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PGA Tour stars put on a show for NW golf fans at BMW NW Skins

Northwest native and PGA Tour star Ryan Moore invited three of his PGA Tour friends Bubba Watson, Aaron Baddeley and Ben Crane to the BMW Northwest Charity Skins Game at the Classic Golf Club and Chambers Bay. They put on quite a show. See inside for more.



WHAT'S NEW IN NW GOLF

Classic set for event

- The Fall Classic Presented by The Emerald Queen Casino, will fill a void Oct. 25-26 at the Classic in Spanaway. Page 6.

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New at Fort Lewis

- Fort Lewis Golf Course, just south of Tacoma, has a new name to go by in Eagle's Pride at Fort Lewis. Page 12.

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BMW NW Skins Game

- Four PGA Tour stars, led by the host Ryan Moore, teed it up for charity at Chambers Bay. Page 16.

Former Washington golfer will get time on the Big Break

Former University of Washington golfer Amber Prange will team with Robby Shaw (Louisville, Ky.) to compete in Big Break X: Michigan, the 10th season of GolfChannel's popular series.

Premiering Oct. 7 at 7 p.m. (Pacific time), Big Break X: Michigan boasts a Big Break series-first team format in which eight two-person duos comprised of a male and female will face some of the most grueling competition in series history. Teams will be comprised of individuals with amateur and professional tour accolades, and whose connections range from married or dating to friends or ex-significant others.

The male champion will earn, among other prizes, an exemption to compete in the 2009 Children's Miracle Network Classic at the Walt Disney World Resort while the female winner will play in the 2009 Bell Micro LPGA Classic in Mobile, Ala.

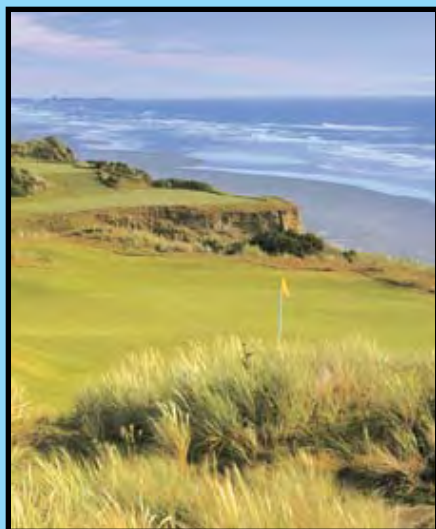
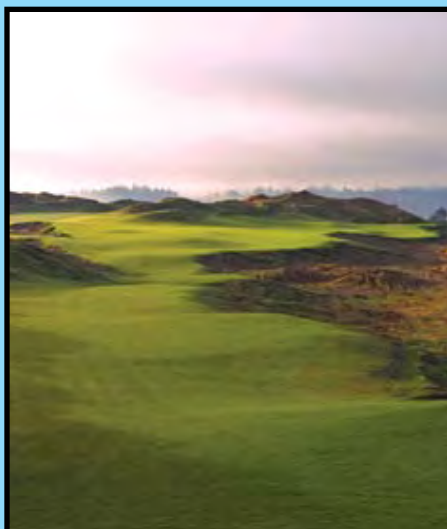
Prange, who graduated last year from the University of Washington, is the younger sister of Big Break V: Hawaii winner Ashley Prange and currently plays on the Duramed FUTURES Tour.

Rules Quiz

Your opponent has difficulty when deciding which club to play. He asks you your opinion as to the yardage from his ball to the hole. Under the Rules of Golf he has asked for advice and he loses the hole. True or false? See answer on Page 2.

NW courses get ranked nationally

Nine courses in the Pacific Northwest, including Chambers Bay (right) and Pacific Dunes (far right) have found their way into *Golf Magazine's* top 100 listing of the best courses you can play. Chambers checked in at No. 8 while Pacific Dunes topped the list. For more, please see Page 4.



Golfing the Olympic Peninsula



PHOTO BY JOHN R. JOHNSON

Washington's Olympic Peninsula is a tourist's dream with some spectacular sights and plenty of recreational activities – including golf at places like The Cedars at Dungeness in Sequim. For more on where to play and what to see around Washington's Olympic Peninsula, see inside this section of Inside Golf.

Wenatchee pro takes the title at Northwest Open

Rob Clark of Wenatchee Golf and Country Club won the Northwest Open Invitational in a two-hole playoff, beating Pat Howard of Overlake Golf and Country Club. Both players finished 10 under par for the three rounds, setting up the playoff.

Clark won a first-place check of \$5,000 for winning the championship, which was held at Meadow Springs Country Club in Kennewick, Wash.

Defending champion Jeff Coston of Semiahmoo tied for third place with Ryan Malby of Montana and Jason Aichele of the host course at 207 – one shot out of the playoff.

Alex Stamey was low amateur in the event, finishing in a tie for 11th at 211.

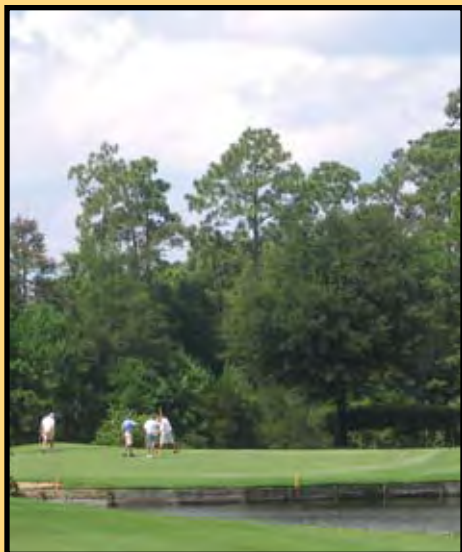
NW juniors help U.S. win Junior Ryder Cup

Cameron Peck of Olympia and Andrew Yun of Tacoma each won boys singles matches and Silverdale's Erynne Lee also won on the girls side to help the United States beat Europe 22-2 in the Junior Ryder Cup.

