

When Lighting Strikes

**GET OFF THE
COURSE!!**

When the horn blows, get off the course!

A man got hit by lightning Monday morning on a golf course in Madison. Read the report, then take a look at the pictures.

A 75 year old golfer (no pictures of him) was golfing with 3 other retired guys. They teed off and got around to the back nine when it started to rain, then a little lightning way off in the distance so they headed in and waited under a tree half way in when the rain became very heavy. Three of them then continued in but one guy decided to wait it out under a 50' pine with an overhang of 10' standing next to his bag.

A lightning bolt minutes later struck his bag and push cart as he was holding onto one of his clubs killing him instantly. On the top of the first photo you will see what was left of his driver....also in a later photo are little brown clumps which used to be golf balls. Most of the items in the bag simply disintegrated from the heat and intense initial zap including the labels to his ping irons and Cleveland woods which popped off and the electricity burned holes into the bottoms of the clubs. The strange thing is the tree under which he was standing had no sign of a lightning strike. The bolt literally went sideways under the tree to the golf clubs.

LESSONS, If you are caught out on the course or water, distance yourself from anything metal OR graphite. Did you know that lightning rods are often made of graphite? Put your cart 50' away from you! When you see lightning off in the distance GO IN IMMEDIATELY, DON'T WAIT.

Look at these pictures and remember what could happen when lightning strikes

