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Highland Meadows Golf Club

## Linn Grant

### Quick Quotes

**Q. All right, we're joined by current leader in the clubhouse, Linn Grant. 64 on the day. What was working so well for you?**

LINN GRANT: I think coming off last week, you know, playing at Pebble, it was a challenge. I felt last week that I really hit the ball well and I was putting well.

Obviously coming here, you know, easier conditions. I think that kind of just suited my mindset for the day. I just got on a roll I guess.

**Q. Finished with three birdies on the back, which was your front. Take us through that stretch.**

LINN GRANT: Well, I felt like I was playing good the first six holes but I just couldn't get the putts to go in.

Then coming down with those two par-5s in the end, I'm quite confident when it comes to par-5s. I like those. So just, you know, (indiscernible) short game shots, and especially two really good 3-woods.

**Q. Quite the group you played with. You all played pretty well, too. Did you feed off that kind of, I don't know, playing with high level players and playing well?**

LINN GRANT: Yeah, I think we absolutely did that today, or at least I did. It's just nice whenever things are kind of going your way in certain things and you get excited for each other when you make a birdie and so on.

So I think it definitely helped.

**Q. And then rained last night; cloudy today; pretty calm. Were these pretty ideal scoring conditions?**

LINN GRANT: I think it was. I mean, when we went out it was quite windy, and that kind of went down a little bit in the afternoon.



But, you know, greens are soft and easy to get to the pins. If you're hitting the ball well, you can get really close out there.

**Q. Just a couple more from me. What was something that you are going to take from this round and really emphasize going forward?**

LINN GRANT: I was striking the ball really well both off the tee and into the greens. Just felt very comfortable with my swing and didn't have to force anything. I was just having great tempo, so just try and keep that for tomorrow.

**Q. You mentioned your ability to take advantage of the par-5s. When you were getting ready for this event in the practice rounds, was that something you were looking forward to taking advantage of?**

LINN GRANT: I always loved to play the par-5s. I was a little sad that there were only three out there. I am glad I played them on my front nine. I feel like coming off -- having those at the end, 17, 18, could be a bit more challenging because you're more or less expecting yourself to make birdie on them maybe.

So I just enjoy playing them.

**Q. Bigger picture question. I think the course is playing 55, 60 today. Just in general what do you think of LPGA course setups? Are they too long, too short? What do you think of the setup today?**

LINN GRANT: Usually I think the LPGA, there is a good mix. Some weeks it's really tough out there depending on conditions; today was of bit easier. I mean, if there is rain or there is wind, you know, conditions can always change the course.

I think playing today with the game I had, I just played very solid and I liked the look of the course today. Does that answer your question?

**Q. Yeah. I know it's only one round, but finished the morning round, in the lead as of right now. Does that add any boost going into tomorrow?**



LINN GRANT: It feels really nice because I didn't feel like I was -- like I said, I didn't force anything. Just was really smooth out there. I was really just enjoying playing and trying to make as many birdies as possible.

**Q. I know golfers have put more concentration into weight training, fitness, diet, things like that. How much importance is that to you?**

LINN GRANT: I enjoy working out. I see it as something I do off the course, among other things. So I tend to work out quite a lot during tournament weeks.

I'm not a huge diet girl. I eat what I want and what I like. I might be a bit picky with what it contains but other than that, I just see it more as a hobby.

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