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Our First Issue!

By Professor Anthony Kerali

Welcome to the first issue of the Uganda Golf Club Newsletter! We have decided to start this newsletter as a simple way to keep members in the loop and up to date with what is going on at the club.

We believe that it is imperative that members are informed of monthly occurrences and also receive committee reports such that you are aware of the changes being made and upcoming. It is important that we as a management committee are in touch with our members so that you are not only aware of the changes being made but also so that you can be a part of the change!

We all talk about making change but being a part of the change is more important, UGC is a members club so we must take pride in the change and contribute to it. Of course contribution comes in many shapes and sizes and we are not implying that it must be financial! Sometimes offering yourself to help create a change or even abiding by the change is more than enough to make our club a better place for all of us.

Of course this newsletter is not all serious business! We have included a few fun sections that will make for lighter reading during your busy schedule. Tournament results and a write up are included so make sure to congratulate your colleagues for their winning score and their newly reduced handicap! There is a humour section and we want to create a birthday section. So when somebody's birthday comes up wish them and buy them a drink! A few more sections will be added as we settle in.

I hope you enjoy the newsletter and the information within is useful to you. If you would like to get involved or provide feedback please feel free to contact us!

Best Regards,

Professor Anthony Kerali
Captain
Uganda Golf Club

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Meet the new Management Committee!



Hon. Secretary - Norbert Kagoro

Norbert is a Partner in Deloitte & Touche. He joined the club in early 2004 and has previously served on the committee as Hon. Treasurer. We look forward to gaining from his accounting and administrative experience during the term of the committee.



Captain - Professor Anthony Kerali

Professor Kerali started golf in 1968 and joined the club in 2005. He is the immediate past Hon. Treasurer. He is an ardent supporter of golf in Uganda regularly funding various activities around the country. He wishes to put in place the foundations for a 20 year plan for the club.



Vice Captain - Faiz Alam

Faiz is a director in Alam Group and joined UGC in 1995 as a junior member. He grew up here on our course and is excited to work with a progressive team that will make rational changes to the course and clubhouse.



Lady Captain - Dr. Mary Ocheng

Dr Mary Ocheng Kagoire is a Senior Lecturer in the College of Education and External Studies Makerere University. She joined the club in 1993 and became a playing member in 2009. She has served the Ladies section as a secretary, treasurer and currently a Lady Captain. She loves the lord.



Hon. Treasurer - Robert Waweru

Robert is a management consultant and has led the implementation of large projects in Uganda. He joined the Club in 1999 and has served as Treasurer before in 2011-12. Robert is an ardent golfer and we look forward to his management of the Clubs finances.



Course Member - Karubiu Karanja

Karanja is an architect and director at Fifth Dimension Architects. He joined the club in 2000 and has previously served on the development and course committees. He looks forward to implementing logical change and putting in place a road map for course development and its infrastructure.



Membership Secretary Sabiti Bageine

Sabiti is a Valuation Surveyor with Bageine & Company Ltd and joined the Club in 2005. He has served as Secretary of the Probe Committee, Membership Secretary, Acting Hon. Secretary and Hon. Secretary. Sabiti brings plenty of experience and guidance to the committee.



F & B Member Aman Kapur

Aman is the owner of Khana Khazana restaurant and has been a member of the club since 1996. An expert in the hospitality industry with an eye for detail, we are looking forward to the implementation of industry standards, great food and service.



Competition & PR Secretary Ian Parker

Ian arrived in Africa by accident in 2007 and then forgot to leave! He joined the club in 2008 and his love for the game of golf far exceeds his ability to play it! He brings plenty of enthusiasm and determination to the Committee alongside a great sense of humour. He is delighted to serve the club.



House Member Evah Magala

Evah joined the club in 1996 and has served as Lady Captain as well as Hon. Treasurer on the Ladies Union, she also plays on the National Team! As House Member Evah is looking to provide a lad touch and get our club house not only clean but beautiful too!

Flowering the Course!

