

# INSIDE GOLF NEWSPAPER

## Eastern Washington/Idaho: Take a look at where to play

Palouse Ridge on the campus of Washington State University in Pullman (right) is just one of many terrific choices when it comes to playing golf in Eastern Washington and the Idaho Panhandle area. Inside Golf takes you on a tour of the area this month. See second section for more.



## WHAT'S NEW IN NW GOLF

### Northwest golfers ready to take on U.S. Amateur

The Pacific Northwest will be represented at the United States Amateur, which will be held this month at the Country Club of Brookline in Massachusetts.

Qualifying at Aldarra Golf Club near Seattle were Charlie Hughes, a former University of Washington golfer as well as Blake Snyder of Seattle. Carl Jonson of Bainbridge is the first alternate and could get it. UW golfer Trevor Simsby qualified in California.

### Columbia Edgewater will host LPGA Safeway event

The 2013 LPGA Safeway Classic will return to a familiar course when the event is held at Columbia Edgewater Country Club in Portland. The event had been held at Pumpkin Ridge the last four years.

Columbia Edgewater had hosted the LPGA event for 26 years before it left in 2009 for Pumpkin Ridge. But now it returns - and with a different format. The tournament will be a four-day event from Aug. 29-Sept. 1 and feature a purse of \$1.3 million. Mika Miyazato won the tournament in 2012.

The Golf Channel will be on hand for four days of television coverage.

### Central Oregon courses getting set for Pacific Am

If you are looking to get those competitive juices flowing, then look no further than the 17th annual Lithia Pacific Amateur Golf Classic. The event will take place at some of Central Oregon's top golf courses Sept. 21-26, 2013 with the top finishers of the individual flights meeting at Sunriver's Crosswater course for the tournament championship.

The three-day event, produced by the Central Oregon Visitors Association, offers divisions for golfers of every skill level including the open/gross division for golfers looking to play without handicaps.

There is no shortage of gifts when you sign up for the Lithia Pacific Amateur, including the three rounds of golf, a Pac Am gift bag valued at more than \$200

See [www.pacamgolf.com](http://www.pacamgolf.com) for more info.

### Rules Quiz

Angela finds her ball in ground under repair and elects to take relief. She properly determines her nearest point of relief, measures the area she is required to drop the ball, drops the ball, and the ball comes to rest in the area prescribed by Rule 25-1b (i). With her ball in this new position she decides to change club for the shot (a club different than she determined the nearest point of relief with). In addressing the ball with this new club she finds she is again interfered with by the ground under repair. She calls you over to ask if she can again take relief from the ground under repair. Your ruling is? See Page 2 for the answer.

## Portland's Glendoveer is a 36-hole treat

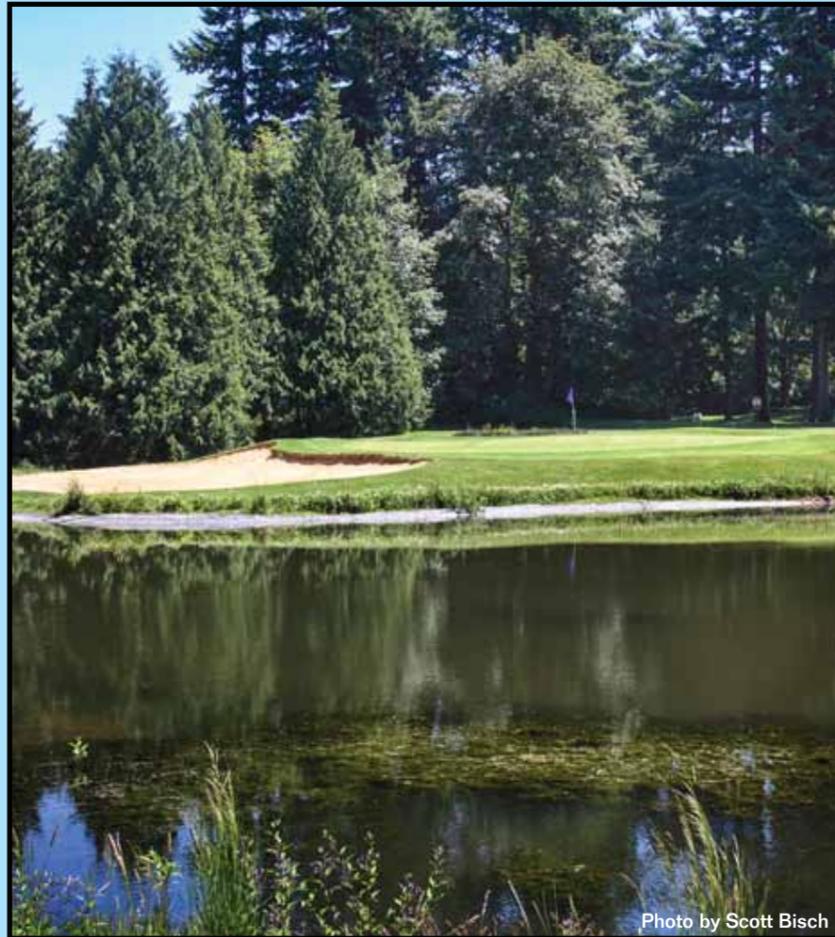


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Portland's Glendoveer Golf Course is more than just a 36-hole golf facility. Now under the management of CourseCo, Glendoveer offers 36 holes of golf, the area's only indoor tennis facility and the famous Ringside Restaurant. There's plenty to like, and there is no shortage of golf. See inside for more on Glendoveer.



Photo by Scott Bisch

## Seattle Thunderbirds coach Konowalchuk gets ready for season, but first a little golf

The hockey season is close at hand, and Seattle Thunderbirds coach Steve Konowalchuk is getting set for his third season in the Western Hockey League. The former NHL player spent 14 years in the league before taking over in Seattle. Take a look at his hockey background and golf game. See inside for more.



## Corey Prugh wins Rosauers Open for the third time

The Pacific Northwest Section of the PGA might as well re-name the Rosauers Open Invitational to the Corey Prugh Open Invitational. The Manito Country Club (Spokane) assistant professional won the tournament for the third time, shooting a final-round 67 to win by one shot.

