



A wonderful winter wonderland taken from between Hole #12 and #13.



Hello Ladies!

**H**appy New Year and hello 2022! I hope you had a great time ringing in the new year, and I'm keeping my fingers crossed for a better year! I also hope you're enjoying the off-season play this winter, and with a bit of luck we'll be able to continue playing when the weather cooperates. Please be sure to join us out there. It can be chilly, but adding lots of layers can make it work.

This issue has a special place in my heart because my best friend, Neva, is included in the "Pampered Pooches" photo collage on page 3. Neva adds everything to my life a child could except for the fact that she plays well with everybody and can't talk back like a child—well, at least it's only in dog talk when she does! I just bought her a bike trailer to go behind my bike so Neva can go everywhere with me because that's what she is—she's my everywhere dog!

See you on the links!

*Kelly King, President*

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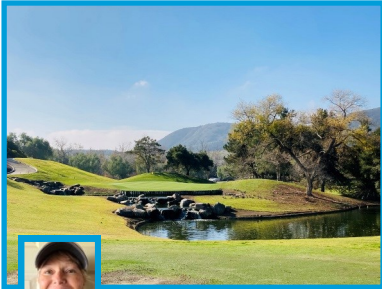
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## Welcoming Winter Activities

*The best thing about memories is making them.*



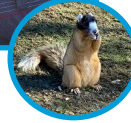
Jeanne Hansen is spending time playing at this beautiful golf course, Twin Oaks in San Marcos, CA.



Suze Ericson, Judy Brooke, Patti Parker and Janet Brown making the most of winter play at CVGC November 30, 2021.



Gwynn Guette and her husband, Emmett, playing at Gulf Shores Golf Course in AL, affectionately called the squirrel course!



Tee-N-Ski (L to R): Cat, Debbie (Silver Oaks Club), Melinda Johnson, Kathy Belvel, DD Woodruff, and DD's friend, Kris.



**I**t was a chilly December morning—with the high temperature hovering at a balmy 30 degrees—when a few brave women's club ladies made the trek to the golf course to play in the 2 Cups Scramble Tournament on Saturday, the 11th. Braving the cold were: Judy Brooke, Jodi Davis, Linda Davis, Lorna Johnston, Rhonda McClelland, Debbie Knapp and DD Woodruff.

Once again, we had some winners! For the closest to the pin contests, Jodi Davis was the winner on Hole #1 and both Linda Davis and her husband, Mike, won closest to the pin on Hole #18. In addition, the dynamic duo husband and wife team of Linda and Mike were a part of the 4-some that took 4th place overall.



Kevin & Rhonda McClelland bundled up!



The Dynamic Duo, Mike and Linda Davis, enjoying socializing and their wins with Augie from the Men's Club!



The Fab Four of Judy Brooke, Lorna Johnston, Debbie Knapp & DD Woodruff



Sara Johnston & Jodi Davis ready to rock it!



Joni Taylor, Ann Schleich, Kelly King & Rhonda McClelland



Suze Ericson & Sara Cleary



Celebrating in advance: Debbie Knapp, Lorna Johnston, Donna Sugden, Judy Brooke and DD Woodruff



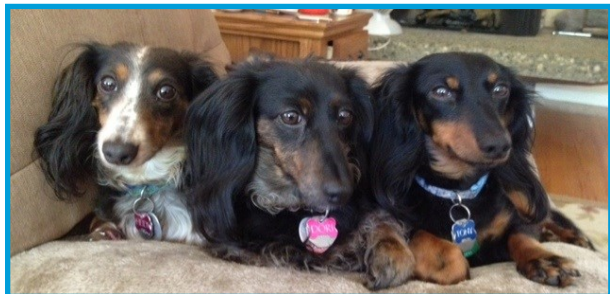
Dynamic Duo of Mike & Linda Davis

Another chilly morning greeted the "Hello 2022!" tournament players on Saturday, January 15th. Over 100 players showed up that cold morning to play, 12 of those brave souls were from CVWGC. We had only one winner, Donna Sugden's team who finished in 6th place, but we still all had a great time!

