

# INSIDE GOLF NEWSPAPER

## UW golfer Nick Taylor comes up just short at USGA Public Links

University of Washington golfer Nick Taylor breezed to the finals of the USGA Public Links but in the final lost to Brad Benjamin 7&6. Taylor had been medalist of the event and cruised through his five matches before losing in the final. Nonetheless, Taylor is still the top-ranked amateur in the world.



## WHAT'S NEW IN NW GOLF

### NW pro Ryan Benzel qualifies for PGA

Ryan Benzel of Bothell, Wash. finished fifth in the PGA Club Professional Championship in New Mexico and earned a spot in this month's PGA Championship at Hazeltine National in Minnesota.

A total of 312 club professionals took part in the event at Twin Warriors Golf Club in Santa Ana Pueblo, N.M. Benzel shot a 279 total to finish two shots behind winner Mike Small.

### Golf Fest NW set for September

The inaugural Golf Fest NW will be held Sept. 25-27 at the Washington State Convention and Trade Center. The three-day show will feature information on equipment, courses, resorts and more. A tournament sponsored by the Muckleshoot Casino will help kick off the event and offer free trips to the Masters for the winners.

### Mackenzie hosts LPGA player event

The second annual Paige Mackenzie Charity Shootout Presented by Prudential Meridian Valley Realty will return to Meridian Valley Country Club on Monday, Aug. 17 with a dozen LPGA players. The inaugural event last year raised over \$20,000 for charity.

The one-day event will feature all 12 LPGA players taking part in a Pro-Am and then all of the players will compete in a Horse Race with an amateur partner.

Sponsorships and Pro-Am teams spots are available for \$1,000 per team or \$250 per player. A dinner at the Muckleshoot Casino will take place the night before on Sunday, Aug. 16 with all of the LPGA players in attendance. Call 253-631-3131 for more information.

### Rules Quiz

Both player's balls came to rest in a water hazard. The first ball clearly landed well out into the lake while the second ball land only a few feet into the lake. Both players are going to opt to take relief in lieu of stroke and distance. Who plays first? See answer on Page 2.

## Professional tours are heading to the NW for four events

The professional golf tours are heading to the Pacific Northwest for tournaments this month. Here's a quick look.

- Champions Tour Jeld-Wen Tradition: Will be held Aug. 20-23 at Sunriver's Cross-water golf course.
- Champions Tour Boeing Classic: Will be held Aug. 28-30 at TPC Snoqualmie Ridge.
- LPGA Safeway Classic: Will be held Aug. 28-30 at Pumpkin Ridge's Ghost Creek course (pictured right). New venue this year.
- Nationwide Tour Albertson's Boise Open held Sept. 17-20.



Pumpkin Ridge's Ghost Creek course.

## NW doubledip: Bandon Dunes will host USGA men's, women's Publinx tourneys

Bandon Dunes Golf Resort in Bandon, Ore., will host the 2011 U.S. Amateur Public Links Championship and the 2011 U.S. Women's Amateur Public Links Championship, June 27 - July 2, 2011. This will be the first time that the Amateur Public Links Championships are conducted jointly.

Bandon Dunes Golf Resort is built on a stretch of sand dunes perched along Oregon's Pacific coastline. The first course Bandon Dunes opened in 1999 and was designed by David McLay Kidd. A second course Pacific Dunes followed in 2001 and was designed by Tom Doak. The design team of Bill Coore and Ben Crenshaw fashioned a third layout, Bandon Trails, in 2005. A fourth course, called Old McDonald and created by resort owner Mike Keiser, is scheduled to open in 2010.

Bandon Dunes has previously hosted the 2006 Curtis Cup Match (won by the USA 11½ to 6½); and the 2007 U.S. Mid-Amateur Championship (won by Trip Kuehne). The state of Oregon has hosted 31 previous USGA championships, most recently the 2008 U.S. Women's Amateur at Eugene Country Club (won by Amanda Blumenherst).

The 2009 U.S. Women's Amateur Public Links was played at Red Tail G.C., in Devens, Mass., June 22-27, and the 2009 U.S. Amateur Public Links was played at Jimmie Austin OU G.C. in Norman, Okla., July 13-18.

The U.S. Amateur Public Links was first contested in 1922 as a way to give public course players an opportunity to compete for a national championship. It is open to amateur golfers who are bona fide public course players and hold a USGA Handicap Index not exceeding 4.4.

## NW poker pro loses amateur status by USGA

When Pacific Northwest poker pro Dusty Schmidt issued a challenge for anyone to beat him in poker and golf for \$1 million, little did he know the flags he would raise with the USGA. As a result of his challenge, the USGA has stripped the Portland native of his amateur status.

The 28-year-old Schmidt removed the challenge from his web site after getting no takers but the USGA told Schmidt he must re-apply to be an amateur after he showed "excessive gambling" and conduct "detrimental to the amateur game." Schmidt recently lost his lawsuit to get back the status. He is a past winner of the Oregon City Amateur Championship.

## Destination: Oregon's Running Y



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# Think you always have a reason to get to the course? Check out this guy

I always thought my buddy Jamie was a little nuts when he decided to drive to Anchorage, Alaska with me back in 1984 when I got my first job out of the University of Oregon – as a sports writer with The Anchorage Times newspaper.

He didn't have a job but decided to load up his fading yellow-colored Le-Car (remember those?) and join me for the trip up the Alaska Highway. I had a reason to go, Jamie didn't, yet there he was, for days in my rear-view mirror in the wilderness of British Columbia, the Yukon Territory and then into Alaska.

