

INSIDE GOLF NEWSPAPER

Half Lion Public House makes an impact at Riverbend Course

The owners of Half Lion Brewery in Sumner, Wash. decided to get into the golf business by opening its Half Lion Public House at Riverbend Golf Course in Kent. The results? So far, so good. Golfers like what they see before and after rounds and families also like what they see. See inside for more.



WHAT'S NEW IN NW GOLF

Las Vegas Amateur offers winter tournament action

If you are looking for another winter tournament escape from the Pacific Northwest, the Las Vegas World Amateur is set for Feb. 24-26 at some of the top courses in Las Vegas.

The three-day tournament will be held at the Revere Golf Club's Lexington and Concord courses (pictured below) as well as Chimera Golf Club. The tournament is open to golfers of all handicaps.

The entry fee of \$525 includes the three tournament rounds of golf, golf carts and range balls each day, a welcome party, tournament awards banquet and more.

For more information on the Las Vegas World Amateur, call 206.818.4653.



Palm Springs tournament is set for January dates

If you need to get some competitive golf fix during the Pacific Northwest winter months, the second annual Palm Springs Golf Championships might just be what you are looking for.

The tournament will feature a gross and net division and packages include just golf or both golf and lodging.

The gross division will play the PGA West Courses, including Norman, Nicklaus and Stadium. These courses are the site of the PGA Tour event that will be played that month. The net division will play the La Quinta Resort Dunes and Mountain courses plus the Missions Hills CC AP Course.

There will be an afternoon horse race, daily skills competitions, an optional honey pot and awards dinner and ceremony.

For more information call 206.351.3704.

Rules Quiz

Your ball has come to rest on the putting green. You mark and clean your golf ball. After you replace it in front of your mark and walk away the ball inexplicably moves a couple feet towards the hole. Now what? See answer on page 2 of this section of Inside Golf Newspaper.

Bandon Dunes Sheep Ranch course will open in June 2020

Over the past year, the world-class design team of Coore & Crenshaw have been working tirelessly to bring the Par-71, 6,785 yard 18-hole layout to life. Co-founded by Phil Friedmann and Mike Keiser, the Sheep Ranch was for many years a mysterious golf landscape just north of Bandon Dunes Golf Resort.

Located on Five Mile Point, and originally designed by Tom Doak in 2001 while he worked on Pacific Dunes, the property will be renovated for full public use in conjunction with the adjacent Bandon Dunes property.

With one mile of ocean frontage, nine green sites right along the edge of the continent, and stunning Pacific Ocean views on every hole, Sheep Ranch will continue the legacy of "Golf As It Was Meant to Be" on the Pacific Coast.

It will mark the fifth course at the resort, which also has Bandon Dunes, Pacific Dunes, Old Macdonald, Bandon Trails and The Preserve.

For information call (855) 220-6710.



Bandon Dunes Resort on the Oregon Coast is expected to open up its Sheep Ranch Course in June of 2020.

Glendoveer offers two options for fall/winter golf

Portland's Glendoveer Golf Course is a golf and tennis complex with two 18-hole courses to choose from. The courses are challenging with some tight tree-lined fairways. Winter rates are a great bargain. Both courses are easy to walk but carts and GolfBoards are available to rent. There is a heated and lit double-decker driving range. See inside for more.



Professionals, amateurs are fit to be tied at the Hudson Cup

The top professionals and top amateurs from the Pacific Northwest finished in a 10-10 tie at the 71st Hudson Cup matches, which were played at Arrowhead Golf Club in Molalla, Ore.

In the 28th annual Senior Hudson Cup, the amateurs came out on top 10 1/2-9 1/2.

In the regular Hudson Cup matches, the amateurs led by one point after the first day before the professionals won the singles matches 5 1/2-4 1/2 to tie event. Winners for the professionals included Tim Feenstra, Scott Erdmann, David Phay, Ryan Benzel and Brian Thornton (pictured near right). Amateur winners were Reid Hatley, David Hansen, Robbie Ziegler, Jake O'Neal and Chase Carlson.

Amateur Tom Brandes (pictured far right) led the team to a one-point victory over the seniors in the Senior Hudson Cup matches.



Brian Thornton



Tom Brandes

Pacific Northwest connection won't give up on trying to bring PGA Tour to the area

Pacific Northwest Golf Association Executive Director Troy Andrew and Q13 Sports Director Aaron Levine one day decided to see what it would take to bring the PGA Tour to the Puget Sound area. On paper, it was a great idea. The market was starved for professional golf, as evidenced by the huge crowds at the 2015 U.S. Open at Chambers Bay and the sizeable crowds at the PGA Tour Champions Boeing Classic.

So, why not see if the PGA Tour could make a regular stop to the Puget Sound area.

Andrew and Levine started the ball rolling back in 2017 when they talked to the PGA Tour about the possibility of an event in the 2019 season. In fact, PGA Commissioner Jay Monahan told the two to see what they could find out about the area hosting a tournament in the fall of 2019.

The idea seemed great. An area that had only hosted special big-time events like the PGA Championship, the NEC Invitational and the U.S. Open might get into the rotation for a PGA Tour event. Andrew and Levine had looked at the Home Course and Tacoma Country and Golf Club as possible venues. The wheels seemed to be in motion.

