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The Twelve Days of a Golfing Christmas

On the first day of Christmas,
my true love sent to me
A Harvey Pennick CD.

On the second day of Christmas,
my true love sent to me
Two center shaft putters
And a Harvey Pennick CD.

On the third day of Christmas,
my true love sent to me
Three logo golf balls,
Two center shaft putters
And a Harvey Pennick CD

On the fourth day of Christmas,
my true love sent to me
Four lofted wedges,
Three logo golf balls,
Two center shaft putters
And a Harvey Pennick CD



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On the fifth day of Christmas,
 my true love sent to me
 Five mulligans,
 Four lofted wedges,
 Three logo golf balls,
 Two center shaft putters
 And a Harvey Pennick CD.

On the sixth day of Christmas,
 my true love sent to me
 Six grafite hybrids,
 Five mulligans,
 Four lofted wedges,
 Three logo golf balls,
 Two center shaft putters
 And a Harvey Pennick CD.

On the seventh day of Christmas,
 my true love sent to me
 Seven chipping lessons,
 Six grafite hybrids,
 Five mulligans,
 Four lofted wedges,
 Three logo golf balls,
 Two center shaft putters
 And a Harvey Pennick CD.

On the eighth day of Christmas,
 my true love sent to me
 Eight pars on par 4s,
 Seven chipping lessons,
 Six grafite hybrids,
 Five mulligans,
 Four lofted wedges,
 Three logo golf balls,
 Two center shaft putters
 And a Harvey Pennick CD.

On the ninth day of Christmas,
 my true love sent to me
 Nine naked drink girls,
 Eight pars on par 4s,
 Seven chipping lessons,
 Six grafite hybrids,
 Five mulligans,
 Four lofted wedges,

Three logo golf balls,
 Two center shaft putters
 And a Harvey Pennick CD.

On the tenth day of Christmas,
 my true love sent to me
 Ten caddies laughing,
 Nine naked drink girls,
 Eight pars on par 4s,
 Seven chipping lessons,
 Six grafite hybrids,
 Five mulligans,
 Four lofted wedges,
 Three logo golf balls,
 Two center shaft putters
 And a Harvey Pennick CD.

On the eleventh day of Christmas,
 my true love sent to me
 Eleven golf carts racing,
 Ten caddies laughing,
 Nine naked drink girls,
 Eight pars on par 4s,
 Seven chipping lessons,
 Six grafite hybrids,
 Five mulligans,
 Four lofted wedges,
 Three logo golf balls,
 Two center shaft putters
 And a Harvey Pennick CD.

On the twelfth day of Christmas,
 my true love sent to me
 Twelve pre-paid greens fees,
 Eleven golf carts racing,
 Ten caddies laughing,
 Nine naked drink girls,
 Eight pars on par 4s,
 Seven chipping lessons,
 Six grafite hybrids,
 Five mulligans,
 Four lofted wedges,
 Three logo golf balls,
 Two center shaft putters
 And a Harvey Pennick CD.



FAQ

Frequently Asked Questions about Golf

Do the Rules of Golf prohibit changing balls during a round?

What is the ‘One Ball Condition’?

By Brent Kelley

There is nothing in the Rules of Golf that prevents a golfer from changing to a different golf ball (i.e., from a Titleist to a Maxfli) on every hole on the course - so long as the change is made between the play of holes.

However, there *is* something in the Rules of Golf that says a tournament committee can *impose* such a rule.

It's called the "one ball condition" (in the rulebook, it's in Appendix 1, Part C). As you probably know, all Tour events are played under the "one ball condition." And any rules committee may adopt the "one ball condition" for its competitions.

The "one ball condition" requires the player to use the exact same brand and type of ball throughout the round. For example, if you tee off No. 1 with a Titleist Pro V1x, then that's what you must play throughout the round.

If the "one ball condition" is not in effect, however, golfers may swap out different types of golf balls at any point in a round of golf, so long as the change is made between holes rather than during the play of a hole.



And now, it's time to play ...

Whose grip is it?

#1



#4



Okay, you're a golf fan. You've got your favorites. You may even know a little about your favorite golfer's game -- what's in his bag, what kind of ball he hits, how he holds his club.

Here's a little quiz. Take a look at the six golf grips pictured. Can you match the golfer to the grip? Answers are on the next page.

Hint: none of these golfers are named Tiger. Or Lorena. But you'll recognize each of them as winners on the tour.

Good luck.



