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#7



04-30-2010, 08:16 AM



[bikinjack](#)

Double Eagle Member

Join Date: Aug 2009
Location: Gastonia, NC
Years Playing: 1.3
Courses Played: 41
Posts: 1,714

The group behind us had an encounter with a copperhead on hole 18 at Hilton in Hickory at doubles this past Sunday. I don't think it was quite the protracted encounter, though. The snake went on his merry way after a minute or two. The funny thing is that I probably stirred him up, because it sounded like he was about where my drive had landed just a few minutes before.

Beer is good!

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#1

04-30-2010, 07:55 AM



[MoonT4](#)

Par Member

Join Date: Dec 2009

Courses Played: 14

Posts: 245

Critter's on the course you ran into...

Yesterday, my brother in law, my buddy from work and I were playing a round at East Metro in Manor, TX. having a decent round when we got to hole 17, up near the basket looking for my disc that came up a tad short and faded over into the brush area my buddy walked up on a Rattlesnake, now this isn't the first time we have seen one of these out here, nor was it the largest one we have seen, but the snake was minding his own business and was startled by my buddy and coiled up and started the rattles going. I was about 15 ft away, and the sound of those rattles was extremely loud. My buddy backed away and myself and brother inlaw walked over and we watched as this snake sat coiled ready to strike for a good 10 minutes or so. A park ranger happened to walk up about that time and we watched as this snake calmed down and uncoiled then slithered away. Needless to say it really messed with my head the rest of the day. The area that the snake was in, I was freely roaming just a week earlier looking for an errant shot. This makes me want to rethink my shots for the future, as anyone that has played that course can contest, hole 17 is surrounded by cactus and a rattlers paradise.

Has this or similar happened to anyone else?

PDGA # 42714

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Quote

MoonT4

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#2

04-30-2010, 08:04 AM



[WillACarpenter](#)

Ace Member



Join Date: Aug 2009

Location: Canandaiuga, NY

Years Playing: 1

Courses Played: 13

Posts: 2,356

I almost hit a squirrel last week, and the squirrel I almost hit let out this panicked SCREAM that was a distress call to all of the other squirrels nearby...so about 5' to the left of where I

am another squirrel heads the call...and just LOSES HIS MIND. He runs right at me, right past me, and up a tree to the right of me about 15'.

The funny thing is this freaking out squirrel is SUPER FAT. This is a rec course at a YMCA next to some picnic tables and I'm sure this guy is a total food hound. His belly was flopping on the ground! He was waddling! He looked like every Disney short fat bald man who's in a hurry...in real life...in the form of a squirrel.

I saw him later on the second lap...he's my favorite squirrel ever.

VV

Location: Canandaigua, NY 14424

Let me be your guide at: [MCC](#), [Ellison Park](#), [Parma](#), [Chili \(baker farm\)](#), [Basil](#), or [Naples](#)

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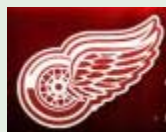
[Occam's Razor](#) - The simplest method, is often the best. Often known by the acronym K.I.S.S. - Keep It Simple, Stupid

Originally Posted by **billnchristy**

Oh and a couple weeks ago I saw a black goose mount a white goose at Lenora Park. My daughter asked why they were fighting...I told her it was a turf war.

haha classic response.

I was playing Burke lake (VA) a few years ago. The second hole I think it was where you have to go around the tree right in front of the tee off. My friend really hucked his shot and broke a geese neck. (I don't think he throws that disc anymore) he says it's bad Karma which I would have to agree.



valkyrie

Ace Member

Join Date: Jul 2009
Location: Grand Rapids, MI
Years Playing: 3.1
Courses Played: 10
Posts: 2,540



Only really geese, and a few squirrels around here, although..... i did throw a drive one day and almsot hit a deer rinning through the woods right as i threw.....

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If you ask enough people, you can usually find someone who will advise you to do what you were going to



[Incognito1989](#)

Par Member

Join Date: Mar 2010
Years Playing: 1.4
Courses Played: 3
Posts: 119

There is more squirrels at my home feild that anywhere in the world i swear. You see at least 15 every time im there. My personal favorite targets are the local cross country teams that choose to use the course on there daily run

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#17

04-30-2010, 11:30 AM



[MrFixIt](#)

Eagle Member

Join Date: Sep 2009
Location: BOGART, GA
Years Playing: 3.4
Courses Played: 16
Posts: 564

Seen a guy kill a squirrel w/ a disc one day. just ran right into the path of it and snapped it's neck.

