



## A Note From The President



**H**appy Spring! Old Man Winter has been relentless, but we all made it through the snowy times. Now, it's time to put that snow behind us (hopefully) and move on into our golfing season. I trust you are enjoying your time with the Women's Club meeting new golfing girlfriends. With fourteen new members (and a BIG welcome to all of you!), I think you should be making new friends by now.

I want to commend everyone on keeping up with the pace of play. You are doing a fantastic job, and I know everyone appreciates all your efforts to stay within your time on the scorecard and to keep up with the group in front of you.

For this issue I did some research to see what "experts" are claiming are the "Best of the Best" for a number of different golf accessory categories. **Here is my disclaimer**, "I am not making recommendations with any of the products listed in this issue. I am only providing you with what industry experts are saying."

How's that for a full-disclosure disclaimer?

*Let's have a great season and let's have some fun, too!*

*Judy Brooke*

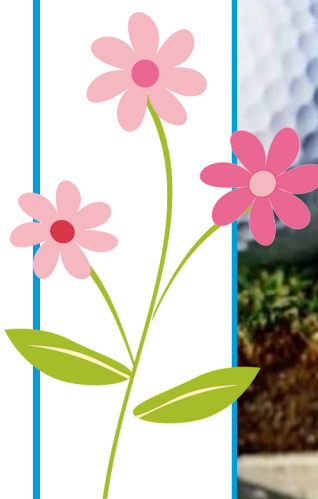
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No golfing outfit seems complete without the appropriate headwear, and for golf, we know a visor keeps you shaded, looks sharp, and still allows you to rock a pony-tail! Check out these Travel Fashion Girl (TFG) picks for the best golf cap for ladies! When swinging at the tee, you don't want to have the sun in your eyes, so the best way to stay shady is with a golf hat to keep you cool and cover your face. Click on this link to see more hats and visors:

### [BEST HATS & VISORS](#)

#### **Best Women's Visor, Camoland Wide Brimmed Golf**

**Hats:** If you want extra coverage, check out these women's golf visors. The 4.8" brim gives shade to your whole face, ears, and neck, with UPF50+ material to protect you from harmful sun rays. It's made from 100% soft cotton and has an elastic closure and detachable chin strap to make it fit you perfectly and not blow off.



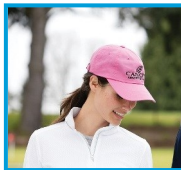
**Simplicity Women's Visor:** This golf sun hat is a visor with a cute twist—it has a bow on the back! Made from



100% cotton, with SPF 50+ protection and a wide brim, this curved lady golf visor offers protection for your

face and eyes from harmful sun rays. The cushioned headband is comfortable and breathable.

**Hofu Custom Golf Hat:** If you want a hat that is truly unique, that you'll never be confused with a buddy on a round again, you can get your own designed cap made.



These custom golf hats come in a variety of colors and you get to choose the name, words, or logo you want to be embroidered onto the front!

**Titleist Tour Performance Women's Golf Caps:** This women's Titleist hat is designed for the golf course. As well as the usual cap features, having a wide brim, moisture-wicking, and adjustable; this cap also comes with a cleverly fitted golf ball marker on the peak. Attached with a magnet, the marker easily comes on and off to mark your place on the green.



## **Best Golf Gloves**

Golf gloves are a frequently overlooked piece of golf gear. But nearly every single golfer uses at least one. Whether you're a beginner or a seasoned golfer there are a couple of reasons why you would want to wear a golf glove. The first reason why you would want to wear a glove is much like the reasoning for using gloves in other sports: to improve grip. The second reason is that the grip will help protect your hands from wear and tear. Most golfers are familiar with how painful the first long range practice after a long winter can be. Most golfers get callouses on their hands from playing frequently. These can be both painful and annoying and, not to mention, can hurt your play. Golf gloves help prevent or at least limit the damage done to your hands.

*Best Products Reviews* provides the top ten golf gloves along with ratings. Here they are just a few of them:

**#1: Footjoy Women's WeatherSof Golf Glove** (left-hand) with a 9.9 (Exceptional) rating featuring breathable mesh, secure closure, extraordinary fit, and enhanced durability.