I stayed for about three years, Jamie a while longer. Fortunately for Jamie, he did find a job – and eventually his wife Debbie who he had four kids with. OK, turned out to be a good move for Jamie, although at the time when we left Eugene I did wonder what the hell he was thinking.

But that story pales in comparison to a recent golf outing I had with Jamie at Chambers Bay.

As I pulled into the parking lot one day at Chambers Bay, I saw Jamie getting his golf bag out of his car – or what I thought was his car. It didn't look familiar.

"New car?" I asked. "Must be nice to be a rich guy."

"No, just a loaner," said Jamie, hinting that there might be more to the story.

"Car in the shop?" I asked.

"Not really," he said. "I had a little accident getting to the course."

OK, now I figured the story was going to get a little better. As I asked what happened, Jamie dove into the details. Man, after a while I wish I wouldn't have asked. Scary stuff. You think you have it rough getting around town to work or to the golf course in traffic, check out what



happened to Jamie on the way to a round of golf at Chambers Bay.

Jamie left his house in Tumwater around 7 a.m. to get to the course in plenty of time for some range balls and putts. He figured he would need the extra work if he wanted to beat me. He always enjoys telling the story of how he owned me in college on the course. I always wonder what dream world he is living in.

As he made his way down toward the Nisqually flats on interstate-5, Jamie noticed some traffic in the left lane starting to build. He tapped on his brakes and came to a complete stop toward the bottom of the hill. While traffic in the other two lanes seemed to be moving, the left lane was stopped. And when he looked in his rear-view mirror, Jamie saw a lady driving a mini van coming up quickly behind him. And she wasn't slowing down.

"Uh, oh," thought Jamie. "This can't be good. I'm in trouble."

Jamie closed his eyes, grabbed the steering wheel and braced for impact. The lady's mini van sent him careening toward the middle lane, and then into the right lane where the front right of his Hyundai Santa Fe clipped a semi truck. Jamie's car bounced back into the middle

lane where the lady in the mini van hit him – for the second time.

By the time he finally came to a stop, his car was trashed but Jamie felt OK, even as he got out his car to inspect the damage. If it were me, I would have made a b-line to the back of the car to make sure the golf clubs were OK.

Jamie was worried about his car and his health as he stood on the freeway talking to the State Troopers. But in the back of his mind, he knew he had to find a way to Chambers Bay.

"I never played the course, I knew I had to get there," he said.

His mother-in-law picked him up and then took him to get a rental car. He made sure to get his golf clubs out of his car before it was towed away. He got the rental car and was back on the road to Chambers Bay for his round of golf.

Jamie doesn't have a lot of time for golf, with work and kids in sports virtually year-round. So he wasn't about to miss this chance to play the course that will host the U.S. Amateur next year and the U.S. Open in 2015.

"Unless they were taking me to the hospital, I was going to be there," said Jamie. "It was Chambers Bay. I wasn't going to miss it"

Now, a while later, Jamie is still in physical therapy for his neck, which still bothers him. But after what I saw on the golf course that day at Chambers Bay, Jamie might want to get some therapy for his golf game as well (OK cheap shot, but I had to take it).

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**Rules Answer**

Answer: As it is known that the second ball played came to rest farther from the hole than the first, as per the note in Rule 10-1 and 10-2b, who plays first is determined based on where the original balls came to rest.

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



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# Corey Prugh adds another title to his collection, wins Rosauers in record style

Professional Corey Prugh of Manito G&CC (Spokane) won the 22nd Rosauers Open Invitational at Indian Canyon GC after firing rounds of 63-63-66 to shoot 192 and breaking previous tournament record of 193 set back in 2004 by Scott Johnson and 2005 by Ryan Benzel.

Prugh is able to add this trophy to his mantle already overflowing with Pacific Northwest PGA trophies. He has previously captured the Oregon Open Invitational (2008), two Pacific Northwest Assistant Championships (2005 and 2008), and the Pro-Assistant Championship last year with his dad Steve Prugh.

Professional Brian Nosler of Vanco Driving Range (Vancouver, WA) finished in second place four strokes back.

Nosler just won the Oregon Open Invitational last month at Brasada Ranch in Powell Butte, Oregon. PGA Professional Chris Griffin of Tacoma was third while low amateur honors went to Nick Ellis of Wenatchee G&CC (Wenatchee, WA). Ellis just completed his second year at Washington State University.

## Redmond, Wash. golfer wins PPGA Men's Amateur crown

Medalist Tyler Matthews of Redmond, Wash. can add his name to the elite list of champions as he captured the 108th PPGA Men's Amateur Championship title over Josh Anderson of Murrieta, Calif. at The Home Course in Dupont, Wash.

Matthews also joins the rare list of players to have won both the championship title as well as taking home 36-hole stroke play

qualifying medalist honors.

The first 18 holes of the match went all square. After lunch, the two continued and Matthews was able to make birdie on three of the first eight holes to take a 4 up advantage with just 10 holes to play. A bogey on the difficult par-4 9th hole cut his lead to 3-up going into the final nine holes. After Matthews made a routine par on the 195-yard par-3 14th hole, Anderson was unable to make his 5-foot par putt to extend the match.

