

# INSIDE GOLF NEWSPAPER

## Northwest Washington: There is no shortage of terrific golf

Northwest Washington has long been known for a variety of outdoor pursuits from mountain climbing to hiking to fishing. But don't forget about the golf. With places like Loomis Trail (pictured right), there are plenty of places in Northwest Washington that offer some terrific tests of golf. For more on Northwest Washington, please see inside this section of Inside Golf.



## WHAT'S NEW IN NW GOLF

### Myrtle Beach World Am will feature 3,000 golfers

Registration is now open for the Myrtle Beach World Amateur, which will be played Aug. 31-Sept. 4 at some of Myrtle Beach's top golf courses. Entry fee is \$435 for four rounds of golf and much more if players sign up by June 11.

More than 3,000 golfers from around the world are expected to play in this year's event - including golfers from all 50 states.

There will be \$25,000 in prizes to be won and there will be nearly 70 flights for men, women and seniors.

In addition, the tee gift bag will feature \$300 in value and the winners of each of the flights in the tournament qualify for a fifth round, which is the championship round for flight winners.

For more information, see the web site [www.myrtlebeachworldam.com](http://www.myrtlebeachworldam.com).

### Professional events are still on the way to the NW

If you want to check out professional golf in the Pacific Northwest, there are plenty of opportunities to do just that.

- **The WinCo Foods Portland Open** will have the top players from the Korn Ferry Tour playing at Pumpkin Ridge's Witch Hollow Golf Club Aug. 6-9. The top 25 from the money list after this event qualify for the PGA Tour for 2021.

- **The Boeing Classic**, part of the PGA Tour Champions, will have hometown favorite Fred Couples as part of the field for the Aug. 21-23 event at the Snoqualmie Ridge Golf Club.

- **The Cambia Portland LPGA Classic** will feature the top players from the LPGA Tour at Columbia Edgewater Country Club with newly rescheduled dates of Sept. 17-20.



Spokane's Alex Prugh to play the WinCo Foods Open.

## Rules Quiz

You have hit your ball into bad country. After searching for a couple minutes you kick your ball and move it in the rough. What do you do now?

Please see the answer on Page 2.

# Northwest golf: Golfers beginning to figure out the new normal to tee it up

When golf finally opened back up in Washington, golfers had to get used to a new normal. Gone were the days of heading to the pro shop, throwing some cash on the counter and getting a tee time.

These are different times. Most courses are requiring tee times in advance and only credit cards for payment of greens fees at the front counter. Plastic shields have been set up at the counter and many shops are limiting the number of golfers who can come through the door.

On the course, it is not business as usual either.

There are flags in the holes on the greens but the cups are filled with foam so the ball doesn't go to the bottom of the cup. And golfers have been told not to touch the flags. And don't worry about raking the bunkers. There are no rakes for the bunkers.

When the state of Washington opened back up for play, only twosomes were allowed, unless the group lived in the same house. So if a family of four wanted to play, they could play together. If you want to rent a golf cart, you could only ride by yourself unless you had a household family member with you. And many courses were using several minutes between tee times to space the golfers out on the course.

Welcome to the new normal.



## Auburn Golf Course turns 50



Since opening in 1970, Auburn Golf Course has always been one of the most popular courses in the Pacific Northwest. The course sits along the Green River and features some challenging including the 16th, a par-3 with a waterfall and pond. For more, please see inside this section of Inside Golf Newspaper.

## Muckleshoot Washington Open getting tourney dates moved to August

With golf events across the country and the Pacific Northwest being postponed or cancelled altogether, the Muckleshoot Washington Open at Meridian Valley Country Club in Kent has moved its date to Aug. 1-2 for Pro-Am and Aug. 3-4 for tournament.

The tournament is moving from its original dates back in April. There will be a two-day Pro-Am benefiting the Folds of Honors Aug. 1-2 before the tournament begins on Aug. 3-4. It will be a two-round tournament instead of a three-round event.

Another major championship on the schedule is still set for July 14-15 with the Oregon Open at Arrowhead Golf Club in Molalla, Ore. This tournament will also be a two-round event, instead of the usual three rounds.

The Northwest Open will be held Aug. 17-19 at Walla Walla's Wine Valley Golf Club.

The Rosauers in Spokane was cancelled.

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



Meridian Valley in Kent will host the Washington Open.



# It's great to be back on the course, but for a talker it makes it hard to socialize

The one thing I love about golf is that it can be such a social game for me. I know some of my buddies who I play with think I talk too much, or make way too much on the course, but the game has always been social to me.

From riding in a golf cart with a buddy with the music playing and the beers flowing or to walking down the fairways, pushing my cart and chatting my buddy up along the way, golf has always been a way to get together with friends, have a good time for a few hours and play some golf.

We are back playing golf now, but man, is it different. For a talkative social person like me, it is way different.

