



Happy Fall Y'all! What a beautiful season Fall is living in the Carson Valley. We are so blessed to have so many places close by to meander around to see the blazing colors on display. I hope you had an opportunity to get out there and explore before Old Man Winter wandered onto the scene.

Not long after our season ended, I took off and spent ten wonderful days in Key West with great friends, while my loving husband stayed home with Neva so I could have this well needed vacation. It was the Fantasy Fest at Key West, and let me tell you, people let their freak flag fly and it was awesome to see. It was as close to 'anything goes' as I have ever seen. I got to hang out in waters where the sharks were swimming around us, was in two parades and took an evening dinner cruise.

Now I can't wait for our two-month motorhome trip with our same friends across the states to Alabama and up to Tennessee and back home. Now that is going to be an adventure!!

To those of you who are taking off and heading south for the winter, you know you're going to miss our cold weather, don't you? Wherever you go this winter—or if you stay here in the Carson Valley—have a great time, stay safe, and I look forward to seeing you next season! Be sure to send Judy photos of your travels, sharing with us the sites you've seen and the places you've been. We love seeing what you're doing when we're not playing every week!

Happy Thanksgiving to you. We have so much to be thankful for.

Kelly King, President

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My Favorite Thanksgiving Traditions



- ◆ I am thankful when my family all gets together, but I'm also thankful they all get home safe. I am very blessed. I do enjoy fall as well when trees are changing colors which is beautiful see. When I was sick last year I would look out my window and watch the trees change colors—just beautiful.

✍ Jeanine Felix

- ◆ We all sit at the Thanksgiving table and take turns saying what we are thankful for. ✍ Janet Brown
- ◆ My favorite Thanksgiving tradition is that my family gets to celebrate Thanksgiving TWO times! We celebrate Canadian Thanksgiving in October (on Columbus Day) and American Thanksgiving in November! Good thing my family enjoys turkey with all the sides enough to eat it twice! ✍ Lorna Johnston.
- ◆ My favorite things about Thanksgiving are the mashed potatoes and gravy which I only eat twice a year—on Thanksgiving and my birthday! ✍ Vickie Oland
- ◆ My favorite Thanksgivings were when I worked as a fire fighter. Everyone's families and loved ones would show up at the fire station, and we would eat on the apparatus floor. Sometimes if we had an emergency call during dinner by the time we got back they had everything cleaned up for us!

✍ D-D Woodruff

- ◆ I love the turkey, mashed potatoes, candied yams, and pumpkin pie. But most of all I love getting together with family and friends. ✍ Jan Nolan



- ◆ Thanksgiving is one of our favorite holidays and definitely time that our family gathers to remember all that we have been blessed with throughout the past year and to enjoy each other! Sometimes it may only be a few of us but there have been many times when there have been 25+ of us. Our day usually starts with a family flag football game at a local park or school where the youngest to the oldest has a chance to make the game winning play. Once the time to play is done and the high fives

are completed we all cleanup and finish up the food preparations while munching on appetizers. Then we begin the family feast of two differently prepared turkeys (oven baked and deep fried), dressing balls, sweet potatoes, mashed potatoes, gravy and a sundry of other veggie dishes. Once everyone starts declaring they've eaten too much the groups divide and startup different games (Mexican train, Tripoli, darts, Scattergories, air hockey, Trivial Pursuit) while others take naps to get ready for the large selection of dessert options. From the first hugs when we meet, to the prayers for all that we have to be thankful for, to the promises to get together more often, the day just goes by way too fast. ✍ Debbie Steele

- ◆ I love fall because of the changing of the leaves on the trees. As far as Thanksgiving goes, I love it because I don't have to cook dinner. When the weather is nice I play golf. ✍ Linda Davis



My Favorite Thanksgiving Traditions (cont.)

