

# Golf buddies ace holes during same round

To get one hole in one during a round of golf is a rarity.

But two holes in one during the same round? Well, that's what Fred Thrasher, Jim Pickle and Stouffville resident Adam Prachyshny experienced when they took to the Maples of Ballantrae Golf Club fairways, where they work, on Hwy. 48 for an early round of golf Monday.

Pickle was the first to record an ace when he used an eight iron on the 151-yard, par three sixth hole.

The 68-year-old Markham resident who works as a starter at the club has hit two others.

## NOT THEIR FIRST HOLES-IN-ONE

Thrasher used a 25-degree rescue club off the tee and hit a shot that flew right over the pond and into the hole on the par three, 185-yard 18th hole.

A 56-year-old Markham resident who works in the pro shop, Thrasher's ace was the sixth in his career. He hit another one on that same hole that's visible from the highway some four years ago.

But back then, he recalled using a five iron. "To get one hole in one in one round is rare, but to get two in the same round, it was a lot of fun," Thrasher said.

In keeping up with golfing tradition, Thrasher and Pickle were going to buy people a round of drinks in the clubhouse when they came off the course. But a power outage in the area prevented them from doing it.

"There's a few guys we owe drinks to," Thrasher said with a chuckle.

— Michael Hayakawa

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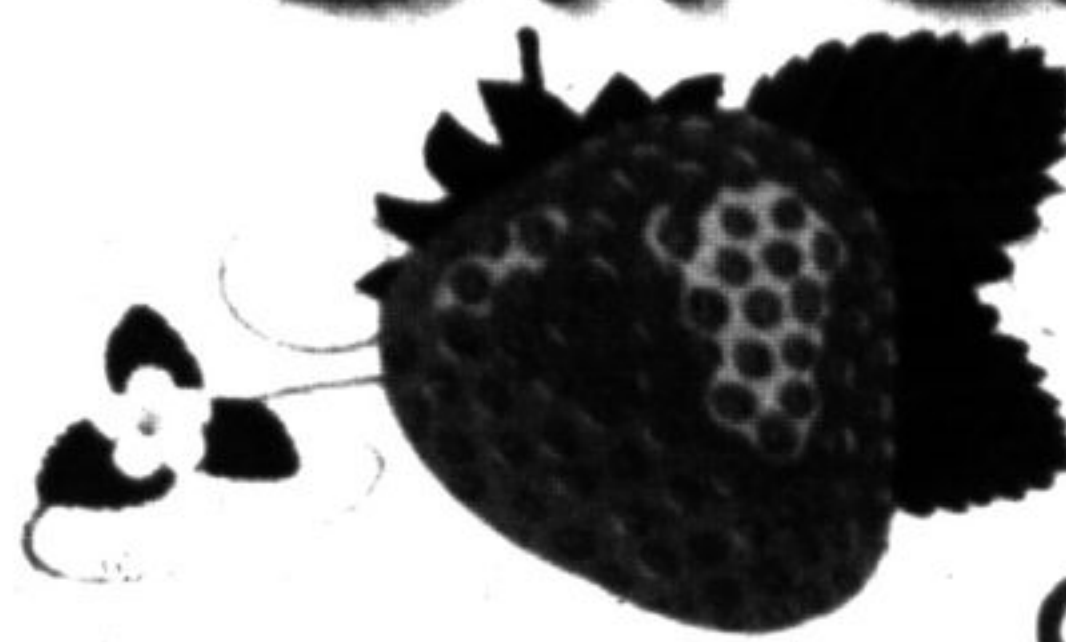


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