#2

#5



#3



#6





Whose grip is it? Answers.



Jesper Parnevik



K.J. Choi



Stewart Cink



Jerry Kelly



Anthony Kim



Aaron Oberholser

Iron Thong member

profile

Mike Fisk



Average Handicap – 6.66

Nick Name – In public: Mike — In private: I'd hate to ask.

Average Drive Length - 270 yards

In the Bag – Driver: Ping Rapture, 12 degree, Diamana Blue shaft (stiff), 4-Wood: Ping G10, 17 degree, Proforce V2 shaft (stiff)
5- Wood: Ping G5, 18 degree, Aldila (stiff)
Irons: Ping G2, 3-PW, 52 GW, 56 SW, steel (stiff) Putter: Ping Anser; Preferred Golf Ball: Bridgestone e6+

My history of playing golf:

As a kid I hated the game because my old man used to make me caddy for him on the weekends, and when we weren't on the golf course he was watching pro golf on the Zenith, the only TV in the house.

Forget the *Outer Limits*, *The Twilight Zone*, *Bugs Bunny*, or *Lost in Space*; if we wanted to watch TV we had to watch golf on Saturday afternoons. So I knew who Arnie and Jack were at a very young age. But I couldn't get my mind around why anyone could actually consider golf interesting, or even a sport.

I hated going to Pokashot GC on Saturdays. My older brother Art would get to play, but not me; I had to carry my dad's bag -- until one Saturday on the 5th hole at Pokashot. Dad handed me his MacGregor driver and teed one up for me. I'm 12 years old. I wasn't all that interested, I'd rather be in a batter's box somewhere, but I thought what the heck, if I can hit a fastball then this should be a piece of cake — and it was. I hit a shot roughly 200 yards down the middle. Art hadn't done that in his life. So dad handed me Art's clubs, told him to shut up, and made him the caddy.

I'd go out every once in a while with Art (but not during baseball season) and shoot mid-90s. That's about as good as I thought I'd ever be. I couldn't actually beat Art but I came close on occasion. Art has gone on to become a solid player and can hold his own against most amateurs. I attribute my passion for the game to him.

I was a steady 18-handicapper, playing off and on, not taking it too seriously, until around 1990 at which time, during a visit to Dallas, Art put a

full set of King Cobras in my hands (woods and irons). Until then, I was playing with an old set of MacGregor Golden Bears and couldn't hit a 5-iron 150 yards. That for me was ordinary, I didn't know better. With the Cobras though, all of a sudden I'm hitting pitching wedge 150 yards.

That was the turning point, for the first time in my adult life, I was proud of my golf game. Art made some adjustments to my grip and tempo and in less than six months, I went from an 18 handicap to a 6. Of course, I was playing Randolph Oaks most of the time, where I broke 80 for the first time, so there wasn't much of a challenge, but still, those clubs reduced the number of "oh shit, you stupid mother f...." moments. "Reduced" not "eliminated!"

Unfortunately, it gets away from me at times, and when it does I look for Dan V.W. to see if I can join him in the U.T. tower.

My greatest moment while playing golf:

St Patrick's Day, March 17, 2001. My lowest round ever: 71, La Loma, Fort Sam Houston.

Honorable Mention: Beating Art for the first time, on his home course, Buffalo Creek GC, Rockwall, Tx.

My most memorable moment while playing golf:

Number one, and the one Steve V.W. won't let me forget: Standing on the top of the golf cart, reaching as far as I could with my fully extended ball retriever, to knock my pitching wedge out of the highest branch of the greenside oak tree on the 16th hole at Starke Park in Seguin, and then hearing a man tell his son, "you see boy, that's why some people shouldn't play golf."

Number two, bouncing tee shots off of the Golden Peony Chinese restaurant across Harry Wurzbach from La Loma #9. It's not easy flying the ball over the O.B. screen to the right of the fairway; you really have to smack it. Ask Dan.

What I like about being an Iron Thonger:

The absolute best part of being a thonger: it's not about the money!! It's not about the money!! It's not about the money!! It's about the game, the camaraderie, the new faces, the spirit of competition, and more than anything else — *i t's*

not about the money!!

They're willing to put up with Paul's "broken" English and my temper tantrums; we play the game the way it's meant to be played, and everyone has an even chance of winning, but it's not about the money. The group has great leadership. We play a different course each week, two major tournaments a year, and we road trip on occasion. But more than anything else; repeat after me, "it's not about the money!!"