But a call from the PGA Tour put the brakes on the idea. Jody Brothers from the PGA Tour said after meeting with the PGA Tour Champions representatives, the tour did not want a PGA Tour event in the same market as the Boeing Classic, which is held every August at the Golf Club at Snoqualmie Ridge.

It seems a natural fit for the Puget Sound area to be the home for a PGA Tour stop. There are several players on the PGA Tour from the Pacific Northwest - and many are among the top players. The big tournaments in the past have proven to be big draws in the area. And the PGA Tour is always looking for new markets, in fact new tournaments in Minneapolis and Detroit were on the schedule for the 2019 season.

But Levine said he is not done trying to bring the PGA Tour to the Puget Sound area. He thinks there is room for both a PGA Tour stop and a PGA



Steve Turcotte

Tour Champions event. And he might be right, the two tournaments would be more than 50 miles apart and likely at different times of the year. But his goal is a PGA Tour event, and you never know, it just might happen.

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Q13 Sports Director Aaron Levine.



The 2015 U.S. Open at Chambers Bay may be the closest thing the Puget Sound area gets to a PGA Tour event.



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Double Bogey



Harold Bluestein PGA



Rules Answer

• Answer: The ball must be replaced. (Rule 14.2) If the player's ball on the putting green moves after the player had already lifted and replaced the ball on the spot from which it moved: The ball must be replaced on its original spot (which if not known must be estimated) (see Rule 14.2). This is true no matter what caused it to move (including natural forces). The opposite would be true had you not had the opportunity to mark the ball yet. In that case the ball would be played as it lies.

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

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Heading north? Loomis Trail is a great option for some fall golf

When the Lummi Nation, a local indian tribe, bought Loomis Trail Golf Club in Blaine, Wash. more than a year ago, there was no doubt there would be some terrific changes on the way. Now, after a year of ownership, some of those changes are taking hold.

And those are the types of changes that will make Loomis Trail a great option for some fall and winter golf when you make the getaway north toward the border.

“We are thrilled to have the opportunity to showcase such a beautiful property like Loomis Trail,” said General Manager Josh Williams. “The ownership, the Lummi Nation are committed to bringing Loomis to its full potential and we are starting to see the results from the proper

practices we are putting into place.”

One of the biggest changes the new ownership has put into place is the sanding program and monitoring and repairing drainage to make sure the course is in top shape during the fall and winter months. At Loomis Trail, they are hoping that golfers don’t put the clubs away for the winter months, instead taking the trip north to see the changes at the course has made to make it even more playable.

The addition of the course gives the Lummi Nation Tribe an added amenity to its Silver Reef Casino Resort, which is located 13 miles south of the golf course.

For more information on what Loomis Trail has to offer see www.golffloomis.com.



Loomis Trail is now owned by the Lummi Nation Indian Tribe, which also owns the Silver Reef Casino.

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If it's November in the NW, it's time to stop local posting; Bellevue junior golfer is named Scholastic All-American

It's that time of the season for golfers in the Pacific Northwest. As of the middle of November it is no longer allowed to post scores at courses shot around the Pacific Northwest. The non-posting time will run through the end of February.

The reason for the non-posting of scores at golf courses in the Pacific Northwest is because of Mother Nature and the fact that all courses play what is called Winter Rules during the months of November through March.

However, if you travel outside of the Pacific Northwest to places like Hawaii and Arizona, you can still post those scores.

Bellevue junior Scholastic All-American

Ian Siebers of Bellevue, Washington, has been named an AJGA Scholastic Junior All-American by the American Junior Golf Association. Since 1988, the team has recognized 12 young men and 12 young women who demonstrate the ability to excel both on the golf course and in the classroom.

"These 24 students exemplify sportsmanship on the golf course and citizenship in their schools at the highest level," said Stephen Hamblin, AJGA Executive Director. "By celebrating this great accomplishment we are helping to fulfill our mission of developing golf's next generation."

Ian Siebers: Bellevue, Washington | Class of 2020 | Bellevue High School

- GPA: 4.58
- SAT: 1520
- Best 2019 finish: T4, PING Heather Farr Classic
- Community Involvement: Bethany Presbyterian Church Sunday School volunteer, Bethany Presbyterian Church - Praying Pelican Ministries volunteer on mission trip to Costa Rica, captain of high school varsity golf team, high school band trumpet section leader

To be eligible to apply for the AJGA Scholastic Junior All-America Team, applicants must be high

school juniors or seniors with a top finish in an AJGA Open or Invitational event (boys: top 10, girls: top five). After qualifying, selections were based on the following criteria (in order of importance): standardized test scores, GPA, school leadership and community service. The AJGA uses an adjusted GPA scale to systematically compare applicants.

The AJGA Scholastic Junior All-America Team will be honored at the Rolex Junior All-America Awards Banquet, November 24, at PGA National Resort & Spa in Palm Beach Gardens, Florida. By being named to the team, each player is also eligible to participate in the Rolex Tournament of Champions, one of the most prestigious events in junior golf, which will take place on PGA National Resort & Spa's Champion and Fazio Courses, November 23-28. Four duos qualified for 2020 men's and women's national championship four-ball competitions in USGA qualifiers played Monday, Oct. 14 at Willamette Valley Country Club in Canby.