There is also a mother goose on the Mathew's Park course that will fly at you. Seen deer, fox, rabbits, racoons, possums, etc. on many of the courses I've played in GA.

17 different courses and counting.

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#21

04-30-2010, 12:06 PM

[Chucktown](#)

Eagle Member

Join Date: Jun 2008
Location: St. Charles, MO
Years Playing: 3.2
Courses Played: 18
Posts: 739

OIne day last summer we were walking up to the fourth hole at our course, I set my bag down by the bench and say down, as I went to reach down to grab a disc out of my bag I saw a junior copperhead getting some shade under the bench. I have ran across a couple of other snakes as wel, looking in the brush for a disc I stepped right over a coiled up black snake. Also found a 3 foot brownish grey snake, never could identify this one on the missouri snake list though. Anyone have any ideas? It seemed to have a grey body, with kind of a yellow

belly.

[What's in the bag](#)

St. Louis Disc Golf Member #296



[billnchristy](#)

Ace Member



Join Date: Apr 2009
Location: Lawrenceville GA
Years Playing: 1.4
Courses Played: 37
Posts: 6,466



Oh yeah, last time we played Alexander there was a severed bunny head near the green of 9.
Wonder if a 'yote got it.

One time when we were walking the the tee of 1 you go by this tall grass to the left and this
guy was walking his dog and it just started freaking out and pulled its leash out of the guys
hand and goes darting into the grass.

All of a sudden a deer hops up and hauls ass out of the grass and goes bounding off down the
walking path.

We all wondered what the hell the dog would've done if he'd caught it...probably would've
walked away with hoof-face disease.

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[1x1wraps](#)

Par Member

Join Date: Aug 2009
Location: Waterloo, Iowa
Years Playing: 6.1
Courses Played: 25
Posts: 101

there are a bunch of geese that hang out next to a lake at one of our local courses. there is
one farm goose that you can tell just bosses all the Canadian geese around. not sure how that
one got mixed up with those hoodlums, but it's pretty funny. And they don't care about discs
either, unless you hit them. That's when they get pissed
oh, and we've got a deer carcass at one of our courses as well



[dreadlock86](#)

Eagle Member



Join Date: Jun 2009
Location: denton, tx
Years Playing: 3.2
Courses Played: 59
Posts: 557

was playing a round at [MCC](#) with a buddy who is really into hunting. just as we were walking
past the bridge on the way 18's tee, i noticed movement in the trees across the creek.
suddenly 3 deer are flying out of the trees and take off across the creek and off into the
woods where the back nine are.

the best part was that my buddy instinctively went into hunting mode. as soon as they

appeared he starts chucking discs overhand at them. i was laughing so hard i barely got to enjoy the spectacle.

*Predator*Teebird*Leopard*Drone*Buzz*Spike*XD*

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[The Valkyrie Kid](#)

Birdie Member



Join Date: Feb 2008
Location: Puyallup, WA
Years Playing: 32.2
Courses Played: 244
Posts: 272

Lake Fenwick, WA. As I was getting ready to tee off from an elevated tee, a big ole owl was sitting on a branch right directly in my line (That's probably the safest place this owl could have been). I'm sure there's some major financial penalty for killing an owl so I walk about 150' and stand underneath him and yell at him. He just swivels his head and stares me down. So I pick up a stick and throw it at him. With this he flies over to another branch out of the way.

I was trying to finish a round one summer night at Steilacoom Park, WA. It's getting dark enough that I'm worried about not being able to find my discs. Suddenly a deer comes crashing out of the brush right towards me! Scared the hell out of me! Not that I'm afraid of deer but it startled the hell outta me.

Join Date: Mar 2010
Location: Mobile, AL
Years Playing: 2.6
Courses Played: 18
Posts: 106

my type of thread

Actually, I'd never had problems with wildlife until the last few months

Hole #7 at <http://www.dgcoursereview.com/course.php?id=1114> Chickasaw park I swear is wildlife central. not only have i seen snakes in the creek on this hole, I also hit a squirrel on the basket (not intentionally, it jumped in front of my disc)

Also, I had a nice encounter with what i believe was a gator on hole 5 at <http://www.dgcoursereview.com/course.php?id=190> South Alabama. came around the blind corner and saw something running into the swamp behind the basket, taking my disc with it.



