

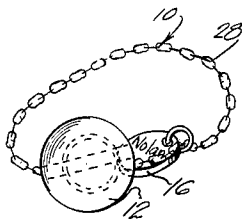
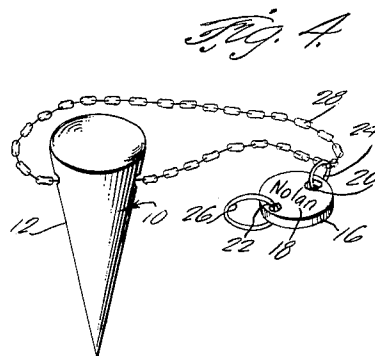
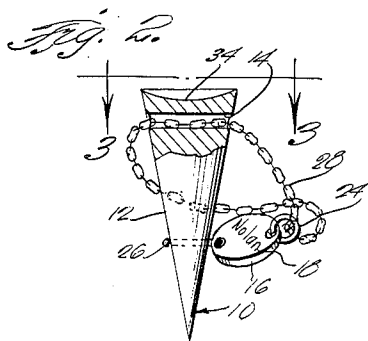
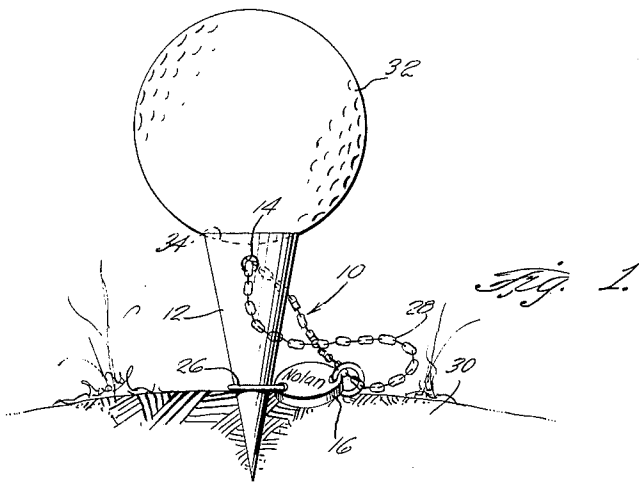
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The present invention relates to a golf tee for supporting a golf ball above a ground surface.

An object of the present invention is to provide a golf tee having identification means attached thereto so that the tee may be repeatedly used and identified from other tees of a similar nature.

Another object of the present invention is to provide a golf tee which may be repeatedly used over and over, one which obviates the use of breakable wooden or plastic golf tees which litter the golf course in the driving area, one which may be manufactured of various metals, one which is economically feasible, and one which is highly effective in action.

These and other objects and advantages of the invention will be understood from the following description when taken in connection with the annexed drawing, in which:

FIGURE 1 is an elevational view of the golf tee of the present invention in a position of use, the lower end portion of the golf tee being driven into the ground surface,

FIGURE 2 is an elevational view partially in section of the golf tee,

FIGURE 3 is a view taken on the line 3—3 of FIGURE 2, and

FIGURE 4 is a perspective view of the golf tee of the present invention.

Referring to the drawing in detail in which like numerals indicate like parts throughout the several views, the golf tee of the present invention is designated generally by the reference numeral 10 and it comprises a conical body 12 having a transversely disposed hole 14 extending through the portion of the tee adjacent the larger end thereof.

The present invention provides a disc 16 having identifying indicia thereon, as at 18, on one face thereof. The disc 16 is provided with diametrically opposed holes 20 and 22 extending therethrough. A first ring 24 has a portion extending through the hole 20 and a second ring 26 has a portion extending through the hole 22.

The present invention provides an endless chain 28 having a portion extending through the ring 24 and a second portion extending through the hole 14 provided in the body 12.

In use, the ring 26 is of a size to extend about a portion of the body 12 intermediate the ends thereof, as shown in FIGURES 1 and 2, and the ring 26 is adapted to engage a ground surface, as at 30 in FIGURE 1, when the apex portion of the body 12 is pushed into the ground surface for supporting upon the larger end of the body 12 the golf ball 32.

The ring 26 acts as a gauge for the depth to which the golf tee of the present invention may be inserted into the

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ground, thereby insuring that the golf ball 32 will be at the height with respect to the ground surface for every drive by the player.

It is intended that the body 12 be fabricated of metal, any metal lending itself for this purpose although a bright and shiny metal would be most appropriate so that if the golf tee should be struck and moved from the player's position it would be readily found in the grass adjoining the position.

The disc 16 is intended to be fabricated of such metal as will not tarnish readily so that the identifying indicia 18 thereon is readily read when desired.

The upper end of the body 12 is concave, as at 34 in FIGURE 2, to more readily receive thereon the ball 32.

It will be seen therefore that the golf tee of the present invention is new and novel, has means for supporting the tee above the ground surface at a predetermined level, may be constructed of such material as to be readily discernible when cast or driven into the grass, and is readily identifiable by the provision of the identification disc attached thereto.

While only a preferred form of the invention is shown and described, other forms of the invention are contemplated and numerous changes and modifications may be made in the invention without departing from the spirit thereof as set forth in the appended claim.

What is claimed is:

A golf tee and identifying device combination comprising a conical body having a concave base for receiving a golf ball and a pointed apex for insertion into the ground, said body having a transverse bore adjacent the concave end thereof, a flexible continuous chain received in said bore, a ring having a centrally disposed aperture therein for receiving a portion of said conical body at a predetermined length from the ends of the conical body, a disc having an aperture receiving said ring and said chain being slidably attached to said disc, said disc and said ring together forming a depth gauge on insertion of the pointed apex of the conical body thru said ring and into the ground, said disc having means thereon for receiving indicia for indicating ownership of the golf tee and also being constructed of a material readily observable when placed in the grass such as found on a golf course.

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