



Troon Golf offers Arizona winter getaway courses

If you are looking to make that late winter getaway to the Valley of the Sun, then Troon Golf has what you are looking for, including teeing it up at places like Southern Dunes (pictured right), Troon Golf has a variety of courses to choose from and those courses are some of the best in the state. For more, see inside this section of Inside Golf Newspaper.



WHAT'S NEW IN NW GOLF

New rules are now in place for the 2019 golf season

Now that the calendar says 2019, the new rules of golf are now in place. There are several new rules to know, so make sure to grab a new rules of golf book or check the internet for what to do and what not to do.

There are some significant rule changes that are now in play, including how you drop the ball, what happens when your ball goes out of bounds, no penalty for a ball being moved during a search for the ball, no penalty for a ball accidentally moving on the putting green and plenty more.

Make sure to check online or see a new rule book for what to do during the 2019 season.

Pacific Northwest golf shows set dates for 2019

The dates are set for the three big golf shows in the Pacific Northwest.

- The Seattle Golf and Travel Show is set for Feb. 16-17 at the Century Link Field Events Center. The two-day show will feature a variety of exhibits with tickets costing \$14. Hours on Saturday are 9 a.m.-6 p.m. and on Sunday from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. For information see www.seattlegolfshow.com. The show is operated by Varsity Communications.

- The Portland Golf Show is also run by Varsity Communications and will be held Feb. 22-24 at the Oregon Convention Center. Tickets are \$13 with the three-day show running from Friday through Sunday. A free round at Chehalis Glenn Golf Course is part of the entry tickets. See www.portlandgolfshow.com for info.

- The Spokane Golf Show is set for Feb. 23-24 at the Spokane Convention Center. The two-day show will have tickets priced at \$12. A free round of golf is part of the ticket purchase. For info see www.spokanegolfshow.com.

Echo Falls will have new management team in 2019

Echo Falls Golf Club in Snohomish, Wash. will have a new management team in place for the 2019 golf season.

Oki Golf, which has been the long-time owner and operate of the course, will no longer be running Echo Falls. Instead, Columbia Hospitality will be the new management team.

Echo Falls will still honor the Oki Golf Player Cards through March 31, 2019.

For more information contact the course at 360.668.3030.

Rules Quiz

A player's tee shot comes to rest in a penalty area. When he arrives at his golf ball he finds a pine cone (loose impediment) directly in front of his ball. Unable to make a stroke at the ball with the interference of the loose impediment he picks up the pine cone and tosses it aside. He is advised by a fellow competitor he can't do that. What is your answer? See Page 2.

WinCo Foods Portland Open wins national award

The Web.com Tour honored four tournaments, one volunteer and a charity with the annual season-ending Tournament Awards.

The WinCo Foods Portland Open presented by KraftHeinz, contested each year since 2014 at the Pumpkin Ridge Golf Club's Witch Hollow Course near Portland, Oregon, claimed the prestigious honor of Tournament of the Year.

As the winner of the Tournament of the Year Award, the WinCo Foods Portland Open succeeded in putting forth a top-notch tournament on all applicable fronts, including:

Raised a tournament-record \$1.75 million for charity in 2018, bringing the all-time total to nearly \$6 million in just five years.

Grew "The Grove" on No. 12 with vendors, breweries, buzz and entertainment to increase onsite fan

engagement. Provided top-notch player experiences, including private access to the Nike store.

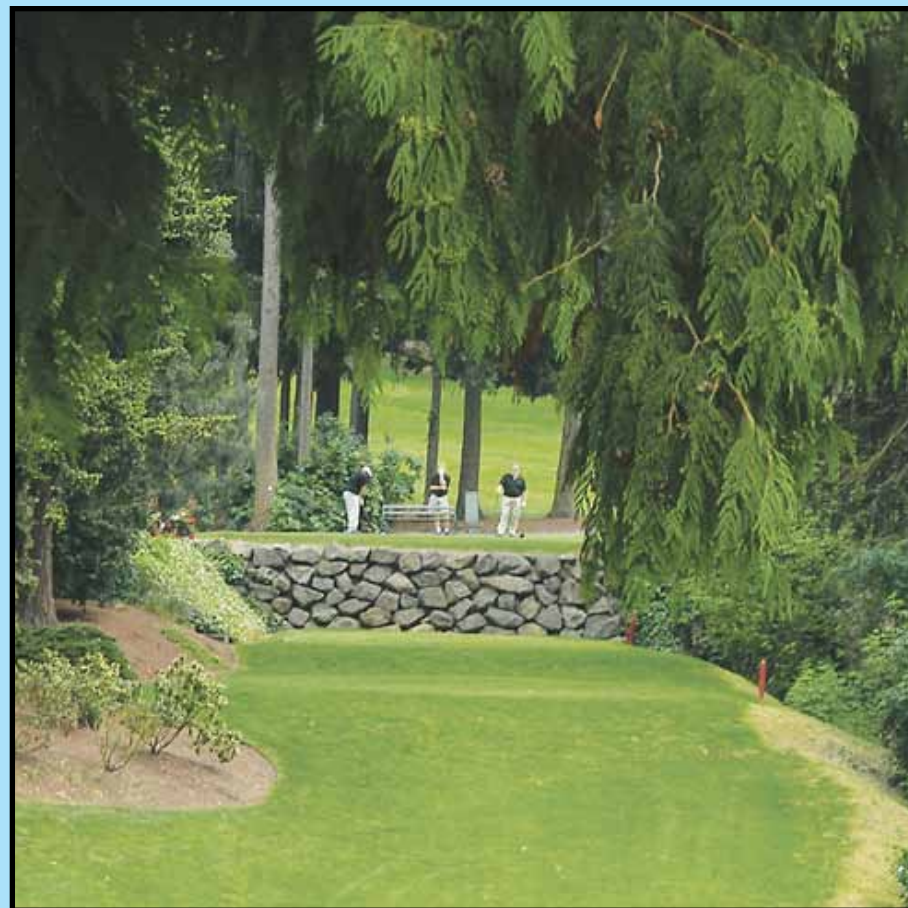
Tremendous venue in the Witch Hollow Course at Pumpkin Ridge, which was voted as one of the top-five courses on the Web.com Tour by over 85 percent of the membership.

