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Many club manufacturers now offer adjustable drivers and other clubs. According to an informal poll on Golf.com, 34 percent of the 2,337 respondents owned an adjustable driver by the end of 2011. The ability to upgrade shafts has also become popular as golfers respond to what the pros are doing.

Adjustable golf clubs enable golfers to walk out onto the course with one driver and a few different shafts. With a couple of clicks from a wrench, a person can have an entirely new driver. That cuts down on the equipment that needs to be carried and can fine tune a golfer's accuracy. These hightech clubs are corresponding to changes being made to golf balls. Engineers have reduced the spin on golf balls to help the balls travel farther. To do so, golf experts advise that the ball needs to be hit higher into the air. Adjustable drivers can give players the edge they need to produce the right height and trajectory.

According to data from golf club manufacturer TaylorMade, 70 percent of consumers who use the company's adjustable drivers adjust their club at least once to get the desired shot. Afterward, 10 to 15 percent of adjustable driver users report further adjustments as they become comfortable with the features.

Although golfers can now put adjustments into their own hands, it is still adviseable to get a professional fitting regardless of which clubs are chosen. A certified club fitter can help a person sort through the myriad options available and make recommendations based on various factors, including the golf ball used.

Those who are not fans of adjustable drivers say that the adjustment mechanisms add weight to the drivers, which can compromise efficiency. However, that isn't stopping larger numbers of golf fans from taking adjustable drivers for a trial run in an effort to improve their game.

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ASHTABULA COUNTY **Chapel Hills Golf Course**

3381 Austinburg Road Ashtabula 44004 www.chapelhillsgolf.com 440-997-3791 Yardage: 5,694 to 6,038 Carts: Yes Attire: Casual golf attire Tee Times: Recommended Driving Range: Yes Food: Snack bar

Geneva-on-the-Lake Golf Course

4902 Al Mraz Drive Geneva-on-the-Lake 44041 440-466-8797 Yardage: 6,291 from Blue Tees Carts: Club Cars Attire: Casual golf attire Tee Times: Call for times Driving Range: No Food: Snack bar and full-service liquor bar

Hemlock Springs Golf Club

4654 Cold Cork Springs Road Geneva 44041 www.hemlocksprings.com 440-466-4044 Yardage: Red 5,381, White 5,990, Blue 6.520, Gold 6.812 Carts: Yes Attire: Proper golf attire. Tee Times: Suggested, 7 days a week **Driving Range:** Upgraded driving range **Food:** Grill Room & party center

Maple Ridge Golf Course

8921 Center Road Ashtabula 44010 www.mapleridgegolfcourse.com 440-969-1368 **Yardage:** 6001 Carts: Yes Attire: Proper golf attire Tee Times: Available

Driving Range: No Food: Snack har

Village Green Golf Course

North Rt. 193 North Kingsville 44068 440-224-0931 **Yardage:** 6,258 Carts: Yes Attire: Casual Tee Times: Available **Driving Range:** No driving range but has practice green Food: Snack bar- Food & beverage.

CUYAHOGA COUNTY

Big Met Golf Course 4811 Valley Parkway Fairview Park 44126 www.clevelandmetroparks.com 440-331-1070 **Yardage:** Front 5,640, Middle 6,179, Back 6,481 Carts: \$7 for 9 holes, \$13 for 18

holes, per player Cart fees Attire: Casual golf attire (Shirts must be worn at all times. Sleeves required for men, ladies may wear sleeveless golf shirts. No tank tops, mesh shirts or similar attire permitted.) Tee Times: Available 12 days in advance Driving Range: No Food: Restaurant in the Clubhouse

Briardale Greens Golf Course

24131 Briardale Ave. Euclid 44123 www.briardalegreens.com 216-289-8574 Yardage: 6,058; Par 70 Carts: Yes Attire: Proper golfing attire, no tank tops Tee Times: Recommended Driving Range: Yes Food: Sticks Pub and Grill