## Best of the Best (cont.)



**#2: Callaway Golf 2017 Women's OptiColor Leather Glove** with a 9.8 (Exceptional) rating featuring Opti fit adjustable closure thin, light and secure fit, secure feel and moisture absorption, perforations on palms, fingers and thumb moisture reduction and increased breathability.

**#3: Callaway Golf Women's Weather Spann**

**Premium Synthetic Glove** with a 9.6 (Exceptional) rating featuring reinforced palm patches, perforations on palm, top of hand and fingers, Opti fit adjustable closure for a thin, light and secure fit, 4-way stretch synthetic on knuckles, and premium synthetic Japanese material.



To see the last seven of the top ten women's golf gloves, click on this link: [TOP 10 GLOVES](#)

## Best Golf Shoes

**A** lot has changed since the Mary, Queen of Scots invented the caddy while playing golf in her ankle length gowns, corsets and leather boots in the 1500's. And no longer are golf shoes attached to metal spikes that screw into the bottom of the shoe like they were in the 1800s, which, believe it or not, stuck around until the 1990's.

In former years, golf footwear had a stock design and a standardized technology with a sole purpose of keeping the player from sliding around during a swing. Now, there's a multitude of factors that go into designing a shoe, creating nearly endless possibilities for what can go on your feet during a round of golf.

It's all about finding that happy medium of comfort and performance when finding the perfect shoe. Having a steady, comfortable base can only help you, not hurt you! Here are

just a few that are mentioned in this online article. If you want to explore more more golf shoe possibilities, click on this link: [GOLF SHOES](#)

**Adidas Women's S2G Spikeless Golf Shoes:** Also offered with BOA closure system, this pair features a lightweight Bounce midsole for added flexibility. The lugs on the outsole provide a solid grip despite the spikeless design.



**Adidas Women's Summervent Recycled Polyester Spikeless Golf Shoes:** A mesh upper gives maximum breathability for warm summer rounds. The spikeless design adds versatility, while maintaining the traction level that is vital for golf.



**Biion The Trainer:** This sneaker-like and laceless golf shoe will turn heads with its unique and colorful print options. A flexible EVA material makes this model light-weight and flexible.



**G/FORE Women's Cap Toe Gallivanter:** The upper is constructed from white premium waterproof leather while the cap toe and heel are a vista blue patent leather. The outsole features spike-shaped traction technology.



**Skechers Women's Go Golf Elite 5 Slip-ins:** You really shouldn't slide your shoes on or off without untying them, but Skechers knows you do it anyway, so they made this shoe with a heavily structured heel so you can easily slip in and out.





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### Women's Golf Apparel

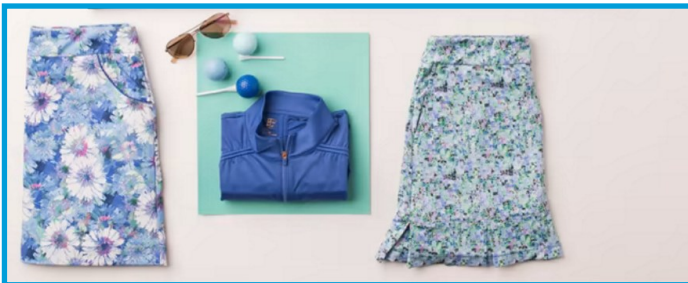
Women's golf apparel is an expanding part of the golf industry that has helped many women golfers find new ways to express themselves on the course while making the game feel more approachable for newcomers who may be intimidated by dress codes and antiquated perceptions of on-course attire. Over the last few years, as female golfers increase in number, so has the focus on women's golf apparel. Existing golf brands have hired more female designers to create thoughtful women's pieces, and dozens of new female-focused clothing companies have launched to meet the growing demand for stylish and versatile women's golf attire. Here are a just a few brands that have some nice, new color collections for 2023. Click on the individual blue links for each product line to see more.



