

August Forecast



Thursday, 7-30	NVS Golf Outing; 11:00 a.m.
Friday, 7-31	Match Play Finals: 1st group at 4pm
Saturday, 8-1	ITCC Club Championship Day 1 – Championship flights only
Sunday, 8-2	ITCC Club Championship Day 2 All flights
Tuesday, 8-4	Ladies Senior League; 9:00 a.m.
Tuesday, 8-4	Men's Evening League Regular Season Final; 5:00 p.m.
Wednesday, 8-5	Men's Senior League; 9:00 a.m.
Wednesday, 8-5	Ladies Evening League; 5:45 p.m.
Friday, 8-7	Corn Growers golf outing; 9:00 a.m.
Tuesday, 8-11	Ladies Senior League; 9:00 a.m.
Tuesday, 8-11	Men's Evening League Playoffs; 5:00 p.m.
Wednesday, 8-12	Men's Senior League; 9:00 a.m.
Wednesday, 8-12	Ladies Evening League Final Night; 5:45 p.m.
Sunday, 8-16	St. Paul Lutheran School golf outing; 11:00 a.m.
Tuesday, 8-18	Ladies Senior League; 9:00 a.m.
Tuesday, 8-18	Men's Evening League Playoffs; 5:00 p.m.

Wednesday, 8-19	Men's Senior League; 9:00 a.m.
Saturday, 8-22	Nebraska Amateur Golf Tour; 9:00 a.m.
Tuesday, 8-25	Ladies Senior League; 9:00 a.m.
Tuesday, 8-25	Men's Evening League Playoffs Final: 5:00 p.m.
Wednesday, 8-26	Men's Senior League; 9:00 a.m.
Saturday, 8-29	Carterman Foundation Golf Outing; 9:00 a.m.

Are you new to the game of golf and afraid you're not good enough, that you'll embarrass yourself? Please read:

We want golfers of ALL abilities enjoying our course... if you are not playing because you are afraid of what others think about you, please come talk to me, and we will figure out a way to get you comfortable participating in this wonderful game!

An excerpt from 'The Wisdom of Harvey Penick'-

"...Poor golfers usually seem embarrassed to play with good golfers. The fact is that you may not be good enough to play with the good players, but no one will notice if you keep up. The good players are not going to be watching you and criticizing your swing. They have their own games to deal with. But if you hold up play, the others will notice you – and probably not in a kindly manner.

If you, as a poor golfer, lose your temper along with your golf balls, and shout and throw clubs and curse your luck and plumb-bob all your putts from both sides of the hole, the good players will notice. They'll avoid you for the rest of your life, not only on the golf course, but in the social and business worlds as well.

So just keep the game moving in a good humor, and you will always be welcome, regardless of your ability."

How Climate and Weather Effect Golf Course Conditions

Keeping a golf course in good playing condition is no easy feat no matter where you are. Climate plays a surprisingly large role. While climate varies greatly from region to region, factors such as humidity, rainfall, dew point and even ground temperature are factors every golf course has to consider.

The general population may not know this, but golf course maintenance professionals are all too aware that turfgrass is vulnerable to a variety of fungi and diseases. Player foot traffic and golf carts consistently wear away at grasses leaving them exposed to microorganisms and extreme weather. Cold or icy conditions can promote fungal growth, while extreme heat exposure similarly cultivates disease.

While extreme weather conditions can have terrible effects on the golf course, even typical weather conditions can cause serious damage. Rainstorms, wind chill, and changes in sunlight exposure can trigger your turf to respond in an attempt to protect itself. This can include entering dormancy, which is when the grass will enter a sleep-like state in order to conserve water and nutrients. When correcting or preventing damage, golf maintenance professionals have to consider both the climate and their turfgrass's natural responses to weather conditions in order to make educated decisions.

HOT AND HUMID

Consistently hot and humid climates bring its own slew of concerns for the golf course. These conditions can lead to “Moisture Stress”, which occurs when the water level inside of a plant's cells dips below a sustainable level. This leaves plant cells incapable of photosynthesizing, slowly starving the grass of nutrients.

The symptoms of moisture stress, such as wilting or dying blades, also increase the chance of fungal disease or insects attacking your turf. While “Moisture Stress” can be corrected quickly if caught, many fungal diseases can take up to a year to remedy.

HOT AND DRY

While “Moisture Stress” is something that can affect both hot and cold weather grasses, the most pressing issue for hot/dry tolerant grasses is resilience. Turf

species that have been bred to survive extreme heat have difficulty adapting to or recovering from the damage. For example, in places like Arizona, dry and hot weather combined with excessive traffic by players creates damage and browning which then needs to be remedied. However, many hot/dry turf types are slow to recover and even slower to grow from seed.

HOW WEATHER AFFECTS OUR GREENS

The greens here at Indian Trails are known to be faster than most courses, but they will be faster or slower than “normal” based on temperature and wind. The greens here are mowed every single day, and it’s very rare that we change the height of the cut. So, if we mow them every day at the same height how could they possibly roll at different speeds?

Heat: Extreme heat can make the greens play faster or slower depending on how long it’s been since we hit them with water. We’ll water multiple times a day when it’s really hot. If you’re playing a freshly watered green it’ll putt a bit slower. If the green hasn’t been watered in a few hours it’ll be faster.