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Grantwood Golf Course

38855 Aurora Road Solon 44139 www.grantwoodgolf.com 440-248-4646 Ext. 0 Yardage: 6429 Carts: Yes Attire: Casual, must have shirt with sleeves Tee Times: Yes Driving Range: Yes Food: Snack bar

Hilliard Lakes Golf Club

31665 Hilliard Road Westlake 44145 www.hilliardlakesgc.com 440-871-9578 Yardage: 6985 Yard 18 hole layout Carts: Yes Attire: Casual golf attire Tee Times: Yes Driving Range: Available Food: Snack bar

Meadowood Golf Club

29800 Center Ridge Road Westlake 44145 www.ohiogolf.org 440-835-6442 **Yardage:** Short 18 hole course 2,795, Long yellow 9, 2,635 **Carts:** Yes **Attire:** Casual golf attire **Tee Times:** Recommended **Driving Range:** No **Food:** Grill Room

North Olmsted Golf Club

5840 Canterbury Road North Olmsted 44070 www.northolmstedgolfclub.com 440-770-0220 **Yardage:** White 1702, Red 1434, Par 30 **Carts:** Golf carts and pull carts available **Tee Times:** Recommended, not required **Driving Range:** No **Food:** Snack bar and catered events

Shawnee Hills Golf Course

18753 Egbert Road Bedford 44146 www.clevelandmetroparks.com 440-232-7184 **Yardage:** 5,175- Par 3 course & regulation course **Carts:** Yes Hand & riding carts **Attire:** Proper golf attire, golf shirts required (sleeves and collars, ladies may be sleeveless and collared, proper footwear must be worn)

Tee Times: Available **Driving Range:** Yes **Food:** Snack bar

Spring Vale Golf Club 5871 Canterbury Road North Olmsted 44070 www.north-olmsted.com/ springvalegolfcourse.cfm 440-777-0678 Yardage: 6203 Yard, 18 hole Carts: Yes Attire: Proper golf attire required Tee Times: Recommended Driving Range: No Food: Full bar. Weekday evening arill

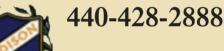
The Links

26111 John Road Olmsted Township 44138 www.TheLinksGolf.net 440-235-0501 Yardage: 4745, Par 65 Carts: Yes Attire: No restrictions Tee Times: Not required Driving Range: Yes Food: Food service with extended menu available

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ERIE COUNTY

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4115 Boos Road Huron 44839 www.kevsqolfcourse.com 419-433-5585 Yardage: 2974 Par 36 Carts: Yes Tee Times: Not required Driving Range: Yes Food: Minimal snacks. Opening soon• Bar & Restaurant

Mills Creek Golf Course

1933 Mill St. Sandusky 44870 www.cityofsandusky.com 419-627-5803 Yardage: White 2,858, Blue 3,010, Red 2.287 Carts: Riding Cart rental Attire: No tank tops Tee Times: No Driving Range: No

Food: Sandwiches, snacks, beverages & beer

Sawmill Creek Golf Club

600 Mariner Village Huron 44839 www.qolfsawmillcreek.com 419-433-3789 Yardage: White 6,348, Blue 6,782, Gold 5,605, Red 5,074 Par 71 Carts: Yes Attire: Golf shirts, no jean shorts Tee Times: Required Driving Range: No Food: Mulligan's Pub located on the course

Thunderbird Hills Golf Course

1316 Mudbrook Road Huron 44839 www.thunderbirdhills.com 419-433-4552 Yardage: North 6,371, South

6.347 Par 72 Carts: Yes Attire: No tank tops or cut-offs Tee Times: Recommended Driving Range: Yes Food: Snack bar located on South course. North course offers Bar North, a full-service restaurant/ har

Twin Lakes Golf Course

100 Decker St Bellevue 44811 www.twinlakesbellevue.com 419-483-2842 Yardage: 3034 Par 36 Carts: Yes Attire: Casual golf attire Tee Times: Not required Driving Range: No Food: Twin Lakes Restaurant