Interestingly, Rob Seibly finished second in the tournament and was the low amateur one shot behind Prugh - and Seibly is an amateur from the club where Prugh is an assistant pro.

Prugh collected a first-place check of \$11,000 for winning one of the season's major championship for professionals and amateurs in the Pacific Northwest. Prugh birdied the 17th hole to take the outright lead and then parred the 18th hole and final to secure his third Rosauers victory.

Kyle Kelly of Tamarisk Country Club, Shane Prante of Tom's Golf Center and Matt Cowell of Lake Padden finished tied for third at 201. Cowell led after the first round with a blazing start of 61.

Jeff Coston of Semiahmoo Resort was sixth at 202 while amateur Hank Frame of The Links and Russell Grove of Avondale were tied for seventh place at 203, four shots behind.

## Champions Tour comes to Seattle for Boeing Classic

The Champions Tour will make its yearly visit to the Puget Sound area with the Boeing Classic, set for the TPC Snoqualmie Ridge on Aug. 22-25. The three-day tournament will feature the top players from the Champions Tour, including Seattle native and Champions Tour star Fred Couples.

There are many different options for tickets and a variety of ways to see the event including preliminary events which include the Seattle Seahawks Rumble at the Ridge and the Korean Air Pro-Am.

For more information on the tournament and tickets see [www.boeingclassic.com](http://www.boeingclassic.com).

# Paul Lavin: Decides to take the next step on the golf ladder, buys a course

Today Paul Lavin stands on the 9th tee box at remodeled Gateway Golf Course in Sedro-Woolley and envisions the possibilities. Flash back to 3 years ago, and all he saw was a 9-hole course that was vastly overgrown with grass and weeds.

He estimates that production of the course halted in the year 2000 judging by the abandoned paperwork and memorabilia. When he saw the chance to buy and run his own facility at Gateway Golf Course he jumped at it. Back in 2011, reopening it had gotten so bad that no one was playing, and if someone did play, all they had to do was put some money into a donation box. Since then he has overcome leaps and bounds from the once unmanageable course where one would have never believed such a successful comeback was possible.

"I was excited to get rolling, but was so overwhelmed I didn't know where to start because the course needed so much work. I couldn't even find the heads for the irrigation in the fairways." Thanks to Volunteer, Chris York, the head mechanic for another local golf course, the two spent countless hours for months hours knocking down the grass and weeds and finally started to see a golf course again. Everything started coming into place.

At Gateway, Lavin runs a show that is exceptionally streamlined. It is essentially himself running the Pro Shop and maintenance, but relies greatly on volunteer help from people in exchange for golf, or simply because they want to see the small town of Sedro-Woolley with a population of just over 10,000 course succeed. Without the help of a great team of volunteers, Paul would be afforded no time off to do the simplest of tasks, such as running to the repair shop for the seemingly never-ending tasks of things to purchase or to fix machinery and repair the grounds.

"There's nothing I don't do out here," said Lavin. "When you don't have the world's big-



**Steve Turcotte**

gest budget you learn to make do with what you have." With gratitude he admits "I'm happy to have some great volunteers who come in and help me out." Because of their help, he has improved the course with new greens, increased the layout by over 650 yards, and allowing a par 32 to become a par 36. The course offers a 14-stall covered driving range, power golf carts, monthly golf tournaments and leagues, junior camps, as well as a free 10-minute golf lesson from PGA Golf Pro, Paul, himself.

Working in the golf industry since the age 10, the 43-year-old Lavin does have some bigger plans for the course. The course came with a large clubhouse that was in serious need of repair and remodeling. Aptly named The Vista Blanca Room due to it's sweeping views of the valley and Cascade Mountains it can now handle big tournaments and weddings.

The course is also a site for the First Tee program that emphasizes unique life skills curriculum for children ages 5-18, teaching positive values such as honesty, integrity and perseverance through the game of golf. Starting out as a youth himself, he greatly believes in the inherent benefit of kids getting involved in golf. Lavin believes there is a market for his golf course. "I think people want to play 9-hole courses." He finds that the shorter courses tend to be less

intimidating and more family-friendly. When patrons complete a round of nine holes, there is a discount to complete another round to perfect their game the second time around, making it an 18-hole course.

Lavin has been so busy since signing his deal, he hasn't had much time off. When asked what he has done with his spare time, he did confess "I did go razor clam digging once last year," he said with a laugh.

For more information, or to book at Tee Time, visit <http://gatewaygolfandrestaurant.com/> or call (360) 631-3295.

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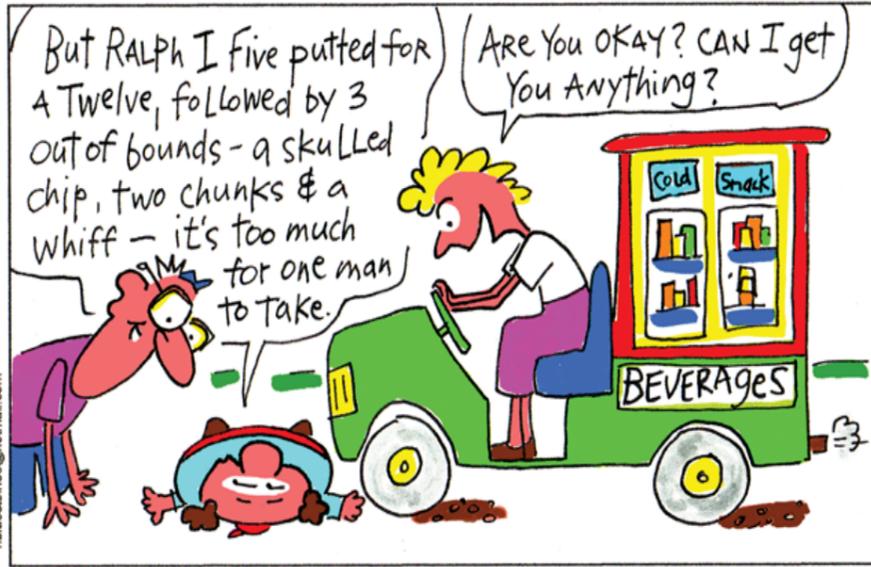
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**Double Bogey**



**Harold Bluestein PGA**



**Rules Answer**

Answer: She is in fact entitled to determine her nearest point of relief and proceed as Rule 25-1b (i) requires repeating the procedure she used for the original relief taken. The player's score for the hole is two.

