

INSIDE GOLF NEWSPAPER

Suncadia's Rope Rider named best new golf course for 2011

Suncadia Resort's new Rope Rider golf course (pictured right) has been named the top new course for 2011 by *Golf Magazine*. Rope Rider is the resort's third golf course. Salish Cliffs in Shelton, Wash. was named one of the top new courses you can play. See Page 4.



WHAT'S NEW IN NW GOLF

Umpqua Challenge: Peter's Party will make a move back to the Reserve Golf Club

Peter Jacobsen Sports announced that the 2012 Umpqua Bank Challenge will take place August 26-28 at The Reserve Vineyards and Golf Club, located at 4805 SW 229th Avenue in Aloha, Ore.

"The Reserve has always been a great partner to PJS, and I couldn't be happier to continue our relationship with them," said Tournament Host Peter Jacobsen. "The course is spacious and fan-friendly, and gives us the opportunity to create an extremely special event."

The Reserve was previously home to two PJS-managed events, The Challenge, 1998-2002, and the Jeld-Wen Tradition, 2003-2006.

During those nine years the course played host to some of the game's most popular players, including Stewart Cink, Fred Couples, John Daly, Jim Furyk, Sergio Garcia, Matt Kuchar, Phil Mickelson, Jack Nicklaus, Arnold Palmer, Craig Stadler, David Toms, Tom Watson and the 2011 Umpqua Bank Challenge defending champions, Steve Elkington and Scott McCarron.

The Umpqua Bank Challenge and Regence Pro-Am will be played on The Reserve's North Course, designed by renowned golf course architect Bob Cupp. The John Fought-designed South Course will be open during the tournament for member-play only.

For the most up-to-date tournament information and news, including details on volunteering, ticket sales and sponsorship opportunities, visit www.umpquabankchallenge.com or call (866) 503-2003.

The event returned last year and was held at the Portland Golf Club.

Rules Quiz

Please note: Virtually all of the changes made by the USGA implemented this year will come into play for most golfers on virtually every round they play. Some long held procedures and outcomes have changed and not only would a penalty apply now but in some cases penalties will no longer apply.

A player's ball lies in a bunker and the rake has been left in another part of the bunker. Before making a stroke in the bunker, the player retrieves the rake. After lifting the rake, the player smooths the footprints that he just created, and a few others as well. What is the ruling? Answer on Page 2.

Moore starts new company, begins to leave his mark in the NW golf business

Pacific Northwest native and PGA Tour star Ryan Moore has decided to make a mark off the golf course as well as on it.

Moore, along with several others, have formed Ryan Moore Golf Course Management LLC, a group which has taken over three courses and hopes to pump life into the golf economy of the South Puget Sound.

The formation came this winter and already the company has taken over operations at McCormick Woods Golf Course in Port Orchard, The Classic in Spanaway and has purchased Oakbrook Country Club in Tacoma. Others in the group include Moore's father Mike and brother Jason, Shawn Cucciardi and JD Rastovski.

This is the latest venture for Moore who has shown an interest off the golf course as well.

He became a minority owner in Scratch Golf in 2009 but left for Adams Golf. In the same time, he also became a founder and co-owner of True Linkswear, a Phoenix-based golf shoe and apparel company.

Moore's golf company will offer three levels of unlimited golf memberships at the three courses, ranging from its three-course all-access for \$179 per month to a one-course, \$99-per-month deal. There are also other deals available.

"We want this to be a product that appeals to everyone," said Moore, who recently got married. "And not just to people who are 45 and can afford a membership and go play golf any time they want. We want people to have great facilities that they can play at a reasonable rate."

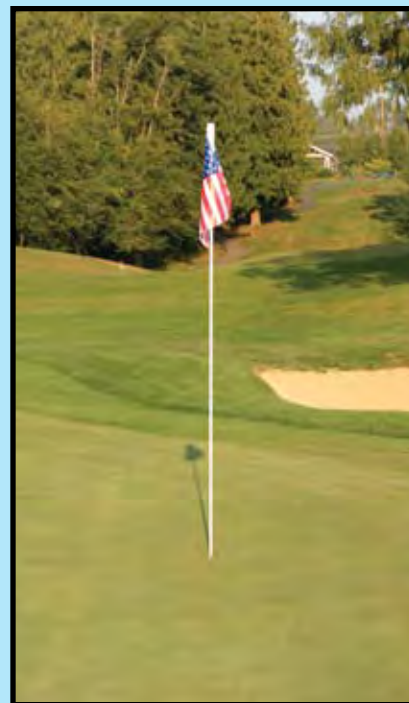


Ryan Moore

Destination: Gleneagle Golf Course



Gleneagle Golf Course in Arlington, Wash., about 45 minutes north of Seattle, has seen its share of ups and downs in the past few years. But new General Manager Mike Simpson says the course is now on an upswing with plenty of new improvements on and off the golf course. An increased maintenance budget has helped improve the quality of the fairways and greens. The local homeowners are on board with the changes, including one who donated \$13,000 for new tee signs, ball washers and more. See inside for the story.



Portland LPGA event makes a \$1 million donation

The LPGA Safeway Classic in Portland has donated \$1 million to local children's charities from its 2011 staging, marking the sixth consecutive year the LPGA Tour event has hit the million-dollar mark.

TGF announced the charitable contributions at a news conference at the Bing Lounge in the PacWest Center in downtown Portland. The main beneficiaries are Easter Seals of Oregon, the Evans Scholarship Foundation, Boy & Girls Clubs of Portland, Trillium Family Services, Police Activities League, The Children's Course and Oregon Junior Golf.

The Safeway Classic -- the longest running regular event on the LPGA Tour -- has raised \$16 million for children's charities in its 40 years, with \$13 million coming in the 16 years Safeway has served as title sponsor. The tournament will continue in 2012 after Safeway agreed to return as title sponsor. It will be held Aug. 17-19.

On the lookout for an instructor?

If you are looking to improve your golf game for the 2012 season, then *Inside Golf Newspaper* just might be able to help you out.

Inside Golf Newspaper is providing a lengthy list of some of the teaching professionals in the Pacific Northwest along with their credentials, their photo and the rates they charge.

You should be able to find an instructor that meets your needs and be within your budget.

See inside for more information about finding a golf teacher.

Brian Mogg squared: Older Mogg says the younger version has bright future

Thanksgiving and Christmas might make for some fun times around the Mogg household. If someone asks for Brian, you will get answers from a couple of different people.

On one side of the room might Brian Mogg No. 1, the 50-year-old who is considered one of the top golf teachers in the country and who runs his own golf school at Chambers Bay. On the other side of the room might sit another Brian Mogg, the 15-year-old junior golf phenom and son of the older Mogg's brother Gary.

Confused? Put it this way, Gary and his wife decided to name their kid after his older brother Brian. And there was no bribery or trickery involved in the naming of the younger Brian Mogg, "My brother is my best friend and we are very close," said Gary Mogg. "My wife knows how close we are and she thought it would be a great idea too to name him after my brother."

OK, so I've heard of Gary Jr. or a Brian Jr. But a second Brian name in the family?

"I like it," said the younger Brian Mogg. "I think it helps me in a way I can get recognized more for my golf game."

If the younger Brian Mogg keeps playing like he has, he won't have to worry about trading on his uncle's name. At age 15, he is making a name all for himself so far.

As a freshman at Skyline High School in Issaquah, the young Mogg finished sixth at the Class 4A state tournament - the best finish ever by a freshman. Last summer. He also won the Portland Junior Golf Championship, finished second at the Washington State Junior Golf Championships and finished 17th in a national AJGA event in Texas. He also was selected by the PGA to represent the Pacific Northwest at the Junior Ryder Cup last year.

This young lefthander has game. Don't believe it, just ask his uncle, who works with some of the games top players like DA Points and 2009 PGA champion YE Yang.



Steve Turcotte

"He's a great young player," said uncle Brian. "With some of the things he's been through, I would have been rattled. But not him. He's a mature kid."

Mature and talented. At the Callaway Open, which is played every November in Pebble Beach, uncle Brian tees it up every year. But he brings his brother and nephew down for some

practice. Young Brian brings some clubs, throws them in his uncle's bag and gets to take some shots at places like Spyglass during practice.

In one round last year with DA Points and Jeff Gove, the young Mogg took out his 60 degree wedge off a hardpan like near the 18th hole and put two shots within gimme range. Yes, the kid has game. Even in the presence of PGA Tour players.

With uncle Brian living across the country, lessons are still easy. Dad Gary emails swings and uncle Brian takes a look and then gets back with information.

"It's special working with someone like my uncle," said the younger Mogg. "I ask him new stuff all the time. I never get tired of learning from him."

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Brian Mogg (left) works with his nephew and namesake Brian Mogg on his swing.



