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The Season Of Change

by Scott Romero, Chairman Golf 4 Fun
Losing Englewood

The year 2007 came in with the word change all over it. Please remember that not all change is bad; in fact many of the changes that **Golf 4 Fun** is experiencing is good change. Please read the article in this issue about the exciting changes going on at Englewood Golf Course. This course transformation at Englewood means we in turn have to make a change. Luckily we have some wonderful friends in the golf business. Foothills Golf Course, part of the Foothills Parks and Recreation District has been kind to offer us a new home for 2007. As you will read in this newsletter, our classes will be held on Mondays and Thursdays only. This is only a temporary change as the new and improved Englewood facilities promise to bring an extraordinary set of changes.



Scott Romero

So Long International

In February 2007, we learned that *The International* would not continue to be a part of the PGA Tour calendar and **Golf 4 Fun** would no longer offer special seating for people with disabilities. On behalf of everyone associated with **Golf 4 Fun**, I would like thank the Vickers family, Larry Thiel, Sherry Fetzer, Don Hurter, Kate Kammeyer, Patricia Walker and the entire *International* family of dedicated individuals. This tournament helped **Golf 4 Fun** in many ways and it will be missed. August will not be the same without a trip to *The International*. My guess is that this is not the last we will hear from *The International*.

New Tourney Date

To continue on with the alterations of 2007, the 18th Annual Bob "Red" Nelson Fundraising Tournament will STILL be played on a Wednesday and it will STILL be held at Thorncreek Golf Course. The change is that we will play the tournament in May INSTEAD of July. I see this as a distinct benefit: we will have cooler weather (remember the 95+ degree sunny weather of the last few years?). I would like to thank Bill Burney and the staff at Thorncreek who always take great care of us; I am sure this will be consistent this year. So bring your favorite foursome to support the ONLY fundraiser for **Golf 4 Fun** in 2007. We appreciate you!

Great Golf

One thing you can count on for 2007 is consistently great lessons

and support from **Golf 4 Fun** PGA teaching professionals and all of the wonderful volunteers that give their time to help out. If you would like to volunteer to help in any capacity, please contact me for information. Yet another constant will be the end-of-the-season, student Play Day. This event will also take place at the Foothills Golf Course par-3 course. This year's Play Day will be held at 8 a.m. on Tuesday, August 21 (tentative date). Please come and share in the success of our students; you will not be disappointed.

Welcomes And Farewells

I would like to extend a welcome to our new Board of Directors members Todd Phelps, Kitty Gibbons, Steve Parkhouse and Mark Marquardt. It is through individuals such as these that a great organization can continue to thrive. I would also like to acknowledge members of our board that have recently moved on. A special thank you goes to Mike Crawford, Sheila Nevin, David and Judy Milster, Darlene Evans, Phyllis Greb and Cory Lasher-Miller. Your efforts and sacrifices are sincerely appreciated. I hope to see you all at the upcoming tournament or sooner!

Common Goals

One last note: I would like to thank another golf-focused non-profit we work alongside. Open Fairways is an organization that provides golf instruction, and more importantly, life lessons for youth at risk. They help hundreds of youngsters learn respect, integrity and patience through the great game of golf. Open Fairways provides instruction at many Denver area courses. Together we will share both Foothills Golf Course and Englewood. Together, we can work to make this a better place for everyone, I am convinced of it. As we get ready to tee up the ball for 2007, we need to adapt to whatever life throws at us. Change is good. Come join us as we try to improve ourselves by helping others.



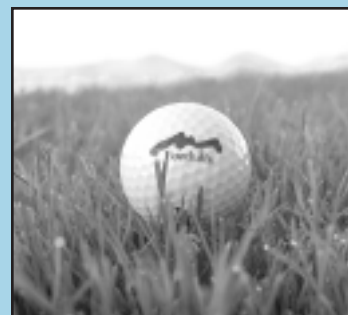
Finding Foothills

by Kitty Gibbons

When the **Golf 4 Fun** Board of Directors learned that Englewood Golf Course would be closing for renovation, our first question was where will we go? And how soon do we have to move? Plus we weren't the only group having to find a new home. There was Open Fairways, a program for disadvantaged youth who also took golf lessons at Englewood. And that speaks to what a wonderful program we were enjoying at Englewood where we had been for many years.

They already had signs up, posters showing the new layout of the golf course, and as our 2006 season ended, construction was

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already under way. The Englewood staff tried everything to accommodate us, offering to set up a miniature driving range using nets. But there would be no putting or chipping green. In the end, Scott Romero decided that it was time to start looking for other opportunities. And the most obvious was Foothills Golf Course, where we've had our Play Day for many years as well. Yet he knew Foothills already had a very full program.