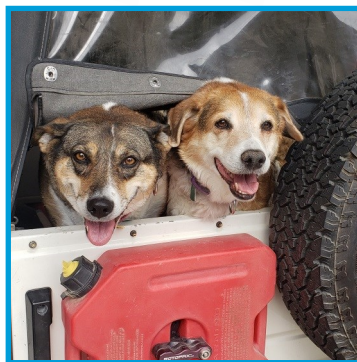


## Pampered Pooches

*You can't buy love, but you can rescue it.*



Heidi, Dori and Tony—three long-haired dachshunds—  
belonging to Sara Cleary.



Hillyr and Molly—ready for a ride—  
belonging to Suze Ericson



The Three Amigos—Wrigley, Rango and  
Lucy (RIP)—belonging to D-D Woodruff.



Shade and Tanner—claiming the  
couch—belonging to Teresa Beggs.



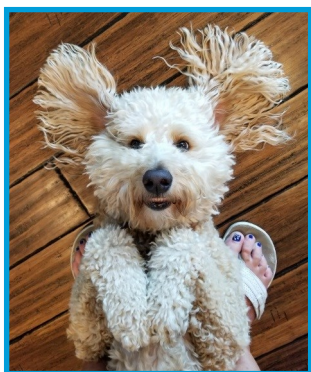
Izzy & Bella—two beautiful Brittany—  
belonging to Sandy Trainer.



Jazlyn(L) and Molly(R)—two spoiled Goldendoodles—  
belonging to Jodi Davis.



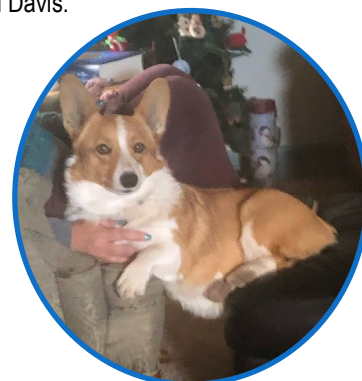
Rascal—a spoiled rescue—  
belonging to Judy Brooke



Neva—a Goldendoodle—  
Kelly King's everywhere dog.



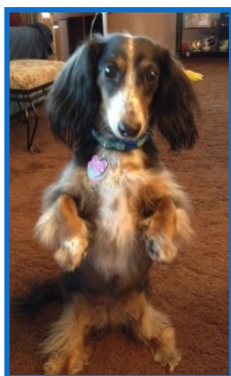
Dolly—the squirrel hunter—belonging to  
Rhonda Moore.



Lily—an up-close-and-personal  
Corgi—belonging to Nora Stevens.



Lulu Rams—125 lbs. of  
true Rams Fan—  
belonging to Rhonda  
McClelland



Sara Cleary's dog,  
Heidi, begging for a  
bone!



Neo & Blue belonging to Debbie  
Knapp. Neo, the Border Collie is  
waiting for his ball fix!





# Golf Putting Routine to Eliminate 3-Putts

By: Golf Practice Guides, Online Golf Instruction

**T**his article focuses on helping you to eliminate 3-putting on the golf course. It includes some simple putting drills you can implement into your golf practice routine that should cure your 3-putting if you try them a few weeks consistently.

For most golfers, especially beginners, putting is an area you can quickly improve. It's also an area costing you many strokes in your golf score, hurting the final number you see at the end of your round of play.

## What is a 3-putt?

Exactly as it sounds, 3-putts to get the ball in the hole once on the green. If you putt from the fringe you shouldn't count that as an official putt, but any putts that occur on the actual green should be counted.

## What is a good total number of putts per round?

You should aim for 34 putts or less, so today let's focus on cutting down on your 3-putts per round and you'll shave a few strokes off your score and shave a few putts from your total putts statistic.

## 3-Putting Causes:

1. Not lagging the ball close enough to the hole on the first putt. This leaves a tough second putt ranging from 4-ft to 10-ft usually.
2. Missing the short, easy 2nd putt. Maybe you did lag the ball up within 3-feet of the hole, but then missed the short second putt.

