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## GOLF, IT'S GOOD FOR YOU

Whether you're looking to get outdoors, increase your mental wellness, or spend more time with friends, golf can provide the physical, social and mental benefits to significantly improve your quality of life.


## DID YOU KNOW?

"Golf can provide health-enhancing physical activity. Physical activity provides a wealth of health benefits, such as decreasing risk of heart attack, strokes, type 2 diabetes, and bowel and breast cancers. It can also be an effective treatment for anxiety, depression and dementia."
ANDREW MURRAY, CO-DIRECTOR OF EDINBURGH UNIVERSITY'S SPORT AND EXERCISE MEDICINE RESEARCH GROUP

There are over 2,100 golf courses in Canada, making it a great opportunity to explore the great outdoors while participating in some friendly competition.


SO, WHAT ARE YOU WAITING FOR? GET GOLFING TODAY FOR A LONGER, HEALTHIER AND HAPPIER LIFE.


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## THE MANY HEALTH BENEFITS OF GOLF



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## PHYSICAL BENEFITS

"Research has shown that golfers live up to five years longer than people who don't play golf. What is more important than being healthy? I think we should take time for golf."

ANNIKA SÖRENSTAM, 10-TIME MAJOR CHAMPION


GOLF CAN HELP PREVENT OVER
40 DIFFERENT CHRONIC ILLNESSES.
This includes diabetes, strokes, breast and colon cancer, heart attacks, dementia and depression.


RISK REDUCTION
"Golf is deceptively simple and endlessly complicated; it satisfies the soul and frustrates the intellect. It is at the same time rewarding and maddening - and it is without a doubt the greatest game mankind has ever invented."

## ARNOLD PALMER

WALKING THE COURSE CAN MAKE A BIG DIFFERENCE!

| 18 HOLES | 18 HOLES |
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| GOLF CART | WALKING |
| 6 K steps | $11-17 \mathrm{~K} \mathrm{steps}$ |
| 6 km | $6-13 \mathrm{~km}$ |
| 600 Kcal | 1200 Kcal |



GOLF HELPS YOU GET IN TOUCH WITH Nature.


80\% OF GOLFERS
ARE HAPPIER WITH
THEIR SOCIAL LIVES
THAN NON-GOLFERS.


THE SOCIAL INTERACTION FROM GOLF REDUCES
THE RISK OF ANXIETY AND DEPRESSION.


GOLF HAS BEEN
PROVEN TO
INCREASE
YOUR MOOD.


PLAYING A ROUND
CAN ALSO HELP
PROMOTE FOCUS
AND CONCENTRATION.
GOLFING CAN REDUCE YOUR RISK OF DEMENTIA BY 37\%.
"Golf has many benefits for heart health. It provides a good amount of outdoor exercise without overly stressing the heart and with golf, where you do not have to push beyond your capacity. It's a leisure activity that you can enjoy playing with an in game or life partner!"


DR. SHI-JOON YOO, A PAEDIATRIC CARDIAC RADIOLOGIST AT SICKKIDS


GOLF INCREASES
OUR SOCIAL
WELL-BEING


FUN FOR THE
WHOLE FAMILY.
the average
GOLFER BURNS
2,000 CALORIES
PLAYING 18 HOLES.
ITS A SPORT THAT
CAN BE PLAYED
FROM 4 TO 104
YEARS OF AGE.

72\% OF GOLFERS
CONSIDER THEMSELVES IN GOOD HEALTH.




GOLF IS A SPORT FOR EVERYONE. NO MATTER YOUR BACKGROUND OR ABILITY, THERE IS A PLACE FOR YOU.

