



On The Green

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Golf Trips. . . Sometimes a Necessity!

Golf trips are sometimes not a luxury but a need -- a time to get away and think not only about the challenges of this great game and sport, but a time to reflect on God and His plan for us.

The LowCountry CGA

Chapter in Charleston, SC recently had an outing at Kiawah Island and invited another South Carolina chapter to join them for a great day on the course. With 30 mile per hour winds and gusts even higher, and an ocean mist blowing across the course, with fog rolling in and "swallowing" your ball as it rose off the tee-box and climbed higher into the fog, it left you wondering where it might land. WOW!

What a great day of golf!

God's Kingdom! Surrounded by His presence.

Golf is not only a release for many of us; it is a means to an end. For a golf ministry, it is the common ground that we use to share our faith. But "where do we go from here - what are we going to do about it?"

It was a great day on the course with good folks and good fellowship, and definitely a challenging golf course. But is that all we will remember? Another day on the course? I hope not.

In fact let's decide right now that it is NOT going to be "just another day on the course!"

We have set up a golf outing at **Santee (Santee, SC) National GC, for Saturday, June 16, 2012** for members and/or guests who would like to attend. There are some great courses at Santee with very reasonable hotels for those who would like to make it a two-day event. This will be a great opportunity for SC, NC, and GA members to come together in the great outdoors, in God's Kingdom, and enjoy outstanding golf, food and fellowship. Get your golfing friends together and plan to come out for this event. Bring a foursome or more.

Send us an e-mail (christiangolf@ftc-i.net) or call the office and let us know if you are interested (803-773-2171).



Make Golf Fun. . . We're not on Tour or turning pro

(Editor's Note: This is excerpted from a comment made on-line by Linkedlin Groups))

Over the years as a marketing firm, CEO and salesperson, I learned early on that the easier I made it for a client, the more business he would send my way. Thinking about this and comments from fellow golfers, I think it would be appropriate to make "golf easier to play and easier to play well." Build traps to catch errant shots rather than to penalize an almost good shot. Put a catch bunker behind that green, where the ball rolls 50 feet down a hill and takes 3 shots to get back to the green. Set up

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courses so folks can score instead of shooting 10+ shots over their handicap.

Remove the back tees and only use them for tournaments. Let golfers play a shorter, easier course from the mid to the front of the teeing area so they get around the course quicker. Do away with stroke and distance and let players drop in the fairway with a 2 stroke penalty. Clean up the rough so balls are easy to find. Put signs near hazards with the rules for that hazard so people know which rule to use. Put signs anywhere golfers are ignorant on how to proceed so they don't argue about rules. The easier you make the game to play and play reasonably will the more golfers will play.

Ask yourself: "Why do golfers play golf?" The more possible you make it for the average golfers to achieve his wish, the more average golfers you will have. As long as golf courses are set up to be more difficult, the fewer golfers will play. The course designer may take great pride that a 10 handicapper can't break 90 on his course, the golf committee may take great pride also, but that 10 handicapper will look for another course to play that helps him lower his handicap.



Nobody likes failure, we all like to succeed. When we score good we have fun, when we have fun we want to have fun as often as we can. When we can't reach greens in regulation because the holes are too long, when we loose expensive golf balls and shoot 10 shots over our handicap, we are not having fun.

L " . . .but the greatest of these is love." 1Cor 13:13

How am I doing?

(Editor's note: Some time back national director Jim Arnemann sent me an e-mail telling me about some of his thoughts during his quiet time one morning. He found himself in 1 Cor. 13 where Paul talks about love and what love is. So we will pick it up from there and let's see just where we stand on this matter of LOVE! Thanks Jim.)

O In 1 Cor. 13 Paul was trying to unite the people by telling them that each person is a part of the body of Christ. So it is with every church; so it is with each of us and with the Christian Golfers' Association (CGA). Each of you is a part of CGA. Each of you *IS* CGA!

V God has appointed apostles, prophets, teachers, workers of miracles, healers, etc. Not all are prophets or teachers, or any one of the jobs listed. But each of us has a gift. But whatever our gift is, or if we have more than one, if we do not have love, we have nothing. Paul tells us in chapter 13 that he will show us a better way, an excellent way. He tells us that "*. . .if we have everything but have not love, we have nothing.*" He explains: "*. . .love is patient (long suffering, does not hold a grudge), love is kind. It does not envy, it does not boast, it is not proud. It is not rude, it is not self-seeking, it is not easily angered, it keeps no record of wrongs. Love does not delight in evil but rejoices in truth. It always protects, always trusts, always hopes, always perseveres. Love never fails!*" (Taken from the NIV Study Bible).

So, think about love - how do we rate ourselves? How do we check out? Rate yourself in the boxes below. Only you and God will know.

MY LOVE IS:

GOOD

- ☐ PATIENT
☐ KIND
☐ Not ENVIOUS

Maybe Pretty Good

- ☐
☐
☐

Needs Improving

- ☐
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