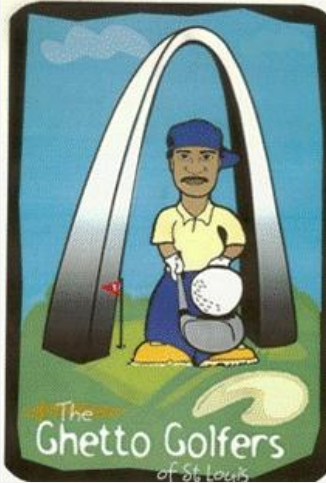


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Announcements



Natti' Challenge

Once again the St. Louis GGs handed the Cincinnati GG Club its second straight defeat. The challenge took place in Cincinnati at Glen View Golf Course.

They threw their best and funniest at us. Through it all we came out on TOP, again.

GO STL !!!

Dues

Your 2011 dues are due no later than March 1, 2011.

Dues are \$100 per member except for the 1st and 2nd place winners of the 4th Annual Ghetto Golfers of St Louis Club Championship. The following members' dues are \$50 ...

Mike Elliott – Low Handicap

A-Flight

Tony Hill – 1st Place

Stanley Johnson – 2d Place

B-Flight

Gerald Lay – 1st Place

Eunice Davis – 2d Place

C-Flight

Ralph Roberts – 1st Place

Rodney Bufford – 2d Place

Spring Dance

Dance tickets are immediately available. The dance is Saturday, May 7th at the Machinist Hall, Bridgeton, MO.

Price:

Prior to April 1

\$120 per table

After April 1

\$135 per table or

\$15 per individual

If you do not have your tickets, "PLEASE" contact Norman Carson to get them.

Volunteers are needed. If you are available and can help with the set-up and booths, please tell Norman when you pick up your tickets.

Tips for Fighting Slow Play

Slow play on the golf course is usually a condition that a golfer acquires over time, as he or she acquires bad habits. Or it's the result of the golfer never having been taught proper golf course etiquette. This means a slow golfer can usually be "cured" of his malady. Of course, that golfer has to be aware that he's slow, and that's where buddies come into play.

But as we often take a look at other golfers on the course and notice the things they do to slow down play, so should we take a look at ourselves. When we do take an honest look at ourselves, we often discover we're doing many of

the same things to slow down play that we're complaining about others doing.

Before we run down a list of suggestions for speeding up play, it's important to note that many of these tips have nothing to do with *rushing* your play, but rather with simply being *ready* to play, and with using common sense and good etiquette on the course.

The bottom line is, as soon as it's your turn to play, you should be ready to step right up and make the stroke.

Here are some tips for speeding up slow play on the golf course:

- Choose the correct set of tees from which to play. If you're a 20-handicapper, you have no business playing the championship tees. Doing so only adds strokes, which add time.
- Members of a group should not travel as a pack, with all members walking together to the first ball, then the second, and so on. Each member of the group should walk directly to his own ball.



When waiting on the tee for the group in front to clear the fairway, don't be so strict about order of play. Let the shorter hitter – who can't reach the group ahead anyway – go ahead and hit ..

- When two players are riding in a cart, drive the cart to the first ball and drop off the first player with his choice of clubs. The second player should proceed in the cart to his ball. After the first player hits his stroke, he should begin walking toward the cart as the second golfer is playing.
 - Use the time you spend getting to your ball to think about the next shot - the yardage, the club selection. When you reach your ball you'll need less time to figure out the shot.
 - If you are unsure whether your ball has come to rest out of bounds, or may be lost, immediately hit a provisional ball so that you won't have to return to the spot to replay the shot. If you are playing a recreational match with, shall we say, a "loose interpretation" of the rules, then simply drop a new ball somewhere around the area where your ball was lost and keep playing.
 - If you're following the rules, you won't be using mulligans. But if *are* using mulligans, limit them to no more than one mulligan per nine (you should never hit a mulligan if players behind you are waiting - or if you want to later claim that you played by the rules).
 - Begin reading the green and lining up putts as soon as you reach the green. Don't wait until it's your turn to putt to start the process of reading the green. Do it as soon as you reach the green so that when it's your turn you can step right up and putt.
 - Never delay making a stroke because you're having a conversation with a playing partner. Put the conversation on hold, make your stroke, then pick up the conversation again.
 - After putting out, don't stand around the green chatting or take any practice putting strokes. Leave the green quickly so the group behind can play. If there is no group behind, then a few practice putts are fine.
 - When leaving the green and returning to your cart, don't stand there fussing with your putter or other clubs. Get in the cart, drive to the next tee, and then put away your putter.
 - Likewise, mark your scorecard after reaching the next tee, not while lingering on or near the just-completed green.
 - When using a cart, never park the cart in front of the green. Park it only to the side or behind the green. And don't mark your scorecard while sitting in the cart next to the green (do it at the next tee). These practices open up the green for the group behind.
 - If you're the type who likes to offer tips to playing partners, save it for the driving range - or only do so on the course when you're sure that you're not slowing down play.
 - If you are searching for a lost ball and are willing to spend a few minutes looking for it, allow the group behind to play through. If you are playing a friendly game where rules aren't followed closely, just forget the lost ball and drop a new one. If you're not playing by the rules, you should never spend more than a minute looking for a lost ball.
 - Don't ask your playing partners to help you search for a lost ball - unless you are absolutely certain there is time for them to do so (e.g., there is no group behind waiting). If the course is crowded, your partners should continue moving forward, not slow things down further by stopping to help your search.
 - On the tee, pay attention to your partners' drives. If they lose sight of their ball, you can help direct them to it and avoid any searching.
 - When waiting on the tee for the group in front to clear the fairway, don't be so strict about order of play. Let the short hitter - who can't reach the group ahead anyway - go ahead and hit.
 - Work on building a concise pre-shot routine. If your pre-shot routine is a lengthy one, it's probably in your best interests to shorten it anyway. Limit practice strokes to one or two at the most.
 - Don't bother marking lag putts - go ahead and putt out if it's short enough.
 - Leave your cell phone in the car.
 - Walk at a good pace between shots. No, you don't have to look like a race-walker. But if your between-shot gait can be described as a "shuffle" or an "amble," you're probably going too slow. Speeding up your gait a little is both good for your health, but also might help your game by keeping you lose.
 - Carry extra tees, ball markers and an extra ball in your pockets so you never have to return to your bag to find one when needed.
 - When chipping around the green, carry both the club you'll be chipping with plus your putter so you don't have to return to the bag.
- Try playing ready golf, where the order of play is based on who's ready, not on who's away.**