Dear members,

First of all hello in my new capacity as Vice Captain! Thank you for electing me and I hope I will meet the expectations of our members. I am very happy to see that the new committee is very active and I hope you continue to encourage us to work with the passion we have started with. Additionally I hope this enthusiasm rubs off on you and you feel the need to get stuck in as well! After all, UGC is our club so let's make it better together!

Those of you who read my manifesto will know that there were several items in there so I had better start as soon as possible! The flowering project is something that I am hugely passionate about purely because it is so simple to do yet the effect is massive. I say that it is simple and that is a dangerous word to use! It is simple as long as we plan correctly and plant indigenous low maintenance plants that will flourish under our conditions.

I am proposing that we should go hole by hole to ease the initial planting requirements and allow us to focus in one area at any given time. Please note that this is not going to be a quick fix! This is work that will change the aesthetics of the course for generations to come and so it must be planned properly and carried out correctly.

I would like us to begin on hole 6. There are a few reasons;

- Hole 6 is right on the boundary of the course and fortunately it is surrounded by boundary walls so planting creepers will be easy.

- The hole is a par 3, thus management will be easier which will be a boost for a new project.
- Currently the surroundings of the hole are a bit of a mess so our works will have a greater effect.

This unique set of circumstances will allow us to progress in an easier manner to begin with as we build experience.

As you can see from the basic plan on the top right of this page and the photo on the bottom left, I am proposing that we use Bougainvillea on this hole. We will use it as a creeper all along the boundary wall on the right and on the walls of the bathroom hut. We will then use the tree variety behind the green on the right and also near the tee box. These are all areas which will not affect the course of play but will add immense aesthetic value to the course.

Why Bougainvillea? It is actually indigenous to South America but during the 1930's, Kew Gardens sent different varieties all over the British Colonies. The varieties thrived forming natural hybrids in each area so one could argue that the East African hybrids are now native to Uganda!

Additionally this plant has a beautiful array of colours ranging from purples and pinks to reds and oranges. Whilst we would associate colour with flowers they are actually white with each pod of 3 flowers surrounded by 3-6 brightly coloured bracts.

Bougainvillea does so well in Uganda because it loves hot weather and has excellent drought resistance. It is ideally suited to our requirements because it is low maintenance and requires little water once established. In fact if over watered the plant tends to remain green, with the flowers and hence the coloured bracts failing to flourish. It is also easy to propagate from tip cuttings so our cost will be reduced.



How will the project work? Well, as I mentioned in my introduction I hope my enthusiasm has rubbed off on you and you are willing to contribute and take ownership! I want members to buy seedlings and plant them together with the course staff in the designated areas.

The costs involved are marginal but it is the actions that we take as members that will change our club. Plant some Bougainvillea and tell your grandchildren how you planted that way back in 2016!

The cost of good Bougainvillea cuttings is 5,000/= per piece and we will need quite a number to get started. We will be buying 2 varieties, the creeper and the tree for the different areas as per requirements.

If you would like to get involved and have some fun then please get in touch with me and let's make that old adage true;

'Golf is a good walk spoiled.'
Mark Twain

Let's go one better and make our course a beautiful walk spoiled!

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Dear Members,

Whilst notices will always be put on the board and emailed to you where necessary, we shall compile them here in case you miss any and for your records. Some of these are not new but reminders must be sent where we might see a bit of slackening or failure to follow the rules.

It is important that you understand the benefits of implementing the social and formal competition rules on a more equitable level. It will help ensure that we all enjoy our game and that the camaraderie of playing with those outside of our normal playing circle adds to the experience of being part of a dynamic club and not to stop you playing with your friends. Playing with people outside of your usual group might result in new friendships and help to build our club morale.

Etiquette is the key to a successful golf club so we must ensure that we are being courteous to one another and to our staff too! Our staff work long hours so let us appreciate their work and build their confidence to become better at their jobs.

As we are making changes to improve the club we ask members to bear with any inconveniences on works. We also ask you to bear with us as we sort out supply issues, as you are aware we are going through a fair procurement process to get the best prices for the club. There will be minor inconveniences but we kindly request that you understand the situation and respect the rules in place.