The best and worst parts of my game:

I don't have a "best" part, if *best* means most reliable. I never know what game I'll show up with. I like to go to the range to warm up before my round and to find the bottom of my swing. So, to say what's best, that's hard. Some would say my length off the tee is best; well, I know better than that, I'd rather have Louis' or Steve's accuracy than my length. My driver can be like a scud missile launcher — I know about how far the ball will go, just not which way. But if I'm controlling my tee shots and playing from the fairways then the rest of my game will follow.

Secondly, course management helps me score better. I don't try to overpower the courses I play. I will try for yardages where I can hit full irons instead of finesse shots (I hate having to finesse), which leads me to the worse part of my game. I don't like having to rely on finesse — I'm not consistently proficient..., or is that proficiently consistent?

Anything else:

A personal thanks to Steve V.W. for sponsoring me into the group and for all his work on the IT Board, especially for taking time to complete the on-line rules/handicap training course and assuming the role of the gaggle's rules/handicap official (don't ask if you can't handle the truth), in addition to publishing the monthly Thong Adjuster.

Thanks also to John H., Ron B., Mike L., and Jesse F., for all you do for the group. It's the best gaggle around because of your superb efforts.

Motto:

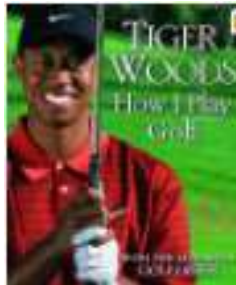
There are more important things to life than golf..., but I ignore them!!

Christmas 2008 for Golfers!

Gifts suggested by Amazon.com



Waggle by Joe Redden Tigan



How I Play Golf by Tiger Woods



Ben Hogan's Five Lessons: The Modern Fundamentals of Golf by Ben Hogan

Samsonite Golf Trunk Organizer by Samsonite



Victorinox Swiss Army Golf Tool With Callaway Golf Balls by Victorinox



Wilson Golf Bag Tag/Score Keeper by Wilson

Wilson Sponge Bob Golf Balls 6 Pack by Wilson



Unbreakable Golf Tees - 2.7/8" by Playing Pro Golf Company



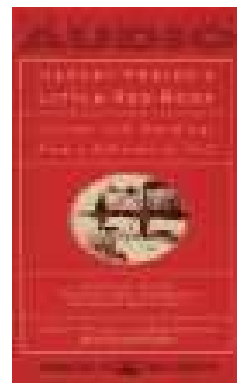
Golf Girl Junior Set for Ages 8-13 w/ Pink Stand Bag by Golf Girl



Fearless Golf (Hardcover Book) by Dr. Gio Valiante



Golf Stat Tracker II G-100 by Stat Tracker



Harvey Penick's Little Red Book by Harvey Penick

Golf rule of the Month

Q On the approach shot into the green, both Ben and Richard hit their shots into the right bunker. Richard plays first and knocks his shot onto the green about two feet from the cup. Ben has a little more trouble and he takes three more strokes to exit the trap and still has a 20-footer for double bogey.

When both players go to mark their balls, they realize they had hit each other's golf balls onto the green from the bunker.

What should the players involved do to correct the situation?

Who gets penalized and how many, if any, strokes?

A Each of them incurs a 2 stroke penalty for playing a wrong ball. They must replace their own ball, recreating the lie if appropriate and continue play if they think it worthwhile..Any strokes made with the wrong ball are not counted in their scores.

Rules 31-5, 20-7a & c

Christmas morning golf

Last June, Big John, Jesse, Mike L. and Mike F. were playing their weekly game of golf, and one remarked how nice it would be to wake up on Christmas morning, roll out of bed and without an argument go directly to the golf course, meet his buddies and play a round.

His buddies all chimed in and said, "Let's do it! We'll make it a priority, figure out a way and meet here early Christmas morning."

Months later, that special morning arrived, and there they are on the golf course.

Big John said, "Boy this game cost me a fortune! I bought my wife such a diamond ring that she can't take her eyes off it." Jesse said, "I spent a ton too. My wife is at home planning the cruise I gave her. She was up to her eyeballs in brochures."

Mike L. said, "Well my wife is at home admiring her new car, reading the manual."

They all turned to Mike F., who was staring at them like they'd lost their minds.

"I can't believe you all went to such expense for this golf game. I slapped my wife on the butt and said, 'Well babe, Merry Christmas! It's a great morning for sex or golf ' and she said, "Take a sweater with you..."

