

## Golf

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Summer is here and golf is in full swing at Windsor Gardens' Emerald Greens Golf Club. For those of us who play golf, we are fortunate to be able to play on a fun, par-three, and nine-hole golf course. If you are a golfer, or want to take up the game, the following golf truisms will help you:

Bad shots come in groups of three. / A fourth shot is actually the beginning of the next group of three. / Any change in your grip or stance works for a maximum of three holes or a minimum of none at all. / No matter how bad you are playing it is always possible to play worse. / The less skilled the player, the more likely he or she is to share their ideas about the golf swing and whatever it is you are doing wrong. / Golfers who claim they don't cheat, also lie. / A golf match is a test of your skill against your opponent's luck. / It is surprisingly easy to hole a 50-foot putt when you are lying 10. / Counting on your opponents to inform you when they break a rule is like expecting them to make fun of their purple and green polyester pants. / It is not a 'gimme' if you're still away. / The shortest distance between any two points on a golf course is a straight line that runs straight through a very large tree. / You can hit a two-acre fairway ten percent of the time and a two-inch branch ninety percent of the time. / Every time you make a birdie, you must subsequently make two triple bogies to restore the fundamental equilibrium of the universe. / If you want to hit a seven-iron as far as Tiger Woods, simply try to lay up short of a water hazard. / You may be able to put 'draw' on the ball, you may be able to put 'fade' on the ball, but you will not be able to put 'straight' on the ball. / A ball you see in the rough from fifty yards is not yours. / If there is a ball in the fringe and one in the sand trap, yours is the one in the sand trap. / If both balls are in the sand trap, yours is the one in the deep footprint. / Finally, always remember that golf is ninety percent mental and ten percent mental. Come on out and join us 'duffers'.

Consider taking a lesson from our Golf Pro, Doug Mallon. He's quite good. I know.