Peck is the top-ranked junior player in the world and helped the U.S. team win 11 of the 12 singles matches.

Destination: South Carolina

The state of South Carolina has plenty like when it comes to golf. For the resort players, there are places like Kiawah Island Resort (far right) and for those looking for a ton of courses, there's Myrtle beach (right). For more in golfing in Kiawah Island and Myrtle Beach, see inside this section of Inside Golf.



Time for a tuneup: A trip to Golf Tec is needed after the golf swing falls apart

If you had a car, you might call it time for a tuneup. For my golf swing, this tuneup was probably way overdue. I visited Golf Tec near the south end of Lake Union in Seattle a couple of months ago and professional Mark Roberts seemed to put a little sense into my swing. Hands forward, weight balanced, takeback straight . . . things I had never even thought about.

Since then the scores were OK, but my swing started to feel like my body was full of rusty joints. Last month, it was time for a tuneup—just in the nick of time.

When Golf Tec's Brett Wilkinson wired me up to the monitors and sensors, it was obvious the old bad swing was back. Bad shoulder, bad hips, bad turn . . . you get the picture. Was there anything good with what Wilkinson saw?

"You have a pretty good set of clubs," he cracked.

I've known Wilkinson for years and he's a solid teacher. He offers no BS and just cuts to the chase.

"Your shoulders aren't square and your hips aren't rotating," he said. "And you play golf?"

OK, so he had me hit ball after ball. And with Golf Tec's system, you get instant feedback. I could look on the monitor while I lined up getting my shoulders and hips into the right position. I hit a few good ones, but it was still hard to watch my swing on the monitor, with the swaying.

But a few more hints, and a few more swings and I started to feel and hit better. Even Wilkinson was buying into it.

"You might be getting it," he said.

The good thing about the Golf Tec system is the instant feedback. I've never been a fan of hitting balls inside and into a net, but at Golf Tec, it's different. With the sensors strapped to your body, you



get an idea about everything and where to work. I will never have the perfect golf swing, besides when he put me up against Stuart Appleby side by side on the computer, it was downright embarrassing.

I'm sure I will need another tuneup soon. According to Wilkinson, the next tuneup probably can't come fast enough. But he gave me some things to work on, so we'll see if I'm a good student. Golf Tec

will open a new store in Bellevue in the next few weeks—a place where Wilkinson and Jordan Cooper will teach.

The Golf Tec does work for most golfers. A friend of mine went to Golf Tec for a series of lessons. I used to beat him like a drum and empty his wallet every time we played. A few weeks ago, we teed it up after his most recent lesson and it was my wallet that took a beating. He was swinging smoothly without his usual hitch and bombing it past mine. "Think the lessons are working," he said to me with a laugh. In fact, when I took my lesson I saw a "Wall of Fame" at Golf Tec. And there was my buddy's name, having shot a 70 at the Home Course. Glad I wasn't with him on that day. That could have been an expensive round.

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Golf Tec's Brett Wilkinson tries to figure out how to fix Steve Turcotte's golf swing.



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Rules Answer

Answer: False. The definition of advice now states that "information on the Rules, distance or matters of public information, such as the position of hazards or the flagstick on the putting green, is not advice."

• Editor's note: Thanks to Paul Lucien for his rules insights.

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Northwest courses dominate Golf Magazine's list of the top 100 You Can Play; Pacific Dunes No. 1

In *Golf Magazine's* recently released list of golf courses ranking as the "Top 100 You Can Play," Chambers Bay debuted at #8 on the list. Owned by Pierce County and managed by Chicago-based KemperSports, Chambers Bay features panoramic views of Puget Sound and the Olympic Mountains, and will host the 2010 U.S. Amateur and 2015 U.S. Open Championships.

The "Top 100" list is derived from ratings submitted by a team of *Golf Magazine* panelists who scour the country to evaluate the best public-access courses, of which there are approximately 14,000. The biennial list is included in the September 2008 edition of the magazine, which hit newsstands on August 11th.

Other Pacific Northwest area courses on the list include Pacific Dunes, Bandon Dunes, and Bandon Trails, all part of Bandon Dunes Golf Resort on Oregon's Southern Coast. Pacific Dunes checked in at No. 1 while Bandon Dunes was No. 6 and Bandon Trails was No. 15.

Oregon courses on the list included Sunriver's Crosswater at No. 33 and Pumpkin Ridge's Ghost Creek at No. 38.

Idaho courses included Coeur d'Alene Resort at No. 69, Osprey Meadows at Tamarack Resort at No. 79 and Circling Raven at No. 93.

Evans Cup event raises \$150,000 for scholarships

The Evans Cup of Washington held Meridian Valley Country Club in Kent, Wash. raised \$150,000 to benefit the Evans

Scholarship Program.

Each year, the Washington State Golf Association (WSGA) and local Western Golf Association Directors conducts this first-class event consisting of a day filled with golf, gourmet food, and upscale silent and live auction items.

The Evans Cup of Washington raised \$150,000 through sponsorships and silent and live auction items. The funds generated from this event helps the WSGA support the Evans Scholars that attend the University of Washington and Washington State University. Presently, the WSGA supports 29 Evans Scholars at U of W and WSU, with each four year, full tuition, and housing grant valued at over \$30,000 each.

Meridian Valley members raise money to launch First Tee program

Meridian Valley Country Club announced the results of a fundraiser to bring The First Tee National School Program to the Kent School District. The National School Program is an initiative of The First Tee, which promotes character development and life-enhancing values through the game of golf.

Meridian Valley Country Club members participated in the "Realize the Dream" golf and auction fundraiser. The members raised \$104,000 and will be able to bring the program to all 28 elementary schools in Kent. Meridian Valley is the first private club in the country to give support to a local school district in this manner.

The focus of The First Tee National

School Program is to establish a lifelong interest in golf by engaging young people in a structured golf curriculum that promotes personal character development within a physical education setting during elementary school.