It all starts with the pro shop. It's usually fun to head into the shop, check in, talk to the crew behind the counter for a while and then head to the tee. These days, there are notes on the door which limits people in the shop and also limits your time spent in the shop.

OK, no big deal. I can get my talk on as we head to the first tee. Not so fast. If you want to ride, it's solo time in the cart, unless you are playing with someone who lives in your house. Tried that. Boring. I played my music, had some beers along the way but I couldn't be the chatterbox I usually am. In fact, that brings back a story from a while ago when I played with a buddy and he brought along a friend. About five holes in, the friend asked his buddy "does that guy ever shut up?"

The answer is no.

So instead of the cart, I have walked most rounds. With this social distancing thing, you can still walk and talk but it's hard to talk that far away without making it seem like you are yelling. So I play my music again, crack open a cold one and just walk usually by myself.

The good news is that golf re-opened in the state of Washington in May. The bad news is that for guys like me who like to socialize, it makes it tougher to play. Although some of my friends who think I talk too much, probably think that is a good thing.

**Steve Turcotte**



The other things I hope change soon are what happens on the greens and in the bunkers. I am not a flag in person, unless that first putt comes from long range. And the foam in the cup certainly helps prevent the spread of coronavirus, but causes problems. No less than 3-4 times has a putt or a

chip gone into the hole, hit the foam and bounced out. These shots are costing me money. Maybe they can cut the foam lower so I won't lose any more money.

If you land in a bunker, chances are you will land in a footprint or a place where someone took a shot. I guess it's OK to move the ball from that kind of trouble. But if you are playing someone for a few bucks, make sure that is the rule.

It is great to be back on the course, but I can't wait for the day when golf returns to normal. The time where you can pull the flag, rake a bunker, ride in a cart with a buddy. But those days might be down the road.

For now, though, it is great just to be able to tee it up again.

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*If you are not from the same household, courses are requiring golfers to ride solo in golf carts for their rounds.*

## Double Bogey



## Harold Bluestein PGA



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## Rules Answer

• Answer: The ball must be replaced on the original spot (if you don't know the spot it must be estimated). The ball must be placed on the spot or estimated spot with no penalty.

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



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## Golfweek Amateur Tour offers events in Seattle, Portland for the 2020 season

The well-established Golfweek Amateur Tour is ready to host tournaments in the greater Portland and Seattle/Tacoma areas during the upcoming 2020 golf season. The Tour provides amateurs the experience of competitive stroke-play golf and an eight-event local schedule kicked off May 30th at Chambers Bay for the Portland and Seattle Tours, respectively.

Founded in Charlotte, N.C., in 1995, the Golfweek Amateur Tour celebrates its 26th season in 2020 with more than 50 divisions across the country. This year's Portland and Seattle Tour schedules include visits to: Chambers Bay, Heron Lakes GC, Club at Newcastle, Orchard Hills and Rock Creek CC, Hawk's Prairie, Stone Creek GC, and Black Butte Ranch.

“Now amateurs can play a Tour just like the pros, with minimal travel,” said local Tour director Stotz Thoda, “Our events are held locally mostly on the weekends, perfect for the average golfer.”

The Golfweek Amateur Tour is for amateurs of all ages and abilities. Members are placed in one of five flights based on handicaps. Flights are: Championship (0-3.9 handicap), A Flight (4- 8.9), B Flight (9-13.9), C Flight (14-18.9) and D Flight (19 and over). Golfers may join the Tour at any time for a yearly membership fee. That fee includes a USGA Handicap, a Tour welcome packet, and allows members to play in local events, as well as other Tour events around the country.

For info, call Stotz Thoda (Oregon & SW Washington Tour Director) (541) 740-4278; [portland@amateurgolftour.net](mailto:portland@amateurgolftour.net); Derek Hart (Seattle/Tacoma Tour Director) or visit [www.amateurgolftour.net](http://www.amateurgolftour.net).

# USGA cancels both local and sectional qualifying for 2020 United States Open

The USGA is canceling local and sectional qualifying for the 2020 U.S. Open.

The governing body confirmed the decision in wake of the coronavirus pandemic and is also canceling four of its championship events.

Open qualifying is part of the bedrock of the USGA events. Roughly 70 players earned entry into last year's U.S. Open at Pebble Beach through this route. The organization even built its new marketing campaign around the slogan "From Many, One." The original schedule called for 108 local qualifying and 12 sectional qualifying tournaments. Some of the past U.S. Open champs who began in qualifiers include Steve Jones in 1996, Michael Campbell in 2005 and Lucas Glover in 2009.

In lieu of the traditional spots conferred in sectional qualifying, the USGA instead will create exemption

categories. Among these categories will be an amateur section. These exemptions are currently being finalized, per the USGA.

The U.S. Open will also significantly minimize the amount of people on site at Winged Foot in Mamaroneck, N.Y. How many fans, if any, will be allowed to attend is still to be determined.