Vermilion Country Club

12210 W. Lake Road

Vermilion 44089 www.vermilioncc.com Club House 440-967-3492 Yardage: Approx 5955 **Carts:** Half cart \$8 Attire: Casual Tee Times: No Driving Range: No Food: Darby Creek Bar and Grill

Willow Creek Golf Club

15905 Darrow Road Vermilion 44089 www.willowcreekgolfohio.com 440-967-4101 Yardage: Blue 6356, White 5957, ed 5419 Par 72 **Carts:** \$7 per person for 9 holes, \$14 per person for 18 holes Attire: Casual golf attire Tee Times: Yes Driving Range: Yes Food: Snack bar



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6311 Mason Road Sandusky 44870 www.woussickett.com 419-359-1141 Yardage: Blue 6149 Par 70, White 5669 Par 70, Red 4916 Par 71 Carts: Yes Attire: Casual golf attire Tee Times: Recommended Driving Range: Yes and practice area. Food: Snack bar/grill

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Berkshire Hills Country Club

9760 Mayfield Road Chesterland 44026 www.berkshirehills.net 440-729-9516 **Yardage:** Orange 6,689, Blue 6,372, Green 5,800, Purple 5,122, Brown 4,254, Yellow 3,880 **Carts:** Pull carts \$3 Power carts Attire: Casual (no cut-offs) Tee Times: Call 440-729-9516 Driving Range: Yes (grass tees) Food: Snack bar, liquor license, banquet facilities seats up to 350

Chardon Lakes Golf Course

470 South St. Chardon 44024 www.chardonlakes.com 440-285-4653 Yardage: (Black) 6,775; (Silver) 6,186; (Gold) 5,514; (Blue) 4,875 Carts: Yes, electric (not required) Attire: Proper golf attire required Tee Times: Recommended (phone, website or Golfnow.com) Driving Range: Yes Food: Snack Shop

Fowler's Mill

13095 Rockhaven Road Chesterland 44026 www.fowlersmillgc.com 440-729-7569 Yardage: Gold 7,025, Black 6,623, Green 6,200, Silver (Senior) 5,873, Red (Ladies) 5,815 Carts: Yes Attire: Golf attire only Tee Times: Required Driving Range: Yes Food: Grill Room

Hidden Valley Golf Course

17261 Thompson Road Thompson 44086 440-298-3912 Yardage: 3,206; Par 36 Carts: Yes Attire: Casual Tee Times: Not necessary Driving Range: No Food: Snack bar

Legend Lake Golf Club

11135 Auburn Road Chardon 44024 www.legendlakegolfclub.com 440-285-3110 Yardage: Tees: Red 5,476, Gold 5,582, Black 6,608, Green 5,807, Gray 6,352 Carts: Yes, golf carts Attire: Proper golf attire Tee Times: Yes Driving Range: Yes Food: Yes bar and grill

Pleasant Hill Golf Course

13461 Aquilla Road Chardon 44024 www.pleasanthillgolfchardon.com 440-285-2428 **Yardage:** Front 3,035, Middle 3,192, Back 3,090 (27 holes) **Carts:** \$7.50 for 9 holes \$15 for 18 holes (per person) **Attire:** Casual/no dress code (request golf or tennis shoes) **Tee Times:** Recommended **Driving Range:** Practice Putting Green **Food:** Snack bar and banquet cen-



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11755 Kinsman Road Newbury 44065 www.pundersonmanorresort.com 440-564-5465 **Yardage:** Championship Blue 6,815, Regular 6,600, Senior 5,904, Ladies 5,296 **Carts:** Yes

Larts: Yes **Attire:** Proper golf attire; shirt and shoes required

Tee Times: Accepted Driving Range: Putting Green Food: Snack bar, membership available

