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## Northwest Golf Guide sets you up for 2018

Inside Golf Newspaper sets you up for the 2018 season with our Northwest Golf Guide as part of this month's issue. The Northwest Golf Guide comes complete with a listing of all the courses in the Pacific Northwest with places like Palouse Ridge in Pullman, Wash. (right). Please see inside this section for the Northwest Golf Guide.



## WHAT'S NEW IN NW GOLF

### Central Oregon Shootout is all set for April 27-29

If you want to get your 2018 tournament calendar cranked up, then look no further than the Central Oregon Shootout, one of the top amateur tournaments in the Pacific Northwest every year.

The event is held at Aspen Lakes, Black Butte Ranch Resort and Eagle Crest Resort. There are three different formats held over three different days for two-player teams.

The tournament is set for April 27-29 (Friday through Sunday) at all three of these award-winning golf courses.

The tournament started in 2003 and has been going strong since Day One. Payouts total more than \$20,000 for over six flights. Women only and mixed teams are also welcome in addition to men and senior divisions.

With a limit of 150 two-player teams it's important to sign up early. The formats for the tournament call for a scramble, best ball and chapman.

There will be a kickoff party for the tournament at Aspen Lakes' Brand 33 Restaurant.

Registration is \$625 per team and spring time in Central Oregon is always the right time.

For more info see [www.aspenlakes.com](http://www.aspenlakes.com).

### Drive, Chip and Putt set qualifiers in the Northwest

The United States Golf Association, Masters Tournament and PGA of America have officially launched the sixth year of the Drive, Chip & Putt Championship by announcing the local and subregional schedule for the 2018-2019 qualifying season.

The 2019 qualifying schedule includes dates and locations for participants to play in local qualifiers across the country, with the opportunity to advance and earn an invitation to next year's National Finals at August National Golf Club. Seven courses in WSGA territory will host local qualifiers and two will host subregional qualifiers for the 2019 Championship.

Here are the qualifiers:

- **High Cedars Golf Club**  
Sunday, June 10, 2018
- **Mount Si Golf Course**  
Sunday, July 1, 2018
- **The Creek at Qualchan**  
Sunday, July 8, 2018
- **Pasco Golfland**  
Wednesday July, 18, 2018
- **Trophy Lake Golf & Casting**  
Sunday, July 22, 2018
- **Lake Padden Golf Course**  
Tuesday, July 24, 2018
- **Meridian Valley Country Club**  
Thursday, July 26, 2018

### Rules Quiz

A player signs and returns their scorecard with a 4 marked on hole #7 when in fact the player took a 6 on hole #7. The player did not know he was not allowed to remove loose impediments from bunkers when their ball was in the bunker. What is the ruling? See Page 2 for the answer.

## Destination: Swinomish Casino and Lodge



The Swinomish Casino and Lodge in Anacortes is a place that has something for everyone. From the Swinomish Links golf course to the 98-room hotel with panoramic views to the casino to the RV parking, Swinomish Casino and Lodge should be able to take care of anything you might need on a golf trip. For more, please see inside this section of Inside Golf Newspaper.



## Gamble Sands is a sure golf bet

If you are looking to take a gamble on golfing in the Pacific Northwest, there is a sure bet in Gamble Sands Golf Course in Brewster, Wash.

Gamble Sands opened for play four years ago and has been ranked among the top public courses. With lodging on site, Gamble Sands has plenty to offer. See inside for more.



## Northwest native and PGA Tour star Kyle Stanley will host AJGA event

Kyle Stanley, a two-time PGA TOUR winner, will host the Kyle Stanley Championship by Transamerica, Sept. 14-16 at Canterwood Golf & Country Club in his hometown of Gig Harbor, Washington.

"I couldn't be more excited about the Kyle Stanley Championship by Transamerica to be held at Canterwood Golf & Country Club," Stanley said. "It combines three things that have been very instrumental to my golf career: the AJGA, Canterwood and Transamerica. I am looking forward to being a part of this great event and hope the Gig Harbor community will embrace and support the tournament."



Stanley played with the AJGA from 2004-06, winning two tournaments and earning Rolex Junior All-America honors all three years. In addition to competing in stroke play events, Stanley also represented the victorious West Team at the 2005 and 2006 Wyndham Cups.

