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April Tip of the Month

While golfing with my parents in The Villages, Florida this past winter I observed a rather peculiar occurrence. I didn't think a whole lot of it until just recently at Whitnall we had the same thing happen. Since two golfers a thousand miles apart seemed in the dark about the reality of the situation, I thought it would make a worthwhile topic here.

Why do golfers feet get wet? Both gentleman to a word complained their "waterproof" shoes were defective and confronted the pro shop staff. In both cases, it wasn't that the shoes were leaking from the bottom or even at the seams. So, where did the pesky and bothersome water come from that soaked the golfer's socks? It came from above!!!

A good pair of waterproof shoes is only able to fend off water from the soles and the sides. However, if you wear shorts and play in the rain (as the Floridian did) you can count on getting your socks and legs wet. The water soaked this gentleman's socks and legs above the shoe line and then was simply absorbed or ran down to his feet. His socks were drenched above the shoe line and really only severely damp on the bottom. In the Whitnall scenario, a golfer clad in jeans played for hours in a downpour. The same end result occurred as the jeans transferred the water to the socks and downward.

The only real solution is rain pants if you expect dry feet while playing in the rain. The waterproof shoes will keep you dry from the grass only, but not from your water absorbing garments. It seems quite simple, yet at least in these two instances, misunderstood.