This invention relates to a golf ball and tee holder, and more specifically provides attachment and modifications to a golf cart handle wherein the golf ball and tee may be transported in readily accessible position thereby eliminating the usual necessity of hunting for the proper golf ball and a tee and greatly facilitating teeing off.

An object of this invention is to provide a golf ball and tee holder which is simple in construction, retains the golf balls and tees in accessible positions wherein they may be readily removed or placed therein, well adapted for its intended purposes and relatively inexpensive to manufacture.

Another object of this invention is to provide a golf ball and tee holder which may be secured to conventional golf cart handles wherein the golf balls and tees are resiliently retained in position.

These, together with other objects and advantages which will become subsequently apparent reside in the details of construction and operation as more fully hereinafter described and claimed, reference being had to the accompanying drawings forming a part hereof, wherein like numerals refer to like parts throughout, and in which:

Figure 1 is a perspective view showing the golf ball and tee holder of the present invention secured to a tubular golf cart handle;

Figure 2 is a top plan section taken substantially along section line 2—2 of Figure 4 showing the details of construction of the attachment of the golf ball ring;

Figure 3 is a longitudinal, vertical sectional view taken substantially along section line 3—3 of Figure 1 showing the details of construction of the tee holder; and

Figure 4 is a longitudinal, vertical sectional view taken substantially along section line 4—4 of Figure 2 showing the relationship of the portions of the golf ball holder and the mounting thereof to the golf cart handle.

Referring now specifically to the drawings, it will be seen that the numeral 10 generally designates the golf ball and tee holder of the present invention for attachment to a tubular golf cart handle generally indicated by the numeral 12.

The tee holder is specifically illustrated in Figure 3 and includes a plurality of longitudinally spaced apertures 14 which slant inwards and downwards and each of the apertures 14 is provided with a rubber grommet 16 which slidably and resiliently grips the shank portion of a golfing tee 18 thereby retaining the tee 18 in the grommet 16 and attached to the handle 12 until it is desired to use the same for teeing off.

The golf ball holder as specifically illustrated in Figures 2 and 4, includes a plurality of circular wire rings 20 having a laterally offset end portion 22 that is externally threaded for threaded engagement with an internally threaded aperture 24 in the handle 12 for attachment of the ring 20 to the handle 12. A lock nut 26 is provided for locking the ring 20 to the handle 12 and the end portion of the ring 20 is spaced slightly from the threaded portion 22 as generally indicated by the numeral 28.

Spaced from each of the ring members 20 is an L-shaped resilient member 30 wherein the longer leg extends outwardly from the handle 12 and includes an upwardly flared portion 32 for receiving a golf ball 34 between the L-shaped resilient member 30 and the ring 20. The shorter leg 36 of the L-shaped member is apertured for receiving a screw 38 that is inserted in an internally threaded aperture 40 in the tubular handle 12. It will be seen that the wire ring 20 is resilient along with the flat resilient spring member 30 which will removably retain the golf ball 34 positioned within the ring 20.

The ring 20 is smaller than the largest diameter of the golf ball 34 thereby preventing passage therethrough and the spring member 30 retains the golf ball 34 on the ring 20.

The operation of the device will be readily understood. The tees 18 are inserted in the grommet 16 and the golf balls 34 are inserted between the rings 20 and the adjacent spring member 30 spaced vertically thereofby thereby removably retaining the tees 18 and the golf balls 34 in accessible position. It will be seen that the vertical portion 36 of the L-shaped member 30 is generally curved for preventing relative rotation between the L-shaped member 30 and the handle 12 after assembly. Also, the lock nuts 26 securely lock the ring 20 to the handle 12 thereby assuring that the springs 30 and the rings 20 will be retained in correct relative position.

The device may be constructed of any suitable, rust resistant material and may be formed on all types of existing golf cart handles or other similar devices.

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, it is not desired to limit the invention to the exact construction shown and described, and accordingly all suitable modifications and equivalents may be resorted to, falling within the scope of the appended claim.

What is claimed is as new is as follows:

A holder for golf balls comprising an elongated cylindrical hollow golf cart handle forming a support member a plurality of annular rings spaced longitudinally along the support member, each ring having adjacent free ends with one end extending radially outwardly, said outwardly extending end being screw threaded and detachably received in a threaded aperture in the support member, each of said rings having an inner circumference smaller than the outer circumference of a golf ball whereby a golf ball will engage the ring substantially throughout the circumference thereof, a plurality of L-shaped resilient members disposed in longitudinally spaced relation along the support member and in spaced relation to the rings, each of said resilient members including an apertured short leg transversely curved to engage the curved surface of cylindrical support member for preventing rotation of the resilient members, threaded fastening means extending through the aperture in the short leg of each of the resilient members into the support member, the long leg of each of the resilient members extending diametrically of an adjacent ring with the free end thereof terminating in a position generally overlapping the center of the ring for engaging the top surface of a golf ball for holding the golf ball on the ring, said ring and long leg of the resilient member being disposed...
in outwardly divergent planes with the outer end of
the long leg being flared away from the ring thereby
providing a guide for insertion of a golf ball between the
ring and resilient member with the golf ball being ca-
pable of movement into partial engagement with the
ring before the golf ball engages the terminal end of the
long leg of the resilient member.

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