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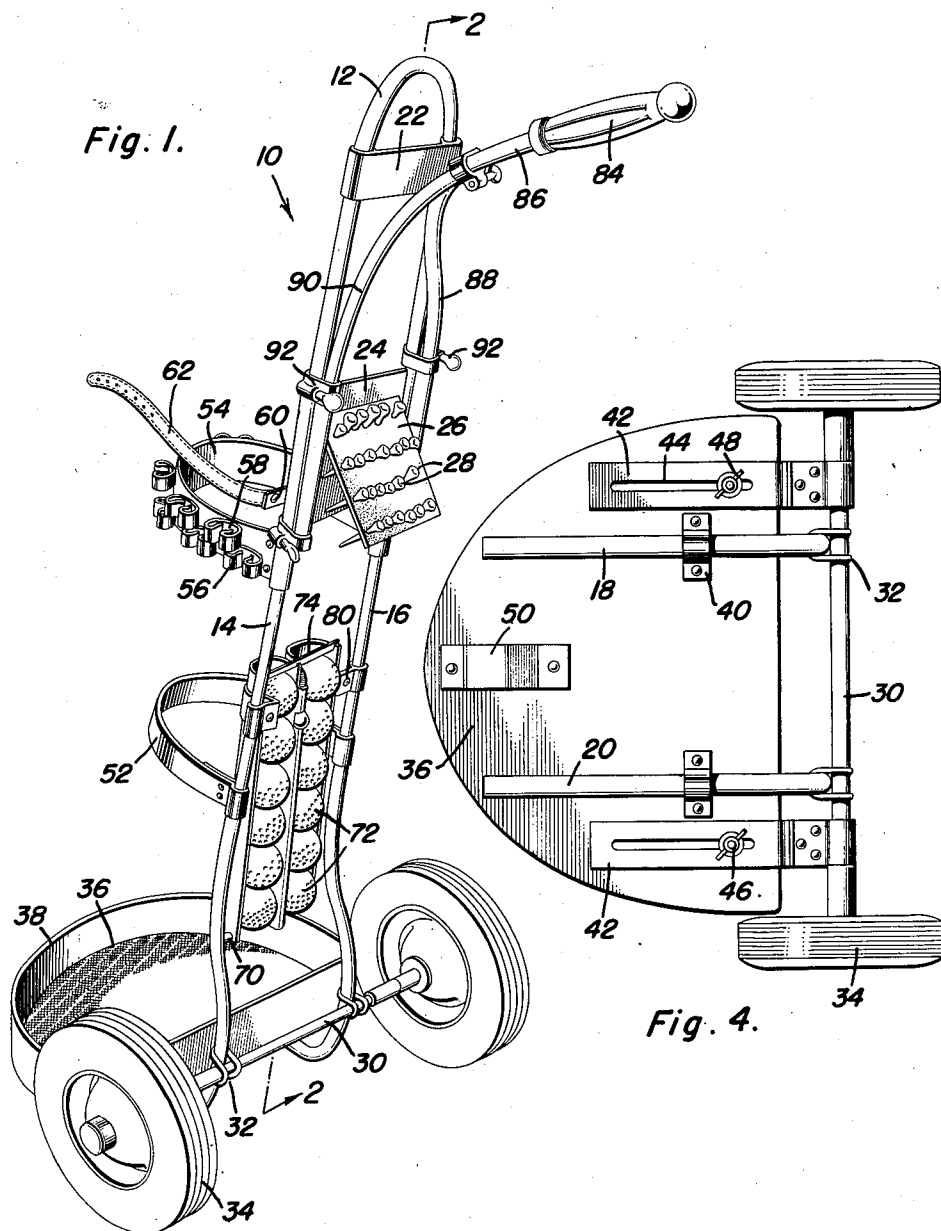
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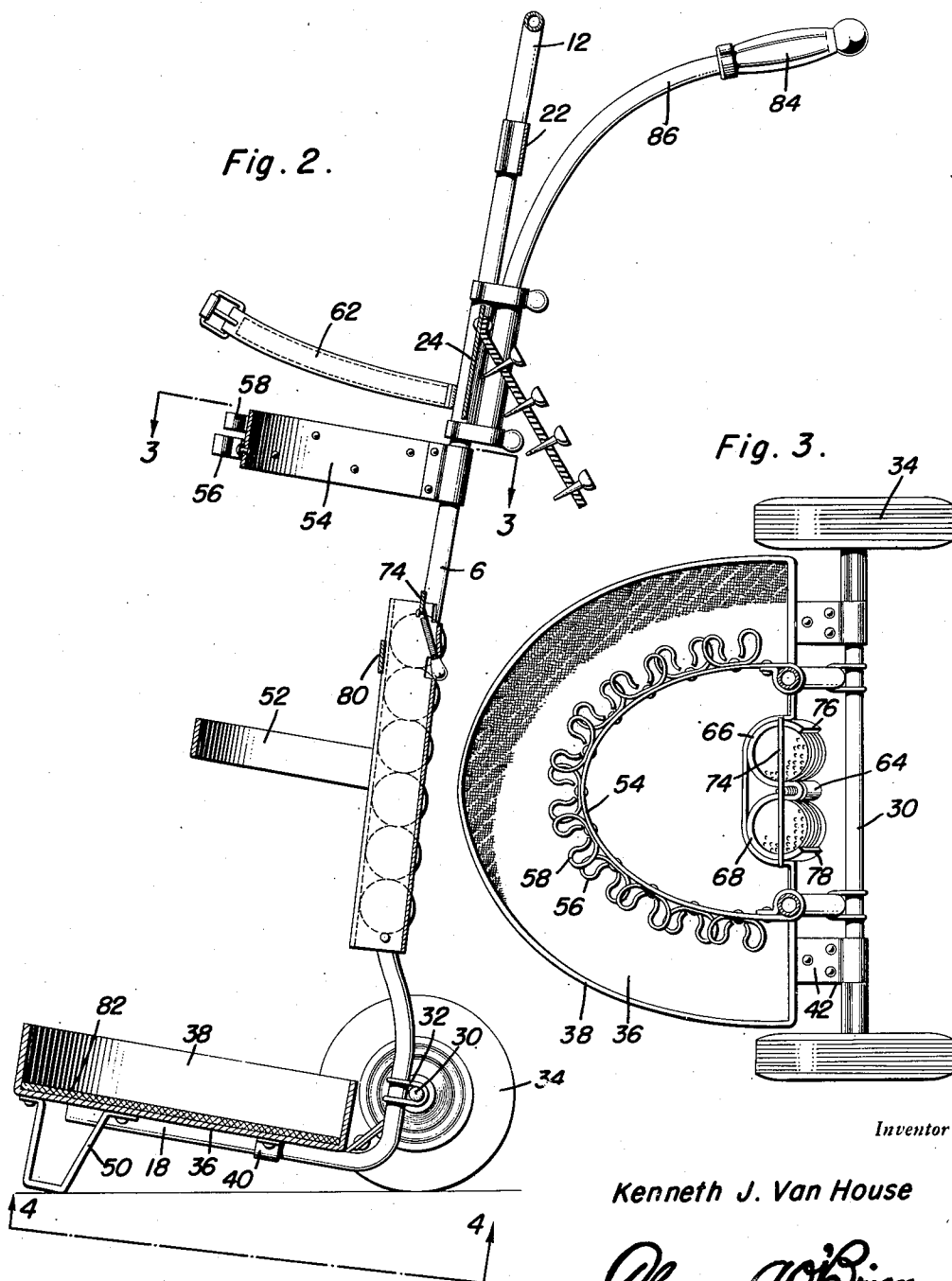
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This invention comprises novel and useful improvements in a golf club buggy and more specifically pertains to a wheeled stand for conveniently displaying, supporting and retaining golf clubs, golf balls and golf tees.