More NW teams qualify for Four-Ball

Two spots in the national championships were up for grabs in each qualifier. Next year the U.S. Amateur Four-Ball is set for May 22-27, 2020 at Philadelphia Cricket Club in Philadelphia, Pa., while the U.S. Women's Amateur Four-Ball will be held April 25-29, 2020 at Quail Creek Country Club in Naples, Fla.

In the women's qualifier, it was the venerable duo of Amanda Jacobs and Gretchen Johnson who took medalist honors, combining for six birdies en route to their 4-under par 68.

They were joined by Ellen Port and Lara Tennant, who posted a 3-under par 69, as tandems who qualified for the 2020 national championship.

The pair of Joshua Chen and Trey Pflug took the top spot in the men's qualifier with a 9-under par 63. Pflug posted a 70, while Chen had a 73, but the two combined for nine timely birdies on their way to the win. Mason Bonn and Matteo Polla combined for 8-under par,

as did the tandem of Mateo Fuenmayor and Andrew Reinhardt, which forced a playoff for the second and final qualifying spot. The playoff was suspended until Tuesday due to darkness. When play resumed in the morning, it was Bonn-Polla who recorded a birdie on the first hole to earn a spot in the national championship.

Folsom, Horwood win PNGA crowns

Leslie Folsom of Tukwila, Wash. shot rounds of 73-76 to win the 33rd Pacific Northwest Senior Women's Amateur; while Holly Horwood of Vancouver, B.C. successfully defended her title by winning the 8th Super Senior Women's Amateur, her third consecutive title in this championship.

Both 36-hole championships were held concurrently this week at Kalispel Golf and Country Club in Spokane, Wash., and were conducted by the Pacific Northwest Golf Association (PNGA).

In the Senior Women's Amateur, Folsom went wire-to-wire in her victory, taking the lead in the opening round with an even-par 73, which turned out to be the best round of the two-day championship. Folsom finished one shot ahead of second-place finisher Karen Darrington of Boise, Idaho.

Folsom was named last year's Washington Golf Senior Women's Player of the Year. Earlier this summer, she played in the U.S. Senior Women's Open.

Horwood has now won three titles in a row in the Super Senior. She began the final round in third place, three shots back of first-round leader Phyllis Laschuk, also of Vancouver. But Horwood's solid round of one-over par 74 pushed her to the top of the leaderboard. Laschuk finished the championship in second place, four shots back of Horwood.

New name for WSGA take off

The Washington State Golf Association has re-branded itself as Washington Golf, with the transition

taking effect immediately. The most immediate and visible aspects of the re-branding are the Association's new logo and new website.

In 2015, the Association hired a consultant to guide the organization through its first-ever strategic planning process. A team of leaders within the organization and industry met to discuss, analyze, and create a roadmap for the future.

The result was a five-year plan to ensure fiscal success, membership growth, increased participation, and reestablish the organization as leaders in the golf community.

Earlier this year, the Association partnered with Buffalo. Agency for consultation with the initial phase of the re-branding process. "Their systematic approach and professional consultation through our branding strategy was impressive," said Marilyn Esguerra, Washington Golf director of marketing. "Buffalo Agency helped position us better to serve our mission and be more inviting to all types of golfers in our region."

As completion of the Association's five-year strategic plan nears (in 2020), as well as its upcoming centennial anniversary (2022), the timing is ideal for Washington Golf to further enhance its image across both internal and external communication channels.

GOLFTEC Southcenter remodels

Changes are coming to GOLFTEC Southcenter. The Center is being fully remodeled to take on a new look.

The enhanced remodeled Center will feature an updated interior, new cameras plus enhanced fitting and equipment offerings.

The Center will be closed from October 27th and is scheduled to reopen on November 23rd. During this time, Coaches will be available for outdoor short game and playing lessons. Please contact your Coach to schedule outdoor lessons during the remodel.

Call 206.577.3500 for more information.

Korn Ferry Tour sets dates for 2020; WinCo Portland Open set for Aug. 8-11

The PGA Tour announced the 2020 Korn Ferry Tour schedule, which features 28 tournaments played in 20 states and four countries outside the United States, with the season culminating with the Korn Ferry Tour Finals in August.

The 28 total events are the most since 2010 and will include \$18,850,000 in official prize money, the largest figure on the Korn Ferry Tour in over a decade.

The Pacific Northwest will be well represented on the Korn Ferry Tour. The WinCo Foods Portland Open is set for Aug. 8-11 at Pumpkin Ridge's Witch Hollow Course, and will be the final chance for players to earn one of 25 PGA Tour cards for 2021. The Albertson's Boise Open will be held Aug. 22-25 at Hillcrest Golf Club, one of the playoff tournaments on the tour.

In addition to announcing the 2020 schedule, a new host was announced for The Bahamas Great Abaco

Classic. Due to the devastating effects of Hurricane Dorian on Great Abaco, the event will now be contested in Nassau at Baha Mar's Royal Blue Golf Club. All proceeds from the newly named Bahamas Great Abaco Classic at Baha Mar will go towards Hurricane Dorian relief efforts in The Bahamas. The tournament will be held the week of January 16-22, a week after The Bahamas Great Exuma Classic at Sandals Emerald Bay opens the 2020 season.

