

A Hole In One

LostGolfBalls generated over \$50,000 in revenue selling recycled golf balls using Viralsweep.

Located in Sugar Land, Texas, LostGolfBalls is the world's largest recycler of used golf balls. Working with over 2,400 different golf courses, they collect, clean, and sort golf balls, which are then sold back to consumers at a drastic price reduction.

LostGolfBalls sells between 40-50 million used golf balls per year through their online store, LostGolfBalls.com. They've been in business for over 20 years, and have 50 full time employees.

This case study is based off of 6 separate promotions that LostGolfBalls ran over a 6 month period (1 promotion per month).

The 6 Promotions



February 3 - March 9, 2014
Masters Tickets Sweepstakes



April 14 - April 30, 2014
Nickent Iron Sweepstakes



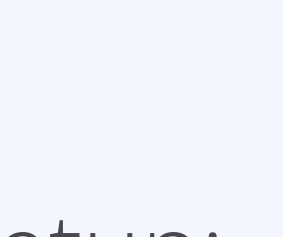
May 8 - May 14, 2014
Spring Golf Package Sweepstakes



June 2 - June 29, 2014
PGA Championship Sweepstakes



July 19 - July 31, 2014
TaylorMade SLDR Sweepstakes



August 11 - August 28, 2014
Titleist Short Game Sweepstakes

The Setup:

Hubspot Integration

LostGolfBalls utilized Viralsweep's integration with HubSpot for each of their campaigns, so that all data entered into the sweepstakes was passed into their HubSpot account.

Data Collection

LostGolfBalls used Viralsweep's widget on a landing page they built through HubSpot to track visits, leads, customers, and revenue, and they also used Viralsweep's lightbox on their homepage to capture entries from casual website visitors.