Matthews joins an impressive list of recent champions that includes Tiger Woods, Ben Crane and Jeff Quinney

## Philippines golfer takes title at PPGA Women's Amateur

Fifteen year-old Philippine National Team member Dottie Ardina, who now resides in Sun City, Cali., defeated Kendra Little from Eugene, Ore. 5 and 4 in the final match to win the 108th PPGA Women's Amateur Championship, held at Arrowhead Golf Club in Molalla, Ore.

Ardina played in the championship on a Presidential Invitation from the PPGA.

In the PPGA Women's Mid-Amateur Championship, Loree McKay of Portland, Ore. outlasted Charisse Spada also of Portland, Ore. with a win on the 38th hole.

## WSU golfer wins WSGA Am on home turf at Palouse Ridge

Washington State University golfer, Austin Hurt of Bainbridge Island, Wash., shot a new course record to win the 83rd Washington State Men's Amateur Championship.

Hurt was 9 strokes behind the leader to start the day, and put together the best round ever shot at Palouse Ridge Golf Club, a 7-under par 65 to win.

Hurt capped off his front side with an impressive chip-in eagle on the par 5, 9th hole, to shoot a 4-under par 32. "That's when I knew I was in the hunt for the title" Hurt would say after his round about his eagle. He kept things rolling on the back nine, making three more birdies to bring his four-day championship total to 4-under par 284. After Tuesday's first round Hurt was a mere afterthought and in danger of missing the cut after a 9-over par 81. He was able to keep himself in the mix with consecutive 3-under par 69's before his incredible course record 65.

The leader heading into the final round, Derek Berg of Kenmore, Wash., missed his eagle try on the 72nd hole to force a playoff with Hurt. Berg was 6-under par to start the day but struggled throughout his round shooting a 3-over par 75 to finish in a tie for second place with Drew Reinland of College Place, Wash.

## British Columbia golfer claims crown at WSGA Women's Amateur

Pamela Burneski, 18, of Surrey, B.C. and a member of Homestead Farms Golf Resort claimed her second WSGA Championship this year after a final round of 7-over par 79, giving her a three-stroke victory and a 54-hole total of 12-over par 228.

Finishing tied for runner-up were Lelsie Folsom of Seattle, Wash. who finished with a round of 4-over par 76 for a 15-over par

## Still a chance to play in PPGA events for 2009

The PPGA has plenty of events that you can sign up and play. For information on how to sign up for the tournament see the newly redesigned PPGA website at ppga.org and it will take you through the entry process.

Here are some details of the 2009 Championship Schedule which include:

- Junior Boys' Amateur Championship, University of Idaho Golf Course, Moscow, Idaho, August 10-14
- Junior Girls' Amateur Championship, Fairwood Golf & Country Club, Renton, Wash., August 17-20
- Men's and Women's Amateur Public Links Championship, Trysting Tree Golf Club, Corvallis, Ore., August 29-30
- Men's Mid-Amateur Championship, Homestead Farms Golf Resort, Lynden, Wash., September 15-17
- Women's Senior Team Amateur Championship, Gold Mountain Golf Club, Bremerton, Wash., September 21-23
- Men's Senior Team Amateur Championship, Gold Mountain Golf Club, Bremerton, Wash., September 22-24
- Senior Women's Amateur Championship, Hayden Lake Country Club, Hayden Lake, Idaho, October 5-6

231 and first round leader, Cathy Kim of Bellevue, Wash. who carded a final round of 7-over par 79.

In the Senior Amateur, Yasue Alkins of Lacey, Wash. fired the low round of the day for a 5-over par 76 and her first WSGA Senior Amateur Championship. Her solid round today gave her a three-day total of 13-over par 229 and a two-stroke victory over Ginny Burkey of Fircrest, Wash. who finished with a 7-over par 79 and a 54-hole total of 15-over par 231.

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# University of Washington golfer Nick Taylor comes back to win Sahalee Players

Nick Taylor of Abbotsford, BC and a member of the University Washington golf team captured the title at the 2009 Sahalee Players Championship. Taylor, the world's top ranked amateur in the R&A amateur rankings, used a solid final round of 1-over par 73 to win by one stroke over Australian National Team member Daniel Nisbet of Caboolture, Australia.

The two players came to the difficult 211 yard par-3 17th hole locked at 4-under par overall. Taylor hit a beautiful shot right over the flag that ended up 40 feet from the hole. Nisbet followed Taylor by stiffing it to 6-feet. Taylor, who had struggled with his putter much of the week, said to his caddie "I'm due to make one" as they approached the 17th green. He would proceed to drain the birdie putt while Nisbet pushed his 6-footer off to the right.

Taylor, holding a one stroke lead on the 18th green, calmly made another birdie, holing a 15-foot putt to seal the victory at 6-under par 282. Nisbet also made birdie on 18 holing his 7-foot birdie putt to finish one back at 5-under par 283.

54-hole leader Eddie Olson of Aptos, CA struggled much of the day after making a birdie at the first hole. Olson holed out an amazing flop shot on the 18th hole to finish the round in style and take home sole possession of third place at 4-under par 284.

Taylor joins an impressive list of past Sahalee Players Championship champions that includes Daniel Summerhays, Kyle Stanley, Ryan Moore, Arron Oberholser, Jason Gore, and Casey Martin. Sahalee Country Club has

played host to the 1998 PGA Championship, 2002 World Golf Championship – NEC Invitational, and will once again host a major professional event with the U.S. Senior Open coming to the club in 2010.