Rolling Green Golf Club

15900 Mayfield Road Huntsburg 44046 www.rollinggreengchuntsburg.com 440-636-5171 Yardage: 6312 Carts: Yes Attire: Proper golf attire **Tee Times:** Recommended **Driving Range:** Yes, large putting/ chipping green and driving range **Food:** Snack bar

St. Denis Golf Course

10660 Chardon Road Chardon 44024 www.stdenisgolfclub.com 440-285-2183 **Yardage:** Red 5,800; White 6,375; Blue 6,640 **Carts:** Available year-round **Attire:** Collared shirts requested **Tee Times:** Available up to two weeks in advance

Driving Range: Yes

Food: Snack bar and full-service party center available for outings and other events

The Tanglewood Club

8745 Tanglewood Trail Chagrin Falls 44023 www.thetanglewoodclub.com 440-543-3752 Yardage: Black 7,029, Blue 6,313, White 5,554, Red 5,320 Carts: Yes Attire: Proper golf attire require, cut-offs, tank tops and T-shirts are not permitted Tee Times: Up to one week in advance Driving Range: Yes Food: Snack shop, banguet center

Wicked Woods Golf Course

14085 Ravenna Road Newbury 44065 www.wickedwoodsgolfclub.com 440-564-7960 **Yardage:** Blue 6,490; White 6,117; Yellow 5,294; Red 5,142 **Carts:** Yes **Attire:** Proper golf attire **Tee Times:** Recommended **Driving Range:** Putting Green **Food:** Snack bar (See website)

HURON COUNTY

Eagle Creek Golf Club 2406 New State Road

Norwalk 44857 www.eaglecreekgolf.com 419-668-8535 **Yardage:** Ranging anywhere from 6603 to 4908 vards **Carts:** Yes, state-of-the-art EZ GO Electric Carts Attire: Casual golf attire, no cutoffs or sweatpants Tee Times: Available, but not required Driving Range: Consists of three large bent grass tees, two 5,000-square-foot practice greens and multiple sandtraps Food: Full food and beverage facility that holds up to 150 people (indoors)

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Millstone Hills Golf Club

2315 Euclid Road New London 44851 www.millstonehills.com 419-929-6477 Yardage: Blue 6,511, White 6,031, Gold 5,073, Red 4,738 Carts: Yes, (pull carts also) Attire: Proper golf shirt and shoes required (no tank tops) Tee Times: Yes Driving Range: Yes (hit from grass) Food: Snack bar, pavilion & com-

Sycamore Hills Golf Course

pany group outings

14 Sycamore Norwalk 44857 www.facebook.com/Sycamore-Hills9holes 419-668-8460 **Yardage:** White 2,670, Red 2,495; Par 37 Carts: Yes Attire: Casual golf Tee Times: On weekends Driving Range: No Food: Snack bar

LAKE COUNTY

Airport Greens Golf Course

28980 White Road Willoughby Hills 44092 www.airportgreens.com 440-944-6164 Pro-Shop Yardage: Blue 6,000; White 5,690; Red 4,785; Par 70 Carts: \$6.50/9 holes; \$13/18 holes (per golfer) Attire: Proper golf attire (shoes and shirt a must) Tee Times: Recommended Driving Range: Small \$6.50; Large \$12 Food: Snack bar

Black Brook Golf Course & Practice Center

8900 Lake Shore Boulevard Mentor 44060 www.blackbrookgolfcourse.com 440-951-0010 Yardage: Blue 6,320, White 6,073, Silver 5,838, Red 5,015, Junior tee (Gold) 3,540 Carts: Yes Attire: Casual, soft spikes only Tee Times: Recommended Driving Range: Yes Food: Snack bar

Erie Shores Golf Course

7298 Lake Road East Madison 44057 www.lakemetroparks.com 440-428-3164 **Yardage:** Red 4,716, Gold 4,984, White 5,768, Blue 5,980 **Carts:** Yes **Attire:** Soft spikes recommended; collared shirts, no tank tops, cut-offs Tee Times: Recommended Driving Range: Yes Food: Snack shop & Pro shop

