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# Scotland: Taking a once in a lifetime trip to golf's home

Inside Golf sometimes gets to travel to exotic locations for stories and pictures. But there's nothing like a trip to Scotland, the home of golf. With courses like the Old Course at St. Andrews (right), Scotland is a place that is on most golfer's bucket lists. Inside Golf takes you on a whirlwind tour. See second section for more.



# WHAT'S NEW IN NW GOLF

# Pacific Amateur set for September in C. Oregon

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

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# Troy Kelly's season ends early with knee surgery

Pacific Northwest PGA Tour pro Troy Kelly of Bremerton had his 2013 season cut short because of knee surgery. Kelly had been hobbled before, having undergone hip replacement surgery back in 2010 and missed some time during that season as well.

Kelly had surgery to repair a torn meniscus and some ACL damage in his right knee and is out for the rest of the 2013 season. The 34-year-old Kelly played in 10 events this year making three cuts and winning \$32,350. His best finish was a tie for 62nd at Pebble Beach.

He might be able to get a major medical exemption from the PGA Tour, which would allow him 13-15 events next year.

## Paige Mackenzie named Spirit Cup team captain

the role of USA Team Captain for the 2013 Spirit International Amateur Golf Championship, October 30 – November 2 at Whispering Pines Golf Club in Houston, Texas.

Mackenzie was a member of the 2005 Spirit International USA Team, which finished in second place to England. The competition features a country's top two men and women amateur players competing in the event.

#### **Rules Quiz**

On a very windy day a player plays his tee shot to a par 3 but the wind carries it about 10 yards left of the green. It ends up down a hill and behind a bunker. He played his second shot up to the green and the ball comes to rest some 10 feet above the hole. While he is some ten feet behind the ball and yet to have addressed the ball a gust of wind causes the ball to move and in fact the ball roles down the slope into the hole. What is the player's score for the hole? See Page 2 for the answer.

# **USGA** heads to Portland for 2015 Women's Am

The United States Golf Association (USGA) announced Portland (Ore.) Golf Club as the host site of the 2015 U.S. Women's Amateur Championship. The dates of the championship are Aug. 10-16.

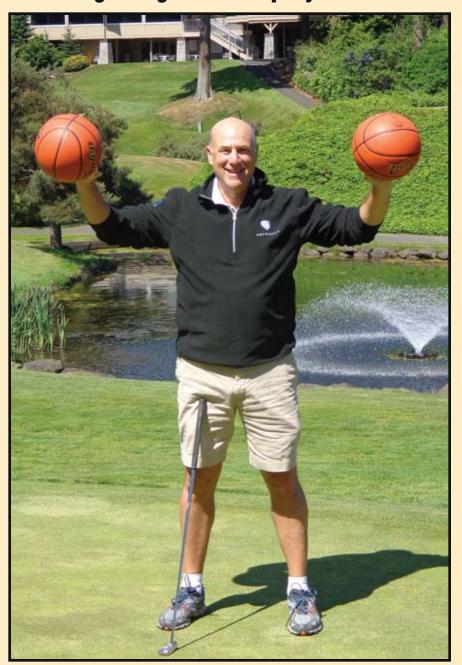
This will be the 33rd USGA championship conducted in the state of Oregon and the third held at Portland Golf Club. In 1982, the club hosted the first of Miller Barber's record three U.S. Senior Open Championship victories, while Bill Ploeger won the 1999 USGA Senior Amateur.

Nestled along Fanno Creek, Portland Golf Club was established in 1914 by a small group of businessmen who built the initial course based on its proximity to frequent passenger rail service from downtown Portland via the Oregon Electric Railroad. Today, the course features century-old trees, rolling hills and undulating and lightning-fast greens throughout its 18 holes of play.

Portland Golf Club hosted the 1946 PGA Championship, which was won by Ben Hogan, but it is perhaps best known for helping to revive the Ryder Cup by hosting the 1947 matches after a 10-year hiatus for World War II.



# NBA radio announcer Kevin Calabro: Talks a good game and plays one too



You might not know the face, but if you are a sports fan you certainly know the voice. Kevin Calabro is the former radio and television announcer for the Seattle SuperSonics and now works for ESPN and the Pac-12 Network. He had broadcast the Sonics for years before they bolted for Oklahoma City and he decided not to go along with the team. Instead he makes Seattle his home and works national broadcasting gigs. And his golf game isn't too bad either. See inside for more.

# Amateur player from Portland captures crown at Oregon Open

Amateur Hans Reimers of Columbia Edgewater CC (Portland) got hot at the right time at the Oregon Open Invitational at Juniper Golf Club in Redmond.

Reimers fired a third-round 66 to finish with a 210 total for the three rounds and win one of the major champions in the Pacific Northwest for professionals and amateurs.

Reimers, who played college golf at the University of Portland, turned back challenges from professionals Darren Black of Rainier Golf and Country Club and Scott Erdmann of Oswego Lake as well as amateur Mike Haack of Meridian Valley. Those three finished at 211, one shot back.

Rob Gibbons of Arrowhead Golf Club in Molalla, Ore. started hot with a 69 in the opening round but finished in fifth place, three shots behind the winner.

See Oregon Open, Page 6

# Semiahmoo Resort courses, hotel sold

For months there have been rumors, but now Semiahmoo Resort in Blaine, Wash. has a buyer and new life after being sold to Resort Semiahmoo and Wright Hotels for \$19.5 million.

The deal includes the Semiahmoo Resort hotel and both Semiahmoo Resort and Loomis Trail golf courses.

The hotel closed for business last December but the golf courses remained open. The new owners say the hotel will re-open soon and it will be business as usual at both the resort and Loomis Trail golf courses.

The new owners plan to spent \$6 million on improvements to the resort hotel and hope to have it re-opened in August as well as the resort's spa.

Wright Hotels operates more than 40 hotels in 15 states.

# St. Andrews Old Course: Taking a step back in the golf history time machine

As you stand on the first tee at the Old Course at St. Andrews, you almost don't want to hit the tee shot. You look around and see the Royal & Ancient headquarters, you see golfers heading up the 18th hole and the Valley of Sin, you see the burn winding its way in front of the first green.

It's almost surreal. But then the starter and your partners ask what the hell you are doing and you fire away. In this case, my drive on the opening hole at the Old Course sliced low right, but managed to stay in the fairway. Which should be an easy task considering that you can use the 18th and first fairways with your opening tee shot.

The Old Course is golf history right on front of your eyes. The course is 600 years old and has played host to British Opens, British Amateurs and any other kind of championship you can think of. Surely you've seen the Open Championship (yes, that's what the locals call it) on television. There's Hell Bunker, the Road Hole, the Swilcan Bridge, the Coffin Bunkers. It's a place where everything has a name and everything has a story. In fact, how about this story: The course is closed on Sunday's so it can serve as picnic grounds for the locals. You can eat, walk your dog, play Frisbee .... anything on the Old Course on a Sunday.