"It's a tremendous honor for our event to receive the 2018 Tournament of the Year award," said Tournament Director Ryan Tahara. "We are blessed to have passionate volunteers, great fans and a committed title sponsor in WinCo Foods, and we are eager to continue building on the strong foundation in place as we look to 2019 and beyond."

This year's tournament is scheduled for Aug. 8-11 at Pumpkin Ridge's Witch Hollow Golf Club, with two days of Pro-Ams and the four-day tournament. The top 25 on the tour will earn PGA Tour cards for 2020.



Twin Lakes: South Sound country club experience



Twin Lakes Golf and Country Club in Federal Way, Wash. - just south of Seattle - has a little something for everyone. This is a club that is over 50 years old and offers a championship 18-hole course along with some of the finest country club amenities - like swimming, tennis, golf lessons by PGA professionals and elegant private functions. Twin Lakes has hosted some top-flight tournaments through the years. For more on what Twin Lakes has to offer, please see inside this section of Inside Golf Newspaper.



Seattle Golf Show is set to show off what is new for the world of golf for the '19 season

For a golf club junkie, nothing tops the annual PGA Merchandise Show held each January, where the major manufacturers roll out the new clubs, apparel and accessories that will become the must-have items of the coming year. It's the Paris Fashion Show of the golf world, a first chance to see the latest technological breakthroughs and earn a glimpse of the new sticks that promise to help all of our shots fly long and straight.

The only problem is, unless you're a golf industry insider, you're not on the guest list.

That's where the Seattle Golf Show, Feb. 16-17 at the CenturyLink Field Event Center, comes in.

The two-day show — the largest consumer golf expo in the state — brings the PGA Merchandise Show experience to Seattle each year, giving Western Washington golfers their first chance to try out the drivers, irons, hybrids, wedges, putters and other golf accessories that will be the talk of the golf world in the year ahead.

Drawing over 10,000 golfers each year with its front-door goodies, golf club sales, on-site lessons and more, the Seattle Golf Show has become the unofficial kickoff event to golf season in the Evergreen State. Over 160 exhibitors from the golf and related industries pack in under one roof, showcasing the year's hottest new clubs, the latest apparel and accessories, cool new gadgets and swing trainers, plus an on-site driving range, fun skills contests, lessons from top pros, and a front-door giveaway package that in the past has included rounds of golf and more — all for no more than the cost of a \$14 ticket.

The show's date just three weeks after the PGA Merchandise Show makes Seattle-area golfers among the first in the entire country to handle and hit the year's hottest new sticks — in many cases, more than a month before they'll even hit store shelves nationwide — on a free, indoor driving range lined with representatives of the industry's biggest names, courtesy of Puetz Golf.

There are also putting, long drive, short game and closest-to-the-pin contests where golfers can win rounds of golf, stay-and-play vacations and more, plus live drawings throughout the weekend for other prizes. There's even a 19th Hole, with big-screen TVs, comfortable seating and plenty of cold drinks, so that you don't have to miss a minute of the weekend's biggest sports action.

Too many golf courses are closing in the NW, would be nice to see a new one

In an age where golf seems to be on the rise with the resurgence of Tiger Woods and the kids of today seemingly liking the game again, what is up with all the golf courses shutting down?

After reading about SunDance Golf Course in Spokane shutting down in the fall, it seems that there are fewer and fewer golf courses around the Pacific Northwest.

Just check out some of the courses that have shut down in recent years: Sumner Meadows, the Riverbend par-3 course, Elk Run, Green Mountain, SunDance and Lipoma Firs. This is a list that seems to be going the wrong way for golf. That is a lot of golf holes being taken away from golfers.

When is the last time a new golf course opened in the Pacific Northwest. You have to go back a few years for that one.

I understand the economics of today's world. Golf courses are worth more as developed land. Take a look at the Riverbend par-3 course. The city sold the land to a developer and the developer wasted no time in turning into an area of apartments and retail. It will be a good looking site when finished, but there weren't nine holes of golf.

I have been involved in the golf business for years in the Pacific Northwest. The days of new courses was terrific - with places like Salish Cliffs, White Horse and Gamble Sands opening for public play - and getting rave reviews for their layouts.

But those days seem to be going away. Instead the days of shutting down golf courses seems to be the thing to do.

It seems as if there are still good numbers of people playing golf, just try and get a tee time at some of the more popular places during the summer months. And the price of green fees seem to be on the rise as well - another thing that tells me golf is still healthy.

It's just kind of a depressing sight when you travel around and see golf courses that were once busy and fun to play are now overgrown and used for a dog walking park - like Sumner Meadows. Others are being converted into mixed-use land



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developments, like the Riverbend par-3 course. It would be nice to see a new course open around here. Just to give us some hope that golf isn't a dying breed.

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Courses that have closed include the Riverbend par-3 (top) an Sumner Meadows (bottom).



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Rules Answer

• Answer: Under the 2019 revised Rules of Golf a player is allowed to remove loose impediments in a "penalty area" without penalty. This includes bunkers as well.

