

KemperSports gets OK to keep running Chambers Bay course

Pierce County has extended its management agreement with KemperSports to operate Chambers Bay Golf Course beyond the 2015 U.S. Open to be held at Chambers Bay. The course, located in the city of University Place on the Puget Sound, will also host the 2010 U.S. Amateur.



WHAT'S NEW IN NW GOLF

Clubhouse burns down

• The Idaho Club, in Sandpoint, Idaho, lost its clubhouse to a fire in late Dec. Page 9.

Rules test

• Test your knowledge of the golf rules with a true or false answer test. Page 15.

Consumer golf show dates to remember

The Seattle Golf Show is set for March 13-15 at the Qwest Field Event Center

The Portland Golf Show takes place this month on Feb. 13-15 at the Oregon Convention Center.

The Spokane Golf Show is Feb. 21-22 at the Spokane Convention Center. More on Page 10 & 14.

Free lessons for kids at Southcenter Golf

For nine years, PGA teaching professional Bill Lugar at South-center Golf in Tukwila, Wash. has been giving free golf lessons to kids every Saturday morning from 10-11 a.m. That will be the case again as 2009 rolls around.

The lessons with Lugar are available year-round at Southcenter Golf for kids who range in age from 5 to 13 years old. Parents just need to buy the range balls.

"To give over four thousand free lessons is really amazing, but with Bill, its just his way of giving something back to the game he loves," says Jim Bennett, Head Professional at Sounthcenter.

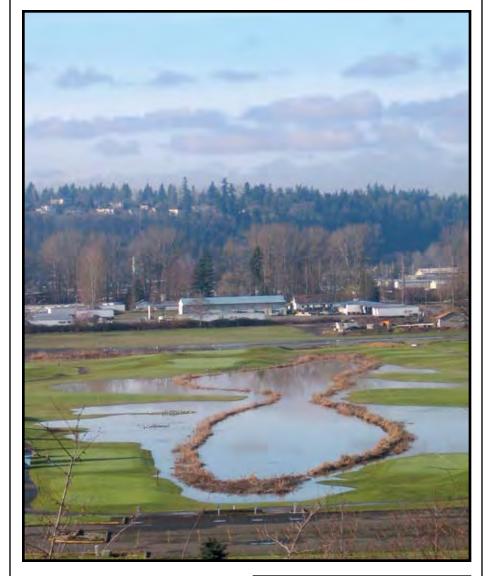
Southcenter Golf also has clubs to give away to the kids just starting out

The program is simple: All you do is take your kid to Southcenter Golf on Saturday mornings, buy the range balls and Bill will teach the kids about golf. For more call 206.575.7797.

Rules Quiz

Your ball lies in a bunker and a fellow competitor inadvertently kicks a pine cone which now lies directly in front of your ball. Are you permitted to remove it? See answer on Page 2.

The Northwest's wild winter



Mother Nature unleashed her fury on the Northwest this winter. First with days of snow and ice and then with floods from a torrent of rain. For more on how some of the harder hit courses made it through the winter and at what cost, see inside this issue of *Inside Golf Newspaper*.

(Sumner Meadows above; Riverside right).



USGA names Gold Mountain host course for 2011 Junior Am

Gold Mountain Golf Course in Bremerton can add yet another feather in its cap as the USGA has announced that the course will host the 2011 USGA Junior Amateur Championship.

The 2010 U.S. Junior Amateur will be held at Egypt Valley and be played on the inward nines of both the Ridge and Valley courses, which were both designed by Arthur Hills and opened in 1990. The dates of the championship are July 19-24, 2010.

Egypt Valley (www.egyptvalley.com) has been the site of many USGA qualifiers as well as championships conducted by the Golf Association of Michigan. In addition, a Champions Tour event was played there from 1994-2004. The state of Michigan has hosted 29 previous USGA championships.

Designed by John Harbottle III and opened in 1996, Gold Mountain Golf Club's Olympic course (www.goldmt.com) will be hosting its second USGA championship, following the 2006 U.S. Amateur Public Links Championship. The dates of the championship will be July 18-23, 2011.

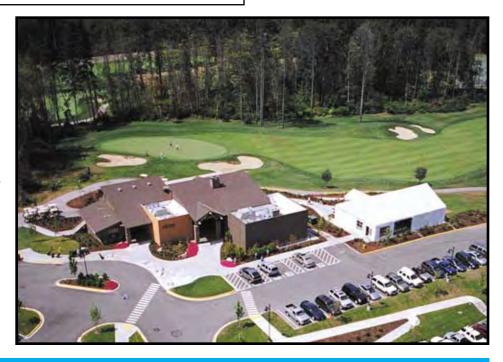
"It is a very special community feeling to host the U.S. Junior Amateur," said Scott Alexander, Gold Mountain director of golf. "Bremerton is a small community, so when something like this comes to our town, people get very involved. And the wildlife and our view of the Olympic Mountains are spectacular." Bremerton is located across the Puget Sound from Seattle.

In all, 19 USGA championships have been held in Washington. The state will also host the 2010 U.S. Amateur Championship and 2015 U.S. Open Championship, both at Chambers Bay near Tacoma.

The 2009 U.S. Junior Amateur will be conducted July 20-25 at Trump National Golf Club in Bedminster, N.J., located just five miles from USGA Headquarters in Far Hills, N.J. The 2008 U.S. Junior Amateur Championship was won by Cameron Peck of Olympia, Wash.