Green Ridge Public Golf Course

29150 Ridge Road Wickliffe 44092 440-943-0007 Yardage: 9 holes Men 2,070, Par 32; Women 1,830, Par 34 Carts: Yes, \$6 Attire: Casual, proper golf attire Tee Times: 1st in, 1st out Driving Range: No Food: Snacks

Johnnycake Ridge Golf Course

7134 Mentor Ave. Willoughby 44094 440-946-3154 Yardage: 1,850; Par 30 Carts: \$5 (per rider) riding cart and \$1.50 pull cart Attire: Casual Tee Times: Recommended

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7667 Hermitage Road Concord Township 44077 littlemountaincc.com 440-358-7888 Yardage: 5,101, 6,115, 6,612; Par 70 Carts: Yes Attire: Proper golf attire, no denim allowed and shirts must have a collar or mock neck Tee Times: Required Driving Range: Practice range and putting green Food: Grill and bar

Lost Nation Municipal Golf Course

38890 Hodgson Road Willoughby 44094 www.lostnationgolfcourse.com 440-953-4280 Yardage: Black 6,410; White 5,240; Blue 6,130 Carts: Yes Attire: Proper golf attire, no tank tops, soft spikes only **Tee Times:** Daily April - October **Driving Range:** Yes **Food:** Full-service snack bar

Madison Country Club

6130 Chapel Road Madison 44057 www.madisoncountryclub.com 440-428-2888 Yardage: White 6,145, Blue 6,487, Gold 5,428, Red 5,288 Carts: Yes Attire: Proper golf attire Tee Times: Recommended Driving Range: Yes Food: Snack Bar

Manakiki Golf Course

35501 Eddy Road Willoughby Hills 44094 www.clevelandmetroparks.com 440-942-2500 **Yardage:** Black 6,643, Gold 6,173, White 5,973, Orange 5,230 Carts: Available, \$7 for 9 holes, \$13 for 18 holes Attire: Proper golf attire Tee Times: Suggested, taken 12 days in advance at noon Driving Range: Practice range (golf balls not provided) Food: Snack bar

Painesville Country Club

84 Golf Drive Painesville 44077 www.painesvillecountryclub.com 440-354-3469 **Yardage:** Black 6,325, Gold 5,963, Silver 5,181, Bronze 4,584 **Carts:** Yes **Attire:** Proper golf attire required **Tee Times:** Yes, call or online **Driving Range:** Yes **Food:** Snack bar and golf banquets

Pine Ridge Country Club

30601 Ridge Road Wickliffe 44092 www.lakemetroparks.com 440-943-0293 Yardage: 5,914 Men; 5,328 Women Carts: Required April 15 - Oct. 1 Attire: Soft spikes recommended, collared shirt, no tank tops or cut-offs Tee Times: Recommended Driving Range: No Food: Clubhouse catering and snack shop

Powderhorn Golf Course

3991 Bates Road Madison 44057 www.powderhorngc.com 440-428-5951 Yardage: 5680 Carts: Yes Attire: Casual Tee Times: Recommended Driving Range: Yes, and putting green Food: Snack bar



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LORAIN COUNTY

Aqua Marine Golf Club

216 Miller Road Avon Lake 44012 www.sweetbriargolfclub.com/ golf/aqua-marine.htm 440-933-7607 **Yardage:** Red 1171; Blue 1334; White 1261 **Carts:** Pull carts \$2 **Attire:** Soft spikes, golf attire (no jeans, cutoffs or tank tops) Tee Times: Call to schedule Driving Range: No Food: Full-service bar and grill

Bob O'Link Golf Course

4141 Center Road (Route 83) Avon 44011 www.bobolinkgolfcourse.com 440-934-6217 Yardage: White 3,304; Red 2,940; Blue 3,086; Gold 3,204 Carts: Yes Attire: Proper golf attire Tee Times: Available on weekends Driving Range: Driving range, practice and putting green Food: Snack bar with beer, liquor and sandwiches