## Everett golfer goes low to win Seattle City Amateur title

Jonathan Keane of the Everett Golf and Country Club put together three solid rounds and went on to win the championship of the Seattle City Amateur.

The event took place at all three City of Seattle courses – Jackson Park, Jefferson Park and West Seattle.

Keane shot rounds of 69-66-67 for a 202 total – a record for the tournament. He won the event by eight shots over Chris Bae of TPC Snoqualmie Ridge and Mike Haack of Meridian Valley.

## Golfer gets 21 months in jail for attack with 6-iron at Auburn

A 34-year-old golfer from Puyallup, Wash. was sentenced to 21 months in jail after being found guilty of second-degree assault with a deadly weapon.

The incident at the Auburn Golf Course occurred last summer when Nicholas Shamopine struck 45-year-old James Compton of Puyallup with a 6-iron after the two groups the golfers were playing in got into an argument about slow play. Compton sustained permanent brain damage and memory loss from the attack. Standard sentencing range for the crime is 15 to 21 months.

## NW players on the pro tours

Through events July 26, 2009

### PGA Tour

- Fred Couples • Seattle • 61st on list with \$955,295
- Ben Crane • Portland • 45th on list with \$1,206,022
- Robert Garrigus • Gresham • 121st on the list with \$462,047
- Troy Kelly • Bremerton • 238th on list with \$18,538
- Ryan Moore • Puyallup • 56th on the list with \$997,727
- Jeff Quinney • Eugene • 145th the list with \$327,406
- Kyle Stanley • Gig Harbor • \$105,808 in earnings.
- Kirk Triplett • Pullman • 194th on the list with \$123,219

### Nationwide Tour

- Jeff Gove • Seattle • 11th on the list with \$147,645
- Craig Kanada • Portland • 122nd on the list with \$20,668
- Alex Prugh • Spokane • 8th on the list with \$192,700
- Michael Putnam • Tacoma • 73rd on the list with \$42,314

### Champions Tour

- Bob Gilder • Corvallis • 52nd on the list with \$167,649
- Peter Jacobsen • Portland • 136th on the list with \$6,063

### LPGA Tour

- Louise Friberg • Univ. of Washington • 112th on the list with \$34,090
- Allison Hanna-Williams • Portland • 73rd on the list with \$81,979
- Jimin Kang • Seattle • 48th on the list with \$163,285
- Paige Mackenzie • Yakima • 106th on the list with \$40,816
- Wendy Ward • Edwall, Wash. • 32nd on the list with \$282,796

## Did you know....

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In promoting the health of the game of golf in Washington, the WSGA holds its Casual Golf Days at some of the area's

most enjoyable courses, public and private, such as Chambers Bay and Coeur d'Alene Resort.



• Did you know that Amy Beth Simanton was the second youngest winner of the Oregon Women's Amateur. At age 17, she joins Carole Jo Kabler and



Mary Budke who all won as 17 year olds. Simanton turns 18 in September and will attend U.C. Davis.



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# Tradition, LPGA Safeway Classic set for August

The Champions Tour's Jeld-Wen Tradition faces an important year this month when the event is played out Aug. 20-23 at Sunriver's Crosswater.

The event is in the third year of a four-year deal and nothing past the 2010 event has been signed. Tournament organizers would like to see an increase in fans and sponsorships to keep it in Central Oregon.

Whatever the case, this year's event will feature the top players on the Champions Tour, including defending champion Fred Funk.

The Jeld-Wen Tradition is one of the major championships on the Champions Tour and is easily one of the most affordable events around. Daily tickets are \$20 in advance and \$25 at the gate. A season pass is just \$40. In addition, kids 16 and under are free with a ticketed adult.

The Golf Channel will air the first two rounds with NBC picking up the weekend coverage.

## LPGA Safeway Classic gets new venue at Pumpkin Ridge

There is plenty new this year when the Safeway Classic tees it up Aug. 28-30 in the Portland area.

The big thing is the new venue – this year the LPGA Tour will be holding the event at Pumpkin Ridge's Ghost Creek course, after making a move from Columbia Edgewater

Country Club.

The tournament was founded in 1972 and is the oldest continuous event on the LPGA Tour. Tournament Golf Foundation has managed the tournament since its start and is hoping the move to Pumpkin Ridge will mean more fans – as well as more room to host Pro-Ams and corporate hospitality for the sponsors.

Proceeds from the event are donated to local children's charities. To date, over \$9 million has been raised from the LPGA event in Portland.

The tournament has had a variety of sponsors during its history. Its current title sponsor is Safeway Inc., North America's third largest supermarket chain.

Cristi Kerr won last year's event and a first-place check of \$255,000. The total purse for the tournament is \$1.7 million.

For information and tickets 503.626.2711.

## University of Oregon gets a new women's golf coach

Ria Quiazon, who has elevated the University of San Francisco's women's golf program to one that has become nationally competitive the past two seasons, has been named the University of Oregon's fifth women's golf head coach in the program's history, according to the school's Athletics Director Pat Kilkenny.

The 2009 West Coast Conference Coach of the Year, Quiazon (pronounced. REE-ah KEY-ah-zahn) has quickly established herself as one of the nation's brightest head coaches while benefiting from her experience gained as a standout athlete. In her prior experience as a top West Coast player, she played professionally from 2003-06 on various tours after helping lead the University of California to three NCAA appearances, while also playing on various national teams representing the Philippines.