The principal object of this invention is to provide a portable golf club stand for supporting golf clubs in a more convenient manner; for supporting the same in an arrangement wherein they are more readily visible and may more easily be removed or replaced as desired; and wherein provision is made for securely retaining in a readily available manner a supply of golf balls and golf tees.

A further object of the invention is to provide an improved manner for supporting, displaying and retaining golf clubs and equipment, and which may be more conveniently transported by the player upon a golf course.

A still further object of the invention is to provide an improved wheeled golf club stand which shall be of simple lightweight construction, and yet which may be readily adjusted as to balance under varying conditions, at the preference of the user.

These, together with various ancillary objects and features of the invention which will later become apparent as the following description proceeds, are attained by this invention, a preferred embodiment of which has been illustrated by way of example only in the accompanying drawings, wherein:

Figure 1 is a perspective view of a golf club stand embodying the principles of the invention; Figure 2 is a side elevational view of the same;

Figure 3 is a horizontal sectional view taken substantially upon the plane of the section line 3—3 of Figure 2; and

Figure 4 is a bottom plan view taken substantially upon the plane of the section line 4—4 of Figure 2.

Referring now more specifically to the accompanying drawings, wherein like numerals designate similar parts throughout the various views, it will be seen that the device indicated generally by the numeral 10 comprises a frame 12 which may be formed of a single tubular rod folded upon itself to provide parallel sections 14 and 16, which have angularly disposed terminal portions 18 and 20 respectively at their open ends. These end or terminal portions 18 and 20 are preferably substantially perpendicularly disposed relative to the sections 14 and 16.

Adjacent their closed ends, the sections 14 and 16 may be conveniently provided with a trans-

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versely extending reinforcing plate or brace 22 of any suitable character, and intermediate their ends these sections are further provided with a second reinforcing plate 24 to which may be attached in any suitable manner an angularly disposed, inclined, panel or sheet 26 of stiff rubber or any other suitable flexible material, this sheet being perforate or apertured for conveniently receiving a plurality of golf tees 28 therein.

Rigidly attached to the sections 14 and 16 adjacent their junction with the angulated terminal portions 18 and 20, is an axle 30 rigidly secured as by suitable clamps 32, and provided with rubber tired wheels 34 whereby the frame is rendered portable. Resting upon and supported by the terminal portions 18 and 20, is a tray of any suitable shape comprising a flat base 36 of metal or any other suitable material, and provided with an upstanding marginal rim 38, the tray illustrated being of substantially semi-circular configuration. Upon its lower surface, the base 36 of the tray has secured thereto clips 40 for slidably receiving the terminal portions 18 and 20 and guiding the tray thereon for sliding movement towards and from the sections 14 and 16.

A pair of straps 42 which are slotted as at 44 longitudinally thereof and intermediate their ends, have their extremities clamped or otherwise suitably rigidly attached to the axle 30, and depending bolts or other equivalent fasteners 46 are secured to the tray 36 and are slidably disposed in the slots 44, being adjustably secured and clamped as by wing nuts 48.

It will thus be seen that the tray may be moved longitudinally of the terminal portions 18 and 20, and may be clamped or locked in adjusted position, thereby enabling the user to vary the center of gravity of the weight carried by the tray relative to the axle 30 so that the balance of the apparatus may be easily and accurately adjusted and varied as desired.

In order to enable the device to securely stand in a position slightly inclined to the vertical when at rest, the undersurface of the tray may be conveniently provided with a depending angulated bracket 50 comprising a leg.

Intermediate their ends, the sections 14 and 16 are provided with arcuate strips 52 and 54 which have a substantially semi-circular contour as shown in Figures 1 and 3, these strips being fixedly clamped to the sections and spaced longitudinally thereof.

The lowermost support 52 is intended to merely provide a rest against which the handles of golf

clubs may lean when the heads of the clubs are received in the semi-circular tray, the exterior surface of the support 52 serving this function. It will of course be seen that if desired the handles of clubs may be received within either or both of the guards 52 and 54 as an alternative to or in addition to the arrangement of the golf club handles about the exterior surface of the arcuate supports.