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



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Pacific Northwest PGA Section names 2018 award winners

The Pacific Northwest PGA has named its award winners for 2018. Here is the list:

• **Golf Professional of the Year:** Greg Manley, PGA, General Manager - Director of Golf at Meridian Valley CC received the Section's highest honor in being named the 2018 Golf Professional of the Year. Greg is a true leader of his facility at every level, where he has worked for 22 years. He has developed a successful golf shop with award-winning employees.

• **Assistant Golf Professional of the Year:** Tanner Kelley, PGA of Walla Walla CC in Walla Walla, WA, was named the 2018 Assistant Golf Professional of the Year. He stepped up during managerial changes at his facility, upgrading the club-fitting program and playing a key role in the development of the club's new indoor teaching studio.

• **Player Development Award:** Bryce Poulin, PGA Director of Player Development at Camas Meadows GC in Camas, OR, was honored with the Player Development Award. He has created multiple player development programs at Camas Meadows. His "Pathway to Programs Guide" provides students of all abilities with a guideline to choose from his plethora of programs.

• **Youth Player Development Award:** Ryan Young, PGA, Director of Instruction at Chambers Bay GC in University Place, WA, received the Youth Player Development Award. Ryan has made a large impact both at his facility and in his community. His junior academy hosted over 500 students in 2018. Ryan initiated a PGA Junior League program at Chambers Bay, which grew into their own league with 43 participants in 2018.

• **Bill Strausbaugh Award:** Jeff Simonds, PGA, Director of Resort Operations at Bandon Dunes Golf Resort in Bandon, OR, was recognized for being an outstanding mentor with the Bill Strausbaugh Award. Each season he mentors 12-24 interns, many of whom go on to become Head Professionals.

• **Horton Smith Award:** Bill Morach, PGA, Head

Professional of Eugene CC was honored with the Horton Smith Award, an award that goes to a PGA model educator. Bill is the model for "lifelong learning."

• **Teacher of the Year:** Jason Aichele, PGA, Teaching Professional at Meadow Springs Country Club in Richland, WA, was named Teacher of the Year. In addition to continuing his yearlong coaching program at his indoor practice facility and his college development program for kids, he now leads the largest PGA Junior League Golf program in the Section.

• **Patriot Award:** Chris Runyan, PGA, Teaching Professional at GolfTEC - Spokane in Spokane, WA, received the Patriot Award. Chris has personally reached over 800 veterans through his multiple programs. These include "Northwest Golfers for Warriors", "Vets on the Green" and the Dan Kleckner Golf Classic. Through a telethon, sponsor support, and entries this event raised \$151,000 in 2018.

• **Merchandiser of the Year - Public:** Joshua Cant-

rell, PGA, Head Professional at Moose Run in Fort Richardson, AK was named Merchandiser of the Year for Public facilities.

• **Merchandiser of the Year - Resort:** Jeff Simonds, PGA, Director of Resort Operations at Bandon Dunes Golf Resort in Bandon, OR was honored with the Merchandiser of the Year award for Resort facilities.

• **Merchandiser of the Year - Private:** Greg C. Morris, PGA, Head Professional at Iron Horse GC in Whitefish, MT, received the Merchandiser of the Year award for Private facilities.

• **Deacon Palmer Award:** Bob Duncan, PGA, Teaching Professional at Emerald Valley GC has been recognized with the Deacon Palmer Award for outstanding performance in the face of a personal challenge.

• **Perry Williams Award:** Jim Hofmeister, PGA from Liberty Lake, Washington was named the recipient of the Perry Williams Award for his service to the Section's Rules of Golf Committee.

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WSGA names 2018 Players of the Year; new rankings for golfers with disabilities

The Washington State Golf Association (WSGA) has announced the 2018 Player of the Year recipients. The category winners are as follows: Men's, Eric Ansett of Spokane; Women's, Jamie Huo of Auburn; Men's Mid-Amateur, Reid Hatley of Hayden Lake, Idaho; Women's Mid-Amateur, Victoria Fallgren of Spokane; Senior Men's, Tom Brandes of Bellevue; Senior Women's, Leslie Folsom of Tukwila; Junior Boys', Ian Siebers of Bellevue; and Junior Girls', Brittany Kwon of Bremerton.

• Eric Ansett, Men's Player of the Year: Ansett played on the Lipscomb University (in Tennessee) men's golf team, graduating last spring. He had top-10 finishes in the Southern Amateur and Pacific Coast Amateur, and top-15s at the Sunnehanna Amateur and Sahalee Players Championship. He was the medalist at a U.S. Amateur sectional qualifier, and finished tied for 19th at the Canadian Amateur.

• Jamie Huo, Women's Player of the Year: A recent graduate of Seattle University where she played on the women's golf team, Huo finished second in the Washington State Women's Amateur, tied for second in the WSGA Women's Champion of Champions, and was runner-up in the WSWGGA Championship. She won the SWGA Championship, and qualified for the U.S. Women's Amateur. She was also a quarterfinalist in the PPGA Women's Amateur.

• Reid Hatley, Men's Mid-Amateur Player of the Year: This is the fourth year in a row that Hatley has earned this honor. This year he won both the Washington State and Pacific Northwest mid-amateur championships, was a quarterfinalist in the PPGA Men's Amateur, and finished third in the Washington State Amateur. He also qualified for the U.S. Mid-Amateur, and finished tied for sixth in the Mexican Amateur.

• Victoria Fallgren, Women's Mid-Amateur Player of the Year: This is the second year in a row

that Fallgren has received this award. She repeated as champion at the Washington State Women's Mid-Amateur, and tied for second in the WSGA Women's Champion of Champions. Fallgren is an assistant coach for the women's golf team at Gonzaga University, where she had played collegiately.