KemperSports names new GM at Heron Lakes in Portland

KemperSports named Stewart Koch as general manager of Heron Lakes, a 36-hole golf facility located just north of downtown Portland. With nearly 15 years of industry experience, Koch will oversee the property, including its two Robert Trent Jones, Jr. courses as well as construction of a new clubhouse.

Previously, Koch was head golf professional at Falcon Ridge Golf Course in Lenexa, Kan., for more than two years. While overseeing all areas of golf operation, he was nominated for the Midwest Section PGA Merchandiser of the Year in 2007.

Gig Harbor native Kyle Stanley reportedly will wait to turn pro

Kyle Stanley, a Gig Harbor native who plays at Clemson, will reportedly play for the Tigers one more year before turning pro next year, reports *GolfWeek*. Walker, who played on the 2007 U.S. Walker Cup team and is a two-time NCAA All-American, will play his junior season for Clemson before turning pro. He will miss his senior season at Clemson.

"I still want to do things in college and



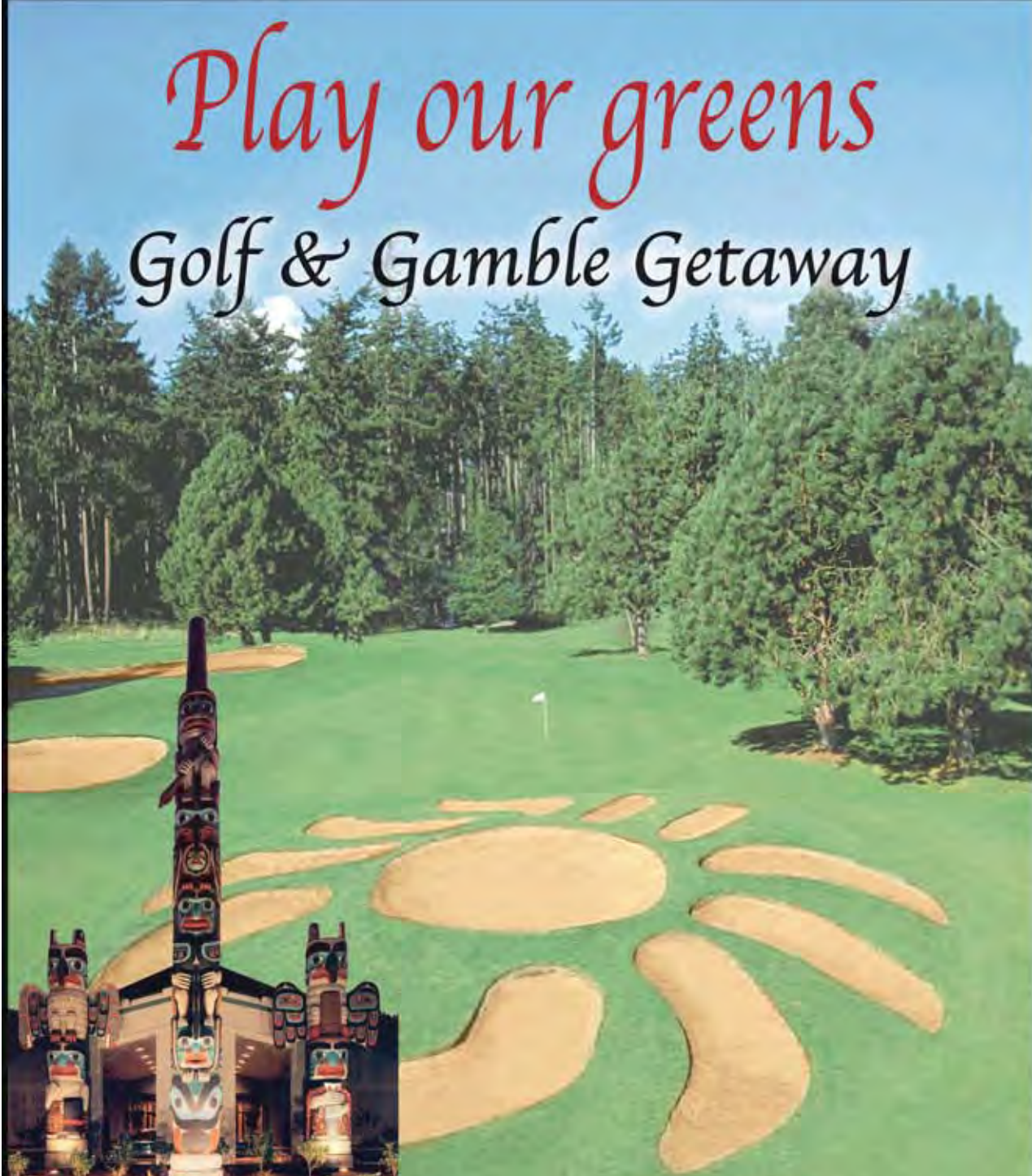
Kyle Stanley

amateur golf, maybe even earn a spot on the (2009) Walker Cup team," said Stanley.

PGA of America gives \$5,000 grant to First Tee of Yakima

The PGA of America, in conjunction with golf legend Jack Nicklaus, has awarded a teaching grant of \$5,000 to The First Tee of Yakima in Washington. Nicklaus/PGA of America teaching grants were awarded to nine Chapters of The First Tee representing nine states, totaling \$45,000.


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NW professionals trying to get into position for 2009

Professionals from the Pacific Northwest are trying to work into positions to be eligible to play on tour for the 2009 season.

On the PGA Tour, Jeff Quinney of Eugene is 32nd on the money list but there are others in the top 100, including Ben Crane, a Portland native, who is 53rd on the list and Ryan Moore of Puyallup at 76th on the list. Fred Couples of Seattle is 95th on the list. All three will finish within the top 125 and be eligible to play in 2009.

On the Champions Tour, Bob Gilder will finish in fine shape, sitting in 31st on the money list and will keep his card.

On the Nationwide Tour, Spokane native Alex Prugh is 41st on the money list and Michael Putnam 46th. The top 25 on the list will earn PGA Tour cards for the 2009 season. Brock Mackenzie of Yakima is 208th.