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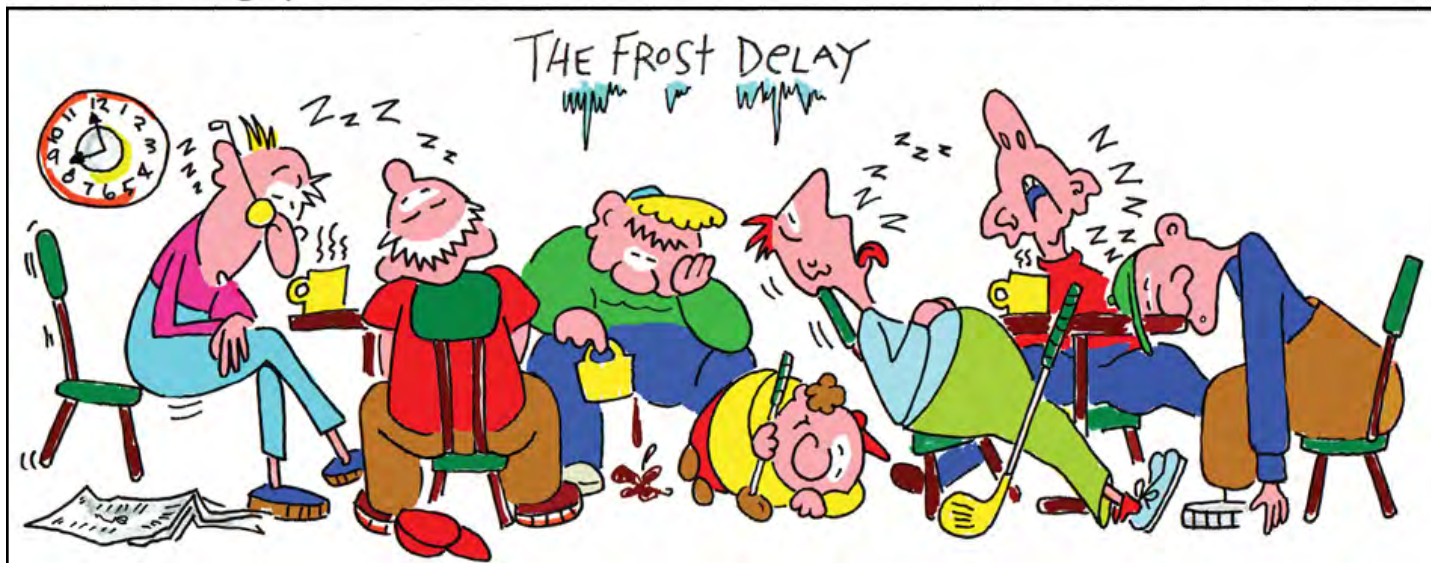
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Rules Answer

Answer: There is no penalty provided the smoothing was done for the sole purpose of "caring for the course" and nothing was done improve the lie, stance, area of intended swing or line of play for his next stroke (Rule 13-2). See decisions 1-2/0.7, 13-4/9 and exception 2 under Rule 13-4.

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Shelton's Salish Cliffs continues to receive national golf course awards

Brand-new Salish Cliffs Golf Club at Little Creek Casino Resort – located a short drive from Olympia and Seattle – has added to its already impressive resume with inclusion in *Golf Magazine's* "Best New Courses You Can Play 2011" and as the highest-ranking casino course (No. 11 overall) to open this year in "*Golfweek's* Best: Casino Courses 2011."

The *Golf Magazine* article is featured in the January 2012 issue, while the *Golfweek* ranking is in the current December 9-16 issue.

Salish Cliffs – a Gene Bates design that just opened in September – was lauded by *Golf Magazine* Travel Editor Joe Passov, who spotlighted the magazine's "Best New Courses You Can Play 2011" in a variety of categories from the United States and around the world.

"After delays dating to 2008, this Gene Bates design for the Squaxin Island Indian Tribe's Little Creek Casino Resort finally opened this past summer," wrote Passov of Salish Cliffs. "It was worth the wait...Salish Cliffs unfolds over 400 acres, without a home or road to scar the landscape. Generous fairways allow all to smack the driver with abandon, but sprawling (if shallow) bunkers, thick native grasses and towering firs punish careless shots."

In *Golfweek*, Salish Cliffs was ranked as the nation's top casino course to open in 2011, and No. 11 overall, in the magazine's "Best: Casino Courses 2011" ranking of the Top-50 casino layouts.

Salish Cliffs was chosen by *Golfweek's* nationwide team of course raters. Not only was Salish Cliffs the top-ranked casino

layout to open in 2011, but it was one of just two Pacific Northwest casino courses on the list.

The *Golf Magazine* and *Golfweek* honors come on the heels of Salish Cliffs being ranked No. 8 in "*Golfweek's* Best 2011: Best New Courses" list, which was released in October. On that list, Salish Cliffs is the highest-ranked course that opened for play in 2011. Salish Cliffs has also received praise for its reasonable rates and was included on *Forbes.com's* list of the "12 Best Value Courses in the U.S."

State wildlife figure out plan to help TPC Snoqualmie Ridge

State wildlife officials have declared open season on a group of elk that have been damaging an upscale golf course.

Officials at TPC Snoqualmie Ridge say the elk have been wreaking havoc on the course, creating large divots and breaking pins.

General manager Ryan Whitney said over the past two years, the golf club has used flares to scare away the elk, traps to frighten them and even tagged several of them to follow their movement. But nothing worked, and the prized playing surface continued taking a beating.

"We've not only seen greater visits, but greater numbers coming," Whitney said.

With mounting damage, the state has finally approved a plan to kill several of the elk.

Expert hunters can even vie for the chance to shoot one of them from a designated area on the course.

The hunting will take place on Mondays,

when the course is closed to golfers.

Some might have a problem with the hunt, but other residents on the ridge say as long as it's safe and all the other options have been exhausted, this is the way to go.

Ann Swanson named president of Washington Women's Golf

Ann Swanson of Sand Point Country Club has been elected president of the Washington State Women's Golf Association. Swanson has won a record nine Washington State Championships and has been runner-up nine times.

She has also won numerous state, regional and national titles and is a member of the Pacific Northwest Golf Hall of Fame.

The Washington State Women's Golf Association was founded in 1922. The 2012 state championship will be played at Sand Point July 30-Aug. 3.

WSGA sets schedule for 2012 Winter Tour events

The Washington State Golf Association will host a series of Winter Tour events. The 2012 host courses include:

- February 24, 2012: Oakbrook Golf and Country Club
- March 23, 2012: McCormick Woods.
- April 13, 2012: Palouse Ridge.

The entry fee of \$70.00 per player, per event will cover green 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.

See www.thewsga.net for more information.

Northwest golf show season gets ready to kick off

Golfers around the Pacific Northwest will be treated to a golf fest in the month of February with three golf shows taking center stage. Golf shows in Portland, Seattle and Spokane will be held during the month giving golfers an idea about what is new for 2012.

The Portland and Seattle golf shows will kick off the show season as both shows are scheduled for the same weekend Feb. 10-12, 2012.

The Portland Golf Show will be held at the Oregon Convention Center and feature plenty of things to see and do. See www.portlandgolfshow.com for more information.

The Seattle Golf and Travel Show will take on a new look as the golf show has partnered with the Seattle travel Show for three days. See www.seattlegolfshow.com for addition information.

The Spokane Golf Show will wrap up the show season with a two-day run at the Spokane Convention Center Feb. 19-20. See www.spokanegolfshow.com for more.

Northwest Golf Shows

- **Seattle:** Seattle Golf and Travel Show will take place Feb. 10-12, 2012 at the Centurylink Event Center. See www.seattlegolfshow.com for more.
- **Portland:** Portland Golf Show is set for Feb. 10-12, 2012 at the Oregon Convention Center. See www.portlandgolfshow.com for more.
- **Spokane:** The Spokane Golf Show will take place Feb. 19-20, 2012 at the Spokane Convention Center. Check out www.spokanegolfshow.com for additional information.

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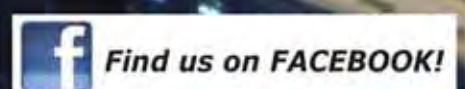
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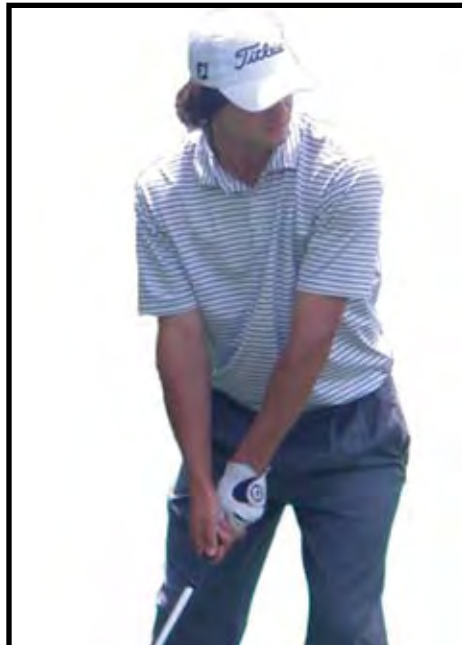
Pacific NW professionals off and rolling for 2012

The professional golf tours got off and rolling in January and some Pacific Northwest players had some solid performances in the early going.

Puyallup native Ryan Moore shot a 61 in the second round of the Humana Challenge in Palm Springs. Moore would finish tied for 42nd in the event.

Gig Harbor native Kyle Stanley flirted with the lead in the season opening Sony Open in Hawaii before settling for a tie for 23rd place in the tournament.

On the Champions Tour, Seattle native Fred Couples tied for sixth in the season opening event in Hawaii.



Kyle Stanley

LPGA Tour gets rolling this month with three tournaments

The LPGA tour kicks off this month with three tournaments in Australia, Thailand and Singapore. Pacific Northwest players Jimin Kang, Paige Mackenzie and Wendy Ward are expected to kick off their seasons.

The LPGA season gets going in the United States March 15-18 with the RR Donnelley LPGA Founders Cup set for Arizona.

The LPGA will make its annual Pacific Northwest stop Aug. 17-19 with the Safeway Classic at Pumpkin Ridge.

PGA Tour, Canadian Tour finalize working agreement

The PGA Tour and Canadian Tour have finalized an agreement that will help the cash-strapped Canadian circuit continue its operations and could have impacts on the PGA Tour's qualifying process.

The Canadian Tour, along with PGA Tour chief operating officer Ed Moorhouse, presented the agreement to its players. The players' approval was the last step needed to finalize the agreement, which comes only months after the formation of PGA Tour Latinoamerica.

Nationwide Tour access would be the largest of those benefits. The partnership between the tours paves the way for the Canadian Tour to offer Nationwide Tour cards to its top performers, just as PGA Tour Latinoamerica is scheduled to do when it debuts next year. The Canadian Tour and Tour de las Americas are members of the International Federation of PGA Tours.