The Royal Blue Golf Club at Baha Mar is a 2017 Jack Nicklaus Signature design, his first layout in The Bahamas. The Baha Mar resort is a 1,000-acre resort complex on the island of New Providence, northwest of The Bahamas' capital, Nassau.

The Korn Ferry Tour will welcome four new events to the 2020 calendar in Louisiana, Texas, Alabama and Maine.

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Cabernet Sauvignon 75%, Merlot 10%, Cabernet Franc 10%, Petite Verdot 5% 2010
Walla Walla - Seven Hills
Delicious currant, plum, roasted peppers and a hint of tobacco create the base of this vibrant wine. The finish has tannins, as well as a creamy chocolate flavor.

Sangiovese 90%, Cabernet Sauvignon 10% 2012
Walla Walla - Dwelley Vineyards
Black currant, cherry and a hint of oak for your senses. The palate comes alive with firm tannins and rich bakers chocolate.

Cabernet Sauvignon, Merlot, Petit Verdot and Grenache 2013
Walla Walla - multiple growers from the valley
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Cabernet Sauvignon 90%, Cabernet Franc 10% 2011
Walla Walla - Elephant Mountain
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Sold out

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Foster Golf Course will add new par-3 course during the NW winter months

Foster Golf Course in Tukwila, Wash. is a popular spot during the spring, summer and fall months. With its various clubs and leagues, Foster Golf Course is a busy place for Pacific Northwest golfers.

But during the winter months, things slow down. That's just the nature of the business with golf in the Pacific Northwest. Rain, wind and shorter days make for an open tee sheet.

General Manager Warren Orr and the staff at Foster is trying to do something about that this winter.

Foster has developed a par-3 course for the second winter in a row - a course which will coincide with its regular 18-hole course. Because golf carts are restricted to the paths during the winter months, a par-3 course with tee boxes next to the cart paths was an idea to try.

"We tried it during a spring tournament and people liked the idea," said Orr. "And we figured this would be a great way for us to get some more play in the winter."

All 18 holes will have tee boxes cut out of the rough near the cart paths. The holes will play from 100 yards to 175 yards. It will be ideal for players who need to ride in a cart, juniors, beginners and anyone else who likes to play winter golf at Foster Golf Course.

Orr said the course will charge \$25 for the new par-3 course, including cart for the par-3 course during the winter months. It is open for play right now.

"We are excited about offering something new for the golfers during the winter months," said Orr.

Golfing with the professionals leaves a lasting impact on a pair of Pacific Northwest juniors

By Brittany Wynne, First Tee

It was the trip of a lifetime for two local First Tee teens, Stephen Dai and Keiki Hofilena, who stepped into the spotlight and showed off the life skills and values learned in First Tee programs as they competed on a national stage with 76 of their peers in the PURE Insurance Championship Impacting The First Tee.

The teens played with confidence and composure as they persevered on one of the toughest and most iconic golf courses in the world, Pebble Beach Golf Links, while being mentored by some of the legends of the game – PGA Tour Champions players. Making it to this unique event was the real prize, especially for these two local teens from First Tee of Greater Seattle.

"Being able to meet so many other First Tee participants who come from very different backgrounds yet share the same love of the game as I do was so amazing," said Dai. "This experience will undoubtedly be one of the most memorable weeks of my life. Every aspect of the trip from playing Pebble Beach to laughing alongside other First Tee participants added up to make this experience so special."

First Tee is a youth development organization dedicated to helping young people build character through the game of golf. The PURE Insurance Championship is one of 10 national opportunities provided by First Tee headquarters to encourage and motivate kids as they progress through the program and toward higher education opportunities.

Dai and Hofilena were paired with PGA Tour Champions professionals, Mark Walker and Paul Goydos, respectively. Even though both nearly missed the cut, they had the opportunity



Stephan Dai



Keiki Hofilena

to meet, play and be mentored by the pros, taking away golf experience and knowledge that extends far beyond the golf course.

"Going to Pebble Beach was amazing, especially since I was able to see a friend from Kansas who I met at the First Tee's Joe Louis Barrow, Jr. Life Skills and Leadership Academy the previous summer," said Hofilena. "Getting to play one of the most famous courses in the world with all the

First Tee participants was beyond amazing."

It's evident that these two are destined for greatness. We look forward to seeing where the future leads these two young people – and know they will carry their First Tee experience along for the journey.

For more information on the tournament and the experience the two Pacific Northwest players had, see the First Tee, visit www.thefirsttee.org.

The Half Lion Public House Is Now Open For Lunch and Dinner at Riverbend Golf Course

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Half Lion finding out that golfers are good for the restaurant business

Half Lion Brewery in Sumner, Wash. opened for business in February 2016. The place was a hit when the doors opened with its specialty beers. Now, the company has found its footing and is now on tap at more than 200 locations from Tukwila to Olympia in the South Puget Sound area.

The Kent City Council approved a 10-year lease deal with Half Lion owners Jason Nelson, Davis Westby and Adam Shay. The Half Lion Public House opened in June. Half Lion also operates the beverage cart at Riverbend.

