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#### Presidio Park Golf

My first introduction to golf took place at Presidio Park with Don Abrego as my teacher in 1958. I was 10 years old and my dad thought it would be a great idea for the entire family to learn the game of golf. So my mother, Vi, my dad, Walter, and my sister Carol, took weekly lessons on the small field adjacent to the 18 hole pitch and putt course. Afterwards we would trek around the course and test our skills. I used to think some of the holes were so long. That was a child's perspective. Don was an excellent teacher. He taught us the basics that helped me improve my skills and appreciate the game.

I remember playing in a number of junior golf events at that course. I also remember seeing my mom make a hole-in-one there when I was only 12. I finally matched her accomplishment when I was well into my 60's.

My dad convinced his brother and family to take up the game at the same time. My cousin Tina and I became steadfast golf partners. Our friendship was solidified playing, competing and just enjoying the game of golf.

At 69, I still play and enjoy the game of golf. I will be forever grateful to the Abrego family and to the Presidio Golf Course for being such a big support and for creating a great foundation for a young girl golfer.

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