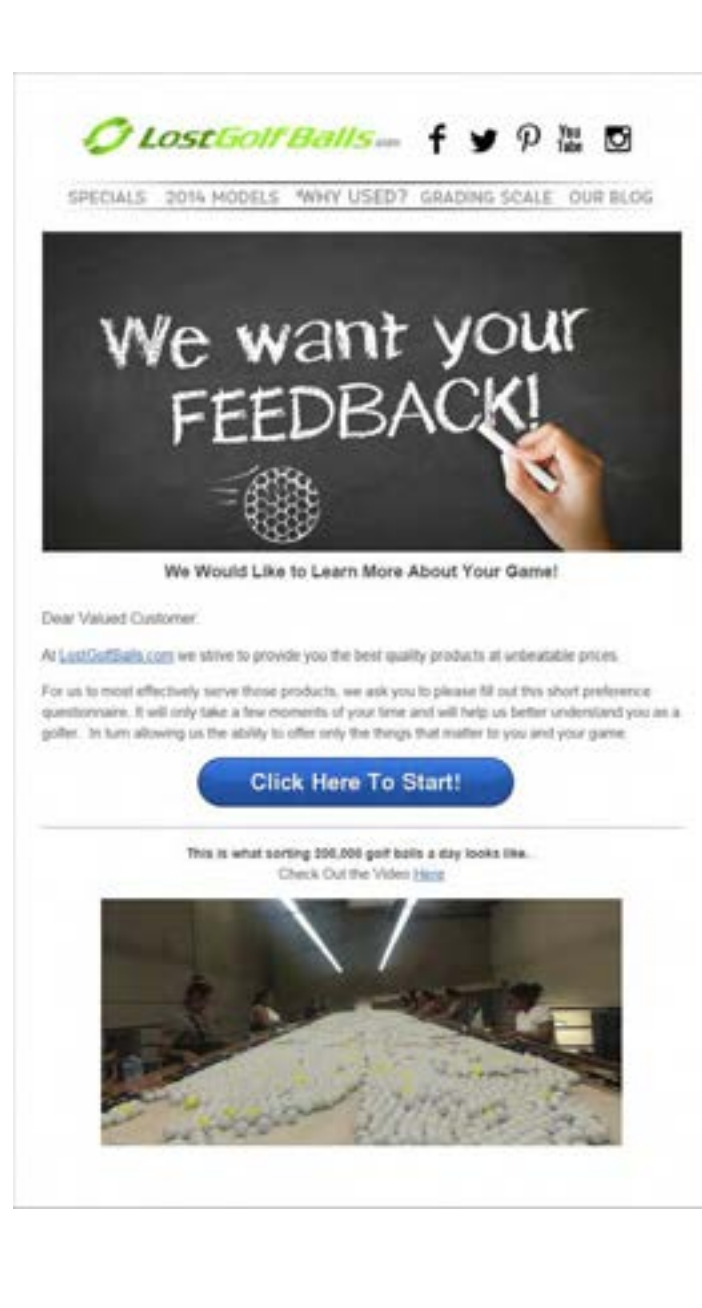
Costs

The total retail value of all the prizes was \$7,500. The cost of goods for LostGolfBalls was \$6,269.58.

LostGolfBalls is using a custom Viralsweep plan, in which they are paying \$152 a month for. Their total cost for Viralsweep over 6 promotions has been \$780.

Email Cycle

LostGolfBalls uses a 30 day customer nurturing program in order to turn new leads into customers. People entering the sweepstakes are added into this program, where they receive 5 different emails over a 30 day period. Below are the exact emails that LostGolfBalls sent out:



2 Days After being Added
'Manage Preferences' Email

This first email asks the user to fill out a brief survey so that LostGolfBalls can understand them as a golfer. This also helps LostGolfBalls segment their user base.

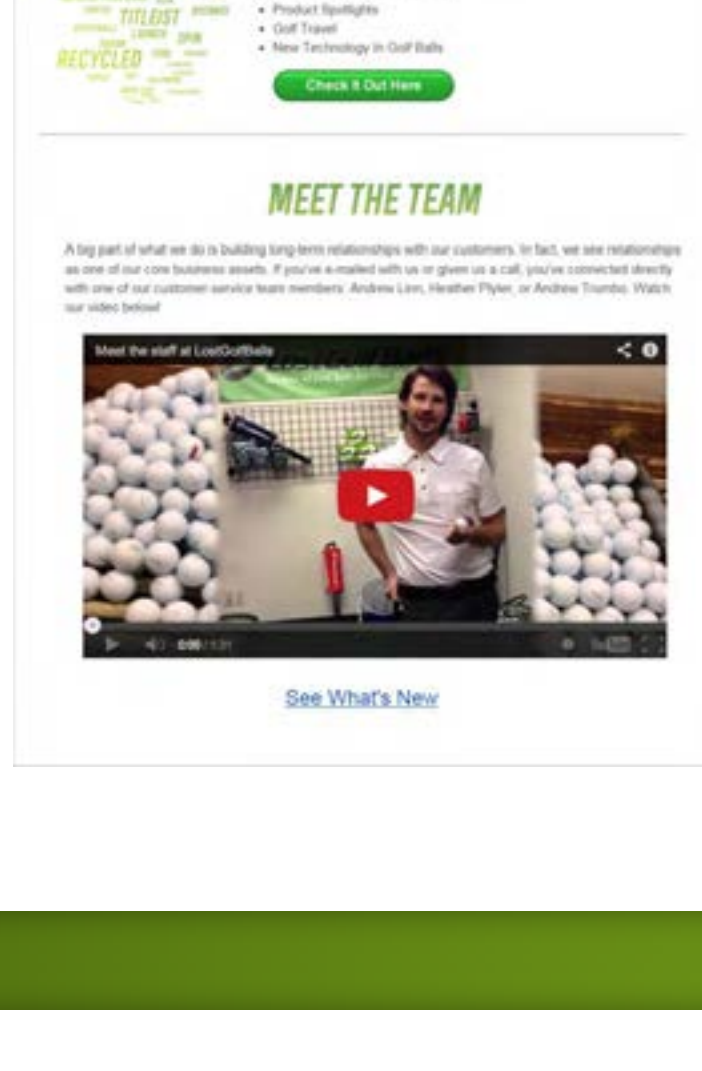
This email also contains a 'carrot' to help lure the user into learning more about the LostGolfBalls business, showing off a video on how they sort over 200,000 golf balls a day.



