

Debate: Golf - Is it a sport?

By Antonio Mejia

Golf. The “wealthy men sport”. The modern game of golf has been around since the 15th- century. It can be competitive or recreational. Professional golfers are the athletes who win the most money. So, that brings up the question; IS golf a sport?

Yes

- ✦ Golf meets the definition of the word “sport” in many dictionaries/ references.
- ✦ Sports require coordinate muscle use. Swinging uses 17 muscle groups (McHardy, 2005).
- ✦ Golf requires physical exertion, like all sports (Koshuta, 2010).
- ✦ Golf was selected by the International Olympic Committee (IOC) for inclusion starting 2016. Golf was also included in two prior Olympics (1900, 1904).
- ✦ Golf has the correlation between physical training and improved performance.
- ✦ Golfers who focus on balance, flexibility, posture, core stability, strength, and cardiovascular training usually have better results. (Yantz, 2010)
- ✦ Golf is so physically demanding that up to 62 percent of amateur golfers and approximately 88 percent of professional golfers suffer injuries each year.
- ✦ Playing golf can lead to problems in the lower back, elbow, wrist, hand, shoulder, or head (Cabri, 2009).

No

- ✦ Unlike a sport, golf is not a rigorous physical activity.
- ✦ “The fact that golf can be difficult and requires practice and skill to achieve proficiency does not mean it qualifies as a sport. Brain surgery, chess, and computer programming are difficult tasks that also require practice and mental acuity, but they are clearly not sports.”
- ✦ “The fact that golfers are able to be competitive professionally so far past the age of peak athleticism -- age 26 according to a June 2011 peer-reviewed study -- shows that golf is not a sport. For example, Tom Watson nearly won one of the biggest tournaments in professional golf, the British Open, at age 59 in 2009. Jack Nicklaus won 11 of his 18 majors after turning 30” (Berthelot, 2011).
- ✦ “Tiger Woods not only played the 2008 US Open with two stress fractures in his left tibia, he actually won the whole event. Woods even played an additional 18 holes to break a tie score following the first four rounds” (Crouse, 2009).
- ✦ Golf has been excluded from the Olympics for more than a century.

Have any questions for the SLCSE Scoop? There’s a box in the office to submit your questions anonymously. We will pick some questions to answer in each month’s issue.

Don’t be shy! Come on by!



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Social Action Association

By Simone Wrathall

Every Wednesday in Ms. Powell’s room the SAA group meets to do different service activities. This week we went to the Ronald McDonald House to serve dinner. The Ronald McDonald House is a temporary home for families of patients receiving treatment at local hospitals. This way the whole family can stay together and not have to drive miles everyday.

The RMH is very large with many rooms. There is a children’s playroom with lots of toys. One of the coolest rooms is the technology room; it has a Wii U, 2 X-boxes, a big TV, computers and beanbag chairs. The movie theater shows movies every night at 7:00; it also has 6 ft. beanbags to sit on. The Magic Room was opened on the day we went to the home. The magic room is a purple glow room that has many gifts. If a patient is sad or they had a good treatment or good news they could get a gift. They had things like dolls, 4 ft. teddy bears, and scooters. After the tour, we made a fajita buffet for the patients and their families. We all had different jobs preparing the meal. In the end we fed several families. SAA is the most fun after school program and we get to help people every week.



Water Color Drawing by Emiko Itamura

Kiki’s Delivery Service

By Emiko Itamura

Kiki’s Delivery Service was made in 1989 by Studio Ghibli, and was written by the famous director Hayao Miyazaki. This movie is about a young girl leaving home to train as a witch accompanied by her cat Jiji (in the painting). When she makes it to the place she needs to train in she decides to work for a bakery and deliver goods by broomstick in exchange for living arrangements. Overall, I thought the movie was really good and decided to draw it in honor of the movie and Hayao Miyazaki.

The Peanuts Movie

by Movie Reviewer

Are you a fan of Peanuts? If so, you'll definitely enjoy The Peanuts Movie.