• Inside Golf would like to thank rules official Paul Lucien for the rules questions.

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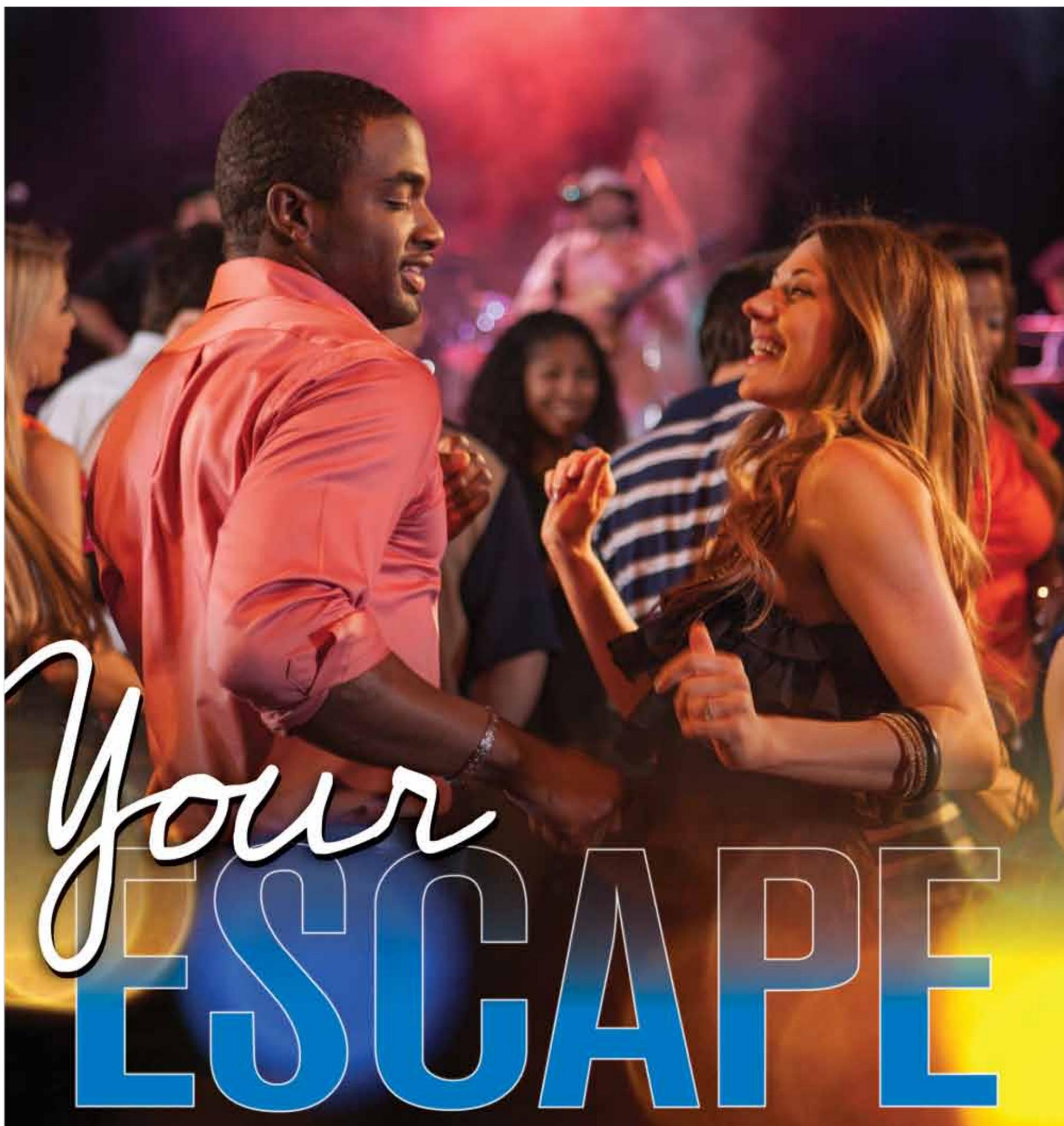
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# Olympia's Peck continues hot summer with PNGA Amateur victory; Garber claims inaugural Ryan Moore AJGA event

Cameron Peck of Olympia, Wash. continued his stellar 2013 summer by winning the 112th Pacific Northwest Men's Amateur Championship, held at Bandon Dunes Golf Resort in Bandon, Ore. Peck defeated Hans Reimers of Albany, Ore. in the Final match, 7 and 6. The 36-hole match was contested on the resort's Bandon Dunes and Bandon Trails courses.

The championship, which started with an elite field of 168 amateurs, was conducted by the Pacific Northwest Golf Association. For complete match play bracket results, visit [www.thepnga.org](http://www.thepnga.org).

Peck had a dominating and relentless march through the bracket, winning his Quarterfinal match 6 and 5 and Semifinal match 4 and 3. In his Quarterfinal match he was 7-under par when the match ended after the 13th hole. In the Final, he shot 5-under 67 in the morning round to take a 3-up lead, and was 2-under in the afternoon round when the match ended after 30 holes.

In June Peck won the Washington State Golf Association's Men's Amateur championship and also in June Reimers won the Oregon Open.

## Tacoma native Yun wins title at Sahalee Players Championship

Andrew Yun of Chandler, Ariz., playing in his first tournament since graduating from Stanford University a few weeks ago, came from behind in the final round to win the 20th Sahalee Players Championship, held at Sahalee Country Club in Sammamish, Wash.

Yun, who was the first and second round leader, began the day one shot behind third round leader Bo Andrews, of Raleigh, N.C. Yun was the only player who finished under par, and on a day when the tight fairways and firm greens of Sahalee made for high scores, a 2-over par 74 in

the final round was good enough for a one-shot win over Zac Blair of Ogden, Utah and Bryson Dechambeau of Clovis, Calif.

Being a Walker Cup practice session invitee, a victory at Sahalee will go a long way to securing Yun's spot on the team. Yun is holding off on turning pro specifically with the Walker Cup in mind.