Tour Players With NW Ties

PGA Tour

- Fred Couples • Seattle • No events
- Ben Crane • Portland • 13th on the list with \$321,800
- Robert Garrigus • Gresham • Tied for seventh on the list with \$418,133
- Ryan Moore • Puyallup • Tied for 97th on the list with \$18,512
- Troy Kelly • Bremerton • Tied for 103rd on the list with \$12,488
- Richard H. Lee • Bellevue • No cuts made
- Michael Putnam • Tacoma • No events
- Jeff Quinney • Eugene • No events
- Kyle Stanley • Gig Harbor • Tied for 64th on the list with \$47,575
- Kirk Triplett • Pullman • No events

Nationwide Tour

- Andres Gonzales • Olympia • No events
- Jeff Gove • Seattle • No events
- Brock Mackenzie • Yakima • No events

Champions Tour

- Fred Couples • Seattle • 11th on the list with \$45,000
- Bob Gilder • Corvallis • Tied for 31st on the list with \$14,000
- Peter Jacobsen • Portland • No events

LPGA Tour

- Allison Hanna • Portland • No events
- Jimin Kang • Seattle • No events
- Paige Mackenzie • Yakima • No events
- Wendy Ward • Edwall, Wash. • No events

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When looking for a golf instructor be sure to find one with a teaching philosophy that matches your goals and temperament. Learning the fundamentals is vitally important for everyone and especially important for beginners. The more advanced players might need that little tweak that the video lesson can provide. Playing lessons can incorporate some fast-track fixes for all parts of your game. Whatever your needs, you will benefit from taking quality lessons from an experienced professional instructor. In order to help you find a teacher that best matches your needs we've put together this group of listings for some of the best teachers in the Northwest.



Golf Teachers in the Greater Portland Area

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Christopher M. Woods – PGA Member, Director of Instruction, Center Manager

Chris started his career in golf at the Golf Academy of America where he received his Associates Degree in Golf Business Management in 1999. After working at golf courses in the Southern California area, Chris quickly moved up to Head Golf Professional and General Manager at Talega Golf Club in San Clemente, CA. Since moving back to the Portland area and joining the GolfTEC team in 2010 he has become a Certified Club Fitter and taught thousands of lessons. Chris has a passion for coaching and enjoys helping his students reach their goals. Whether you

are a low handicap player and just looking to make one or two adjustments in your swing or someone that has never played the game before, Chris is ready to help you improve your game. For more information about fees and instruction, please visit www.golftec.com/portland.

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Jake Bader – PGA Member, Director of Instruction, Center Manager
Jake is a second generation PGA member, instructing and coaching golf since the age of 15. Jake has a very high success rate and has helped his students achieve some remarkable goals. Jake uses a comprehensive approach when it comes to golf instruction. By utilizing state-of-the-art technology and his teaching experience, he's able to work on all areas of the game including tee to green skills, course management and mental approach. He is a Certified Club Fitter with many different manufacturers and can fit everything from a full bag of clubs to your golf ball. Jake is very passionate about helping all skill levels and finds it very rewarding

to see his students achieve their goals. For more information about fees and instruction, please visit www.golftec.com/portland.

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Benjamin Weyland – PGA Member, Certified Club Fitter

Benjamin started playing golf at the age of 7 and quickly became one of the best amateur players in the state of Idaho. He won the Idaho State Amateur Championship at age 19 and went on to play collegiate golf at University of Idaho where he led the team in scoring average and received Second Team All WAC honors his senior year. At Idaho, Benjamin studied Professional Golf Management, a program accredited by the PGA of America. Through the PGM program at University of Idaho, Benjamin completed multiple internships at various golf academies throughout the country including the IMG David Leadbetter Golf Academy.

Through these internships, Benjamin found his passion for helping people get better and achieve their goals in golf. After graduating with a bachelor's degree in Professional Golf Management from University of Idaho in 2009, Benjamin joined the GolfTEC team and since then has become a Certified Club Fitter and has taught thousands of lessons. In his free time, Benjamin enjoys playing competitively in Pacific Northwest PGA Section tournaments. For more information about fees and instruction, please visit www.golftec.com/portland.

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Craig Hunt – PGA Member, Certified Personal Coach

Craig has been a PGA Teaching Professional for 30 years and has taught thousands of men, women, and juniors, from beginners to pros. One of Craig's students was the San Diego County Junior Golfer of the Year. Other students have gone on to play in PGA Tour events, the US Open, and on various professional tours. In addition, some of Craig's students are now teaching professionals themselves. Craig has a Masters Degree in sport-related psychology and is an adjunct faculty Sport Psychology instructor with the National University Golf Academy. With Craig's experience and GolfTEC's technology, students can make improvements

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Brandon Tourville – PGA Apprentice, Certified Personal Coach

Born and raised in Oregon, Brandon fell in love with golf at an early age. After playing on his college golf team for two years and getting a bachelor's degree in Fitness Management, he decided to turn his passion for golf into a career. Brandon has been with GolfTEC since the beginning of 2008. Before GolfTEC he worked and taught at Persimmon Country Club in Gresham Oregon. Since joining GolfTEC, Brandon has taught over 4,000 lessons. He's helped hundreds of students of all skill levels and physical ability play better golf and reach their goals. In addition to teaching lessons, Brandon has helped hundreds of individuals get the right clubs for their game through GolfTEC's exceptional club fitting process. Brandon works with golfers of all ages and believes that you are never too young or old to learn the proper golf swing. Brandon wants to help people learn to simplify their game to make it more repeatable and dependable. For more information about fees and instruction, please visit www.golftec.com/portland.



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A professional for more than 25 years Harold understands since every student is different, lessons have to be about the student, not about methods. His knowledge has evolved from careful study of the golf swing and the student learning process ("how students learn"). He offers such National PGA Learning Programs as Get Golf Ready, Tee it Forward and Family Golf. As a result Harold has been honored with Oregon Teacher of the year nominations in 2007, 2008, 2011 and the 2009 PNW PGA Section President's Plaque for player development. In 2011 Harold received his second PNW Section award, the Bill Strausbaugh Award for

his work in the golf community on behalf of the PGA of America. Harold can be heard co-hosting "Golf in the Northwest" every Saturday morning 8 to 9 on ESPN 1080 The Fan (1080 AM on your radio dial). **Rates:** Adult Private Series of 5 lessons \$250, includes four, 40 minute range lessons and one on course lesson. Junior private series of 5 lessons \$150, same format. Semi Private Series of 5 lessons \$300 (total), includes four, 45 minute range lessons and one on course lesson. Harold also offers group sessions through Clark Community College and other private sessions through the Firstenberg Center in Vancouver.

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Golf Teachers in Western Washington

Riverbend Golf Complex, Kent



Marti O'Neill – PGA Class “A” Member Head Professional

Marti O'Neill has been a teaching professional at Riverbend for 16 years and a lifelong protégé of the Northwest's leading golf instructors and club designers. His ability to distinguish the strengths and weaknesses of each individual and to create an instructional regimen accordingly is second to none. Marti's personality, teaching diversity and patience has helped elevate the game of golf to students of all abilities with an accumulated 12,000 lessons to his credit. In 2008 he was awarded the Western Washington PGA's President's Plaque for his extraordinary and exemplary contributions and achievements in the area of Player Development.

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Jon Shabel – PGA Apprentice Teaching Professional

Jon Shabel started his golf education working at the Riverbend Driving Range in 2002 and also at Auburn Golf Course. Jon is currently in his third year of the PGA education program. This is his 6th year assisting at Riverbend where he has been honing his skills in the area of club-fitting. Upon seeking his membership into the PGA, Jon has proved to be a great addition in assisting with the complex's production of junior camps. In 2009 he was offered a position as an assistant instructor to the First Tee of Greater Seattle. Jon has an extensive knowledge of golf swing fundamentals, golf fitness and club fitting which fosters a great approach to learning the game at any skill level especially with his friendly attitude.

Lesson Rates

30 Minute Lesson: Adults \$50 • Juniors (under 17) \$45
 1-Hour lesson: Adults \$90 • Juniors (under 17) \$80
 Series of 4-30 minute lessons: Adults \$180 • Juniors \$160

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Eric Hinrichs – PGA Assistant Teaching Professional

Eric Hinrichs is a familiar face after spending the majority of his youth playing golf with his father, an accomplished amateur golfer, at Riverbend. After setting almost every golf record at Thomas Jefferson High School and winning his share of regional events, Eric decided to become a golf professional at an early age. For years, Eric has helped run Riverbend's 18-hole golf course and he has also helped coordinate Riverbend's junior golf camps, clinics and tournaments. In his 5th year of the PGA education program, Eric has ascertained a thorough understanding of the golf swing becoming one of the

top left-handed players in the section and has assisted many high school and college players throughout their early careers. As a result of his abilities, Josh Immordino secured Eric as his caddie when he qualified as an alternate for the 2008 U.S. Open Championship. Eric's disposition and willingness make him a perfect fit for all your instructional needs.

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 1-Hour lesson: Adults \$90 • Juniors (under 17) \$80
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Josh Immordino – PGA Assistant Teaching Professional

Josh Immordino has been a standout golfer in the Pacific Northwest ever since his years as a junior. After setting almost every golf record at Kentwood High School, Josh continued his golfing prowess at Western Washington University where he finished as a 3-Time All American. Josh captured the Seattle Amateur Title, representing Washington in the USGA State Team Championship, qualifying for the prestigious Hudson Cup Matches and in 2006 capturing the exclusive Washington State Open Title. He turned professional shortly after his win and followed that up with a win at the 2007 Oregon State

Open, a qualification into the 2008 U.S. Open Championship as an alternate and a 2009 win at the Pacific Northwest PGA Pro-Assistants Championship. He brings a great understanding of the game of golf to players of every age and ability, especially junior golfers. His patience, demeanor and personal experience make him a perfect fit for educating our local youth.

