



Sviontek gets his golf fix in retirement in part with Senior Games events

By Kirk Kern

Dennis Sviontek loves to play golf. He says he plays about 100 rounds a year. That's one of the biggest reasons after he retired he moved to Mesquite.

As a senior golfer, it's pretty obvious that he would also compete in the Mesquite Senior Games.

Sviontek, 68, has been pretty successful in his age group on the links. He's garnered numerous medals in various golf events, such as closest to the pin, 9-hole tournaments and putting.

The only event he hasn't medaled in is the long drive.

"I hit the driver OK, but there are guys older than me that can hit big drives," he said. "It just depends on your level of expertise."

Sviontek and his wife, Ruby, moved to Mesquite from Rochester Hills, Michigan, four years ago. In their first year here, Ruby met Amy Bradshaw and she recruited them to not only participate in the events, but also to help volunteer.

Ruby competes in bocce ball, along with Dennis, but also has become treasurer for Mesquite Senior Games.

"That's how we got started getting into it," Dennis said. "(Ruby) just volunteers, although she did bocce this past year. The board is really good, everything runs smoothly."

The Svionteks discovered Mesquite on Vegas vacations.

"We used to fly into Vegas, and then drive through Mesquite to go to Utah," Dennis said. "I could see the golf course from the freeway, I really liked it."

Dennis plays golf about eight days a month, regardless of the summer heat. In fact, he almost prefers playing in the summer.

"You just try and go out earlier," he said. "This time of year, it's much cheaper. Palms is only \$25. Golf can get pretty expensive in the winter."

The Svionteks lived in Michigan for 64 years and welcome the Mesquite weather ... even year-round.

"We moved here and it felt like home almost immediately," Dennis said. "I got tired of the cold weather, I'll take it any day."



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