About that name A couple weeks after brewing the first batch of homebrew David and some friends finished a day of skiing at Crystal Mountain and decided to swing through Enumclaw to give that first beer a try. In those early

days we were brewing at a friends house and they owned a great dane named Tonka. Andy, David's younger brother, was fascinated by Tonka's size. She was such a huge animal! Questions, and beers, were raised, "Why were Great Danes bred to be so large?" Answers, and more beers, were given, "To hunt and kill lions, I think." When it was time to go, everyone hopped into the car to head back home. One of the visiting skiers was puzzled, he was shaking his head and chuckling to himself and everyone started to ask what his deal was. He continued in full seriousness, "So wait... You guys are telling me...that dog is Half Lion?!" In bouncing from conversation to conversation he had confused the hunting of lions conversation into thinking a dog and a lion had been bred to create Great Danes.



Half Lion owns the restaurant at Riverbend Golf Course (above) plus another establishment in Sumner.



You can take your pick of courses at Glendoveer Golf Course in Portland from the two 18-hole courses.

Portland's Glendoveer offers a golfing doubleheader during the fall, winter

Glendoveer is a one-of-a-kind complex with two 18-hole golf courses, a heated and lit double-decker driving range, four indoor tennis courts, racquetball courts, an 18-hole FootGolf course that doesn't interfere with golfers, and a 2-mile walking/jogging path covered with bark chips around the perimeter.

Von Ebert Brewing opened the Glendoveer location in early 2018 and provides the food, beer and spirits. The courses are called the East Course (6,570 yards, par 73) and West Course (6,086 yards, par 72).

Going way back to 1926, Glendoveer opened for play and holds the distinction of being the first 36-hole golf facility in the region. The course has had several owners over the years and each one has made improvements to the

facility.

One of the lease holders, Gillian Recreation, Inc built the clubhouse, tennis courts and driving range. The course is managed by CourseCo.

While neither of the courses are considered long by today's standard, both are lined with tall trees that can make for some tight fairways and what they lack in distance is more than compensated for by the need to be accurate with shots.

Always a great bargain and value, winter rates at the course were put into effect in mid October. For those who want to have a different experience, golf boards are available to rent.

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Bellingham Junior PGA League team comes up just short at national event

The team from Bellingham Country Club calling themselves “The Scrubbs” took part in the 8th annual PGA Junior League Championship at Grayhawk Golf Club in Scottsdale, Ariz.

The Bellingham team finished 2-3 in its Ryder Division missing out on reaching the championship match but did beat teams from Louisiana and Ohio along the way.

The team from Georgia beat Texas in the championship match.

Twelve All-Star Teams of junior golfers ages 14 and under competed in the event. The teams were divided into two divisions – Ryder and Wanamaker – and play each other in a series of round-robin, nine-hole matches, utilizing a two-person, scramble format. After a skills competition each team competed against the five other teams in its division throughout the day over the weekend.

On the final day, the two teams with the best division records met for the national title.

This year, a two-hour highlight show debuted on ESPN2 on Sunday, Nov. 3 stating that ESPN will be the new broadcast network of the PGA Jr. League Championship presented by National Car Rental. For the second year, the Championship’s cub reporter and PGA Jr. League player himself – 11-year-old Warren Fisher of Riverton, Utah – was back to provide his colorful commentary and

updates throughout the weekend of the PGA Junior League Championships.

“The PGA Jr. League Championship presented by National Car Rental is the pinnacle of a fun and exciting postseason for these 12 talented All-Star teams,” said PGA President Suzy Whaley, PGA/LPGA. “Grayhawk Golf Club has helped us create a remarkable experience for the PGA Jr. League All-Stars and their families, and we look forward to welcoming them to Scottsdale.”

Berg-D’Amelio win NW Pro-Am

The team led by PGA Professional Derek Berg of PNW Golf Academy and amateur John D’Amelio of Inglewood GC (Kenmore, WA) won the Pacific Golf & Turf Pro-Amateur Championship by four strokes over the team led by PGA Professional Jared Lambert of Meadow Lakes GC (Prineville, OR) and amateur Alex Plusquellec of Tualatin CC (Tualatin, OR).

The event was held at Pronghorn Resort in Bend with a total of 56 teams taking part. Both the Fazio and Nicklaus courses were used during the event.

The team led by PGA Professional Corey Prugh of Community Colleges of Spokane and amateur Reid Hatley of Hayden Lake CC (Hayden, ID) came in third place.