Stanley was a standout college golfer at Clemson, setting 18 individual scoring records in his freshman season. The two-time All-American was named the 2006-07 ACC Player of the Year, won the Ben Hogan Award in 2009 for best collegiate golfer and competed for the winning 2007 American Walker Cup Team.

Since turning professional in 2009, Stanley has won two PGA Tour events, most recently at the 2017 Quicken Loans National.

Transamerica has supported Stanley throughout the entirety of his PGA TOUR career. The Kyle Stanley Championship by Transamerica is Transamerica's third title-sponsored AJGA tournament. In 2017, Transamerica supported the Hale Irwin Colorado Junior by Transamerica and the Azahara Munoz Championship by Transamerica.

For more information on the Kyle Stanley Championship by Transamerica, contact Michelle Hantak in AJGA Communications at (678) 425-1787.



# Waste Management Phoenix Open: More of a party than a PGA Tour golf tourney

I was talking to a friend a while back and he has some things on his golf bucket list that are completely understandable. Trip to Scotland. Golf in Hawaii. And a trip to the Waste Management Open in Scottsdale.

The Waste Management Open at the TPC Scottsdale? Before you question that part of the list, have you ever seen the tournament on television? Have you talked with someone who has been there? Do you like parties on a golf course?

My friend thought that part of his list was maybe a bit off course but I said he was dead on. The tournament is a must-see for any golf fan. I went for the third straight year and it was better than ever.

There were over 190,000 golf fans (and I use the term loosely) on a Friday watching the best the PGA Tour has to offer. Jordan Spieth was there. So was Justin Thomas. Bubba made his annual trip and Phil went low on the weekend.

There was even a streaker on Thursday who ran loose for at least four minutes before being corralled by security. But before he was subdued he showed off his golf swing in his birthday suit as well as some rumbling and stumbling up and down a fairway.

This is more than just a golf tournament. There were ladies dressed like it's a night out on the town, and in some cases it is. The Owl's Nest is a party place after the round and had some world-class acts performing this year including Florida Georgia Line and OneRepublic.

But the big draw is the 16th hole. It might be a relatively tame par-3 where the professionals use anything from a wedge to an 8-iron, but it is a hole surrounded by 20,000 spectators. If golfers are looking for quiet, forget it. In fact when one player walked off with a double bogey the crowd let him have it chanting "double bogey" while he walked off the green, probably wishing he was somewhere else.

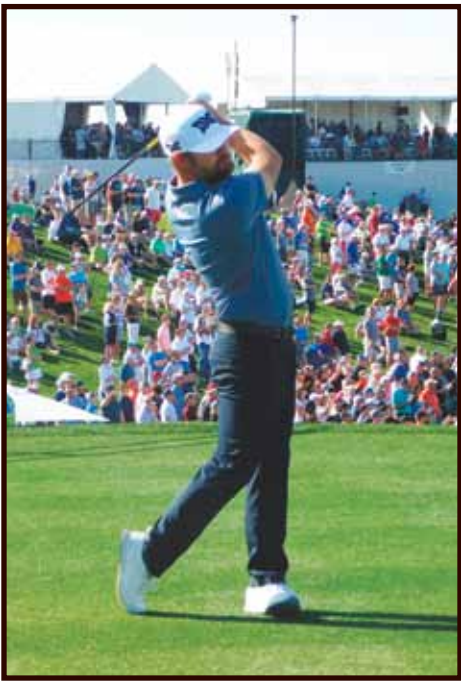
Sitting around the 16th hole is an experience like nothing else. Sure, many of the fans in the



stands are well lubricated but most are behaved and many wear matching outfits or other eye catching forms of attire.

Bucket list? My friend got that right. And the Waste Management Open should be right near the top of that list every time.

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Ryan Moore (top) teed it up at The Waste Management Phoenix Open, which is more like a golf party.



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### Double Bogey

(Are You done with your Sit-up? Your golfer's LOW CARB breakfast is getting cold ...)

### Harold Bluestein PGA

Yes...but I added 2 very Low Carb Krispy Kremes®.

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## Rules Answer

• Answer: Effective January 1, 2018. If a player returns a scorecard with a score lower than actually taken and the sole reason for the lower score was he did not include a penalty he did not know he had incurred the penalty applied is 2 strokes. The penalty applied is the penalty for the breach of the Rule. This is provided the new local rule is in effect which modifies the exception to Rule 6-6d from 4 strokes to two strokes.

