

The Cynthia Wilson Drawn Foursomes is held in very high regard by all lady members and 2011 marked the 25th anniversary of this competition. As the draw for partners is conducted the week before play, it is probably one of the most anticipated and enjoyed competitions of the year. 24 pairs were due to hit-off but unfortunately the heavens opened up and my worst nightmare was realized – rain and foursomes!! 12 pairs braved the conditions with Liz Bettess and Barb Dawkins winning with a nett score of 73.

Special thanks to Lyndal, Brian and Phil Wilson for their most generous sponsorship and their attendance at our presentations. Everyone enjoyed themselves especially Brian's impromptu hospitality!

During August, Anne Bell our rules guru, held a most informative session on the role of a referee. We will be making more use of Anne and her golfing knowledge on a much more regular basis in the upcoming months.

Good luck to all those playing in the qualifying rounds for the championships next month.

September will see us welcome Flagstaff Hill to South Lakes for our annual stableford challenge competition. Vice Captain Jan will be making all the arrangements. Let's win the cup back girls!!

Thank you to all our treasured monthly sponsors, and as always be kind to each other out there.

Margo Trimmer
Women's Captain.

COMING EVENTS



AND



SOUTH LAKES GOLF CLUB *Present the* **2011 November** **Golf Week**

Sunday 30th October - Friday 4th November

Total Trophy Value Exceeds \$6 500

**6 Days of Men's, Women's & Mixed Events
Championship & Handicap Trophies
Melbourne Cup Lunch
Presentation Dinner**

**Open to all Members of Clubs Affiliated with
Golf Australia**

Full Catering, Bar Service & Gaming Room

**Entries Close when field capacity reached, or
Friday 14th October, 2010
PO Box 55, GOOLWA 5214
Phone: (08) 8555 2299 Fax: (08) 8555 2512
slgc@chariot.net.au**

COMING EVENTS

Tickets
\$25

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\$25

Viva La Drag At the Lakes



Sunday

25 th Sept

2011

South Lakes Golf Club—Billabong Rd, Goolwa

2:00pm—6:00pm

4 hours of spectacular entertainment and fun

Compered by the fabulous and outrageous

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TICKETS \$25.00 EACH

Tickets
\$25

Tickets
\$25

SPECIAL OLYMPICS RAFFLE

I would like to thank everyone at South Lakes Golf Club for buying raffle tickets which raised a massive \$600.00 and for the generous donation by South Lakes members on top of this.

To Alan Tarry a big thankyou for allowing me to hold the raffle. Thanks to Margo Trimmer for giving me the incentive to do the raffle and for being the "Barrel Girl" and to other members who encouraged me to do the raffle. Thanks to Lorraine Phillips and Rosemary Pollard for helping to sell the tickets. To all the generous sponsors a very big thankyou.

This whole experience has been overwhelming and heart warming, it makes me so proud and honoured to be a member of South Lakes Golf Club. I not only have a smile in my heart when I see my son with a smile on his face while he is riding a horse but I now have a smile in my heart because of South Lakes Golf Club Members. So Thankyou.

Prize Winners are

1. Golf Bag donated by Roger & Penny Stephens won by Leon Hall.
2. Boxed Magnum Shiraz donated by D'Arenberg won by Paddy Arnold.
3. Boxed Verdehillo Liquer donated by Settlement Winery won by Helen Hosie.
4. Birdie Bistro Voucher donated by Tim & Joy Gammon and Bar Vouchers donated by South Lakes Golf Club won by Val English.
5. Birdie Bistro Voucher donated by Tim & Joy Gammon and Bar Vouchers donated by South Lakes Golf Club won by Lorraine Phillips.

ONCE AGAIN THANKYOU
SHEILA DAVIS

Thank You

Thank You to the many people who helped me celebrate my 70th birthday.
Thank You for the lovely flowers, cards, phone calls and gifts.
I had a great night and I hope you all enjoyed the party at the Club.

Mary McKinnie

NEWS FLASH

Young Golfer Joshua Worthley won the Bronze Medal at the SAPSASA Metropolitan Golf Championship. Joshua is one of our many talented Junior Golfers. He shot 77 off the stick for a nett 49.

