

Golf Gossip



Volume 3, March 2024—Erin go Braugh!

President's Message



Dia duit! For those of you who are confounded by this greeting, it's a typical Irish greeting meaning "God be with you." And this past month, I hope you all had fun celebrating St. Patrick's Day in some fun way. I celebrated it on the golf course with wonderful golfing girlfriends playing the Shankin' the Shamrock Golf Tournament at Carson Valley Golf Course! We also celebrated my birthday with some luscious mimosas. Check out our group photo on [page 6](#) where we're all decked out in green. Erin go braugh!

What a great time I had at the Meet & Greet kicking off our 2024 season. There are a lot of photos in this Golf Gossip for you to reminisce over. Thank you to all the Mentors who did such a great job introducing our new members. And thank you to everyone for the amazing appetizers you provided. Yummalicious!

With 17 new members (so far), we are continuing to grow and that's because of all of **YOU!** You are reaching out and inviting ladies to join our Club. Go raibh maith agat (that's Irish for "thank you").

This year, let's all have one of our golfing goals be to make new friends. You have over 70 possibilities. The opportunities abound!

Let's go golfing!

Judy Brooke

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How Long Does it Take to Play a Round of Golf?

By: Independent Golf Reviews

We talk a lot about pace of play in our women's league because it is important that we don't have five-hour rounds! Long rounds of golf are not enjoyable for players unless your goal is to have a leisurely round of golf. And that's okay, just not on ladies' day! Following is an article that talks about how long a round of golf should take. The more we can learn from others about pace of play, the better we will become at it.

The answer to how long a round of golf takes varies but an average round is 4 hours and 30 minutes. Nine-holes will take about half that. A round of golf longer than 4.5 hours is considered a slow day and often happens. A shorter round of golf means a good pace of play.

What is the number one way to ruin your time at the golf course? Slow play. Well maybe it's not the worst thing in the world, but it's definitely near the top of the list. Golf courses hate slow play, we hate slow play. Slow play ruins a round of golf. Aim to play in four hours or less, no matter what the standards are. A rule of thumb is that nine holes will take half the time eighteen holes. Who would have thought?

How long should each type of hole take?

The USGA tells us there are specific time expectations based on par for the hole you're playing. Par 3's should take about 13 minutes, par 4's 15 minutes, and par 5's 17 minutes. Click on this link to see the USGA Pace of Play Resource Center: [USGA Pace](#)



A standard course has four par 3's, four par 5's, and twelve par 4's (an average of 15 minutes per hole). If you add those up, you get 270 minutes, or four and a half hours.

Things outside the control of golfers

What makes a round shorter or longer? People will argue it's skill level, how long people take for a single shot, or course difficulty. These things matter, but not as much as how busy a course is.

No matter who your playing partner is or where you're playing, groups ahead and behind you reign supreme. When you have an empty golf course, playing in four and a half hours is incredibly slow. With a cart and no groups sandwiching you in, there's no reason an average golfer can't play a round in three and a half hours. If you have multiple groups walking ahead of you, five-hour rounds are automatic.

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How Long? (Cont'd)

How long does 18 holes take when you're playing in a group?

When you're playing golf in a full group, the average time is not multiplied by the time it takes to play alone by four. As someone plays their shot, you measure distance, pick out a club, and will be ready to hit your ball by the time the other lands.

If everyone does this, it'll be about 20 seconds between shots and an extra two minutes or so per hole. Another place this comes into play is on the greens. You can still look from a couple of angles, but

you can also get a read on your putt from someone else's. A better idea of what your ball will do means less putts and less time on the green.

Another benefit of playing a foursome when you're having an off day on the golf course; four sets of eyes searching for your bad drives.

This article was not presented in its entirety. If you would like to finish reading it click on this link: [How Long?](#)



5 Rules of Golf Etiquette

By: Josh Sens October 19, 2023, Golf.com

We golfers are a well-intentioned lot, keen to share our hard-earned wisdom with newbies to the game.

Problem is, our wealth of knowledge can be overwhelming.

Head down! Loose grip! Left arm straight! How many swing tips can one aspiring player take?

And that's just instruction. There's also etiquette, with its dizzying array of do's and don'ts. Good luck trying to list them all. You'll exhaust yourself and inundate your partner.

Better to stick to the fundamentals, basic guidelines for getting started. There aren't many.

In the spirit of simplification, here are the only five etiquette rules that every beginner needs to know.

1. No one cares how you play

There are two things we all must do alone: die and putt. And while some folks might care about how you do the former, no one gives a whit about how you perform the latter. This might sound cold-hearted. In fact, it should be freeing. No need for apologies, excuses, explanations. Because, really, no one's paying attention to your putting, or anything else about your game. Provided that you're keeping up the pace.