Yun was born and raised in Tacoma, a half hour from Sammamish. "Having my family and friends here really meant a lot," said Yun, whose father, Paul, caddied for him in the final round. "I think the last time I won (in this area) was at a junior tournament in the eighth grade," said Yun, with a laugh.

## Tukwila golfer claims championship at Washington Women's Amateur

Mallory Kent of Tukwila, Wash. went wire-to-wire to win the 20th Washington State Women's Amateur, while Lisa Smego of Olympia, Wash. won her third Senior Women's Amateur title at the 14th Washington State Senior Women's Amateur. Both championships are conducted by the Washington State Golf Association, and were held concurrently at Twin Lakes Golf and Country Club in Federal Way, Wash.

Kent, who just completed her junior year at Washington State University, carded a final round 4-over par 76 to win by one stroke.

"It was definitely a rough start on the front nine, but I was able to get it back going on the back nine holes. I had a few chances at birdies which ended up being easy pars" said Kent. "It was really my ability to get up and down for pars this week that won me the championship" she added.

Lisa Smego of Olympia, Wash. battled through very wet conditions in the morning to

run away with the Senior Women's Amateur. She carded a final round of 8-over par 80 to win by seven strokes. This will be Smego's third Senior Amateur title; she also won in 2006 and 2007. Her low round of the week was when she carded an impressive round of 2-over par 74 to give herself a comfortable four stroke lead going into the final round.

## Kirkland junior earns inaugural championship at Ryan Moore event

Frank Garber of Kirkland, Wash., shot a 3-under-par 67 in the final round to claim the championship title at the AJGA's Ryan Moore Junior Championship at Oakbrook in Tacoma.

In the Girls Division, Ashley Fitzgibbons of Sammamish, Wash., won her first AJGA event with a final-round 3-under-par 207.

Garber carded three birdies on Nos. 2, 5 and 8 to shoot a front-nine 3-under-par 32. He tallied an even-par 35 on the back nine, finishing the round at 3-under-par 67 for a tournament total 4-under-par 206. The win is Garber's first top finish at an AJGA event.

Gregory Gildea of Lakewood, Wash., finished in second place with a tournament total 3-under-par 207. RJ Manke of Lakewood, Wash., took third place with a tournament total 2-under-par 208. In fourth place, Jefferson Kao of Walnut, Calif., shot a tournament total 1-under-par 209.

## Canadian golfer takes crown at PNGA Women's Amateur

Jennifer Ha of Calgary, Alberta defeated Caroline Inglis of Eugene, Ore. in the championship match to win the 112th Pacific Northwest Women's Amateur; and Kareen Markle of Meridian, Idaho won the 12th Pacific Northwest Women's Mid-Amateur by defeating Amanda Jacobs of

Seattle. The two championships were conducted by the Pacific Northwest Golf Association, and were held concurrently at Wine Valley Golf Club in Walla Walla, Wash.

## Li Wang wins Seattle Amateur championship with final-round 71

Li Wang played tough down the stretch to win the 2013 Seattle Amateur Championship, at West Seattle Golf Course. Wang shot a final round 1-under par 71 at 6800 yard par 72 West Seattle Golf Course to post a three day total of 5-under par to win the 2013 Seattle Amateur by three shots over Chris Babcock and Erik Hanson.

Wang had a one shot lead over Chris Babcock standing on the 18th tee but Chris drove it into the rough and caught a flyer on his second shot causing him to double bogey the final hole.

Lori Pearson (first female to make the cut in the 79 year history of the event) shot a final round 78 to finish 44th.

## Jefferson golfer goes low to earn West Seattle Amateur title

James Hall of Jefferson Park in Seattle shot rounds of 69-69 to win the West Seattle Amateur title by three shots. Jordan Burns of West Seattle was second at 141 while Spencer Weiss of Sahalee took third at 142.

## Strickland rolls to victory at Everett Amateur by two shots

Mark Strickland of Mukilteo won the Everett Amateur by three shots shooting rounds of 69-79. Brennan Emory of Mount Vernon tied for second with Connor Miele of Everett. Paul Bonorden of Mill Creek. The event was held at Legion Memorial Golf Course in Everett.

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# SW Washington golfer captures Pepsi NW Women's Open crown

Brush Prairie, Wash. native Lindsay Aho fired a second straight 2-under-par 70 and went on to win the Pepsi Northwest Women's Open at Twin Lakes Golf and Country Club in Federal Way. Aho, a college All-American at Portland's Concordia College, finished at 4-under-par 140 for the tournament and won by three shots over Jasi Acharya of Columbus, Mt. Aho led by two shots over Acharya with two holes left and found herself in the bunker on the par-3 17th hole. But she holed out from the bunker and turned back the late rally to win the \$4,000 first-place check. Acharya collected \$2,700 for finishing second in the tournament.

Cheyenne Burbank of Gilbert, Ariz. was third at 146 while Emily Childs of Alameda, Calif. was fourth at 147. Kitty Robyn of Imperial Beach, Calif. was fifth and was also the low senior player of the tournament. Low amateur honors went to Samantha Postillion of Burr Ridge, Ill.

Pepsi and the City of Federal Way were instrumental in bringing back the event.



Lindsay Aho

### PEPSI NORTHWEST WOMEN'S OPEN At Twin Lakes Golf and Country Club

Lindsay Aho, \$4,000	70-70-140
Jasi Acharya, \$2,700	73-70-143
Cheyenne Burbank, \$1,700	75-71-146
Emily Childs, \$1,500	76-71-147
Kitty Robyn, \$1,300	73-77-150
Cindy Rarick, \$1,050	77-74-151
Lucy Davies, 1,050	79-72-151
Corie Hou, \$900	78-74-152
a-Samantha Postillion	78-75-153
Sung Ea Lee, \$630	77-77-154

### Former UW player Charlie Hughes wins B.C. Amateur

Charlie Hughes beat Adam Svensson in a playoff to claim the 2013 British Columbia Amateur Championship at Copper Point Golf Club. Hughes needed two sudden-death playoff holes to secure the win, but did so when he drained an over 10-foot birdie, while Svensson scored par. Hughes, who graduated from Washington in 2013, shot even-par 70 in regulation.