Oki Golf takes over at Trilogy; Redmond course gets a new name

Oki Golf, a collection of premier golf clubs in Washington State, announced that it has purchased Trilogy Golf Club at Redmond Ridge, located in Redmond, WA. Under Oki Golf's ownership, the property will be renamed The Golf Club at Redmond Ridge. See inside this section for more information.



Puyallup's Ryan Moore hopes to reel in the big one for the '09 season

Editor's note: Tacoma News Tribune golf writer is this month's columnist. We thank Todd Miles for his work with Ryan Moore this month.

Professional golfer Ryan Moore's primary focus hasn't changed: He's still hoping to land the big prize - a PGA Tour victory – as he enters his fourth full professional season.

His season started at the five-round Bob Hope Classic in Palm Springs in

That doesn't mean Moore won't settle for netting a few smaller catches along

Last summer, the Puyallup pro picked up a new hobby – fishing – as a way to relax and unwind from tournament play. "I'm not good at it at all," he said. "It's fun."

It started out as a casual activity when Troy Denton, his caddie and best friend, visited Moore during off weeks. Moore had purchased a boat, and the two took it out on American Lake.

Denton suggested the two try fishing, and it grew from there, especially during the PGA Tour's "Fall Series."

A New York-area entrepreneur owns a privately stocked lake near Atunyote Golf Club in Verona, N.Y., site of the Turning Stone Resort Championship, where a few of the tour golfers camped out and

That week, including tournament days, Moore and Denton joined them.

"I really got into it in New York," Moore

A week later, Moore hosted the BMW Northwest Charity Skins Game at Chambers Bay. Included in the field were close friends Aaron Baddeley and



Bubba Watson, whom Moore took out to American Lake for some fishing. The experience aired on the weekly "Inside the PGA Tour" television show.

At the season-ending event near Orlando, Fla., Moore went out a couple of

He claims he has "very, very minimal knowledge" of how to fish successfully, but added the sport is "like golf ... because you use different styles for different fishing all over the country."

Moore even tested his new hobby in international waters.

Jason Moore, Ryan's younger brother and sometimes caddie, had been studying at Hillsong International Leadership College in Sydney, Australia, for a year. He graduated in December.

Ryan Moore went to Australia and treated his brother and friends to a fourday vacation. They snorkeled, they hiked in the rain forest and, yes, fished on the Great Barrier Reef where there are more than 1,500 different of fish species.

Moore said he hauled in four fish in the 30- to 40-pound range.

"They were big fish," he said. "It took a good five minutes to bring them in."



Ryan Moore

That's not to say Moore entirely ignored golf during the offseason. But he did have a stretch during which he didn't touch a club for a month, particularly when the snowstorm hit Western Washington.

By late December, he was back at his new home near Phoenix practicing and getting ready for the 2009 PGA Tour season.

"He's strong. He's been able to practice aggressively - pounding balls in the sand for 11/2 hours, being at the driving range for a couple hours and playing 18 holes after that," said Mike Moore, Ryan's father and coach. "He is able to go at it six or seven hours a day without discomfort (in his left wrist), and he's been able to get back to the technique that enabled him to accomplish some pretty great things."



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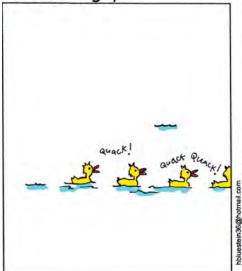
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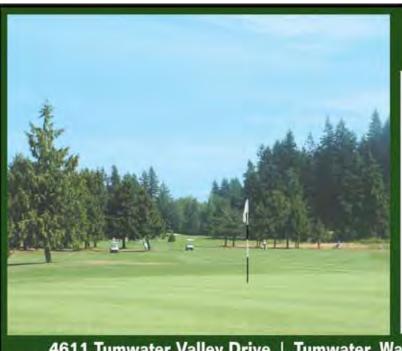
Harold Bluestein PGA

Yes. You are entitled to the lie you had

Rules Answer

when your ball came to rest. Now what if the wind blows a pine cone there or you kick the pine cone to this position in front of your ball. Bad news. Play hard.

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



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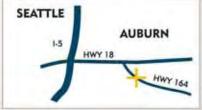
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Oregon State looks to Minnesota to fill the shoes of former head of its golf and turf management

Rob Golembiewski wears a size 13 shoe, but that's nothing compared with the shoes he has to fill. The former head of the golf and turf management program at the Crookston campus of the University of Minnesota has replaced Tom Cook as the director of Oregon State University's turf management program.

Thirty-one years ago, the hardworking and revered Cook, who retired this fall, single-handedly created the program, which has produced superintendents at prominent golf courses, including California's Pebble Beach and Oregon's Bandon Dunes. He also led the development of new grass mixes that require less water and fewer chemicals, and devised new approaches to making golf courses environmentally "green."

In recognition of his work, the Golf Course Superintendents Association of America bestowed upon Cook its highest honor, the Distinguished Service Award.

"It's phenomenal what Tom did as a one-man show," said Golembiewski, who launched Montana State University's turf program and co-owned a landscaping company for six years in Arizona. "I have an appreciation for what he built. I'll be very protective of it, and I look forward to taking it to the next level."

Golembiewski has wasted no time getting down to work. He clocks at least 12 hours a day teaching, picking the brains of industry professionals over lunch and speaking at conferences. On weekends, he's at his office, which he painted himself - a luminous Beaver orange. ("It was a little brighter than I expected," he confessed.)

Right now, he's deciding what research projects to take on. "I've been visiting with turf breeders, golf course superintendents and landscapers trying to get feedback about what the Pacific Northwest industry sees as key issues," said Golembiewski, the holder of the newly created N.B. and Jacqueline Giustina Professorship in Turf Management.