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Jade Greens GC and Washington National GC



Doug Campbell – Life Member of the PGA –253 632 4528

Doug played #1 Man on Univ. of Wash. golf team.
 Played on PGA Tour 1979 - 1982
 Played in 1980 PGA at Oak Hill
 Played in 1984 British Open at St. Andrews
 Played in 1986 US Open at Shinnecock Hills
 Won 12 Professional Regional Tournaments, including 2 Oregon Opens and 2 NW PGAs
 8 Hudson Clups
 1 PGA Cup Team (Top 9 US club pros v.s. Top 9 British Club pros)

Head pro at Auburn Golf Course for 21 years and worked 3 years for John Jacobs Golf Schools as instructor in Scottsdale, AZ.

Doug enjoys teaching golfers of all skills and ages.

Lesson Packages

1/2 Hour Private lesson – \$45
 Series of 5 lessons – \$200
 1/2 Hour Junior – \$35
 Series Junior – \$150

Kayak Point Golf Course, Stanwood



Dave Boivin, PGA Director of Instruction at Kayak Point GC.

Have you ever hit a golf shot that made you feel great? It's an addictive experience that brings you back to play again and again.

Have you ever wanted to re-create that golf shot? That's what I do--I help players of all levels re-create that shot more often.

For many years, I have taught juniors, men and women of all ages and physical abilities.

From working with Hank Haney Signature Golf Schools and ESPN Golf Schools, to being Certified with the FitFOREGolf and TPI Golf Fitness programs as well as being a First Tee Certified Instructor, I have had

the pleasure to discover, explore and fine-tune all aspects of enjoying the game.

Working with Juniors and High Schools is always fun. I love to do Short Game Schools with small Corporate Groups to keep the experience personal and experiential.

If you are looking to get started or are a better player looking to fine-tune, I look forward to helping you enjoy the game at a higher level. Good Golfing! dnboivin@aol.com

206-898-5685 - web site: www.Golfresults.net

Meadow Park Golf Course, Tacoma



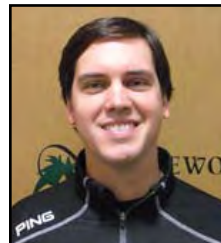
Molly Miller – The Molly Miller Golf Academy.
 253-327-8403 (www.eswingcoach.com)

Molly Miller was nominated 2010 LPGA Section Teacher of the Year. The Molly Miller Golf Academy provides world-class golf instruction at the Meadow Park Golf Course and Learning facility in Tacoma, Washington. As a LPGA member since 1992, I have given nearly 28,000 lessons. I have over 40 years of playing experience. I am one of two certified female instructors in the nation who teach golfers with disabilities including amputees, stroke and heart patients as well as neck and back injuries. My philosophy is simple; to promote the game I love, to as many new golfers as possible and to increase skills, confidence and ability to maximize fun to those who golf already.

Maplewood Golf Course, Renton



Mike Toll – Mike grew up in Bellevue attending Sammamish High School and Bellevue Community College. He turned Professional in 1984, became a class A PGA member in 1992 and has been Head PGA Professional at Maplewood since 1997. He provides golf lessons to individuals with all different ability levels. After a brief interview with students, he will determine how involved and what changes need to be made. His teaching philosophy is to work with basic swing principles such as grip, posture, alignment and ball position which for most players results in immediate improvement.



Kirk Gleason – Kirk is a Class “A” PGA Assistant Professional and has taught golfers of all abilities and skill levels since 2001. Maplewood is in a great location easily accessible from all areas with a great winter practice facility with heated and covered stalls. He is ready to work with anyone interested in learning golf to enhance their golfing experience.



Chris Hughes – Chris is a Class “A” PGA Assistant Professional, attaining his membership in 2000. Working at Maplewood has given him the opportunity to work with a wide range of golfers. Core fundamentals and a solid understanding of how to improve your game is what you can expect from him. For additional information give him a call at Maplewood Golf Course.

*Three additional instructors are available for lessons
 – Jodie Knapp, Teresa Calouri and Sean Baker*

Maplewood Lesson Rates

(Same for all instructors)

Hour – \$60.00 • Series of 4 – \$220.00

½ hour – \$40.00 Series of 4 – \$140.00

1 hour 2 people – \$60.00 • 1 hour 3 people – \$75.00

Juniors ½ hour – \$20.00

Playing Lesson 4 holes – \$50.00 9 holes – \$100.00

Phone: 425-430-6800 • Website is: www.rentonwa.gov

Pro Golf Lynnwood



Ryan Benzel - PGA Professional

At Pro Golf Discount, we offer use of a Foresight Launch Monitor / Simulator for our indoor lessons in our state of the art golf theaters. Ryan includes video analysis with each lesson using V1 Golf Software to record and diagnose your swing on a 42-inch plasma TV for your viewing.

Ryan has competed with the best players in the world at the PGA Championship four times (2007, 2008, 2009, 2010) and was one of two PGA Professionals to make the 36-hole cut in 2007. Ryan takes what he learns from those competitive experiences as well as nearly 10 years as a PGA Professional to help students of all abilities im-

prove their game. There is no one way to swing the golf club and Ryan works with the student to achieve improvement. Learn more about Ryan at

http://www.progolfseattle.com/ryan-benzel-lessons

- 3-Time Pacific Northwest PGA Section Player of the Year
- 2-Time Western Washington PGA Chapter Player of the Year
- Competed in 4 PGA Championships
- 2-Time Member of the United States PGA Cup Team
- Guest Instructor on the Golf Channel's "The Golf Fix" with Michael Breed

Lesson Information

Single Lesson	\$60.00	(45 Minute Lessons)
Series of 3	\$165.00	
Series of 5	\$250.00	
Junior Lesson	\$50.00	(17 and under)

GolfTEC Southcenter



Jordan Cooper - Director of Instruction/Center Manager

A Wenatchee native, Jordan is a graduate of the Golf Academy of America. His passion for teaching led him to GolfTEC for their unparalleled video analysis, motion measurement technology and learning environment. He has taught over 3,000 lessons and conducted hundreds of custom club fittings in just over three years with GolfTEC. Jordan is also a Titleist Performance Institute (TPI) Certified Golf Fitness Instructor. He is a Western Washington Chapter PGA Committee member and enjoys competing in local PGA events. Jordan's teaching philosophy is to help his students better understand how their ball flight is influenced by their swing, with an emphasis on swinging the club within their own unique physical abilities and limitations. For more information about fees and instruction, please visit GolfTEC.com and see the GolfTEC ad in this issue.

great pride in making sure each of his students understand their swings. For more information about fees and instruction, please visit GolfTEC.com and see the GolfTEC ad in this issue.



Lyndon Bystrom – Certified Personal Coach – PGA Member

Lyndon, a PGA Member, comes to the Seattle area from Lexington, Kentucky where he was the Head Golf Professional at Andover Golf and Country Club. At Andover Lyndon conducted individual, group, and junior clinics to all members and guests. In addition to teaching, Lyndon also oversaw the golf operations of the member owned country club. Prior to Andover Lyndon served as an Assistant Golf Professional at Tanoan Country Club in Albuquerque, New Mexico. During his tenure at Tanoan, Lyndon developed his passion for teaching the game of golf. The feeling and enjoyment that people get out of playing better golf is why Lyndon loves to teach the game. Lyndon chose GolfTEC for the challenge of teaching full time. When Lyndon is not teaching he enjoys playing competitively in local PGA Section events. He is excited for the opportunity to bring his experience to the area and looks forward to helping all of his students improve and enjoy the game. For more information about fees and instruction, please visit GolfTEC.com and see the GolfTEC ad in this issue.

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Eric Briggs – PGA Apprentice

Eric has been teaching for over 5 years. He is a graduate of the Golf Academy of America. Before GolfTEC he worked as a Golf Professional at Washington National Golf Club, Suncadia Resort and the ASU Karsten course. His career low is 65 and he is a Level 2 PGA Apprentice. For more information about fees and instruction, please visit GolfTEC.com and see the GolfTEC ad in this issue.

GolfTEC Bellevue



Brett Wilkinson – PGA Member for 20 years

Brett has given over 21,000 lessons and thousands of club fittings. He is a Titleist Performance Institute (TPI) Golf Fitness Instructor. In 2007 Brett was a PNW PGA President's Plaque Recipient for Player Development.

Teaching philosophy: Maintain the good or great in people's golf swings, and improve and strengthen the areas of concern. My goals are to guide my students toward their desired golfing goals, however aggressive they may be. Extensive knowledge of the golf swing and GolfTEC's state-of-art teaching system, motion measurement readings, and tour video swing comparison. For more information about fees and instruction, please visit GolfTEC.com and see the GolfTEC ad in this issue.

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Erin Menath – LPGA member

A Carson City, Nev. native and LPGA member since 2005, Erin has instructed over 2,000 students. She has been honored with Nevada's "Best Of" awards 5 times, as the best pro in the Northern Nevada region. Prior to joining GolfTEC in August, 2011, she spent 4 years as Director of Instruction and Tournament Director at Silver Oak Golf Club in Carson City. While there, she mentored Nevada's top juniors and winners on both the Pepsi and Golf Channel tours. Her students excel due to her strong beliefs in student centered instruction, the stressing of proper fundamentals and her love for teaching the game. For more information about fees and instruction, please visit GolfTEC.com and see the GolfTEC ad in this issue.



Nicholas Burrington – PGA Member, Certified personal swing coach and custom club fitter.

Nicholas grew up playing golf in Kalispell, Montana. He graduated the University of Idaho PGA Golf Management program in spring 2010. He started at GolfTEC Corporate Headquarters in Denver, Colorado and has already taught over 2,000 lessons and developed expertise in custom club fitting. His students improve through close attention to the cause and effect relationships of body motion throughout the golf swing. Nicholas is dedicated to the continued and lasting improvement of his students. For more information about fees and instruction, please visit GolfTEC.com and see the GolfTEC ad in this issue.