[Thomas Orion](#)

Par Member

Join Date: Jan 2010
Location: Wisconsin (La Crosse)
Courses Played: 14
Posts: 149

BEES! there was 2 instances where we ran into bee's

1) off the side of a bluff where a hole was, we were looking for a disc for at least 20 minutes and it was hot and sticky and there were prickly bushes and poison ivy everywhere...so already it sucked...then my friend Dave goes "****...dude, don't move...bee's...everywhere...they're all over my feet." (i was right next to him so i saw them and they were everywhere.) I was like "ok...on the count of 3 lets just haul ass up to the fairway area" so on 3 we booked it and since of course we are running we aren't sure if they are all over us or not so we just keep running...haha, it was funny later, and nobody got stung

2) there was a hive in the ground literally 2 feet from a pin (Hole #10 St.Mary's University Winona, MN) It was like 2 years ago, but when people didn't know...it was a catastrophe

[ThomasOrion](#)

Par Member

Join Date: Jan 2010
Location: Wisconsin (La Crosse)
Courses Played: 14
Posts: 149

We also have Bald Eagles like crazy! the course I play a lot (and played today actually) Pettibone DG LaCrosse, WI....right on the Mississippi River. Bald eagles are seriously everywhere...and owls, and falcons, and woodchucks...and mosquito's...i wish all mosquito's would just fukcing die already.

seen a snake, blue heron, uhh, fawn (baby deer) almost nailed it with my drive off a bluff hole.

i think thats it



[LeewayeDiscGolf](#)

Birdie Member

Join Date: Oct 2009
Location: Pueblo, Colorado
Years Playing: 2.1
Courses Played: 10
Posts: 384

My son and I have seen a few critters. There are a couple big foxes that live at our local course and some huge turkey vulture type birds and some deer. Plenty of squirrels, geese, and birds, one of the birds actually died due to a mid-flight collision with my son's disc. Hole one and two actually border the local zoo, so you can see some huge elk and buffalo. And at our other local spot I almost walked right through a rattlesnake nest! It was right in the fairway at CSU #7.



[ZBoazMobster](#)

Birdie Member

Join Date: Mar 2010
Years Playing: 13.1
Posts: 302

Funny how every snake in the water is a Moccasin. It (Water Snakes) is the most wrongfully persecuted snake in the world.

Years ago we had a Yellowbelly Water Snake that had lived on Z-B #18 for many years. Of course one day some kids killed it. 😞

Join Date: Dec 2009

[QUOTE=ZBoazMobster;350305]Funny how every snake in the water is a Moccassin. It (Water Snakes) is the most wrongfully persecuted snake in the world. QUOTE]

Wrongfully persecuted???? I don't know if I would go that far. I do agree other snakes are in the water, but the fact is, there are alot of snakes that are killed just because folks are scared chitless when they see a snake, when the truth is, most snakes are more afraid of us, then we are of them. Let's take the Rattle Snake we came across that started this thread, my buddy was close enough to become a snakebite victim when he came up upon this snake, but the thing coiled up and rattled to warn him to retreat, which he promptly did, and as the Game Warden, who happened up at about the same time said, "The snake was here first" meaning, we put in a recreational game in his home. So if you leave them alone, most won't bother you I have found. Even this one, eventually calmed down and went on his way.

Originally Posted by **ZBoazMobster**

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course one day some kids killed it.

We had a copperhead took up residence in the creek next to #13 basket at Stoney Hill. Which is RIGHT next to the basket. Before a tournament, my brother staked it out and shot it.

Of course, when we pulled it out of the creek and got a good look, it wasn't a copperhead at all, but a northern water snake. Very similar pattern, especially seen in the water, and even a fairly broad head.

We live there (private course) and have seen plenty of snakes, including water snakes, but no confirmed sightings of poisonous snakes. Of course, visitors frequently see moccasins.

Join Date: Mar 2010
Years Playing: 13.1
Posts: 302

This morning at ZB. Hole 13. 33 seconds, watch it.

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Then to find the basket was gone. Apparantly for repairs.



prerube

Ace Member



Join Date: Sep 2007
Location: District Heights, MD
Years Playing: 3.1
Courses Played: 76
Posts: 3,472

Nice, since there was no basket the buzzard is the target, so it's a buzzard ace.
It would be interesting to see what people would say if this happened during a tourney.