"I want to do research that will impact the Northwest and the nation."

He plans to continue the program's research on perennial ryegrass as part of the National Turfgrass Evaluation Program; the fertility of annual bluegrass; and the performance of certain grass mixtures in shaded conditions. All of this research is conducted on five acres of experimental plots and putting greens at OSU's Lewis-Brown Farm. Golembiewski is planning to expand the putting green area there by up to 10,000 square feet.

Seattle Prep golfer will go to San Francisco to play

Seattle Prep senior Katrina Hegge has signed a letter of intent to play college golf at the University of San Francisco. Hegge, one of the top junior players in the Pacific Northwest, won the 2006 Class 3A state girls championship.

She is ranked among the top juniors in the Northwest – and country.

Update on the various golf projects planned in Washington

 Last year the Jefferson County commissioners gave the ok on the 256-acre resort development called the Pleasant Harbor Marina and Golf Resort. The planned resort will be along the Hood Canal in Brinnon, Wash. While things are still moving forward with the resort it is still under environmental review. There resort is being developed by the Statesman Group of Calgary, CA.

The Statesman Group is an experienced developer and has built several large projects in western states.

- Cascadia Golf & Country Club, the 5,000-acre project in Pierce County, near Bonney Lake, has plans to build three regulation tracks. The first will be a 7,400-yard John Harbottle-designed track called Cascadia Golf Club. It could open as soon as this fall.
- Last year the Douglas County commissioners approved plans for a major vacation resort overlooking the Columbia River between Rock Island and Trinidad (near Wenatchee). Fred Couples will design the resort's 18-hole golf course, Wade Entezar, the Bellevue developer planning Spanish Castle Resort, said, "It will be a world-renowned golf course. We are sacrificing quite a bit of the lots to have a destination golf course," Entezar said.

The golf course was planned for the fifth and final phase of construction, but their are hopes to push it up to the second phase, which would mean construction of the course would start this as early as this year.

2009 Seattle Golf Show will offer something for everyone

For the price of admission, golfers will

once again get a free round of golf at one of four area golf courses. This year those courses include Eaglemont in Burlington, Port Ludlow Golf Resort and The Classic in Spanaway. A fourth course will be named soon.

The show is expanding its hitting line to 22 STATIONS – the largest Demo Zone ever!

The Seattle Golf Show will have over \$1 million of golfer merchandise on the floor, from the latest equipment featured at the PGA Show in Orlando to closeout and clearance merchandise in the clearance center priced from 30-70% off the regular price.

"One of the things we have been strongly encouraging is that each exhibitor come prepared with some sort of a special Golf Show offer," said John Tipping, one of the show's owners.

New this year is the Western Washington Long Drive Championship qualifying. Contestants will get three tries to grip it and rip it with the top 10 in four categories moving on to a final in the weeks after the show at a Seattle-area golf course. Prizes will be awarded in several divisions including a \$1,500 cash or vacation prize in the open division.

Once again the event will be conducting the Washington State Putting Championships. Last year more than 1,200 putters gave the 21-foot putt a try nearly \$6,000 in prizes was given away.

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GolfWeek names Idaho's Circling Raven one of top casino courses in the U.S.

When it comes to casino gaming, it can be risky and exciting business. But when it comes to casino affiliated golf courses there are some sure bets not to be missed according to *Golfweek* Magazine.

Circling Raven Golf Club hit the jackpot when *Golfweek Magazine* course rating panelists ranked it No. 11 nationally in its "2008 America's Best Casino Courses" list.

Circling Raven is a Gene Bates-designed amenity of the Coeur d'Alene Casino Resort & Hotel in Worley, an easy and scenic drive just east of the Spokane (WA) Airport and just south of Coeur d'Alene. The golf club is owned and operated by the Coeur d'Alene Indian Tribe.

Golfweek raters examine overall strength of routing, feature shaping, natural setting, greens, variety and memorability of holes, conditioning and maintenance, landscape management and other criteria.

Of the 30 Golfweek-rated best casino courses, Circling Raven is the only one in the Northwest.

This is third consecutive year *Golfweek* has included Circling Raven on its best-of casino course list and the sixth time overall it has been so recognized.

Golfers look for wine trip: Lake Chelan has your answers

Lake Chelan Wine Valley announces its calendar of events for 2009:

• Red Wine & Chocolate – Feb. 14 and 15 and Feb. 21 and 22, 2009 – each winery pairs a selected red wine with various forms

of chocolate.

- Lake Chelan Nouveau Apr. 18 and 19 and Apr. 25 and 26, 2009 the first opportunity to sample and purchase each winery's new white wine releases.
- Spring Barrel Tasting May 16 and 17, 2009 tour the region to sample wines that have not yet been bottled or released.
- Lake Chelan Crush throughout Oct. 2009 with special events Oct. 3 and 4 and Oct. 10 and 11 Experience your first crush again. Each winery celebrates with harvest season with wine making demonstrations and educational activities.
- Thanksgiving Barrel Tasting Nov. 27, 28 and 29, 2009 Enjoy pre-released wines from each winery.

Discover more than a dozen boutique wineries nestled amongst the rolling hills that cradle the sparkling clear waters of Lake Chelan. Each winery is located within a reasonable drive from historic downtown Chelan. From an old-world retreat to an intimate cottage, each winery offers a unique setting and experience to complement their premium wines. Many offer food options that range from a light snack to a multi-course meal. Each winery lists their own special events on their individual web sites which can all be linked fromwww. lakechelanwinevalley.com.

