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## The Essex Indoor Golf Center is *the* place for all seasons!

By Judy Henderson

Let's face it. Golf is a passion. But here in Connecticut, we not only have rainy days and windy days but a very long winter, which makes playing difficult from as early as November to as late as the end of May — and that's a lot of deprivation for those besotted by this sport. You might even say, they get a little teed off by, well...not being able to tee off.

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Well, several years back, when Scott Harger — a lifelong golfer — retired from his 20-year career with the Connecticut Department of Corrections, he began researching *aboutGolf*, a system of simulators that "use machine vision to create the most realistic golfing experience in the game," and by 2019, Scott was ready to launch

his own indoor golf center. So with his wife Cheryl on his team as his savvy accountant and business partner and friends and family cheering him on, the Essex Indoor Golf Center opened in June of 2020 to a public anxious to get back into the swing of things — and the twosome hit a hole in one.

Explains Cheryl, "It was summer when we opened, when many pandemic restrictions were lifted and people were anxious to get out and have fun, so we did just fine — especially on rainy days. We knew winter and spring would draw golfers into our climate-controlled experience. And since we offer not only fall and winter leagues, but also clinics, ladies' nights, bachelor parties, birthday parties, team building events, and corporate gatherings, we're busy with NON-golfers as well as golfers of every skill level all year round." And they've all come to the right place.

### This place is virtually amazing!

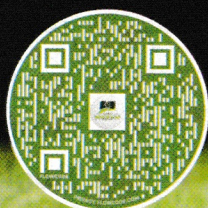
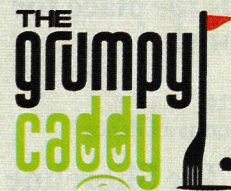
The Center offers play on the most celebrated courses in the game — including fantasy courses designed to really challenge

by combining the toughest holes from links around the world. And it's not only comparable to being outside but also authentic in every way — including pinpoint accuracy. Notes Scott, "Someone playing on one of our simulators hit a ball into a window on the screen and we couldn't believe it. The on-screen window actually shattered!" Simulators also track how far each shot goes, the distance to the pin, the elevation, and all sorts of other stats — plus there's an app that will send them directly to your phone.

You can play under water and in outer space, too! Three fantasy mini-golf courses tee up the perfect date night or family outing. And the 19th hole, officially called *The Grumpy Caddy*, serves a great selection of lighter fare — including The Masters Tournament's official Wonder-Bread-and-pimento cheese sandwich, which *The Grumpy Caddy* has enhanced by adding hearty white bread and bacon and grilling it to perfection!

### No putts about it. This is one incredible place!

Forget about summer's heat and winter's snow • Forget about rainy days or losing daylight • Forget about all that walking • Forget about replacing divots, fixing ball marks and raking bunkers • Never have a slow 4-some in front of you or an impatient 2-some pushing behind you • Never lose your ball • And since **The Grumpy Caddy** and the 35-foot bar are just a few steps away, never wait for the beverage cart to come around to satisfy your thirst and hunger.



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