Discipline

Dress Code – Please ensure that the regular dress code is adhered to in the Club House and on the Course, in particular;

Course

- Appropriate shirts, tucked in.

Club House

- No hats/caps inside

- No flip flop shoes
- Shirts with Collars & Sleeves
- No gym clothes apart from the gym and changing room.

Financial

Members who have not paid membership fees for the preceding financial ¼ will not be permitted to play or enter the clubhouse in any context.

With effect from Monday, 11th April, 2016 drinks and food items have been reviewed upwards in line with price changes from suppliers.

Corkage is strictly not allowed and disciplinary measures will be taken against those found to be doing so.

Refreshments at hole 14 must be signed for on production of cards and will be automatically deducted at the end of the day. Visitors must be paid for by a member or using a temporary card. Alternatively we advise you to take drinks from the 10th tee if this is not favourable to you.

Competitions

Draw system - The draw for competitions will be done on a random basis with no requests taken for groups. Pre-arranged pairings and preferred team selections being limited to social and non-competition days.

Non-attendance at designated tee time will be recorded and regular absentees will be politely reminded to abstain from entering until they are reliable.

Furthermore non-attendance to a drawn tee time will result in a fine of the cost of play on the day.

Cards for competitions must be submitted regardless of score. Failure to do so will result in an assumption of -3 net and handicap will be adjusted accordingly.

The management of SLOW PLAY will be moderated by course marshals and, whilst we understand that in big competitions play will generally be slower, all players should aim to remain on target for a 4 hour round. Marshalls will prompt slower groups to get a move on and slow players must give way. Failure to do so will result in disciplinary action.

Handicaps

All handicaps will follow the internationally accepted CONGU system.

Handicaps for competitions will be as per the board in lobby.

Staff

Service issues will be addressed directly to a Supervisor, the Manager or a Management Committee Member.

Food orders will no longer be taken directly from the kitchen. Orders must be placed with a waiter and the kitchen shall be out of bounds for members.

Orders will only be taken upon production of a card. No card will mean no service.

Course

Pitch marks on the green must be fixed. If you see pitch marks which were not made by you then be courteous and fix them.

Divots must be replaced either by yourself or your caddy. The divot will not repair itself.

Bunkers must be raked after play. We have provided rakes so please use them.

Snooker & Darts Competitions

Snooker has an interesting history in Uganda but I have yet to verify the true facts from the romantic story. It is said that when Snooker was really taking off at the beginning of the 20th century, the colonial powers brought 12 snooker tables to East Africa. Of these 12, 3 came to Uganda which are now situated at Entebbe Golf Club, previously at City Bar and Uganda Golf Club. I have heard dates ranging from 1908 to 1970's but I have confirmed evidence that snooker was very much alive in East Africa in the 1930's. This is due to the solid silver snooker trophy in the archives room of the Nairobi Gymkhana Sports Club. Our table has a storied history and I am determined to find out the facts! I have asked historian Vali Jamal to help but of course long standing members of the club must have some knowledge of the table so please feel free to help!

Regardless of the actual history it is clear that the snooker table is one of the jewels of the club and we are privileged to own it. So let's use it, as a facility of the club we must take advantage and play.

This year we are going to hold 3 key snooker competitions;

The UGC Snooker Championship

This will be the premier snooker event of the club held every year. Depending on the number of entries it will be a knockout competition featuring group stages, similar to the World Golf Matchplay event! Each match will be played on a best of 3 frames with the semifinals played over 5 frames and the final over 7 frames. There will be a board in the snooker room with the names of each year's champion.

Cricket Doubles League

You will require a partner to play this game! The basic rules of cricket are that there is a bowler and a batsman; the bowler must pot 11 reds whilst the batsman must pot as many colours as possible to get a high score. The reds stay in the pocket whilst the colours keep coming out after every pot. Once all the reds are potted then the teams switch roles and whoever ends up with the highest score is the winner. As it is a league there will be set matches over a time period and once everybody has played one another twice then a winning team will be declared!

