

# Try These Golf Flicks

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**S**hiny cars, flashing lights, \$10,000 gowns and Tom Hanks. It was the Academy Awards — Hollywood's biggest night of the year, held last month. With all due respect to Hollywood's honchos, however, I believe golf movies don't get their acclaim. But this will change with the release of these new Oscar-deserving golf films:

**In the chick-flick category, films include:**

*I Hope It Floats* — Sandra Bullock stars in this drama about a young lady who is forced to deal with adversity when she continually hits her golf balls into water hazards.

*Fried Egg Lies* — You'll be reaching for the tissue in this one as an elderly lady golfer touches the life of an unhappy hacker housewife. By using stories of her past problems with buried lies and penalty strokes, the housewife is healed.

*Driving Big Bertha* — Jessica Tandy and Morgan Freeman star in this beautiful story of how an elderly woman lives her life largely unaware of just how much her Big Bertha driver is helping her emotionally troubled life.

**In the drama category, films include:**

*Apollo 18* — Hanks and Pete Dye star in this sci-fi drama that depicts NASA's stunning decision to send golf course architect Dye (played by himself) to Mars to design 18 championship holes of golf.

*One Flew Over the Maintenance Shed* — Jack Nicholson stars in this gut-wrenching tale of a complete hacker's quest to stay sane while being tormented by the female superintendent.

*The Shank Redemption* — Tim Robbins and Freeman learn that together they can overcome the shanks and live life filled with freedom and joy amidst good shot making.

**In the horror category, films include:**

*I Know What You Shot Last Summer* — Several young female stars appear in this sordid tale of how a university student records a horrific round of 117 with a 12 handicap.

## Carrying the TORCH

Should golf enter the lofty realm of the Olympic games along with other favorites such as hog calling and pudding wrestling?

Yes: **58%**

No: **38%**

Confused by the question: **4%**

What type of competition would you like to see? (of those who answered "yes" above)

Individual match play: **62%**

Team play: **43%**

Individual stroke play: **34%**

Senior division (Age 50+): **31%**

Long drive contest: **22%**

How do you think the field for an Olympic tournament should be determined?

5 players per country qualify: **57%**

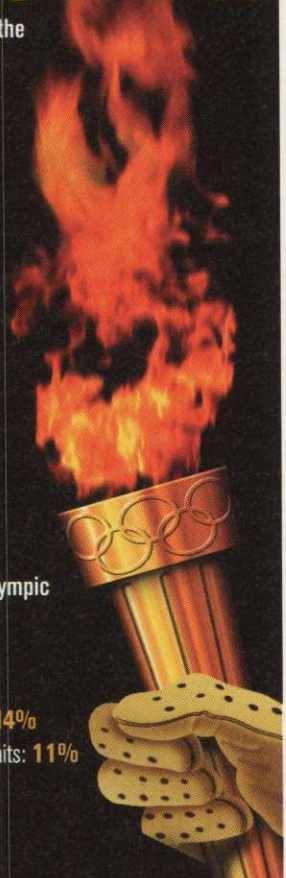
Top 150 world-ranked players: **14%**

Invitation system similar to U.S. Open: **14%**

Worldwide qualifying with no country limits: **11%**

No clue: **4%**

Pick me and my buddies: **0%**



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*Nightmare at Elm Street Golf Club* — Freddy Krueger seeks revenge when his regular golf partner ditches him for the club president's daughter.

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## Quotable

"Tiger Woods is many things — a magnificent champion, the most famous face in sports, the world's greatest golfer — but this is what he's not. He's not an athlete. Golfers aren't athletes. They have a skill, like bowlers, fishermen, brain surgeons and seamstresses. To be an

athlete, one must jump, run or catch or at least move. Golfers? They even need their bags carried for them."

— Dan LeBatard, *Miami Herald* columnist

"It's easy to lose your good employees because you're concentrating on your bad ones. You can't do that in today's labor market."

— Bernie Erven, professor of agribusiness management, The Ohio State University