## West Linn, Tualatin golfers win crowns at Oregon Junior tourney

The week started with more than 200 kids age 8-17 vying for a title in their division, culminating with finals matches at the Oregon State Junior Match Play Championship at Oswego Lake Country Club in Lake Oswego, Ore. with only 14 contestants left remaining to battle it out for their respective crowns.

The principal 18-hole matches of the day, Girls (15-17) and Junior (16-17), teed off last with Sharon Shin of West Linn, Ore. taking on Morgan Thompson Tualatin, Ore. and Sam Mendez of Portland, Ore. facing Blake Jones of Camas, Wash. Shin and Mendez walked away with the championships.

Having won the 6A High School State Championship, Shin becomes an elite part of OGA History of players having won both

the High School State Championship as well as the Oregon Junior Amateur Championship.

The Junior (16-17) Division also held a fierce battle. Blake Jones of Camas, Wash. and Sam Mendez of Portland, Ore. took it all the way to the 18th hole as Mendez was able to make a come-back from 5 down after 10 holes.

## Men's, women's matches go down to wire in Oregon Amateur event

It was one of the most competitive finals ever contested with both Men's and Women's finals going the distance to the 36th hole at Bandon Dunes.

In the end, Amy Beth Simanton, 17, Lake Oswego, Ore. became one of the youngest ever Women's Amateur Champions and Andrew Vizarro of Bend, Ore. became one of the just a handful of men to simultaneously hold the Oregon Men's Stroke Play and Oregon Amateur titles.

While Simanton took command of her match early and saw it slipping away in the end, a different battle was taking place in the Men's competition between Vizarro and Chris Polski of Eugene, Ore.

"Every time I'd get a lead I seemed to give it away," said Vizarro. "It was frustrating not to be able to hold a lead like I was able to do all week. In fact, the two halved only 7 of the 36-holes played."



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# Course along Oregon Coast decides to take a major step

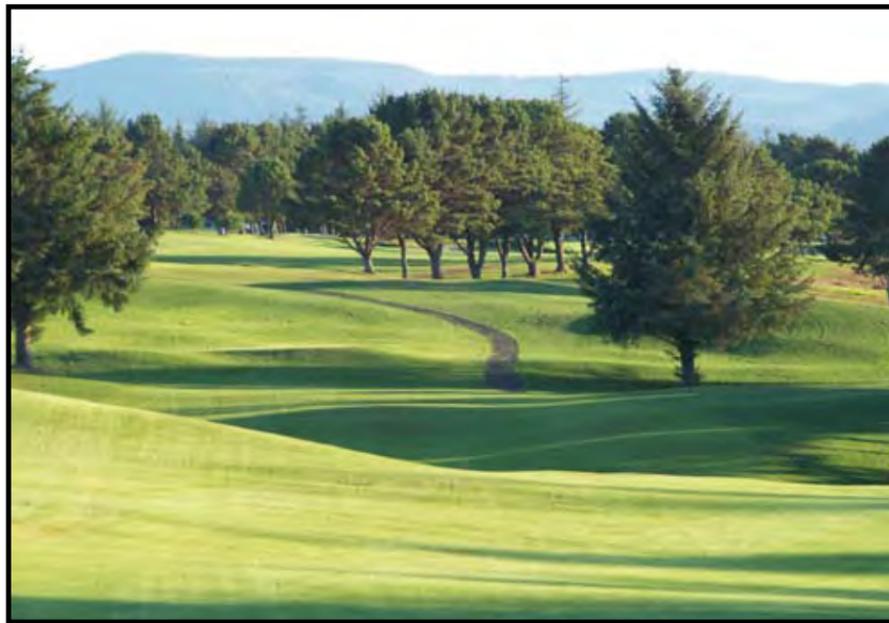
At a time when many smaller 9-hole golf courses are vanishing, the owners of Crestview Golf Club, in Waldport, Oregon have done the unusual. The former Crestview Hills Golf Course has been re-designed and completely rebuilt.

Golf course designer, Dan Hixson, who recently designed Bandon Crossings and Wine Valley in Walla Walla, Wash., put his touch on the new work at Crestview.

Crestview is a 40-year-old course and a staple for many golf travelers on the Oregon coast. But like many 9-hole courses it was at a crossroad of viability. Owners Mark & Patti Campbell and Dale and Lynda Laurance decided if the course went away it would inexorably change the small town

of Waldport; and that just couldn't happen. So Waldport now has its' own mini resort. Along with the new course, there is a restaurant (The Greenside) overlooking the first tee, the 9th green and the practice green, facing the setting sun. The course is not a "championship" course, it plays to a par-34, and it's just plain fun to play. Some holes have an incredible "wow" factor that offers a risk-reward feature.

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Crestview Golf Course located in Waldport, Oregon has undergone a major re-model.

# Riverside in Chehalis opens up a new park for RV's

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The new RV park is situated right along the first hole with a view of the golf course and is a quick walk to the clubhouse, putting green and driving range.

The opening of the RV spots gives Riverside a chance to host traveling golfers that like to tour with their rigs.

The course is offering some stay and play packages with the RV spots, starting at \$99, which includes one night in the RV park and unlimited golf with cart for two people.

Call the course for more information at 360.748.8182.

## Celebrities will headline charity golf event in Olympia

Deal or No Deal model Patricia Kara, Actors Paula Tricky (OC), Richard Karn (Home Improvement), Gary Valentine (King of Queens), and Jack McGee (Rescue Me), will be just a few of the celebrities attending Spectacular Freedom's 2009 Celebrity Golf Tournament, Dinner and Auction.

