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Attention Golfers!
5 TIPS TO IMPROVE YOUR PUTT
Fresh & Simple Italian Cuisine
INSALATA DI RUCOLA

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Valley Events

50th Annual Heard Museum Guild Indian Fair & Market. Heard Museum, March 1st - 2nd. 602.252.8840 or heard.org. A Valley tradition for a quarter of a century, Arizona's largest Indian market draws the nation's finest jewelers, bead workers, painters, sculptors, potters, katsina doll carvers, weavers and more. You can enjoy music and dance performances throughout both days and choose from an array of foods including Mexican, American and Indian favorites such as posole, piki and fry bread.

38th Annual Scottsdale Arts Festival. Scottsdale Civic Center Mall, March 7th - 9th. 480.994.ARTS or scottsdaleperformingarts.org. Since 1971, the Scottsdale Arts Festival has established a solid reputation as one of the premiere arts festivals in the country. The Festival is known for the high quality and variety of fine arts and fine crafts available, as well as the continuous presentations, performances and demonstrations that take place throughout the weekend. Set amidst the lush gardens and beautiful public art sculptures covering eight acres on the Scottsdale Civic Center Mall in downtown Scottsdale, the Festival is a fabulous way to spend an afternoon strolling among exhibitors, visiting with artists and enjoying live performances. Proceeds from the Festival help support the Scottsdale Center for the Performing Arts' programs.

The Count Basie Orchestra. Scottsdale Center for the Performing Arts, March 16th. 480.994.ARTS or scottsdaleperformingarts.org. Founded by legendary jazz pianist William "Count" Basie, The Count Basie Orchestra has earned an astonishing 17 Grammy Awards and toured internationally while continuing to preserve the one-of-a-kind sound of Basie's "Kansas City Swing." Led by trombonist Bill Hughes, the band features a dynamic mix of new and longtime members, many handpicked by Count Basie himself.

Forks & Corks. Camelback Esplanade, April 3rd. 602.604.0729 or forksandcorks.org. The stars of Arizona's culinary scene join forces for a high-energy celebration of food and wine at the 5th annual Forks & Corks. More than 25 of the top chefs from renowned restaurants and resorts set up shop and prepare a specialty or two from their menu, allowing guests to leisurely indulge in the savory samplings while enjoying the jazz styling of local favorite, Alice Tatum. An equal number of tastings from boutique wineries are also offered, as well as phenomenal opportunities to purchase Arizona getaways and flavorful gift certificates at the silent auction. This event provides scholarships for the Arizona Hotel and Restaurant Education Foundations – a delightfully tasteful way to support the rising stars of the industry.

Bill Cosby. Chandler Center for the Arts, April 6th. 480.782.2680 or chandlercenter.org. Bill Cosby represents the voice of the vast, ordinary world. People seem to easily identify with his characters and the situations they find themselves in. He gives the twist of the ridiculous to everyday faults, foibles and successes, and makes them a recognizable slice of life. Cosby points out the humor in our lives and, in doing so, touches our hearts. Because of this, his appeal is not restricted to any specific group. His qualities have endeared him to people from all walks of life. His humor often centers on the basic cornerstones of our existence, seeking to provide an insight into our roles as parents, children, family members, and men and women.

Poetry in Motion: American Voices. Herberger Theater Center, April 26th - 27th. 602.252.8497 or herbergertheater.org. Celebrate National Poetry Month with the Center Dance Ensemble. From Walt Whitman, Emily Dickenson, and Edna St. Vincent Millay, to the voices of modern American poets, you'll enjoy new modern dance choreography interpreting poetry in an intimate setting.



You've made it to the putting green below par, but your score bites the dust when your putt doesn't sink the ball in the hole as planned. Here are five tips that can help you avoid this scenario.

1. Use a Putting Grip

Putting is very different than driving, so why would you hold the club in the same way? Since the hands play a very little role in the putting stroke, many golfers use the "reverse overlap" grip, bringing the hands together as a single unit.

2. It's All in the Upper Body

Your shoulders and arms do all the work of a putting stroke. Therefore use a comfortable, relaxed posture that gives your upper body a free range of motion. Golf-Information.info suggests visualizing your shoulders, hands and arms as forming a triangle. "When making the shot, use the imaginary triangle by moving the shoulders only and going through the weight of the putter."

3. Keep Your Head Still

It is a natural human instinct to want to look up to see where the ball is going. However, a golf swing is a full body motion. Moving your head can throw your shoulders enough out of alignment to throw off your swing, and therefore your putt.

4. Visualize the Putting Line

Golf is said to be 30% physical and 70% mental. Most likely the mental aspect of putting is even higher. Therefore it is important to visualize the path your ball will take to the hole. Don't be tempted to work the path backwards – from hole to ball, as this could throw off your visualization. Brent Kelley, a freelance golf journalist, advises keeping positive in your visualization. "Confidence plays a huge role in putting."

5. Keep to the Center

When the center of the ball is hit by the center of the blade, it will run much more true than one struck below or above the center. There is an old rule that suggests you keep your putter as low to the ground as possible. But if you have a narrow-bladed putter, this might cause the top of the blade to hit the ball, giving it a spin that can change its trajectory. Therefore, adjust your stroke so that you bring the center of the blade through the center of the ball.



Cuisine Scene

Insalata di Rucola

6 cups (about 8 ounces) baby arugula leaves
2 ounces black or kalamata olives (pits removed)
1/2 cup (4 ounces) cherry tomatoes, cut in halves
1/2 cup fresh white goat cheese, cut into cubes
3 tbsp extra virgin olive oil
1 tbsp balsamic vinegar or juice of 1 lemon
salt & pepper

In a large salad bowl, toss together arugula, olives and tomatoes. In a small bowl, whisk together olive oil and vinegar. Add salt and pepper to taste. Toss salad with dressing. Garnish with cheese cubes and serve immediately.

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