

## The Origins of Golf



Some say the game of golf started with a Roman sport called paganica, where the ball was hit with a bent stick. Others claim it originated from a Chinese game called chuiwan. There is evidence that chuiwan was a target game involving hitting a ball to a target which may or may not have been a hole. However, neither of these is a very likely direct source, as more people believe it was the Dutch who invented the game.

Many different club and ball games were being played in Europe in the early centuries of the second millennium, and the game involved hitting the ball with curved stick or club towards a specific target. It is also credible that the game was passed on to the Scots, because there

was a lot of regular trade between Holland and Scotland. It has also been demonstrated that many of the early Scottish golf balls were made in Holland.

Various Acts of Parliament in Scotland prove that golf was played in the country earlier than 1457, when the first Act was passed banning golf in the country. The pretext was that it was a game with no useful purpose and that the population would be better off practicing archery, so that they would more able to defend their homeland.

Whatever the early origins, Scotland gave us the game that we play now. It was that nation which dug holes for targets, and hit the ball from point A into the target. It was the Scots that originated the 18 hole round, a strange number probably due to a restriction in the area of land available for the course.

So, although many countries from China, to Italy, to Holland claim the game as their own, it is the Scots who made it what it is now, and who are rightly given the accolade as 'the inventors of golf'.



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# Hibernation is for Bears!



Ice, cold and snow mean it's time to get outdoors. Nearly half of Wisconsin's adults participate in some kind of ice or snow based recreation. And there's no shortage of that fun in Wisconsin. With 45 inches of annual snowfall, nearly 4,000 miles of cross country ski trails, 388 ice skating rinks, 31 ski hills and nearly 20,000 miles of snowmobile trails, why go any where else? Winter recreation in Wisconsin is limited only by your imagination and your ability to withstand the cold. Join in a candlelight ski, track wolves, porcupines and other mammals on snowshoes or watch a bald eagle soar above a river. Here's what Wisconsinites 16 and older do to enjoy the winter, according to recreation participation surveys done every five years to meet a federal requirement.

Activity	% Participating	# of Participants
Sledding	29.3	1,218,000
Snowmobiling	18.3	761,000
Ice skating outdoors	16.6	690,000
Cross country skiing	11.4	474,000
Ice fishing	11.4	474,000
Downhill skiing	9.7	403,000
Snowshoeing	8.0	333,000
Snowboarding	4.7	195,000
Ice hockey outdoors	2.4	166,000
Dog sledding	1.1	99,000

Get more info on Wisconsin's Winter Wonderland at <http://dnr.wi.gov/aboutdnr/specialreports/winter/>

## Brennan Family Update

We'd love to hear about your family! Maybe you've got children, marriages, grandkids...Let us know and we'll let the rest of the Brennan Family know!

## The Brennan Story on the web...on DVD!

When it comes to buying a new car, the smartest thing a customer can do is to gather all the information together you can. Brennan has helped and it's all on our web site: BrennanBuick.com You'll learn about the style, quality and safety features of the new Buicks, Brennan's history and philosophy, and you'll meet our management and sales associates. The information is also available on a DVD that you can play at home. Stop in and pick up a DVD or call and we'll mail you one.



### Ask Bob Williams

Brennan Buick Service Manager

**Q: What's your best advice for Winter driving?**

**A:** Winter can be beautiful and the snow covered countryside can make for great photos. But it also can be the most dangerous time of the year for drivers. Snow, ice, sleet and high winds are just some of the dangers that often leave many drivers unsure of how to navigate winter roads. My first and best advice? Slow down! Keep in mind that the posted speed limits are for dry road conditions. Knowing the roads as well as the area you are driving in is also important. Keep yourself updated on the weather conditions by watching the news before you head out, or tuning into the radio for weather reports. Online road conditions for Wisconsin are at: <http://www.dot.state.wi.us/travel/road/winter-roads.htm> Michigan's online road conditions are at: <http://www.ohsp.state.mi.us/rw/home.htm> Don't rush to appointments or work, make sure to take your time. It's better to arrive late than not to arrive at all. Make sure your vehicle is clean of snow as well as ice from your windshield, windows, headlights and taillights. It is also safe to always carry a cell phone.

## Brennan Family Birthdays

### January

- 2 - Georgette Zellner
- 4 - Harvey Rehn
- 4 - Florence Moenssens
- 5 - Raymond Zeitler
- 6 - Dorothy Katers
- 7 - Sandy Vande Hey
- 8 - Carol Piontek
- 10 - Ron Jacobs
- 10 - Shirley Richardson
- 11 - Florence Conard
- 12 - LaVerne Melnarik
- 13 - Ryan Brennan
- 15 - Jerry Kapphahn
- 16 - Keith Heim
- 17 - Bob Hougard Sr.
- 17 - Marilyn Krueger
- 18 - Delores Kukla
- 19 - Neil Jerabek
- 20 - Patty Brennan
- 21 - Violet Mineau
- 21 - Don Collins
- 21 - Charles Leja
- 22 - Adele Phillips
- 23 - Barb Rutten
- 23 - George Kobes
- 24 - Wayne Kuiper
- 25 - Gert Wilson
- 25 - Patrick Moynihan
- 27 - Joann Miller
- 28 - Eileen Swanson
- 29 - Phil Loritz
- 29 - Merlin Cenefelt
- 29 - Audrey Dedow
- 29 - Jim Lipsky
- 30 - Nancy Herwald
- 30 - Don Bukoski
- 30 - Richard Gilson
- 31 - Karla Schmidt