The Charity Golf Tournament will benefit Spectacular Freedom, a non-profit organization that provides housing, hope and healing for those in recovery from drug and alcohol addiction. The public is invited to attend. Space is limited for the tournament and

dinner. The event will take place Monday August 10, 2009 and will be held at Indian Summer Country Club in Olympia.

## University of Washington get plenty of post-season honors

University of Washington golfer Nick Taylor and coach Matt Thurmond have both been honored for the Huskies 2009 season.

Taylor, a junior from Canada, was named as a first-team All-American and had one of the best seasons ever for a Washington golfer. He set or tied records for most championships won in one season with four, the lowest 54-hole score at 198 and was Washington's first Pac-10 Player for the Year in school history. He also was the low amateur in the United

States Open at Bethpage Black.

Kyle Stanley, of Gig Harbor, was also named as a first-team All-American after finishing up his career at Clemson before turning pro.

Thurmond was picked by *GolfWeek* as the Coach of the Year as the Huskies had five tournament wins, including the Pac-10 championship.

## Jackson Park Golf Course will host Jackson Juniors event

Jackson Park Golf Course in north Seattle will host the Jackson Juniors golf event Monday, Aug. 31. The event is open to all juniors ages 6 to 17. Ages 13-17 will play 18 holes, ages 6-12 will play nine holes. For information call 206.363.4747.

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## Boeing Classic adds new event to schedule with 'Walk with Wives'

The Boeing Classic will add a new event to its tournament week schedule on Saturday, August 29, with the addition of "Walk with Wives," a 3K charity walk along the course of TPC Snoqualmie Ridge. The event was created as part of a unique partnership between the Seattle Seahawks Women's Association and the PGA Tour Champions Tour Wives and will be led by Shannon Mora, wife of Seahawks head coach Jim Mora, and Christy Kite, wife of two-time Boeing Classic Champion Tom Kite.

The walk will be the kick-off event of the Saturday schedule at the Boeing Classic with registration opening at 8:30am and walkers starting on the course at 9:00am. A \$20 requested donation will include the walk and admission to the tournament. All proceeds will be directed to The Heart Institute at Virginia Mason Medical Center, the beneficiary of the Boeing Classic. Registration is available at [BoeingClassic.com](http://BoeingClassic.com).

### Husky golfer Nick Taylor named to '09 B.C. Willingdon Cup team

George Faithfull, president of the British Columbia Golf Association (BCGA), announced that Nick Taylor of Abbotsford, B.C. has been named to the B.C. Willingdon Cup team.

The event will take place Aug. 10-11 in Quebec.

"British Columbia has never had a golfer ranked number one in the world," says Faithfull.

### Oregon juniors win crowns at Oregon Junior Stroke Play

Seshia-Lei Telles of Tualatin, Ore. added another major title to her junior golf resume while Sulman Raza of Eugene, Ore. added

his first at the 12th Oregon Junior Stroke Play Championship held at the OGA Golf Course in Woodburn, Ore.

Telles shot a 7-over par 73-75-75-223 to capture the Girls title soundly defeating runner-up Aaren Ziegler of Canby, Ore. by 4-strokes.

In the Boys Division, Sulman Raza, 15, came from behind shooting a 1-under par 71-71-73-216 to capture the Stroke Play title.

### McKay, Mahar claim titles at Oregon Mid-Amateur tourney

It was not a normal summer day in Central Oregon as the final round of the Oregon Mid-Amateur got started with the Women leading the way at Tetherow Golf Club. It started out a little windy, then got nice before wind and cooler weather and threatening storms passed through.

First to triumph was Loree McKay, 52, of Portland, Ore. earning her second major title in the span of a week. She took home the PPGA Women's Mid-Amateur trophy and holding on, shooting 82-79-161 to edge Brie Stone, 28 of Veneta, Ore. by three strokes.

In the Men's division, it was a similar story as 53-year-old Randy Mahar of Portland, Ore., bested first round leader Chad Sawyer, 27, of West Linn, Ore.

### Alderbrook Resort offers up some stay and play packages

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# The Lesson Tee: For the key to proper right swing path, check the impact bag

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Mike and I have been doing schools here at Semiahmoo for 14 years. Each year my athletes young and young at heart get to spend several days under Mike Bender's expert eye and experience. Sometimes I even throw in a nugget of wisdom here and there.

These schools, and hanging out with Mike, are really a growing education and sharpening for me. Not only as a teacher but as a player also. I see what I am doing well and how I can be more effective at The Jeff Coston Golf Academy. Throughout the years I have expanded, not only my teaching and my game, but also my academy facility here at Semiahmoo. Mike and I were talking early before a school, commenting that The Jeff Coston Golf Academy is much an extension of his various golf academies throughout the world. I'd like to share a drill you can use even at home to improve your path, clubface and impact.

First, it is important to come from the inside on the downswing. Some call the path inside out but it is really an arc - inside, square, to inside. We know most players swing over the top of the plane. So to exaggerate this shallow or inside track during drills would be best.

Photo 1: Put a shaft in the ground behind an impact bag. Set down an alignment shaft on the ground aiming left of your intended target. Place a highway cone or a shaft in the ground along your toe line to where it would touch the hosel of your club as you take the



**Jeff Coston**

shaft back.