On the LPGA Tour, a top 85 finish is good enough to keep playing cards for 2009. Louise Friberg, Jimin Kang and Wendy Ward are all within that position.



Bob Gilder

NW players on the pro tours

Through Events Played Sept. 21, 2008

PGA Tour

- Jason Allred • Ashland • 224th on the list with \$71,953.
- Fred Couples • Seattle • 95th on the list with \$920,223.
- Ben Crane • Portland • 53rd on the list with \$1,479,013.
- Robert Garrigus • Gresham • 161st on the list with \$326,988.
- Jeff Gove • Seattle • 170th on the list with \$278,849.
- Craig Kanada • Portland • 157th on the list with \$350,837.
- Jeff Quinney • Eugene • 32nd on the list with \$1,975,705.
- Ryan Moore • Puyallup • 76th on the list with \$1,135,441.
- Kirk Triplett • Pullman • 244th on the list with \$23,502.

Nationwide Tour

- Brock Mackenzie • Yakima • 208th on the list with \$6,050.
- Michael Putnam • Tacoma • 46th on the list with \$119,260.
- Alex Prugh • Spokane • 41st on the list with \$127,821.

Champions Tour

- Peter Jacobsen • Portland • 88th on the list with \$80,476.
- Bob Gilder • Corvallis • 31st on the list with \$493,451.

LPGA Tour

- Louise Friberg • Univ. of Washington • 48th on the list with \$320,503.
- Tracy Hanson • Post Falls, Idaho • 128th on the list with \$53,464.
- Jimin Kang • Seattle • 51st on the list with \$302,606.
- Paige Mackenzie • Yakima • 120th on the list with \$78,807.
- Wendy Ward • Edwall, Wash. • 61st on the list with \$180,161.
- Allison Hanna Williams • Portland • 140th on the list with \$38,449.

Did you know....

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Coston wins Senior PGA Championship; NW players ousted in USGA Mid-Am

Jeff Coston, the director of instruction at Semiahmoo Resort in Blaine, Wash., won the Senior Northwest PGA Championship for the second straight year, beating a field of Northwest club professionals at Tualatin Country Club near Portland.

Coston finished with a two-round total of 141 to beat Chris Mitchell of Portland Golf Club and Jerry Johnson of Ocean Shores by one shot. Coston put together rounds of 68 and 73 to win the event. Brent Murray of Oswego Lake was fourth at 143 while Pat Fitzsimons of Prineville Country Club tied for fifth with Jeff Marsh of Rose City Golf Club and Rob Gibbons of Arrowhead Golf

Club at 144. Coston, Johnson, Mitchell, Fitzsimons, Gibbons, Murray along with Jim Pike of Sahalee and Mike Early of Port Townsend qualified for the 2008 Callaway Senior PGA Professional Championship this month in LaQuinta, Calif.

Northwest players fall in USGA Mid-Amateur event

Northwest players Derek Berg and Lisa Smego advanced through qualifying, but fell in the match play portion of the USGA Mid-Amateur Championship.

Berg, a former University of Washington player, fell to Jimmy Chestnut 4&3 in the

round of 32 at River Hills, Wisc.

Smego of Olympia, lost to Stacy Slobodnik-Stoll of Michigan 3&2 in the third round of the tournament.

Canadian golfer wins title at PNGA Men's Mid-Amateur

Ben Griffin of Victoria BC, carded an impressive 6-under par 66 to win the 2008 PNGA Men's Mid-Amateur Championship by five strokes at Christina Lake Golf Club in Christina Lake, BC.

Griffin, 27, started the final round by making birdies on three of the first four holes.

Annual North Shore event put on hold; Classic plans tourney

The Classic Golf Club will fill the fall golf void after the North Shore Shotgun Tournament was put on hold. The North Shore Shotgun, annually held in late October, will not be held this year.

Instead, the Classic Golf Club in Spanaway will hold its Fall Classic, Presented by The Emerald Queen Casino Oct. 25-26. The event will be open to all amateur players with a current GHIN handicap index and feature tee prizes, food, prize fund and more.

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Destination: Olympic Peninsula

Great sights and terrific golf abound on Washington's Olympic Peninsula

There might not be a better place in the Pacific Northwest to challenge your game this fall than on the Washington Olympic Peninsula.

With its mild marine temperatures and sunny days, the Olympic Peninsula has plenty to offer. Besides the numerous natural attractions the golf courses are outstanding.

The northern part of the peninsula has what's called the "Rain Shadow" effect, meaning the Olympic Mountains shield the area making it drier than the rest of the coastal region.

For golfers, the Cedars at Dungeness has always been a popular spot. The course changed its name a few years ago when the Seven Cedars Casino bought Dungeness and added 'The Cedars' to the name. Located in Sequim, the Cedars at Dungeness opened in 1969 and has been considered a solid test for all players. The clubhouse and landscape have recently undergone several upgrades.

Also in Sequim, SkyRidge Golf Course is an entertaining nine-hole course with great conditioning and well placed hazards.

Down the road in Port Townsend, Discovery Bay Golf Course and Port Townsend Golf Course are a couple of other options. Port Townsend Golf Course is a nine-holer

that is a short distance from downtown and offers views of nearby Admiralty Inlet. Discovery Bay is located above Discovery Bay and used to be called Chevy Chase. Nine holes were added 11 years ago making it a challenging 18-hole layout that runs through trees and along a hillside.

To the south sits Port Ludlow Resort, a 27-hole paradise with great golf, accommodations, views, the works. The resort opened with 18 holes but in 1992, a new nine called Trail Nine opened. It goes along nicely with its Tide and Timber Nines.

A little further south on the Olympic Peninsula is a group of courses all worth the trip, including Lake Cushman, a nine-holer with some challenging shots that must remain between the treeline.

In addition to the golf, the Olympic Peninsula is a playground for travelers with the majestic peaks, hidden lakes for fishing and endless miles of walking and hiking trails. Saltwater fishing and sightseeing is another popular option, with charter boats heading out of Neah Bay, Port Angeles and Port Townsend. Hood Canal is another place that offers miles of water.