There were 129 boys who qualified for the combined Metropolitan and Country Championship. Joshua qualified 10th out of both of these to make the State Final but sadly he shot 110 off the stick for a nett 82 in the State Final and finished 27th.





SOUTHERN
GROUP

Chip Shots Shots



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Results for Victor Harbor Golf Club on Monday 11th July 2011

108 players, ACR 71. A cool, windy day, with some showers.

Overall Winner: 40 Thorrie Sinkinson (VH). (McIlvoy Auto Group voucher)

A Grade	B Grade	C Grade
1 st : 40 John Everingham (W/L)	36 Mike Inkster (VH)	37 Peter Wooden (Will)
2 nd : 38 Paul Starrs (FI/Hill)	34 Alan Tarry (SL)	37 Bruce Watkins (VH)
3 rd : 37 Bob Kraft (SL)	34 Ian Morris (VH)	34 Mal Hoskin (Will)

Ball rundown: 36 John Grant (VH); 33 Rob Gasmier (VH), Eric Abdilla (SL), Allan Parkyn (VH), George Meyer (Will); 32 John Lowry (SL), Bill Buter (SL), Karl Foldesdy (Fleu); 31 Max Pitkin (SL), Tony Bedford (SL), Jeff Green (VH), Terry Payne (MB), Keith Freeman (VH), John Hazel (Will), Mal Anderson (McC), Barry Sparrow (Echunga), Kevin Rucioch (VH), John Waller (VH); 30 David Sieben (SL), Brian James (VH), Stew Johnston (SL), Jeff Evans (VH), Peter Binney (McL Vale), Phil Henderson (SL), Ern Farley (VH).

NTP:- 3rd. John Everingham (W/Lakes). 7th. Keith Freeman (VH). 10th. Brian Logan (Will). 14th. John Whitworth (McC)..

Long Drive:- A Grade:- John Everingham (W/Lakes).
B Grade:- John Whitworth (McC).
C Grade:- Phil Henderson (SL).

Lucky Draw sponsored by Standom Smallgoods Butchers Victor Harbor:
Doug Hender (SL), John Hudson SL).

Welcome to new members: John Griffen (VH), John Grant (VH), Jim Kiley (VH).

Welcome back to Geoff Dohse (McL.Vale)

Next game is the GROUP CHAMPIONSHIPS at South Lakes GC on Monday 12th September 2011 at 9.00am.

Please report by 8.30am for a 9.00am shotgun start.

Sponsors for the day are APIA Insurances, McIlroy Auto Group, Standom Smallgoods Butchers and Gemtree Wines.

- # Cost is \$15.00 each (\$5.00 South Lakes club members). Please place the correct money in an envelope (**no coins**) with your name and club marked on the front.
- # Golf carts can be hired for \$30.00. No charge for own carts.
- # Please contact the Booking Officer on 0435 653 218 prior to 5.00pm on the Friday before the game to book and to request playing partners. Leave a message with your name if there is no answer. Players intending to ride in golf carts are requested to inform the Booking Officer when booking to assist in the allocation of tees on the day.
- # Please inform the Booking Officer of cancellations ASAP. Last minute cancellations on the morning of the game should be phoned to the Booking Officer or a committee member, or in the last instance to the pro shop of the host club.