Century

Century is a great game for many people to play, rules allow for up to 8 people to play in each game. The table is set up with all colours but only 1 red. In order to begin scoring points one must first pot the red, once the red is potted it becomes a value of 10 whilst the other balls retain their usual values. Fouls are attributed their usual values but these are removed from your score so it is possible to go into negative numbers! The aim of the game is to reach the exact value of 100. This tournament will be held once a month on Century Night, if we get more than 8 players then the number will be divided evenly into 2-3 brackets and the final 8 will play a decider for the champion. This is more of a social tournament so prizes will be drinks from the club and an honorable mention in the snooker section of the newsletter!

DID YOU KNOW?

Did you know that Ding Junhui, The Chinese Sensation, was immortalized as a cartoon character after becoming World Number 1? The first and only Chinese player to make it to the top of the rankings, the cartoon is about his growth from a shy boy into the best player in the world. It is called Dragon Ball Number 1.



We have recently reintroduced darts to the club and given the board its own area where the competitions signing book used to be. Darts has recently had a global boom with the UK taking a lead by creating a televised league. Amazingly the TV audience consists of millions of fans and very healthy prize money for the players. Our Captain is a keen player and it turns out that many of our members are too!

To begin with, as we gauge interest in the club, we shall have the UGC Darts League. We shall see how many players decide to join and create a league whereby you must play one another twice. We shall play 501, the basic rules are that each player starts at 501 and must reach 0. At the end of the league we will have a final which shall be the first and second placed players playing against each other. Each match will be best of 3 and the final will be best of 5.

Once we see that there is more interest then we shall be able to hold more competitions. But as it is now please feel free to make use of these facilities! They are there for our members so please enjoy them and you never know, you may make some new friends in the club!

If you are interested in taking part in any of these competitions or you would like to be put in touch with somebody to play with then please contact me or speak to Margaret.

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Kabaka's 61st Birthday

Dr. William Kalema had the good fortune of sponsoring the first and second placed teams in the 61st Royal Birthday Tournament!

Stableford was the order of the day with the top 3 players score recorded for each team. The first placed team played very consistent golf with a total score of 112, all of the top 3 scores were at 36 or better! There was plenty of great play in the group with the fourth player, Richard Muhumuza, recording a great hole in one on the 17th! Steven Jali matched the best score of the day with 39 and Joseph Kasozi came in with 37. Joseph Maweje was just behind with 36 points. All in all a fantastic team performance!

In Dr. Kalema's second placed team there was some great golf played by Claire Bruggeman and Charles Katarikawe and Soon Hong came in to beat the third team by 6 points!

Pinnacle Security were unfortunate in that only 3 players returned their cards, you must always hand in your cards! Nevertheless the three players did enough to see them win a prize. Kim Il Joon in particular matched the best score of the day!

In the individual categories Kim Dongik managed to beat the ever improving Daniel Basweti on countback with Bill Smith coming in third. Jovia Otim won the ladies with Lydia Mutesi and Bharti Popat coming in second and third respectively. Honourable mention must go to Katy Kabenge for what must be one of the closest to the pin shots without it being a hole in one!

It was a fun tournament and all for a great cause. The club raised approximately 10 Million for Obstetric Fistula, a worthy cause as Uganda has the third highest rate of Fistula in the world.

So for all those who didn't win, get some practice in and hopefully we'll be writing about you next time! For those who did, congratulations and keep it up!

HOLE IN ONE!

Congratulations to Richard Muhumuza for getting a hole in one on hole number 17! Did you know that the first ace in competitive golf was made by Young Tom Morris on the 166 yard 8th hole in 1869 in the Open Championship at Prestwick?