Additionally, the USGA has canceled the U.S. Mid-Amateur and U.S. Women's Mid-Amateur and both its senior amateur championships.

Aside from the U.S. Open, the U.S. Women's Open will still be played in December. The U.S. Amateur and U.S. Women's Amateur are keeping their original August dates.

The 2020 U.S. Open is scheduled to begin on Sept. 17 at Winged Foot in New York. Gary Woodland is the defending champion.



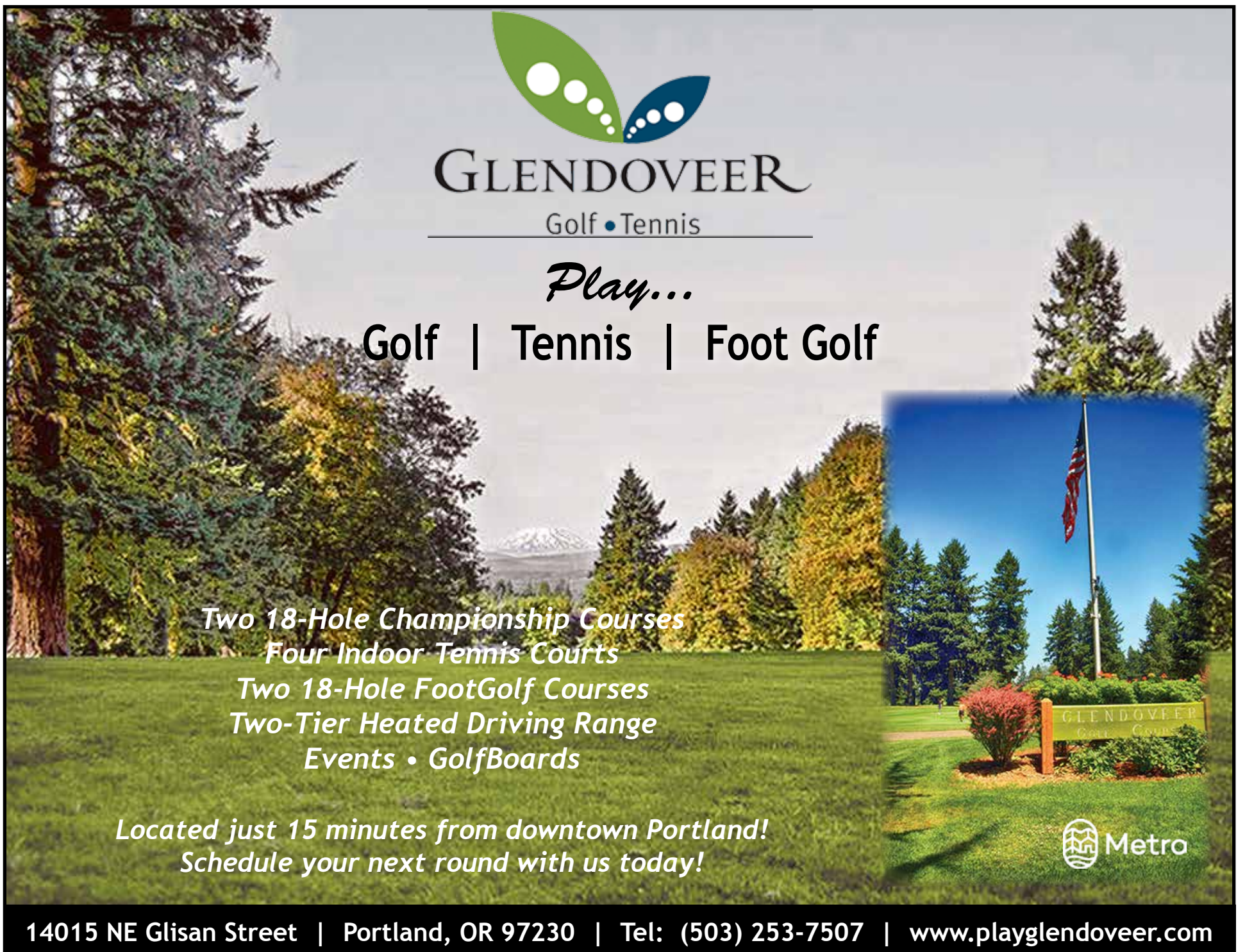
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# USGA cancels junior championships; PGA Junior League hopes to get going

The USGA announced that due to the continued uncertainty surrounding the unprecedented COVID-19 pandemic, several additional changes have been made to the 2020 championship season schedule:

U.S. Girls' Junior and U.S. Junior Amateur Championships

The 72nd U.S. Girls' Junior, which was scheduled for July 13-18 on the Blue Course at the U.S. Air Force Academy's Eisenhower Golf Club in Colorado Springs, Colo., and the 73rd U.S. Junior Amateur, which was scheduled to be played July 20-25 at Hazeltine National Golf Club and Chaska Town Course, both in Chaska, Minn., have been canceled and will not be rescheduled.