### Nike signs former No. 1-ranked amateur Chris Williams

Nike has signed the former No. 1-ranked amateur golfer in the world, Chris Williams, to its Nike Golf staff. Williams is making his professional debut this week at the Travelers Championship in Cromwell, Conn., the same tournament where former No. 1-ranked amateur Patrick Cantlay shot a 10-under 60 in Round 2 in route to a top 25 finish as an amateur in 2011.

## Tour Players With Northwest ties

### PGA Tour

- Fred Couples • Seattle • 175th on the list with \$218,398
- Ben Crane • Portland • 96th on the list with \$789,267
- Robert Garrigus • Gresham • 76th on the list with \$957,005
- Andres Gonzales • Olympia • 229th on the list with \$25,687
- Jeff Gove • Seattle • 216th on the list with \$46,681
- Troy Kelly • Bremerton • 225th on the list with \$32,350
- Richard H. Lee • Bellevue • 90th on the list with \$847,396
- Ryan Moore • Puyallup • 61st on the list with \$1,155,665
- Kyle Stanley • Gig Harbor • 43rd on the list with \$1,443,463
- Chris Williams • Moscow/UW •

### Web.com Tour

- Jason Allred • Ashland • 104th on the list with \$27,524
- Alex Prugh • Spokane • 13th on the list with \$115,667
- Andrew Putnam • Tacoma • 40th on the list with \$85,012
- Michael Putnam • Tacoma • 1st on the list with \$430,684

### Champions Tour

- Fred Couples • Seattle • 4th on the list with \$965,481
- Bob Gilder • Corvallis • 80th on the list with \$61,004
- Peter Jacobsen • Portland • 69th on the list with \$88,452
- Kirk Triplett • Pullman • 21st on the list with \$511,517

### LPGA Tour

- Jimin Kang • Seattle • 117th on the list with \$22,146
- Paige Mackenzie • Yakima • 98th on the list with \$42,414
- Wendy Ward • Edwall, Wash. • 139th on the list with \$9,450
- Kim Welch • Washington State • 157th on the list with \$2,746

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• The LPGA Tour will return to Portland for the 2013 golf season but this time at a different host course. Well, kind of different. After four years at Pumpkin Ridge the Safeway Classic is heading to Columbia Edgewater Country Club in Portland. Columbia Edgewater had hosted the tournament for 26 years before it left in 2009 for a four-year run at Pumpkin Ridge. The dates of the tournament are set for Aug. 29-Sept. 1 - a four-round event for the first time.



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## Tee shot management: Brains versus brawn

Do you have a hole at your local course that gives you fits? What club do you usually hit off the tee? One of the most common faults I see among amateur golfers is the idea that they should always hit driver off the tee on par 4's and 5's. This mentality stems from the thought that you want to be as far down the fairway as possible. But do you really? Professional golfers will actually play holes in REVERSE, planning how far they want to be for their second or third shots into a green, as well as staying short of trouble.

If you can play smart and plan out holes in reverse, you'll be amazed how well you start to score.

Let's take this idea a bit more in depth. Let's say Golfer A hits his driver 250 yards on average, and is playing a hole that is 350 yards long with trouble on the right side 250



**Eric Hambleton**

yards off the tee. All too often, he will still hit driver and hope he hits it to the left. What does he gain by hitting driver and bringing trouble into play? Not only will he increase his chances of an inaccurate tee shot, bring a blow up hole into play, but also possibly leaving himself with a partial wedge, which is a dreaded shot by most amateurs. Now let's

say Golfer B hits three wood 225 yards. He can not only take trouble out of play, but boost his chances of hitting the fairway and leave himself a full wedge or 9 iron. Think about how much more he would increase his chances of a good score by hitting short of the trouble, and leaving himself 125 yards into the green?

On a 500 yard par 5, if you take our Golfers A and B, and use the same strategy, what might happen? Neither golfer is capable of reaching the green in two with their distance. Golfer A hits driver 250 yards, leaving himself another 250 yard shot that he does not have. However, he did bring in the possibility of a wild tee shot and an awkward third shot yardage. Meanwhile, Golfer B hits three wood 225 yards, leaving himself 275 yards from the hole. This may sound like he is at a disadvantage, however all Golfer B has to do

now is hit his second shot 150 yards, leaving himself another full, 125 yard wedge or 9 iron. Golfer A will typically mishit his second shot, possibly leaving himself around 50 yards to the green, a very uncomfortable yardage.

Next time you play golf, look at the scorecard and plot out your tee shot strategy in reverse based on yardage and trouble. Pick a distance you are comfortable from, and try to play every tee shot to that predetermined yardage. If you had 10-14 shots per round from the same yardage with your favorite club, the confidence you gain will carry over to all areas of your game.

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# Glendoveer: Portland course offers more than golf and new management team in CourseCo

Have you been to Glendoveer Golf Course and Tennis Club in Portland lately? If not, it's time to reacquaint yourself with one of the Portland area's historical golf experiences. It's a golf facility that's been treating visitors to a challenging round of golf for more than 80 years on one of its two courses.

Recently, a new golf course management company, CourseCo, was selected to run the 36-hole facility, that also boasts the only public indoor tennis courts in the area. CourseCo is considered to be one of the top municipal golf course management companies in the nation. CourseCo is best known for their stellar record of environmental accolades and awards, and the commitment to making a golf course a community asset that is enjoyed by all residents.

There's always been 36 holes of golf at Glendoveer Golf Course, with both an East and West Course. The East Course is considered the premiere 18 holes with a fun and challenging layout that is filled with tall and spectacularly beautiful trees you would expect to find in the Pacific Northwest. The East Course is also a bit more demanding because of its length and tree-lined fairways. Water comes into play on three holes on the East side.

The West Course is a little easier, with more open fairways and fewer bunkers. Water comes into play on 2 of the holes. The greens on both courses are small and fast. The terrain is hilly, yet easy to walk. John Stenzel designed the East Course in 1926, while adding the West Course in 1928.