Wineries include Benson Vineyards, Chelan Estates Winery, Four Lakes Winery, Hard Row to Hoe Vineyards, KarMa Vineyards, Lake Chelan Winery, Nefarious Cellars, Rio Vista Wines, Tildio Winery,

NW players on the pro tours

Through events Jan. 25, 2009

- Fred Couples Seattle 119th on the list with \$10,965
- Ben Crane Portland 111th on the list with \$11,679.
- Robert Garrigus Gresham 51st on the list with \$86,700.
- Jeff Quinney Eugene 126th on the list with \$10,360
- Ryan Moore Puyallup \$0.00.
- Kirk Triplett Pullman 129th on the list with \$10,098.

Nationwide Tour

- Jeff Gove Seattle No events yet
- Brock Mackenzie Yakima No events yet.
- Michael Putnam Tacoma No events yet.

Alex Prugh • Spokane • No events yet Champions Tour

- Peter Jacobsen Portland No events yet.
- Bob Gilder Corvallis No events yet.

LPGA Tour

- Louise Friberg Univ. of Washington 7th on the list with \$26,250.
- Tracy Hanson Post Falls, Idaho No events yet.
 Jimin Kang Seattle 5th on the list with \$31,250.
- Paige Mackenzie Yakima No events yet.
- Wendy Ward Edwall, Wash. No events yet.
- Allison Hanna Williams Portland No events yet.

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Washington, Gold Mountain will host Ping/GolfWeek Invitational

The 2009 Ping/Golfweek Invitational men's college tournament will be hosted by the University of Washington at Gold

Mountain Golf Club in Bremerton, Wash. on Sept. 26-28, 2009 This prestigious tournament will feature 15 collegiate teams by invite only, starting with the host team, the top five teams in the final 2008-'09 *Golfweek/* Sagarin Rankings and the top four finishing teams from the 2008 NCAA Championship that are not among the first six.

"Ping and Golfweek have hosted this most prestigious of collegiate events for many years," said UW head coach Matt Thurmond. "They could have gone anywhere in the country and they chose to come to Washington and Gold Mountain. We hope to have a great event, and to show what a great NCAA Championship we'll host if we are given the bid. It will be great to have so many top-notch teams in our own backyard."

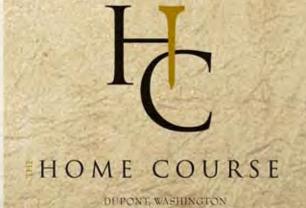
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Mother Nature deals NW courses a double dose of weather with snow, rain

For most of us in the Northwest the wind, rain and snow storms that brought in the new year are just a bad memory but for some of the golf courses it's much more.

Riverside in Chehalis is bordered by the Chehalis River which makes it susceptible to flooding. The course was built in 1927 and has seen its share of floods over the years but this year makes it two in a row after being hit last year with the major flood that destroyed so many homes and businesses. According to Dave Ramsey, the head professional, the snow only amounted to about 12 inches but the water on the course was estimated to be between 15 and 20 feet deep in places.

"We learned our lesson last year and started moving everything (equipment and clubhouse items) at the first hint that we might get hit", said Ramsey. Last year the flood waters entered the clubhouse causing major damage. This year it came within six inches from the subfloor and didn't get inside the building.

Ramsey expects the course to be up and running with all 18 holes by the beginning of February.

"This year had less current (than last year) and not much silt or damage to the course, probably because it was spread out over a couple of weeks," said Ramsey.

It's still too early to know for sure but the damage to the course is expected to be in the \$200,000 range according to Darrell Sorenson who co-owns the course with Mitch McCullough.

Carnation Golf Course, another course

in the flood plane, got hit with what owner Chad Tachell says was the worst he's ever seen. The raised clubhouse was no defense as water reached round 4 1/2 feet inside, pretty much destroying everything inside. According to Tachell it's the worst flood he's seen at the course. "About a foot and half higher than we've ever seen," said Tachell. Tachell, who's grandfather started the course, is a 3rd generation owner and grew up on the course giving him firsthand experience of the many floods the course has endured.

"The course is real clean. It looks just like any other winter." Tachell said. "We've got to clean off the places with a little silt build up, but for the most part it looks pretty good."

One thing about the courses in the flood planes, they bounce back real fast. Tachell said they were going to be ready to host their annual Field Day Tournament on Feb. 2nd. "We may not have everything back to normal but we'll have the course in shape," said Tachell.

Other courses like Riverbend in Kent and Sumner Meadows also found themselves under water. At Riverbend, a nearby creek went over the banks and spilled over onto the 14th hole and the neighboring 12th hole. At Sumner Meadows, a pond along the first hole went over its banks.

