

June 15 is Father's Day

Give dad a game of golf - at night

If dad is a golfer, why not give him something a little different this year - a round of golf in the dark.

The game that began in the United States is now becoming popular in Canada,

"It's harder because it's dark and you can't see the hazards like the sand traps, but it's a lot of fun," Kevin Thistle, GM of Angus Glen.

Thistle, general manager and director of golf at Angus Glen Golf Club in Markham.

Most clubs don't offer the game nightly,

but offer it as a special event, he said.

Because the nine-hole game begins at dusk, glowing markers border the fairway and a fluorescent stake is put on the flag so people know where to aim.

A glowing golf ball, that doesn't travel as far as a normal ball does, is used during play.

Although it is harder to play, it is a very social game, said Thistle.

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- Lisa Cartwright

Homemade gift can warm Dad's heart

In 1908, American Mrs. John Bruce Dodd founded Father's day to honor her father.

Eight-nine-years later the tradition is still going strong.

Whether you honor dad with a family brunch or something as simple as a phone call,

dads are never forgotten on their special day.

But along with words of love and praise, a present or two usually follows.

It is often difficult to find a gift dad will like so here are some suggestions:

- Clothes are always something dad needs. Whether it's a new tie for work or shorts and a polo shirt for a weekend family outing, he's sure to get a lot of use out of this gift.

- If a few people want to chip in, they can get him an entire ensemble, so he'll be ready for an afternoon out.

- Computer games and programs are a good choice if dad is a computer buff.

- From the latest adventure game to electronic crossword puzzles to a financial-planning program, stores offer an endless array of choices.

- Because some programs can get expensive, this could be a gift a few people can buy for dad.

- A homemade gift can warm dad's heart.

- Children can make him a card with construction paper and crayons or a picture frame with cardboard, markers, glitter and glue. The possibilities are endless and all of them are sure to warm dad's heart.

- Even if they buy a gift, people still can add their personal touch by making the wrapping paper.



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