• Inside Golf would like to thank Paul Lucien for his rules questions each month.

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# GriffinGolf: Husband and wife duo come up with own indoor golf facility

Chris and Sara Griffin have worked in the golf business for years. Both are Class A professionals, meaning they are at the tip of their games in the PGA. They both have played competitively and both have taught for years.

So what better avenue to take, they thought, than to open their own teaching facility and work together doing what they do best.

Introducing GriffinGolf, owned and operated by Chris and Sara Griffin with an indoor facility in Sumner and when the weather turns a little better, an outdoor facility at High Cedars Golf Course in Orting.

The Griffins know they are lucky. They get to do what they have loved for years - and now they get to do it together. Their indoor facility in Sumner is terrific and has everything from a large practice putting

green to an indoor simulator to nets for practice balls to televisions for watching how those golf swings are improving along the way.

The Griffins work with all golfers but have a special fondness for juniors. In fact, they are putting together clinics for juniors who want to do the Drive, Chip & Putt competitions - where the top finishers get to compete at Augusta National. They also are part of the PGA Junior League where juniors compete against each other in matches from other clubs.

They have put together a schedule that will have something for everyone. The TaylorMade Fitting Experience will take place March 21, May 17 and July 26. Ladies Wine Clinics are set on Thursday nights starting April 12.

Check [www.teamgriffingolf.com](http://www.teamgriffingolf.com) for more.



Sara Griffin works on youngster's putting.

# Jorgensen Golf earns a special PGA honor

Julius and Diana Jorgensen, who own and operate Jorgensen Golf in Mukilteo, Wash. have been honored with their retail golf facility being the first PGA-approved off-course retail and teaching facility in the Greater Seattle area.

Jorgensen Golf also was the first indoor facility to offer a full swing simulator back in 1998 and Julius established the first off-course GHIN Golf Club back in 1990 tied into an off-course retail store. Jorgensen Golf has also run an amateur tour since 1990 and has pumped in over \$2 million into regional green fees and \$2 million in amateur prize winnings. The Jorgensen Golf Tour started in January and continues through 2018 with a variety of events every month. It wraps up in November with a trip to Bandon Dunes. See [www.jorgensengolf.com](http://www.jorgensengolf.com) for more information.

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# OB Sports names Whitney for NW office; First Tee chapters name two new directors

OB Sports Golf Management announced the opening of a Pacific Northwest office located in the greater-Seattle area, and under the leadership of Ryan Whitney, who will serve as Senior Vice President of Operations & Business Development. Facilitating the company's continued growth in the region, the Pacific Northwest branch is a homecoming of sorts for OB Sports, which was based in both Portland, Ore., and Kirkland, Wash., for many years before relocating to Scottsdale, Ariz., in 2000.

OB Sports currently manages two properties in Washington: Gamble Sands in Brewster, the top-ranked public course in the state; and Mill Creek Country Club, a successful equity-owned private club just north of Seattle. OB Sports also currently manages five properties in Oregon, and has been involved with the design, construction and management of many more properties throughout the Pacific Northwest, dating back to the company's inception in 1972.

Leading OB's Pacific Northwest operation, Whitney is a veteran of nearly 25 years in the golf industry. His appointment serves as a return to OB Sports, after working for the company as a corporate Director of Marketing, as well as General Manager of several prominent clubs.

## WSGA offers Golf Pass for 2018

The Washington State Golf Association launched a brand new benefit for WSGA members. Called the Washington Golf Pass, the benefit will feature exclusive discounts, deals, and specials from golf courses and facilities throughout WSGA territory, and will also feature exclusive offers on retail products and travel destinations.

The Washington Golf Pass is FREE to all active WSGA members. It will not be available to the public or to inactive WSGA members. Members need only visit [www.wagolfpass.com](http://www.wagolfpass.com) to activate their pass by using their GHIN number. The Pass is strictly an online product – there is no printed book or coupons.

Again, the Pass is free to all WSGA members. Non-WSGA members can get the pass simply by either signing up at their local course or by joining online

at [www.thewsga.org/WGPjoin](http://www.thewsga.org/WGPjoin). Along with the Pass, new members will also receive all other great WSGA benefits. For questions, email [info@wagolfpass.com](mailto:info@wagolfpass.com) or call 253-214-2919.