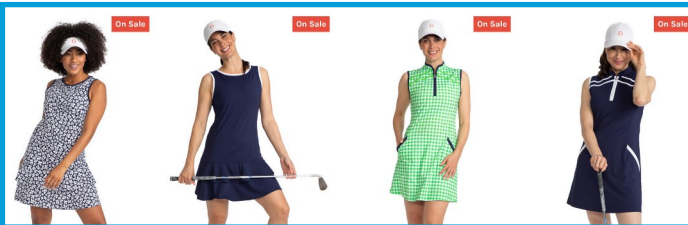
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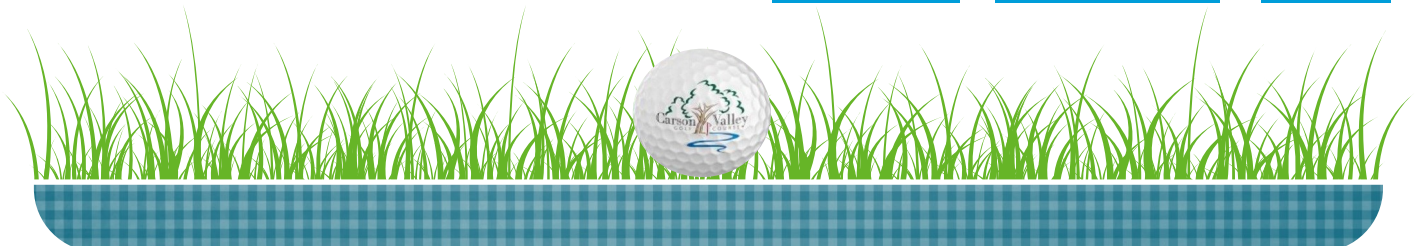
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For more women's golf apparel options, click on these links:

[SKORZIE](#) [GOLF APPAREL](#) [WORLDWIDE](#)

[LOVE OF GOLF](#) [WILLIAM MURRAY](#) [MULLIGAL](#)



# Best of the Best (cont.)



## Best Golf Bags

**W**hether you're new to the game, one birdie away from joining the pro circuit, or somewhere in the middle, when you step onto the green you need a quality bag to hold your golf clubs. The right golf club bag not only keeps your clubs organized and prevents them from scratching or damaging each other, it also neatly stores your balls, tees, and other golf accessories.

Today's golf club bags are sleeker, lighter, and come with more desirable features than the clunky models of the past. Few modern golf club bags are heavy leather. Instead, most golf club bags are made from strong, lightweight synthetic materials that resist stains, dirt, and moisture. Here are some that are considered "the best".

### Best Reviews' Guide Recommendations

**Titelist—Players 4 Plus StayDry Golf Bag** (9.8 rating).



StaDry Waterproof construction with seam-sealed zippers. Expandable full-length apparel pocket. New double strap. Aluminum legs and advanced hinged bottom for best-in-class stability.

**Zero Friction White Golf Stand Bag.** Seven zipper pockets, apparel compartment, lined valuables pocket and insulated water bottle pocket. Holders for glove, towel, scorecard, pen and umbrella. Matching rain hood. Extremely lightweight. Includes a bonus 40" golf towel and universal-fit men's left-hand golf glove (9.4 rating).



Click on this link: to see more recommendations from *Best Reviews Guide*: [BEST REVIEWS](#)

## Prevention's Recommendations

**Callaway Golf 2021 Hyperlite Zero Stand Bag**

(Best Overall). It's lightweight (at just 3 lbs.), has durable carbon-fiber legs, and fits a slew of irons. Plus, it has exterior



pockets for added organization. "Nice light, low-profile bag. Great for push carts too, doesn't rub the wheels because of its smallness," writes one satisfied Amazon shopper. "Also, a very light-weight option for carrying as well. Awesome for the cart-path

-only days when you have to lug it back and forth from ball to cart. Lots of times I just tell my playing partner to drive on, I'll carry the remainder of the whole."

**Callaway Golf PAR3 Stand Bag.** (Best Small Stand

Women's Golf Bag). "Our smallest bag we make but only made to carry a couple of clubs and a couple of things, [this

bag] is great for only playing a couple of holes or taking your kids out if you only have an hour so. Super light and has a couple of pockets," says Spiteri. But reviewers love it too. "Great bag, easy to carry or use with pull/riding cart. Fits



my 10 clubs with out banging them up. Has a big enough side pocket for balls, tees, wind jacket and a few other carry alongs. Very large valuables pocket. Light weight and durability is what I like."