Remaining 2020 USGA Amateur Championships: In addition to the cancellation of the junior championships, the USGA has made the decision to delay opening entries for six additional amateur championships until the week of May 18: the U.S. Women's Amateur (scheduled for Aug. 3-9 at Woodmont Country Club in Rockville, Md.); U.S. Amateur (Aug. 10-16 at Bandon (Ore.) Dunes Golf Resort); U.S. Women's Mid-Amateur (Aug. 28-Sept. 3 at Berkeley Hall Club in Bluffton, S.C.); U.S. Senior Amateur (Aug. 28-Sept. 3 at Country Club of Detroit in Grosse Pointe Farms, Mich.); U.S. Mid-Amateur (Sept. 12-17 at Kinloch Golf Club in Manakin-Sabot, Va., and Independence Golf Club in Midlothian, Va.); and U.S. Senior Women's Amateur (Sept. 12-17 at The Lakewood Club in Point Clear, Ala.).

The USGA will continue to rely on CDC and WHO recommendations, as well as state and local government guidelines in locations where championships and qualifiers are to be conducted, in determining schedule considerations for the remaining six 2020 amateur championships.

In addition to the U.S. Girls' Junior and U.S. Junior Amateur Championships, the USGA previously canceled four 2020 championships: the U.S. Amateur

Four-Ball and U.S. Women's Amateur Four-Ball on March 17, and the U.S. Senior Open and U.S. Senior Women's Open on April 6.

In early April, the USGA also announced the postponement of the 75th U.S. Women's Open to Dec. 10-13 at Champions Golf Club in Houston, Texas, and the postponement of the 120th U.S. Open Championship to Sept. 17-20 at Winged Foot Golf Club in Mamaroneck, N.Y.

## PGA Junior League hopes for June start

PGA Jr. League's commitment to player and coach safety necessitates the elimination of national and regional tournaments that require air travel. Accordingly, PGA Foundation, Inc. (dba PGA REACH) has announced that the 2020 PGA Jr. League Championship and Postseason have been canceled due to ongoing concerns surrounding COVID-19.

The PGA Jr. League championship and postseason were planned for 12 regional sites around the country, with the championship at Grayhawk Golf Club, in Scottsdale, Ariz., Oct. 8-11.

PGA Jr. League is committed to maximizing local playing opportunities in 2020 that adhere to national, state and local social distancing standards.

PGA Jr. League local leagues will provide a path for kids to engage in youth sports under the leadership of PGA and LPGA coaches, in alignment with Opening up America Again Guidelines and ongoing plans to reopen the game of golf in a phased approach. By combining summer and fall leagues, local leagues can maximize flexibility with schedules and structures by supporting play during the rest of the calendar year.

PGA Jr. League is targeted June 1 as the earliest date to allow local leagues to resume activities, provided that the resumption of activities shall only be allowed in localities that are in Phase II of the Guidelines, based on state and local health authorities. For more information, visit [www.pgajrleague.com](http://www.pgajrleague.com).

# Washington Golf and the PNGA are set for women's championships

Washington Golf and the Pacific Northwest Golf Association are planning to conduct both of our Women's Amateur Championships in June and July as scheduled, provided that CDC recommendations and state and local government guidelines make it possible to do so. The health and safety of our communities, members, volunteers, and club staff is of the utmost importance to us.

Each year we look to fill the Washington Women's Amateur Championship with the top amateurs in Washington. We also welcome players that are from outside of Washington or spending the summer here, as long as they are a member of WA Golf and meet the eligibility requirements. The previous five champions have represented schools from across the PAC-12 Conference, and the fields have included top finishers from all college divisions and many conferences.

## 27th Washington Women's Amateur Championship

**June 30 – July 2 | Gold Mountain Golf Club (Cascade) | Bremerton, WA**

**Entry Fee: \$200 | Deadline: June 15**

**Requirements: Must be a member of a WA Golf member club and have a handicap index of 16.4 or less. 2019 Champion: Rino Sasaki (University of Washington)**

The PNGA Women's Amateur Championship consistently attracts many of the top collegiate players from throughout the Pacific Northwest as well as sixteen Presidential Invitations given to top non-PNGA members from around the world. This Championship has been won by many accomplished players over its 119-year history and is one of the longest running women's amateur golf events in the world. Members of the following associations: BC Golf, IGA, OGA and WA Golf are eligible to participate, should they meet the handicap limit of 8.4. Players from outside the region are encouraged to join a member club of one the associations above to gain eligibility, or apply for one of the sixteen Presidential Invitations given to top amateurs who do not live in the Pacific Northwest.

