



## Nasty Weather, Big Scores at OC Luana Hills Golf Tournament

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Joie Gopez

Those obsessed with golf will play the game in any sort of weather. Nine such afflicted people set out amid the wind, rain, slippery hills and damp jungles of the Luana Hills Golf Course on May 17 on the only truly foul day of that month and proved their compulsive disorder beyond a doubt.

Take Joie Gopez for example. On the first hole, a 343-yard (forward tees), downhill par-four, she hit a soaring drive that came to rest in a perfect position on the left-hand side of the fairway with only 140 yards remaining to the green; just the fact of a low stone wall and the necessity of flying over a deep gorge remained as a challenge.

Joie struck her second shot with confidence. It nose-dived into the ravine. She dropped a new ball (one penalty stroke), hit the next shot (counts as the third); it too hung a hard left into the chasm. Another drop (counts as stroke four), hit stroke five. . . .into the ravine. Six, Seven. She looked up the hill to where partner, John Petersen jellied with laughter.

"John, can you throw me another ball?" He obliged. Eight into the ravine. John threw down another ball. Nine, same place.

At this point John reached deep into his bag, scooped up as many golf balls as he could hold and hurled a scattershot of a dozen or more balls down the hill. By now Joie, drenched with rain, trembled so hard with laughter she could barely hold her club.

Joie finished the hole with a 12. . . . and she tied for the low score of the tournament. Friends, the low score was. . . . well, none of us want to say. So let's put the figures this way—nothing below three digits.

Low gross, tie: Joie Gopez and Mark Osmun. Third low gross, tie: Frank Kingery and Phil Sevier.

Low net, Karla Osmun.

Closest to the pin on par-threes: Karla Osmun, hole #3; Carl Johnsen (guest) holes #7 and #12.

In July, the group sets off for Turtle Bay. Those insane enough to join in are encouraged to certify their madness by signing up at the Front Desk.