

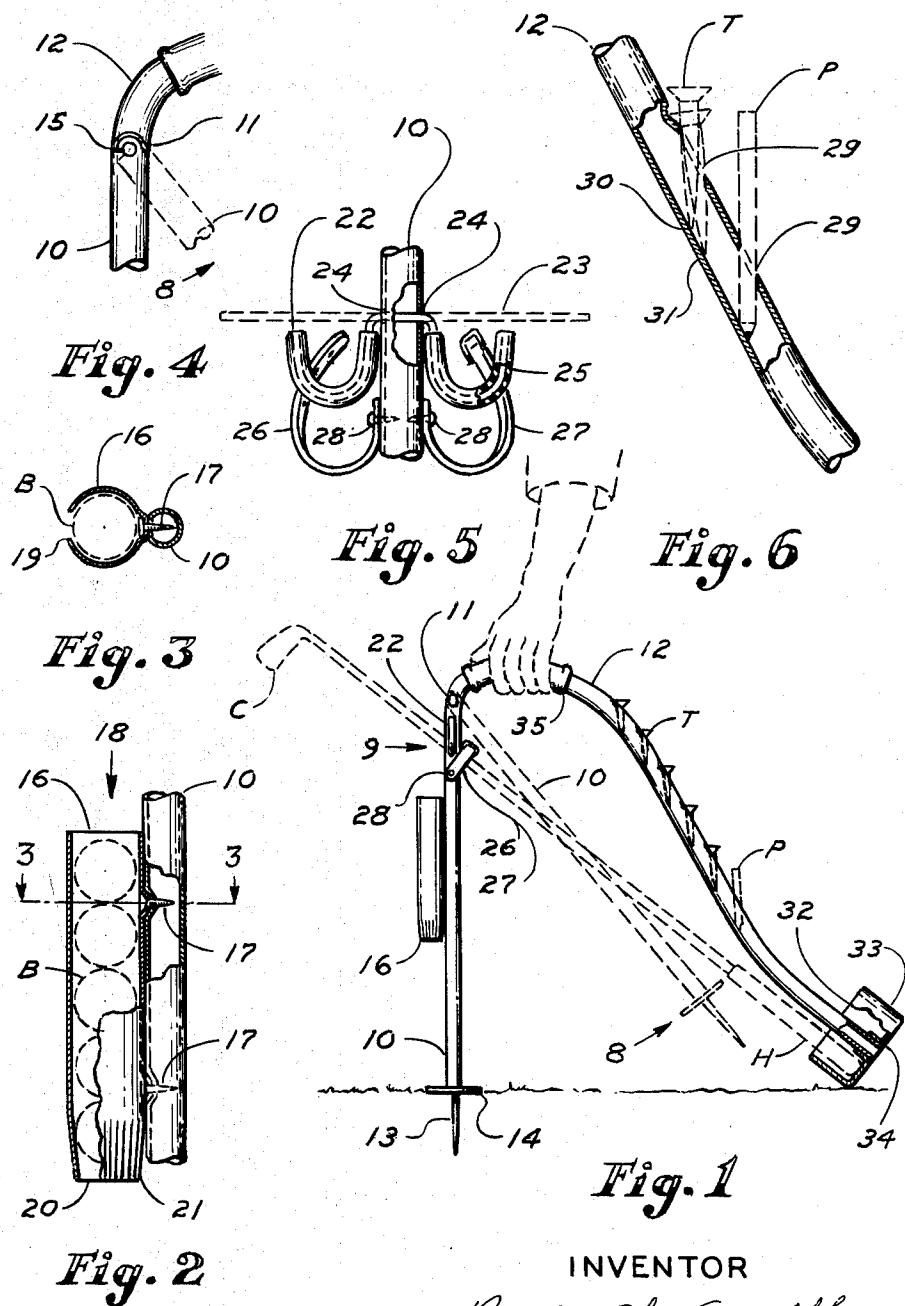
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This invention relates generally to a golf club and accessories carrier and upright standing means for same for use in the game of golf. The invention shall be referred to in the following description as a golf club and accessories carrier as distinguished from either a conventional golf bag or golf cart as are in common use. The game of golf is a most popular form of outdoor recreation for great numbers of men and women. The participants range from the casual player who is restricted to a minimum of expense and equipment, to a professional who must have the maximum assistance as represented by hiring a caddy, golf carts, or even power operated vehicles. Golf bags are the most common form of carrying equipment but have the disadvantage of becoming dirty when thrown on the ground while the player is either driving or putting. A golf bag is also subject to being filled with trash. Golf carts are heavy for the average player, and women in particular, to lift into the luggage compartment of a motor car.