- ◆ My family has many favorite Thanksgiving traditions mostly surrounding food!. We love the good, old-fashioned Thanksgiving feast and rarely stray far from it. Everyone seems to have their favorite. My husband's favorite is the Green Bean Casserole. But my favorite is the Sweet Potato Casserole because my husband does not like sweet potatoes so I hardly ever have them. After dinner, while we wait for the food to settle before digging into the desserts, we pull out Mexican Train which also brings our competitive natures out of the closet (as if they were ever in the closet), and we say, "Let the games begin!" We also—depending upon what is playing at the local theater—may go out to the movies on Friday night. ♡ Judy Brooke

- ◆ Thanksgiving is a wonderful day that we should all be thankful for lots of things but especially for family. When I was growing up, if the weather was good my family would travel to Menlo Park to celebrate with my grandparents! Those memories are wonderful. We have a big family so it is hard to get together now. But we gather all the relatives we can and even our neighbors who have no one to celebrate with and it is a wonderful thanksgiving for sure. My Nana always cooked a turkey so that's my favorite thing to have for dinner. One Thanksgiving, when I was a teenager, the weather was really bad so we had to stay in Nevada for Thanksgiving. Dad and Mom took us to Topaz Lodge for Thanksgiving dinner. It was a good dinner BUT we had no left-overs! With five kids that was not

fun with no hot turkey sandwiches on Friday! Happy Thanksgiving to all of you and your families. ☐

♡ Mary Milligan

- ◆ When we lived on a farm, we used to raise turkeys for our holiday dinners. We hosted thanksgiving one year and cooked one of our turkeys. We were all seated at the table and the kids were at the kids table in the kitchen which had a big picture window that looked out on the front porch. They were eating their turkey legs and got all excited. Who should be looking in the window? The brother of the turkey we were eating. I'm sorry I didn't capture a picture, but our grown up family still laughs about it.

♡ Nora Stevens

- ◆ Thanksgiving is my favorite holiday. No gifts, no hoopla. Just sharing the day and a meal with so many of our good

friends and wonderful family.

♡ Jennie Citron



How to Clean Golf Clubs and Grips

If your clubs have been gathering dust and still have last round's mud and dirt on them, now is the time to clean them and get them as close to brand new as possible. Let's face it, a clean set of clubs in the bag is a beautiful site and of course there are clear performance advantages too, especially when it comes to removing dirt from grooves.

So then, what is the best way to clean your clubs? Well, that is where the information below comes in. There are several ways you can clean your golf clubs, from making the most of vending machine style devices found at modern driving ranges, to a good old-fashioned bucket of soapy water in your back garden.



What will you need to clean your golf clubs?

To clean your golf clubs, we recommend you start with a simple plastic bucket, but a bathroom or kitchen sink will do the job just as well. You'll also need lukewarm water, a splash of washing up liquid, an old towel, and a brush of some sort — an old toothbrush, nylon brush or a brush with plastic bristles will do the job.

Step 1: Squirt a little washing up liquid into your bucket or sink and fill it with enough lukewarm water to cover the heads of your irons without the water coming up over the ferrules if possible. Be careful you don't run the water too hot, as you could risk loosening the ferrules, which join the shafts to the heads.

Step 2: Set the bucket down (ideally outside if possible) and place your irons and wedges in with the clubheads submerged and allow them to soak in the warm water for a few minutes to loosen any dirt in the grooves. **For the time being leave your woods and putter out of the water.**

Step 3: After a few minutes soaking time, take each club in turn and use an old toothbrush, nylon brush or sharp tee peg to clean out the individual grooves. This is the most important step in cleaning your clubs, as removing dirt and debris from the grooves will help increase surface area contact with your golf ball at impact, which is how the grooves impart spin to give you added control.

Step 4: Once the grooves are clean, run the brush across the sole of the iron and over the back of the clubhead, removing any mud, sand and grass.

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Step 5: Once all the mud has gone, use a hose or tap to rinse off the clubhead, checking the removal of any suds hasn't revealed any remaining dirt. Next use your old towel to dry off the clubhead and give the shaft a quick wipe down to ensure it doesn't go back into your bag wet.

What if my irons are forged?

If you play forged irons you should favor a soft nylon brush, but otherwise you can follow all the steps above. If your forged irons start to show signs of rust, made possible when the mild carbon steel becomes exposed during a shot that chips their chrome plating, you can spray the surface with WD-40 and clean them with a nylon brush.

It is also worth cleaning them in a bucket as opposed to a sink as contact with the sink could leave a little mark. Once you've done this, make sure you wipe them clean with a dry cloth.

