



APRIL TIP OF THE MONTH

The weather this time of year certainly is as tricky as a 4 foot downhill slider. But, with the zest we all have for this game of golf, we won't let a little temperature change or precipitation keeps us off the links. Here are a few ideas on how to prepare your bag and dress yourself to maximize your round enjoyment and performance. As always, contact me with any questions. Any and all items below are available at the Whitnall Pro Shop.

- 1) Waterproof shoes are a must.
- 2) Rain or wind pants as well as jacket serve as a great way to stay warm. They can easily be stored in the bag and put on or taken off during a round. Inexpensive but quality items are available now in 2007. The days of the \$300 gortex rain suit are over. Wear this item even though its not raining, I call it a warmth suit.
- 3) Rain and or warm weather gloves. I have found these to be very helpful and still provide a level of feel to hit good shots.
- 4) Proper headwear. I always have a golf or baseball style cap in the bag for sunny days or light mist. Rain hats that are waterproof are a nice compliment to a rain suit. You can't hold your umbrella and swing, so this allows you to keep your head dry, which will be the first area to affect your body's temperature comfort level. Lastly, stuff a winter hat in the bag, they weigh nothing but are truly an aid when the temperature is at 40 or below.
- 5) Consider a weather or climate control type shirt. Most major golf companies have a line of these items in turtlenecks and mocks. They are lightweight, tight fitting and do not restrict motion. I have found a turtleneck of this type worn with golf polo over it, and then a simple rain jacket and pants with winter cap and gloves keep me comfortable at 40 degrees. You will have an edge on your playing partner if he is out their thinking about how cold he is. Just as technology has improved the ball and the clubs we use, it has equally improved in clothing.
- 6) Cart cover. For the serious golfer, a true and legal advantage over your competition if you use a riding cart. This counteracts the effect of the cold as you motor your way around the course keeping the wind off you.
- 7) Umbrella.