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Port Ludlow Golf Course (top) and Lake Cushman are two choices on the Peninsula.



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Palouse Ridge earns tough numbers from the WSGA

The Washington State Golf Association (WSGA) has calculated the USGA Course and Slope Ratings for Palouse Ridge Golf Club, the new course that is set in the university town of Pullman, Wash. near the Idaho border.

Designed by Northwest native John Harbottle III, Palouse Ridge is owned by Washington State University, and will serve as the home course for its men's and women's golf teams. The 18-hole championship layout officially opened in late August and open to public play.

Palouse Ridge, a par-72 course, plays 7,305 yards from the Crimson tees, with a USGA Course Rating of 75.9 and a USGA

Slope Rating of 140. The Blue tees play to 6,723 yards and a rating/slope of 72.9/134. The Grey tees play to 6,172 yards and a rating/slope of 70.2/126. The Black tees play to 5,552 yards and a rating/slope of 72.1/129 (women), and the Green tees play to 5,106 yards and a rating/slope of 69.4/125 (women).

A USGA Course Rating is the evaluation of the playing difficulty of a course for a scratch golfer under normal course and weather conditions for the purpose of providing a uniform basis on which to issue USGA Handicap Indexes.

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Palouse Ridge has drawn plenty of praise since opening for play in late August.

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Fort Lewis course changes name, welcomes the public

Fort Lewis Golf Course has been undergoing several changes through the years, but none as dramatic as this summer when the name of the course changed to Eagle's Pride Golf Course at Fort Lewis.

The course, owned by the Army, sits next to I-5 just south of Tacoma, changed its name to help make sure the golfing public knows that the course is indeed open to the public and not just for military. Fort Lewis opened for public play a few years ago. In fact, a banner hanging from trees along the freeway says as much.

Eagle's Pride Golf Course got its name from suggestions from golfers and military

personnel, said General Manager Jim Barnhouse. The name captures the imagination of both the military and the general public and is here to stay.

Eagle's Pride will undergo even more changes this winter with the addition of several tees, designed to help play for ladies and seniors. In addition, several tees will be leveled as well.

Barnhouse added that Eagle's Pride will continue to improve its driving range facility with new poles and netting as well as upgrades to the clubhouse and parking lot.

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Kiawah Island Resort

One of the best golf resorts in the world will host the 2012 PGA Championship

Kiawah Island Golf Resort is one of those places that must be seen to be appreciated. Tucked away on the South Carolina coast, Kiawah Island features everything you would want in a golf resort, from the five championship golf courses, to the bike trails, to the tennis courts, to the swimming pools . . . you get the idea.

If you've never heard of Kiawah Island, get out of that cave. This is a place where the 1991 Ryder Cup matches were held and a place where the 2007 Senior PGA Championship was held as well. The 2012 PGA Championship will be held at Kiawah Island's Ocean Course, too.

The golf publications can't say enough great things about the place. *Travel and Leisure Magazine* has ranked Kiawah Island the top golf resort in the country and *Golf Magazine* has named the Ocean Course the third best course in its places to play listings. In the listings of resorts, Kiawah beat out such heavyweights as Pebble Beach, Pinehurst and Bandon Dunes. In fact, the Ocean Course is ranked among the best, not only in the country, but also in the world.

And just to show how good the golf is at Kiawah Island, the Ocean Course has been given five stars by *Golf Digest*, just one of 17 courses in North America to be given the five-star rating. In addition, the Cougar Point, Oak Point, Turtle Point and Osprey Point courses have all been given 4 1/2 stars by *Golf Digest*.

"The ratings on all of golf courses are a great reflection on the high service standards of our golf professionals," said director of golf Roger Warren.

And the golf is not all. *Tennis Magazine* has ranked Kiawah Island the best tennis resort in the country while a tennis vacation website has ranked the resort as the top tennis resort in the world.

But what most people know about Kiawah Island is the Ocean Course, which was designed by Pete Dye and opened the same year as the Ryder Cup matches. It's a spectacular layout, set along the Atlantic Ocean with holes that stretch out from the clubhouse and back. In fact, a new clubhouse was constructed for the 2007 Senior PGA Championship. It's little wonder why the course is ranked among the best in the country and the world. The Ocean Course also features some great views and when the wind picks up, offers some terrific challenges up and down the coastline.

The golf courses all have big names attached to them. The designers include Dye, Jack Nicklaus, Gary Player, Tom Fazio and Clyde Johnston. Need a place to stay? Kiawah has you covered with a variety of rental properties as well as the Sanctuary, a new 255-room palace with ocean views. The movie *The Legend of Bagger Vance* did much of its filming around Kiawah, built a new hole for the movie.

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Kiawah Island Resort offers plenty of golf, including the Ocean Course (top) and Cougar.

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It's a tournament, which celebrated its 25th anniversary this year, continues to attract large numbers to Myrtle Beach. This year, over 3,600 golfers from around the world took part the event. There's big, and then there's World Amateur big.

If you've ever traveled to Myrtle Beach for a golf vacation you know the drill. There are 100 courses within an hour and a half drive of each other. Most of the hotel accommodations are along the Atlantic Ocean, which feels like bath water during the summer months. There so many choices of restaurants that it will blow you away, including a new one called Rioz, a Brazilian-themed place where servers come to your table nonstop with every kind of meat you can think of.

Myrtle Beach is a golf circus and it seems appropriate for them to host the world's largest amateur golf tournament. It all started in 1984 with 680 players and has since grown into what it is today.

The event is run professionally by Myrtle Beach Golf Holiday, led by Bill Golden and tournament director Dave McPherson. If

you've ever been in a tournament for 100 or so players, you know the challenges and headaches it can present. Now increase it to 3,600 players and you will get the picture.

