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#### SPOTLIGHT

## Off Course: Non-Golf Revenue Opportunities Are Heating Up For Courses In The Northern Climate

#### By Doug McPherson, Contributor, Golf Business

Back in 2020, Allison George, owner of Toad Valley Golf Course, in Iowa, began exploring how she could boost her non-golf revenues and stay open year around – not an easy proposition considering Iowa's bone-chilling winters. And then she found what she calls "hands down the greatest improvement" she's done in her 20 years at her facility for year-round revenue. It was a bold move: She got rid of her pro shop and put in two golf simulators. The cost? \$200,000. It turned out to be a healthy investment. Her two simulators bring in about \$300,000 annually. "I made more money in three months [with the simulators] than I did in three years with my pro shop," George says. As great as that sounds, George is quick to add that when it comes to generating non-golf revenue, "It isn't just one thing." It appears she knows what she's talking about... READ MORE >>



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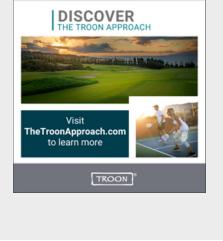
## Golf4Her Grows In A Niche Market

#### By Steve Eubanks, via Global Golf Post Biz

Marina Alex, who won for the second time in her career earlier this year at the new Palos Verdes Championship, wears



it. There are a few others – players whose careers have yet to take off. The original cadre of tour players representing Golf4Her included Tiffany Joh, who is now the assistant women's golf coach at the University of Southern California, and Jane Park, whose journey with her brain-damaged daughter, Grace Godfrey, remains a focus of the company and the LPGA. But even with the exposure that comes from a tour win, a lot of people are still asking: What is Golf4Her? The short answer is, Golf4Her is an interactive retail website like Amazon that specializes in women's golf clothing and accessories. If that sounds like a niche business, it is. It was always meant to be... READ MORE >>



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