MEMBER'S DISCOUNT CARD OFFERS

BUSINESS NAME	DISCOUNT OFFER ON PRESENTATION OF SLGC MEMBERS CARD
A1 Apparel Promotional Clothing	Promotional clothing, retail and wholesale clothing. Buy 10 Garments and get one free. www.a1apparel.com.au
About You Nails & Beauty Goolwa	Reward scheme - 5% Members Discount.
Artworx Gallery & Gifts, GOOLWA	10% off Jewellery & Giftware
Ballast Stone Estate Wines, CURRENCY CREEK	Free bottle from the Stonemason Range with any wine purchase. 1 bottle per member on presentation of your handbook. Current vintages only. Cellar Door Sales.
Brock Harcourts, GOOLWA	Special Rates for South Lakes Members.
Caffe' de Carlo	10% discount off normal price.
Coorong Clothing, GOOLWA	20% off full price merchandise, not for 'on sale' items or use with any other discounts.
Crowies Paints, VICTOR HARBOR	(formerly Crowhurst Decorator Centre) 10% discount on paint & accessories
Elders Real Estate, GOOLWA	Special Rates for South Lakes Members
F.i.t. Health & Fitness, GOOLWA	50% off start up fees (save over \$50), get fit & play better Golf. Concession rates & low impact classes available
Flowerworx, GOOLWA	10% Members discount
Goolwa Fish Café, GOOLWA	10% Discount
Goolwa Landscape & Hire	Variety of pre-set discounts on selected items of yard stock.
Goolwa Natural Health Centre	10% discount off any 1 hour aromatherapy or 1 hour therapeutic Massage.
Goolwa Network Video	Two free weekly videos with any overnight hire.
Goolwa Riverport Motel	10% discount on accommodation and restaurant (food only)
Goolwa Tanks & Irrigation	Special rates for South Lakes Members.
Goolwa Time & Jewellery	10% discount on any purchases, of watches, clocks, gold or silver jewellery, excluding repairs and vouchers.
Goolwa@Home (formerly Goolwa Trading Post)	10% off new furniture only (RRP). Not applicable to specials & discounted stock.
Ibis Siding	5% discount off normal price.
In 2 Shoes. GOOLWA	5% discount to valid members. Not applicable to specials, items already discounted or lay bys.
Peninsula Décor, GOOLWA	\$15 discount on purchase of any security door.
Red Eye Creative, GOOLWA	10% discount on any copying, laminating or artwork.
River Dolls of Goolwa	Free lollipop for any sales over \$20 and two-for-one entry to the Doll Museum
Seaside Casuals, GOOLWA & VICTOR HARBOR	10%off full price merchandise , not for 'on sale' items.
Serene Secrets, GOOLWA	10% off
South Coast Lawnmower Service	Free Pick Up & Delivery on Repairs
Southy's Wood Fired Pizza's	Spend \$15 or more & receive a free garlic bread & 1.25L Schweppes drink.
Your Finishing Touch, GOOLWA	10% discount to South Lakes Golf Club Members.
Wisteria Blue, GOOLWA	10% discount to South Lakes Golf Club Members.



**What's On At
South Lakes Golf Club
September 2011**



SOUTH LAKES GOLF CLUB INC

THURSDAY	1 SEPT	ALL DAY		SPRING IS IN THE AIR!
SATURDAY	3 SEPT	7.00am	80	BIRTHDAY PARTY
SUNDAY	4 SEPT	ALL DAY		FATHER'S DAY
MONDAY	5 SEPT	9.00am	50	SOUTHERN SENIOR WOMEN
SHOT GUN OFF TEES 1, 2, 4, 5, 8, 9, 10 1ST TEE CLOSED UNTIL 9.30am / 10TH TEE CLOSED 8.30am TO 11.30am 1ST TEE COSED 10.30am TO 1.00pm				
TUESDAY	6 SEPT	8.00am	20	ELLIOT GARDENS GC
		9.00am	16	ELLIOT GARDENS WOMEN
FRIDAY	9 SEPT	8.00am	12	ROSETTA VILLAGE GC MEN
		9.30am (9 Holes)	12	ROSETTA VILLAGE GC WOMEN
SATURDAY	10 SEPT	7.30pm	30	JAYCO CARAVAN CLUB A LA CARTE DINNER
SUNDAY	11 SEPT	11.00am	40	SLGC v NALHGC COMPETITON
1ST TEE CLOSED 10.00AM TO NOON				
MONDAY	12 SEPT	9.00am	100	SOUTHERN GROUP VETS
SHOT GUN START – COURSE CLOSED UNTIL 1.30PM				
		1.30pm	16	ELLIOT GARDENS WOMEN
TUESDAY	13 SEPT	8.00am	20	PORT ELLIOT GARDENS
		3.00pm	50	GOURMET GOLF
1ST TEE CLOSED AT 12.30PM				
THURSDAY	15 SEPT	6.30pm	100	GOOLWA NETBAL CLUB JUNIOR PRESENTATION – NO FOOD
SATURDAY	17 SEPT	7.30pm	100	GOOLWA NETBALL CLUB SENIOR DINNER & PRESENTATION
SUNDAY	18 SEPT	7.30am	16	HALLETT COVE GC
TUESDAY	20 SEPT	8.00am	20	ELLIOT GARDENS GC
FRIDAY	23 SEP	12.30pm	50	SPORTING CAR CLUB LUNCH
TUESDAY	27 SEPT	8.00am	20	ELLIOT GARDENS GC
FRIDAY	30 SEPT	9.00am	60	SLGC v FLAGSTAFF WOMEN
SHOT GUN START – 1st TEE OPEN 9.15AM TO 10.15AM THEN CLOSED UNTIL 12.45PM				