• Tom Brandes, Senior Men's Player of the Year: This is the eighth time that Brandes has received this award. He won four titles this year, among them the Pacific Northwest Senior Amateur, the fifth time he has won the title; the WSGA Senior Men's Amateur, also winning this title for the fifth time; the WSGA Senior Men's Champion of Champions; and the Senior Royal Oaks Invitational. He also had a top-10 finish in the Washington Senior Open, and made the round of 64 at the U.S. Senior Amateur.

• Leslie Folsom, Senior Women's Player of the Year: Folsom earned three titles in 2018, winning the Washington State Senior Women's Amateur, WSGA Senior Women's Champion of Champions, and the WSWGGA Senior Championship. She was previously named the WSGA Women's Mid-Amateur Player of the Year in 2012 and 2013.

• Ian Siebers, Junior Boys' Player of the Year: Siebers won an astonishing five titles this year, which include two AJGA victories, two WJGA, and the PNW PGA Junior Championship, where he would eventually finish ninth in the Junior Boys' PGA National Championship. He made the round of 64 at the U.S. Amateur, and finished fourth in the WIAA 3A High School Championship.

• Brittany Kwon, Junior Girls' Player of the Year: Kwon receives this award for the third year in a row. She won two WJGA titles, as well as the WJGA District 3 Championship, and finished second in the WJGA State Championship. She won an AJGA title, and finished 26th in the IMG Academy Junior World Championship. Kwon also won the WIAA 3A High School State Championship for the third

consecutive year.

New rankings for disabled golfers

The USGA and The R&A will administer a global ranking for golfers with disabilities, which will help to grow participation and competition around the world and to promote inclusivity within the sport.

The World Ranking for Golfers with Disability will launch on Jan. 1, 2019 and will be administered in tandem with the World Amateur Golf Ranking™ (WAGR™) for both men and women via www.WAGR.com. The USGA and The R&A will assume responsibility for the ranking following agreement with EDGA, which created the comprehensive and independent Ranking for Golfers with Disability in 2014. Further information for golfers and tournament organizers wishing to register their details with the World Ranking for Golfers with Disability will be made available later this year.

#inviteHer campaign taking off

Through the efforts of the WE ARE GOLF, Women's Task Force and the LPGA Women's Network, we are excited to announce the launch of the #inviteHER campaign. The nation-wide campaign is aimed at encouraging golfers to invite women in their lives to join them in playing golf.

Following the launch of #inviteHER, the intent is to build out the campaign to include a broader audience of industry partners, influencers, facilities and golf professionals in the coming months. The #inviteHER initiative is not meant to be a one-time campaign, but rather an ongoing initiative to encourage more women to get into the game.

You can learn more about #inviteHER by visiting inviteHER.com.

Las Vegas World Am is set for Feb. 25-28 at a variety of courses


With temperatures in late February averaging a comfortable 65 degrees, Las Vegas is ready to welcome participants to the 2019 Las Vegas World Amateur golf tournament Feb. 25-28.

New for this year - an opportunity to pick your first-round playing partner regardless of division or flight, plus an opportunity to play the fourth day at the championship venue - even if you don't qualify for the final. This will be first come first served with a limit of 24 players and at a discounted price. Courses this year include the opening round at Chimera Golf Club (formerly Tuscany), both the Lexington and Concord courses at Revere, with the Championship held at Royal Links.

The \$600 entry fee includes 54 holes of net stroke tournament play on a different course each day, a tee prize worth over \$200 including \$100 of credit at Las Vegas Golf & Tennis, a welcome/scoring party on Monday and a championship reception on Wednesday after the final regular round.

Early bird tournament entry deadlines, at 5 p.m. January 30th.

The Las Vegas World Amateur is a handicapped event open to all golfers of all skill levels - men, women, young, and old - anyone with a valid USGA Handicap Index (issued by a licensed club or federation). It features six competitive age-based divisions, and golfers are flighted by handicaps within each division. Each flight winner advances to the championship round to determine the world champion. Participants are guaranteed to play a different course every day. For more information or to register for this fun-filled five-day event, visit www.VegasWorldAm.com


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Twin Lakes: Country Club experience to try in the south Puget Sound area

If you are looking for the right place to host a company function or plan a wedding, then Twin Lakes Golf and Country Club in Federal Way is the place you should take a closer look at.

Of course, there's the golf at Twin Lakes. Eighteen holes of championship golf with holes cut through tall Pacific Northwest trees and views from the back nine of Puget Sound that are spectacular. But that is on the course.

Off the course, Twin Lakes has plenty to offer. From the clubhouse which can host functions of up to 220 people to the outdoor wedding area, Twin Lakes is a place that offers a wide range of banquet space. From banquets to weddings to class reunions to anniversary parties, Twin Lakes has the space and the staff to make an event special.

"We have a lot to offer for people who are look-

ing for a place to have a first-class function," said General Manager Dave Hobson. "We can make your event match your vision."

Twin Lakes is a private club and if you are looking to join, the price is right. Junior proprietary memberships start at \$175 per month while individual proprietary memberships start at \$280 per month. The first three months when you join Twin Lakes are at \$70.

"You get a lot out of your membership when you join Twin Lakes," said Hobson. "This is a place where you can come in and enjoy a nice paced round of golf and a cold beverage with all the comforts of home."

For more information about Twin Lakes, see the web site www.twinlakesgolf.net or call 253.838.0432.



Twin Lakes Golf and Country Club in Federal Way, Wash. offers a country club experience on and off the course.



Troon North in Scottsdale offers a pair of championship courses, operated by Troon Golf.