Here are some interesting facts:

- * They used the original voice for Snoopy.
- * The movie was originally supposed to be called Snoopy and the Red Baron, but was changed for global recognition.
- * This is the first 3D Peanuts movie and the first theatrical movie for the Peanuts since 1980.
- * Six years after the release of the last Peanuts strip, Craig Schulz (the son of Charles Schulz) came up with an idea to make the movie; it was announced on October 9, 2012.

I have been a lifelong Peanuts fan and I was worried that the movie was going to be a way for the Peanuts to be introduced to newer audiences with new humor. However, the movie was actually very good! The humor, the characters, and the story were original and will please all Peanuts fans.

The Laser Cutter

By Sam Drown

One of my favorite classes is Mr. Hamilton's. Not only that Mr. Hamilton is cool, but the laser cutter allows (some of) your dreams to come to reality. Take the rocket, for instance. I designed it, and all I had to do is move the .svg file to the laser cutter, make some changes and press play. After that, all I had to do was assemble it and it was finished. It took about 7 minutes to cut and about 30 minutes to put together.



Fun Facts

By Antonio Mejia

Over 60 percent of all English words have Greek or Latin roots. When it comes to sciences and vocabulary, the percent is up to 90.

It took up to 30 hours to render each frame of Toy Story.

Spongebob Squarepants has worked in the Krusty Krab for 31 years.

The eyeball is the only organism that doesn't grow. It's fully developed by birth.

In the 1996 American slasher film Scream: The mask worn is based off the painting "Scream" by Edvard Munch.

The voice of ET was played by a 2 pack a day smoker who has never acted beforehand.

What Game You Need To Try

By: Alexis Ivory

Whoever has a Wii U this is the article for you. Have you ever played Splatoon? It is a fun game where you can be half human half squid called Inkling's. It sounds weird but fun. What is fun about this game anyway? You get to play online 4 on 4 Turf War's and whoever has the most ink covered on the stage, and if you wanted to play with your friends at home then you can go to the Battle Dojo. You have to try to pop the most balloons and whoever has the balloons, wins. And finally there is single mode where you can fight the Octotarin's to get The Great Zapfish back to Inkopolis. You know why I said whoever has a Wii U this is the article for you? Because Splatoon is only for Wii U.

If you have any game suggestions that you want to see reviewed in the paper, give us the game title and the information and put it in the SLCSE Scoop Box in the Main Office.

The Signs as New Years Resolutions You Are Not Going to Keep

By Ashwaq Abdi and Emiko Itamura



Aries (Mar 21 - April 19)
Exercise



Taurus (Apr 20 - May 20)
Spend less



Gemini (May 21 - Jun 20)
Expand your vocabulary (a word a day...)



Cancer (Jun 21 - Jul 22)
Be a better person



Leo (Jul 23 - Aug 22)
Enjoy life, worry less, be happier, etc.



Virgo (Aug 23 - Sept 22)
Eat healthier



Libra (Sept 23 - Oct 22)
Drink more water



Scorpio (Oct 23 - Nov 21)
Use social media less



Sagittarius (Nov 22 - Dec 21)
Learn a new language



Capricorn (Dec 22 - Jan 19)
Get organized



Aquarius (Jan 20 - Feb 18)
Spend more time with your family



Pisces (Feb 19—Mar 20)
Read more



Poetry out Loud Competition

By Ashwaq Abdi

The poetry out loud competition took place on Wednesday, January 27th at the SLCSE Auditorium. The performance were amazing! Every participant recited two poems to the audience and they were fantastic. When they recited the poems they did not seem nervous at all. Kayla Lambros, as well as the other contestants, used a lot of hand gestures. They all articulated their words wonderfully. In the end Tyrell Floyd was the winner of the school competition but all the other contestants (Bella Zamora, Leah Jang, Kayla Lambros, Benny Anjewierden, Claire Russon, Sophie Retif, and Juan Galvez) all did a lovely job.

Upcoming Events

By Alexis Ivory

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| February 19 | Dash 4 Cash |
| February 23 | Sandlot Movie \$ 2.00 per person |
| March 1 | Parent Teacher Conference 4-8 pm |
| March 3 | Parent Teacher Conference 2-6 pm |
| March 11 | History Fair |
| March 11 | Choir Concert |
| March 15-18 | Salt Lake Valley Science Engineering Fair |
| March 21-25 | Spring Break |