Wind: A strong south wind will push your ball the direction the greens all break naturally, which makes them seem extremely fast. A north wind slows down that natural break, which will make them feel slower.

Every season, every month and every day’s little variances in weather will give the grounds crew a different challenge and will give you the golfer a slightly different course to play.

Wedges



new & old



How do wedges create spin? At impact, the grooves are responsible for biting into the cover of the golf ball. The downward strike on the ball, coupled with the sharp grooves, traps the ball against the ground and creates backspin.

Over time, the lower grooves will start to wear out and eventually will not catch the ball as sharply. The dulling grooves allow the ball to roll up the face just slightly before catching some of the higher grooves. When the ball rolls up the face, spin is lost because friction is lost.

A study was done on the difference between new and two-year-old grooves, identical 56 degree Titleist Vokey wedges were hit on a launch monitor using Titleist ProV1s. The two year old wedge spun an average of 9,000 rpms; enough to keep the ball within three or four yards on average of where it landed, never spinning back.

The new wedge sounded completely different. The sharp grooves caught the ball on the bottom few grooves, and the ball stayed on the lower grooves. The new wedge spun an average of 12,000 rpms and pulled back on the majority of shots.

How old is your wedge???

Hybrid, Iron-Wood, Rescue... What are all of these and why do I need them?

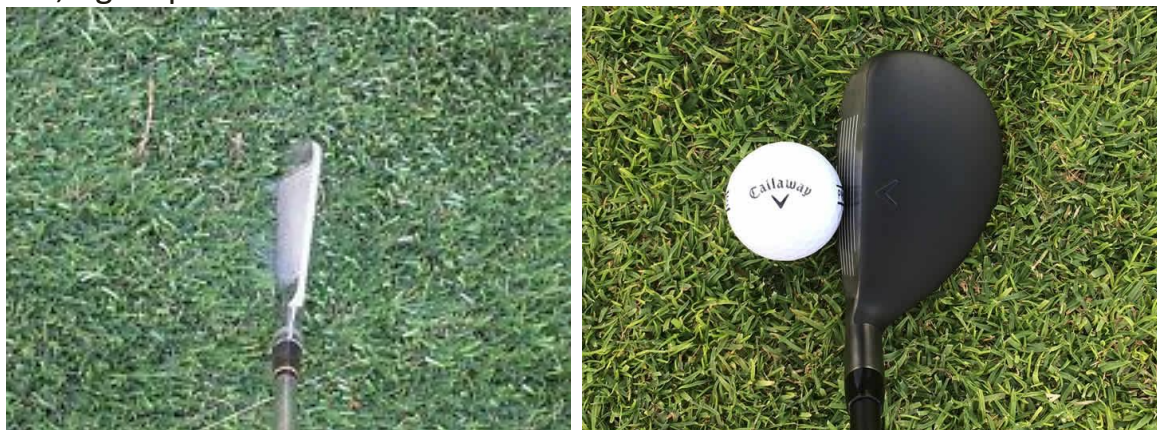
First answer, they are all the same thing. Different manufactures have called them by different names. The universal term is a Hybrid. Hybrid clubs are meant to replace your long irons. Changing from long irons to hybrid clubs is one of the biggest changes in the golf equipment industry in the past 20 years.

Why?

Because better equipment is a HUGE factor in gaining a competitive advantage.

Hybrids, as opposed to long irons do the following;

- 1) Send the ball flying higher and faster - studies have shown a hybrid can often get you 10 more yards than an iron of the same loft.
- 2) The club design is superior - with the hybrid club design, the center of gravity is moved lower and further back from the clubface. The result? You get a better trajectory and ball flight.
- 3) More forgiving - who DOESN'T need a club that performs well even if the sweet spot isn't hit.
- 4) Improved shot possibilities - with a hybrid you have more options out of bad lies, tight spots and trouble situations.



ITCC FALL LEAGUE



SIGN-UP



Fall is upon us, and so is Fall League! The formats are fun and do not “require” you to participate every week (we hope you will want to be there each week, but we understand this is not always possible). You sign up for the season as a 2-person team. Each night will be a separate event with each team playing against the field. There will be payouts for each night.

Men, Women or Mixed teams. All members are welcome to play!

Fall League will be start at 5:15 p.m. each Wednesday night and will continue for 6 weeks; September 3rd through October 8th.

Wednesday, Sept. 2	Scramble
Wednesday, Sept. 9	Alternate shot
Wednesday, Sept. 16	Par 3 course
Wednesday, Sept. 23	Scramble – modified tees
Wednesday, Sept. 30	3-Club Scramble
Wednesday, Oct. 7	Alternate shot

The sign-up deadline is September 1st

Price to participate in the Fall League will be \$70 per 2-player team. All entry fee money will be paid back out!

COUPLES TOURNAMENT



SUNDAY SEPTEMBER 13TH
9:00 AM SHOTGUN START

Jack & Jill Format – both players hit drives, and then you'll hit each other's 2nd shots, then pick the best one and play alternate shot in.

\$150.00 per couple for Non members

\$75.00 per couple for Members

Includes golf, cart, prizes
and a meal after play.

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