The principal object of this invention is to provide a simple and efficient means of carrying golf equipment for the casual player who represents the majority of golfers.

Another object of this invention is to provide a self supporting means for standing the golf equipment in an upright position and readily available for the player's use.

Another object of this invention is to afford the player an efficient and convenient arrangement for locating golf clubs, balls, tees and pencil for ready use in the game.

Another object of this invention is to provide a golf club and accessories carrier which is light in weight and easy to carry on the golf course or lift into the trunk space of an automobile or home storage.

Another object is to provide a golf club accessories carrier which is free from deep compartments, as in a conventional golf bag which may become filled with trash and is subject to mildew and general depreciation.

Another object is to provide a golf club and accessories carrier which is simple in construction, inexpensive to manufacture, and durable in use.

These and other objects of this invention will become apparent as illustrated in the accompanying drawing wherein:

FIG. 1 is a side elevation of the golf club and accessories carrier, in free standing position, as embodied in this invention.

FIG. 2 is an enlarged side elevation, partly in section, of a ball container attached to the forward vertical portion of the carrier assembly as shown in FIG. 1.

FIG. 3 is a horizontal section through the ball container on line 3—3 and in direction of arrow 18 of FIG. 2.

FIG. 4 is an enlarged side view of a hinge portion at the forward and upper area of the carrier main frame assembly as in side elevation of FIG. 1.

FIG. 5 is an enlarged side view, partly in section, in the direction of arrow 9 in FIG. 1 showing detail of the forward club rest means and retention straps.

FIG. 6 is an enlarged and partly in section, side view of golf tees and pencil holding means as shown in FIG. 1.

Referring to the drawing and FIG. 1 in particular, the

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numerals 10, 11 and 12 embrace the basic structural components of the golf club and accessories carrier as described in this invention. The forward vertical tubular portion 10 and the rearward and downward tubular portion 12 are connected at the upper terminus of the forward portion 10 by a suitable hinge construction 11, to provide a light weight and durable main frame assembly. Said forward vertical tubular portion 10 has incorporated at the lower terminus a spike 13 which penetrates into the ground when forced by a downward pressure from above and limited in thrust by a circular and horizontally attached flat disc baffle 14, both spike and baffle being rigidly connected to the forward vertical portion 10 to provide the forward stabilized supporting means for the carrier assembly in standing position.

Hinge construction 11 in FIG. 1 connects the forward vertical portion 10 with the rearward and downward portion 12. This construction further appears in FIG. 4 which provides the forward vertical portion 10 to swing rearward in relation to the rearward and downward portion 12 in the direction of arrow 8 as in FIG. 1, to a position as is indicated at 10 in dotted outline to form a compact carrier assembly when desired. In a reverse manner the opening action is limited by the surface contact of the hinge feature is not concerned with this invention but in FIG. 4, to provide an opened position stop and assure rigidity of the carrier in the standing position and a main frame contour as indicated in FIG. 1. The detail of hinge feature is not concerned with this invention but rather to define a folding golf club and accessories carrier for convenience of stowage when so desired.