The tournament takes over the Myrtle Beach Convention Center with a 19th hole party on the lower level, complete with food, music, information booths, displays, etc. Upstairs, the brains of the operation are in play, including the dreaded Room 204, where people with handicap and rules issues are summoned. Every night, it's a steady stream of people into the room with handicap problems or rules questions. The tournament management does an outstanding job of monitoring and, if necessary, lowering golfer's handicaps as the event goes on. Feeble excuses like "I've never played that well" don't cut it.

Rules chairmen Lew Gach and Frank Monk have heard it all. Handicap chairman Tyler Hahn has also heard it all. But the stories never get old.

The tournament is held annually in August, typically a down time in Myrtle Beach and a time where the weather can be unstable. But Myrtle Beach hasn't been hit with a hurricane in years and the four-round tournament is seldom affected by weather.

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PGA Tour stars draw a crowd for BMW NW Charity Skins Game

It was the Aaron Baddeley show for the second straight year the BMW Northwest Charity Skins Game.

Baddeley won a 10-hole carryover by making a par on the 17th hole at Chambers Bay Saturday and winning \$33,500 worth of skins against fellow PGA Tour pros Ryan Moore, Bubba Watson and Ben Crane.

Baddeley also won the inaugural BMW Northwest Charity Skins game last year.

The four players battled for a \$50,000 skins pot – all of which will go to charities designated by the Ryan Moore Foundation. Watson was second with \$10,000, Crane was third with \$4,000 and Moore finished with \$2,500. Moore may have finished last but he did have the most opportunities to win skins Saturday.

On the 16th hole, he drove the green on the 320-yard par-4 and two-putted for birdie. However Crane rolled in a putt from the fringe to push the pot to \$28,000 to the 17th hole.

On the 17th, Baddeley was the only player to find the green. Watson couldn't get up and down from the left of the green, Moore couldn't make par from a greenside bunker and Crane missed a par putt. Baddeley two-putted from 15 feet to win the hole and the skins game.

Moore may have been shut out in skins (all players started with \$2,500 for their charities) but might have had the best round of the three. He had birdies chances on several



Ben Crane chips on the 17th hole.

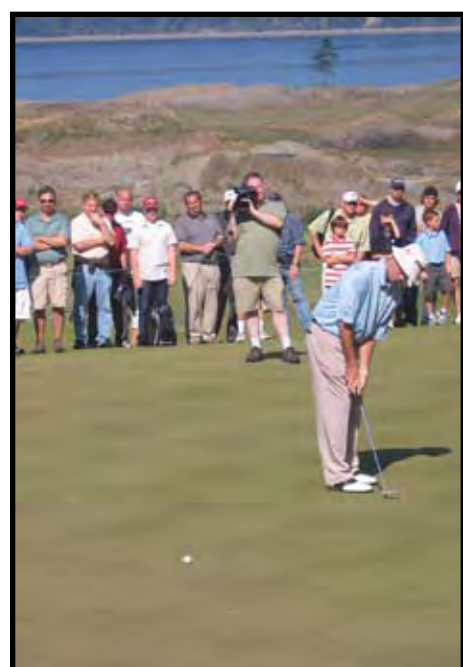
holes and when he did make birdie, someone would cover him up.

"That's the best round I've played in three or four months," said Moore. "I've been working hard on some things and starting to feel like my old self again."

Moore said he will play in a few events down the stretch of the PGA Tour season and hopes to get his first win. He finished second earlier this year at the Byron Nelson Classic in Texas, losing in a playoff to Adam Scott.



The event host Ryan Moore gets interviewed on the 18th hole, surrounded by his friends.



Aaron Baddeley hits the winning putt (left); Bubba Watson goes for birdie on the 8th.

Celebrations continue as the Ryder Cup trophy makes triumphant return to PGA of America headquarters

PALM BEACH GARDENS, FLA. - Nearly six years in the making, the Ryder Cup, Samuel Ryder's famed golden trophy, made a triumphant return to PGA of America Headquarters in Palm Beach Gardens, Fla., today. Following the United States Ryder Cup Team's dramatic 16 ½ to 11 ½ victory in the 37th Ryder Cup at Valhalla Golf Club in Louisville, Ky., PGA of America Chief Executive Officer Joe Steranka and U.S. Ryder Cup Assistant Captain Olin Browne presented the fabled trophy amidst a raucous "13th Man" ovation from joyous PGA staff and local officials.

In addition, U.S. Team Captain Paul Azinger joined the celebration of the United States' record 25th victory in the biennial competition with Europe via conference call, along with two surprise guests -- U.S. Team rookie sensation J.B. Holmes and Valhalla Golf Club PGA Head Professional Keith Reese.

"There was nobody more integral and central to the U.S. victory than our Ryder Cup Captain, Paul Azinger," said PGA Chief Executive Officer Joe Steranka, who led a toast to the team. "This year, right off the bat, we got an early lead and never let up, and the great Kentucky fans got into it right away. To the victorious U.S. Ryder Cup Captain and Team, here's to the Champions!"

Azinger, who had appeared in four previous Ryder Cups as a player, admired the will of the U.S. Team.

"I consider it the greatest honor for anyone to captain the United States Ryder Cup Team. If you look at the level of play, you can only be proud to be an American. The players lifted us all up. They deserved

it. It was awesome to watch."

The United States lost possession of the Ryder Cup on Sept. 29, 2002, at The Belfry in Sutton Coldfield, England. It would eventually take 5 years, 11 months and 24 days before the U.S. Team reclaimed its rights at Valhalla last Sunday. This 2,185-day absence made the clinching of the Ryder Cup all the much sweeter for the joyous U.S. Team.

"It was an extraordinary experience," added Browne. "I'm so thankful to Paul Azinger and The PGA of America to represent this great country in this remarkable experience called the Ryder Cup. Everyone contributed. The 12 guys each did their part - nobody rode the bench until Sunday. And the result is the Ryder Cup that you see here today."

Holmes, a native of Campbellsville, Ky., had an "Old Kentucky Homecoming" at Valhalla to cherish forever, as he led a charge of U.S. Ryder Cup rookies that were the ultimate keys in the U.S. march to victory. "The 13th Man - the crowd - was unbelievable. I don't think I'll ever experience anything like that again."