Troon Golf offers plenty of variety when it comes to golf in Arizona

When traveling to Arizona to play golf, there are the "must play courses" and then there are the must plays. But with over 300 courses throughout the state, how's a club-packing golfer to decide where to tee it up? The answer is easy, visit www.TroonGolfAZ.com first. Here you can gather course information, book tee times, checkout stay and play packages and more.

Troon Golf-managed courses offer industry-leading consistency in service and surface. Simply put, if you're playing a Troon property, you know it's going to be awesome. The directory of courses in the Troon Golf portfolio in the Phoenix, Scottsdale and Tucson areas reads like a list of the state's top golf courses – and for good reason, they are. Troon Golf properties throughout Arizona include: Ak-Chin Southern Dunes Golf Club, Boulders Resort & Spa, Golf Club of Estrella, Lookout Mountain Golf Club, The Phoenician, Poston Butte Golf Club, Sewailo Golf Club, SunRidge Canyon Golf Club, Troon North Golf Club, The Westin Kierland Golf Club, Whirlwind Golf Club at Wild

Horse Pass and more. All of these Troon-managed properties are set in stunning locations and capture the essence of the American Southwest. From the magnificence of the Boulders in Carefree and Troon North in Scottsdale, to the Sonoran Desert beauty of SunRidge Canyon in Fountain Hills and Whirlwind Golf Club in Chandler, each course has its own unique way of leaving you speechless and amazed.

In addition to delivering on beauty, incredible service and outstanding playing surfaces, Troon's Arizona properties are focused on making the game of golf more fun. For example, The Westin Kierland Golf Club offers guests the option of playing on Golf Boards, Golf Bikes or Segways. For golf traditionalists, Kierland also offers the option of playing with a caddie. If you're spending more than just a few days playing golf in the Arizona sun, think about purchasing an Arizona Troon Card for additional savings. Troon Cards, available as TwoSome or FourSome Cards.

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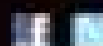
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Here are some tips to try if you want to try some winter golf

Here are some tips to keep in mind when playing golf in winter:

- Walking instead of riding will help you keep warm.
- Become Tommy Two Gloves - winter gloves have improved considerably in recent years and they can still have a good feel. Carry a hand warmer in your pocket.
- Cold golf balls don't travel as far as warm balls. Play with two balls – keep one in your pocket with the hand warmer and alternate holes with the balls. Lower compression balls travel further and feel better in cold weather.
- Know your club distances and remember that distances are significantly less in cold weather. Your ball will not get the roll-out like summer so it would be a good idea to move forward one teebox to account for the difference in yardage.
- You will likely not get any run on green ap-

proaches so factor this into your club choice. Greens will be softer so adjust your approach shots to accommodate for less runout.

- Also, greens will be slower in winter as they will not be mowed down to summer levels for the health of the grass.
- On long shots from rough consider using a rescue club as this cuts through the wet grass more effectively than an iron.
- By all means, use winter rules (known as preferred lies) to your advantage. Many courses use a local rule that allows clubs to extend free relief to anywhere through the green in extremely poor conditions. If this rule is in place, then you are entitled to free relief in the rough. Remember to pick up your ball when relocating it and not use your club to move it. Normally the preferred lie rule is limited to fairways only. If you are playing in a tournament find out how far you can move your ball as some

Don't expect to have the same scores you shoot during the summer. You can expect to add about 5 or 6 more shots to your score due to winter conditions. As you probably know, drinking alcohol lowers your body temperature so you might want to carry an insulated bottle of coffee.

courses use six inches and other allow a full club length.

- As winter golf requires more clothes, your swing will not be the same as your summer swing. Dress with several light layers and if it's not raining, wear a vest instead of a heavy outer layer. Be sure you have dry footwear as wet feet can put a damper on your round. You might want to check out Oregon Mudders.

The advantage of winter golf is the lack of congestion on the tees and lower rates. Take into account the shorter days when making teetime reservations. Cloudy days will get dark earlier than

clear days.

Don't expect to have the same scores you shoot during the summer. You can expect to add about 5 or 6 more shots to your score due to winter conditions. As you probably know, drinking alcohol lowers your body temperature so you might want to carry an insulated bottle of coffee or other hot beverage.

Finally, as the temperatures drop, care for golf course turf is especially important so please replace your divots and ball marks. Keep in mind that the grass is not growing like it does in warm weather and divots are very slow to heal - so make sure you take care of the turf when you are playing.

Marriott and Hilton both offers terrific choices at Hawaii's Waikoloa Beach Resort

If you are looking for a place with plenty of golf and even more places to stay, look no further than the Waikoloa Beach Resort, located north of Kona on the Big Island.

There are two courses to choose from, with the King's and Beach courses, plus there are over 3,000 room options, varying from two upscale hotels and seven condos and vacation home properties. There is a Hilton property and Marriott property both on the Resort sit. The Hilton Hotel features swimming pools, a chance to swim in a dolphins lagoon, plus a chance to take a tram or boat to your room after check in. The Marriott Hotel is located on the beautiful Anaehoomalu Bay where one can enjoy sunsets, plus wander through the ancient Kuualii and Kahapapa Fishponds. Waikoloa Beach Resort is a vast property. It sits on 1,350 acres and has more than 30 dining options, two shopping centers, the

two golf courses, two resort hotels and plenty of entertainment and outdoor activities. The resort has landed in the top 10 as a "Top U.S. Destination for Vacation Rental Stays" according to Trip Advisor. What makes the resort special is it's The Queens' MarketPlace and Kings' Shops, both complete with varieties of shops of all variety plus and restaurants.

The golf courses are both popular with visitors and locals.