FIG. 1 also discloses a container and dispenser 16 for golf balls, generally designated B and in dotted outline, rigidly attached forward of and integral with the forward vertical portion 10, by means of sheet metal screws 17 or other suitable attachment, and also detailed in the enlarged and partially sectioned view in FIG. 2. Said attachment is further disclosed in a downward section view of the ball container 16 in FIG. 3, taken on line 3—3 of FIG. 2. Enlarged views in FIG. 2 and FIG. 3 further disclose details of ball container 16 which is tubular in cross section and vertically slotted on the forward surface as shown at 19 in FIG. 3. Ball container 16 is slightly larger in diameter than that of a standard golf ball except at the lower opening 20 in FIG. 2 which is fluted as at 21 to form an opening smaller than a golf ball, for retention. Opening 19 in FIG. 3 provides for an expandable container which allows balls to be forced out the bottom opening 20 as needed, by a slight pressure from above, and also provides an access opening to the attachment screws 17. This container affords the player an instant and convenient supply of extra golf balls.

Provision is made for the forward support of golf clubs, generally designated C and in dotted outline, at the upper and forward area of the carrier assembly by the means of a double arcuate club rest member 22 as shown in the enlarged and partially sectioned view in FIG. 5 and taken in the direction of arrow 9 in FIG. 1. Club rest member 22 is formed in assembly with and by inserting a suitable length rod 23 loosely through horizontal holes 24 located in the forward vertical portion 10 vertical to the side elevation of the carrier assembly as shown in FIG. 1 and slightly below hinge construction 11. Said rod 23 is placed in a symmetrical position in portion 10 so that the extended areas are equal in length, and then formed in assembly, by bending, into double and symmetrically equal U shaped forward club rests 22

having open portion of the U shaped members facing upward and covered with rubber or other suitable material as at 25 to retain and protect the clubs from damage. At a position slightly below the forward club rest member 22 is a conventional flexible strap 26 and a locking strap 27 which are permanently attached to the forward vertical portion 10 by sheet metal screws 28 or other suitable means. Straps 26 or 27 may be left in unfastened position while the carrier is in use during a game of golf or tightened around clubs firmly securing same in club rest areas of 22 when being stowed in the trunk of an automobile or home storage.

A series of holes, as at 29, are located on the rearward and downward tubular portion 12 as shown in the enlarged and partially sectioned view in FIG. 6 to receive and locate golf tees, generally designated T, and in dotted outline, and pencils, generally designated P, and also in dotted outline. Said holes are drilled and partially counter sunk into the upper surface only, of the rearward portion 12, vertical to the ground and parallel to the forward vertical portion 10 in standing position. Tees T and pencils P are dropped into position as exemplified at 30 and at an acute angle in relation to the lower inside wall of the rearward tubular portion 12 and when further pressed in place from above, the point of tee or pencil slides downward along said lower interior wall of portion 12 to a position as indicated at 31 providing a wedging action to secure tees and pencils firmly in place.

Club handle portions, generally designated H and in dotted outline, are distributed and supported at the rearward and downward terminus of the rearward tubular portion 12 in a cup shaped club handle receptacle 32, which rests on the ground with carrier in standing position as in FIG. 1 and is circular in shape having a vertical outer wall 33 radially distant from the center of and parallel to the rearward portion 12 and having an inward and upward facing flange 34 to receive and embrace the rearward terminus of the rearward portion 12 and rigidly attached thereto by means of a press fit or other suitable method. Said receptacle has the open portion forward and upward and the bottom outer surface of the cup area flush with the terminus of rearward portion 12. Said rear club handle retaining receptacle 32 in combination with the lower spike portion of the forward portion 10 provides the carrier with a substantial two point support in standing position on the ground.

Golf club and accessories carrier, as described, is picked up at rubber covered handle area 35, the weight of golf clubs and accessories in perfect balance, and carried at arm's length with complete physical ease for the player.