You want to take the clubhead slightly outside the cone going back. On the downswing bring your arms and shaft on the inside of the cone. You will want to spin the bag to the right side of the shaft. Photo 2. The key is to use your arms and not your shoulders on the downswing. This working around the inside of the cone coming down shallows out the shaft for the proper swing path. Note shoulders are not open at impact but rather square. Even feel like the shoulders are closed longer. Swing the shaft and arms on the inside track. Spin the bag to the right. If the bag spins to the left of the shaft you are dominating with your shoulders, swinging left and over the top of the plane.

Remember, exaggerate the path and the shoulders square at impact. Spin the bag to the right of the shaft.

*Jeff Coston is a former PGA Tour Player and 11 time Pacific Northwest PGA Player of the Year. He can be reached for appointment by calling Semiahmoo Resort at 360-371-7005.*



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For more, see the web site [pacamgolf.com](http://pacamgolf.com).

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# Women's golf: Make sure to take a look at the right clubs for you to hit

Dear Kathy:

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Joan



**Kathy DeNeui**



Dear Joan:

My guess is the men's clubs or men's senior clubs would be a better fit than standard women's clubs to get you started. The average industry standard makes women's clubs to fit a woman that's 5'2"-5'4". The industry standard for men's clubs is to fit a person about 5'9". If you get fitted for clubs the first thing they'll check will be your wrist to ground measurement. To get this stand tall with your shoulders back in a natural stance and have someone measure from just below the wrist bone to the ground.

To fit into standard women's clubs the measurement should be about 31-33". Standard men's clubs this would be about 35-37". Some stores sell women's tall clubs that are about an inch longer and they would fit as well. Men's clubs and shafts are designed to be swung at a club speed of about 85 mph with a driver, which are fine if you are pretty strong and athletic. Men's senior clubs will fit a club head speed of about 70 mph. If you've played some softball or baseball, you'll probably be in the ballpark on your club head speed for men's senior or regular clubs.

Most people get into the game with reasonable fit, then once they learn the game and get a few years under their belt they go shopping. I would suggest that if you're serious about this game you consider getting fitted as soon as you make the decision to play this game. If you play with clubs too short you'll likely have to bend too much at the hips putting excessive load on your lower back possibly leading to injury. If your clubs are too short and you stand correctly when addressing the ball the toe of the club will hit first on the downswing and your ball will have a tendency to go to the right.

The measurements shown in the picture above indicate using a men's or senior length club. I'm a huge advocate of getting fitted for your second set of clubs. The start of the club fitting process takes in the above measurements then goes well beyond that in determining the correct fit for you. You want to have a fairly consistent swing prior to getting fitted to get a good fit. Once the fitter has determine

the appropriate length you'll hit balls and they will measure your club speed for shaft flex, and put tape on your club to see if it's hitting on the center at the bottom of the swing arc.

They will also see if you're hitting in the "sweet spot" on the club-face. If cost is an issue ask about fitted clubs in off-brand names which are not so heavily advertised, but are pretty good clubs as well. You wouldn't walk the course wearing shoes that don't fit, so make sure your clubs fit!

*Kathy DeNeui is an LPGA teaching professional at the Columbia Super Range in Everett.*

## Golf USA opens up on Plateau; Foster Golf Course has a new restaurant now

Business off the golf course in the Seattle area is doing well. Just ask the folks who opened a new Golf USA store in Sammamish, just east of Seattle and the new managers of a restaurant at the Foster Golf Course, south of Seattle.

• The Golf USA store is owned by Jason Schaefer, who left his job with a software company after seeing the need for a golf store in the Plateau area. Schaefer said business has been solid since opening earlier this summer.

The Golf USA store features 4,000 square feet complete with a hitting room with a swing analyzer, complete club repair and all the latest in equipment.

"We wanted to do it all in house," said Schaefer. "We're able to give people everything they want."

The store is located at 516 228th Ave NE in Sammamish. Phone number is 425.898.8778.

• A new restaurant called Billy Baroos has opened in the clubhouse at Foster Golf Course by Steve Habecker, who also owns a place in the Fremont area of Seattle.

Billy Baroos (the name comes from the name of Judge Smails putter in the movie Caddyshack) features a wide variety of food and a daily happy hour from 3:30-7 p.m. has proven to be a hit so far.

The restaurant is also working with the course on tournaments.

For info, call 206.558.2763.

## Kelli Kamimura named as new head women's golf coach at WSU

Washington State University has hired Kelli Kamimura as its women's golf head coach, Director of Athletics Jim Sterk announced.

A native of Burlington, Wash. (Sedro Woolley HS), Kamimura most recently served at Pepperdine University as the associate women's golf coach. She was promoted in August 2007 after beginning her tenure with the Wave in January 2004 as assistant coach.

"I am really excited to be at WSU and back in the Northwest," Kamimura said. "I am thrilled to be a part of Cougar Athletics, and to have the opportunity to work in an area with such a sense of community is a great benefit to the golf program."

While at Pepperdine, Kamimura helped lead the Wave to six consecutive West Coast Conference Championships (2004-09) and

four top 10 finishes at the NCAA Championships, including a third-place finish in 2006. Kamimura's 2008 squad set an NCAA record for lowest three-round team score, shooting 41-under-par at the Las Vegas Collegiate Showdown.

Prior to joining Pepperdine's staff, Kamimura served as the assistant women's golf coach at her alma mater, the University of Washington, from August 2002 through December 2003.

Kamimura inherits the women's program from Walt Williams, who served as head coach of both the men's and women's program for the past 11 years.