### February

- 1 - Earl Baierl
- 1 - Spike Linders
- 1 - Richard Brink

- 2 - Andy Wellens
- 2 - Esther Jeanquart
- 2 - Shirley Lipsky
- 4 - Wilfred Mineau
- 4 - Mildred Edwards
- 5 - Dale Vollrath
- 6 - Stephen Siekmann
- 6 - Gloria LeMay
- 6 - Dorothy Kosnar
- 6 - Henry Paeske
- 7 - Marcella Cywinski
- 8 - Marian Zeman
- 9 - Peggy Eisenreich
- 11 - "Moose" Berner
- 11 - Bonnie Van Rite
- 12 - Frank Preble
- 12 - Judy Thiry
- 12 - Jeanette Christman
- 13 - Charlie Lawrence Brennan-Thomas
- 13 - Candi Nielsen
- 15 - Karen Collins
- 16 - Patricia LeClaire
- 17 - Judy Waymire
- 17 - Lois Vande Sande
- 19 - Joanne Mathes
- 19 - Keith Miller
- 19 - Tom Ringsred
- 19 - Rochelle Christensen
- 20 - Luella Froelich
- 20 - Dorothy Martin
- 21 - Jerry Olson
- 21 - Sandra Selissen
- 22 - Judy Kuiper
- 22 - Muriel Lealou
- 22 - Lloyd Steeno
- 22 - James Lee
- 22 - Joan James
- 23 - Donna Dalebroux
- 25 - Melisia Brennan
- 25 - Florence Vande Leest
- 26 - Melvin Radue
- 26 - Harry Maus
- 27 - Loretta VanWassenhoven

- 27 - Samantha Thompson
- 28 - Kenneth Bierke
- 29 - Mary Ann Dufano

### March

- 2 - Carol Vandermuse
- 2 - Delores Process
- 3 - Rose Heuvelman
- 5 - Mary Deprey
- 5 - Iris Saari
- 5 - Jason Kuiper
- 6 - Karen Palluconi
- 7 - Paul Massio
- 7 - Ellie Siebers
- 8 - Glen Hermesen
- 9 - LaVerne Blohowiak
- 9 - Angela Thompson
- 9 - Ceil Brunner
- 9 - Kayla Brennan
- 10 - Norman Mumpy
- 11 - Yvonne Habeck
- 11 - Ida Vanden Langenberg
- 11 - Quinn Miller
- 11 - Blanche Kidney
- 12 - Carol Kollman
- 12 - Carol Skaleski
- 12 - Cathy Wellens
- 12 - Hunter William Brennan
- 12 - Wilbert Burich
- 14 - Bill Williams
- 14 - Harlan Shupita
- 14 - David Grunenwald
- 16 - Williams Burns
- 16 - Cletus Zellner
- 17 - Marian Jauss
- 18 - Sam Ward
- 19 - Richard Swille Sr.
- 19 - Jlainne Zellner
- 19 - Dorothy Voelker
- 20 - Dawn Czerwinski
- 20 - Marie Weyenberg
- 20 - Judd Miller
- 20 - Aivah Kristina Roubal
- 20 - Wilma Schrader
- 20 - Tom Christensen
- 21 - Claire Gilson
- 21 - Harriet Servais
- 21 - Winnie Morgan
- 22 - Warren VandeLeest
- 22 - Trevin Peters
- 22 - June Larsen
- 22 - Janice Cavil
- 23 - Don Kleczewski
- 23 - Bernie Miller
- 23 - Gary Kittell
- 24 - Carole Radtke
- 24 - Lorraine VandenBusch
- 25 - Adeline Phillips
- 25 - Norbert Jeanquart
- 25 - Lee De Groot
- 27 - Jacqueline Johnson
- 27 - Kate Waymire Greene
- 27 - Erin Waymire Christensen
- 27 - Alvina Rosek
- 27 - Donald Voge
- 27 - Vic Karnopp
- 29 - Kimberly Roever
- 30 - Melissa DeGroot Allen
- 30 - Helen Ferslev
- 31 - Mike Brennan

## Brennan Family Anniversaries

### January

- 10 - Ray & June Larsen
- 14 - Norm & Shirley Mumpy
- 17 - Eugene & Mabel Peterson
- 18 - Vic & Joan Karnopp
- 30 - Warren & Sandy Burdick

### February

- 2 - Fred & Loretta Van Wassenhoven
- 3 - Wencil & Laverne Blohowiak
- 8 - Robert & Edna Cudnohufsky
- 13 - Reginald & Shirley Warpinski

- 14 - Don & Mary Roever
- 14 - Cliff & Iris Saari
- 14 - Kenneth & Grace Brachmann
- 15 - Jack & Glory Tahlir
- 16 - Greg & Sarah Siebert
- 18 - Clayton & Gerri Tilkens
- 23 - Sylvester & Mildred Detrie

### March

- 4 - Bob & Karen Hougard
- 7 - Lee & Lynda De Groot
- 24 - Joe & Tracey VanStippen
- 30 - John & Gloria LeMay
- 31 - Dallas & Carol Vandermuse