

'Wood shafts might be better than buying 401(k)s'

South Carolina resident Gene Boldon, owner of *Golf Trends by Gene*, buys antique golf clubs at estate sales, flea markets and garage sales. He sells them at golf shows such as the one last March in the Novi Expo Center.

The former coach of golf, basketball and baseball at Oakland University 1968-76 is a walking golf club historian. And if you're interested in the subject, he'll talk about it at length.

"High tech is not all that it's made up to be," he said. "There's very little that's new in golf equipment. They just rehash it."

Looking for a good investment? Boldon said you could do worse than to buy one of his classic clubs.

"Wood shafts might be better than buying 401(k)s," he said.

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Old clubs: Former Oakland University golf coach Gene Boldon, now retired and the owner of *Golf Trends by Gene*, sells antique clubs at golf shows like the recent one in Novi.

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Lynx	Crystal Cat
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Nancy Lopez Golf	Sarasota Series 250
Maxfli	Revolution midsize
Cobra	CX1/SF
Mizuno	T-Zoid Pro II
MacGregor	Tourney MT Tungsten
Orlimar	SF302+
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Ping	i3 Blade
Snake Eyes	Viper
Rawlings	Inertial Power
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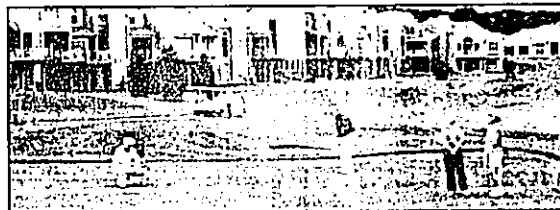
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