2. Keep up the pace

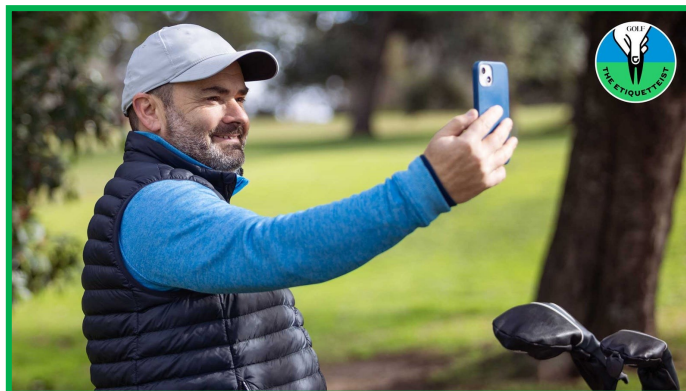
Yeah, about that. Although people don't care how well you putt, they *do* care how long you take to complete your stroke. So, don't make an agonizing ritual of it. Same goes for every shot on the course. Be ready to hit when it's your turn, then step up and



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5 Rules of Golf Etiquette (Cont'd)



Selfies are fine as long as you're not holding up play

fire away. Oh, and if you must take a quick call, reply to an email or snap a selfie, do so on your own time, so as not to delay your playing partners.

3. Stay out of the way

How you swing the club is less important than how you move around the course. The more familiar you get with the rhythms of a round, the more you realize that you've got some latitude when you're not on the tee. In some cases, for instance, it's okay to walk or ride ahead of your partners while they're hitting in the fairway, so long as you're not in their line of play (in fact, it's often the right thing to do to keep things moving).

On the tee, though, you always want stand to the side or behind (though not directly behind, which many people find distracting) your partner. Don't move, talk, whistle or jangle change while they're hitting. And try not to sneeze. Similar rules apply on and around the green. While it's fair game to stand still in someone's peripheral vision, directly

behind them is a no-go, as is standing in their sightline when they're putting, chipping or blasting from a bunker. In that last case, you not only risk being a distraction. You're also put yourself at physical risk.

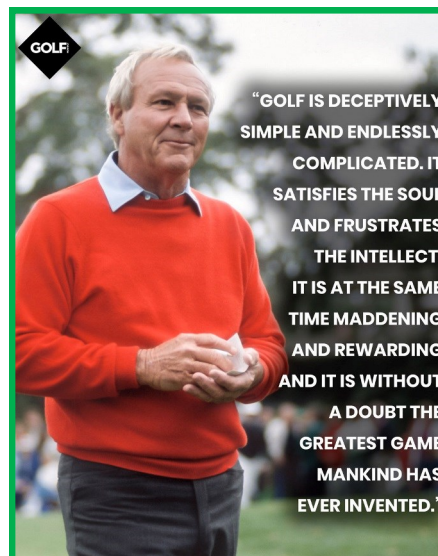
4. Leave no trace

Pretend that you're camping in a National Park. When you depart, no one should know that you were there. That's another way of saying: rake bunkers, fill divots and repair ball marks. No doing donuts in the fairway, either.

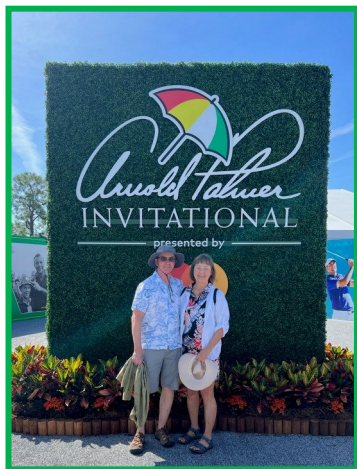
5. Mind your temper

Sulking. Whining. Screaming. Flinging clubs. You're not good enough to engage in such behaviors, which you should plan on avoiding, no matter how well you learn to play the game.

Click on this link to see the article online: [5 Rules](#)



Here's What You've Been Doing



Debbie Knapp and her husband, Mark, taking in the sunshine at the Arnold Palmer Invitational Golf Tournament in Orlando, FL.



Vegas Vickie (Oland), when not enjoying the golf courses in Vegas is maximizing her experience with the neon displays that Vegas is also known for. Yeehaw, Cowgirl!



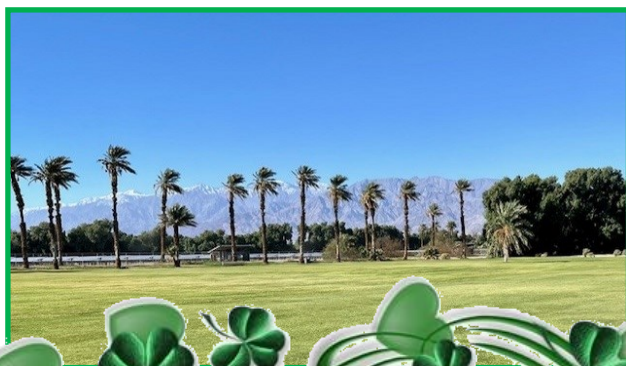
Jeanine Felix, her mother, and two grandkids — Wynn & Wyatt — in Canada, walking to the aquarium from their hotel in Vancouver. From there they headed on an Alaskan cruise.



Shana Lakso in Lafayette for her 15th annual girls trip. She was joined by friends and old co-workers. They usually wine taste, but decided to mix it up this year.



Sara Cleary has been busy this off season with her new home. She is having new flooring put in throughout and it has been quite a project. She misses everyone and can't wait for golf to start.