## First Tee names new executive directors

The First Tee of Greater Seattle and The First tee of South Puget Sound both have new leaders.

Dan Wartelle has been named as the new executive director of the First Tee of Greater Seattle. Wartelle takes over for Heidi Wills who led the non-profit group for 12 years. Prior to joining the First tee, Wartelle was vice president of communications for Special Olympics Washington. Earlier in his career, he held executive positions in communications and public relations and marketing with Seafair as well as communications with Major League Baseball land the Mariners.

Ryan Kallenberger has been named as the new executive director of the First Tee of South Puget Sound. Kallenberger has been with the First Tee chapter since it inception in 2011.

## Riverbend will put on junior camp

Riverbend Golf Course in Kent, Wash. will offer a golf camp over spring break for junior golfers. The camp will be held April 11-13 at Riverbend.

The camp will run from 10 a.m. through 1:00 p.m. each day and the camp will be for kids ages 6-15. Participants will be instructed in the fundamentals of golf by the Riverbend professional staff. The camp will cover rules, course safety, grip, swing, alignment, iron and wood play, etiquette and putting.

Camps are limited to 50 participants and the entry deadline is April 9, 2018. The camp will cost \$100. For more information call Riverbend at 253.854.3673.

## Grays Harbor College hosts Pro-Am

Grays Harbor College golf team will host a Pro-Am on Friday, April 27 at Highland Golf Course in Cosmopolis. The tournament will help raise money for the college men's and women's team.

Cost is \$400 and will feature a team of one profes-

sional and three amateurs. There is \$1,000 cash prize to the top professional. The event will feature a 10 a.m. shotgun start and lunch is included. The event will be limited to the first 25 teams. Call 360.612/3432 for more information.

## Virgie Robinson tourney set for April 21

In April there is a golf tournament in the Tri-Cities that may appear, on the surface, to be just another tournament amongst so many, but the significance of this event is much more. It's called the 6th Annual Virgie Robinson Scholarship Charity Spring Golf Classic and it takes place on April 21 at Sun Willows Golf Course.

Virgie Mary Chambers was born to sharecroppers in 1919 and never graduated from high school, not uncommon in those years. She married Richard Robinson in Tacoma in 1945 and moved to Pasco in 1947 after Richard was discharged from the Navy. While in Pasco Virgie got her GED and attended Columbia Basin College. It was at this time that she became a strong supporter of education and started to make a difference in the lives of many children and their families in the area.

She wanted to plant the seeds for higher education in elementary students and became Pasco's first ombudsman/home visitor in 1966 where she worked with the area's most at-risk students. Throughout her life she was a dedicated volunteer, educator and community civil rights activist in the Pasco School District.

To commemorate Virgie's many achievements her son Rickie Robinson and his sisters, partnering with a local radio station, created a scholarship fund in her name with the aim toward providing scholarships to Pasco students who have attended her namesake school. In 2015 five former Virgie Robinson Elementary School students received \$1,000 scholarships. Past winners have attended Columbia Basin College, Central Wash. University and the University of Washington.

Cost is \$100 per player with chances to win \$1,000,000 and much more. To be a part of this important event please visit [www.vmrsscholarships.org](http://www.vmrsscholarships.org).

# WinCo Foods will return for a fifth year this August

The WinCo Foods Portland Open presented by Kraft Heinz returns to Pumpkin Ridge for a fifth year this August. Since Carlos Ortiz won the inaugural event in 2014 we've seen everything from course records to heartbreak to the exhilaration of earning a PGA Tour card. The season's most exciting event returns August 16-19.

Each season players compete for position on the Web.com Tour Money List where at season's end, the top 25 players receive their PGA Tour card. Last year the race for the 25th card came down to the 18th green at famed Witch Hollow where Keith Mitchell narrowly missed his birdie attempt, giving the final PGA Tour card available to former Texas Longhorn Beau Hossler.

In total, players who have teed it up in Portland since 2014 have accounted for 31 wins on the PGA TOUR. Most notably, Justin Thomas broke through for his fifth win of the season and first Major Title at the 2017 PGA Championship at Quail Hollow. These wins led to Player of the Year Honors just three years after Thomas earned his PGA TOUR card here. Other alums in Thomas' class of 2014 include PGA TOUR winners Adam Hadwin, Daniel Berger, Tony Finau and Ryan Armour.