## 119th Pacific Northwest Women's Amateur Championship

**July 13 – 17 | The Home Course | DuPont, WA**

**Entry Fee: \$200 | Deadline: June 22**

**Requirements: Must be a member BC Golf, IGA, OGA or WA Golf member club or request a Presidential Invitation. Players must have a handicap index of 8.4 or less. 2019 Champion: Rino Sasaki (University of Washington)**

The PNGA Men's Amateur Championship is set for July 6-11 at the Idaho Club in Sandpoint, Idaho while the Washington Golf Men's Amateur is set for Aug. 11-13 at Chambers Bay in University Place, Wash. The PNGA and Washington Golf have championships scheduled through the summer months but it is important to check the web sites to make sure the tournaments are still planned. For more information on both the PNGA and Washington Golf championships, see the web sites at both [www.thepnga.org](http://www.thepnga.org) or [www.wagolf.org](http://www.wagolf.org).

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# Circling Raven puts Symetra Tour on hold

Circling Raven Golf Club – the No. 1-rated public course in Idaho and amenity of Coeur d’Alene Casino Resort Hotel –has announced that the Circling Raven Championship, a Symetra Tour “Road to the LPGA” event, will be canceled this season.

The inaugural event was scheduled for Aug. 24-30, 2020, the first in a three-year partnership with the Tour. It was to have featured a full field of competitors battling for \$200,000 in prize money.

“We anxiously await the inaugural Circling Raven Championship in 2021,” said Mike Nichols, Chief Business Officer, Symetra Tour.

More details about next year’s tournament will be announced when they have been determined. For more information about Coeur d’Alene Casino Resort Hotel and Circling Raven, call 1.800.523.2464 or visit [www.cdacasino.com](http://www.cdacasino.com).

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## Washington Youth on Course program

The Washington Golf Youth on Course program provides junior golfers the opportunity to play golf at an affordable rate in partnership with participating facilities. Although the junior pays only \$5, WA Golf then subsidizes an additional amount to each course.

The program gives golfers age 6-18 access to play \$5 rounds of golf at more than 55 participating courses in Washington and Northern Idaho, and more than 1,500 courses throughout the U.S. For a sign-up fee

## Washington Golf’s Casual Golf Days

Washington Golf is staging its annual Casual Golf Days beginning in October. These are rounds of golf put on by Washington Golf at private courses in the state of Washington.

Events on the schedule include Monday, Oct. 12 at Everett Golf and Country Club, Monday Nov. 2 at Snoqualmie Ridge Golf Club and Monday, Oct. 5 at Tumble Creek at Suncadia.

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# Auburn Golf Course reaches a milestone turning 50 in 2020

In early February, 1948, a group of Auburn citizens gathered together formally for the first time. Many of them were veterans of World War II, soldiers who had bravely served their country. They had met in restaurants and living rooms before this meeting, plotting and planning their course of attack. As usual, they came armed with clubs...and golf balls.

This was the first public meeting of the Green River Golf & Country Club, the group that created the first publically-accessible nine hole golf course in south King County. The Green River Golf & Country Club officially organized in the 1940s, but the land they would develop into a well-groomed golf course was initially a hops crop at the end of the 19th century and then part of the Isaac Evans farmland.

The City of Auburn purchased the course in 1969 to fulfill a need for a public recreational golf facility in Auburn. Additionally, the purchase of land previously belonging to the State of Washington, located just to the south of the old golf course property, enabled the city to expand the course to 18-holes, including the unusual dual-elevation portion of the course. Unlike most area golf courses, the first four holes of the modern golf course are at 250 to 400 feet above sea level; the remaining 14 holes are at an elevation of about 50 feet. The course was reopened in 1970 as the Auburn Municipal Golf Course under the management of the Parks, Art, and Recreation Department.

Nestled along the Green River and situated on 150 acres, the eighteen-hole Auburn Golf Course offers scenic views from several hillside holes. The fair, but challenging par 71 course is just over 6,450 yards and hosts over 50,000 rounds of golf each year. The course features over 20 bunkers, two ponds with fountains and a waterfall. The current clubhouse was built in 2007 and was the last major update to the course. It includes a pro shop, 150-seat banquet and meeting facility, a basement for carts and general storage and a 110-seat full-service restaurant. This clubhouse, located on the

same portion of land that the Evans family once farmed hops on, has some of the lodge-style feel that the founding members of the golf course had originally hoped for. With competitive rates year round, the Auburn Golf Course also offers a pro shop, equipment and power cart rentals, professional instruction and lessons, tournaments and leagues and youth activities. The Auburn Golf Course Men's & Ladies Club combined exceed 700 members, one of the largest in the state. An additional 200 golfers participate in the Merchants League and Couples League.

Auburn Golf Course will be celebrating the 50th Anniversary through the year from June 2020 through June 2021. For more see [www.auburngolf.org](http://www.auburngolf.org).



The Auburn Golf Course has plenty of history and this year celebrates a milestone as the course turns 50 years old and remains one of the busiest courses in the NW.