GolfTEC South Lake Union, Seattle



Nathanel Johnson – PGA Class "A" Member/Director of Instruction/Center Manager

Nathanel started his career at Brentwood Country Club in Los Angeles where he taught and was the Certified Personal Club Fitter for 7 years. In 2009, he joined GolfTEC because he believes in the teaching philosophy and that it's the best form of instruction. He recently moved to Seattle from Santa Monica, CA. With his PGA training and GolfTEC teaching philosophy, he is looking forward to helping students understand their swing and improve their game. For more information about fees and instruction, please visit GolfTEC.com and see the GolfTEC ad in this issue.

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Todd Barney – Certified Personal Coach/Certified Personal Club Fitter/Certified TPI Fitness Instructor

Raised in Issaquah, Todd followed his passion of becoming a Golf Professional. Graduating with high honors in the Professional Golf Management program at the Professional Golfers Career College in Temecula, CA, Todd pursued Assistant Professional positions in both Arizona and Iowa. Todd started as GolfTEC Seattle's first Certified Personal Coach in 2007. Since then he has given over 2,500 Lessons and Club Fittings. Providing outstanding customer service and a thorough understanding of the swing, Todd takes

great pride in making sure each of his students understand their swings. For more information about fees and instruction, please visit GolfTEC.com and see the GolfTEC ad in this issue.



Rance Yanabu – Certified Personal Coach/Certified Personal Club Fitter/PGA Member.

Rance has been a PGA member for many years. He graduated from the University of Nevada - Las Vegas PGA program. He started his career at Brentwood Country Club in Los Angeles where he did club fittings and taught golf for 3 years. His career focus is teaching and improving his student's game so they may enjoy playing the game of golf with friends and family for the rest of their lives. For more information about fees and instruction, please visit GolfTEC.com and see the GolfTEC ad in this issue.

Pro Golf Discount, Southcenter



Jim Bennett – PGA member with 27 years experience.

After having taught at Southcenter Golf for 15 years Jim Bennett has moved down the street to the New Pro Golf Discount store in Southcenter, 17305 Southcenter Parkway across from Red Robin. "It has been a fantastic fit for me to continue my relationships in the Southcenter area."

The new technology with the Pro Golf Theatre, state of the art launch monitor, simulator, and video equipment makes it easy helping students with their game, and club fitting. "I have all the tools to help every level of golfer, with every aspect of their game." With the ability to give putting, pitching, and chipping lessons it makes the indoor experience complete. Coming into this time of year it's going to be great to be inside out of the weather."

Jim has been teaching for 27 years and still enjoys helping all levels of golfers. Go down to Pro Golf and check out the new digs, and start working on your game now, so when spring comes, you are ready to go! You can contact Jim at (206) 431-0100.

Pro Golf Discount, Tacoma



Chris Griffin - PGA Class "A" Member Director of Instruction

At Pro Golf Discount we offer use of Foresight Launch Monitor and Simulator for our indoor lessons in our state of the art golf theater system. I also include video with V1 Golf Software displaying your swing on a 42 inch plasma tv for your viewing.

Call Pro Golf Discount in Tacoma to make an appointment, just request Chris Griffin and someone will schedule your lesson if I am unavailable.

I enjoy working with golfers of all skill levels and have taught over 2500 lessons in my career. I have been a golf professional since 2000. My career began at Tacoma Country & Golf Club where I worked in every area of the golf business. For the past 10 years I have been consistent Top 10 player in

the Pacific Northwest Section of the PGA, including numerous Top 10 finishes in Section Majors. For the past 2 years I have been pursuing the playing aspect of the game which has given me more knowledge to pass on to my students about the game of golf, both physical and mental.

Rates: 45 Minute Lesson: Adults \$60 • Juniors (under 17) \$40
Series of 3-45 Minute Lessons \$165 • Series of 5-45 Minute Lessons \$250
Club Fitting \$50

Let's get to work on your game! Call (253) 473-4290 or email cgriffin@pga.com

North Shore Golf Course, Tacoma



Dawn Dempsey – North Shore Golf Course

Dawn has been the lady golf professional at North Shore Golf Course since 1990. Her philosophy is to keep it simple and stick to the basic fundamentals of the golf swing. Dawn is an extremely patient teacher and enjoys teaching students of all calibers and both males and females. Rates are: Adults 1/2 hour for \$45; series of five for \$180. Juniors 1/2 hour are \$25 with a series of five for \$100. 253.927.1375.

Golf Club at Redmond Ridge, Redmond



Tom Sovay – sovaygolf.com (425) 760-3493

7 time Western Washington Chapter PGA Teacher of the Year. Listed *Golf Digest's* Best teachers in State

Titleist National Leadership Staff Member
Multiple Northwest PGA Tournament Champion

Western Washington PGA Player of the Year 2009
2011 US Senior Open Contestant

US Kids Top 50 Teachers, Honorable Mention.

Private Instruction:

1 Hour \$80.00

Series of 3 lessons \$225

Discount Rates for Juniors.

Allenmore Golf Course, Tacoma



Taylor Ferris – Assistant Professional at Allenmore Golf Course

Turned pro in 2006

Division 1 players at Boise State

2010 - Washington State Assistants Champion

Focuses on improving fundamentals and keeping it simple. Tailors lessons to the individual style of play. Keeps it simple.

\$40 for 45 minutes lesson or series of 5 for \$150

Phone - 253-627-7211

To start a better golf game you need to make an appointment

Linden Golf and Country Club, Puyallup



Rick Giroux – Head Golf Professional at Linden Golf & CC
Coached at both high school and college level.

Instructed at Brookdale, Eaglequest Range, Twin Lakes, The Classic, American Lake, University and currently at Linden Golf & CC. Proponent of short game. Instructor of Fundamentals of Golf. Use of video analysis for positive reinforcement. Junior golfers a priority. All individual lessons include stretching charts and golf specific strengthening programs. Drills and lesson plans, SD cards provided students. Specific methods to learn that elusive “feel” and “touch” around the greens.

“I believe my job is to recognize an individual’s preferences and how best to relate to that individual the Principles of golf.” Call Rick at 253-845-2056.

“Specializing in short game instruction.”



Will Styler – Assistant professional at Linden Golf & CC

Will worked at Desert Mountain in Scottsdale, Twin Lakes Golf & CC, Priest Lake in Idaho and is now at Linden Golf & CC.

Teaching philosophies: Concentrate on fundamentals, short game and fitness. Keeps it simple that way. Will is in it to win with everybody when it comes to lessons.

Will has been giving golf lessons for 12 years.

Fees: \$40 per 1/2 hour

Call Will for an appointment at 253-845-2056.

“Specializing in short game instruction.”

High Cedars Golf Club, Orting



Tad Davis – PGA Professional at High Cedars Golf Club.

Tad has been a golf professional for 25 years and a Seattle resident for 20 years. He spent 9 years at Broadmoor Golf Club in Seattle, 6 years at Oakbrook Golf and Country Club in Tacoma and 2 years at Druids Glen Golf Club in Covington. We offer a variety of golf instruction, whether its private, group, junior or family lessons we have a program that will meet your needs.

2011 Golf Instruction:

Private Video: 30 minute session \$55.00, Series of 4 - \$180.00

Group Lessons: 2-4 People - Five 50 minute sessions, \$95.00 per person

5-8 People - Five 50 minute sessions, \$85.00 per person

Clinic or Corporate Outings: 50 minute session, \$85.00

Junior Lessons: 30 minute session \$40.00, Series of 4 - \$120.00

Tad can be contacted by calling High Cedars pro shop at 360-893-3171.

Interbay Golf Center, Seattle



Casey McMullin – Teaching Professional

A Seattle native, Casey has been playing golf over 40 years and teaching golf for the past seven. In 2005, Casey decided to bring his passion and knowledge of golf to Interbay as an instructor. Since 2005, he has taught over 9,000 golf lessons.

Casey has an uncomplicated approach to the golf swing. His philosophy is to establish an easy swing that is repeatable and has lasting results. His students are amazed how simple it is once they feel it. He is passionate about getting students that “AHA” moment that helps them enjoy the game more. Casey has developed a swing training device called the Swing Whistle (www.swingwhistle.com) which helps players with their timing and tempo. Casey is also the Head Golf Coach for Ballard High School boys and girls golf teams. In his free time, Casey plays golf and is an avid skier and photographer. To make a lesson appointment, phone:(206) 838-4549 ext 7, casmcm@msn.com. www.swingwhistle.com



Peter Dixon – PGA Teaching Professional

Pete’s full time teaching career began in 1987. In 1999 his career was greatly enhanced after working with Jimmy Ballard, one of America’s top golf instructors. He became a certified Jimmy Ballard teaching professional. In the past 23 years Pete has cultivated a huge student base. Since the beginning in 1981, he has given more than 28,000 lessons, a number that ranks among the top PGA Teaching Professionals.

If you desire to learn the game or improve your skills, do what thousands of others have already done.... take a series of lessons with Pete. He will help you understand and apply the fundamentals needed for success.

In 2006 and in 2007 Pete was selected as one of twelve playing professionals to represent Washington vs. Oregon in the Hagen Cup. If you are serious about learning and improving Pete is a great choice.

To set up an appointment with Pete, call 206-838-4549 or email him at pdixon@premiergc.com.



Ron Hanson – PGA Professional, Director of Instruction

WWC PGA Teacher of the Year 2007

Golf Range Magazine’s Top 50 Golf Instructors in America 2009, 2011

Ron came to Interbay 1999 having been the Head Professional at Fairwood Golf and Country Club for seven years. He became a Class “A” PGA Professional in 1990. He has worked successfully with several satellite tour players, top adult and junior amateur players and countless golfers who wished to improve their golf games.