This year's field features a number of players with remarkable pedigrees. Sam Burns, a 21-year old from Shreveport, Louisiana won the 2017 Jack Nicklaus Award recognizing the Division I NCAA Player of the Year. After electing to turn pro following his Sophomore season at LSU, Burns will look to step into the PGA Tour spotlight this August. Wyndham Clark hopes to follow in fellow Oregon Duck Aaron Wise's footsteps and secure PGA Tour status in his Alma Mater's back yard.

WinCo Foods has extended it title sponsorship of the Web.com Tour Regular Season finale through the year 2020. Since the tournament began in 2014 the event has raised \$4.4 million for charities, an Oregon golf record.

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# Destination: Swinomish Casino

Swinomish in Anacortes has a little something for everyone with its terrific scenic setting

By Steve Turcotte, Inside Golf Editor

A little hour north of Seattle sits the kind of resort that has a little of something for everyone. How about a links-style golf course? Check. A 98-room hotel with a variety of rooms with views? Check. Parking for recreational vehicles with views? Check. Casino action? Check..

Welcome to the Swinomish Casino and Lodge, located in Anacortes, Wash., about an hour drive north of Seattle with views of Mt. Baker, Similk Bay, Padilla Bay and Fidalgo Bay.

The Swinomish Indian Tribe first created the casino and lodge and then purchased what was called Similk Beach Golf Course and re-named it Swinomish Golf Links. The links-style course has some terrific mountain and water views and this year offers a new 10,000 square foot putting and chipping green and 55 new Yamaha golf carts to take out for a round.

Professionals Wade Iacolucci and Jamie Carroll work with both resort guests and local golfers on getting their swings fine-tuned with the use of their simulator.

The Swinomish Casino and Lodge offers plenty of lodging, places to dine and a variety of casino games. With 98 rooms there are choices from standard rooms to suites. The dining experience comes with a variety of choices. And the casino experience has something for everyone.

For those traveling in recreational vehicles,

**Swinomish Casino and Lodge**  
Here are some facts about the Swinomish Casino and Lodge:

- **Location:** Anacortes, Wash., one hour north of Seattle.
- **Golf course:** Golf course is called the Swinomish Golf Links and located minutes from the resort. Course plays to 6,177 for men and 5,609 for women. Course offers views of Mt. Baker and borders Similk Bay and Fidalgo Bay.
- **Head professional:** Wade Iacolucci
- **Casino and Lodge:** Resort has three types of rooms from suites to bay view to standard. There are a total of 98 rooms.
- **RV parking:** There are 35 full service sites on the property with views of water and mountains.
- **Information:** [www.swinomishcasinoand-lodge.com](http://www.swinomishcasinoand-lodge.com).

the Swinomish Casino and Lodge has you covered. There are a total of 35 full service spots right next door with views of the mountains and water.

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# Gamble Sands

Golf destination in Brewster, Wash. is ranked among the best in the Northwest

By Steve Turcotte, Inside Golf Editor

The place might be called Gamble Sands, but there's really not much of a gamble if you head to Brewster, Wash. for a round of golf. This is a sure thing.

Gamble Sands opened for play four years ago, and ever since it has been named one of the top public courses in the Pacific Northwest. And for good reason. This is a golf course that stretches over acres of former orchard land and was designed by Scotsman David McLay Kidd, who knows a thing or two about designing links golf courses.

The land is owned by the Gebbers family and when Cass Gebbers decided to get into the golf business he gave Kidd everything an architect would want: More than 600 acres set of sprawling Eastern Washington land with plenty of great views.

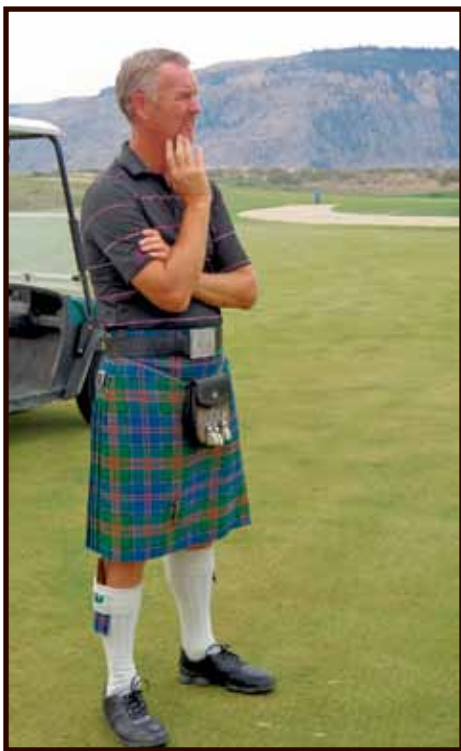
The course was a hit when the doors first opened. Playing from over 7,000 yards from the tips, Gamble Sands features wide fairways, plenty of roll and a course that Kidd calls "pure unadulterated golf."