It's also a place that is tough to get a tee time. There are options, but one of the best ways is what our group did. We woke up at 5:30 in the morning, wandered over to the starter's shack and met a guy named Malcolm. There were a few others ahead of us and our group was 12th, 13th and 14th on the list. "I like your chances of getting on," said Malcolm. "It might take a while, but come back around 11 and we will see what we can do."

We went on a tour of the British Golf Museum, which was terrific and wandered over to the driving range to hit some balls. We came back and Malcolm said we had a 12:40 tee time. I looked over at the first tee and wondered how badly I could screw up this

Double Bogey

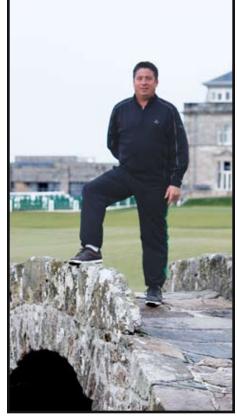


tee shot. We went and paid for our round of golf, which was 155 pounds and another 5 pounds for a trolley. (That is a pull cart to those who don't speak European golf). And that is \$240 American dollars for those who can't do the translation. I had to ask how much. It took everything I had to break out the Visa card.

But after that, it was golfing nirvana. As I walked down the first fairway, I thought of all the Open Championships I had seen on television and had a little extra in my step. Of course I knocked my second shot into the burn (that's creek for those who need some help) on the first hole but saved a bogey.

The rest of the round was like a history lesson. The two young caddies with our group, who were carrying the bags of a pair from Denmark, told us where to hit the ball. With the large sloping fairways and undulating greens, shots had to be hit in places that seemed out of place. And with the wind kicking up, it was hard. Holes criss-crossed, greens were huge and some were double. There are only four solo greens at the Old Course and 14 double greens. I was fortunate to have three putts of over 100 feet. Three-putted every time.

Eighty-seven strokes later I was done. I avoided the Hell Bunker. I stayed away from the Coffin Bunkers. I hit a tee shot that went over part of the Old Course Hotel on the Road



The author on the Swilcan Bridge.

Hole. I avoided the Valley of Sin on the 18th hole and finally tapped in for a crowd-pleasing 87

The Old Course will again host the Open Championship in 2015. I will be glued to the telly – that's what they call the television on the other side of the pond. It was expensive – but it was worth it. My Visa may have taken a beating, but seeing a course I had only dreamed about was worth it.

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#### **Rules Answer**

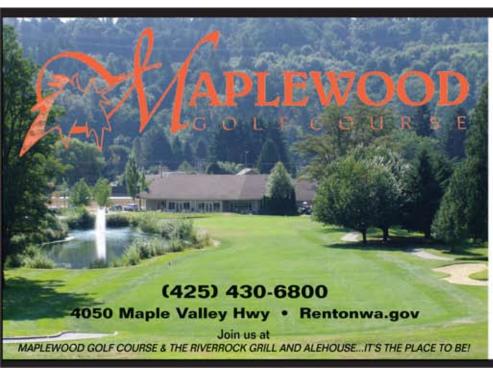
Answer: The player's score for the hole is two.

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

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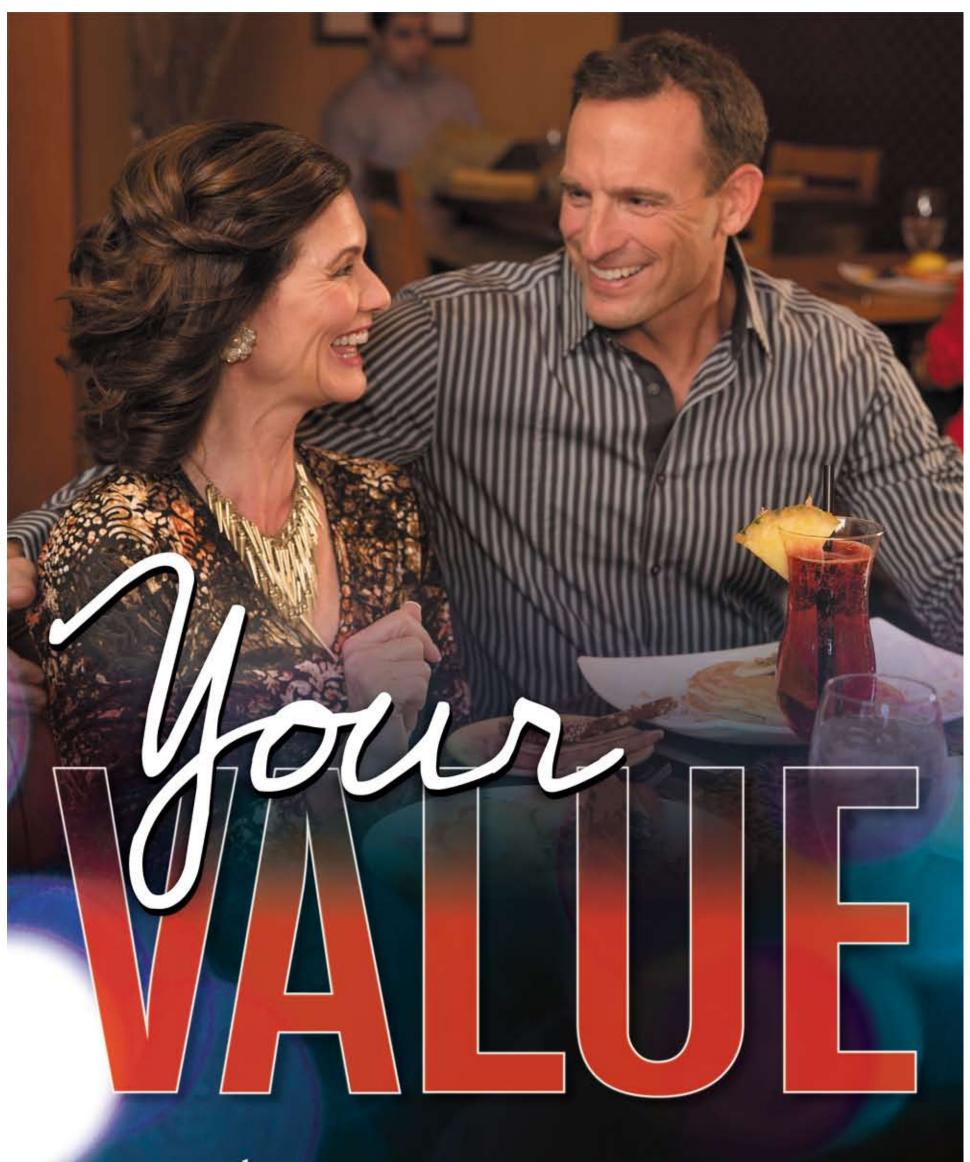
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# Pacific Northwest juniors earn trips to PGA Junior Championship; Brandes repeats at PNGA Senior

Frank Garber of Kirkland, Wash. and Gigi Stoll of Beaverton, Ore. won the 2013 Pacific Northwest Junior PGA Championship presented by Under Armour and Hotel Fitness at Tumwater Valley GC in Tumwater, Wash.