Tour Players With Northwest ties

PGA Tour

- Kevin Chappell • Kirkland • 141st on the list with \$45,765
- Ben Crane • Portland • 171st on the list with \$18,829
- Joel Dahmen, Clarkston • 52nd on the list with \$246,694
- Robert Garrigus • Gresham • 184th on the list with \$15,375
- Ryan Moore • Puyallup • 32nd on the list with \$410,083
- Cheng Tsung Pan • Ex-UW • 166th on the list with \$19,890
- Andrew Putnam • Tacoma • 168th on the list with \$178,662
- Nick Taylor • Ex-UW • 50th on the list with \$270,382
- Aaron Wise • Ex-Oregon • 158th on the list with \$26,730
- Alex Prugh • Spokane • No Events
- Kyle Stanley • Gig Harbor • 96th on the list with \$106,455
- Scott Harrington • Portland • 15th on the list with \$779,372

Korn Ferry Tour

- Andres Gonzales • Olympia • 91st on the list with \$67,204
- Scott Harrington • Portland • 16th on the list with \$212,749
- Brock Mackenzie • Yakima • 176th on the list with \$22,823
- Michael Putnam, • Tacoma • No Events

Champions Tour

- Fred Couples • Seattle • 31st on the list with \$632,508
- Bob Gilder • Corvallis • 142nd on the list with \$14,216
- Brian Henninger • Eugene • No Events
- Peter Jacobsen • Portland • 148th on the list with \$11,175
- Kirk Triplett • Pullman • 3rd on the list with \$1,575,898

Mackenzie Tour (Canada)

- Derek Barron • Puyallup • 11th on the list with \$48,203
- 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

- Jing Yan • Ex-UW • 41st on the list with \$426,758

LPGA Symetra Tour

- Jimin Kang • Seattle • No Events
- Mallory Kent • Seattle • No Events
- Sadena Parks • Tacoma • No Events
- Jing Yan • Ex-UW • 156th on the list with \$2,540
- Kim Welch • Ex-WSU • 101st on the list with \$10,114
- Erynne Lee • Silverdale • 133rd on the list with \$4,399

Did you know....

• The Washington State Golf Association has re-branded itself as Washington Golf. Founded in 1922, Washington Golf will continue to provide all the core services that make the game great in the region, and will now bring the game forward, promoting “Golf for Everyone” throughout the region’s golf community. Visit their new website – WAGolf.org – for more information.



• The Pacific Northwest Golf Association administers the region’s Pacific Northwest Golf Hall of Fame, honoring players and administers who have made their mark on the golf community. There are currently 69 members in the Hall of Fame, and the PNGA conducts an induction ceremony every two years. Visit the PNGA.org for more information.



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The Lesson Tee: If you are having troubles around the greens, these steps will help to calm your nerves

I have many golfers come to me struggling with their pitching and chipping. Sometimes they even have the yips around the green. After a while these poor images abort their short game and become difficult to overcome.

Step one:

Create a reactive routine that take the conscious mind out of the equation.

If every golfer made "the game of golf" more reactive; took less time and incorporated a subconscious flowing routine on EVERY shot most would not only play better but have more fun!

In your routine: Waggle looking at the target, spend more focus on the target and less time standing and thinking while looking at the ball. I like to imagine Steph Curry shooting a basketball. Let it go! Keep moving! Less thought. Less energy. Less time.

Step two:

Practice landing the ball where you want.

Place a shaft or even a hula hoop on the green and get better at landing the ball where you want. Forget the hole, practice landing the ball where you want.

Step three:

If every golfer leaned more left at address with chest and nose on top of the golf ball, and finished turning on your left hip/leg all would hit their pitches more solid.

Take out the ROOTS of the grass not just the tops of the blades of the grass. (good image) Thump the roots as you turn. (photo 1 and 2)

Step four:

Big key here. Most poor to average pitchers of the golf ball create too many angles with their elbows folding and wrists hinging.

Imagine you have casts on your arms:



In your routine: Waggle looking at the target, spend more focus on the target and less time standing and thinking while looking at the ball. I like to imagine Steph Curry shooting a basketball. Let it go! Keep moving! Less thought. Less energy. Less time.

(photo 1 and 2) and just turn your triangle of your two arms and chest back and through. Remember always start left and finish left. Its like your chest is the hub of the wagon wheel and your arms are the spokes. Keep it moving. Less hinge, less folding of your arms.

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Photo #1



Photo #2

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Dan Altmayer: Might be time to take greater control of your 401(k)

If your employer offers a 401(k) or similar plan, you've got a powerful retirement-savings tool at your disposal. And yet, how well you do with your 401(k) depends greatly on your choices and actions. What steps can you take to maximize the benefits of your plan?

For starters, be aware that your 401(k) may come with what might be called "standard" features, which you should review to determine their applicability to your situation. These features include the following:

- **Default deferral rate** – When you take a job, your employer may automatically enroll you in the company's 401(k) plan and assign a "default" contribution rate – the percentage of your salary you will put in to your 401(k). Many companies choose a default rate of 3 percent, although, in recent years, there has been a move toward higher rates, even up to 6 percent. Unfortunately, too many people don't question their default rate, which could be a problem, especially if it's at the lower end. If you want your 401(k) to ultimately provide you with as many financial resources as possible, you will likely need to contribute as much as you can afford. So, be aware of your default rate, and, if you can possibly afford it, increase that level. And every time your salary goes up, consider boosting your contributions.

- **Investment mix** – When you're automatically enrolled in your 401(k), the amount you might initially contribute isn't the only "off the shelf" feature – you also might be assigned a default investment option. One common default investment is known as a target-date fund, which generally includes a mix of stocks, bonds and cash instruments. Your 401(k) plan provider, or your human resources area, will typically base this mix on your age and projected retirement date. Usually, this fund will grow more conservative over time, reflecting the need to reduce the portfolio's risk as you get nearer to retirement. However, you may not be obligated to stick with the default option.