Many of the most important changes have taken place on the tees, fairways and greens at Glendoveer Golf Course. The golf courses were in need of a strong plan to improve playing conditions, with the foundation of that plan being environmentally friendly and sustainable agronomic practices. No operator was better

suited than CourseCo, as their list of awards is extensive. In fact, CourseCo awards includes the Governor's Environmental and Economic Leadership Award for Sustainable Practices. This is California's highest and most prestigious environmental honor.

The results of change in the turf management practices often aren't seen overnight. For example, fairways were aerified recently for the first time in 20 years. According to Vice President of Agronomy, Scott Carrier, "Glendoveer Golf Course will realize dramatic improvements in playing conditions."

If Tennis is your game, then Glendoveer might be your answer. The indoor courts shield players from rain and allow for 12 months of tennis activities, lessons, and leagues. There's a complete calendar of tennis events for everyone from senior players to kids just learning the game. They also recently held an outdoor Wimbledon style event complete with a grass tennis court experience.

Changes at Glendoveer don't stop at the tennis courts or out on the golf course. Glendoveer is fully committed to maintaining an active calendar of community events for the non-golfer too. In fact, Glendoveer recently hired a new Director of Community Events, specifically to manage a lively and active calendar of community inclusive events that get Portland residents out to the golf course and using the property for much more than just a place to play golf and tennis.

If you've ever played in a golf tournament, it's fair to assume that you've been handed a boxed lunch and sent to the buffet line after your round of golf. At Glendoveer Golf Course, they have the good fortune of forging a strong partnership with the iconic Ringside Restaurant. The Ringside Restaurant has an attractive list of awards and accolades, including being one of the "Great Steakhouses in North America."



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# Tumwater Valley is showing signs of life after hard times

Tumwater Valley Golf Course is quickly showing signs of life after several disappointing years of declining revenues. Tumwater City Council determined the need for a change after the course suffered a \$350,000 deficit in 2012. Parks & Recreation Director, Chuck Denney has assembled a local team comprised of Russ Olsen, serving in a consultant role, Dave Nickerson, Operations Manager, and an almost entirely new Guest Services staff led by Chuck Johnson and Steve Frost.

In addition, Tumwater Valley is now home to one of the strongest instructional trios in Joe Thiel, PGA Master Professional, LPGA Teaching Professional Kathy O'Kelly, *Golf Digest's* 50 Best Women Teachers in America, and Kris Swanson, Head Men's Golf Coach at Pacific Lutheran University. After compiling his team Denney said he hopes to get revenues back on track without an increase in green fees. He said Tumwater just needs to "do a better job at filling the tee sheet." Olsen has an extensive background in golf course operations as a general manager for the American Golf Corporation at The Classic and Capitol City Golf Club. The team appears to be delivering on Denney's hopes as the course numbers are immediately trending towards success as Tumwater Valley has quickly realized an eight percent increase in total revenue and 13 percent increase in rounds.

"Dwane Erich (Superintendent) and his crew have this course in great shape and players are realizing the value here" said Denney. Tumwater is also welcoming The First Tee program which will benefit numerous youth in the area to gain access to golf so there is a lot of positive momentum happening in Tumwater.



Tumwater Valley Golf Course is trying a new way to lure golfers to its 18-hole course.



Kayak Point will undergo a facelift on and off the course after re-doing a deal with Access Golf.

# Changes coming at Kayak Point after new Access Golf deal struck

The winds of change are blowing at Kayak Point Golf Club in Stanwood, north of Seattle. Snohomish County and Access Golf have reached an initial ten-year deal to operate and manage the golf course. In addition, Snohomish County, through a parks bond, will contribute \$500,000 to help upgrade both the clubhouse and the golf course.

"We have enjoyed our relationship with Access Golf, so it was natural to keep it going," said Russ Bosanko of the Snohomish County Parks and Recreation Department. "And the timing couldn't have been better to have the bond money available. We like the way things are going at Kayak Point and wanted to keep it going in the right direction."

The money will go to help refurbish a clubhouse that is 30 years old and needs some work. The tee boxes, greens and some fairways will also benefit from these dollars. "These changes will really help us promote the course even more," said Bosanko.

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# The Lesson Tee: It might look tough but you can find way to conquer the tight lie

Summer is a great time in the Pacific Northwest. I feel May through October that there is not a better place to be. Many wonderful activities and great golf.

I've had some fun times this summer. Good tournaments, golf schools and players doing well with their games. Another fun highlight was doing "The Golf Fix" with Michael Breed for the golf channel. Check it out on my website or you tube. We both had a lot of fun.

Golfers at any level miss greens. From a club golfer to a PGA tour player. The finest players in the world average at best 14/18 greens per round. We all rely on our short game to "save shots" in any round of golf.

Most golfers work on their pitching, bunker play and putting as an after thought walking from the range to the first tee. I have found scoring success if I spend time around and on the practice green before I hit a full shot on the practice tee.

Many clients express their challenges to me pitching and chipping. They get especially challenged pitching off the closely mown area's. This is commonly known as a tight lie.

First off, if someone has struggles with the "tight lie," use your putter. Practice this shot. Second, if you struggle use a hybrid. Practice this shot. Many fine golfers use these two shots.

Now, when using any kind of wedge around the green off a "tight lie" start with a proper set up. (photo 1) On a short pitch "lean left" at address. Make sure your chest, spine and nose is on top of or slightly in front of the ball. Most golfers who struggle are set up tilted behind the ball. These golfers struggle hitting the ball solid and hit fat and thin shots. Include in your set up choke down



Photo 1

the shaft and narrow your stance for control. Secondly, during the stroke keep your spine, chest and nose on or in front of the ball; stay left, weight left throughout the

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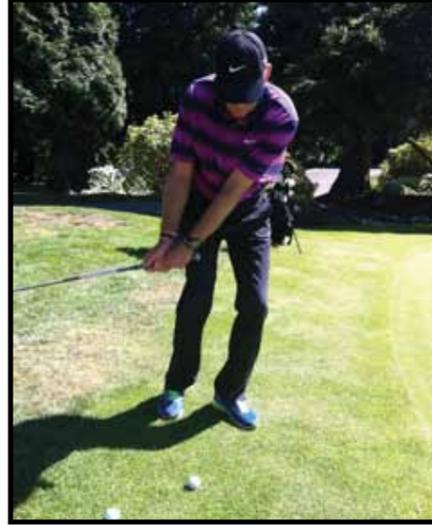


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## Coston: Tight lies

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stroke. Never fall back. I stress start left; stay left; finish left. (photo 2, 3)

Notice how I rotate my body through the ball at the finish. This is like an underhand toss. Notice the triangle of my arms and chest move together as I turn through the ball. Chest, arms and belt turn together! I focus on the club head taking out the roots of the grass not just skimming the tops of the blades of grass.