Ron was the featured instructor on the Golf Channel’s Golf Make-over Episode “No Laughing Matter”. He released his first instructional DVD, “Golf in Balance” in 2005. He has been the featured instructor at numerous golf shows. In 2007, Ron was named by his fellow golf professionals “Teacher of the Year” for WWC PGA and in 2009 & 2011 Golf Range Magazine’s Top 50 Golf Instructors in America. Ron has an innate ability to present vivid and understandable examples that enable students of all levels to understand and duplicate the mechanics of the golf swing. His patience and demeanor allow his students to feel comfortable and at ease in their golf experience. Ron looks forward to helping you with your golf game.

To make a lesson appointment, phone:(206) 838-4549 rhanson@premiergc.com



Camille Surdi – LPGA Class A Golf Professional

Camille Surdi has been in the golf industry for 25 years and has given over 30,000 golf lessons to all levels. Her student base includes mini-tour players, high school players, club champions, recreational golfers, NFL players and golfers with disabilities. Camille founded, owned and operated the Tampa Bay Golf Academy for 10 years before moving to Seattle 6 years ago. Camille gives clinics nationwide for the LPGA Golf Clinics for Women, the EWGA and the NLGA. She was also nominated for SE Section Teacher of the Year.

Camille’s golf philosophy is to give the student the correct basic fundamentals to build a repeatable swing for each individual; therefore the golfer can relax, trust the swing, play effectively and enjoy the experience. She also stresses course management, personal management and fitness as part of the learning process. To set up an appointment with Camille, call 206-838-4549 or email her at csurdi@premiergc.com.

Interbay Golf Center Lesson Rates

PRIVATE LESSONS

Series Lessons	Adults	Juniors
10-1/2 hr. Lessons	\$350.00	\$320.00
5-1/2 hr. Lessons	\$200.00	\$175.00
3-1/2 hr. Lesson	\$125.00	\$110.00
Individual lessons		
One Hour Lesson	\$85.00	\$75.00
Half Hour Lesson	\$45.00	\$40.00

SEMI-PRIVATE LESSONS (per student)

Series Lessons	Adults	Juniors
10-1/2 hr. Lessons	\$225.00	\$210.00
5-1/2 hr. Lessons	\$125.00	\$112.50
3-1/2 hr. Lesson	\$ 77.50	\$ 70.00
Individual lessons		
One Hour Lesson	\$52.50	\$47.50
Half Hour Lesson	\$ 27.50	\$ 25.00

GROUP LESSONS

4 – ONE HOUR GROUP LESSONS

Adults (3-6 students) \$119.00/person – Juniors (3-6 students) \$109.00/person

CORPORATE OUTINGS

Available with arrangements made to meet your specific needs. Interbay Golf Center offers various programs that suit every golfers needs. More information at www.premiergc.com

To make a lesson appointment, phone: (206) 838-4549

Bellevue Golf Course



Steve Wayne Wozeniak – PGA– Director of Instruction
425-452-7250 – bellevuepgc.com

Steve is the only instructor in the Pacific Northwest that has taught winners on all four of the major Tours. The PGA, LPGA, Champions and Nationwide. He consistently is working with the best Junior and amateur golfers in the state. He quickly turns any level of golfer into Masters of their own swings, with easy to understand sound fundamentals. See how easy the golf swing can be.

“If you are not being video-taped you are not learning.” Call for specific lesson prices. Discounts available for groups or multi-lesson packages.

For more information or to book a lesson, call 425-452-7250 or visit www.premiergc.com.



Matt Anderson – Teaching Professional
425-452-7250 – bellevuepgc.com

Matt Anderson has been a professional at Bellevue Golf Course since 2002. As a PGA apprentice with over 10 years of teaching experience and a unique outlook on the game of golf, Matt can help better your game regardless of your skill level. Matt understands that not every golfer is the same, we all move, learn, and feel things differently. It’s this understanding paired with years of acquired golf knowledge that will allow Matt to help you become a better golfer.

For more information or to book a lesson, call 425-452-7250 or visit www.premiergc.com.



Kenney Choi – Teaching Professional
425-452-7250 – bellevuepgc.com

Kenney has been playing golf for more than 35 yrs. As an Instructor, Kenney has been teaching the “Ben Hogan’s fundamentals of golf” swing. Kenney also teaches golf rules, etiquette, and course management. Kenney has been involved with golf tournaments such as the US OPEN, US SENIOR OPEN and PEBBLE BEACH PRO-AM as a volunteer.

Kenney has been an assistant coach at ‘The First Tee’ program and the Sammamish high school boys and girls golf team. Kenney came from Seoul, Korea in 1971. He graduated YS University in Seoul, Korea and DIT in Chicago, Ill. He is able to communicate in Korean and English.

Lessons start at \$45 per ½ hour and include balls, video and all equipment. Discounts available for groups or multi-lesson packages.

For more information or to book a lesson, call 425-452-7250 or visit www.premiergc.com.



Fred Mabbott - Teaching Professional
425-452-7250 – bellevuepgc.com

Fred has been an assistant golf professional at Bellevue Golf Course since 2000. Before becoming a golf professional, Fred spent over 30 years as a high school English teacher. For the past 20 years, he has been coaching both the boys’ and girls’ golf teams at Lake Washington High School. Fred provides lessons to people with a wide range of golfing experience. Those who are new to the game, and those who have been around the game for many years. Lessons start at \$45 per ½ hour and include balls, video and all equipment. Discounts available for groups or multi-lesson packages.

For more information or to book a lesson, call 425-452-7250 or visit www.premiergc.com.



Patrick Vaughan – Instructor/Leagues
425-452-7250

Patrick has been a teacher for over 40 years. After graduating from the University of Washington with a Masters degree in Physical Education, he taught at the High School level and coached various varsity sports including the boys’ and girls’ golf teams. He became a golf teaching professional in 1994 and has worked as an Instructor at Bellevue Golf Course for the past 12 years, working primarily with the beginning to intermediate level player. His teaching methods include drills that help develop the golf swing. He has great communication skills and the belief that golf lessons should be fun and result in a person learning to love the game.

**There is no substitute
for sound fundamentals**



Mark Bass - PGA Professional

Mark is a member of the PGA and is one of two Jim McLean Master Instructors in the state of Washington. Prior to joining the staff at Bellevue Golf Course Mark was the Director of Instruction at Willows Run G C for 12 years. He has given over 10,000 hours of instruction and works with all golfers from the beginner to the scratch player. Mark has a three step learning process: 1) What are you doing right now? 2) What would you like to be doing instead? 3) How are you going to make the desired changes? Mark believes there is no perfect golf swing but all good ball strikers have several fundamental concepts in common in regards to club and body motion. Mark utilizes JCVideo software and high speed cameras to capture

his students club and body motion in every lesson. Being able to see your club and body motion next to the best players in the world really helps to educate the student as to the proper positioning of each throughout the swing. Every student receives a CD with their swing, his comments and drills needed to make the necessary changes in your golf swing. Ben Hogan said "Golf is a game of misses and the one with the best misses usually wins". Mark can help you make your misses better and believes that this will help you enjoy the great game of golf. Call for specific lesson prices.

Bellevue Golf Course Lesson Rates

Individual Private Lessons:

10 minutes - Free • 1/2 hour-Adults \$45- Junior \$35 • 1 hour-Adults \$90-Junior \$70

Private Lessons Packages:

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Jefferson Park Golf Course, Seattle



Don Rasmussen - PGA Head Professional

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Don is the lead instructor at Jefferson Park and has served as the Head Coach for men's and women's golf teams at Seattle University. He has also been the Head Coach at Tacoma Community College and at the University of Idaho.

Don's approach to instruction makes him very easy to understand and very simple to implement. His focus on the sound fundamentals will allow the student to improve quickly. His ability to communicate and create drills for his students separates him from many of his colleagues.

2012 Lesson Prices

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253-531-3660

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Lesson Rates

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4 - 1 hour-Adults \$185 -Junior \$130

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Bob Emmerson - Teaching Professional

Bob has been playing golf since he was 5 years old with his grandfather! Born in Oceanside, California, Bob spent most of life in the Tacoma Seattle area. Bob started with Premier Golf 7 years ago at Ft Steilacoom Golf Course in a cart staff role and has advanced to be an Assistant Golf Professional at Lake Spanaway Golf Course. Bob loves golf and his passion comes thru in his giving golf lessons. Bob has given hundreds of lessons and is looking forward to sharing his love for the game with anyone no matter what level. 253-531-3660.

Rates 1/2 hr- \$45 • 1 hr- \$75 • Series of 4 1/2 hr- \$150

Skyridge Golf Course, Sequim



Kelly O'Mera - PGA Teaching Professional- 360-460-6335.

I have been the PGA teaching pro at Skyridge GC in Sequim for the past five years. Certified Ping Club Fitter, and winner of Pings regional fitter of the year award. Was seen on KSTW tv for many years as the Golf Doctor. Twenty plus years experience teaching in the Northwest at some great clubs including Glendale and Tacoma CC. Can be contacted or followed on Facebook or Twitter. 360-460-6335. Please call or email me at kogolf@olympen.com for lesson or fitting pricing. Senior and Junior discounts available.

Twin Rivers Golf Course, Fall City



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Erin's philosophy about the golf swing and the game is to keep it simple: that the swing is like any other physical move. Moves that we make every day....We make it hard by breaking it down into small parts instead of staying with the whole and making the swing be a response to what we do with the club. She follows the principles of PGA and Hall of Fame member Manuel de la Torre and is featured in his dvd "Understanding the Golf Swing".

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Lesson Rates

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For more information about Erin you can visit her website: www.GolfingWithErin.com, or by phone at 425-273-4948.

Meridian Valley Golf & Country Club, Kent



Brian Thornton - PGA Professional

Some of Brian's accomplishments:

2010 Northwest Open Champion

2007, 2008, 2011 PNW PGA Western WA Chapter Player of the Year.

