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"The guy — I can't remember his name — said that a fox ran out of the brush and grabbed his ball and tossed it in the air. He hit another ball and the fox did it again. Then he apparently started playing catch with the fox, which would toss the balls up and the guy would go pick them up and throw them again. I guess it went on for a long time."

That sounded a bit like a golfer's fish story, but soon everyone started seeing the animals. Earlier, the Klevens had seen two foxes with four pups while working on the course, which opened this summer.

The pups became so used to seeing players stroll by or riding their golf carts that at least two decided to get into the game.

Bruce Berg of Minneapolis was vic-

timized yesterday for the first time.

"I put my second shot right down the center of the 18th fairway — as always — when the fox popped out of the ravine and took my ball. He look at me once and smiled as we rode up in our cart. Then he disappeared."

There are a lot of theories on what the foxes do with the balls. Ron Olson thinks they may be burying them, because there are a lot of animal holes in the course's rough.

"Maybe the foxes think the balls won't be ripe for eating until they been in the ground for a while."

Regardless of the foxes' motivation, it adds yet one more alibi to the golfers' book of reasons for making all those bogeys.