Preferably the upper guard or support 54 upon its exterior surface is provided with a plurality of rows of fasteners, the fasteners of the lower row indicated at 56 being staggered with respect to the fasteners of the upper row which are indicated at 58, so that a greater number of handles may be readily received and secured to the support 54. These fasteners may be of any suitable construction but preferably consist of resilient metallic strips which are secured as by rivets intermediate their ends to the exterior surface of the support 54, and have their ends arcuately curved and then bent back upon themselves to provide resilient sockets into which the handles of golf clubs may be thrust and yieldingly retained thereby.

A plate or strap 60 is attached to the sections 14 and 16 above the support 54, although in some instances the same may be attached between the two supports if desired, this strap having a leather belt or the like 62 secured thereto whereby the golf clubs when positioned and retained by the clips may be locked securely to the device as when traveling to and from the links or greens.

A retainer is provided for conveniently storing a plurality of golf balls for easy access by the player, and this container preferably comprises a single sheet of material which is vertically folded upon its mid-portion as at 64, and is then provided with semi-cylindrical curved terminal portions 66 and 68, each of which comprises a trough or container for retaining golf balls therein. A pin or transverse bar 70 extends through the side walls of the lower ends of these troughs to provide a support or seat for the lowermost of the golf balls 72, and a similar transverse bar 74 is seated in notches in the upper edges of the troughs to retain the balls therein. As will be apparent from Figures 1 and 3, the vertical edges 76 and 78 of the sheet metal member forming the troughs terminates in spaced relation to the folded portion 64, to enable the hand of a golfer to grip the ball for raising the same; but are sufficiently closely related to each other to prevent the passage of a golf ball therebetween.

This golf ball container is mounted as by a suitable supporting bracket 80 between the sections 14 and 16 and disposed partially within the confines of the support 52 to make the device more compact.

If desired, a sheet of cushioning material 82 may be disposed upon the tray 36 to yieldingly receive and cushion the heads of golf clubs disposed in the tray.

A handle 84 of any suitable construction and including a shank 86 having bifurcated arms 88 and 90 extending therefrom is provided, these

arms extending through suitable clamps 92 whereby the bifurcated portion of the handle may be adjustably clamped to the sections 14 and 16 as desired.

From the foregoing, the construction and operation of the device will be readily understood and further explanation is believed to be unnecessary. However, since numerous modifications and changes will readily occur to those skilled in the art after a consideration of the foregoing specification and accompanying drawings, it is not desired to limit the invention to the exact construction shown and described, but all suitable modifications and equivalents may be resorted to, falling within the scope of the appended claims.

Having thus disclosed and described the invention, what is claimed as new is as follows:

1. A golf club bag stand comprising a wheeled frame, spaced arcuate supports thereon for engagement by the handles of golf clubs, a tray on said frame for receiving the heads of golf clubs, fasteners on one support resiliently and frictionally retaining golf club handles, arcuate ball receiving frames mounted on said frame and extending within one of said supports, a handle, clamps slidably and adjustably retaining said handle on said frame.

2. A golf club stand comprising a wheeled frame, spaced arcuate supports thereon for engagement by the handles of golf clubs, a tray on said frame for receiving the heads of golf clubs, fasteners on one support resiliently and frictionally retaining golf club handles, arcuate ball receiving frames mounted on said frame and extending within one of said supports, said frame comprising a rod folded upon itself to provide parallel sections, said sections having angulated ends, said tray being mounted on said ends, an axle secured to said sections adjacent said ends, said tray being slidable on said ends, slotted straps on said axle, and means extending through said slots and secured to said tray.

3. A golf club stand comprising a wheeled frame, spaced arcuate supports thereon for engagement by the handles of golf clubs, a tray on said frame for receiving the heads of golf clubs, fasteners on one support resiliently and frictionally retaining golf club handles, arcuate ball receiving frames mounted on said frame and extending within one of said supports, said fasteners being disposed in spaced peripheral rows on said support, the fasteners of one row being staggered with respect to those of an adjacent row.

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