Williams begins his 12th season as men's golf head coach in 2009-10 for Washington State.

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# Product review: O'Beam

We've all heard the TV announcers say, "he moved his head," when a tour player misses a putt. We know that less head movement means better ball striking. But most recreational golfers don't really know if they are moving their heads or not. How could we?

Well there is a nifty new product on the market that can give you immediate feedback about your head movement.

It's called the O'Beam.

It is a laser device that clips on the visor of a cap and projects a round 'O' beam down toward the ground. The object is to center the "O" beam on top of your golf ball. During the putting stroke you will get immediate feedback as to whether you moved or not - if the circle moves, you moved your head.

It's that simple.

Another important advantage of the O'Beam is it lets you know any variances in ball position at address. We found it real challenging to set up exactly the same each time. It's something that most of us take for granted and assume that we do, but you might be surprised when you can actually see the variances.

The O'Beam is the invention of Katie O'Keefe who has been a golf instructor for 10 years in Florida.

The O'Beam was featured on the Golf Channel's *Champion Tour Learning Center*. Chip Beck said, "I like the immediate feedback...golfers improve quicker when they have immediate feedback. People miss putts because they move too soon."

If you want to improve your setup and minimize your head movement then we



recommend you try this training aid.

If you would like more information on this product or wish to purchase one, you can view the O'Beam by visiting [katieokeefebeam.com](http://katieokeefebeam.com). It retails for \$49.

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# Rules of the game: Think the rules are strange now, see what they used to be

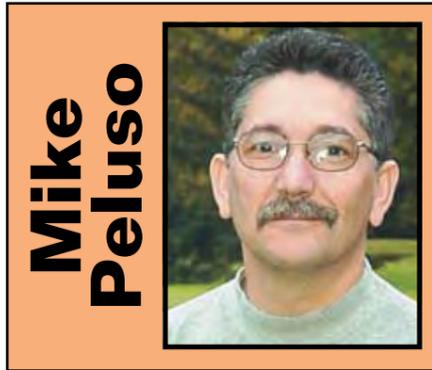
In 1960, the venerable Richard Tufts of the USGA wrote a timeless treatise called "The Principles Behind the Rules of Golf." In its preface he states, "The Rules of golf are indeed a beautifully balanced code, rich with logic, drama and the traditions of a great sport." In all seriousness, it is must-reading for any serious student of the Rules.

However, the Rules have had their quirks and silliness that can make us modern-day golfers chuckle. Here's a sampling of a few of the better ones:

In 1754, the procedure for taking relief from a water hazard was to throw the ball over your shoulder at least six yards. What if you had an arthritic shoulder and couldn't throw it?

In 1902, if a player in match play played a wrong ball, there was no penalty if he informed his opponent that he had hit a wrong ball before the opponent played his stroke. What a deal! You could just say "Oops!" and be absolved from penalty! In 1908, in stroke play there was no penalty for playing one stroke with a wrong ball, but it was a DQ for two successive strokes. Cool! "Oops" again gets me off the hook!

In 1870, at Royal Liverpool Golf Club, if your ball was unplayable in match play, your opponent could allow you three chances to get your ball back into play. If you failed to get the ball back in play in the three strokes, you added the three strokes to your score, but – get this – if you succeeded in getting the ball back in play in three strokes or less, the three



**Mike Peluso**

strokes were added to your opponent's score!! Can you just imagine the gamesmanship that could go on here?

As late as 1968, if a ball played from within 20 yards of the hole struck the flagstick, whether from off the green or not, the player was penalized.

In a similar vein, in 1882, in stroke play, when a player's ball was within 20 yards of the flagstick, it was required that the flagstick be removed. The penalty for failing to remove the flagstick in this situation was one stroke. I still see players chipping with the flagstick removed. Maybe they don't know the Rule changed. Interestingly enough, there was no penalty in match play for a ball that struck the flagstick, whether attended or not.

In 1899, there was no time limit for a ball that was overhanging the hole. A player could wait as long as he wanted until the ball dropped in the hole.

In 1908, the "play without delay" stipulation was added to the Rules. It took a mere 40 years for the Rules to

resolve this conflict, when the USGA in 1947 allowed only a "momentary delay" for a ball overhanging the hole.

In 1915, the penalty for cleaning your ball was disqualification in stroke play! However, the Committee in Charge was authorized to allow ball-cleaning in exceptional circumstances. I'm not even going to speculate what those exceptional circumstances were. Also, I've heard from reliable golf historians that more severe Rules violations were punishable by a public hanging at sunset! An excerpt from an early R&A Decisions Book reads as follows:

Question: Some of the greens are under repair and covered with charcoal and sand. A ball lying on such ground may, by Local Rule, be lifted and placed not nearer the hole. May a ball lifted under the Local Rule be cleaned before being placed, in order to remove sand and charcoal?

Answer: Certainly not.

OK, then. This ball cleaning apparently ranked up there with other high crimes and misdemeanors. I can't help but wonder if carrying a towel on your bag was circumstantial evidence of very devious behavior.

In 1758, you could only get relief from a water hazard if the ball was more than half-covered with water. You see, if it is less than half-covered with water, no water will splash on you when you hit the ball. Besides, a ball less than half-covered with water is very easy to hit. Right!

I can just see now what Rules historians will say 100 years from now. "Back in

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2009, there were no magnetic levitation devices or transporters. The player had to walk across the ground or in a motor operated cart back to where he played his previous stroke if his ball was out of bounds or lost."

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