Finally, on a "tight lie" get closer to the ball. Get "uptight" to the ball with your hands higher at address. Conversely, out of the rough around the greens lower your hands and get further from the ball to use bounce of your wedge.

Jeff Coston is a former PGA Tour Player and a member of the Pacific Northwest PGA Hall of Fame. He can be reached for appointment by calling Semiahmoo Resort at 360 201 4590 or visit [jeffcoston.com](http://jeffcoston.com)

# Jackson Park will host pair of Jackson Juniors

The fifth annual Jackson Juniors Golf Classic is set for Monday, Aug. 19 at Jackson Park Golf Course in Seattle.

The tournament is open to the first 60 entries for players ages 13-17. Players age 12 may play if qualified. There will be three different divisions for both boys and girls. Entry fee is \$40.

The fifth annual Jackson Juniors for 6-12 year-olds will take place on Monday, Aug. 26 at Jackson Park Golf Course. Call 206.363.4747 for information.

## Gleneagle hires new head pro; offers many lessons options

Gleneagle Golf Course in Arlington, Wash. has a new head professional in Darren Tucker. Tucker is a long-time resident of Arlington and has created complete lesson

programs for juniors, seniors, ladies and all adults.

The course has also received some terrific reviews from GolfChops.com for its greens. Improved maintenance work has improved the greens and other course conditions.

The course also has deals on Living Social and Groupon as well as great summer specials. Call 360.435.6713 for more information.

## Web.com Tour will hit Pumpkin Ridge in 2014

Jeff Sanders Promotions and the PGA TOUR will be bringing the Web.com Tour to the Portland area next year.

WinCo Foods has entered into a three-year agreement to sponsor the Web.com Tour's final Regular Season tournament, the

WinCo Foods Portland Open, at Witch Hollow at Pumpkin Ridge Golf Club, beginning in 2014. The inaugural event will be played Aug. 18-24, 2014.

## Desert Canyon opens up new events center, has RV parking

Desert Canyon in Orondo, Wash. opened up its Events Center with a wedding and the reviews were positive. The events center is located where the pro shop used to be. The pro shop is now located in the building that houses The Oasis restaurant.

The events center was re-done in 2012 after some sprinkler damage and should prove to be a popular place for weddings, meetings and more. The course also has 15 RV spaces with water and electric hook ups. Call 509.784.1111 for more info.

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# Rules of the Game: When playing in tournaments, the committee handles just anything you can think of

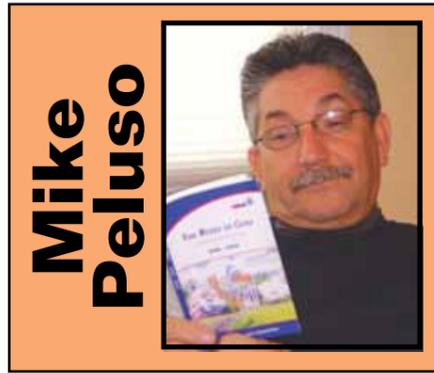
After two years, we've finished covering the Rules that apply to the player – Rules 1-32. We'll now look at Rule 33. This Rule doesn't tell you what the responsibilities of the player are; it tells you what the responsibilities of the Committee are.

The Committee can take on several meanings in tournament golf. It can be something as sophisticated as the USGA Rules and Competition department running a U.S. Open, or something as simple as your pro or tournament chairman at your local club. So, what are the responsibilities of the Committee when running a golf tournament?

Rule 33-1 says that it's the responsibility of the Committee to lay down the Conditions of the Competition. The "Conditions of the Competition" are explained in the subsequent Rules under Rule 33. Rule 33-1 states that the Committee has no right to waive a Rule of Golf. What is interesting but not written in the Rule is that the Committee also has no right to create a Rule of Golf, except for Local Rules as approved by the USGA. For example, let's say the Committee says you get a two-stroke penalty for bringing alcohol on the course. (Heaven forbid!!) The Committee can't do that. (We'll see in Rule 33-7 that the Committee could disqualify a player for that, but not establish a two-stroke penalty).

Rule 33-1 also states that you can't have a stroke play competition and a match play competition between the same players simultaneously. The Rules of each form of play are too incompatible.

Rule 33-2 says that the Committee has to properly mark the course – OB's, water hazards, ground under repair, etc. It also has to declare



**Mike Peluso**

what are obstructions and integral parts of the course, establish dropping zones, hole locations, and any unusual situations. The Rule also points out that new holes should be cut on the morning of each day of competition, but also points out that all players must play a given round with the hole in the same location, such as if there is an overnight delay or if the competition is played over two courses and the players switch courses each day. Rule 33-2 also establishes where players can and can't practice and what happens if the course becomes unplayable.

Rule 33-3 requires the Committee to establish the starting times and groupings for all players. In stroke play, obviously, all players must start at the same time and within the same groups, but in match play, Rule 33-3 can establish time frames by when a match must be finished between the two players. It also gives players in a match the right to play the match earlier than the final date by mutual agreement.

Rule 33-4 merely states that the Committee must establish a table indicating the order of holes where handicap strokes are to be given.

Rule 33-5 says that the Committee must pro-

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vide score cards for all players and that certain information must be included on the score card. It must have the date and the players' names. The Rule points out that the Committee, not the player, is responsible for adding scores, applying the proper handicap adjustments, and adding better-ball scores in team competitions when the cards are turned in.

The Committee, rather than having the players' names and the date pre-printed on the score card, may require that the competitors themselves enter that information on the score cards.

Rule 33-6 requires the Committee to establish, prior to the competition, the manner and time frame in which ties or halved matches are to be decided. The Rule goes on to state that you can't settle a tie in stroke play by match play, and you can't settle a tie in match play by stroke play.

