## Golf Course Opens With New Electric Carts

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The new fleet of fifteen E-Z-GO RXV ELiTE carts have arrived, bringing a new experience for getting around the course at the Keweenaw Mountain Lodge. With the supply chain backlog in the outdoor activities industry, we didn't know if these new carts would arrive in time for the June 1st course opening. E-Z-GO, and the local distributor, Versatile Vehicles, were able to finish manufacturing our fleet of carts and deliver them two days before golfers began enjoying the course for the 2021 season.

Powered by advanced Samsung SDI Lithium Technology batteries, these carts provide golfers with excellent mobility without sacrificing the wilderness golfing experience, which is unique to the Keweenaw Mountain Lodge. The quiet function of the RXV ELiTE's electronic drivetrain eliminates the loud chug of a gas engine — meaning you can easily have a conversation with your playing partner while driving down the fairway, and hear the birds and the breezes in the pine trees at the same time.



Here are some of the advantages that the lightweight lithium ion battery provides:

- 1. The batteries substantially reduce the overall weight of the cart, leaving our turf in better condition following steady use throughout the summer.
- 2. They are energy efficient for charging and still provides enough power to run the cart for, on average, 72 holes with a single charge.
- 3. They are nearly maintenance free, which reduces the cost of cart upkeep (e.g., no oil changes, no gasoline refilling, no battery terminal post cleaning, and no watering).
- 4. Simple, easy, and safe for winter storage which is a critical consideration for electric vehicles in the Upper Peninsula.

The platinum color of our carts was chosen to exemplify Sisu, a Finnish concept best described as resilience, and hardiness…a solid strength, while still blending in with the rugged wilderness surroundings. Now, when you play the Lodge's course, these carts provide an environmentally conscious option to fully enjoy your golfing experience at the top of the Keweenaw.



Please Note: We have other tools at our disposal to help you get around the course: Tempo Walks. Our next golf post will provide more info about these robo-caddies that promote walking.