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Fitzsimons, Hill will be inducted into Pacific NW Section PGA Hall of Fame

Pat Fitzsimons of LaQuinta, CA and Dan Hill of Broadmoor Golf Club in Seattle will be formally inducted into the Pacific Northwest Section PGA Hall of Fame on April 26 during the Pacific Northwest Golf Hall of Fame induction ceremony at Inglewood GC.

Pat Fitzsimons has a distinguished playing record that includes winning the Northwest Open (three times), the Pacific Northwest PGA Professional Championship (three times), the Oregon Open (twice) and the Al C. Giusti Memorial (twice).

These titles span 27 years of consistently impressive play. Only three Northwest professionals hold more titles and they are all Hall of Fame members. Fitzsimons played on two Hudson Cup teams as an amateur, 10 as a professional and four as a senior professional. His record in the professional matches is an impressive 20-4-4. He was the PGA Tour's 1975 Glen Campbell Los Angeles Open champion and played in two Masters. Fitzsimons served as the Head Professional at Prineville CC, The Oregon Golf Club and The Cedars on Salmon Creek. A renowned teacher, he taught students at Salem Golf Club and was an instructor to his fellow professionals at PGA Teaching Workshops.

Dan Hill, Director of Golf and Operations at Broadmoor Golf Club, has a career of unparalleled service to his fellow professionals. He served 13 consecutive years in PGA governance, highlighted by his role as President of the Pacific Northwest Section PGA

from 2009-2010. Hill's duties moved to the National level from 2014-2016, when he served on the PGA of America's National Board of Directors.

A passionate advocate of education throughout his entire career, he has led education committees at the chapter, section and national level, including serving as Chair of the National Education Committee. Hill has achieved the PGA's highest certification level in becoming a PGA Master Professional. Honored by his peers, he was the 2010 Pacific Northwest Section Golf Professional of the Year and a six-time Pacific Northwest Section Merchandiser of the Year.

2018 Players of the Year announced

The Pacific Northwest Section PGA has announced that Russell Grove, Jeff Coston and Shane Prante have been named Players of the Year for 2018.

- Russell Grove: Grove won the PNW PGA Championship in 2018 and was second at the Northwest Open Invitational. He earned a spot in next year's PGA Professional Championship.

- Jeff Coston: Was a double winner taking the Senior Players Championship and the Senior Oregon Open Invitational. Will play in the KitchenAid Senior Professional Championship.

- Shane Prante: Won the Northwest Open Invitational and also had three second-place finishes along the way during 2018.

Did you know....

• Start planning for the 2019 golf season. Follow the WSGA (@thewsga) on Facebook, Twitter and Instagram for golf and championship news from around Washington and northern Idaho. There are plenty of championships to choose from and many are set on the schedule for 2019 already. See thepga.org for more



• The LPGA Tour is in good hands when it comes to playing in the Portland area. The Cambia Portland Classic will have the same sponsor through at least the 2020 season after Cambia agreed to an extension of the tournament at Columbia Edgewater Country Club.



Tour Players With Northwest ties

PGA Tour

- Kevin Chappell • Kirkland • 65th on the list with \$257,024
- Ben Crane • Portland • 173rd on the list with \$33,979
- Joel Dahmen, Clarkston • 87th on the list with \$193,769
- Robert Garrigus • Gresham • 155th on the list with \$49,456
- Ryan Moore • Puyallup • 22nd on the list with \$626,960
- Cheng Tsung Pan • Ex-UW • 53rd on the list with \$318,215
- Andrew Putnam • Tacoma • 36th on the list with \$465,189
- Kyle Stanley • Gig Harbor • 75th on the list with \$226,220
- Nick Taylor • Ex-UW • 136th on the list with \$77,525
- Aaron Wise • Ex-Oregon • 63rd on the list with \$267,275
- Andrew Yun • Tacoma • no events
- Alex Prugh • Spokane • 143rd on the list with \$65,260
- Fred Couples • Seattle • 146th on the list with \$23,680

Web.com Tour Finished for the year

- Andres Gonzales • Olympia • No Events
- Scott Harrington • Portland • No Events
- Brock Mackenzie • Yakima • No Events
- Alex Prugh • Spokane • No Events
- Michael Putnam • Tacoma • No Events

Champions Tour

- Fred Couples • Seattle • No Events
- Bob Gilder • Corvallis • No Events
- Brian Henninger • Eugene • No Events
- Peter Jacobsen • Portland • No Events
- Kirk Triplett • Pullman • No Events

Mackenzie Tour (Canada) Finished for the year

- Derek Barron • Puyallup • No Events
- Alistar Docherty • Vancouver, Wash. • No Events
- Chris Killmer • Bellingham • No Events
- Cory Pereira • Ex-UW • No Events
- Chris Williams • Ex-UW • No Events
- Eugene Wong • Ex-Oregon • No Events

LPGA Tour Finished for the year

- Erynne Lee • Silverdale • No Events
- Carolina Inglis • Eugene • No Events
- Jing Yan • Ex-UW • No Events

LPGA Symetra Tour Finished for the year

- Jimin Kang • Seattle • No Events
- Mallory Kent • Seattle • No Events
- Sadena Parks • Tacoma • No Events
- Kim Welch • Ex-WSU • No Events

Tennant, O'Donnell named OGA Players of Year

Lara Tennant (Portland, Ore.) and Pat O'Donnell (Happy Valley, Ore.) have been named the 2018 OGA Golfers of the Year, announced by the Oregon Golf Association.

Both players had outstanding years, adding to their legacy as two of the top senior amateur golfers in the region and country. It's Tennant's second-consecutive Women's Golfer of the Year honor, while O'Donnell has earned Golfer of the Year honors two times prior (2009, 2016).