"I'm not sure there's a scale that can measure this," said Reese. "It was such an unbelievable event."

In 1927, Samuel Ryder, an English seed merchant, presented the Ryder Cup as a prize for an international competition between American and British professional golfers. The trophy stands 17 inches high, is nine inches from handle to handle and weighs four pounds. The figure depicted on top of the trophy is of Abe Mitchell, a friend and golf instructor of Samuel Ryder, who competed in the 1929, '31 and '33 Ryder Cups.

The Ryder Cup trophy and a special tribute display, will be open for general

public viewing at PGA Headquarters each weekday from 8 a.m.-4:30 p.m., beginning Friday, Sept. 26, 2008, until it is eventually transferred to a special "13th Man" public exhibit at PGA Village in Port St. Lucie, Fla.

The 38th Ryder Cup will take place at Celtic Manor in Newport, Wales, Sept. 28-Oct. 3, 2010.

About the Ryder Cup

Begun in 1927, The Ryder Cup is among the last great professional sporting events where winning, and not prize money, is its own reward. The United States, which owns a 25-10-2 advantage in the biennial competition, currently owns possession of the Ryder Cup.

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The Lesson Tee: The right impact drills can lead to crisper shots on the course

I've written for "Inside Golf" for fourteen years now. Wow, that is many subjects and many pictures. Somehow, someday, someday I'm going to become a teacher/coach yet.

Honestly, golf has been a huge focal point of my life for well over 40 years. Either I've learned some things or I'm just old. Perhaps I'm both.

I've talked much about set-up, grip, backswing, transition, path, clubface, finish, strategy, mental focus, mental preparation, short game and more.

If someone asked me what is a high priority if not most important in the swing I would say impact! Funny thing is not many people, players or coaches talk about impact. To get to the same impact position consistently would produce more consistent shots. Consistent shots produce confidence and opportunity.

What is good impact? How do I practice impact? (photo 1)

Take a 2 x 4, make a backswing touch the board. At impact the shoulders are square to the target line. (photo 2) The hips are slightly open, weight on the left leg and hip, the head is back. A big key is the hands and grip lead and are ahead of the ball. This compresses the ball and drives the leading edge of the clubface in the ground.

Draw a line on the range, hit half shots, working on your grip and hand forward lean on the shaft. Strike on and in front of the line. Drive the ball down and under the shaft in front of you. It would be like you are trying to hit the shot low under a



Photo 1

bench. This is called hit and hold. I have my students hit 50 - 100 of these shots a day as a warm up. This young lady doesn't hit it like a girl (photo 1). Her ball sounds serious. Practice impact and forward lean of the shaft at impact.

Jeff Coston is a former PGA Tour Player and an eleven time Pacific Northwest PGA Player of the Year. He can be reached for appointment by calling Semiahmoo Resort at 360-371-7005.



Photo 2

Former Washington State All-American earns spot on LPGA after Futures Tour

Ten Duramed Futures Tour players earned 2009 LPGA membership by finishing in the top 10 on the season money list, including former Washington State All-American Kim Welch.

Welch also won the most recent Big Break on the Golf Channel at Ka'anapali Resort in Hawaii as well as winning once this year on the Futures Tour.

As a result of winning the Big Break, she earned a spot in an LPGA event in Alabama.

This year's graduates are, in order of finish: 1. Vicky Hurst of Melbourne, Fla.; 2. Mindy Kim of Diamond Bar, Calif.; 3. Sarah-Jane Kenyon of Queensland, Australia; 4. M.J. Hur of Seoul, South Korea; 5. Jin Young Pak of Kang Leung, South Korea; 6. Song Yi Choi of Seoul, South Korea; 7. Jessica Shepley of Oakville, Ontario; 8. Leah Wigger of Louisville, Ky.; 9. Sophia Sheridan of Guadalajara, Mexico; and 10. Kim Welch of Sacramento, Calif.

The 2008 season is the 10th year in the 28-year history of the Futures Tour that players have been able to earn automatic exemptions onto the LPGA Tour and the sixth year that at least five LPGA memberships have been awarded. From 1999 to 2002, three exemptions were offered to top money winners.

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Women's golf: Tips for improving your putting game

Dear Kathy

If I could only putt!!! They may put this on my tombstone. I'm a good golfer, better than bogey, but I typically have 36-37 putts per round. I know if I could drop more one putts I could drop some strokes. How can I turn the greatest weakness in my game into strength?

Rhonda

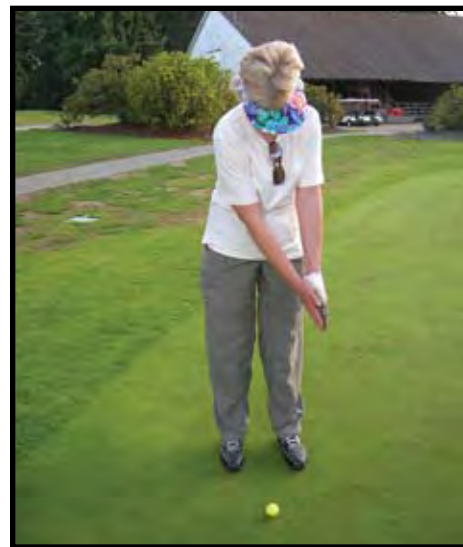
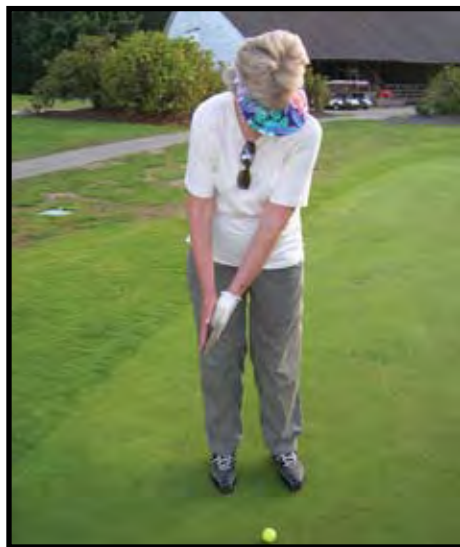
Dear Rhonda

The first rule of putting is get the long putts close, so let's start there. Great putters have a good solid consistent stroke, which employs simple mechanics and feel. The easiest stroke is the simplest where your shoulders are making the stroke with your hands soft and quiet. To get a feel for this stroke, just bend over a bit and



clap your hands together-now rock your shoulders and watch your hands move back and forth. Pointing your fingers down you'll see them go from about 5 O'clock to 7 O'clock. The rest of your body should be quiet and still. Keeping

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The first rule of putting it to make sure you get your putts close to the hole as possible.