The course gets your attention right away with the second hole playing as a reachable par-4 with the Columbia River as a backdrop.

The Cascade Putting Course also makes for an activity after the round of golf.

The Inn at Gamble Sands opened a few years ago and gives golfers a chance to stay and play. The Inn at Gamble Sands has suites and rooms with plenty of amenities. Danny Boy's restaurant offers dining right on site.

The Gebbers' family foray into golf started back in 2008 when Perry Dye designed three



Gamble Sands designer David McLay Kidd.

holes of a golf course that was never finished. Then the plans came along for the 18-hole course. The Gebbers family, which is a giant in the apple and cherry business, decided that golf was a good thing to add to the family portfolio.

Brewster might be a bit of a trek, about four hours east of Seattle, but Gamble Sands is not a gamble at all. With the golf, hotel and other amenities, it has become a sure bet.



Gamble Sands is ranked among the best in the NW (top); the course also has accommodations as well (bottom).

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**Friday, April 27**  
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Gross & 1<sup>st</sup> Net - Eagle Crest Resort  
2<sup>nd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> Net - Big Meadow Black Butte Ranch

**Saturday, April 28**  
**Best Ball**  
3<sup>rd</sup> Net & Ladies - Big Meadow at Black Butte Ranch  
Gross & 1<sup>st</sup> Net - Aspen Lakes  
2<sup>nd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> Net - The Eagle Crest Resort Course

**Sunday, April 29**  
**Chapman**  
3<sup>rd</sup> Net & Ladies - The Eagle Crest Resort Course  
Gross & 1<sup>st</sup> Net - Big Meadow at Black Butte Ranch  
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# LPGA Legends Tour will hit the NW with an event at White Horse

The Legends Tour of the LPGA will hit the Pacific Northwest in June. The Legends Tour has announced that the Suquamish Tribe and Clearwater Casino Resort will host the first official tournament to be held in Washington State at its White Horse Golf Club in Kingston.

Jane Blalock, a 27-time champion on the LPGA Tour, founded the Women’s Senior Golf Tour in 2000. It is now known as The Legends Tour, the official senior tour of the LPGA, and showcases some of the greatest names in the history of women’s golf.

The Suquamish Clearwater Legends Cup will be held at White Horse Golf Club, June 8-10, 2018. Acquired by the Suquamish Tribe in 2010, White Horse Golf Club is nestled on high ground between the Olympic and Cascade Mountains. With spectacular greens and friendly staff, this 18-hole golf course is very challenging, yet can still be played by golfers of all skill levels.

White Horse Golf Club is a wonderful venture enjoyed by Clearwater Casino Resort guests.

The Suquamish Clearwater Casino Resort is operated by Port Madison Enterprises, an agency of the Suquamish Tribe that develops community resources while promoting the economic and social welfare of the Suquamish Tribe through commercial activities.

The Legends Tour is the official senior tour of the

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The Shootout is played on both the PGA West courses featured on the PGA Tours Career Builder Challenge (TPC Stadium & Nicklaus Tournament) and rotates one of the La Quinta Resort courses each year. The dates are May 6-9. The events are formatted around the popular 2 Person Best Ball format (not to be confused with a scramble) and are held the first week of May.

For more info contact Tournament Director Eric Hoskinson at [eric@cascadiaevents.com](mailto:eric@cascadiaevents.com).