However at Foothills, Scott found an equally accommodating director of golf operations in Randy Meyers. Meyers has been with the Foothills Parks and Recreation District for 15 years, first at the Meadows Golf Club and then at Foothills. Foothills features an 18 hole championship course, a nine hole executive course, and a nine hole par three course. The driving range is lighted until 10 o'clock at night through August, which draws a significant crowd of young golfers. Not to mention the fact that Foothills has a Junior Players Pass, where for \$299/year, young golfers play for \$2.50 any day of the week and get 25 buckets of balls. So it shouldn't be surprising that Foothills was voted the "Most Family Friendly Golf Course" in Colorado by readers of *AvidGolfer Magazine* in 2004 and 2005. One might think with as many years as Randy Meyers has been with the district, he might have had something to do that. But he says no and credits his staff with their most helpful ways.

Finding Foothills should be easy to anyone who's taken part in Play Day. If not, they've provided a map. One small caveat: if you exit 285 at Kipling you won't be able to turn left onto the frontage road. If you're coming from Englewood (our previous course), take Santa Fe north to the Highway 285 south entrance, then take 285 to the Wadsworth exit. Drive south to the frontage road, turn right and weave around until you see the sign for Foothills.

Finally, know that we plan to be back at Englewood Golf Course in 2008.



Denver Golf 4 Fun Student News

by Percy Fry, Student Coordinator

Summer is coming and that means it is time for **GOLF!!** Our volunteers and golf pros are getting ready for new and returning students. This year our classes will be at:

FOOTHILLS GOLF COURSE

3901 South Carr Street, Denver

This change is due to the construction at Englewood. We are grateful to Foothills for letting us use their course during this time of transition.

Our classes are scheduled as follows:

Session I

Monday, April 23-May 21 at 9 a.m. and 10 a.m.

Thursday, April 26-May 24 at 9 a.m. and 10 a.m.

Session II

Monday, June 4-July 9 at 9 a.m. and 10 a.m.

Thursday, June 7-July 12 at 9 a.m. and 10 a.m.

Session III

Monday, July 16-August 13 at 9 a.m. and 10 a.m.

Thursday, July 19-August 16 at 9 a.m. and 10 a.m.

Play Day will be August 21 at Foothills Golf Course.

At this time, we do not plan to add classes. If we are able to add classes, I will notify the people who have expressed interest in different times — especially evening. I realize that there are those who work or have transportation issues and cannot take classes during the day. We would truly like to accommodate them.

We look forward to a wonderful season. If you have questions, please contact me at: 303-660-6615 or by e-mail at priscillafry@comcast.net.



Above: Foothills Golf Course will be the site for this summer's Golf 4 Fun classes.

At right: Adam O'Leary, far left, practices drives with friend Michael Oswald, far right, at the Foothills Driving Range. Both are Lakewood residents.



Golf Course Construction Update

by Wayne Niles, Golf Course Supervisor

The renovation at Englewood Golf Course is now in full swing. As part of the River Point at Sheridan redevelopment project, the course is undergoing a major redesign while maintaining a number of its golf operations open to the public.

Areas impacted by construction, such as the front nine holes, driving range, and Par 3 course are closed. The new River Holes (7, 8, and 9) west of the South Platte River are beginning to take shape. Areas have been cleared for



Early construction of the holes west of the South Platte River.

tees, fairways and greens, and soil has been imported. Sculpting parts of 8 and 9 has taken place; however, drainage, irrigation, additional topsoil, and final shaping must be completed before grassing. Construction east of the South Platte is also moving forward now that the snow has melted. The entire area will be tilled and scraped, and topsoil will be stockpiled for later use.



Open Space Manager Dave Lee and Parks and Recreation Director Jerrell Black standing on future hole 9, no doubt dreaming of May 2008, when they will be able to play the front nine.

Additionally, use of the bike path in the construction area will be limited. As of March 15, the path was closed through the golf course property and detour routes were posted.

Other areas of the Englewood Golf Course, including the clubhouse, the pro shop, and Caddie Shack Restaurant, remain open during this time. The back nine holes are also available to play.

Likewise, a number of golf programs continue to run with modifications during the renovation. The intent from the beginning of the construction process had been to retain the Junior Golf Program. To do so, a temporary area for the program will be located west of the clubhouse near the South Platte. This area has been shaped and is scheduled to be ready to see action with the Junior Program by June 1.

The new course is scheduled to be open on May 24, 2008.

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Shadow, the golf course dog, oversees clearing near the river.



Joe Arcese with the single rider cart at Castle Pines during The International golf tournament.



Single Rider Golf Carts

by Joe Arcese

Through the grant from the USGA, **Golf 4 Fun** has been able to purchase three new single rider carts. The carts will spend the summer of 2007 at Foothills Golf Course, where **Golf 4 Fun** will hold lessons. After that, the carts will be relocated where needed.