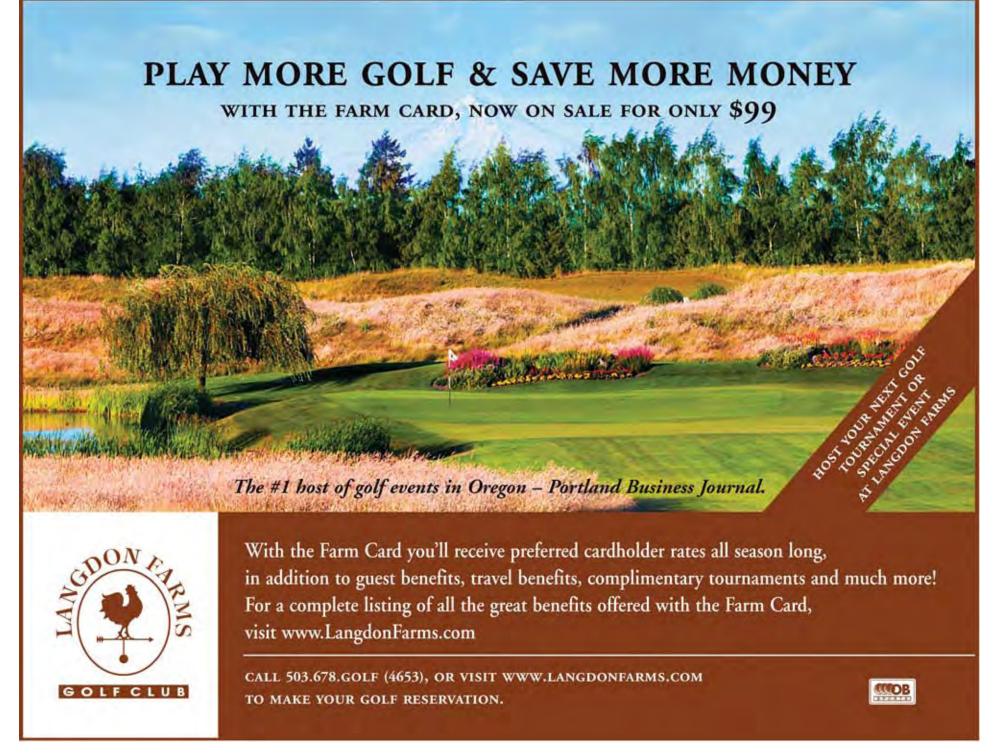
"We've flooded before and we'll flood again, said Pete Petersen of Riverbend. "We just have to let the water recede, clean up the mess and get back to golf."



Flood waters were estimated to be between 15-20 ft. deep at Riveside in Chehalis.



Riverbend in Kent had some flooding issues when winter rains were too much.



Oki Golf buys Trilogy Golf Club; now owns 11 courses

Oki Golf, a collection of premier golf clubs in Washington State, announced that it has purchased Trilogy Golf Club at Redmond Ridge, located in Redmond, WA. Under Oki Golf's ownership, the property will be renamed The Golf Club at Redmond Ridge.

Since purchasing its first course in 1994, Oki Golf has delivered on its commitment to create an incomparable golf experience for guests. With a total of 11 courses now under its umbrella, the purchase surges Oki Golf well ahead as the largest golf stakeholder in the Northwest. The Golf Club at Redmond Ridge joins Oki Golf's portfolio of properties in Washington State that includes The Golf

Club at Newcastle (Newcastle), Harbour Pointe Golf Club (Mukilteo), Washington National Golf Club (Auburn), Trophy Lake Golf & Casting (Port Orchard), The Golf Club at Echo Falls (Snohomish), The Golf Club at Hawks Prairie (Lacey), Indian Summer Golf & Country Club (Olympia), and The Plateau Club (Sammamish). Golfers in the greater Seattle and Bellevue area can now enjoy nine premier public courses located within a 60-mile radius.

Purchased from Shea Homes, Oki found the property a perfect fit into the Oki Golf portfolio with its high caliber course, well maintained conditions, detailed guest services, and well regarded image.



Oki Golf has purchased Trilogy Golf Club and now calls it Golf Club at Redmond Ridge.





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Idaho Club's majestic clubhouse burns to the ground

The Idaho Club's clubhouse burned to the ground in December.

The log clubhouse was considered one of the finest structures of its kind in the Pacific Northwest and was located next to an exclusive Jack Nicklaus designed course just west of Sandpoint Idaho.

"We are greatly saddened as this was a building that held many memories for so many people," Chuck Reeves, president of The Idaho Club, said.

"We just are thankful no one was injured."

"The only thing we can do at a time like this is to look to the future and think about how we can quickly rebuild the Lodge and make it even better than it was before"

Reeves said no one was in the building at the time of the fire and there were no injuries

The building was fully insured and owners of the property intend to rebuild — and even enhance — the clubhouse, Reeves said.

The fire broke out shortly before 4 p.m. and took only a few minutes to become fully engulfed. The 30,000-square foot clubhouse housed a restaurant, bar, pro shop and office space.

The golf club is surrounded by several \$1 million plus homes, none of which were affected by the fire.

Newcastle selects Scott Phelps as new superintendent for courses

The Golf Club at Newcastle announced the appointment of Scott Phelps, Golf Course Superintendent for the property's two awardwinning 18-hole courses, Coal Creek and China Creek.

"We're delighted to have Scott's experience and his energy on our team as we continue improving our golf facility," said

Todd Waltmire, PGA, Director of Golf for The Golf Club at Newcastle. "Scott has managed and enhanced the playability of some of the most respected golf courses in the country, and we look forward to tapping into his talent for Newcastle."

A 26-year industry professional, Phelps most recently served as Director of Grounds at Teton Valley Golf Associates in Victor, ID, overseeing an 18-hole Hale Irwin designed private golf club (Teton Reserve Golf Club), a Dave Druzisky designed 18-hole public course (The Links).

WSGA offers golfers a chance to play in winter tournaments

The WSGA published the schedule for the 2009 WSGA Winter Tournament Series. Due to the popularity of the Winter Tournament Series, the WSGA has added a fourth event in 2009. Host courses include; Jackson Park Golf Course, Gold Mountain Golf Club, White Horse Golf Club, and Kayak Point Golf Course.

Online entries are now available by clicking at thewsga.org. The tournament series will be open to men and women amateurs who are in good standing of a WSGA member club and have a USGA Handicap Index not exceeding 36.4 for men and 40.4 for women. Formats include Stableford, Individual Stroke Play and a 2-Person Four-Ball.

