



## Golf class under par

Alexandra Kazmeirowicz and Ilse Kindler (inset) take part in CCC's golf class at Sah-Hah-Lee golf course in Clackamas. Students in the class, which is offered every spring, range from beginner to experienced.

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At Clackamas Community College during spring term, a golf class is offered at the Sah-Hah-Lee golf course in Clackamas. It's taught by Paul Fiskum, who is also an assistant coach for the men's basketball team. Sah-Hah-Lee is an 18 hole, executive par three golf course, with no need for a driver. When you arrive on the course it looks like something the likes of Rory McIlroy or Tiger Woods might have started on, but instead the course is full of students from CCC.

With several golf courses right up the road from the college, some may wonder why on earth the class is held way out in the boon docks. There are several reasons for that,

including the fact that Sah-Hah-Lee is the only course around that has a practice chipping green. Sah-Hah-Lee also doesn't charge anything to bring the class out to use the course, since it has the potential to bring in more business for them by having students come and practice during the free time they may have.

Ever since the golf class has been available through CCC, registration has always varied in terms of how many people signed up to take this class. This year however, is the first time the golf class has ever had students on a waiting list to get in. It seems like the class has been getting more popular amongst students as word of mouth about the class has spread, helping it grow to be what it is — which is a fun and exciting time while also learning the game of golf.

The class doesn't begin immediately on the golf course like some might expect. The students spend the first two class periods on campus watching videos and learning the basic fundamentals for golf. After the first week, they spend the majority of their time at the driving range and on the chipping green. The class has students ranging in ability from beginners to more advanced golfers. The more advanced you are in the class, the more freedom you will get to have to do what you want. The students usually just stick to the driving range and the chipping range. The more advanced students have more opportunities to play the 18-hole course.

The students in the class all have such a great time it has even become a family affair for some,

with a mom and her daughters, and their cousin all taking the class together.

According to Fiskum, there is something much more important than the skills his students pick up.

"My number one rule is to have fun," said Fiskum. "If you don't have fun, I won't let you come back."

If you are looking for something amusing to do to keep your mind off of those stressful classes you're taking, definitely look into taking this golf class. It's cheap and tons of fun. In fact, fun is in the syllabus.



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## Sports This Week

### Baseball

Chemeketa CC - April 26

W 9-7 WP - Burbury (3-2)  
Game 2 postponed to May 3

Lane CC - April 28

L 0-8 LP - Wright (0-5)  
L 3-13 LP - Baldocci (1-3)

Overall Record:  
8-21, 5-12 Southern Region

### Softball

Chemeketa CC - April 25

W 8-4 WP - Marshall(13-2)  
W 7-4 WP - Wright(6-1)

SW Oregon - April 28  
L 0-4 LP - Marshall(0-5)  
L 3-13 LP - Wright(3-6)

Overall Record:  
22-10, 9-3 Southern Region

WP = Winning pitcher  
LP = Losing pitcher

The softball and baseball games scheduled for May 1 were rescheduled due to rain.

## Mystifying activities add variety to world of sports

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Sports are different throughout the world, but there are a set few that just about everyone in the world knows of. Those include soccer, football, volleyball, basketball, lacrosse, tennis, golf and rugby ... you get the picture. Most people aren't even aware of all the unique and weird sports that there are out there in the world.

For instance, the majority of people wouldn't even know the first thing about the PFL, better known as the Pillow Fight League in Toronto. Yes, this is a real and very competitive sport. It was just established in 2005, but has been a huge hit and is growing in popularity every day.

As it turns out, most Clackamas Community College students aren't able to identify sports other than those that are popular in America. Student Yoshi Gostevskiy knew of

one he thought was unique, "The one on the horses with the mallets, I think it's called polo."

Polo is indeed one of the oddest sports out there. Not many people would think that, while on horseback, they would be able to hit around a plastic or wooden ball with mallets and shoot it into the opposing team's goal.

To most people, UFC stands for Ultimate Fighting Championship, but for this crazy sport UFC actually stands for Ultimate Firefighting Competition. This contest is part of the World Police and Fire Games which was first promoted in 1967 and then was held for the first time officially in 1985 in San Jose, Calif.

Another odd sport started a little further from home, but has caught hold in some of the colder parts of the world because of its introduction to the Olympics.

"Curling," said William Kass, a CCC student. "The players slide stones across a sheet of ice and

another person sweeps the ice in front of it so they can get it to go to the target area."

Curling originated in Scotland in the 16th century, but back then they used oddly shaped rocks called "loafies," and played on the frozen marshes and lochs of Scotland. Curling may not be one of the world's most popular sports, but it has made an impact since it was an official event in the Winter Olympics in 1988.

From ice to water, another sport that CCC student Adrienne Whitaker mentioned was water polo.

"I don't really know anything about it, but it's weird," said Whitaker.

"Water" polo doesn't mean that the horses have to swim. The horses are replaced with people treading water and trying to throw the ball in to the opposing goal, which is defended by a goalie. It is very similar to the game of handball that is

played on land. Water polo, like curling, became an Olympic sport. However, there was a controversy because men's water polo became a sport in the Olympics in 1900, but the women's game wasn't added, sparking political protest. Finally in the year 2000 women's water polo was finally added to the Winter Olympic games.

There are hundreds of other weird sports in this world, some even more crazy than others. Some require the strength of a person's toes as they do in toe wrestling, while in others you can do a simple household chore but in a competitive environment, such as in the sport of extreme ironing. No matter how challenging, lazy, crazy, weird, and unique any of these activities are, they all have one thing in common and that is that they are considered a sport.