The following golf practice routines should improve your putting if you practice them consistently. It takes a lot of quality repetitions to ingrain muscle memory so do this consistently for a few weeks and months to see significant gains in your putting skills.

## Golf Putting Drills & Routine to Eliminate 3-Putting:

### 1. Lag putts from 40-feet

- 5 putts taking your normal set up and practice stroke before each putt
- 5 putts looking at the hole the entire stroke rather than the ball
- 5 putts with your eyes closed and using only feel to gauge how close you think you got the ball before opening your eyes
- 5 putts with only your right hand (one handed lag putt)
- 5 putts with only your left hand (one handed lag putt)
- Repeat this 25-putt sequence from 50 feet, 60 feet, and then 30 feet

### 2. Short Putts to finish the 2-putt

Now you'll simulate as if you've already lagged the ball to the hole and need to finish your 2-putt from close range. Here are the drills:

- Make 10 putts in a row from 3 feet
- Make 5 putts in a row from 5 feet
- Make 5 putts using right hand only (one handed)
- Make 5 putts using left hand only (one handed)

To learn more from this article, click on this link to access it: [Eliminate 3-Putting](#)



## Land it for a Lesson



Once again, **YOU** have an opportunity to win a **FREE 30-minute golf lesson from our Pro, Dan!** Here are **this month's trivia questions:**

1. What is the penalty (if any) for putting your bag down in a hazard or bunker?
2. In the first published rules of golf how many rules were there?

The first person to email Dan with the correct answer to **BOTH** questions is the winner. Email your answers to Dan directly at [dan@carsonvalleygolf.com](mailto:dan@carsonvalleygolf.com). Good luck!

After much deliberation and review of the PGA rules December's winner was **DD Woodruff**.

*Congratulations*

**Question #1:** In stroke play what is the penalty for practicing a putt or chip, in the middle of a round, on a green **after** the ball has been holed out and a score recorded.

**PGA Rule:** Under rule 5.5a while playing a hole, a player must not make a practice stroke at any ball on or off the course.

The following are NOT considered practice strokes:

- A practice swing made with no intent to strike a ball.
- Hitting a ball back to a practice area or to another player, when done solely as a courtesy.
- Strokes made by a player in playing out a hole whose result has been decided.

*BUT, there is an exception to the rule, where the player is allowed to practice putting or chipping:* A player is allowed to practice putting and chipping when he or she is between the play of two holes. This is when the player has completed play of the previous hole. Such practice must not be made from a bunker and must not unreasonably delay play. **Final Answer: No penalty.**

**Question #2:** Eldrick is Tiger Woods first name.

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



Dear Patti,

Last month I almost hit a great shot except that it slid across the frozen green into the sand trap which was filled with snow. My ball landed on top of a patch of crusty snow. Must I play it as it lies? Signed, I'd rather be on the beach

**I**'d rather be on the beach too! That white stuff can be treated as standing water in the bunker. In the general area snow can also be considered as a loose impediment for free relief. Without penalty, you may find the nearest point of relief in the bunker and drop within one club-length no closer to the hole. If you want to avoid a snowman on your scorecard you could try Option #2: Take a one-stroke penalty and drop outside the bunker, keeping the line where the ball lies between the hole and where the ball is dropped ... just avoid hitting it back into the snow trap.



### Next month's birthdays:

Vicki Barbaria 2/02  
Melinda Johnson 2/13  
Jan Nolan 2/15  
Jan Recanzone 2/16  
Margaret Fay 2/17

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*Judy Brooke*

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# **SUPERBOWL**

## *Golf Tournament!*

### **Saturday, February 12**

10am | \$40 golf | cart | prize fund | hot dog bar

Additional \$5 Super Bowl Squares

Cash Payout !!

Format 4 player scramble

Teams drafted into AFC & NFC

\$\$\$ 50% of the field will be a winner \$\$\$\$

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