

Plainsview Golf Course February News Letter

Hi and welcome back to the Plainsview Golf Course. We have had a semi long fairly warm winter and now is the time to start thinking SPRING. Well I am going to step out on the wild side and say let's play Golf by the 12th of April! Sooner if we can! When the Driving Range opens it is a sure sign that the greens covers will be coming off soon! Volunteers to help would be great!! Watch for the Driving Range to open in Late March to early April as soon as the snow is melted off and the ground firms up enough for us to harvest the range balls.

Maintenance: We are going to aerate the greens in early May as long as the weather permits. Aeration helps the greens condition and therefore is a better playing surface. If you have noticed in the last few years we have worked hard to build the greens playing surface to a high quality intermediate play speed. This is to help beginners and leisure golfers while maintaining the lower handi-capped golfer a quality challenge round of golf.

Pro Shop Specials: February is here and March is soon upon us! Hawaiian Open is scheduled for the 17th of March. We will have BBQ Pulled Pork and Potato Salad before going out to play in what is left of the snow! In past years it was about knee high and melting but this year? Let's just say you may be walking more and playing more holes.

Come in and talk with Stan about Special Order Clubs.
Custom orders require a minimum deposit.
Call Stan for more information @ 747-4280.

Tournaments:

Indoor Golf Tournament: Full Swing simulator Golf Tournament

Hawaiian Open!

Date: 17 March

Tee off: Noon

4 person scramble

Fee: \$10 per person includes BBQ Pulled Pork Sandwich with Potato Salad and Medium Fountain Drink

Bring your own OLD Driver or Iron

Only One club person is allowed

31 March Season Finale of Winter League

For more information on tournaments call Stan at 747-4280

Free Clinics:

Irons Clinic on 17 Feb at 5 pm

Driver clinic on 27 March at 5 pm : Instruction of the fundamentals of the swing. Ball placement, stance, proper grip and more!

Golf tips: I have taken this article from the PGA.Com Website. There are many such helpful information tips on the site so go to it and get more information!

SHOULD YOU FIRE AT THAT PIN?

By Craig Renshaw, PGA Professional- PGA.com

A question I field quite often is how and when should an amateur take dead aim at pins during the play of a normal round of golf. The answer to this question depends on several factors, but ultimately boils down to if the shot presented is a really good opportunity to take dead aim as well as if the situation is worth the risk, relative to your current position on the course.

The variables for such aggressive shots can be narrowed down to asking yourself these simple questions:

- Do you have a relatively short shot with an 8 iron through your wedges?
- Do you have a perfect lie?
- Is the pin placement easily accessible?
- Is the shot's ball flight comfortable to your game?
- Can you make a full swing?
- Can you swing with confidence?
- Does the situation allow you to gamble with odds in your favor?

If you can answer "Yes" to all these questions, then by all means, take dead aim at the pin. If you can not answer "yes" to most of these questions, it is probably best that you consider an alternative shot before deciding to take dead aim.

Most golfers aim at pins far too often, placing too much risk in their games and not enough reward. If you find you are aiming at two to three pins a round, you are probably using good judgment and minimizing your risk.

To see if you can improve on your greens in regulation statistics as well as reduce your putting average, try playing a couple rounds of golf doing nothing more than aiming for the middle of each green. Every client I have that has tried this strategy has experienced immediate reduction in their scores.



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Golf Group Lessons

Looking for a few new golfers

This program is to help you and the fees are very reasonable at \$99 per person. This gives you 8 sessions in a group setting. See Stan for more details!

New or changed Golf Rules: Winter Rules in effect for ground under repair and casual water. No penalty to move ball no closer the pin. Number 2 Fairway has its own challenges but we need to keep the carts out of the wild grasses on the left. Please walk only in that area to find your ball. This will help the wild grass growth.

Putter Snack Bar Specials: Check out our Specials for each Month on the <http://www.forksupport.com/golf.html> web site!

Other News: Help us by repairing those ball marks on the greens this summer please. For ever one you create 2 more are usually found. The more that gets repaired the better the greens surface for you will be upon your next round.

We need you to watch after some of the lesser golfers so they know not to tear up the greens. If you see anyone hitting a golf ball with a wedge on the green please STOP THEM and inform them of the proper club to use on the greens. Education is the best way to promote the great game of Golf!

Volunteers are always welcome to help us for tournaments and maintenance of the golf course. If you want to help please call 747-4279 and talk with Stan. Your help is greatly appreciated!!