Cleaning your driver, fairway, hybrid and putter

Unlike your irons and wedges, you shouldn't submerge these clubs in water. Instead, either dip them in and out and rub down with a cloth or use a wet cloth to wipe them over. Then dry them thoroughly.

Cleaning your golf club grips

While you're thinking about how to clean your golf clubs, don't neglect your grips. Sunscreen and sweat will, over time, reduce the amount of traction on offer and a quick clean can reinvigorate old grips. The easiest way to clean your golf grips is to wipe them down with a moist cloth, then dry them with a towel. This will remove any surface dirt and grime and take no more than a few minutes. If they need a more thorough cleaning, follow these steps:

Step 1: Fill a bucket or sink with warm water and add a splash of washing up liquid to create plenty of soap suds.

Step 2: Use a wet cloth to collect some suds, and then rub them into the grip.

Step 3: Once scrubbed, run your grips under flowing warm water to rinse them. Be careful not to use very hot water as this can cause the glue underneath the grips to loosen.

Step 4: Using your towel, dry each grip as soon as it is rinsed off. Check the shafts too, and if water has found its way there, dry them as well.

Click on this link for the article: [How To Clean Golf Clubs And Grips | Golf Monthly](#)



Off-Season Golf



Jeanine Felix and Margaret Fay



Margie Stephens and Linda Davis



Patti Parker and Claudia Meyer



Suze Ericson and Beverly Hefferly

We had a great turnout for our first Tuesday off-season golf outing. Twelve avid golfers showed up, enjoying the wonderful weather and great golfing camaraderie .

Michelle (guest), Debbie Knapp, Debbie Steele and Judy Brooke



Tuesday, November 22nd, three of us—Louise Sparks, Debbie Steele, and Judy Brooke plus Judy's husband, Gary—showed up to play. It turned out to be a beautiful day. Top photo: Louise in the foreground and Judy in the background. Bottom: Louise teeing off. Debbie used her iPhone to take the photos so our group photo ended up to be a video and it just didn't go very well!

Christmas is Just Around the Corner

How about 39 Gift Ideas for that special golfer? The Woman Golfer has some great gift ideas just for you this Christmas. Click on this link to see if there's something you're missing in your golf life! [39 Gift Ideas](#)





Dear Patti *Patti Parker's Monthly Rules Advice Column*

Dear Patti, All those leaves! I hit a great tee shot then couldn't find my ball among the leaves scattered along fairway or piled in the rough. What am I supposed to do if my ball gets lost in the leaves?

Signed, hidden in plain sight

Dear hidden in plain sight, Our course has all those beautiful trees lining the fairways, but a consequence in the fall—those colorful leaves cover the course! If you lose your ball in the leaves, then the local “Leaf Rule” for CVGC applies. During fall months you may drop your ball (where a consensus of your team believes it was lost) without a penalty. Remember, without the leaf rule in effect our local course rules for O.B. and lost ball are followed. You may choose to play “stroke and distance”; however, intending to keep the pace of play, you have the option of advancing the ball to the expected point of loss or where the ball crossed out of bounds. Relief is taken at the nearest point on the fairway and no closer to the hole for a two-stroke penalty. This would not apply to a ball lost in a Penalty Area.



Patti Parker in the leaves.

Meet Vickie Oland

Vickie is our new Club Vice President for 2023. She was a fourth generation So Cal girl, born and raised in Santa Ana, CA. Vickie graduated from Cal State Fullerton with a degree in Psychology and worked as a swim coach and swim instructor for over 40 years. She also worked four years as a school librarian—can you think of a better job for someone who loves to read? Rick and Vickie have been married 40 years and had three children. They bought a house in Gardnerville in 2020 and moved here full time in 2022, retiring to be close to their two grandchildren who live in the Ranchos with their son and his wife. They have one other grandchild who lives with his mom in San Diego (their son passed in October 2021). Last, but not least, they have a daughter who lives in Savannah, GA and works as an occupational therapist. Vickie and her husband love to golf, hike, ride their electric bikes and travel to explore new places. They are looking forward to all the new adventures awaiting them in the state of Nevada!



Joan Sciarani 12/01
Debbie Knapp 12/09
Sherrie Thorne 12/17
Donna Sugden 12/24
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