Every March, a group of golfers caravan in their RVs to Death Valley to play golf. They start their stay with a skins game and then finish off with a two-day tournament. Vickie Rutledge took this photo of the Furnace Creek Golf Course where they play. As you can see, it was a bit windy.





More February Photos



Shankin' the Shamrock Golf Tournament at CVGC on March 16th, Judy's birthday. The decked out Lucky Charmers are (L-R): Lorna Johnston, Judy Brooke, Monica Sierwertsen, and D-D Woodruff. Photo in the middle was the first of four birdie celebrations on the course! Monica brought the big bottle of Fireball just in case we birdied the lights out!

Check out all this fabulous fare at the Meet & Greet. The appetizers and desserts were all divine, thanks to all of YOU!

Meet & Greet Social Photos—March 26th



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Twinsies



Golf on a beautiful, windy day after the Meet & Greet. Another foursome included (L-R): Kathy Emanuel, Patti Parker, Felicia Sotomayor, and Suze Ericson.



After the Meet & Greet we had 12 brave souls venture out in the windy conditions to play a round. Our foursome included (L-R): Lorna Johnston, Debbie Steele, Judy Brooke, and Gail Ellingwood.





Posting Scores



Posting scores for your handicap at NNGA golf courses resumed **March 15th**. That means when you play a round at an NNGA course, you must post your score! It's not only a USGA and NNGA rule, but a Club Rule as well to prevent players from sandbagging their handicap. ♦

The Shortest Holes on the PGA Tour

Have you ever wondered what were the shortest holes the Pros play on the PGA Tour? Well, wonder no more. Here are the ten shortest holes they play on tour:

1. AT&T Pebble Beach Pro-Am, Pebble Beach GL, No. 7, par 3, 106 yards, 0.102 under par (659)
2. OHL Classic at Mayakoba, El Camaleon GC, No. 4, par 3, 116 yards, 0.267 under par (787)
3. Open Championship, Royal Troon GC, No. 8, par 3, 123 yards, 0.087 over par (296)
4. AT&T Pebble Beach Pro-Am, Spyglass Hill GC, No. 15, par 3, 130 yards, 0.199 under par (740)
5. The Players Championship, TPC Sawgrass, No. 17, par 3, 137 yards, 0.018 over par (456)
6. CIMB Classic, Kuala Lumpur G&CC, No. 4, par 3, 140 yards, 0.216 under par (747)
7. RBC Canadian Open, Glen Abbey GC, No. 15, par 3, 141 yards, 0.105 under par (258)
8. OHL Classic at Mayakoba, El Camaleon GC, No. 8, par 3, 151 yards, 0.114 under par (675)
9. Sanderson Farms Championship, CC of Jackson, No. 13, par 3, 151 yards, 0.118 under par (683)
10. WGC-Cadillac Championship, Trump National Doral, No. 15, par 3, 153 yards, 0.149 under par (707)

The shortest hole on the PGA Tour, and perhaps the shortest hole in championship golf, is the par-3 seventh hole at Pebble Beach Golf Links, host of the AT&T Pebble Beach Pro-Am, as well as other major championships, including the 2019 U.S. Open. The hole, which plays downhill to a small target on the edge of the Monterey Peninsula, often plays into the wind. It might look and be short, but the winds can gust so much that sometimes a player needs a long iron just to get to the green. It's an incredible hole. ♦



Remember the Cart Jockeys

It's a small, but meaningful gesture to remember the awesome service the Cart Jockey's at Carson Valley Golf Course provide the women's club every week.

I would love it if we could honor and thank them by slipping just a couple of dollars under the card clip on the steering wheel as a thank you for taking care of us every Tuesday.

This is not mandatory, just an optional gesture that I think would be very meaningful to them.

Thank you for taking this into consideration. ♦



At the General Membership Meeting on April 2nd, you are going to receive a form to fill out your 2024 Golfing Goals. Start thinking about your goals now so you are prepared to put them on paper.

Just a few examples are (and some of these are my goals):

- Lower my handicap by 5 points
- Hit over senior hump on Hole #11 at least three times in the season
- Hit the green on Hole #18 consistently
- Play at least 3 games with no penalties

There will be more examples for you to look at with the handout on April 2nd. But start thinking now! ♦



Marcia Chatin 04/02

Stephanie Percival 04/11

Elise Smith 04/16

Julie Marraccini 04/23

We want not only your photos for future editions of *Golf Gossip*, but also any fun/funny tidbits of golf gossip you experience with your golfing partners! You can email your pictures and stories to: judypsalms100@gmail.com.

Thank you for helping make *Golf Gossip* fun, informative and worth reading.



Judy Brooke
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Monthly Clinics

Carson Valley Golf Course

Instructed By

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April

Wednesdays
April 3-24

Beginners
3 clinics
1 on course lesson

6:00-7:00pm
\$150.00

Friday
April 12

Full Swing
Focus on full swing
mechanics

5:00-6:00pm
\$25

Friday
April 26

Putting
Focus on putting
stroke, accuracy and
consistency

5:00-6:00pm
\$25

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