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President Obama spent a couple hours playing 9 holes at Mink Meadows Golf Club.

Shortly before 5:30 p.m. he and his golfing pals [REDACTED] came into view of the clubhouse where pool and a couple dozen patrons were waiting on the porch. POTUS hit the ball just short of the green on the 9th hole.

His partners took their turns. POTUS walked into the woods a moment, perhaps looking for a fellow-golfer's ball. He rode in a golf cart to toward his ball, and got out carrying a putter and a wedge. He dropped the putter but quickly picked it back up.

With the crowd on the clubhouse porch watching, POTUS took three warm-up swings. He then hit the ball and as it got closer to the hole, the crowd oohed and ahed and, when it stopped, gave him a golf clap.

POTUS, who until then had not acknowledged his audience, jokingly tipped his White Sox cap to the people on the porch. They laughed.

Pool was rushed off the porch and into vans so didn't see how the rest of the hole went.

POTUS walked to his motorcade in the parking lot at 5:41 p.m. with his jacket slung over his right shoulder.

At 5:43 motorcade was rolling.

It wasn't the first time POTUS had played at Mink Meadows. Pool held in the clubhouse, where several framed photos of POTUS hang on the walls (and one of former POTUS Bill Clinton and former FLOTUS Hillary Clinton posing with some guests). There's one photo of POTUS Obama swinging a golf club, one of him signing autographs and one of him posing with a few guys outside the shop. There's also a framed pair of USA Today stories about POTUS's vacation from last August that apparently mention Mink Meadows.

Motorcade arrived at POTUS's vacation compound in Chilmark at 6:02 p.m.

We have a lid.

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