Previously, **Golf 4 Fun** has purchased several single rider golf carts with funds received from the USGA Foundation, and have donated these carts to the following golf courses:

- Broadlands Golf Course, Broomfield
- Englewood Golf Course, Englewood
- Flatirons Golf Course, Boulder
- Foothills Golf Course, Lakewood
- Hyland Hills Golf Course, Westminster
- Legacy Ridge Golf Course, Westminster
- Meadows Golf Course, Littleton
- Mira Vista Golf Course, Aurora
- Patty Jewett Golf Course, Colorado Springs
- Saddle Rock Golf Course, Aurora
- Thorncreek Golf Course, Thornton
- Twin Peaks Golf Course, Longmont

The following courses also have the single rider carts available to people with disabilities. These carts are the property of these courses. Thus, the golf courses are responsible for their maintenance. They are:

- Collindale Golf Course, Ft. Collins (2 carts)
- Ft. Collins City Golf Course, Ft. Collins (2 carts)
- South Suburban Golf Course, Littleton

Please reserve usage in advance, and ask that the cart be charged. Depending on the age of the batteries, although the carts may go the full 18 holes, I recommend that you only count on 9 holes. Also, the golf course has the discretion to charge for the use of the cart. We check these carts periodically to be sure they are in good condition. If you have a problem with a cart please tell the golf personnel, and also call me at 303-995-1353.

Several other golf courses are purchasing single rider carts to comply with ADA rules. Please call courses where you are interested in playing and ask if they have a cart.



Tee Off for the
18th Annual
Bob "Red" Nelson
Golf 4 Fun Tournament

A benefit for people with disabilities

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Registration and detailed sponsorship information is available online at **www.golf4fun.org**



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Tournament Sponsors And Contributors**

Following is a listing of the Sponsors, Donors, Contributors, and Volunteers from the 2006 Tournament. If you trade with these folks, please extend a thank you to them for their efforts in supporting **Golf 4 Fun**.

We hope to have your support again for this year's tournament. **WE WILL SEE YOU ON MAY 23, 2007, AT THORNCREEK.** Questions and comments about the tournament can be directed to: Tim Gaudette, **Golf 4 Fun**, P.O. Box 27595, Denver, CO 80227; phone: 303-414-2374; e-mail: tgaudette@hmbrown.com.

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Play By The Rules

Rules Interpretation From The USGA Rule Book

by Dick Micek, Treasurer

The Fall-Winter edition of *The Links Letter* contained the first article about the USGA "Rules of Golf." This article provided background on development and approval of the rules that govern all golfers. The Rule Book is the Encyclopedia of Golf and is approved by both the USGA and The Royal and Ancient Golf Club of St. Andrews, Scotland. The USGA also publishes a book entitled "A Modification to the Rules of Golf for Golfers with Disabilities" and excerpts are located on the USGA Web site at http://www.usga.org/playing/rules/golfers_with_disabilities.html. This issue will cover "Pace of Play" as summarized in the USGA Pace of Play Guide and provide the summary page from the modifications to the rules for golfers with disabilities.

It is important to note that the USGA not only addresses rules for golfers with disabilities but also provides grants to non-profit organizations throughout the country specifically targeting organizations serving youth from economically disadvantaged backgrounds or individuals with disabilities. This initiative is known as the "For the Good of the Game" grants program to non-profit organizations throughout the country. **Golf 4 Fun** has been a fortunate recipient of grants from the USGA which has helped us purchase single rider golf carts and pay for PGA Professional lessons for students.

"Pace of Play" The pace of play suggestions provided by the USGA are summarized below as included in the guide published by the USGA:

1. Plan your shot while walking to your ball or while others are playing.
2. Line up your putt when others are putting and be ready to play when it is your turn.
3. Be ready to play when it is your turn.
4. Walk briskly between shots.
5. Walk directly to your golf ball; don't follow others unless assisting in a search.
6. If riding, take several clubs with you to your ball so you won't have to walk back to the cart.
7. Be efficient with pre-shot routine.
8. Take only one practice swing.
9. Play a provisional ball if you think the original might be lost outside a water hazard or out of bounds.
10. Leave your clubs on the side of the putting green toward the next tee.
11. Exit putting green promptly after holing out.
12. Unless experienced, play the standard tees, not the championship tees.

These rules of play are not totally appropriate or applicable to Disabled Golfers but they do provide general, common sense guidelines beneficial to all golfers and the game of Golf.

Below is the summary page of information copied directly from the above referenced USGA Web site: http://www.usga.org/playing/rules/golfers_with_disabilities.html.