To see more of *Prevention's* recommendations for women's golf bags, click on this link: [PREVENTION REVIEWS](#)





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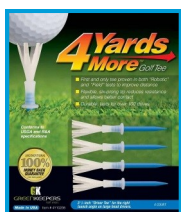
## Best Golf Tees

Striking a ball resting on the turf has its challenges and leaves barely any room for error. Having the ball set higher on golf tees makes life a lot easier, especially with your driver. It almost permits you to cheat a little, legitimately, of course. Using the best golf tee will give you an advantage off the tee box. By current estimations, there are 2 billion golf tees used in the U.S. market each season! As per the rules, a golf tee size may not exceed 4 inches in length. Most tees vary in length between 2 1/4 inches and a maximum of 4 inches. The most commonly used length is 2 3/4 inches.



**Pride Professional Tee System Plastic Golf Tees.** Low-resistance tip for less friction, Comes in plastic or wood. Leading choice on the PGA Tour.

**Martini 3-1/4" Step-Up Tees.** Good ball support. Bright colors. Consistent height of the tee.



**Greens Keepers 4-Yards More Golf Tees.** Less spin off the tee. Assorted sizes available. Consistent height of the tee.

For more highly rated tee options, click on this link:

[BEST GOLF TEES](#)

## Best Golf Balls for Seniors



Regardless of ability or age, playing the best golf balls for your game is important. Thankfully most brands offer different models that have been specifically designed for different types of player, so what are the best golf balls for seniors and what is it about them that makes them a good choice for the older player? Swing speed is a major factor in determining distance, but the ball's design and construction has a bearing too.

**Titelist Tour Soft.** For those in search of a soft feel golf ball, this ball delivers an impressively balanced set of performance characteristics, and offers a good feel without compromising consistency or distance in the long game.



**Wilson Duo Soft.** A ball that performs well and will appeal to those who prefer a high ball flight and soft feel. Players may feel as though they lose a little touch and spin around the greens versus a premium ball, yet the Duo Soft feels superb off the face at the top end of the bag.



**Callaway Super Soft.** This is a fantastic performing ball and unbelievable value. A definite recommendation if you don't want to spend more money on premium golf balls.



**TaylorMade Unisex's Soft Response.** In the hands of a mid or slower swinger, there is plenty of performance to be had here. Specifically, the short game feel and spin control are outstanding for a ball that comes in at less than \$30.00 per dozen.



Click on this link to learn more: [GOLF BALLS](#)





# Photo Gallery

*These are the moments we treasure.*



Our last "official" Tuesday Cards at DST Coffee on March 21st, a snowy day (clockwise from the left): Judy Brooke, Margaret Fay, Jeanine Felix, Vickie Rutledge, Jan Singyke, Janet Brown, Louise Sparks and Claudia Meyer.



April Fools' Golf Tournament (L-R): Debbie Knapp, Donna Sugden, Lorna Johnston, Patti Parker, D-D Woodruff, Jeanine Felix, Judy Brooke, and Sara Cleary.



Opening Day winning team on April 4th (L-R): Lacey Leonard, Mary Milligan and Joni Taylor.



Back Nine foursome on April 11th (L-R): Julie Marraccini, Debbie Steele, Michele Cline and Judy Brooke.



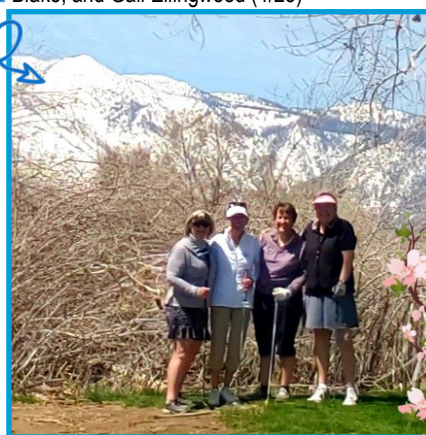
NNGA Seniors Tournament on April 13th (L-R): Judy Brooke, Jeanine Felix, Joni Taylor, Sara Cleary, Debbie Knapp, Patti Parker, Suze Ericson and Vickie Rutledge.