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# Clarkston PGA Tour star Dahmen goes low with a 58 during his break

Joel Dahmen., the PGA Tour star from Clarkston, Wash., went lower than low during a round at Mesa Country Club.

Dahmen was playing with some friends at the Mesa Country Club in Mesa, Arizona, for a friendly round of golf and proceeded to set a course record.

Dahmen, who calls Scottsdale home, opened with a birdie on the par-5 1st. He also birdied the par-5 5th hole. After a par on the par-4 6th, things got crazy good. Dahmen went 12 under on the next 12 holes, with three eagles and six birdies.

In fact, starting on No. 7, Dahmen wrote down: 3-3-3-3-3-3-3-3-2-3-3, finishing with a birdie-birdie-eagle flurry. Note that that's a 26 on the back nine.

A mere birdie on 18 would've give him the cherished 59 but he went ahead and eagled the par-5 hole for a 58. Ho-hum.

The scorecard shows five sets of tees. We're going to assume he played 'The Tips' (yea, that's how it's printed), which measured 6,887 yards.

Dahmen posted a photo with the five friends he played with, including Ian Happ and Kyle Schwarber, teammates on the Chicago Cubs.

Happ's got game. He shot a 69. Schwarber shot an 81, the worst score of the group.



Clarkston's Joel Dahmen went low with a 58.

Dahmen tweeted after the round "I hold the course record at all my home courses except @mesacountry-club. That changed today with some of my good friends along for the ride.

## Did you know....

- Washington Golf collaborated closely with the Golf Alliance of Washington and their lobbyist in Olympia, spending numerous hours on phone calls and meetings to keep golf at top-of-mind with Governor Inslee's office, advocating for the game's safety and necessity. WA Golf was instrumental in getting golf courses open again.



- Founded on Feb 4, 1899, the PNGA is the fifth oldest golf association in North America. If you are a member of the Idaho, Washington, Oregon or British Columbia golf associations, you are automatically a member of the PNGA.



## Tour Players With Northwest ties

### PGA Tour

- Kevin Chappell • Kirkland • 185th on the list with \$142,690
- Ben Crane • Portland • 208th on the list with \$71,831
- Joel Dahmen, Clarkston • 33rd on the list with \$1,435,930
- Robert Garrigus • Gresham • 227th on the list with \$21,885
- Scott Harrington • Portland • 59th on the list with \$862,841
- Ryan Moore • Puyallup • 73rd on the list with \$723,350
- Cheng Tsung Pan • Ex-UW • 164th on the list with \$222,144
- Andrew Putnam • Tacoma • 108th on the list with \$445,566
- Kyle Stanley • Gig Harbor • 132nd on the list with \$320,680
- Nick Taylor • Ex-UW • 20th on the list with \$1,802,626
- Aaron Wise • Ex-Oregon • 159th on the list with \$22,728

### Korn Ferry Tour

- Robert Garrigus • Gresham • 63rd on the list with \$20,162
- Andres Gonzales • Olympia • 141st on the list with \$4,515
- Alex Prugh • Spokane • 32nd on the list with \$128,577
- Dylan Wu • Medford • 6th on the list with \$115,318

### Champions Tour

- Fred Couples • Seattle • 6th on the list with \$423,467
- Bob Gilder • Corvallis • No Events
- Brian Henninger • Eugene • No Events
- Peter Jacobsen • Portland • 108th on the list with \$1,056
- Kirk Triplett • Pullman • 38th on the list with \$70,255

### Mackenzie Tour (Canada) (Tour Cancelled for 2020)

- 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

- Erynne Lee • Silverdale • No Events
- Carolyn Inglis • Eugene • No Events
- Jing Yan • Ex-UW • 78th on the list with \$13,661

### LPGA Symetra Tour

- Jamie Huo • Kent • 61st on the list with \$404
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# The Lesson Tee: Try and get the most out of that ‘offensive weapon’ in your golf bag – the driver

I feel so fortunate to have spent my life in this amazing game of golf. High school, college and playing The PGA and Champions Tour.

Another amazing privilege has been to teach golfers from around the Pacific Northwest and beyond at my golf academy at Semiahmoo for close to 26 years. I keep saying, “They’re gonna make a teacher outta me yet!”

This issue I’d like to share some helpful information on our “offensive weapon” in our golf bag. The Driver! Golf is much more fun and easier when we drive the golf ball well.

Most golfers swing the driver on to steep an angle of approach to the golf ball.

Most golfers would have more success with the driver (and all clubs) with a stronger grip.

Most golfers have shafts too stiff and too long.

Most golfers need more loft on their driver.

Students come to me at Semiahmoo from hours away to score better, learn proper technique, think effectively and hit their driver better, among other things. If my life depended on clients hitting their driver more consistently and further, they would practice in this swing station constantly. (See Photo 1).