5 Days After being Added
'Why Used Golf Balls' Email

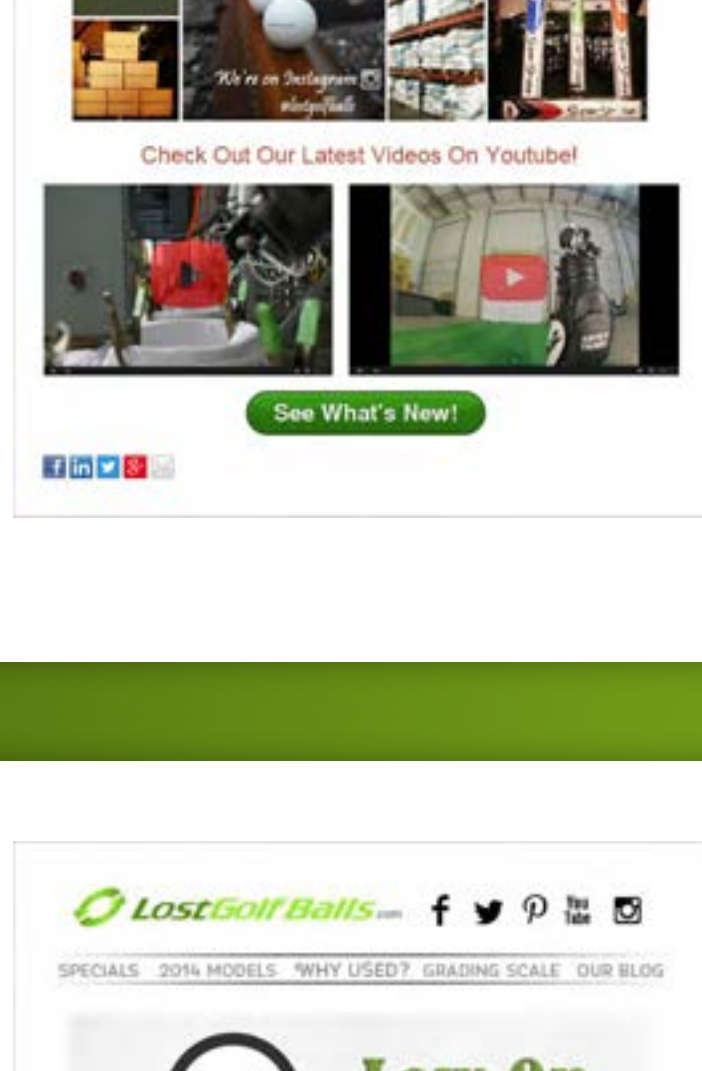
This email comes 5 days after the first email, and it is an infographic that not only explains why used golf balls are just as good if not better than new golf balls, but it also shows actual tests that were performed to confirm this.

At the bottom of the email they link to 3 days worth of results. When you click on the results, it opens a PDF document that shows actual tests performed by an independent equipment testing program. The tests confirm that the difference between used balls and new balls was almost negligible.



9 Days After being Added
'Check Out Our Blog' Email

This email comes 9 days after the first email, and it introduces the LostGolfBalls blog, and the staff. This helps to build a relationship with the customer, providing them with helpful golf-related resources, as well as familiarizing them with the team at LostGolfBalls.



16 Days After being Added
'Follow Us On Social' Email

This is a brief email that asks people to check out the LostGolfBalls latest videos on YouTube and to also follow them on different social channels.