(L-R): Julie Marraccini, Felicia Sotomayor, Nora Stevens and Debbie Knapp, 4/18



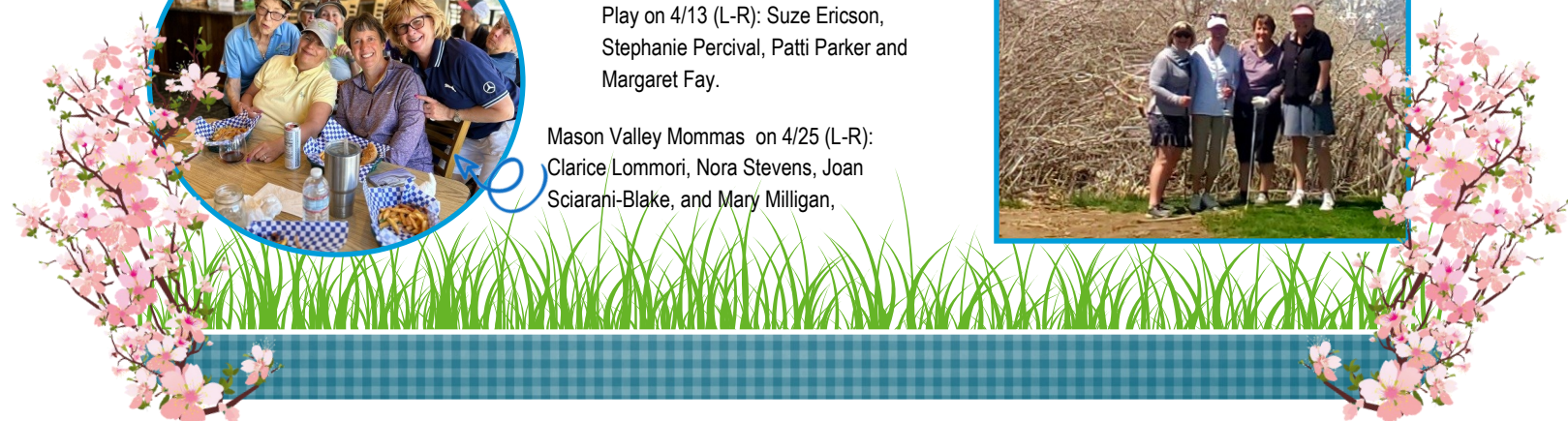
Play on 4/13 (L-R): Suze Ericson, Stephanie Percival, Patti Parker and Margaret Fay.



(L-R): Judy Brooke, Deb Warzynski, Joan Sciarani-Blake, and Gail Ellingwood (4/25)



Mason Valley Mommas on 4/25 (L-R): Clarice Lommori, Nora Stevens, Joan Sciarani-Blake, and Mary Milligan,







## Dear Patti

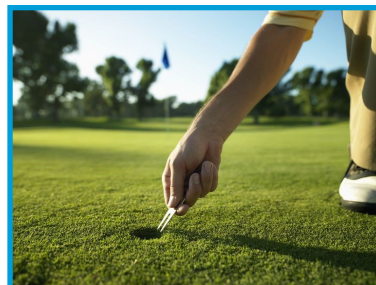
### *Patti Parker's Monthly Rules Advice Column*



Dear Patti,

Next month on the Bingo card we can complete a square if we fix two ball marks on the green and I want to check that square off on my Bingo card. What is the proper way to fix a ball mark? Signed, Divot Diva

Great question, Divot Diva, and I'm so glad you want to fix those nasty ball marks on the greens. Fixing a ball mark is very easy to do. According to USGA, the proper way is to insert the ball mark repair tool behind the ball mark and gently push the top of the tool toward the center. Continue working around the ball mark, pushing the surrounding turf in toward the center of the indentation. Avoid using a lifting or twisting motion because this can damage turf roots. Once you have finished pushing turf in toward the center, gently tamp the area down with your putter to create a smooth, firm surface.



If you click on this link, you'll get to see a great demonstration from the USGA on the proper way to fix a ball mark: [Fixing a Ballmark](#). Now go out there, clean up those greens, and check that off your Bingo card!



# WOMEN'S GOLF DAY®

## JUNE 6, 2023

- Complimentary golf clinic at 8:00 a.m.
- Complimentary golf clinic, glass of wine, light appetizers at 5:00 p.m.
- Pre-registration is **required** for all events!
- Contact Carson Valley Golf Course by Sunday, **June 4**, at 775-265-3181 or [golf@carsonvalleygolf.com](mailto:golf@carsonvalleygolf.com) to pre-register.
- **NOTE:** This does not supersede our usual Tuesday tournament play.



Dianne Ford 05/02

Louise Sparks 05/03

Kathy Belvel 05/27

Theresa Beggs 05/29

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