Handicapped golfer may have led to cart

Dr. J.W. Jervey was part patient, part gnome pig and all golfer in a 1914 tournament match at Sans Souci Country Club in Greenville, S.C., which may have given birth to the now-streamlined golf cart.

Nowadays it would be called "The Great Caper." The June 1914 issue of "The American Golfer" included a picture of Jervey in a cart similar to that used to transport baggage at railroad stations.

Wheelled in the push cart, he was able to play for the Capers' Cup against fellow scratch player John Milam. Immediately after the qualifying round, Jervey, who had qualified in the first flight, developed a serious lameness. John W. Arrington, another scratch player, suggested Jervey be allowed to finish the course in order to play the match.

Jervey liked the idea. George W. Brunson joined Arrington in providing the "muscle."

While Jervey may have made history, he lost the match, 4 and 3.

Lloyd's groomer means equal greens

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"You want approximately the same surface and speed on all 18 greens. And you don't want to have to fight grain. Our experience is that regular use of a grooming reel will help superintendents meet these goals."

"It gets the grain out," said Carl Edmonson, superintendent at Arrowhead Country Club in Montgomery, Ala. "A verticutter just won't get it with the heavy cuts."

Jack Barton, superintendent at Uniontown Country Club near Pittsburgh, Pa., is impressed with putting surface consistency. "With the groomer, I can get any speed out of the green I desire without double-cutting, and I can make the break at the same spot every time."

Some superintendents have gone from below a one-eighth-inch cut to 3/16th of an inch with no appreciable loss of speed. This gives them the desired uniformity and smoothness and more, more leaf surface and deeper roots for those plants to survive.

Lloyd's widow, Barbara, twice was Rancho Canada women's champion. She still scores in the low 80s.

Thers was a warm love story. They met when Larry was 9, she 8. They were married when Barbara was "Sweet 16." Children are Rickie, Julie and Lauri.