Most 401(k) plans usually offer several options from which to choose. Ideally, you'd want to spread your investment dollars among a mix of these investments to give yourself the greatest growth potential, given your risk tolerance and time horizon. And always keep in mind that your 401(k) is a long-term vehicle, designed to help you prepare for a retirement that may be decades away. Consequently, try to discipline yourself to look past the inevitable short-term drops in your portfolio.

- **Matching contributions** – If your employer offers a 401(k) matching contribution, you should certainly take advantage of it. Consider this: If your employer matches 50 cents for every dollar you contribute, up to 6 percent of your pay, and you contribute the full 6 percent, you would, in effect, be receiving a 3 percent pay raise (50 percent of 6 percent). That's like a 50 percent rate of return even before you invest this added money.

Taking control of your 401(k) in the ways described above can help go a long way toward getting the most from your plan – and, as a result, may help get you closer to supporting the retirement lifestyle you've envisioned.

Dan Altmayer is an Edward Jones representative in Federal Way, Wash.

Golf travel: Palm Springs, LaQuinta offer terrific winter golf getaway idea

As the holiday set in and you are feeling the rain come down on your deck as you barbecue, your feeling like you need to do some golf travel to feel some warm sunshine I invite you to join me in sunny and warm Palm Springs (most specifically LaQuinta, California) for a golf get away.

Imagine getting on a direct flight from SeaTac and three hours later, you are "teeing it up" in paradise. Palm Springs is one of the perfect feeling golf winter get a way. Palm Springs / LaQuinta average temperature during winter is 60-90* depends on the month you sneak down. Over 120 amazing golf courses in seven towns (called the "Coachella Valley - the 7 towns in the Valley" : Palm Springs, Cathedral City, Palm Desert, Indian Wells, LaQuinta, Indio, Desert Hot Springs, Mecca) make up the area. Each "town" has its own vibe, feel, golf & night life. I have lived here 13 winters and have only played 80 of them. I have many left on my bucket list. In LaQuinta, there are over 20 golf courses within five miles. To get around town you are 20-30 minutes from everything.

My perfect feeling golf get away in LaQuinta: Golf, spa, pool, shopping, restaurant, night life and sun.

From SeaTac, I suggest take an early flight and you will be teeing the ball up before noon.

First day golf itinerary: Golf sun up to sun down. (all day long possibly 18 holes & 27 holes), then late BBQ at the house.

Day two: Golf golf and more golf at beautiful SilverRock Resort. Pool and spa are not bad ideas after two full days of golf. Then later dinner out on the town. My suggestions, El Paseo and LaQuinta have over 30 amazing restaurants. You can go in your flip flops or dress up in a sundress! If you're feeling it, dance the night away. The live music, bands and dance floors are plentiful. Every budget, every taste is minutes away for your fun eve-



ning on the town. A few of my local favorites on El Paseo are: IL Corso, Maestros, Mammy Ginnas, Don Diegos. In LaQuinta, my favorites are: Stuff Pizza, the Grill on Main, Lavenders and the world famous Arnold Palmers - and don't forget the reservation.

Day three: Spa in the AM and pool in the PM (massage right in your rental house or hotel room), sleep in, late breakfast and tee up after lunch (get a great golf tee time discount), golf until the sun goes down. Pack up and head out to the airport. Then take the last flight home to Seattle so you can add a whole day to golf on your way out.

You will feel so refreshed from your an amazing weekend getaway you will want to come back and start planning your next trip on the flight home.

On a future visit, I invite you to look at homes and come be a local for a month or rent for a winter season. You will be glad you found "sunny Palm Springs / LaQuinta, California" as your weekend getaway spot.

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Rules of the Game: With the local rules, who decides which ones to put into play

Pat Campbell



An e-mail arrives from a local 18 hole group wanting to adopt the following local rule:

'If your ball is on a tree root or your club will contact a root during your stroke; you may, with free relief, drop your ball within one club length.'

Sounds reasonable, no one wants to damage their club, right? If only it was that simple...

The problem is that in its current wording this is not a local rule authorized by the USGA and that is an important consideration. (For those of you dealing with exposed tree roots on the fairway and adjacent rough, see Model Local Rules F9-1 and F9-2.)

It's tempting to ask why a group somewhere else should tell folks how to play on their local course. One of the goals of the USGA is to equalize the experience of many golfers each playing their own unique game on any given golf course in order to establish equitable handicaps. To do that we have to apply the Rules of Golf in order to arrive at a score that is comparable to submit for handicap purposes. To accommodate conditions specific to a course or a season, the USGA has approved a number of local rules (check USGA.org for a complete list) that a group may adopt; think lift, clean and place in unusually muddy conditions.

The USGA is understandably reluctant to authorize local rules that circumvent the Rules of Golf



such as the one outlined. Trees and tree roots are common landscape features on many golf courses and playing with and around them is an expected challenge of the game.

Another unauthorized 'local' rule that is used by some groups is a penalty area with a dropping area on the 'green side' of the penalty area - think of a creek with a dropping zone across the water like the one shown in the photo. Again, penalty areas are a common feature of many golf courses and navigating them is part of course management.

Given that, would one expect the USGA to authorize the use of these two local rules? Not likely, but you can always submit them if you feel you have

a perspective the USGA may not have considered.