Brentwood Golf Club

12415 Grafton Road Grafton 44044 www.playbrentwood.com 440-322-9254 Yardage: Blue 5,148, White 4,695, Red 4,223, Gold 4,507 Carts: Yes, (9 holes \$7; 18 holes \$14) Attire: Casual golf attire collared shirt required Tee Times: Accepted Driving Range: Yes Food: Snack Bar

Carlisle Golf Club

39709 Slife Road Grafton 44044 440-458-8011 **Yardage:** Front 5540; Back 5860 **Carts:** Yes, 72 available **Attire:** Casual golf attire, comfortable **Tee Times:** Available most of the time **Food:** Snack Bar

Cherry Ridge Golf Club

1211 W. River Road Elyria 44035 www.sweetbriargolfclub.com/ cherry_ridge/ 440-324-3713 **Yardage:** Blue 2803, White 2606, Red 2286 **Carts:** Riding carts available **Attire:** Soft spikes, golf attire (no jeans, cutoffs or tank tops) **Tee Times:** Available on weekends **Driving Range:** No **Food:** Snack bar

Creekwood Golf Club

9691 N. Reed Road Columbia Station 44028 www.creekwoodgolf.com 440-748-3188 Yardage: 6154 Carts: yes Attire: Casual golf attire Tee Times: Recommended Driving Range: Yes Food: Snack Bar



Dorlon Golf Club

18000 Station Road Columbia Station 44028 440-236-8234 **Yardage:** 6590 Par 72 **Carts:** Yes **Attire:** Soft spikes, no tank tops or cut-offs **Tee Times:** Recommended **Driving Range:** Yes **Food:** Snack bar

Dragon Ranch Golf Club

9488 Leavitt Road Elyria 44035 www.dragonranchgolfclub.com/ 440-986-5881 Yardage: Blue 6,352, White 6,049, Gold 5,458, Red 5,133 Carts: Yes Attire: Casual golf attire Tee Times: Recommended Driving Range: Yes - natural grass and artificial turf mats Food: Restaurant and bar

Echo Valley Golf Club

21056 Quarry Road Wellington 44090 440-647-2065 **Yardage:** Back 6,110, Forward 5,278; Par 71 **Carts:** yes **Attire:** Casual golf **Tee Times:** Unnecessary **Driving Range:** No **Food:** Snack Bar

Emerald Woods Golf Course

12501 N. Boone Road Columbia Station 44028 www.emeraldwoodsgolf.com 440-236-8940 **Yardage:** Audrey's/Heatherstone 6,148; Pine Valley/St. Andrews 6,076; Walk In The Park 2,128 **Carts:** Yes **Attire:** Proper golf attire **Tee Times:** Available **Driving Range:** practice greens **Food:** Snack bar/catering



41971 Oberlin Elyria Road Elyria 44035 www.golftheforest.com 440-323-2632 Yardage: Gray 5,802, Blue 6,155, Red 5,038, Seniors 5,179; Par 70 Carts: Yes Attire: Casual golf Tee Times: Yes, but not necessary Driving Range: Yes Food: Bar and grille

Fox Creek Golf and Racquet Club

5445 Beavercrest Drive Lorain 44053 www.foxcreeksports.com 440-282-9106 Yardage: 6400 Carts: Yes Attire: Casual golf attire Tee Times: Yes, but not necessary Driving Range: No Food: The Derby Sports Bar and Grill

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Driving Range: Yes **Food:** Nine Bistro Bar & Grill (onsite)

Hickory Nut Golf Club

23601 Royalton Road Columbia Station 44028 www.hickorynutgolfcourse.com 440-236-8008 **Yardage:** White 6,319, Par 71; Red 5,545; Par 71 **Carts:** Golf carts and pull carts available

21056 Quarry Rd.

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Attire: Casual golf, soft spikes only

