

The lingering question: Why do we play golf? Why?

From the other side...

by Staci Beard

Let's talk about a sport that lots of people play and then turn around and wonder why in the heck they put themselves through all the pain and agony.

I am not talking about something like body building or training for a world class event. No, this sport involves sticks and little white balls--Golf.

Right now it is hard to imagine anyone out there playing now that Oregon has slipped back into the rainy season again. (It was just being a tease before with all that sunshine.) But let's look at this sport.

First there is your equipment. The most important are clubs. When choosing, make sure you get ones that are going to hit straight. It is of no use to you to buy clubs that hit the ball directly

into the rough of the course with every shot taken. You know that if it is not the club hitting the ball wrong, then the problem is the ball. (A common myth going is that it is the individual's and not the equipment's fault. Never fall for this; it is the true sign of a beginner.)

Next the golfer needs golf balls. What the player needs are ones that go straight and far. Especially if your clubs have a problem with those concepts. Be careful though that you don't get ones that are allergic to clubs. You can tell which ones they are when you tee off. They seem to avoid the club coming DIRECTLY at it. They somehow jump off the tee and fall into the grass a inch away without ever having been hit. These types are more common than most people think.

One last little bit of equipment comes in handy when there is a little wager on the side. A golf towel. It doesn't do much- it just makes you look like you know what you are doing.

Now there are the clothes: It isn't a fashion show, so wear some-

thing comfortable. If possible wear something that could be considered lucky. (Every little bit helps.) Also, DON'T wear plaid; only professional golfers who make a million a year can get away with it without someone passing out from laughing so hard.

At last there are your golf partners. If you want to have fun, don't, I repeat, don't go with someone who is super serious because when their ball plays pin ball in the trees and you are on the ground crying because you are laughing so hard, they will not take it well, at all.

Avoid one who practices--the one that takes at least 15 practice strokes per time to hit. With the energy they used to swing they could have become the first man to fly without a plane. It is best to bring someone who is your level or lower, (depending on your competition level) and have fun.

Now that you have all the proper equipment, it is time to play. The object of the game is to hit a ball about a inch in diameter a couple of hundred yards into a hole about three inches in diame-

ter. This hole of course can't be seen until you run into the pole that marks it. But you aim for it like you know what you're doing anyway.

The first stroke is what is called a drive. This conjures of images of having control over where the ball is going. It is at this time that you want to hit it as far as possible and avoid any objects that could hide the ball or propel it back to you at speeds faster than when you hit it. I have a friend who could be playing in the Mojave desert and he will hit it into the nearest group of trees.

After the drive, the ball should be somewhere near the green (make sure it is the green that you should be on, it is not a good sign to start out on the first tee and end up near the ninth green). Then it is time to chip. This is of course if you're near the green; if you are only five feet from the tee, reread the paragraph on driving.

Chipping are those short shots that are supposed to go higher than farther and land near the hole... RIGHT!

Now is the time for putting when you separate the men from

the boys and the boys usually come out on top. This skill takes patience, concentration, and extraordinary control not to throw the putter when you miss the two inch putt. Come to think of it, men have none of that, better not go with them unless you want to win.

After the ball is in the hole, guess what? You get to start all over. You must remember that this game is supposed to be played in the least amount of strokes, but that is boring and a good waste of money. You should get all the strokes in you can--you're paying for it.

I may criticize the game, but as soon as I get this paper done I will be

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Bremmer attains goals of having fun, successful season in final year

by Staci Beard
Sports Editor

When the last out was played by Clackamas in the NWAACC tournament for their fourth place finish, it signaled the last inning of school softball that Molly Bremmer would play.

Bremmer will be graduating this spring term and then is going to get a job. Bremmer has been able to graduate in two years while participating in softball and this year will share the team's scholar-athlete award with K.C. Jones. But softball will not be totally out of her life.

"I am going to miss softball and playing on the school team and the traveling to other schools. But I am going to try to find a fast pitch or slow pitch team," stated Bremmer.

T-ball was Bremmer's first experience on the field and where she developed her love of the game. "Since t-ball I have loved it. The game is constantly fun, you have to be ready at all times for something to happen. It is sport where on defensive you have to do everything as a team. Offensively you go individually and when you execute at the right time it is a lot of fun and exciting. I just love it to death," explained Bremmer.

One of Bremmer's goal was to bat .400 although she fell a little short. Her ability to provide the clutch hit rose in the second half of the season.

"In the last half of the season, she was the best clutch hitter. Last year she was in the middle of the team in number of RBIs but at one point this year she was first, she finished up with the second most RBIs," stated Coach Paul Fiskum.

"I wanted to hit .400 this year, I didn't quite make it. But my main goal was to go out, try my best and have fun, which I accomplished," explained Bremmer.

Besides her clutch hitting Bremmer added leadership to the team.

"If we had team captains that would be something that Molly would be. She has a great attitude and shows a lot of leadership. Molly is always hollering and showing

spirit and it spreads through the team," said Fiskum.

Bremmer felt the team played a big part in her ability to have a fun last year.

"I just want to thank the team. It was great playing with the sophomores for two year and it was great fun getting to know the freshmen. I want to thank them for their support and encouragement, it was a good season," finished Bremmer.



Molly Bremmer practices her swing before a game. Coach Paul Fiskum felt Bremmer was the best clutch hitter in the second half of the season.

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