

CHRISTMAS CHEER

Check Out Santa's Bag Of Golf Gifts

Christmas is just around the corner. Are you wondering what to get your favorite golfer this year? Well you may relax and read on. Golfers come in all sizes and most have very personal tastes in homes, cars, clothes and entertainment. However, golfers are rarely hard to please when you give them a golf gift.

Your first thought about a golf gift may be that it will be expensive.

That certainly is a possibility if cost is no object. A set of clubs will range between \$200 and \$2,000. It all depends on your golfer and how much he normally spends on his clubs.

Tailor Your Gift To The Golfer

If your golfer is a novice and still learning the game with an old or used set of clubs, you can pick up a very nice matched set of new clubs from any number of businesses or people in our area who assemble clubs to match your needs. Just ask at any golf course who makes custom clubs and you will be able to negotiate a price for a good set of new irons from \$200 to \$300 dollars. The best bet would be to arrange for a gift certificate for your golfer, so he or she can select the style and specifications to suit their preferences.

How To Make A Golfer Really Happy

If you want to really get into big bucks, go for a whole set of clubs including the woods, specialty clubs and a nice bag. That outfit will range from \$500 to \$800. If you are thinking of something to really impress your golfer you can always give them their own personal golf cart for \$2,000 plus.

Prices for very nice gifts do not have to be outlandish. Golf shoes range from \$75 to \$200 in most price ranges. Rainsuits can be found in a price range of \$65 to \$400. Rainsuits are a particularly nice gift in that they may also be worn on a cold windy night at a "social" game or anytime you want total protection against rain. Most come with their own pouches and are easy to fold and carry along on any venture into the outdoors.

Rainsuits Are A Practical Gift

I once watched a round at the Greensboro Open wearing long johns, wool pants with a sweater and a rainsuit with a large brimmed hat. I was sitting on the top row of bleachers on a hill in bitter windy weather. At no time during the morning did anyone else venture into those bleachers for more than a few minutes. They would look around at me with my binoculars and thermos of coffee, shake their heads and scurry off of that hill. I was perfectly comfortable in three layers with the rainsuit.

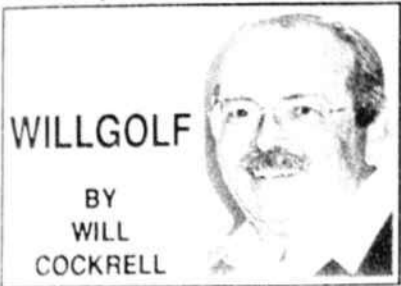
If you are interested in a gift from \$20 to \$50 look for a nice sweater made of cotton, a good set of cold weather gloves or warm sleeveless sweater which is a practical layering garment for a golfer. You can also purchase your golfer a couple dozen balls in this price range. Balls are always a welcome gift as is a large golf umbrella. A golf umbrella also has a lot of other practical uses.

All Golf Items Are Not Expensive

Other ideas for the moderate gift are golf books, golf instructional videos, video golf games, golf caps, wooden shoe trees, and golf club cleaning kits.

If you drew a golfer's name in the office pool and you want to spend somewhat less than \$20, go for some tees, a pair of reinforced golf socks, a toboggan, a spike tool for golf shoes, or a golf towel. In short, any of these accessories will be appreciated and used by a golfer.

In the event none of the above inspire you, check with one of the local golf pro shops. They have lots of other ideas to meet your needs. If all else fails just get a nice bottle of antifreeze for his coffee thermos.



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Sea Trail Foursome Wins Best Ball With 64

GOLFING ACTION

Kitty Smoker with 99, Freddie Kimball with 104 and Jan Rick with 105.

Other low net scorers were Mary Penfield and Rosemary Walker with 74 and Robin Walters and Dinah Gore with 76.

Marge Gallop had low putts with 33, followed by Carol Peters and Jill Wilson with 36 each.

Carolina Shores

Sally Manifold shot gross 94 and Lynn Jerr fired net 77 to lead the first fight in the Carolina Shores Ladies Golf Association tournament last Thursday.

Winners in the second flight were

Pat Reardon with gross 106 and Kathy Deming with net 77.

Leading the way in the third flight were Eileen Deehan with gross 112 and Ann Paladino with net 84.

Dot Russo had the low gross of 106 and Grace Thorpe had the low net of 79 in the fourth flight. Dottie Meader had low putts with 29.

On Friday, the association held its annual awards luncheon at The Surf Club in Myrtle Beach, S.C.

Prizes were presented to tournament winners during the year, and Kathy Deming was named most improved golfer.

Ginny Dorshimer had the most points for the year with 19.5, followed by Dottie Meader with 18.5.

Sally Manifold had the most birdies with 11. Ann Hierman was second with eight birdies.