By winning the boys' and girls' divisions respectively, Garber and Stoll qualified for the 38th Junior PGA Championship presented by Under Armour and Hotel Fitness, July 30-Aug. 2, 2013, at Trump National Golf Club – Washington D.C. in Potomac Falls, Va. Garber, 17, posted a final-round 68 for a two-day total of 139 and a 2-stroke victory over Eric Ansett of Spokane. Stoll, 16, had a final-round score of 69 for a two-day total of 142 and a 1-stroke victory over Olivia Benzen of Tacoma.

Rachel Fujitani (Bellevue) won the Girls 13-15 division after firing 74-75-149. Zach Evens (Mercer Island) and Daniel Terrell (Portland) tied for the win in the Boys 13-15 after a two round total of 146.

Brittany Kwon (Bremerton, Wash.) won the Girls 12 & Under after shooting a 77-75-152. Samuel Pyon (Happy Valley, Ore.) won the Boys 12 & Under after shooting even par 72 both days.

#### Oregon Golf Association hires Lorain as junior golf director

Oregon Golf Association CEO Barb Trammell hired of Robyn Lorain as the new Director of Oregon Junior Golf.

Lorain brings 12 years of industry experience to the position, most recently as the Executive Director of The Children's Course & The First Tee of Greater Portland.

Prior to coming to the Portland area, Lo-

rain served as an Assistant Golf Professional at Meridian Valley Country Club in Kent, Wash., where she was a three time Assistant Golf Professional of the Year with the Western Washington Chapter of the PGA.

## Inglewood, Maplewood teams win WSGA Team Championship event

The team from Inglewood Golf Club in Kenmore, Wash. won the 8th Washington State Men's Club Team Championship, while the team from Maplewood Golf Course in Renton, won the Washington State Women's Club Team Championship.

The men's champions included Andrew Larson, Brad Treadwell, Jeff Raulston and Koji Suzuki. In second place was the team from TPC Snoqualmie Ridge, Curt Carlson, Larry Geist, Mike Duckham and Rob Bringardner. For the Women's Club Team Championship, Carrie Jacobson, Janet Dobrowolski, Karen Sharp and Pamela Hoffmann, representing the team from Maplewood Golf Course, came from behind in the final round to finish three shots clear of the field.

#### Brandes comes from behind to win PNGA Senior Men's

Tom Brandes of Bellevue, Wash. came from behind in the third and final round to win the 49th Pacific Northwest Senior Men's Amateur Championship, held at Marine Drive Golf Club in Vancouver, B.C. Shelton Washburn of Chimacum, Wash. held off the field to win the 4th Pacific Northwest Super Senior Men's Amateur Championship. Both championships were held concurrently at

Marine Drive, and were conducted by the Pacific Northwest Golf Association.

Brandes defended his title, having won the championship last year when it was held at the Rope Rider and Tumble Creek courses at Suncadia in Cle Elum, Wash. .

## Riverbend, Auburn golfers team up to win 2-Man at the 'Bend

Jason Lo of Riverbend Golf Course and Mitch McCaughan of Auburn shot a two-round total best-ball of 130 to win the 17th annual 2-Man at the Bend tournament at Riverbend Golf Course in Kent.

Oakley Murphy and Travis Shaflik of Riverbend finished second at 131 while the brother team of Andy and Brian Hale finished at 133. The team of Ahren Young of Fairwood Country Club and Erik Olson of Riverbend were fourth at 135 while Mike Kerns of West Seattle and Bryan Saxwold of Riverbend finished fifth at 136.

Steve Franich and Dan Simmons won the low net of the tournament with a score of 119. A total of 60 teams took part.

## ESPN 710 Seattle station features weekend golf show

Radio station 710 ESPN Seattle has added another element to its sports programming with the Northwest Golf Show, hosted by former Seattle PI columnist Jim Moore and Shon Crewe.

The show kicked off last spring with an on-line version but has since changed over to 710 ESPN Seattle on Sunday mornings. The hour-long show talks about local and national golf.

## Olympia's Peck claims Washington Men's Am

Cameron Peck, a former national champion from Olympia, Wash., held on in the final round to complete his wire-to-wire victory in the 87th Washington State Men's Amateur Championship, held at Chambers Bay in University Place, Wash.

Starting the day with an eight-shot lead, Peck played a conservative round in difficult weather conditions, shooting a final round 6-over par 78 to go along with his pair of 69s in the first two rounds, good enough for a five shot victory over co-runners-up Ryan Earl of Fircrest, Wash. and Nicholaus Mandell of Kennewick, Wash.

Peck just finished his final year of eligibility at Texas A&M, and said he will turn pro just before PGA Tour Q-School in the fall. He won the 2008 U.S. Junior Amateur Championship.

#### **Oregon Amateur Championships**

Nick Chianello used red-hot stretches to fuel a historic repeat win, and Kendall Prince used a slow-and-steady approach to gain her victory in the 104th Oregon Amateur at Eugene Country Club.

Chianello made eight birdies in his morning 18 holes in the 36-hole championship match, then held off Thomas Lim for a 4-and-3 win at Eugene Country Club. Chianello who recently completed his career at Oregon State, became the first repeat champion since Bob Prall in 1963-64.

Prince, last year's runner-up, repeatedly made clutch par putts to hold off Beaverton High School phenom Gigi Stoll 3 and 1 in the women's final.



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# Michael Putnam wins for second time on Web.com; UW men fade at NCAA's

Michael Putnam staked himself to a big lead early in the final round of the Mid-Atlantic Championship and then coasted to victory for the second straight week on the Web.com Tour. Putnam, who turned 30 during the tournament, shot a 2-under 68 at TPC Potomac at Avenel Farm and finished with a 7-under 273 total, two shots better than rookie Chesson Hadley (67).

Putnam, who also won the previous week in Mexico, picked up a check for \$108,000 and increased his hold on the top spot of the Tour's money list.

• Washington's men's golfers faded in the final round and failed to advance to team match play, finishing tied for 16th in the NCAA championships.