RESULTS

Overall Winners

Winning Team	Dr. William Kalema	112 Points
Steven Jali		39 Points
Joseph Kasozi		37 Points
Joseph Maweje		36 Points
Richard Muhumuza		34 Points

Second Place	Dr. William Kalema	104 Points
Claire Bruggeman		37 Points
Charles Katarikawe		36 Points
Soon Hong		31 Points
Park Jong Dae		26 Points

Third Place	Pinnacle Security	98 Points
Kim Il Hoon		39 Points
Godfrey Nkambwe		35 Points
Benson Katema		24 Points

Individual Winners

Men		
Winner	Kim Dongik	37 Points
Runner Up	Daniel Basweti	37 Points
2 nd Runner Up	Bill Smith	36 Points

Ladies		
Winner	Jovia Otim	37 Points
Runner Up	Lydia Mutesi	36 Points
2 nd Runner Up	Bharti Popat	35 Points

Subsidiary Winners

Longest Drive	
Men	Faiz Alam
Women	Jenina Nasimolo

Nearest to the Pin		
Men	Norbert Kagoro	2 Feet
Women	Katy Kabenge	4 Inches



Ladies All Africa Challenge Trophy

The Ladies national team recently returned from a successful trip to Tunisia for the 13th All Africa Challenge Trophy. The event took place at Golf Citrus Club in Hammemet over 3 days from the 7th of April to the 9th. Uganda was represented by Evah Magala, Irene Nakalembe and Gloria Mbaguta together with the team manager Maximilie Byenkya.

The Golf Citrus Club has a notoriously tricky layout with undulating fairways lined with pine trees. There are several blind holes and tight fairways not to mention the water hazards and bunkers! All in all a testing challenge for any golfer.

Conditions were very tough and typical of the Mediterranean climate in spring time. The first day was very cold, the second it rained the whole day and the third was windy enough to move the balls on the green!

It was a true test for our team and they competed admirably under such conditions. The top 8 placed teams get a trophy and our ladies came 7th! It was a great experience for the Ladies that we can now build on as we continue to develop the team. So congratulations to the ladies and they extend a warm expression of thanks to all the sponsors and well wishers that made the event possible for them.

RESULTS

Top 8 Trophy Winners

Position	Country	Total	D1	D2	D3
1	South Africa	442	145	152	145
2	Morocco	470	154	157	159
3	Tunisia	485	162	159	164
4	Zimbabwe	500	165	159	176
5	Kenya	502	165	169	168
6	Zambia	514	162	172	180
7	Uganda	517	169	172	176
8	Senegal	522	172	170	180
9	Nigeria	524	171	174	179
10	Ivory Coast	525	170	179	176
11	Gabon	528	180	172	179
12	Ghana	550	181	179	190
13	Botswana	571	188	192	191
14	Burkina Faso	650	203	222	225
15	Togo	660	201	227	222
16	Mali	732	240	259	233



The team from left to right;
Irene Nakalembe
Maximilie Byenkya
Evah Magala
Gloria Mbaguta

Members Birthdays!

We have requested for all members to submit your birthdays. It is important to have these on file but it is even more important to allow us to celebrate this special day with you!

We are a members club and what does that mean? Long lasting friendships, camaraderie, loyalty to the club and meeting new and interesting people! When it's your birthday we want other members to know so that we can wish you, buy you a drink and generally make you feel special on your special day! So please share your birthday with us by email, whatsapp or put it in the book at the reception!



Ladies Section

If you look at various sources you will find that lady golfers constitute only 20% to 25% of the worldwide total. What is the percentage at our club? It is approximately 10%!

I'll let that sink in for a little bit.

It really is a shame when we consider that golf is a game that lends itself well to both ladies and gentlemen. Yes men hit the ball further but the physical aspect of the game really is marginal when we consider all the other things involved in scoring well. To be a great golfer you must have finesse, a repeatable swing, a light touch, a sharp short game and a deadly putting stroke. All of these things are equally achievable by women and men.

If we look at the Far Eastern countries they have succeeded in getting ladies out onto the course, particularly South Korea who have 24 of the world's top 60 lady professionals. Even New Zealander Lydia Ko, the world number one, is an indigenous South Korean. In fact 4 of the world's top 5 are Korean born. Remarkable statistics that show a clear plan that we can follow to boost women's golf in Uganda.