2006, 2007, 2008, 2009, 2010, 2011 Hudson Cup Team Member

2009 Washington Open Champion

2007, 2009 Western WA Chapter Champion

2007 PNW PGA Section Champion

2004,2005 PNW PGA Section Assistants Champion

Nationwide Tour / PGA Tour

2004, 2007 & 2008 - Oregon Classic, Shadow Hills CC, Junction City,

Oregon.

TEACHING:

2011 Western WA Chapter PGA Teacher of the Year

PGA Teaching Professional at Meridian Valley Country Club - 2006 to present....13 years of teaching experience.

Lesson Rates

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Twin Lakes Golf & C C, Federal Way



Chris Johnson is the head golf professional at Twin Lakes Golf and Country Club in Federal Way.

Chris graduated from nearby Decatur High School and played his junior golf at Twin Lakes while growing up. Johnson graduated from the San Diego Golf Academy and served as head professional at Fairwood Golf and Country Club for 10 years and Tacoma Firs Golf Center for two years.

Cost for lessons is \$65 for 45 minute session.

Chris can be reached at 253-838-0345.



Issac Henry-Cano - 2010 Washington State Pro-Asst Champion, 2009 WWC PGA Pro-Junior Champion. Certified Club Fitter: Callaway, Ping, Titleist, TaylorMade, Adams, Cleveland.

Honing his skills as a golf professional for the past 11 years, Issac has now come to his peak at Twin Lakes Golf & Country Club. He brings extensive knowledge in club fitting and of golf equipment, coming from Interbay Golf Center and Pro Golf Discount. His love of the game and desire to help others find theirs, makes him a tried and true Golf Professional.

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• \$35 • \$100-Series of 3 • \$150-Series of 5

Semi-Private Lesson Packages (45 Min. Lessons)

• \$55-Single Lesson (\$27.50/person) • \$150-Series of 3 (\$75/person)

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Contact Issac @ ihenrycano@gmail.com -253-838-0345 pro shop • 206-931-4992 mobile



Jonathan Angell - Assistant Golf Professional at Twin Lakes G & CC

"Jonny" Angell is an up and coming local golf pro with an upbringing in the Western Washington golf community. He has studied under some of the areas finest professionals. Working in the industry from a young age has given him ample time to understand the mechanics of the golf swing, while his easy going approach makes him a delight to interact with. As a graduate from the Golf Academy of America in Phoenix, AZ, he gained the proper knowledge to deliver you a professional lesson with the use of video and club fitting as common practices in his work. He also has enough seasoning to give you the most current and up to date style of instruction, he loves to work with players of all ages and abilities. You can reach him at Twin Lakes Golf & Country Club - 253.838.0345 or at 253-709-3826 - email: angell.jonny@gmail.com.

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Chris Koch, PGA – Salish Cliffs Golf Club (360) 462-3673
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Chris is a Class A PGA Professional with 7 years of teaching experience. Most of his teaching experience came with the Ko Olina Golf Academy on Oahu's top resort. While in Hawaii, Chris was able to learn from many visiting instructors including Jim Flick, Stan Utley, Marius Filmler (putting guru) and PGA of America's Teacher of the year Mike Malaska. With the variety of teaching styles Chris has observed, he takes pride in using what he has learned by incorporating it into his own teaching style. Chris believes in keeping the swing simple so his students can walk away from a lesson knowing cause and effect and be able to work on their own swing. Chris has created and led several successful junior programs and has a passion for the game he can't wait to share with you. Come see Chris at the one of the top new golf courses in the nation!

Ballinger Lake GC, Mountlake Terrace



Tyrone Hardy – Class A PGA Member.

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Lesson Rates

Individual Lessons \$45.00 - 5 lesson series \$180.00
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JD Cline – PGA Professional

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- 2005 WWC-PGA Junior Golf Leader award winner.
- 2010 – to present, WJGA Director
- District 3 PGA Director
- 2011 PNW-PGA Section Junior Leader of the Year Award
- 4-Year Letterman at Western Washington University
- Clover Park High School golf coach & former Kentridge High School coach.
- Leader of PGA In-Schools program.

• Active Participant in PGA Pro-Am Series since 1996

A lifetime golfer & student of the game, Dan has been a professional since 1995 and has been with Meadow Park Golf Course since January 2004. His prior experiences at Bear Creek Country Club, Sudden Valley Golf Course, The Course at Taylor Creek, Fairwood Golf & Country Club & Meridian Valley Country Club have enabled Dan to continue his passion for the game of golf through player game development and tournament programs.

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Erik Haag, PGA Assistant Golf Professional
Meadow Park Golf Course-Tacoma, Washington (253) 473-3033
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- Professional Golf Association of America (Member)
- Experienced in Adult & Junior player development programs
- Former instructor of the Palm Springs Japanese Golf Academy
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- Golf Management Degree from the College of the Desert in Palm Desert, CA

He became a golf professional in 1995 and has been with Meadow Park Golf Course since July 2008. Prior professional experience included Mesquite Golf & Country Club, Desert Dunes Golf Club & Bear Creek Country Club where I was heavily involved in adult & junior player development programs, clinics & camps.

Erik provides a state of the art lesson, junior golf & club fitting programs which provides multiple levels of services for golfers of all ages.

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Walla Walla, Washington

Women's golf: There are ways to get used to the big courses

Dear Kathy:

I started golfing this year, took some group lessons, and the women I started with have been playing golf each week at a par three course. It's been a blast and each week I feel like I'm getting a bit better. Then I went for a week's vacation with my husband and we decided to play golf at a local course. It was so long, I didn't think I'd ever get to the green! I just want to go back to my little par three golf course, but I'd like to have fun playing with my husband sometimes too.

Linda

Dear Linda:

Congratulations for having the cour-



Kathy DeNeui

age to play a different course, and it will get better! As a new golfer those long par fours and fives can seem endless, but as your ball striking improves they do get less intimidating. Here are a couple of ideas

for the near future if you head out to a big course. On your tee shot, swing away, and if you don't get the ball out there a ways, pick up your ball and either drop it next to hubby's or at the 150 yard marker.

If you're really struggling drop it at the 100 yard marker and play in from there. The idea is to do something fun and active with people we enjoy being with-not to frustrate ourselves.

When you're new to the game one of the biggest challenges and stresses is keeping up so you're not the one holding up your group. Golfers are expected to stay within a half of a hole of the group ahead of them.

So please follow the ideas above and

If you're really struggling drop it at the 100 yard marker and play in from there. The idea is to do something fun and active with people we enjoy being with-not to frustrate ourselves.

don't be afraid to pick up your ball and put it in your pocket. Remember, if you don't get behind, everyone will have a good experience!

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

The Swing Whistle training aid



The newest entry into the training aids arena is called the Swing Whistle. It is a simple yet well engineered device that gives important feedback about the golf swing.

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The faster the club is released (unhinging of the wrists) the higher pitch the whistle makes. The key is to adjust your swing (hold your wrist-hinge longer) so the whistle is closer to the impact zone. By swinging the club a few times you should be able to adjust your swing so that the release will make the desired sound. Swing Whistle can improve timing, tempo and increase your clubhead speed.

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About the 2012 Golf World Pacific Amateur Golf Classic

TOURNAMENT FORMAT:

The Golf World Pacific Amateur Golf Classic, consists of a three-day 54-hole, net, stroke play tournament (A Gross or Open Division is also available for lower handicap golfers – See details below). Participants compete on a different course each day against a field of participants of similar handicap. Final Flight rankings will be determined by comparing the three-day cumulative net score for all participants in each Flight. The top 2 participants in each Flight will compete in an 18-hole Championship Round Playoff at Sunriver Resort's Crosswater Course for the title of PacAm Flight Champion and for the opportunity to be crowned the PacAm Overall Champion.

DIVISIONS:

The tournament field will consist of at least SIX (6) Divisions including: Gross (Open), Men (Age 18-49), Senior Men (Age 50-59), Mid Senior Men (Age 60-69), Super Senior Men (Age 70+), Women (Age 18 and over).

FLIGHTS:

All participants are assigned to a Flight based upon their Tournament Handicap Index.

HANDICAPS:

PacAm Tournament Handicap will be assigned by using either the participants low handicap index from recent history or from a handicap calculated by using past PacAm tournament scores.



Sunriver Resort – The Official Host Site

Sunriver Resort offers PacAm participants' special rates on accommodations during the Tournament. In addition to offering great rates and service, the Sunriver Resort offers exclusive access to The Crosswater Course. PacAm lodging packages include special discounted rates on the Crosswater Course for participants.

A participant gift bag with exactly what you want... really

Through a partnership with the Taylor Made Golf Company, the 2012 Pacific Amateur will be setting up a complete retail store featuring items from TaylorMade, adidas Golf and Ashworth. Participants will be provided with the opportunity to choose the items that will best fit their game. Whether it is a new pair of shoes, a new golf outfit, or a new club, the choices will be as diverse as the handicaps of the over 600 participants.

To provide everyone with adequate time to enjoy this shopping opportunity, we will have participant registration open for two days, with an equipment demo day happening during the same times. The team from TaylorMade will be set up on the Sunriver Resort Driving Range to allow participants and guests with the opportunity to experience the leading manufacturer of golf equipment including the TaylorMade R11s driver, RBZ Driver, Rocket BallZ Irons, Forged Irons, ATV Wedges, Penta golf ball, and much more.

The retail credit provided as a part of each participants welcome gift bag can also be applied toward ordering up any of the TaylorMade products that are on display on the Driving Range. The 2012 participant gift bag is truly exactly what you want.



The PacAm is bringing back the GROSS Division.

Low handicap golfers have said that they love the PacAm, but wish that they could compete in the event with only the test of the course and the conditions of the day, leaving the handicap index behind. Well, returning in 2012 will be a Gross Division offering just that.

The tournament will offer the Gross (open) Division on the registration form for those golfers wishing to play Central Oregon's finest golf courses during the warm days of summer. The top golfers from this Division will advance to the Championship Round at Crosswater. In addition, the low gross scorers from the field of net players (from ANY Division) will also be invited to compete against the best from the Gross Division for the right to be crowned the 2012 PacAm Gross Champion!

