

HOBBIES/SPORTS

SAVE MONEY PLAYING GOLF

- Check local newspapers and free ad rags for specials, coupons and discounts
- Buy balls inexpensively by attending garage sales at homes that border golf courses
- Walk the course or use a pull-cart instead of renting a cart; an added benefit is exercise
- Call the golf course to see on which days and times discounted rates are available
- Check the golf course's website to see what discounts are offered
- Bring drinks and snacks instead of paying for them at the club or course (if allowed)
- Check golf courses and practice ranges run by the city, county or state – rates are often less expensive at these venues
- Research golf equipment on-line; then look for used equipment on-line, in the newspapers or at resale sports equipment stores
- Take group lessons instead of private lessons
- Don't purchase the latest gimmicks or the hottest new club or balls – stick with the basics
- Retired and looking for a part-time job – check out the local golf course or club for a job – and enjoy free golf as a benefit
- Check out package deals for golf resorts
- Check for pre-paid plans at driving ranges, courses or clubs