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## **FootGolf to Debut at Cherry Island Golf Course on November 2** *"The best game ever invented"*

Sacramento, CA - Empire Golf and Sacramento County announce the arrival of FootGolf at Cherry Island Golf Course. FootGolf is a hybrid sport that combines golf and soccer into one exciting game and is touted by the American FootGolf League as "the best game ever invented."

FootGolf is played with a regulation #5 soccer ball and 21-inch diameter cups. The eighteen hole course is laid out on the front nine holes of the Cherry Island Golf Course. FootGolf will be played in addition to traditional golf with FootGolf tee times beginning at 12:00 noon every day.

"With this sport we are opening a door for new customers of all ages. College students, parents, grandparents, children; this game is fun for everyone from the first kick," said Greg Blik, Superintendent of Golf for Sacramento County Regional Parks.

"The addition of FootGolf at Cherry Island will allow us to expand the amenities we offer," said Joel Baker, Operations Manager. "With the large number of soccer enthusiasts in the area, FootGolf leagues, tournaments, social outings and other events will be organized around this new game."

The addition of FootGolf allows Cherry Island to introduce the beauty of the course to new users, who may not have traditionally played golf. Cherry Island is a certified Audubon Cooperative Sanctuary, and as such promotes sound environment practices which provide a habitat for many species of birds and other wildlife indigenous to the Sacramento Valley.

"What's great about FootGolf? It's a fun activity that you can enjoy without a lot of equipment to buy, and can be played in a couple of hours," said Blik.

More information? [www.footgolfcherryisland.com](http://www.footgolfcherryisland.com)  
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