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Rules of the game: Know the right terms and you can sound golf smart

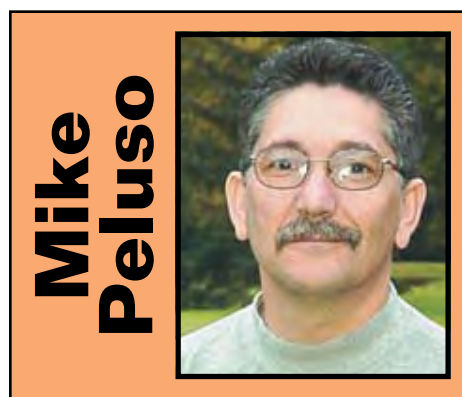
One of the first things you learn when you go to your first Rules School is that The Rules of Golf has its own unique vocabulary, and that some words when defined in The Rules of Golf are different than how they're defined in a standard dictionary or encyclopedia.

One of the fun things that the presenters do at some Rules Schools is to make a participant "pay the price" for incorrectly using a word or phrase. Usually they have to put a quarter into a pot, or wear a dunce cap, or some other mildly demeaning thing. But it's a great teaching too.

So what are some of these terms that so many of us are guilty of incorrectly using? If you were to ask most knowledgeable Rules Officials, I'd bet the farm that most of them would agree that the two biggest transgressions are the use of the terms "pin" and "sand trap."

A "pin" is a little sharp object that seamstresses use to hold fabric together, or an object that might hold two parts together under the hood of your car. That long straight stick in the middle of the hole on a golf course is called a "flagstick". And, by the way, that hole is not a "cup". A cup is used to hold your coffee or tea, or to protect a baseball player's most prized possessions, but you won't find one on a putting green. The proper term is "hole." The paper with little diagrams you sometimes get at tournaments are "hole location sheets", not "pin sheets." And a ball struck just the right distance to the green is "hole high", not "pin high."

And then there's the ever-wrongly-



used "sand trap". The proper term for one of those needlessly-feared cavities is a "bunker." I'm really not sure how the term "sand trap" came into being, but it's quite fun at Rules School when someone uses the term "sand trap", and 100 participants let out a good-natured snicker, tsk-tsk, or other mild gesture of rebuke.

The Rules of Golf defines "bunker" as "...a hazard consisting of a prepared area of ground, often a hollow, from which turf or soil has been removed and replaced with sand or the like." This brings us to two other commonly misused terms: "grass bunker" and "waste bunker." Those big grassy depressions are just that - big grassy depressions. And modern golf courses are saving water and maintenance costs by leaving large areas undeveloped, often called "waste bunkers." "Waste areas" is the more proper term.

Another commonly-misused term is "through the green". "Through the green" is defined as "...the whole area of the

course except: (a) The teeing ground and putting green of the hole being played, and (b) All hazards on the course." But just listen to virtually any TV announcer say something like, "He used too much club and hit it though the green". He may have hit it over the green, or past the green, but not through the green! At a recent Rules School, one of the participants was Mike Hulbert, part-time Champions Tour player and part-time TV announcer. On the first day, everybody is asked to introduce themselves and tell why they're at Rules School. Hulbert said, "I'm here because I'm tired of taking flak for saying 'sand trap' and 'through the green'!"

How about "tee box?" The correct term is "teeing ground." A "tee box" is probably the trash container you find next to the teeing ground.

And finally, let's take a look at "rub of the green." Most people will tell you that, if a player's ball bounces off a tree and out of bounds, it's a "rub of the green". Technically, that's right, but most people think that a rub of the green is a synonym for bad luck. However, a rub of the green occurs whenever a ball in motion is deflected or stopped by an outside agency. If a ball bounces off a tree that is out of bounds and deflects in bounds, that's also a rub of the green.

The Rules Police, with the exception of Riverbend's Paul Lucien, will not collar you and threaten you for using incorrect Rules terminology. However, in golf, as in any endeavor, proper usage of terms is always the hallmark of a knowledgeable player.

Golf in the Kingdom will film at Bandon

Cast and crew for the independent movie version of Michael Murphy's book "Golf In The Kingdom" is now prepping for 30 days of on-location shooting at Bandon Dunes Golf Resort.

Old McDonald, the fourth course under construction at Bandon Dunes Golf Resort, is the primary location for the film. It is scheduled to wrap Dec. 1 with a release date planned to coincide with the 2009 British Open.

DeNeui: Putting

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the hands quiet and using the "bigger" muscles to make your stroke, will make it easier to keep the club face square coming back and through and helps eliminate the "yips". (A miserable putting error where you jerk or jab at the ball.)

There is NO substitute for practice when it comes to putting, so get out on the green and do these drills to help you "lag" the ball close. Pick your starting point and pace off 20, 25, 30, 35 feet and place tees at these locations. Now with 12 balls you have to lag three balls into a three-foot circle around each of these tees-SWITCHING the tee you putt to each time. In other words the first ball to the 20-foot tee, the second to the 25, the third to the 30-foot tee and so on going back and forth. Any ball not within a three-foot circle you bring back. You keep doing the drill until ALL the balls are within three feet. If you do this drill once a week or until you can get all the balls in their circle the first try, you're going to be dropping some stroke off.



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