There are many answers to how they have become so successful but the three key areas are work ethic, parental support and structured development. These all go hand in hand in creating a sustainable environment for girls to become fantastic golfers. As it is our club is a great place for a junior to grow up with plenty of role models from various walks of life.

We urge parents to please bring your children to the club to become junior members and play consistently. Yes this is the ladies section but boys and girls should both be playing as we really have a small number of regular juniors.

We are currently working on a junior development plan together with the pros, Sadi and Deo, so that we can measure performance and see how to get our youngsters improving steadily. That way we shall provide the structured development which will hopefully encourage the work ethic. Parental support is up to you but I can assure you that your children will get plenty of support and encouragement from other members at the club.

We are looking to also invite children whose parents are not members to come try golf and see where it leads them. In some cases this may need support from members but we must look after the game of golf in Uganda and try to grow its reach.

We are looking at setting up a series of junior golf tournaments with a league so that juniors can be encouraged to play more and compete more. Let us develop future stars at our club, whether they become professionals on the PGA, national team players or key members of our club. So please enquire and bring your children to play!

UPCOMING TOURNAMENTS

Ladies Night – Every Friday

We wish to thank you for continuing to support Ladies Night. We are in the process of finding a new sponsor and will hopefully have some good news this Friday!

Gadies & Lentlemen – 14th May

On Saturday the 14th we will be hosting the entertaining Gadies & Lentlemen tournament again! Gadies, rest easy knowing that Sausages will be impossible for this tournament! But we shall issue a challenge for all of you, the course records are as follows;

Ladies	Flavia Namakula	67
Gents	Deo Akope Richard Ainley	63

See how close you can come to matching or surpassing them! We shall have plenty of prizes so make sure you don't miss out!

Ladies Celebration Day – 30th June

On Thursday the 30th we shall be having a Ladies Celebration Day! This will be for all ladies of the club to celebrate birthdays, new mothers, grandmothers, anniversaries etc. Please mark the date!

Other News;

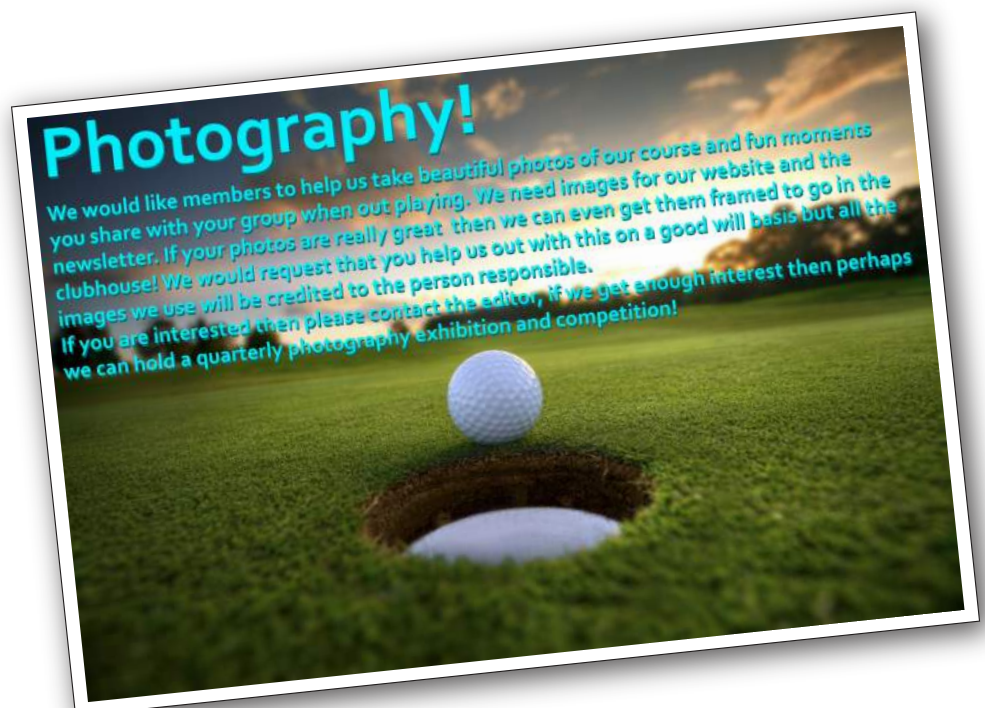
We wish to congratulate Maria Zaramba on being ordained as Lady Canon for the North Kigezi Diocese!