 Quote

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#323

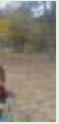


07-14-2010, 06:51 PM

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mber

e #8 at the brand new Pine Ridge DG course in Blairsville, PA. She wouldn't move, even as I was about to tee off. So I wa
could either get an ace or hit the deer -- either way, something could end up on my wall!"





counter of rattler's last night on #8 and #17 out at Manor East Metro. Starting with mine first, on #8 I griplocked the hell
threw, I headed down the fairway to retrieve my terrible shot, when I stepped on what I thought a rock or stick, nearly fall
myself and regained my balance while looking back to see what I stumbled on only to see about a 4 foot rattler quickly slith
less to say, it scared the crap out of me, and I wasn't the same again for a good 20 minutes. Hands shaking and heart rac
most people are bitten due to stepping on the critter's. My buddy and my brother in law who were out with me, figured th
was the fact the snake rolled under my foot possibly disorienting the snake and not allowing him to strike. If I had loose
would have shat myself. Luckily I survived with no bite.

we get to #17 and my buddy drives and hits what we call the twin trees out in front of the box about 20 or so feet, he a
he picks it up and walks back to align his next shot and as he starts his run up, he hollars oh crap and I look over and ab
up to the tree. It just sat there with about a 3-4 inch set of rattles sticking out of the high grass around the trees. I thre
e him on his way, but he only slowly coiled up next to the tree. Needless to say, my buddy took a little snake relief on his

Join Date: Jun 2010
Location: Merrill, WI
Years Playing: 0.2
Courses Played: 5
Posts: 10

ine Park in Mosinee, WI last weekend and the deer there are insane! I have seriously never seen anything like it outside o
nd there were literally 5 deer just hanging out. Two laying in the middle of the parking lot and 3 more within sight that we
grass or trees. On the course was the same way. There was at least one or two deer visible on every other whole. My da
n front of one of the baskets, and its not like she was bombing from a few hundred feet away. She is 8 and she throws ab
average.

mosquitoes were also beyond crazy. We planned on playing 18, but failed to bring mosquito dope, so we ended up playing
and the last couple of those we basically ran through.

[fffishy](#)
Bogey Member

Join Date: Jun 2010
Posts: 52

family nesting on a hole at a local course. I've personally seen one of the adults grab a two foot snake that was right next to me. The snake was shooting and proceed to fly off over my head with it.

I've also seen some of the older hawks in that family dive onto long drives that go through their nesting area on occasion.

I've seen bear and moose on the courses in Alaska. Lots of Copperheads and Water Moccasins in Texas.

Well I have two, but the first one is about a squirrel that was up about 20 or thirty feet in a pecan tree over my head while I was on the course. I heard this thud behind me that sounded like a sandbag hitting the ground. When I looked to see what the f, I caught the squirrel just as he was about to land. He landed on his feet after the bounce and scurried off, embarrassed, into another tree. I could not believe I was so close to a squirrel. I was not conscious.

Several years ago, at that same course, was named "Merlin." He was an albino. He got so much attention that he learned to come up to people's hands. He would come up and greet you sometime during the back 9. Super cool.

Last edited by fffishy; 07-01-2010 at 10:21 PM. Reason: Redtail family not retail family

[Martin Dewgarita](#)
Par Member

Join Date: Apr 2010
Location: In a Van
Years Playing: 0.7
Courses Played: 103
Posts: 105

Early on I nearly stepped on this guy while searching for my destroyer that I tossed about 200 feet beyond the hole on #17 at Giants (he was probably chasing my dog!) but seriously, I'm glad my dog didn't find the fawn before I did, I have no idea what he'd do if he did. Pretty pretty.



Lewis
Ace Member
👑

Join Date: Sep 2008
Location: Marietta, GA
Years Playing: 3.1
Courses Played: 10
Posts: 2,379

We've got copperheads at my home course. A guy recently saw one with a rabbit halfway

down his gullet, totally vulnerable, but he left it alone. That was probably the rabbit that my dog has been chasing around between holes 8 and 9. I've also seen a snake skin while walking in the woods with my dog, probably a copperhead as well. Some folks killed a copperhead recently that was on the course (not in the woods near it), presumably to protect the families, especially the kids, that play on the course. I made sure the group I played with pulled the dead snake body out of the creek when we found it so it wouldn't contaminate the water. Please, people, if you kill your local snakes, at least don't dump the bodies in the creek. My dog drinks out of that water. 🙄

Join Date: Jul 2009

Posts: 1


I was playing Haikey Creek about a year ago in Tulsa, Ok and killed a frog. Over shot the 2nd pin and my disc landed in the soft ground straight up and split the poor thing in half. It was a baby frog only about 3 inches long. Not the best way to start a round. 😞

 **KMaC**

Eagle Member

Join Date: Aug 2009
Location: Southern WI
Posts: 650

Quote:

Originally Posted by **Jukeshoe** 

Dude, turkeys are frickin' mean bastards when you come up on them. Might have posted this someplace else so if I'm repeating myself, excuse me.