Tennant, 52, solidified her standing as a top-tier senior women's amateur golfer in 2018. Her season was highlighted by a victory at the U.S. Senior Women's Amateur Championship, an achievement accomplished earlier in the fall. The week included 36-holes of stroke play qualifying, followed by six matches, all in a span of six days.

The Portland native was successful locally this year, as well, defending titles in 2018 at both the Oregon

Senior Women's Amateur and Oregon Women's Mid-Amateur Championships. Tennant also finished second at the California Senior Women's Amateur.

Last month, Tennant was named the 2018 Pacific Northwest Golf Association (PNGA) Senior Women's Player of the Year. She also earned All-Amateur first-team honors in Global Golf Post within the Senior Women's division.

O'Donnell, 65, continues to perform at a high level when playing in both senior and amateur events throughout the northwest. In 2018, O'Donnell was again victorious at the Oregon Senior Men's Stroke Play Championship – his fourth-straight win in the event, and ninth overall Senior Stroke Play victory. O'Donnell also won the Senior Men's title at this year's OGA Tournament of Champions, and finished second at the Oregon Mid-Amateur.

Regionally, O'Donnell finished T3 at the Washington Senior Open.



Lara Tennant

Pacific NW PGA picks Pruitt for post

At the 2018 Pacific Northwest Section PGA Fall Meeting, Howie Pruitt was elected by his peers to the position of Section Secretary. He is the first African-American to hold a section office in the 102-year history of the PGA of America. He was also recently selected by Suzy Whaley, President of the PGA, to serve on the National Membership Committee of the PGA of America. A PGA member since 2007, Howie is the Head Golf Professional and Director of Player Development at Aspen Lakes Golf Club in Sisters, Oregon.

The Pacific Northwest Section PGA includes 1,100 PGA members and associates in Washington, Oregon, Northern Idaho, Western Montana and Alaska. It is the largest geographically of the 41 PGA Sections and the 6th largest by membership. The mission of the organization is to serve the PGA professionals in the Northwest and grow the game of golf. It is a 501(c)(6) non-profit association.

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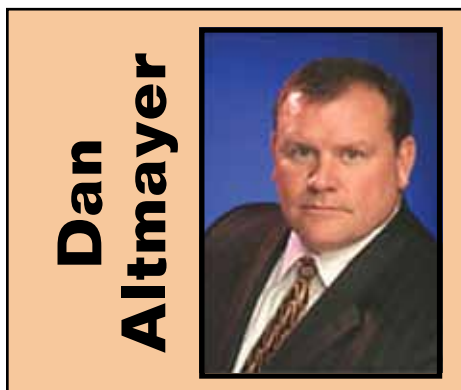
Dan Altmayer: What is smarter paying off debts or investing?

It probably doesn't happen as much as you'd like, but you may occasionally have some extra disposable income. For example, perhaps you have recently received, or will soon receive, a year-end bonus. Or maybe you will get a sizable tax refund in just a few months. Wherever this money comes from, you will want to put it to good use. Should you use the cash to pay down debts or should you invest it instead? There's no simple answer, and everyone's situation is different, but here are a few suggestions for helping you make a good choice:

- Evaluate your cash flow. If you already have enough cash to meet your daily living expenses, you might lean toward investing the money, but if you are just getting by, possibly due to heavy debt payments, then you might be better off using your newfound funds to reduce your debt load. Another way of possibly reducing your debt load is to build an emergency fund containing three to six months' worth of living expenses, with the money kept in a liquid, low-risk account. Once you have such a fund, you could use it, instead of going into debt, to pay for unexpected costs, such as a new furnace or a major car repair.

- Evaluate your debts. Some of your debts are actually more "expensive" to you than others. This expense level doesn't necessarily refer to the size of the debt, however. You might have a large mortgage, for instance, but because your interest payments are typically tax deductible, your "after-tax" interest rate may be relatively modest. Therefore, you might consider using your excess cash for investments, rather than paying down your mortgage. But if you have consumer loans or credit cards that carry a high interest rate and whose interest payments are not deductible, you might be better off paying down this debt.

- Evaluate your investment opportunities. You may have heard that one season or another is a "better" time to invest – but there's really no strong



Dan Altmayer

evidence to support this claim. However, now that we are nearing the end of the calendar year, and only a few months away from the tax-filing deadline on April 15, you may want to take advantage of at least one time-related investment opportunity. Specifically, you could use whatever extra money you have to fully fund your IRA, if you haven't done so already. For the 2018 tax year, you can contribute \$5,500 to a traditional or Roth IRA, or \$6,500 if you are 50 or older. (Depending on your income, you may not be able to contribute the full amount to a Roth IRA.) You've got until the April 15 deadline to fully fund your IRA, but if you have the money sooner, why wait? The quicker it's in your account, the faster it can go to work for you. One final suggestion: If you have a company match as part of your 401(k) or similar retirement plan at work, consider contributing enough to get your employer's full matching contribution before you pay down debts – don't leave this "free money" on the table. Your year-end bonus, tax refund or other source of beyond-the-paycheck money can help you make progress toward your financial goals – so evaluate your situation and options carefully before making any moves. It will be time well spent.

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The Lesson Tee: Make sure you have the right path for the swing



Jeff Coston

Welcomes to 2019. Happy New Year. Wow, I've been writing these articles for "Inside Golf" for almost 25 years. Since I was 10 years old I guess...

I hope you are strategically planning and goal setting to make golf in 2019 enjoyable and with great improvement. Make a plan. It is the best way for tracking your improvement. See a skilled PGA golf instructor regularly to create momentum for improvement. I know one I could recommend. He is at Semiahmoo but I forgot his name.