California's Max Homa shot a 4-under 66 at the Capital City Club to win the individual title at 9-under 201. Alabama won the team championship.

The nation's top-ranked team, Cal, lived up to its billing with a 16-under total of 824. Washington was at 8-over 848.

Chris Williams had a strong finishing round to lead the Huskies at 72-70-68-210, even par. He was followed by teammates Trevor Simsby (212), Charlie Hughes (214), Jonathan Sanders (216) and Cheng-Tsung Pan (218).

• Jeff Coston of Semiahmoo G&CC won his seventh 7 Cedars Senior Washington Open Invitational with a hard fought one -stroke victory over Todd Erwin of Tacoma Firs Golf Center. Erwin entered the third round with a three stroke lead after firing 66-69 in his first two rounds. Coston opened with a birdie binge on the first few holes and by #6 they were tied. Erwin closed out the front nine with birdies on #8 and #9 to take a one stroke advantage at the turn at 11 under par.

## **Amateur wins title at Oregon Open**

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Rounding out the top 10 were David Phay of Whidbey Golf and Country Club and John Cassidy of Alderbrook in sixth, Derek Barron of Tacoma Firs and amateur Sean McMullen of Fairwood tied for eighth and tied for 10th were Jeff Coston, Clayton Moe, Brian Thornton and amateur Jesse Heinly.

Winning the Best 2 of 4 Net competition is the team of PGA Professional Rob Clark of Wenatachee G&CC (Wenatchee, Wash.), PGA Professional Cameron Fife of Persimmon CC (Portland), amateur Mark Crose of Juniper GC and amateur Scott Wacker of The Oregon GC (Portland). They scored a 133-129-262 to win by one stroke over the team of PGA Professional Greg Manley of Meridian Valley CC (Kent, Wash.), PGA Professional Brian Thornton from Meridian Valley CC, amateurs Tom Mallory from Auburn GC (Auburn, Wash.) and amateur Steve Deshler from Auburn GC.

## **Tour Players With Northwest ties**

#### **PGA Tour**

- Fred Couples Seattle 170th on the list with \$179,147
- Ben Crane Portland 75th on the list with \$777,549
- Robert Garrigus Gresham 62nd on the list with \$943,680
- Andres Gonzales Olympia 233rd on the list with \$11,172
- Jeff Gove Seattle 222nd on the list with \$24,281
- Ryan Moore Puyallup 56th on the list with \$1,068,574
- Richard H. Lee Bellevue 78th on the list with \$712,370
- Kyle Stanley Gig Harbor 43rd on the list with \$1,330,063
  Troy Kelly Bremerton 212th on the list with \$32,350

#### Web.com Tour

- Jason Allred Ashland No events
- Alex Prugh• Spokane 18th on the list with \$123,740
- Andrew Putnam Tacoma 31st on the list with \$75,112
- Michael Putnam Tacoma 1st on the list with \$376,734

#### **Champions Tour**

- Fred Couples Seattle 4th on the list with \$704,492
- Bob Gilder Corvallis 76th on the list with \$58,952
- Peter Jacobsen Portland 69th on the list with \$76,032
- Kirk Triplett Pullman 20th on the list with \$446,802

#### LPGA Tour

- Jimin Kang Seattle 110th on the list with \$22,146
- Paige Mackenzie Yakima 94th on the list with \$36,997
- Wendy Ward 142nd on the list with \$6,676
- Kim Welch Washington State 152nd on the list with \$2,746

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the state's qualifiers for
USGA national championships. For these and
other local events, the
WSGA helps train and
provide Rules Officials,
who volunteer their
time and expertise for

the good of the game. They help out in tournaments all over the state.

• The Web.com Tour, the mini tour for the PGA
Tour, will again hit the state of Oregon in 2014 when
the Winco Foods Portland Open will take place at
Pumpkin Ridge's
Witch Hollow Golf
Club. The Web.
com Tour had been
held at Shadow

Hills in Junction City before the tournament went away. Jeff Sanders Promotions brought the event back and will be the organizing group behind the return of the Web.com Tour to the state of Oregon,.





# Don't forget your putter can be custom fit, too

One of the most commonly overlooked pieces of equipment by amateurs is their putter. On average, a golfer will hit 43% of their shots with their putter in any given round.

However, most players will buy a putter based on trial and error, basing their purchase on looks and feel. This approach will usually not only waste money, but also your time and cost you strokes.

A properly fit putter should have the following elements: length, loft, lie angle, weight, and proper MOI (moment of inertia) to fit your stroke. A putter that is too long can lead to a player being forced to rely on their wrists and elbows to stroke putts, introducing inconsistencies you don't want in your own putting stroke.

Too much or too little loft, the ball will not roll true because it either skids or hops before



settling into a true roll. A ball at rest on the green sits in a slight depression caused by the weight of the ball, and proper loft at the moment of impact lifts the ball just enough to set it rolling. Improper lie angle can cost you up to 4 strokes per round, simply by the putter head misdirecting putts. A lie angle that is 1 degree off can misdirect a ball up to 4"

offline on a 10' putt.

Regarding your putters MOI, next time you practice putting, hold your putter about 12" up from the head, and balance it on your finger. What does the putter face do? If it stays perfectly horizontal, you have a face balanced putter, which is ideal for a straight back/straight through stroke. If the toe of the putter hangs down to around 4:00, picturing straight up as 12:00 on a clock face, you have a mid MOI putter best suited for a slightly arcing stroke.

If the toe of the putter hangs straight down at 6:00, you have a low MOI putter designed for a very arcing stroke. Now ask yourself, do you know what kind of stroke you have? Chances are, your putter is costing you several strokes a round through no fault of your own. Currently, the most commonly

sold putter length is 35 inches, however this length putter fits less than 10% of golfers. You might be asking yourself, why would manufacturers continue to produce a majority of ill fit putters?

The reason is simple and comical. When Karsten Solheim, the founder of Ping, created his first putter line, he discovered that a putter 35" in length would sit flush with the top of professional golfer's staff bags at the time, thus creating the best brand visibility.

As we all know, golf is a game rooted in tradition, but let's change the way we play the game, get fit, make more putts, and have more fun.

Eric Hambleton is a certified personal coach and club fitter with GolfTEC in Bellevue. He can be reached at 425.454.7956.

# Port Ludlow: A golf gem that is closer than you might think

A course dubbed "one of the most beautiful golf courses in the world" by *Esquire Magazine* is right here in Western Washington. Welcome to Port Ludlow.

A course with views of the water and both the majestic Olympic Mountains and the Cascades, it could be at the top of the list when it comes to playing golf in your own backyard and yet many Pacific Northwest residents think that Port Ludlow is too far away.