Manifold, Gloria Lucas, Gerry Burdick and Dottie Russo were named "ringers" in their respective flights.

Officers for 1992 will be Marilyn Seaby, president; Ruth Radcliffe, vice president; Helen Marsh, secretary; Jackie Distler, treasurer; and Kathy Deming, handicap.

Brierwood Men

The team of Nick Lacerenza, Randy Milazzo, Lois Beato and Mary Nicol shot 65 to win the recent "Turkey Scramble" sponsored by the Brierwood Men's Golf Association.

Finishing one stroke back in second place was the team of Barney Martin, Bob Meek, Hilda Hall and Betty Maerker. Five other teams finished with rounds of 68.

On Monday, John Martocci won the individual match play against par event with a score of plus one.

Emile Vrydaghs and Ned Dye tied for second place at zero. Howard Bayne, Jerry Smith and Al Hierman tied for third at minus one.

In a two best ball tournament last Thursday, the team of Bill Rose, Hank Culp, Jerry Smith and Al Butler won with a score of 134.

Charlie Stransky, Joe Reiter and Don Seitz finished second at 136, which was eight strokes under par.

The team of Bob Tompkins, Virginia Anzelone, Bob Hoke and Rosa Stadick finished first in the nine-hole mixed scramble Dec. 4 with a round of 33.

Two teams tied for second place. Ray Wood, Burley Athan, Nancy Bouldin and Alene Sterner shot 35 to tie the foursome of Dick Anzelone, Joe Reiter, Dede Havgana and Marilyn Athan.

Sea Trail Men

The team of Ron Schadle, Frank Seaboldt, Louis Grace and Herb Yost shot 133 to win the Sea Trail Men's Golf Association tournament Dec. 3.

Each foursome counted one ball on the first six holes, two balls on the middle six and three balls on the last six holes.

The winning team was 11 strokes under par. Finishing two shots back in second place was the foursome of George Lefelar, Bill Pike, Bob Kakos and Bill Burkart.

Thirty-one men competed in the tournament, which was played on the Maples course at Sea Trail.



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Surfers Win Trophies

Four members of the Shallotte Middle School Surfing Club won trophies at the Eastern Surfing Association contest Nov. 24 at Holden Beach. Pictured are (front row, from left) George Cuff, fifth place in boys' division; Joe Powell, second in boys'; Jack Cuff, third in junior body board; and (standing) Shawn Lang, sixth in boys'.

IN FIELD OF 8 TEAMS

North Wrestlers Place Fifth

North Brunswick's wrestling team finished fifth in a field of eight teams at the Apex Tournament Saturday after losing its home opener last Tuesday to Wilmington Lany.

Brian Cook (119), Keith Bullock (130), Blake Hobbs (160) and Dwaun Gibbs (171) all placed second for the Scorpions in the team tournament. John Sweeney (103) finished fourth for North Brunswick.

"This tournament was a bit tougher than the one we had last week at Laney," Wrestling Coach Mike Dumas said. "There were some high powered people in there."

North Brunswick was the only 2-A team to enter. Other teams included 4-A schools Apex, Sanderson, Rocky Mount, Riverside, Chapel Hill, Lee County and defending state 3-A champion High Point-Andrews.

Laney, a 4-A powerhouse in wrestling, defeated North Brunswick 55-15 in a dual meet last Tuesday night in Wilmington.

North Brunswick (1-1) was scheduled to face New Hanover Tuesday night at home before traveling to Albemarle for a wrestling tournament Saturday.

Dumas said this weekend's tournament will give him a good idea

where his team stacks up against some of the top 1-A and 2-A teams in the state.

Albemarle won the state 1-A/2-A team tournament last year, and Mount Pleasant placed second. Both will be at Saturday's event.

"It won't be a pushover tournament," Dumas said. "This will pretty much let us know something."

Dumas said the tough schedule should help North Brunswick later in the season. "This will be good preparation for us. We're hitting some powers now."

Laney Results

103 pounds: Chew (L) won by forfeit; 112 pounds: Rowell (L) pinned Cox in 1:30; 119 pounds: Cook (NB) pinned Roland in 1:52; 125 pounds: Jones (NB) pinned Anderson, 1:15; 130 pounds: LaFrance (L) defeated Gainey, 5-2; 135 pounds: McLeod (L) pinned Bullock 4:05; 140 pounds: Lindau (L) pinned McBride, 3:25; 145 pounds: Strickland (L) pinned Beasley, 3:25; 152 pounds: Young (L) pinned Chadwick, 3:59; 160 pounds: Hobbs (NB) defeated Johnson, 9-7; 171 pounds: Harris (L) defeated Gibbs, 22-14; 189 pounds: Humphrey (L) won by forfeit; Heavyweight: Clements (L) won by forfeit.

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