Modification To The Rules Of Golf For Golfers With Disabilities

This publication contains permissible modifications to the Rules of Golf for use by disabled golfers. This is not intended to be a revision of the Rules of Golf as they apply to able-bodied players. As is the case for the Rules of Golf themselves, these modifications, along with the philosophy expressed herein, have been agreed upon by the United States Golf Association and the R&A in St. Andrews, Scotland.

- Blind Golfers
- Amputee Golfers
- Golfers Requiring Canes or Crutches
- Golfers Requiring Wheelchairs
- Mentally Handicapped Golfers
- Miscellaneous Issues
- Handicapping
- Equipment Permitted Conditionally For Medical Reasons

A Modification To The Rules Of Golf For Golfers With Disabilities

In modifying the Rules of Golf for golfers with disabilities, the desired result should allow the disabled golfer to play equitably with an able-bodied individual or a golfer with another type of disability. It is important to understand that this critical objective will occasionally result in a modification to a Rule which may seem unfair at first glance because a more simplified answer may appear to exist when two golfers with the same disability are playing against one another.

From a practical standpoint, it is useful to subdivide disabled golfers into groups, each one of which has a need for somewhat different Rules modifications. Five such groups are easily identified. They are blind golfers, amputee golfers, golfers requiring canes or crutches, golfers requiring wheelchairs, and mentally handicapped golfers.

Summary

This modification of the Rules of Golf for disabled golfers is intended to provide a means by which they may play equitably with able-bodied golfers or other golfers with disabilities. Hopefully, all of the issues have been addressed, although it is anticipated that continued analysis and further modification will be necessary, as is the case for the Rules of Golf.

If you have time please visit the USGA Web site above as you will find very valuable and interesting information. In the next newsletter more information will be provided from the USGA Rule Book and further discussion about Rules of Golf For Golfers With Disabilities. Until then always remember "Fairways and Greens."



Golf 4 Fun Awarded USGA Grant

by Stephen Parkhouse, Director of Marketing

Golf 4 Fun received a two year grant from the USGA in the amount of \$25,000. The primary use of the money was the purchase of five new single rider carts. These carts are placed at Denver area courses and play a vital role in allowing disabled golfers access to these courses. In addition, the grant was used to support our program by partially paying for lessons, which were taught by PGA professionals. Furthermore, a small portion of the grant was used to keep our existing fleet of single rider carts up and running. The grant was instrumental in giving greater access to Denver area courses to the disabled community. Now there are several more courses that have access to these carts. **Golf 4 Fun** is truly having a great impact on the disabled community by providing this access.

It is because of grants like this from the USGA that **Golf 4 Fun** has been able to benefit hundreds of disabled golfers over its 18-year history. A very large THANK YOU goes out to the USGA for making 2005 and 2006 a tremendous success!



Bill Kroen's Golf Tip-A-Day

Learn from the ladies.

Every chance you get, you should watch the LPGA Tour pros play on TV or in person. These women hit the ball long and straight despite being less muscled and smaller than the men. The LPGA pros have developed the rhythm and tempo needed to get the most out of their swings. You will improve just watching them whether you are a man or woman.



Boulder Golf 4 Fun News

by Cory Lasher-Miller

Come join us in Boulder this summer and take in the beautiful views of the Flatirons. **Golf 4 Fun** will be provided at the Flatirons Golf Course, Thursday mornings from 9:30-10:30 a.m. running from June 7 to July 12. We will schedule a tee-time to play nine holes of golf after lessons are completed. For more information call Cory Lasher-Miller at 303-413-7269, ext. 1.



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Fort Collins Golf 4 Fun

by Renee Lee, CTRS

The City of Fort Collins Adaptive Recreation Opportunities program (ARO) is ready for a new season of **Golf 4 Fun** in Northern Colorado. Spring classes are scheduled to be held on Monday evenings 5:15-6:15 p.m., April 9-April 30. Summer sessions are planned for Tuesdays, June 5-26 and July 10-31 from 6:30-7:30 p.m. All sessions will take place at the City Park Nine Golf Course in Fort Collins.

Work continues for the 18th annual ARO fundraising event, the *Just for Ladies Golf Tournament*, which will take place Saturday, June 9, 2007. This is always a fantastic tournament and all lady golfers are encouraged to participate!

For more information about the *Just for Ladies tournament*, ARO, or for registration information, please contact Renee Lee, CTRS, Fort Collins Recreation Division at 970-224-6027 or rlee@fcgov.com.



Bill Kroen's Golf Tip-A-Day

Take Mental Interference out of your game.

Golf is hard enough without adding interference. Discipline yourself so that slow play, a chatty partner, or a bad break will not cause anger and tension to enter your game. Tell yourself to relax and enjoy the game. Your golf and your mental well-being will be better for being aware of the potential downfalls.

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