Rule 33-7 is the Rule that gives the Committee flexibility in situations that may not be covered by the Rules, or in unusual or unexpected situations. Rule 33-7 states: "A penalty of disqualification may in exceptional individual cases be waived, modified or imposed if the Committee considers such an action warranted." The Rule further states that this statement does not apply to any penalties less than disqualification. So, the bottom line under Rule 33-7 is this: If you've

committed a violation for which the penalty is disqualification, but the circumstances are unique, unexpected or unusual, the Committee may waive that penalty or reduce it to a two-stroke penalty. But they can't waive a two-stroke or one-stroke penalty. Conversely, if you've committed an action that is such an egregious breach of etiquette or an action that is so contrary to the spirit of the game of golf, the Committee may impose a penalty of disqualification, but they can't impose a one-stroke or two-stroke penalty.

This Rule must be used sparingly or in very unusual situations. For example, if a player fails to hole out and tees off on the next hole (the penalty for which is disqualification) the Committee can't just adopt Rule 33-7 and absolve him of penalty.

Finally, Rule 33-8 gives the Committee the right to establish Local Rules that are at variance with the Rules of Golf. However, these Local Rules must be approved by the USGA, and Appendix I of The Rules of Golf gives specimen Local Rules for a variety of unique situations that might arise in the conduct of the competition.

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# Steve Konowalchuk

## Former NHL player now in charge of coaching the Seattle Thunderbirds

By Steve Turcotte, Inside Golf Editor

When you get a round of golf set up with a former NHL hockey player, you almost expect Happy Gilmore to show up. You half expect. You think a guy will show up in an old convertible, pull the old persimmon clubs out of the back seat and have a hockey jersey pulled over the top.

But not with Steve Konowalchuk, the 41-year NHL player and now the head coach of the Seattle Thunderbirds of the Western Hockey League. Konowalchuk wishes he had some of Happy Gilmore's game, especially those long drives but Konowalchuk is a guy that knows the difference between hockey and golf.

"Golf is hard, really hard," said the 40-year-old Konowalchuk with a laugh. "I don't think I will ever get this game."

Ever since a young age and even in his early days in the NHL, Konowalchuk thought he could play some golf. Some of his former NHL teammates with the Washington Capitals and Colorado Avalanche were good golfers, he thought he could be one, too. But something happened on the way to the first tee every time he played golf.

"I just wasn't very good," he said. "But it got to the point where hockey players are really good or really bad. I fell into the really bad group and



Former NHL player and Seattle Thunderbird coach Steve Konowalchuk hits from the bunker.



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# Steve Konowalchuk: T-Bird coach had long NHL career

gave it up.” So Konowalchuk did what most athletes do when they don’t golf - he went fishing.

But now, many years later and his NHL career in his rear view mirror, Konowalchuk decided to pick up the game again. It’s a way that Konowalchuk and his 13-year-old son Cole can spend some good father-son time on the golf course together. And Konowalchuk is enjoying the game again. “I’m ready to try and get better at this game,” he said. “Let’s see what happens.”

Konowalchuk shoots his hockey shots from the left side. He tried golf from the left side but it didn’t work. He hits righty on the golf course but does putt left handed.

Konowalchuk has some Northwest roots even before taking the head coaching job two years ago with the Thunderbirds. He spent three years with the Portland Winterhawks of the WHL before heading off to a 14-year career in the National Hockey League, spending 12 with the Washington Capitals and two more with the Colorado Avalanche.

And along the way he moved from center to wing (It gave me more playing time that way,” he said) and played in 790 games scoring 171 goals and 225 assists. Memorable moments? There were plenty along the 14-year road.

• Konowalchuk’s first NHL goal in 1992 came in a road game at Edmonton, where he had family and friends in the crowd. “I just sent a shot toward the five-hole and it went in,” he said. “I never even saw it.”

• Playing for the U.S. team in the World Cup of hockey in 1996, going against many of his hockey heroes and holding his own. “There was nothing like playing for your country,” he said.

• Reaching the NHL Stanley Cup championship round with Washington. The road to the Stanley Cup Finals were great, the championship series wasn’t as Washington lost in four straight



Steve Konowalchuk watches his chip shot.



Seattle Thunderbird hockey coach Steve Konowalchuk finds it easier to putt left handed.

games to the Detroit Red Wings.

Konowalchuk still gets a laugh about his time on the NHL ice. “Every time I scored a goal I was surprised it went in,” he said with a laugh.

Konowalchuk retired after the 2006 season when an EKG found that he had a condition called Prolong QT - a condition in which his heart beat took too long between beats.

The Avalanche offered a coaching job and he spent two years on the bench in Colorado before the offer to coach in Seattle sent him and his wife Leah and their two kids to the Northwest. “My daughter didn’t really like the move - I don’t think she talked to me for a year.”

Now, Konowalchuk is the leader on the bench. And it’s a place where he feels comfortable and

has fit in nicely. The first year in Seattle was a rough one as the team won 25 games but last year the Thunderbirds reached the playoffs and nearly pulled off a first-round playoff shocker.

Konowalchuk said the bar is raised for his third year with the Thunderbirds. Training camp for the team kicks off later this month at the ShoWare Center in Kent.

“The expectations are high this year for this team,” said Konowalchuk. “We finished so strong last year we’d like to keep it going.”

Konowalchuk knows he needs to get his golf game in better shape. His son Cole gives him all the game he wants on the golf course and when he gets invited to celebrity tournaments, he wants to at least show up with a few shots in the bag.

On this day at Meridian Valley, Konowalchuk did prove that he does hit an occasional lethal 3-iron including one on the eighth hole that went 205 yards to the front of the green. “You learn to hit a 3-iron when you don’t hit the driver very far,” Konowalchuk said in between laughs. “Guess I need to figure out how to hit the driver farther so I can use other clubs. I grew up not comfortable at all on the golf course - I want to change that. I want to feel comfortable and have a good time with it.”

Does Konowalchuk pop Happy Gilmore into the DVD player when he needs some golf motivation? Not really. “But my son sure likes the movie,” said Konowalchuk. “After he saw it he went out and tried to hit it like Happy.”



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