Located just 20 minutes from the Kitsap Peninsula or a scenic ferry ride and short drive away from Seattle the Resort at Port Ludlow also sees guests from Canada as the proximity to Victoria helps make The Resort at Ludlow a frequent travel and golf destination for Canadian visitors.

The 18-hole course was designed by Robert Muir Graves and promises to challenge golfers of every ability. The layout features lush greens and fairways that overlook several lakes and streams offering isolation and serenity, along with extraordinary views as the towering evergreens open up to the Hood Canal, Ludlow Bay, the Olympic and Cascades. With no two holes bordering each other, the course has been purposefully designed to incorporate and preserve its natural surroundings. The course is one of 13 in the state to be a Certified Audubon Cooperative Sanctuary; showcasing the course's continued commitment to maintaining a high degree of environmental quality.



Port Ludlow Resort is a treat and located on Washington's Olympic Peninsula.









# Twin Lakes will host Pepsi NW Women's Open; Riverbend's Par-3 course for sale?

Some of the top women club professionals from around the country will converge at Twin Lakes Golf and Country Club in Federal Way for the Pepsi Northwest Women's Open.

The three-day event will be held July 15-17 and will feature top women club professionals and as well as some of the top women amateurs from around the Pacific Northwest. The event is open to both professionals and amateurs. The purse for the event will be \$20,000. A field of up to 50 players is expected to play.

The tournament will feature the Nike Pro-Am to kick off the three-day event. The Monday Nike Pro-Am will include many of the professionals from the tournament playing with a team of three amateur partners. Entries are available for \$200 per player.

For more information on the tournament, call Twin Lakes at 253.838.0345 or get an entry at twinlakesgolf.net.

# City of Kent might look at selling Riverbend par-3 course

The city of Kent might sell the par 3, 9-hole golf course at its Riverbend Golf Complex but keep the 18-hole course.

"One option we've discussed is the potential sale of the par 3," said Jeff Watling, city director of parks, recreation and community services, during a phone interview. "We would continue our three other revenue centers - the driving range, merchandise shop and 18-hole course."

Riverbend's operating losses and a \$2.25 million debt has caused city officials to look at ways to get the complex self-sustainable financially. The facility lost \$430,000 in

2011. The debt is owed to an inter-fund loan, money that the city borrowed from its water and fleet funds to help pay off the bond for the golf complex.

Watling said the city will host public meetings at dates to be determined in either June or July to get feedback about the par 3 course sale proposal. The idea to sell the course came out of City Council retreats and committee meetings.

# Federal Way Chamber will host tournament at Twin Lakes

The Federal Way Chamber Comcast Golf Classic tournament will be held at Twin Lakes Golf & Country Club on Friday, July 12, 2013 with a 12:00 p.m. shotgun start. The cost is \$150 per golfer and includes golf, cart and dinner. Please contact the Federal Way Chamber of Commerce - Deborah Davidek at (253) 838-2605 ext 103 to register.

# Central Oregon courses get together for Patriot Challenge

Aspen Lakes, Widgi Creek and Bend Golf and Country Club will be the host courses for the 2013 Central Oregon Patriot Challenge Oct. 4-6, 2013.

The tournament is run in conjunction with the PGA's Patriot Golf Day and will support the Patriot Golf Day and the Folds of Honor Foundation.

The third annual event will feature twoplayer teams playing on three different formats over three days on the three different courses.

Josh McKinley, the head professional at Aspen Lakes, is a veteran and told himself that if he ever became a head professional he would set up an event to honor veterans. He has done just that with the Central Oregon Patriot Golf Challenge. Entry fee is \$565 per team and includes an opening reception, golf, carts, range balls, lunch, tee prizes and more. For more information, call Aspen Lakes at 541.549-4653.

#### GolfTEC will be sponsor of Glen Acres GABBI tournament

Glen Acres Golf and Country Club in Seattle is excited to announce this year's Glen Acres Better Ball Invitational (GABBI) will be sponsored by GolfTEC. "I'm looking forward to working with GolfTEC and its Franchise owner Brett Allen, to bring you one of the premier two man Best balls in the state! The title sponsorship will help raise the pay-out along with bringing in some new players.," said Glen Acres head professional Joe Langer.

The tournament will be held July 13th and 14th with a skins game and practice round on Friday the 12th.

Call the Pro Shop for details 206.244.3786 or go to the website to register at www. glenacresgolf.com for more information on the tournament.

# Twin Lakes, North Shore team up to stage best-ball tournament

Twin Lakes Golf and Country Club in Federal Way and North Shore in Tacoma will put on the South Sound Best Ball Championship July 27-28. The two-player, two-day tournament will feature golf, tee prizes, food and more. Entry fee is \$250 per team. For information call 253.838.0345 or 253.927.1375.

# Think your course is expensive? Try these

If you think your golf course is expensive to play then check these out. These are the top 10 most expensive courses in the United States.

• 1. Shadow Creek Golf Course, Las Vegas, NV, \$500

The most expensive greens fee in the country is at this 18-hole course designed by Tom Fazio.

• 2. Pebble Beach Golf Links, Pebble Beach, CA, \$495

Designed by Jack Neville and Douglas Grant, this famed course will provide you with numerous views worth taking a picture of, including the view from the 17th hole towards the 6th.

• 3. Pinehurst No. 2, Pinehurst, NC, \$389

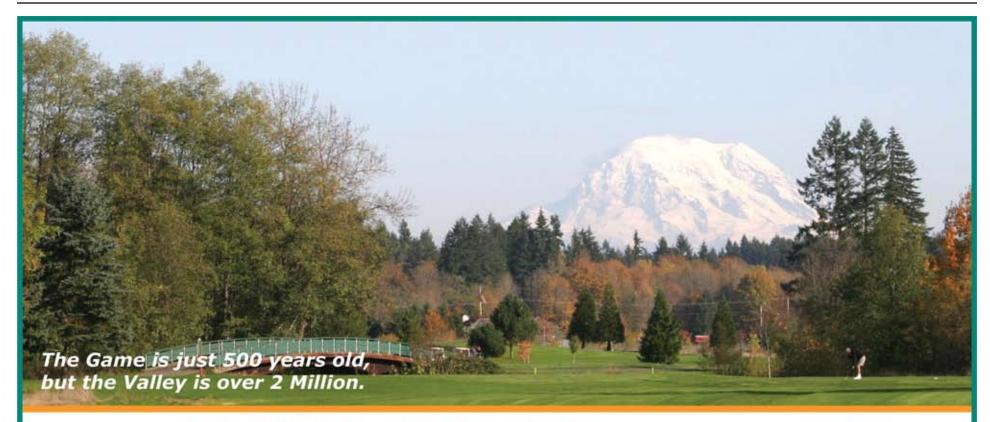
One of the most prestigious courses in the world, Pinehurst No. 2 has seen its share of clutch moments from the best golfers in the world. Designed by Donald J. Ross, a foursome at the course will cost close to \$1,600