We have talked in the past about looking at the inside path or track of the golf swing. I gave you the task and skill of spinning the impact bag around the shaft to slot the club from the inside or on the proper plane. This is a must! It is non-negotiable!

This month we are looking at training the hands. Releasing the clubhead. Squaring up the clubface through the hitting area.

If a player can come from the inside and square or release the clubface, they



will hit much higher quality golf shots.

Examine the photo. Watch Meg twist her wrists up the wall through the hitting area. Notice how the back of her left hand twists to the target and up the wall. Notice how her right palm faces the target and wall. It is like hitting a cross court forehand in tennis or ping pong. Most golfers would be better off if they consciously trained their hands to square the clubface through the hitting area.

I feel like I twist the logo on my Nike glove to the ground through the hitting area. I can also feel like I twist the palm of my right hand to the ground through the hitting area. (photo). Doing these drills is important to master the clubface through the hitting area.

Jeff Coston is a former PGA Tour Player. He can be reached for appointment by calling Semiahmoo Resort at 360.201.4590.

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Rules of the Game: With the new rules it's time to take a look at getting relief

Russ Wing

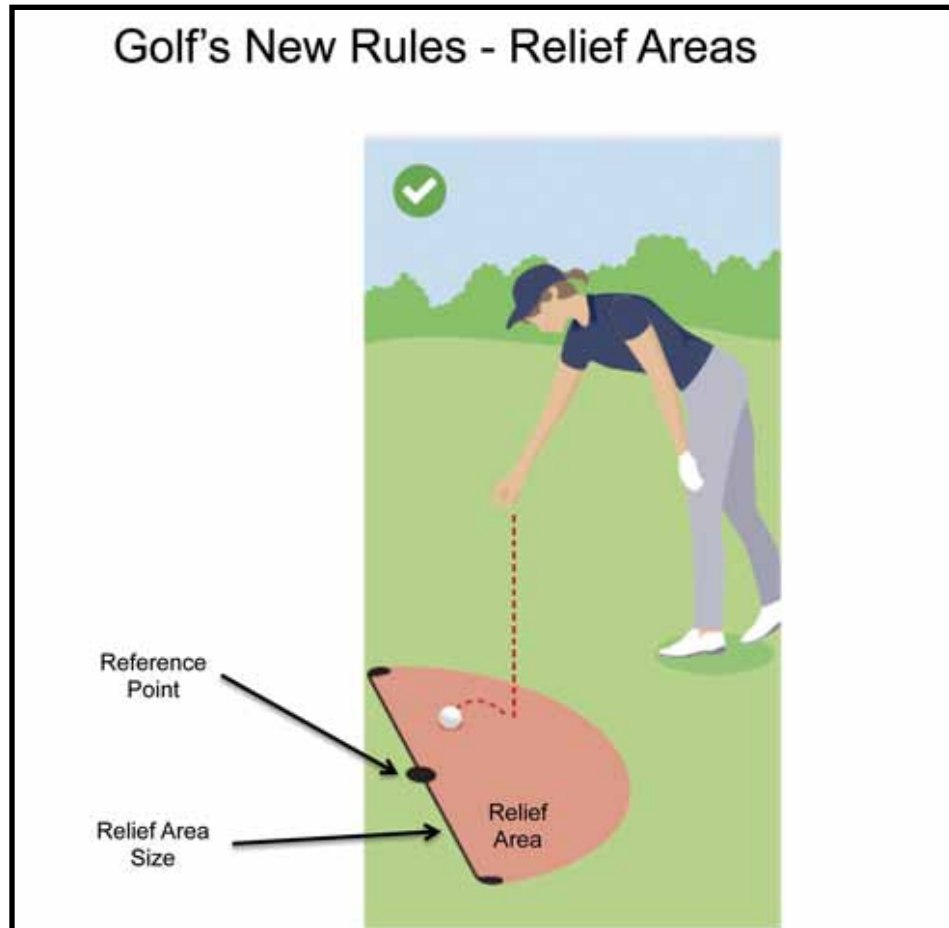


One of the things that's new in the new Rules of Golf is Relief Areas. So let's take a look at Relief Areas.

Any time you take either free relief (such as from an immovable obstruction like a cart path) or penalty relief (such as from a penalty area, formerly called a water hazard) and drop a ball, you need to know where your relief area is. Why? Because the new Rules require you to drop your ball in the relief area, and they require that it come to rest in the relief area. Otherwise, you have not successfully completed the relief procedure, and you could get one or more penalty strokes.

A relief area is always defined by three parameters – a reference point, a size, and some limits. The reference point is defined by the applicable Rule – e.g., the nearest point of complete relief, or where a ball last crossed the edge of a penalty area. The size of a relief area is measured in club-lengths (one or two) from the reference point. The limits vary by Rule, but always specify that a relief area not be closer to the hole than the reference point. The resulting relief area is generally going to have a fractional circle shape, somewhere between a half-circle and a small slice.

The new Rules also specify that a club-length



is always the length of your longest club excluding your putter. For most players, that means the length of their driver (without the head cover). So that's the club you should always use to mark the limits of a relief area.

The diagram accompanying this article shows a player successfully dropping a ball in a relief area. This particular relief area has a size of one club-length. And while your relief areas won't be drawn out nice and neat on the ground like in the

diagram, you can and should use tees to mark the reference point, the lateral limits and the back limits of the relief area.

The astute reader will notice that the player dropped the ball from knee height (not shoulder height) as specified in the new Rules. And when she dropped the ball, it landed in and came to rest in the relief area as called for in the new Rules.

So get to know Relief Areas, because they are an important part of the new Rules.

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