The entry fee of \$70.00 per player, per event will cover greens fees, range balls, championship prizes and a merchandise payout. The field will be broken into flights based on gender and handicap index, with gross and net prizes.

The Oregon Golf Association (theoga. org) is also putting on a winter series of events. See the website for more information on events in Oregon.



The majestic clubhouse at the Idaho Club burned to the ground in mid December.

Did you know....

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plenty of kids to the game of golf through the years including some players you might have heard about including Fred Couples, Ryan Moore, Paige Mackenzie and her brother Brock Mackenzie. The OGA has announced their 2009 Winter Series schedule. There will be three OGA Winter Series tournaments at the OGA Golf



Course in Woodburn, Oregon. The Winter Series will include a Stableford, Mixed Four-ball, and a Men's Four-ball. The first event was held January 20th. The OGA is now accepting entries.

The WSGA has announced their 2009 Winter Tournament Series schedule. Because of the popularity of these events, the WSGA has added a fourth event in 2009.

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Northwest golf shows set dates for 2009 season

March 13-15, 2009 at the Owest Field Event Center – and the show is expected to again be the largest consumer golf show on the West Coast.

Last year, the Seattle Golf Show had a 38 percent increase in attendance and show organizers are hoping for the same this year.

Tickets will be \$10 for the three-day show and as usual, there will be free golf to be had at the door for all paid admissions with various courses supplying the rounds.

The event will feature plenty of interactive events throughout the weekend. Volunteers are needed for the event. For information call 206.818.4653.

• Spokane Golf Show: The two-day event will be held Feb. 21-22 at the Spokane Con-

The 2009 Seattle Golf Show will be held vention Center and will offer free rounds of golf at the door for paid admissions. For information see www.spokanegolfshow.

> • Portland Golf Show: Just prior to the official opening of the golf season which begins March 1, area golfers will be able to experience unbeatable deals from the game's leading manufacturers, all-new interactive contests and thousands of dollars in prizes and giveaways at the Portland Golf Show, February 13-15 in the Oregon Convention

> Presenting sponsor Oregon Golf will again display a 5,000-sq. ft. superstore offering the lowest prices of the year on clubs, gear and equipment from the industry's leading manufacturers. In addition, golfers

will have the opportunity to try some of the hottest new clubs on the market in 2009 in a massive indoor hitting cage.

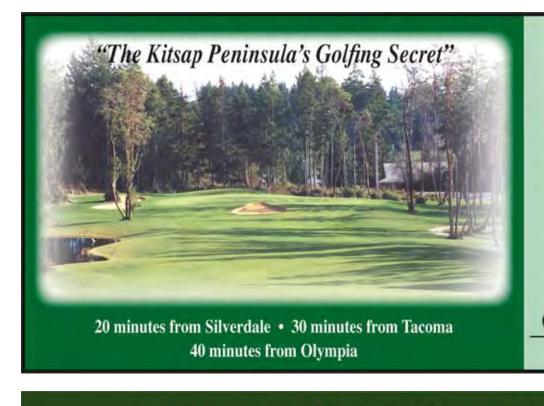
In addition to show-only specials from Oregon Golf and dozens of the leading exhibitors in the golf, leisure, finance and travel industries, this year's Portland Golf Show will debut a completely revamped Short Game Central interactive game and will feature free lessons to all consumers from top regional and national pros, an exciting lineup of PGA teachers and golf celebrities on the Main Stage and a goody bag containing an estimated \$75 in absolutely free giveaways, just for walking in the door!

For even better savings, the popular Clearance Center will again offer bargainbasement prices on last year's models.

Northwest Golf Shows

Here are some quick facts about golf shows in the Pacific Northwest for the 2009 golf season.

- Seattle Golf Show: Set for March 13-15 at the Qwest Field Events Center in Seattle. See www.seattlegolfshow. com for more info.
- Portland Golf Show: Will be held Feb. 13-15 at the Oregon Convention Center in Portland. See www.portlandgolfshow.com for more
- Spokane Golf Show: Dates are Feb. 21-22 at the Spokane Convention Center. See www.spokanegolfshow.com for more information.





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The Lesson Tee: If you are having slice problems there might be ways to straighten your game out

Most golfers are slicers. The slice is usually a common chain of events ingrained in golfers bodies and minds.

Most mid to high handicappers use too much upper body in their golf swing. They especially use too much upper body in the downswing. Speed comes from the hands and arms. If the arms are swung on the downswing the body will respond and the clubhead will be more apt to release. Pro's and lower handicappers make a shoulder turn back and then swing their arms through to deliver the club. Higher handicappers do just the opposite - they swing their arms back and turn their upper body on the through swing.

The first step toward curing your slice is to strengthen your grip. I don't get tired of saying it but I am sure you get tired of hearing it. Hold the shaft in the fingers showing three knuckles in your left hand. I learned this long ago from David Leadbetter. Match the back of the right hand with your left. Work each hand more to the right. (photo 1)

Secondly, tilt your spine more to the right. This 10 degree tilt will allow a slightly lower deeper backswing. This will allow you to swing more from the inside path. This set up concept will feel like your left shoulder is slightly higher than the right. (photo 2)

Use this swing station (photo 3) to lower your arms at the top of the backswing. The shafts above your right shoulder in photo 3 help you swing your arms lower on the backswing. This allows you to swing more from the inside on the downswing. When working at your swing sta-



tion I want to remind you to make a nice shoulder turn back. On the downswing deliver the club under the shaft stuck in the ground by swinging your hands and arms. Your body will automatically respond to your arm swing. Swinging under the shaft stuck in the ground through the hitting area will shallow your downswing. (photo 3) You can even focus on straightening your right arm and delivering your hands at the inside quarter of your golf ball. Make some practice swings before striking shots off of a tee.