Like ping pong and tennis, a shallow angle of approach is a speed producing angle and spin. A steep angle or cutting across the plane approach is a speed reducing angle of approach to the ball. Not my opinion, but physics. Most golfers will need to make their backswing lower, deeper, swinging more around their spine than in a straight line and up. (Photo 2-3). This will enhance the angle of approach to the golf ball.

Jeff Coston is a member of the Pacific Northwest PGA Hall of Fame and Golf Digest #1 Teacher in Washington. Jeff can be reached for appointment by calling Semiahmoo at 360 201-4590. See [jeffcoston.com](http://jeffcoston.com) for more.



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Photo #1



Photo #2



Photo #3

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# Cameron Thrall: Managing those withdrawals can protect retirement

Throughout much of your working life, you contribute to your 401(k), IRA and other investment accounts to help ensure a comfortable retirement. However, once you do retire, you'll need to shift your focus somewhat from building these investments to using them – in other words, you'll have to start withdrawing from your portfolio to meet the costs of living. How can you be sure you're not taking out so much that you risk outliving your resources?

First of all, you need to establish a proper withdrawal rate – the percentage of your portfolio's value needed for one year's worth of retirement expenses. Ideally, if you were to stick with this rate, your portfolio would last as long as you do. Your withdrawal rate should be based on a number of factors, including your age, amount of assets, portfolio mix and retirement lifestyle. A financial professional can help you determine the rate that's right for you, but it's important to understand that this rate is a starting point since you will want to review your withdrawals each year to ensure they are still appropriate.

If the financial markets performed smoothly and predictably, year in and year out, any adjustments you make would likely be more modest. But, as you know, and as we've all been reminded the last several months, the markets are neither smooth nor predictable. Rather than constantly trying to change your withdrawal rate and spending in response to movements in the markets – which may be challenging if you have grown accustomed to a certain standard of living – you might be better off adopting a more conservative rate at the beginning of your retirement. For example, if you are in your mid-60s, you could start at a withdrawal rate of about 4%, which also assumes an increase in withdrawals (a "raise") of approximately 3% each year to incorporate inflation. By starting at a more modest withdrawal rate, you would have some



flexibility for those years in which the market drops significantly. And you could increase your chances of extending the lifetime of your portfolio.

But even if you started out with a conservative rate, you may need to review it during periods of extreme market movements. If, for instance, your portfolio were to fall 20% in one year, the 4% you had planned to withdraw would actually become 5% because you're taking out the amount you had planned, but now it's from a smaller pool of money. If this happens, should you consider making an adjustment?

There's no easy answer. The amount you withdraw from your portfolio has a major impact on how long your money lasts. You'll improve your likelihood of success if you are able to be flexible and make some spending adjustments – spending less on some of your discretionary items, for example, or not taking a "raise" until your portfolio recovers. Importantly, your financial advisor can help run different scenarios to determine if adjustments need to be made to ensure you remain on track.

In any case, think carefully about your withdrawal rate. By managing it carefully, and reviewing it over time, you can take greater control over your retirement income.

*Cameron Thrall is an Edward Jones representative. He can be reached at 253.833.7261.*

# PXG unveils its apparel collection to go along with its line of golf clubs

Drawing on PXG's reputation for game-changing innovation and quality, and driven by a desire to bring a fresh perspective to golf fashion, PXG unveiled its Spring/Summer 2020 Apparel Collection. Under the direction of PXG President of Apparel, Renee Parsons, the golf equipment juggernaut has seamlessly blended performance and style with its latest release.

The PXG Spring/Summer 2020 Collection includes more than forty limited-edition pieces. Each piece – from polo to pullover, skirt to sweater – designed to empower men and women to express themselves with confidence and live boldly on and off the course.

"From first light to last call, we all want to look and feel good in our clothing," Renee Parsons shared. "PXG's Spring/Summer 2020 Collection is both performance-focused and fashion-forward, embracing the demands of the day and delivering comfortable elegance for golfers and non-golfers alike."

The new collection presents clean designs, intricate details, luxurious fabrics, and sophisticated tailoring. Performance features include two-way stretch, quick-drying technology, and moisture-wicking. Innovative fiber construction and high quality, raw materials provide additional shape retention and offer enhanced durability on the course.

Down to the signature color chosen for the PXG Spring/Summer 2020 Collection, every detail matters. This season, limited-edition Lilac statement pieces add a playfulness and vitality to PXG's classic, monochrome color palette.

"Fusing together my love of golf and fashion, this limited-edition Spring/Summer Collection of statement-making pieces will add a fresh vibrancy to our customer's wardrobes, on and off the course," Parsons added.

For more information or to view PXG's fresh new collection, visit [www.PXG.com/apparel](http://www.PXG.com/apparel).



About Parsons Xtreme Golf: Parsons Xtreme Golf (PXG) was founded by American entrepreneur and philanthropist Bob Parsons. Leveraging breakthrough technology and sophisticated manufacturing processes, PXG produces some of the finest golf clubs in the world.