I used to go trail running in Madison, Wi at the Arboretum, which had a whole "herd" of semi-wild turkeys. A couple of times I'd take a corner and be in the middle of them, and they would most certainly attack. They peck, and hard. It always kept me on my toes.

That's funny. I live in Madison and the turkeys have always been a hassle. When I was a kid, I remember one day my entire elementary school was assembled and taught how to fend off a herd of attacking turkeys. This may sound like a strange scenario, but it was happening frequently enough that they felt the need to teach all the little chilluns what to do should they be attacked by a large group of turkeys.

They're still around. I try to hit them with my car whenever they're on my street. The tables have turned. 🙄



[matt.and.marly](#)

Bogey Member

Join Date: May 2010
Location: hornlake,ms
Years Playing: 0.4
Courses Played: 8
Posts: 21

The best i have seen is 15 squrails in one spot and the priceless site for the break for cover when i disced them. 😊 I do see the rabbit and king snake too from time to time.

[wolfman7207](#)

Bogey Member

Join Date: Mar 2010
Years Playing: 2.4
Courses Played: 14
Posts: 76

Quote:

Originally Posted by **Midnightbiker**
Damn. That looks kind of like one that we saw out there near hole #1 about a month ago.

Yeh I was walking down hole 10 from the top of the hill and saw it. Stopped in my tracks backed up and picked up a log. Killed it caveman style!!!!!!

[wolfman7207](#)

Bogey Member

Join Date: Mar 2010
Years Playing: 2.4
Courses Played: 14
Posts: 76

Quote:

Originally Posted by **X06X**
Out here in So Cal, we were playing El Dorado this Sunday. I am a typical city boy. Yeah, we see lizards and stuff at some of our parks. El Dorado has TONS of squirrels. On hole 18, there was this one squirrel that was almost taking a "perimeter" type look at me, and was almost taunting me! Freaked me out!!! Freaking squirrel!!! LMAO

My friends and I have a running bet for the first person to K.O. a squirrel with a disc. I have come as close as popping one in the tail.

[linkbhg](#)

Bogey Member

Join Date: Mar 2010
Location: TX
Years Playing: 0.4
Courses Played: 10
Posts: 39

Quote:

Join Date: Mar 2010
Years Playing: 13.1
Posts: 302

Originally Posted by **solomon.trenton**
why did you kill the snake?

Because the only good snake is a dead snake.



[ZBoazMobster](#)

Birdie Member



Quote:

Join Date: Mar 2010
Years Playing: 13.1
Posts: 302

Originally Posted by **wolfman7207**
Killed this 4 footer out at Bear Branch Park in The Woodlands Texas.

I should kill you. You are just as bad as the punk ass bitches that break trees that got in your discs way. Same crappy citizen that tags our courses with graffiti. Brother to that *****er that flat out hijacked a disc that was in play.

YES! All I described are in the same boat.

Quote:

Originally Posted by **Midnightbiker**
Because they are very poisonous and he is trying to keep others from getting hurt. There are a lot of families that play that course with small kids.

No, looks like a Texas Rat Snake, *****ty picture quality, and no rattle. THAT snake was non-venomous. Not one snake here in Texas has patterns like that, is that large, with no rattle, and is venomous.

This is beside the fact that: YOU ARE IN HIS YARD! These animals have not violated your space.

You idiots let a hundred rats live thier lives. I hope there is an epidemic in your area, involving rats.

Today we saw this gal trying to scale a tree, as a rat snake would. I don't know if they can, or can't... but I do know they are aboreal. She got disturbed and ran. We are next to a parkinglot, so she must be moved in an effort to keep morons from killing her. I held her thru the next hole (my wife held as I threw my disc), across the river... and released her in a more suitable spot. Even if only a few hundred feet.

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[wolfman7207](#)

Bogey Member

Join Date: Mar 2010
Years Playing: 2.4
Courses Played: 14
Posts: 76

Quote:

Originally Posted by **ZBoazMobster**

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Wow kill me? A bit harsh but my hats off to crazy PETA member.


06-07-2010, 08:36 PM

[wolfman7207](#)

Bogey Member

Join Date: Mar 2010
Years Playing: 2.4
Courses Played: 14
Posts: 76

Quote:

Originally Posted by **ZBoazMobster** 
Nah, not PETA... just common sense.

So common sense is that a snakes life is worth more than a person's? Sounds like a PETA member to me.