Cure the slice:

- Strengthen your grip
- Proper 10 degree tilt to the right
- Backswing turn back
- Downswing deliver club, swing arms to the ball
- Use the station (photo 3)

Jeff Coston is an 11 time Pacific Northwest Player of the Year. He can be reached for appointment year round by calling Semiahmoo Resort at 360-371-7005.

Cure for the slice:

- Strengthen your grip
- •10 degree spin-tilt
- Backswing turn back
- Downswing–swing arms to the ball
- Use practice station



Photo 2





Photo 1

Photo 3



Women's golf: Don't let playing in a tournament scare you, sign up for one

Dear Kathy

This year my goal is to play in some tournaments. I've been playing golf for five years, my handicap is a 32 and while I know I still have a long way to go with my game my friends want me to play in the state Public Links tournaments. This seems like a big step, I'm very nervous, is there anything I need to do or know to play in these?

JoAnne

Dear JoAnne

You're going to have a blast! The Public Links tournaments will give you a chance to play at courses you probably wouldn't otherwise, meet new golfing friends and dip your toe into competitive golf. Relax, you'll be paired with golfers that are within about 3-5 strokes of your handicap so you won't be intimidated by the "big guns".

To play a good game, stick to your basics, and have a solid pre-shot routine you do EVERY time. Women tend to hurry, especially when you take a lot of strokes, but try this. Get to your ball quickly, whether walking or riding, be ready to hit when it's your turn. Then stop, take a deep breath, go methodically through your pre shot routine, be positive, smile before you hit and swing with confidence.

The second important item to brush up on before a tournament is rules and etiquette. Stand in the proper place while other golfers play-always across and behind the ball, never behind the golfer unless requested by the player to spot

Kathy DeNeui



the ball. On the greens, be especially carefully about walking on lines, marking your ball and again, never stand where a golfer putting would see you while making a stroke. Make sure you have a rules book handy and know how to use it. Read the definitions and practice looking up rules when you play golf. The good news is if you're unsure of a rule when playing in a competition, or your partners don't agree with your interpretation, you have the option of playing a second ball. When you do this keep score to the hole with both balls, and write both scores down with which ball you believe is the correct score. The rules committee will then advise you on the correct score. If you want to practice rulings you can go on-line to the USGA site.

Trust your friends, JoAnne, if they think you're ready for tournaments you are!

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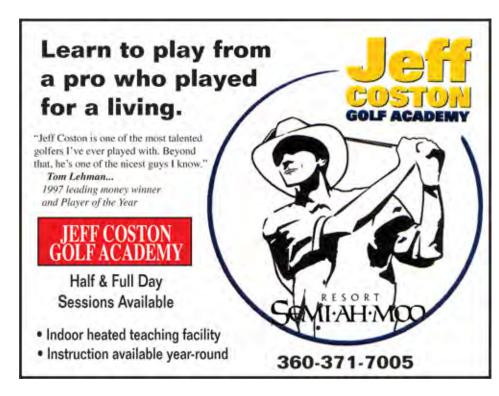
New road makes it even easier to find your way to Circling Raven

When a course like the one at Coeur d'Alene Casino Resort & Hotel's Circling Raven Golf Club wins as many awards as it has – 35 since opening five years ago (see the partial list below) – it reinforces the resounding quality found there. While many would be hard-pressed to envision how the Circling Raven experience could be made better, that's precisely what has happened thanks to U.S. Highway 95 having been rerouted.

The road used to pass along the 18th fairway and across the land of the Coeur d'Alene tribe, which owns and operates Circling Raven (www.circlingraven. com, 800-523-2464). The new highway and interchange now provide access to the casino resort hotel and golf club from the resort's west side. The old highway has been deeded over to the CDA Tribe.

Renowned for its peaceful, pristine setting, the proximity of the old highway next to the last Circling Raven fairway was considered a minor item for an otherwise unanimously acclaimed course. It was akin to a rock group's CD cover being placed next to Leonardo da Vinci's "Mona Lisa" in the Louvre Museum – you wouldn't like to see it there but the masterpiece remains the masterpiece.

With the bypass in place Circling Raven is unspoiled from start to finish.









Oregon news: Portland Golf Show set for Feb. 13-15

The Portland Golf Show will return to the Oregon Convention Center for the 16thstraight year Feb. 13-15, 2009

Over the past 15 years, the Portland Golf Show has developed a following on the strength of bargain-basement prices on equipment and apparel and giveaway packages that guarantee a return on the value of the consumer's ticket the second they pass through the door.

This year, however, the nation's economic downturn has created an even more favorable market for golf consumers, with manufacturers, courses and retailers offering even better discounts and more free goodies than ever before. Just for walking in the door at the 2009 Portland Golf Show, every attendee will receive a goody bag containing free rounds to Mallard Creek and Camas Meadows, plus a one-year subscription to Golf Digest. In addition, the first 1,000 people in the door each day will receive a two-ball sleeve courtesy of Bridgestone golf!

Once on the show floor, attendees will have the chance to try out all of the latest equipment in the Demo Zone and take advantage of show-only specials from the region's leading golf retailers, courses, restaurants, vacation planners and more.

California golfers are teed off at their Govenor

Gov. Arnold Schwarzenegger wants to extend the state sales tax to cover more services like rounds of golf, auto repairs, veterinary care, amusement park and sporting event admissions and appliance and furniture repairs.