We wish to congratulate Captain Evelyn Asimwe upon being elected as a Member of Parliament representing UPDF!

We also wish to congratulate Monica Ntege for holding a successful All Africa Challenge Trophy tournament in Tunisia!

Finally we wish to congratulate our Ladies National Team for coming 7th in the All Africa Challenge Trophy, well done for representing Uganda and making us proud!

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Humour Section

Several men are in the locker room of a golf club.

A mobile phone on a bench rings and a man answers it, engaging the loudspeaker function as he does so. Everyone in the room stops to listen to the conversation.

"Hey babe, I'm at the city center mall now and I found this gorgeous leather coat. It's only \$1,000. Can I buy it?" asks the woman at the other end.

"Sure, if you like it then go ahead!" replies the man.

"I also stopped by the Mercedes dealership and saw the new 2016 models. There's one I LOVE and it's \$98,000," the woman continues.

"Okay, go ahead and buy it. Just make sure it comes with all the options for that price though," the man says.

Pushing her luck even further, the woman asks: "Do you remember that house I wanted last year? Well, it's back on the market for \$980,000..."

"Make an offer of \$900,000 – they'll probably accept it. Go to \$950,000 if you think it's a really good price for the house," the man replies.

"Okay honey, see you later! I love you so much – you're so good to me," the woman says.

"You're worth it. Goodbye dear," replies the man, and hangs up the call.

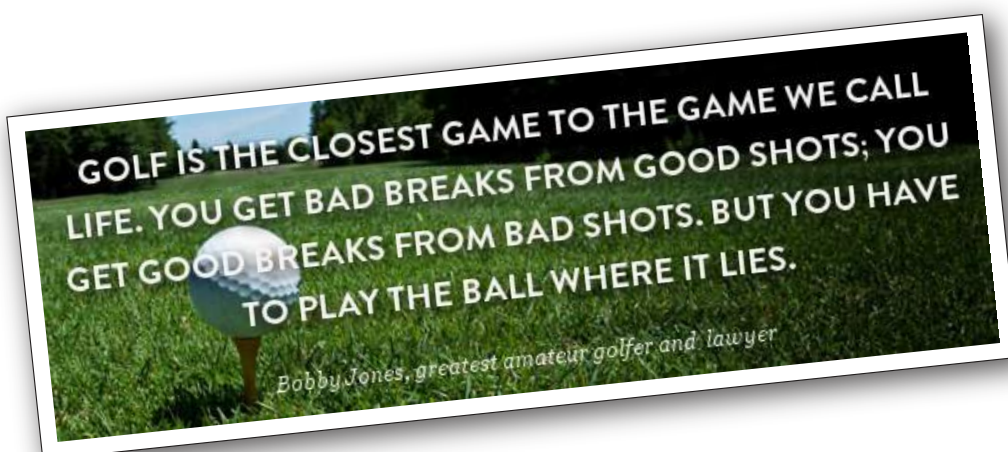
By this point, the men in the room are aghast, mouths wide open."

The man says: "Hey guys, does anyone know whose phone this is?"



Moe Norman Stories

The legendary Moe Norman is said to have been one of the best ball strikers of all time. He lost a tournament once after reaching the par 5 18th for 2 and 4 putting. A reporter caught up with Moe the next day on the 11th, a 245 yard par 3. As Moe was about to hit the reporter yelled out, 'Hey Moe any 4 putting today?' Moe hit driver and turned around while the ball was in the air and said, 'Not putting today.' The ball went into the hole!



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