The rest of the list:

- 4. Cascata Golf Course, Boulder City, NV, \$375
- 5. TPC Sawgrass Stadium Course, Ponte Vedra Beach, FL, \$375
- Vedra Beach, FL, \$375

   6. CordeValle Golf Club, Santa Clara
- County, San Martin, CA, \$360 •7. Spyglass Hill Golf Course, Pebble Beach,
- CA, \$360
   8. French Lick Resort Pete Dye Course,
- French Lick, IN, \$350
- 9. Whistling Straits Straits Course, Town of Mosel, Haven, WI, \$340
- 10. Kiawah Island Golf Resort Ocean Course, Kiawah Island, SC, \$338

There are five courses that can be played at this golf resort, but the Ocean Course is the most expensive. It was another course designed by Pete and Alice Dye and is 7,873 yards.



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# Chambers Bay keeps changes coming as U.S. Open gets closer

On the Chambers Bay web site, there is a clock that is ticking off the days, hours, minutes and second until the opening tee shot of the 2015 United States Open. And now, with he 2013 U.S. Open at Merion in the books, the 2015 event is looming closer.

And Chambers Bay is getting ready. All of the changes have been made, including a couple recently which give the course a new look from the opening tee. The first hole is now a par-5 hole while the 13th hole has been made into a par-4. The opening hole at Chambers Bay had been a 450-yard monster Par-4. But now new tees have been built and the course opens with a par-5. The 13th hole was a par-5 now will be a par-4 and includes a new green complex which was modified so there is more space for different hole locations around the green.

But that's not all Chambers Bay is showing off with its new changes. The fourth and sixth holes had dunes moved and reshaped. The seventh hole had its green complex modified so that more shots finish on the green rather than rolling long and the eighth hole had the left side of the fairway softened. One of the most noticeable changes was the addition of the deep bunker on the 18th hole in the second shot landing zone.

For the U.S. Open, it is expected that the 18th hole will play as both a par-5 and par-4 during the course of the four days of the tournament.



New changes at Chambers Bay: The 13th hole now plays as a par-4.



Gleneagle Golf Course in Arlington is turning back the hands of time to 1993.

# Gleneagle turning back the hands of time for its 20-year celebration

Gleneagle Golf Course in Arlington is turning back the hands of time to celebrate its 20-year anniversary.

Gleneagle is celebrating its 20 years in business July 22-28 with green fees just \$19.93 all week long. The prices exclude a cart but the \$19.93 price does mark the year the golf course opened for play.

Gleneagle is an 18-hole track that winds through a housing development and features some of the top greens in the Pacific Northwest, as rated by GolfChops.com.

Craig Patterson, the new head professional at Gleneagle has created some new programs for lessons and has put together a

tournament program.

And some of the promotions are attracting attention from golfers throughout the area. On Tuesday's and Wednesday's a \$29 all-day promotion is popular. A weekend deal of \$35 per person includes golf, hot dog and a beer.

The week-long 20-year anniversary celebration will also give golfer a chance to see the improvements in conditions, led by superintendent Ryan Semritc who came aboard in 2012 and has helped Gleneagles go from 12,500 rounds in 2011 to 20,000 rounds in 2012.

For more info call 360.435.6713.



# The Lesson Tee: Learn be a good driver of the ball and to use the whole fairway

Everyone wants to and needs to be a wonderful driver of the golf ball. In my mind "the driver" is the most important golf club in the bag to better golf and more fun. It is every golfers dream to smash drives down the fairway. I would like to give a few ideas how to enhance your success with this "offensive weapon."

Most golfers when asked what kind of shot they hit with their driver or for that matter any shot, they reply, "I just try to hit it straight." I believe hitting straight shots is too difficult to achieve on any consistent basis. If you curve the ball either way and somewhat master that curve, you an use the whole fairway. This concept gives the player rough line to rough line or even tree line to tree line which is twice as wide than attempting to hit it straight down the middle. Contrary to popular belief the greatest players in the world curve their shots. Most also master one curve as a stock shot or a go

Secondly, the set up with the driver (and all clubs) is very key and important. Most players come "over the top" of the proper plane of the swing. The driver swing should be shallower or more from the inside than any club in the bag, because it is longer and teed up. This is the case whether you draw or fade the ball.

You must create more tilt of the upper body to the right at address to help enhance depth to your golf swing. This tilt will help the player from the "inside" on the downswing. Swinging "on plane" and coming from the inside is very important to better driving of the golf ball. Most players not only need more tilt to the right at set up and a better swing plane from the inside, they also need a stronger golf grip. The stronger grip is more in the fingers in the



left hand showing 3 knuckles on top of the left hand. Perhaps show more of the logo of your glove at address then match the angle of the right hand with the left hand on the golf club.

- More tilt to the right at address
- Stronger grip
- Come from inside on the downswing

I'd like to share an effective tool to monitor and help you come from the inside and swing more on the proper downswing plane. This will help your driving of the golf ball. Place a shaft in the ground with a swimming noodle on the end of it. Set your driver shaft on the noodle and take your set up. (photo 1) Back up about 3 inches away from the noodle and then take one step forward toward the target and place a tee. (photo 2) This is where you will strike balls. Now make sure you set up with tilt, a proper grip and come from the inside swing under the shaft. Make several practice swings then smash away!

Jeff Coston is a former PGA Tour Player and 12-time Pacific Northwest PGA Player of the Year. He can be reached at Semiahmoo for appointment by calling 360.201.4590 or see www.jeffcoston.com for more.



Photo #1



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# Lynnwood Golf Course gets a boost from the city council

The Lynnwood Municipal Golf Course has weathered some uncertain times for a while, but thanks to the Lynnwood City Council, the course received some serious support. The course has been suffering through economic pains, just like other courses in the country, but the city council voted to do what it can to make the course viable. In a meeting the Lynnwood City Council voted to support the city's park and recreation department to "ensure the financial sustainability of the Lynnwood Municipal Golf Course going forward."

And the course is a place definitely worth saving. Lynnwood Municipal is a perfect place for both beginners and advanced players. The course plays to a par-65 and is an appeal for all levels of golfers. The course has proven to be popular through the years, in fact over 40,000 rounds were played in 2012. The boost from the city council will make sure that Lynnwood Municipal Golf Course remains just that - a golf course.