"You don't see a tax on movies," said Bob Bouchier, executive director of the California Alliance for Golf. "You don't see a tax on bowling. You don't see skiing. You don't see a tax on any other sport.

Some question whether the taxes would raise that much money, saying they could actully cause fewer customers and layoffs.

Tetherow earns place as **Audubon Sanctuary course**

The David McLay Kidd-designed Tetherow Golf Club in Bend, Oregon has recently been designated as a Certified Audubon International Signature Sanctuary after meeting strict environmental criteria. Signature certification is awarded only to new developments which are designed, constructed, and maintained according to Audubon International's precise planning standards and environmental disciplines. Currently there are only 77 other certified projects in the United States and the Tetherow is the first and only certified Signature Certified development in Oregon.

Tetherow was honored for ensuring that environmentally sound philosophies and practices are integrated into the course development and on-going agronomic prac-

To achieve this certification, Tetherow designed and implemented a Natural Resource Management Plan (NRMP) that addressed: Wildlife Conservation and Habitat Enhancement, Water Quality Monitoring and Management, Integrated Pest Management, Water Conservation, Energy Efficiency, and Waste Management.





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Rules of the game: So you think you know golf's rules? See how you do with these golf questions

Before you know it, the nice weather will be here soon, the courses will be in good shape, and we'll be flocking in droves to our favorite courses for another season of golf in the Northwest. Hopefully, most of us will want to play by the Rules, so a little True-False quiz just might be in order. This won't be meant to be tricky or difficult. I'm hoping you'll take the quiz and refer to the specific Rules that accompany each question. I'll cover the most common Rules. Remember, these are all True-False statements. Good luck!

Question #1.

If you discover that you've hit your tee shot out of bounds, in order to save time you can just drop another ball near the spot where your ball went out of bounds, add a penalty stroke, and play your next stroke from there. (Rule 27-1)

Question #2.

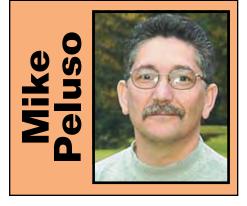
If you discover that your ball is unplayable, you can drop another ball along the line of flight from where your played your previous stroke and add a penalty stroke. (Rule 28b)

Question #3.

A player's ball lies on the putting green. He brushes away some loose impediments (leaves) near his ball, and accidentally moves his ball. There is no penalty, (Rule 23)

Question #4.

Larry and Moe are playing match play. Larry holes his putt for a 4. Moe lies 3 about two feet from the hole. Larry con-



cedes Moe's putt, but Moe says, "Nah, I'll just putt out." Moe misses his putt. Larry wins the hole. (Rule 2-4)

Question #5.

Frank and George are fellow-competitors. On the 5th hole, both players are in the fairway. Frank asks George, "How far is it from my ball to the hole?" George answers, "You are about 155 yards away." Both Frank and George are guilty of asking for and giving advice. (Rule 8-1)

Question #6.

Your drive strikes a cart path. Your ball has a large scrape on it. You can declare that ball unfit for play and substitute another ball before finishing the hole you're playing. (Rule 5-3)

Question #7.

Prior to playing in a stroke play tournament, you can walk around the competition course on the day of the competition, checking hole locations and other course conditions. (Rule 7-1)

Question #8.

Your ball is in a large bunker. You enter the bunker a long distance away from your ball and, out of courtesy, rake some footprints that are nowhere near your ball. There is no penalty. (Rule 13-4)

Question #9.

When it is necessary to drop a ball under a Rule, you must stand erect, hold the ball at shoulder height and arm's length, and drop it. You may face any direction when dropping a ball. (Rule 20-2a)

Question #10.

Your ball is in the fairway and you accidentally bump it with your foot, and it moves about 6 inches. There is no penalty as long as you replace it prior to making your next stroke. (Rule 18-2a)

Now check out the answers and see how you did:

1. False.

You must always return to the spot from where you played your previous stroke and add a penalty stroke. If you've played a provisional ball, the provisional ball is lying 2 and you are making your third stroke.

2. False.

The "line" along which you may drop a ball extends from the hole through the spot where the ball was deemed to be unplayable, and the drop must be behind that spot.

3. True, but the ball must be replaced.

4. False.

Once a concession is made, it's final! 5. False.

Under the new Rules, it's OK to give distances to each other. However, if a

suggestion as to which club to hit is also made, now there's a Rule 8-1 violation.

6. False.

Under Rule 5-3, a ball is unfit for play only if it's "visibly cut, cracked or out of shape." Scratches or scrapes don't count. If you substitute that scraped ball for another one before play of the hole is over, you get two strokes under Rule 15-2.

7. True.

Just don't play any strokes or roll a ball on the putting greens.

8. False.

You're dinged for two strokes. You'd be testing the condition of the sand if you rakes those footprints. It doesn't matter where they are in relation to your ball.

9. True.

10. False.

There is a one-stroke penalty for moving your ball in play, and you must replace it. If you don't replace it, and play your next stroke, it now becomes a two-stroke penalty.

Hope you did well on the little quiz. Remember, with tournament season coming up, you can always contact me or my Rules colleagues if you have any pressing Rules questions: Mike Peluso (mikepeluso@comcast.net), Paul Lucien (paulgolf72@msn.com) or Don Fossum (donfossum@comcast.net).

Also, if you have any rules questions feel free to email Mike Peluso and Inside Golf might run your question (and the answer of course) in a future issue.





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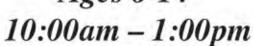
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