5 Things You Should Know and Do!

1. Equipment

Taking the right equipment to the course involves both rules and etiquette. The rules place a limit of 14 clubs in each golfer's bag. There is no minimum number of clubs you must have, but borrowing clubs from your partners is not a good idea. Borrowing clubs during a round is permissible under certain circumstances, but it is against the rules in most. So it's best for a beginner to simply make sure he or she has all the clubs they need, up to the maximum of 14.

2. Make a Tee Time, then Make the Tee Time

Once your group has reserved a tee time, say, 10:14 a.m., it's really nice to actually make the tee time. Plan to get to the golf course at least 30 minutes early, just to be safe (many golfers arrive up to an hour early to warm up). Even if you're not playing strictly by the rules.

3. Dress the Part, and Tip When Necessary

Many golf courses have dress codes. Find out what

the dress code is at the course you're playing and dress appropriately. A pair of khaki shorts or slacks and a collared golf shirt will almost always meet the requirements, but it's a good idea to check beforehand.

4. When Another Player is addressing the ball.

There are only two things that every other player should be doing when a player is addressing the ball: standing absolutely still and watching the player hit. Movement is unacceptable. Talking is unacceptable. Fussing with equipment is unacceptable. Looking around is unacceptable. Stand still and watch the shot. If you can't render this simple courtesy, then you do not belong on a golf course.

5. Settling up. Always have the exact amount needed to settle the game. Saying, "Do you have change for a twenty?" is a breach of etiquette.

Meet The St. Louis Ghetto Golfers

Rodney Bufford. The GG's first Club President. You may not know this but his brother is the first Club President of The Cincinnati GGClub.



Eunice Davis. The Club's first and only Financial Officer. It is often said that he use to be a very good golfer, until he got old.



Stanley Johnson. The Club's Sergeant-At-Arms and Secretary. He's not that pretty, but he keeps very good minutes.



Ralph Roberts. No, that's not Red Foxx but a real good impersonation. They both went to Vashon High (together).



Members

Aaron Wiley
 Andrew Kern
 Bob Kusmer
 Bruce McCleary
 Carl Shockency
 Eunice Davis
 Evan Roberts
 George Roberts
 Gerald Lay
 Henry Poole
 Jerome Sims
 John Hill
 Johnny Black
 Johnny Nance
 Joseph Jones
 Kenny Watkins
 LaVera Davis
 Marvin Gray
 Mavis Merritt
 Michael Elliott
 Mike Thomas
 Norman Carson
 Ralph Roberts
 Ray Moss
 Richard Dale Sr.
 Richard Gains
 Rodney Bufford
 Skip Burkley
 Stanley Johnson
 Sugar Cain
 Tony Hill
 Zahket Green

**We're on the Web!**

See us at:
www.GhettoGolfers.com

Socials / Get Together

When: every Friday
Where: Imperial Palace
 2543 N. Grand Blvd
 St. Louis, MO 63106
Time: 6pm until

About Our Organization

MISSION STATEMENT

The Ghetto Golfers of St. Louis exists to foster the enhancement and expansion of amateur golf through the development of member and information services, the promotion of opportunities for all who want to play, and the protection of the game's integrity and valued traditions.

We promote:

1. Sportsmanship
2. Community Youth & Jr. Organization
3. Character Development
4. Non-profit Organization
5. Honesty
6. Respect
7. Responsibility

Special Dates and Birthdays

Annual Spring Dance	May 7
Machinist Hall	
Cincinnati Challenge	Jun 4 & 5
Grand Marias	
GG Tournament	July 9
Spencer T. Olin Golf Course	
Club Championship	Sep 17 & 18
Grand Marias	

BIRTHDAYS**Feb**

19 Joseph Jones

Mar

10 Zahket Green

16 Ralph Roberts

31 Aaron Wiley

While sitting at a table in the clubhouse after a round of golf, Reg remarked to a fellow club member, 'I'm not going to play golf with Tony anymore. He cheats.'

'Why do you say that?' asked his friend.

'Well, he found his lost ball two feet from the green', replied Reg indignantly.

'That's entirely possible', commented his friend.

'Not when I had his ball in my pocket', retorted Reg with finality.