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Destination: Gleneagle Golf Course

Course north of Seattle looking to make changes and become a regular golf stop

When Mike Simpson took over the general manager job at Gleneagle Golf Course (which is a public course) in Arlington, about 45 minutes north of Seattle, he knew he had a big job.

At age 27, he was stepping into a job that seemingly had a revolving door. General managers were coming and going and everything seemed to be status quo.

The local homeowners were not happy with the way things were going and were especially upset when there was a plan to shorten the course to an executive-length par-3 course back in 2006.

Simpson had heard the stories. He had talked to the homeowners. He knew that relationships needed to be repaired and the course needed improvements.

So far, so good after less than a year on the job for Simpson.

“My goal here is to get back to our roots of being a community golf course that is accessible and enjoyable to everyone,” said Simpson. “My focus is improved maintenance and excellent customer service.”

An increase maintenance budget has helped turn the course around. In fact, homeowners say the course hasn't been in such good shape since the mid 1990s. The driving range was reopened and a project to improve drainage is ongoing.

“Providing golfers good course conditions

will ultimately help us gain back customers we have lost due to low maintenance standards,” said Simpson.

Off the course, the course has added on-site club repair, a fully stocked pro shop, a new fleet of EZ-GO golf carts and a new resident rate program.

The homeowners have become so excited about the changes happening at Gleneagle that one homeowner donated \$13,000 to the course to install new tee signs, new ball washers and trash cans on every tee box.

Not bad considering the course was thought to be headed toward being turned into more homes a few years ago.

Off the course, Simpson helped oversee the course to a 40 percent increase in revenue through 2011 and Simpson hopes the new changes and new attitude of the homeowners will make 2012 an even bigger year.

“We have a vision up here that we want to become the best value in golf,” said Simpson. “Competitive rates with active promotions.”

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The Lesson Tee: The bunker does not have to be a trap for your game

I was giving a lesson in the bunker to one of my female high school students. She has taken ownership of her game, practice technique, wedge play, putting and yes bunker play. We stepped in that bunker and she showed me what she had. Her execution made me smile. Brooke Brannigan, well done!

Bunker play, if ever considered is an after thought. Golfer's of most levels consider the bunker a trap. Mentally, due to lack of practice and understanding they are trapped. The bunker can be an opportunity. Lets look at a few ways to step out of being trapped and into better bunker play.

One essential key to better bunker play is using the bounce of the sand wedge effectively. (photo 1) Splash the sand with the flange or bounce in the leading edge as when striking an iron shot off the grass. An effective way to practice this is by drawing a line in the sand and practice striking on and in front of that line with the club bounce.

The more you open the club face the more bounce is produced. Many golfers do not open the club face enough in the bunker. Next, stand further away from the ball at address. This also produces more effective bounce. Lowering your hands at address will enhance the bounce also.

Lean your upper body to the left with 70% of your weight on your left side. Keep the buttons of your shirt on top of the ball at address and throughout the swing. Not to the right of the ball as in a regular golf shot. This chest/buttons on top of the ball or even left of the ball will help shipping and pitching also! These principles will enhance your bunker play, besides time in the bunker.

Many times I place a 2 x 4 (wood board) in the bunker level with the sand. I have my students practice striking the board with the bounce of the club. (photo 1) Then I have them put some sand on that board; striking the board and splashing the sand. They do this standing further from the ball



Jeff Coston

with a wider stance; lower hands and leaning left. Finally, I have them put a golf ball on top of that sand on the 2 x 4. They strike the board; splash the sand and the ball softly lands on the green. This exercise helps train striking the sand with the bounce of the wedge.

When in the bunker we know the club head need actually strikes the ball. The force of the club through the sand propels the sand thus the ball on the green. I imagine a square around the golf ball. (photo 2) No matter the bunker shot, I take out the square of sand around the golf ball. Take out the square! Always! The bounce of the club takes out the square. That's Jeff 3:3. Always the same point of entry. Always the same amount and depth of sand. Just more or less speed. Just more or less loft of the wedge at address. Always the same set up.

Just a note for experimentation. The wedge will always move the sand. The sand will give in to the wedge. Wet sand is not concrete, it will give. Get down and through the sand with the bounce of the wedge.

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Photo 2

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Mental tip: Make sure to be 100 percent committed

One of the simplest mental golf tips to reduce your number of errant shots is 100% commitment! Now I don't mean to commit to practicing or playing regularly, giving up your home or work life to commit to the game of golf – although that would reduce your score! I mean the commitment to each shot, the kind of commitment that drowns out the rest of the world, being fully present and enveloped in the moment.

What does commitment mean? It means that even if you're not sure what the best shot is or what club to play, before each shot you have to decide and stick to that decision 100% and then make it work. If the ball doesn't finish where you wanted, yet you played the exact shot you chose, you have played a great shot because you stuck to your commitment. Success should therefore



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be measured not simply by your results, but by how well you execute your intention.

Commitment Drill:

Set up to your ball and I want you to connect with how it feels. There must be no doubt in your mind that this club in your hand is the perfect club for the shot. In our lives we

have all committed fully, 100%, to something. Whether it be love, a job, a swing change or a goal. I want you to remember and elicit that feeling, how did you feel when you fully committed?

Remember that feeling, where inside did it reside? Once you can attach the feelings of commitment to the golf shot in front of you say the word "Yes" before you begin your swing. Attaching positive affirming words to the feeling of commitment will definitely increase the good shots and the overall joy of the round. Now remember, there is no middle ground when commitment is at stake. Its either yes or no! If you have not fully committed to a club or a chosen shot, if you cannot say "Yes" to yourself before you swing, step away from the ball and restart the process.

As you begin to commit to yourself, commit

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to your actions and instinct on the course, you will find the freedom to play better golf.

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Rules of the Game: With the new set of rules, you now get a break if you are late for your tee time

Last month we started to introduce you to some of the major changes for the 2012-2015 version of The Rules of Golf. I explained that the Rules for raking bunkers have been liberalized, that there is some possibility of not being penalized if your ball moves after you address it, and that Rules for moving your ball during search have been made more consistent. This month we'll take a look at a few more interesting changes.

Another one of the changes is to Rule 6-3 (Time of Starting). This Rule always provided that if a player was late to his starting time, he was disqualified. There was also a Note to Rule 6-3, which allowed the Committee to reduce the penalty to two strokes if a player was up to five minutes late for his starting time. Over the years, virtually every competition on every level adopted the Note to Rule 6-3. It was finally decided to just incorporate the "five minute grace period" into the body of the Rule, thus eliminating the need for the Committee to put the Note on the Notice to Competitors. The reduction from disqualification to two strokes for being five minutes or less late to the tee is now automatic.

Another significant change is a consolidation of penalties. Over the years, the Joint Rules Committee has been concerned with penalty strokes "piling on" in certain situations, and over the past 10-15 years we have seen several infractions being consolidated into a lesser penalty if they happen simultaneously. For example, back in the 1990's, if a player moved his ball in play accidentally, he would be penalized one stroke. If he failed to replace it, he would be penalized an additional two strokes. And if he picked up that ball and illegally substituted it with another, he'd be penalized another yet another two strokes.

This is a far out example, but you can see how the strokes piled up. Over the years, that accumulation of penalty strokes has been mitigated. And this year the final consolidation has been completed. Rule 20-2a states that when a ball is to be dropped, it must be dropped in a specified manner: the player must stand erect, and drop the ball from shoulder height with the arm extended. If a player drops the ball in any other manner or if he lets another player drop it for him, he would receive a one-stroke penalty. Violation of this Rule was always added onto any other penalty. Now this penalty has also been consolidated when a player plays from a wrong place or when he illegally substitutes a ball, and also violates Rule 20-2a.

So, now let's look at a "kinder, gentler" version of a hypothetical situation. Let's say a player is taking relief from a cart path. He substitutes a ball, which is a two-stroke penalty. He drops it two club-lengths (instead of one) from the nearest point of relief, which is another two-stroke penalty. And he drops the ball from knee-height, which is a one-



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stroke penalty. And he then plays the ball. Total penalty: Two strokes! Yes, even the Joint Rules Committee has a kind heart! (It's important to note that these penalties only apply if the player doesn't correct them and makes a stroke at the ball.)

Finally, although this is not a Rules change, there is a major shift in interpretation of Rule 13-2, which prohibits a player from improving his line of play, the area of his stance, or the area of his intended swing. Prior to 2012, anything that a player did to improve one of those three areas would result in a two-stroke penalty. For instance, if a player

had a nine-iron and was going to loft a high shot into the green, and he stepped on a raised tuft of grass 15 feet in front of him on his line of play before making his stroke, he would have been penalized. Under the liberalized interpretation, such an action would now not be penalized. The reasoning is that the chances of such an action actually giving him an advantage in making that shot are virtually nil. While this interpretation may make perfect sense, there are some Rules Officials who are a little apprehensive that everyday players may take unfair advantage of this Rules interpretation. So, I'd like to add a caveat to this: The final decision as to whether a player has violated Rule 13-2 lies with the Rules Official. So, a word to the wise....if you are thinking about clearing something from your line of play or the area of your stance or intended swing, be absolutely sure that there is no way such an action would at all improve any one of those areas and make your stroke easier.

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OK let's see how you know the rules

Question: A player begins his downswing with the intention of striking the ball but decides during the downswing not to strike the ball. The player is unable to stop the club before it reaches the ball, but he is able to swing intentionally over the top of the ball. Is the player deemed to have made a stroke?

Answer: No. The player is considered to have checked his downswing voluntarily by altering the path of his downswing and missing the ball even though the swing carried the clubhead beyond the ball. If the player had not successfully checked his downswing (i.e., he had struck the ball), he is considered to have made a stroke.

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