## Tour Players With Northwest ties

- PGA Tour**
- Kevin Chappell • Kirkland • 72nd on the list with \$351,508
  - Ben Crane • Portland • 166th on the list with \$69,977
  - Joel Dahmen, Clarkston • 143rd on the list with \$108,717
  - Robert Garrigus • Gresham • 93rd on the list with \$254,419
  - Andres Gonzales • Olympia • No events
  - Ryan Moore • Puyallup • 71st on the list with \$333,577
  - Cheng Tsung Pan • Ex-UW • 87th on the list with \$287,948
  - Andrew Putnam • Tacoma • 115 on the list with \$173,838
  - Kyle Stanley • Gig Harbor • 29th on the list with \$714,694
  - Nick Taylor • Ex-UW • 51st on the list with \$491,030
  - Aaron Wise • 90th on the list with \$273,574
  - Andrew Yun • Tacoma • No events

- Web.com Tour**
- Jeff Gove • Seattle • No events
  - Scott Harrington • Portland • 88th on the list with \$1,578
  - Brock Mackenzie • Yakima • 96th on the list with \$1,476
  - Alex Prugh • Spokane • No events
  - Michael Putnam, • Tacoma • No events

- Champions Tour**
- Fred Couples • Seattle • 6th on the list with \$70,000
  - Brian Henninger • Eugene • No Events
  - Peter Jacobsen • Portland • 37th on the list with \$11,000
  - Kirk Triplett • Pullman • 5th on the list with \$90,000

- Mackenzie Tour (Canada)**  
(No events yet this year)
- Derek Barron • Puyallup •
  - Chris Killmer • Bellingham •
  - Richard Lee • Bellevue •
  - Cory Pereira • Ex-UW •
  - Chris Williams • Ex-UW •

- LPGA Tour**
- Jing Yan • Ex-UW • 77th on the list with \$2,544
  - Erynne Lee • Silverdale • 21st on the list with \$14,425

- LPGA Symetra Tour**
- Jimin Kang • Seattle • No Events
  - Mallory Kent • Seattle • No Events
  - Erynne Lee • Silverdale • No Events
  - Kim Welch • Ex-WSU • No Events

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# The Lesson Tee: Make sure that your backswing is giving you all you need

For the first time in my 23 plus years of my academy and teaching at Semiahmoo I went to Phoenix the month of January. Good move to do in January. I taught at Tom Lehman's private practice facility that he designed.

Many folks from Semiahmoo and the great Northwest came down and we enjoyed the time and the beauty of "Tom's Ranch."

I had the honor and privilege of being awarded Pacific Northwest Section PGA Teacher of the Year. As I say, "they are going to make a teacher out of me yet!"

Let's talk backswing. The backswing has two main purposes; to accumulate power by turning and hinging and to get us and the club in position to make an uninhabited path to the golf ball.

This is easiest and best repeatable when on the proper plane and we have an awareness of where we are in time and space.

See Photo 1. Here, Zach Johnson's coach, Mike Bender has a shaft even with his trail shoulder. This compares to Ben Hogan's "plane of glass" so often talked about. Turning under this shaft with chest, arms and hips give depth to the backswing. This turn to create depth is very important to help players shallow the shaft, swing down on plane and not come "over the top" of the plane.

Another image would be: Imagine as you turn under the pole, touch a wall behind you (Photo 2). This photo is a student of mine from Richland. His improvement has been significant applying these concepts and this swing station in Photo 1.

Notice how the left arm covers the right shoulder and the butt of the club shines on the target line. Also, if a line were drawn straight down from the butt of the club, the line would go through close to the right heel. This is the missing piece called depth to a golf swing. Depth allows a straight path for the hands, arms and club to the ball with fewer

**Jeff  
Coston**



compensation and moving parts.

Study these photos, work with the swing station and call me in the morning. And to see it all come together see the photo under this story with Zach Johnson's swing (Photo 3).

Jeff Coston is 2017 Pacific Northwest Section Teacher of the Year. Jeff is a 21-time Player of the Year. Jeff can be reached for appointment by calling Semiahmoo at 360 201 4590. Also see [www.jeffcoston.com](http://www.jeffcoston.com) and Twitter @coston\_jeff.