30 Days After being Added
'Low On Ammo' Email

This is the final email that is sent out in the 30 day customer nurturing program, and it is the sales email.

LostGolfBalls takes a smart approach to this email though, instead of saying 'Hey! Buy our golf balls!', they instead ask if you're "Low on Ammo" and explain that over 300,000,000 golf balls are lost in the United States each year, and they are the ones who collect them and sell them at incredibly low prices.

The bottom of the email contains 3 different golf ball options that you can purchase. Instead of providing pricing in the email, they instead use 'Click Here For Pricing' which helps to drive traffic to their sales pages.

The Results

February 3 - March 9, 2014 Masters Tickets Sweepstakes	12,286 Entries
April 14 - April 30, 2014 Nickent Iron Sweepstakes	2,895 Entries
May 8 - May 14, 2014 Spring Golf Package Sweepstakes	5,678 Entries
June 2 - June 29, 2014 PGA Championship Sweepstakes	1,925 Entries
July 19 - July 31, 2014 TaylorMade SLDR Sweepstakes	5,716 Entries
August 11 - August 28, 2014 Titleist Short Game Sweepstakes	5,247 Entries

After duplicates were removed, here are the final stats:

Total Entries	New Leads On 6 Campaigns	New Customers On 6 Campaigns
33,679	10,400	757

Facebook



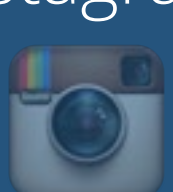
Total Shares	Total Fans Gained	Fan Growth
2,752	4,701	37%

Twitter



Total Tweets	Total Followers Gained	Follower Growth
1,274	2,366	56%

Pinterest



Total Pins	Total Followers Gained	Follower Growth
631	587	70%

Instagram



Total Followers Gained	Follower Growth
426	88%

Google Plus



Total Shares
1,045

Revenue

LostGolfBalls generated revenue by taking all the new email addresses from their campaigns and placing them into their customer nurturing program.

The final email in the program is where they track all sales made from those new customers. Below are the numbers for revenue generated from each campaign:

February 3 - March 9, 2014 Masters Tickets Sweepstakes	New Customer Revenue: \$27,988.41
April 14 - April 30, 2014 Nickent Iron Sweepstakes	New Customer Revenue: \$5,555.27
May 8 - May 14, 2014 Spring Golf Package Sweepstakes	New Customer Revenue: \$2,588.11
June 2 - June 29, 2014 PGA Championship Sweepstakes	New Customer Revenue: \$4,221.00
July 19 - July 31, 2014 TaylorMade SLDR Sweepstakes	New Customer Revenue: \$6,704.12
August 11 - August 28, 2014 Titleist Short Game Sweepstakes	New Customer Revenue: \$6,443.14

Only on the last promotion was LostGolfBalls able to track total revenue generated from a single campaign, which amounted to \$47,000. Andrew Linn, LostGolfBalls e-commerce coordinator said...

We didn't have the reporting available on our CRM yet to track total sales per campaign. On the last campaign we were finally able to track "Total Revenue" which amounted to \$47,000, so I can only imagine the total revenue we generated from those first 5 campaigns.

The total cost to run all promotions was \$7,029.58 (\$6,269.58 for the prizes and \$760 for Viralsweep). So that means...

Total revenue generated from new customers was...

\$53,500.05

This means that overall, LostGolfBalls has had an ROI of 661.07% through 6 campaigns.

In Closing

LostGolfBalls has had some tremendous success thus far with Viralsweep. They've told us that they love how easy it is to set up a campaign and integrate with HubSpot. Andrew says...



"I can make the decision to do a sweepstakes on Monday, and be ready to go by Wednesday."

—Andrew Linn, E-Commerce Coordinator

To learn more about LostGolfBalls, visit their website at LostGolfBalls.com.

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