From the foregoing description I claim:

1. A golf club accessories carrier and support including in combination; a main tubular section frame assembly, shaped in contour similar to an inverted V, and in two portions, the forward vertical portion being provided with a ground penetrating means for supporting said carrier in standing position, and a hinge connected at the top to a short hand grip area of the forward end of the rearward portion which extends rearward and downward at an acute angle to the ground and terminated by a circular shaped club handle retaining receptacle, resting on the ground to provide a two point supported carrier assembly; a one piece tubular shaped golf ball container and dispenser having a forward and vertical opening to provide for an expandable main body, said opening to provide tool access to sheet metal screws or other suitable means attaching said container rigidly to the forward vertical portion, said container being fluted at the lower end to form an opening smaller than that of a standard golf ball for retention and individual ball release to the player by a slight pressure from above; a loosely mounted golf club rest member; and provision means for golf tee and pencil retention.

2. A golf club and accessories carrier and support in-

cluding in combination; a main tubular section frame assembly, shaped in contour similar to an inverted V, and in two portions, the forward vertical portion being provided with a ground penetrating means for supporting said carrier in standing position, and a hinge connected at the top to a short hand grip area of the forward end of the rearward portion which extends rearward and downward at an acute angle to the ground and terminated by a circular cup shaped club handle retaining receptacle, resting on the ground to provide a two point supported carrier assembly; a tubular shaped ball container rigidly attached to the forward vertical portion; a loosely mounted golf club rest member; a series of suitably formed and counter sunk holes, located on the upper surface only of the rearward and downward portion of the main frame assembly, in a direction perpendicular to the ground with said carrier in upright and standing position, to receive and position golf tees and pencils at an acute angle with the lower inside wall of said rearward and downward portion of said frame assembly, said tees and pencil being subject at the point of contact with the lower inside wall to a downward wedging action when pressed from above to provide a locked in retention means for same.

3. A golf club and accessories carrier and support including in combination; a main tubular section frame assembly, shaped in contour similar to an inverted V, and in two portions, the forward vertical portion being provided with a ground penetrating means for supporting said carrier in standing position, and a hinge connected at the top to a short hand grip area of the forward end of the rearward portion which extends rearward and downward at an acute angle to the ground and terminated by a circular shaped club handle retaining receptacle, resting on the ground to provide a two point supported carrier assembly, said receptacle having an outer retaining wall radially distant from and parallel to the center of the rearward and downward tubular portion and having a centered and upward facing flange tightly receiving and embracing the rearward terminus of said rearward tubular portion, and rigidly attached thereto by a press fit or other suitable attachment, the open portion of said receptacle facing forward and upward, the outer bottom surface of said receptacle being flush with the terminus of said rearward portion; a tubular shaped ball container rigidly attached to the forward vertical portion; a loosely mounted golf club rest member; and provision means for golf tee and pencil retention.

4. An article of manufacture comprising a golf club and accessories carrier and support including in combination; a main tubular section frame assembly shaped in contour similar to an inverted V, and in two portions, the forward vertical portion adapted to be vertically forced into the ground in standing position and having a ground penetrating spike and thrust stop baffle rigidly attached thereto at the lower terminus, and a metal tubular shaped golf ball container also rigidly attached thereto, and a transverse loosely mounted golf club retaining and support rack and club fastening straps, said rack being formed into double supporting U shaped loops in assembly with said forward vertical portion of main tubular frame, said forward vertical portion hinge connected at the upper end to a forward and short hand grip area of the rearward and downward portion, said rearward and downward portion having a series of suitable formed and counter sunk holes located on the upper surface only and vertical to the ground and at an acute angle to said last named portion, to receive and locate golf tees and pencils at an acute angle with the lower inside wall of said rearward and downward portion of said frame assembly, said tees and pencils when inserted in said holes being subject at the point of contact with the lower inside wall to a downward wedging action when pressed from above to provide a secure retention means for same when inserted in said holes; and the extreme rear terminus of the rear-

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ward and downward portion having a circular, cup-shaped, golf club handle retaining receptacle attached thereto, providing a two point supported carrier.

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