Having said all that, the question to ask first is, 'Why am I playing today?'

If it is for fun and fresh air, why bother keeping score? If you aren't keeping score, you don't need to apply the Rules of Golf, so foot wedge all you want from trees, roots and divots.

If you need to keep score to establish or apply a handicap (such as in a competition), the Rules of Golf must be applied.

Knowing the Rules of Golf will give you the confidence to correctly identify the rule that applies to the situation you face and the options available. That alone will help lower your handicap.



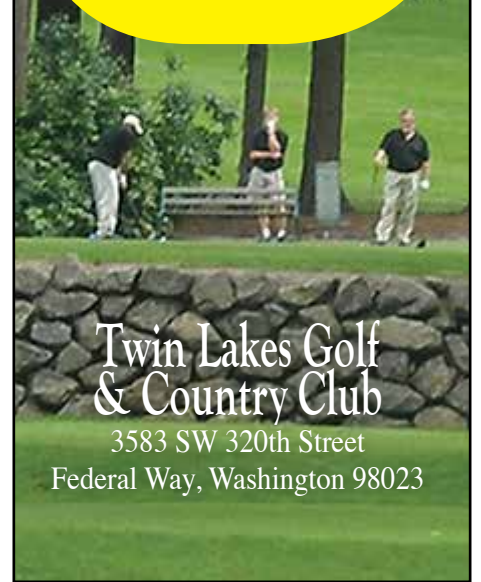
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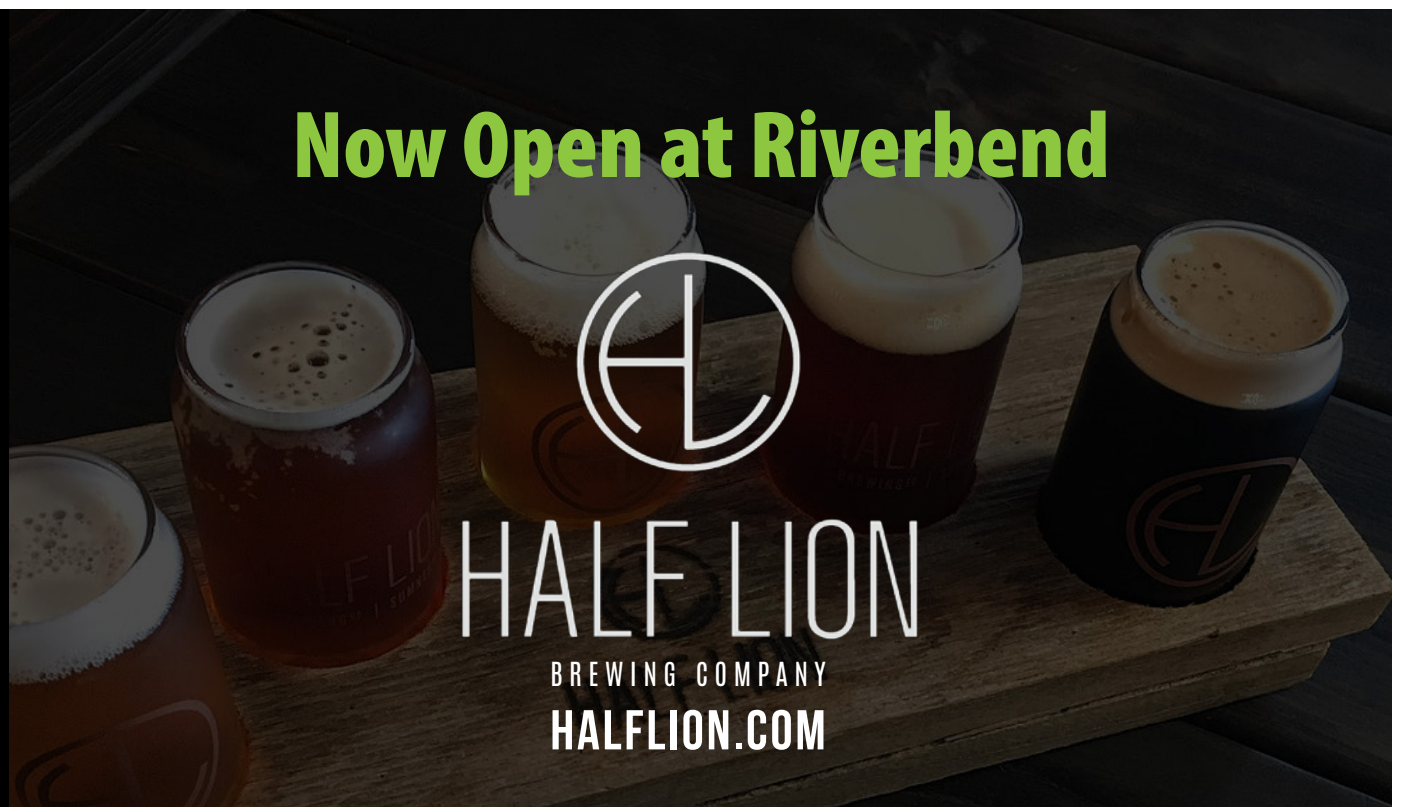
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