Tee Times: Recommended, some walk-up times available Driving Range: Warm-up \$2, small \$3, medium \$7, large \$9 Food: Snack Bar with seating, pavilions available for outings

Indian Hollow Lake Golf Course

16525 Indian Hollow Road Grafton 44044 440-355-5344 **Yardage:** 5910 **Carts:** Yes **Attire:** Casual golf attire **Tee Times:** Recommended on weekdays **Driving Range:** Yes **Food:** Snack bar

Mallard Creek Golf Club 34500 Royalton Road Columbia Station 44028 www.themallardcreek.com

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440-748-8231 Yardage: Ladies 4,829; Men's 6,059; Champion 6,307; Senior 5,729 Carts: Yes Attire: No cutoffs or tank tops Tee Times: Recommended Driving Range: Yes, 26 bays Food: Snack bar

Pheasant Run Golf Course

711 Pheasant Run Drive Lagrange 44050 www.pheasantrunohio.com 440-355-5035 **Yardage:** White 6,174, Red 5,024, Blue 6,592, Yellow 5,739 **Carts:** Yes **Attire:** Casual golf **Tee Times:** Yes **Driving Range:** No **Food:** Snack bar

Pine Brook Golf Club

11043 Durkee Road

Grafton 44044 www.golfpinebrook.com 440-748-2939 Yardage: 6,362; 5,741; 5,225 Ladies Carts: Yes Attire: Proper golf attire; shirt must be worn Tee Times: Yes Driving Range: No Food: Snack bar; offer fully catered outings

Royal Crest Golf Club

23310 Royalton Road Columbia Station 44028 www.golfroyalcrest.com 440-236-5644 **Yardage:** Championship 6,746, Regular 6,205, Ladies 5,903 **Carts:** Yes **Attire:** Shirt required **Tee Times:** Recommended **Driving Range:** Practice greens **Food:** Snack bar

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Green Hills Golf Club

1959 South Main St. Clyde 43410 www.greenhillsgolf.com 419-547-7947 Yardage: Blue 6,239, Black 6,429, White 5,993 Carts: Yes Attire: Casual, collared shirts Tee Times: Recommended Driving Range: Yes Food: The Tavern

Sleepy Hollow Golf Club

6029 E. State Route 101 Clyde 43410 www.sleepyhollowclyde.com 419-547-0770 **Yardage:** White 6,004, Blue 6,371, Red 5,204: Par 71 **Carts:** Yes **Attire:** Casual golf **Tee Times:** Required **Driving Range:** No **Food:** Diner



How to help kids get into golf

Golf is a game of skill that can take years, if not decades, to master. Many golfers find their time on the golf course both rewarding and relaxing, even on those days when the fairways seem impossible to find.

Though many players never swing a golf club until they reach adulthood, it's never too early to hit the links. Some of the world's most accomplished golfers, including four-time Masters champion Tiger Woods, began playing as toddlers, and many feel that getting an early start can lead to a more successful game down the road.

Getting kids into golf is a great way for parents to bond with their children while enjoying the great outdoors. Golf can also be used to teach kids humility, sportsmanship and the importance of hard work. SEE PAGE 22





Tips for newcomers to the game of golf

Few hobbies can be as enjoyable one moment and as frustrating the next as golf. Golfers know a great putt can be quickly followed by a bad tee shot, and maintaining their composure through the highs and lows of the game is a key to success on the links.

Maintaining that composure isn't always easy, even for the professionals. It's even more difficult for beginners, who quickly learn the game of golf involves more than just spending sunny weekend afternoons on pristine golf courses. In fact, golf can be quite demanding, and beginners would be wise to heed a few tips before hitting the course.

* Don't commit to an expensive set of clubs right off the bat. Golf clubs can be very expensive, so beginners should buy an affordable secondhand set of clubs so they can get the hang of what they like before spending a lot of money. Visit a pro shop and explain that you are just a beginner. The shop will likely make some valuable suggestions and might even let you try out a pair of clubs. In addition, many driving ranges allow customers to rent clubs, and this can be

a great and inexpensive way to find the right clubs for you.