The course opened for play in 1991 and was designed by Pacific Northwest architect John Steidel. The course sits on 75 acres next to Edmonds Community College and has proven to be popular with a variety of golfers through the years. And there is plenty to like about the golf courses with its tree-lined fairways, a series of ponds and lakes and some bunkers throughout the course that will grab your golf ball. Plus, the course has proven itself to be one of the top winter tracks around with its terrific drainage.

For more information call the course at 425.672.4653.



Lynnwood Golf Course just north of Seattle offers some watery challenges.

# Yes, you can hit good golf shots out of bad lies

It's been a while since we've switched to summer rules and hopefully we are getting used to playing the ball as it lies. The sun is shining, the weather is warming and the ground is firming up and drying out! Better players love when this part of the golf season happens ... why?

They do not fear hitting shots from bad lies ... in fact they know this gives them an advantage over most golfers. Consider this, the best players in the world average on 12 to 13 Greens in Regulation; the high handicap player may only hit two or three Greens in Regulation during an 18-hole round. This gives us many opportunities to use our short game. If we can get up and down in two strokes on just six or seven shots. The question is, how do we accomplish



that? Two things: Practice you're chipping from many different lies and make sure you have the right technique to make the shot happen.

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To play a good shot without "fluffing" the lie

puts a premium on ball first contact and good technique. It starts with your set up. Most amateurs make the mistake of trying to "help" the ball into the air; the ball is played too far forward in the stance and this causes us to flip our hands through impact and keep the weight on the back foot...this will result in inconsistent contact at best.

We need to do the opposite...set our body weight into the forward leg (keep it there throughout), get the hands pressed forward and get the ball position off of your back foot. This sets us up to hit the ball with a downward strike ensuring that we contact the ball before the ground.

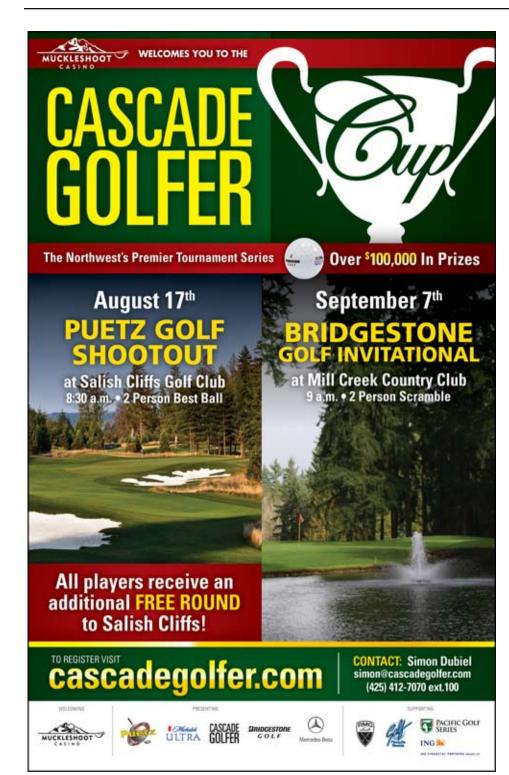
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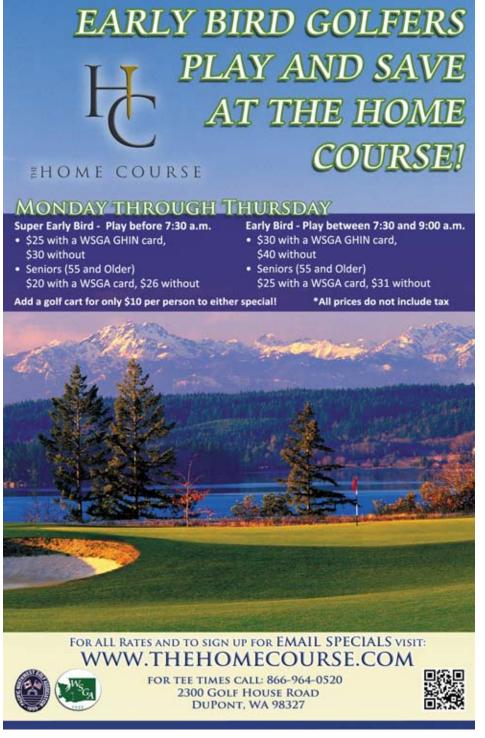
shoulders back and through while keeping your hands in front of the club head throughout the stroke...you'll be amazed at how solid the contact is and how much easier it is to control your distance.

Even if you have a thick lie, with grass behind the ball, using this technique will help you consistently get the ball up and on the putting surface.

You will have much more success on these shots, more putts for par and you will shoot better scores.

John LeDoux is a PGA Member and Certified Personal Coach and Club Fitter at GolfTEC in Bellevue. He can be reached at 425.454.7956.





# Rules of the Game: In team play, if your partner incurs a penalty, the team suffers the penalty too

Well, we're on the downside of our trip through The Rules of Golf. We started with Rule 1 exactly two years ago in the July, 2011 issue of Inside Golf. In this issue, I'll give you a general overview of Rules 29-32, which deal with forms of play other than singles match play and individual stroke play. They include three-ball, four-ball, threesomes, foursomes, best-ball, Stableford and par/bogey competitions.

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So, on to the Rules entitled "Other Forms of Play." Rule 29 (Threesomes and Foursomes) describes a team or partner format. We often think of a threesome or a foursome as a group of three or four players who are paired together for a Saturday morning round at the club. But in pure golf terminology, a threesome is a match-play competition where one player plays against two other players, and each plays only one ball. So, the two players are playing an alternate shot format, while the single player plays his ball the whole round. A foursome is either a match-play or a stroke-play competition where two players play against two others, and each team plays only one ball in an alternating-shot format. Sometimes these are commonly known as



Chapmans or Scotch foursomes. There are several special Rules for these types of competitions, but a few of the most important concepts to remember are:

- Players in these competitions tee off on alternating holes. For example, Player A tees off on all the odd- numbered holes and Player B tees off on all the even-numbered holes. If a player tees off on the wrong hole, the team loses the hole in match play or incurs a two stroke penalty in stroke play, and then must tee off in the correct order.
- If either partner incurs a penalty, the side incurs the penalty.

Rule 30 (Three-Ball, Best-Ball and Four-Ball Match Play) is different from threesomes and foursomes in that each player plays his own ball the entire round.

There are no alternate shots. The best way to remember the difference between foursome, four-ball, threesome and three-ball is to note that in threesomes and foursomes, each player plays a shot only "some" of time, while in three-ball and four-ball, all three or four players are playing their own "ball."

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In three-ball match play, there are actually three separate matches going on within the same group. So, in a group involving A, B and C, it's A vs. B, A vs. C, and B vs. C. The true meaning of best-ball isn't the traditional best-ball format we're all familiar with. A true best-ball is a match where one player plays his own ball against the better-ball of two other players or the best-ball of three other players. Four-ball is what we traditionally – but incorrectly – call "best ball." It's a match where two partners play their better-ball score against the better-ball score of two other partners.

