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The lifelike sculpture of an old man and his "pet" gator on Laurel Oak's No. 3 West created by local artist Jack Dowd causes a few double takes by the golfers. Photo by Joel Jackson.

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