Take lessons. Even the very best at self-teaching might find it extremely difficult to become a self-taught golfer. When first trying your hand at golf, take some lessons and don't expect to be playing 18 holes any time soon. Before hitting the course, where you might be discouraged and you might frustrate those golfing behind you, learn the fundamentals by taking a few lessons at the driving range. Learn from a professional, who won't offer you any hidden secrets to golfing glory (there aren't any) but will offer sound advice on the game's fundamentals.

* Take the game home with you. Beginners can even take advantage of golf's vast popularity by taking the game home with them. This doesn't mean building a putting green in vour backyard. Rather, purchase some instructional DVDs to learn the game during your down time throughout the week. Many golfers don't have time to hit the links during the week, but they **SEE PAGE 22**



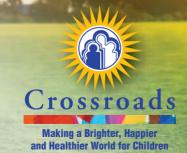
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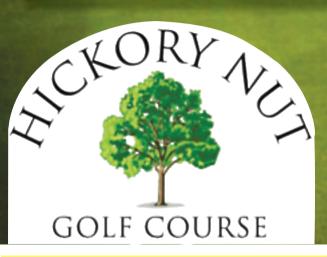
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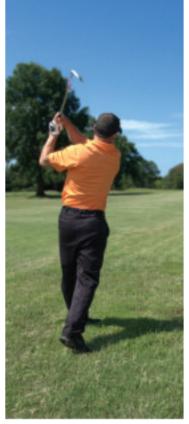
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do have time to watch some DVDs when they get home from work. Such instructional DVDs can help you master your grip and stance, which you can then take with you to the course over the weekend.

* Have fun. Golf is a fun game: it just takes time to hone your skills. But even if vou aren't ready for the professional tour after your first few rounds, you can still have fun. Don't let some beginner's frustration, which every golfer experiences, ruin the fun of the game. Take note of your surroundings when you hit the links, and appreciate the time you're spending with your group. If the game becomes more a source of frustration than fun, then take a break and put in some more work away from the course, be it at the driving range or studving at home.

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Thanks to the often frustrating nature of golf, parents may find it somewhat challenging to instill a love of the game in their youngsters. But there are ways to introduce kids to this wonderful game that kids might just play for the rest of their lives.

• Focus on having fun. Few, if any, golfers at your local golf course on a given weekend could say with certainty that golf has never frustrated them. The challenge of golf may be its most appealing characteristic to older players, but young kids can be easily overwhelmed by the challenges golf presents. By focusing on having fun instead of perfecting techniques, parents can get kids to look forward to their time on the links. The more fun kids have, the more likely they will be to embrace the game and its many challenges. Don't put pressure on youngsters as they develop their games, but encourage them through their struggles and reassure them that you faced the same obstacles when you started playing.

• Hire an instructor with experience teaching children. Instructors with experience teaching children will understand the basics of the game and how learning those basics provides a great foundation for future enjoyment and success on the course. Instructors who have taught kids in the past also know that teaching youngsters the finer points of golf requires patience and encouragement. Ask a fellow parent or an employee at the club where you play to recommend an instructor for your child. And take advantage of any kids' courses your club offers.

• Purchase the correct equipment. Even the best golfers are bound to struggle when using the wrong equipment. While it might be unwise to invest in especially expensive equipment for youngsters likely to grow out of it in a few months' time, deals can be found on used kids' equipment. Used kids' equipment is typically subjected to less wear and tear than used equipment for adults, as kids tend to play less often and fewer holes than adults when they do play. But make sure to find correctly sized equipment that kids feel comfortable using.

• Play some holes. Instructors may teach kids the differences between the types of clubs and how to swing and putt. But golf is most fun when players are out on the links going from hole to hole. Instruction is important, but don't forget to play a few holes with your child each week as well.

Golf is a challenging game, but it's one that can be enjoyed by athletes of all ages.

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