The Rules aren't as punitive for both players in these types of competitions, in that, with a few exceptions for serious violations that involve disqualifications, one player can be penalized while the other won't be.

Rule 31 (Four-Ball Stroke Play) is very similar to four-ball match play, except that it is a stroke-play partner competition where two partners play their better ball against the better ball of two other partners. Unlike in match play, the total score counts rather than the hole-by-hole score of match play. The most important thing to remember in four-ball stroke play is that an accurate score card must be maintained. (This is not required in match play.) Both scores don't necessarily have to

be entered for each hole, but the gross score of the player's score that counts must be individually identifiable for every hole in the box corresponding with that player. If not, the team is disqualified.

Rule 32 (Bogey, Par and Stableford Competitions) involves forms of play that are primarily used at the club and high school levels. A bogey or par competition is a strokeplay format where a player plays against a fixed score, usually the scorecard, and then the totals are reckoned as in match play.

For example, if the hole is a par-4, then the player gets a point if he scores a 3 or better, gets no points for a 4, loses a point for 5 or worse. The player who accumulates the most points wins. In a Stableford competition, the player typically gets 1 point for a bogey, 2 for a par, 3 for a birdie, and 4 for an eagle. The player or team with the most total points wins

Next month we'll take a look at your responsibilities when entering and playing in a tournament.

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# **Kevin Calabro**

## Former SuperSonics announcer doesn't slow down with ESPN and Pac-12 gigs

#### By Steve Turcotte, Inside Golf Editor

You might not know the face, but if you are a sports fan you no doubt know the voice and the familiar sayings. There's "Good Golly Miss Molly." Or how about "Get on up for the down stroke.' And then this gem "Nobody can do that voodoo like you do."

Enough hints? If you guessed Kevin Calabro, the former radio and television announcer for the Seattle SuperSonics, go right to the head of the class. Calabro readily admits he might have a face for radio, but he has a voice that is world class. He announced the Seattle SuperSonics for years on radio and television before the team left for Oklahoma City a few years ago. Since then he has taken the national stage with announcing gig on ESPN national radio and the Pac-12 Network for both football and basketball.

And in between it all, he still tries to get out and play as much golf as he can. If nothing else, with his voice, he can talk a good game. No pun intended. Calabro actually does have a good game. He is long off the tee with new his Taylor Made driver and has a decent short game. He will readily admit his irons need some work and the putting sometimes lets him down. But he takes his golf seriously



Former Sonics radio and TV announcer Kevin Calabro takes a swing at Twin Lakes.















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# **Kevin Calabro: Thought NBA might return to Seattle**

and plays whenever he can. In fact, when he's on the road for the NBA games for ESPN or even for the Pac-12 football and basketball games, the clubs will usually go along for the ride.

Even when he was first doing the Seattle SuperSonics job, Calabro would take his sticks on the team charter. He would find a way to get a round of golf in with a coach or front office person or even one of the players like Ray Allen or Brent Barry. And when the team made the playoffs and spent extra time in a city, like Phoenix or Houston, it meant more time for golf.

"Even if there was no one to play with, I was going to get out and play," said the 56-year-old Calabro. "We were hitting too many nice cities with great courses not to play on the road."

Calabro got the golf bug early in life with his two brothers Ron and Dave. Their mother bought them hickory shafted clubs at a garage sale and they played all the time. After junior high, Calabro decided to do other sports and left golf on the shelf for the time being.

When he moved to Seattle in 1987 and took the SuperSonics job, he started to get invited to celebrity golf tournaments. He would show up in tennis shoes, carry a bag of old beat up golf balls and look for the nearest rental set he could get his hands on. He was so unprepared for golf, that during an event his back seized up, he got in his car and parked it at the Sea-Tac Mall where he fell asleep because of the pain.

Now, Calabro is a complete golfer. No more tennis shoes, no more bags of old beat up golf balls and no more rental clubs.

"I figured if I was going to get invited to these events, I better know how to play a little," said Calabro. "I worked with my former broadcast partner Rick Carlisle who was a scratch golfer, he gave me some clubs and helped me."

Calabro spent from 1987 through 2007 with

the SuperSonics, calling games on both radio and television. There were some great times. And there were some not so great times.

And about those nicknames. Was he the one to come up with "The Glove" for Gary Payton and "Reign Man" for Shawn Kemp? Sure seemed like it at the time, but Calabro is quick to give credit where credit is due. He got "The Glove" nickname from a cousin of Payton's and the "Reign Man" name came from a poster that the Costacos Brothers did for Kemp.

Calabro didn't believe the Sonics would move when Howard Schultz sold the team. He thought the Oklahoma City group would find a way to make it go in Seattle. He was a believer until the day he saw the moving trucks leave.

"I thought there was no way the NBA would let a team leave Seattle," said Calabro. "I was right there until the end. I really never thought it would happen."

Despite being offered an announcing job, Calabro had no interest in moving to Oklahoma City. He had his wife Sue and kids Joey, Anthony, Lauren and Nick all in school. Turns out, Calabro made the right move.

He is likely to be named ESPN radio's top player-by-play announcer for next year and he will keep his job with the Pac-12 Network for football and basketball. He misses the NBA in Seattle, but these jobs help.

Calabro got his hopes up again when Seattle seemingly had a deal for an NBA arena and team from Sacramento heading north, but that fell through at the last minute.

"I thought it might happen," said Calabro. "But everything fell right for Sacramento at the last minute and they kept the team."

So, until Seattle gets another NBA team, Calabro will settle back behind the mic for ESPN and the Pac-12 Networks and will keep working

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Kevin Calabro finds a little bit of trouble on this par-5 hole with his ball on a hillside.

on his golf game - a game he admits needs some work. During a round at Twin Lakes Golf and Country Club in Federal Way, Calabro showed why he is a 10 handicap and why he needs work to get lower. His drives were long and consistent, the irons missed greens and the short game deserted him at times.

As he stood on the 18th tee box and flared a shot into the nearby neighborhood, Calabro muttered "I'm just falling apart - maybe one of these days I will figure out how to finish."

On this day he finished with an 85, including missing birdie putts on the first two holes. He finished by making double bogeys on 17 and 18. And is not to be too flustered after the double-double finish, he drove down the wrong way of a one-way cart path.

But that's anything unlike Calabro -whose career is on the upswing with national radio gigs and whose golf game seems to be going the same way. "I'll just keep trying and see what I can do," said Calabro. "It's a tough game."



Kevin Calabro watches his chip.



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