Photo 3



Photo 1

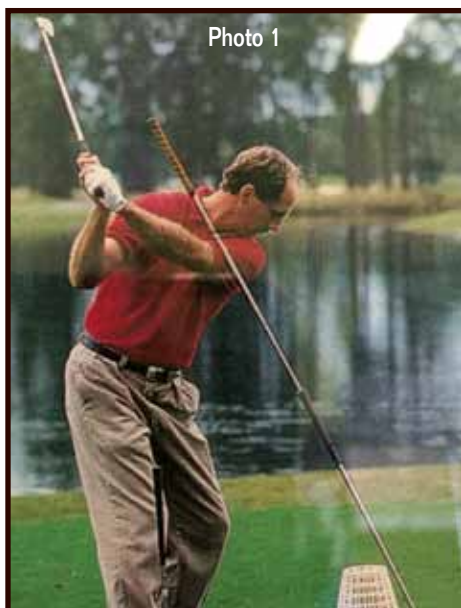
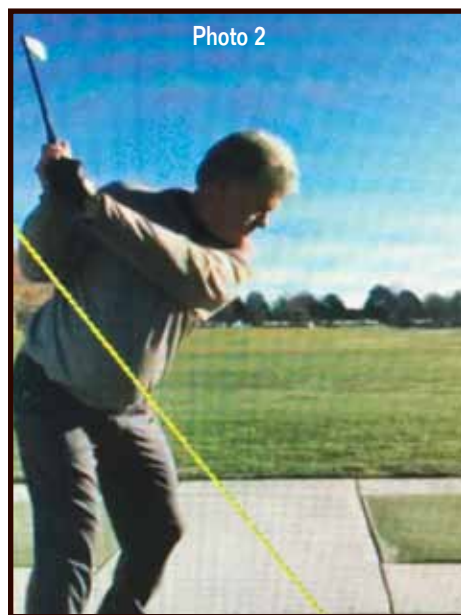


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# Rules of the Game: J.B. Holmes might have been slow, but wasn't against rules

**Russ Wing**



During this year's Farmers Insurance Open in San Diego, J. B. Holmes made news when he took over four minutes to play his second shot on the 72nd hole. As was mentioned during the TV broadcast, players are generally allowed 40 to 50 seconds to play a shot. So taking over 4 minutes was over 4X the allowed time. Was he penalized for his slow play? No, he wasn't.

So what do the Rules say about this? The applicable rule is Rule 6-7 Undue Delay, Slow Play. The upper portion of the exhibit that accompanies this article shows a couple of excerpts from Rule 6-7. In general, all of the details about how pace of play is monitored and potentially penalized are contained in the Pace of Play Policy for an event.

So what does a Pace of Play Policy look like? They tend to be 1 to 2 pages long, too long to be included with this article. So the lower portion of the exhibit shows example elements of a Pace of Play Policy in order to give you an idea of its contents. While I don't have a copy of the PGA Tour Pace of Play Policy, I assume that it contains similar elements.

In general, individual stroke timings are only done for members of a group that is out of position

## Excerpts from Rule 6-7 Undue Delay, Slow Play

The player must play without undue delay and in accordance with any pace of play guidelines that the Committee may establish.

Note 2: For the purpose of preventing slow play, the Committee may, in the conditions of a competition (Rule 333-1), establish pace of play guidelines including maximum periods of time allowed to complete a stipulated round, a hole or a stroke.

### Example Elements of a Pace of Play Policy

Time allowed to complete holes and a round:

Par 3 - 12 minutes

Par 4 - 15 minutes

Par 5 - 18 minutes

Turn Time (between holes 9 and 10) - 5 minutes

Round (18 holes) - 4:35 (assuming a par 72 course)

**Time allowed to complete a stroke:**

First to Play - 50 seconds

All other - 40 seconds

**Pace of Play Time Checkpoints:**

Hole 4, Hole 9, Hole 13, Hole 18

**A group is "out of position" when:**

They have exceeded their cumulative allowed time, and they are more than 14 minutes behind the group ahead.

**Potential Penalties for a Stroke Play event:**

First Violation - Warning

Second Violation - 1-stroke penalty

Third Violation - 2-stroke penalty

Fourth Violation - Disqualification

and "on the clock".

So was that last group at the Farmers Insurance Open out of position and "on the clock" on the last hole? I don't think so. None of the related reporting indicated that. Consequently, individual stroke timing was not in effect on that last hole, and, as a result, Holmes was not penalized. That said, he was certainly criticized by a number of his peers, and that will be the extent of his punishment for this incident.

As a Rules Official, I probably spend about half

of my time monitoring pace of play. Based on that experience, I believe that very few golfers are inherently slow players. Most of the time, slow play is a result of some combination of other factors, including inadequate starting time intervals, difficult course setup (extra length, fast greens, tucked pins, tall rough, etc), and bad weather.

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