YEARS AGO

TEN YEARS AGO

People who use Ride on Buggies were asked to not drive across the front of the Greens as tracks are starting to form?

A Quiz Night has held and it was a great success. It was hosted by Quiz Master Extraordinaire, Bob Pritchard! First was Jim Dyers team. The last team was the Prosser/Pyne combination who were doing really well until Maxine Kerr left and the Pink Panther fell over?

The Women's Club Championships were played. The winners were - A Grade - Chris Murrell, B Grade - Mary Heritage and C Grade - Sue Butcher.

As part of the Course Master Plan 5 fairways will be replanted with Santa Anna Couch.

For all those connected to the Internet. You can now access the Newsletter at www.southlakesgolf.com.au

TWENTY YEARS AGO

After consultation with the Club Captain and the Match Committee it was recommended that the 18th Green be used for the Club Championship. A Temporary Green was in use at the time.

The Committee moved that the standard of Dress needs to be policed more! This issue was to be taken up by the Secretary Manager & the Club Professional.

Poker Machines should be authorised by October 1991 and may be available to be introduced by May 1992. Decisions need to be made on whether to introduce Poker Machines into South Lakes Golf Club.

All motorised buggies as defined in the conditions of use must be checked by the Club Mechanic, by request of the Match Committee.

THIRTY YEARS AGO

Letter received from the Junior Advancement Committee of the South Australian Ladies Golf Union Inc, thanking the Club for the use of the course & clubhouse for the Junior Girls week.

An objection was registered to firstly magpies being destroyed on the course and secondly to the dead bird then being left there.

A suggestion was made that the Golf Club should conduct an Open Day to raise funds from people other than Club Members! Those who do not play golf could have a trip on the "Aroona"

FORTY YEARS AGO

In light of RDC's offer to make available trees for the course at no charge, the Chairman was asked to contact RDC's and make a request for a further 12 Norfolk Pines.

It was reported that only 10 fairways had been spiked tynd? Payment for this task is to be withheld until such time as the job has been completed.

The last Club Night was successful with approximately 54 people in attendance. The next Club Night would be held on Saturday the 9th October 1971. Arrangements have been completed to show a Golfing Film, after which a few games of Bingo would be conducted.



LIGHTNING HITS A GOLF BAG



A man got hit by lightning on a golf course in Madison, Wisconsin. The following are pictures of what was left of his golf bag. Please pass this on to your golfing buddies. Have a read of what the policeman has to say and take a look at the pictures.

"I have been a police officer for 18 years and have seen a lot of gruesome and disturbing scenes. This was different because it was close to home and some of us have been in this situation."

A 75 year old golfer was out on the course with 3 other retired guys for a regular weekly tee time, and the weather forecast didn't even predict rain at 10pm the night before.

They teed off and got around to the back 9 when it started to rain, and when there was lightning way off in the distance they headed in. They waited under a tree half way in when the rain became very heavy. When the rain eased a little bit three of them continued in but one guy decided to wait out under a 50 foot pine tree while standing next to his golf bag.

Minutes later a lightning bolt struck his bag and push cart as he was holding onto one of his clubs killing him instantly.

The strange thing is the tree under which he was standing had no sign of a lightning strike, The bolt literally went sideways under the tree to the golf clubs.

Lesson to be learnt - if you are caught out on the course or water - distance yourself from anything metal OR graphite.

(LIGHTNING RODS ARE MADE OF GRAPHITE!)

Put your golf bag & buggy 50 metres away from you. When you see lightning in the distance!
GO IN IMMEDIATELY - DON'T WAIT!