PXG's professional staff includes Zach Johnson, Pat Perez, Ryan Moore, James Hahn, Wyndham Clark, Jason Kokrak, Joel Dahmen, Scott Langley, Grant Hirschman, Lydia Ko, Anna Nordqvist, Brittany Lang, Celine Boutier, Austin Ernst, Christina Kim, Katherine Kirk, Haley Moore, Ryann O'Toole, Gerina Piller, Jennifer Song, and Linnea Strom.

PXG offers a full lineup of right and left-handed clubs, including drivers, fairway woods, hybrids, irons, wedges, and putters, as well as a complete line of high-performance, fashion-forward apparel.

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# Rules of the Game: Time to take a look at the winners of the new rules of golf



Well, we have operated under the greatly modernized Rules of Golf for just over a year now and a lot of folks have been happy to pass opinion on their favorite and least favorite rules. The winners from my very scientific poll (just kidding, anecdotal is not very scientific, but still valid) are...

**Favorite Change to the Rules of Golf:** Most folks have been excited to tell me that they love the fact they can now remove loose impediments anywhere on the course. Yes, it's true; you can remove them anywhere on the course. Just be very careful in removing them that you do not accidentally move your ball as that is still a one stroke penalty if that happens when your ball is in a penalty area, the general area or in a bunker. Even worse, failure to replace the ball results in a total of a two stroke penalty for now playing from the wrong place. Love the change, but be careful!

**Rule That Rules Officials Hate to Enforce and That Most People Don't Even Realize Exists:** (Rule 14.2e What to Do If Replaced Ball Does Not Stay on Original Spot)

Using the accompanying photo to illustrate, imagine that your ball has rolled into the back of a bunker and is now resting against a movable obstruction on the downslope going into the bunker.



Ouch! Your ball is resting against a club on the downslope in the back of a bunker. Now what do you do?

This could be a rake or, on the case of our picture, a club left by a player in an earlier group. You know you can remove the movable obstruction (rake or club) and are required to replace your ball, all without penalty,....BUT, your ball refuses to stay on the downslope.

There is nowhere in the bunker, not closer to the hole, that the ball will stay at rest. Resist the temptation to press it into the sand, that's a two stroke penalty for playing from the wrong place as vertical distance counts.

Your only choice will be to declare the ball unplayable with a one stroke penalty, and there is still nowhere in the bunker that is not closer to the hole that you can drop the ball, so now what? Well, you

can go back and play under stroke and distance for the one stroke penalty or, and this is when it stinks to be a rules official,..... as you explain to the player that he/she will have to take an extra penalty stroke in order to be able to drop the ball out of the bunker back on the line of play. Yep, two strokes because of some very unfortunate luck.

That is a good reason to place rakes outside of bunkers, however, maintenance and green keepers have to be able to manage their courses and their preference is often to have the rakes left inside the bunkers. So, the best we can do is to place rakes in a position that this is less likely to happen.

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# Northwest Washington and the Olympic Peninsula

## NW Washington: A golfer's playground

Northwest Washington is a golfer's dream of choices. From the scenic Olympic and Kitsap Peninsulas to the Bellingham area down south to where it all starts around Olympia, there is no shortage of terrific golf to be found.

There is plenty of award-winning golf and other activities to be found in that area at places like Loomis Trail (right), Lake Padden (lower left) and Shuksan (lower right). And there's more than just golf. Mount Baker offers a wilderness playground and the San Juan Islands are a tourist's delight. The Olympic Mountains are an adventure for hikers and fishermen alike – meaning there's plenty to find and plenty to like about the area from sports on the land to on the water.

Inside Golf takes you inside the area this month, from the golf courses to the things to do and the places to stay. For more on golfing Northwest Washington, please see inside this special section.



### Northwest Washington area loses a golf course as Eaglemont closes up

In recent years, the Pacific Northwest has seen its share of courses getting shut down. This time it's Eaglemont in Mount Vernon, Wash. The owners of the course, based in Thailand, said the course will close permanently this month due to financial considerations and the inability to find any new investors for the course.

A news release from the founder and CEO said the course has closed permanently as of April 4, 2020. This closure includes the 18-hole golf course and the Fireweed Terrace Restaurant and Lounge.

Eaglemont opened for play in 1993 with the original nine and then added a back nine in 1994. The course has perhaps some of the most dramatic elevation changes of any golf courses in the Pacific Northwest and uses plenty of property, sitting on 680 acres of land.



### Home Course: Deals to stay and play in DuPont

There are certain places that come to mind when you think of stay and play deals. Throw The Home Course into that mix now. The Home Course, owned and operated by both Washington Golf and the PNGA in DuPont, Wash. has partnered with several hotels.

The Hampton Inn, Home 2 Suites, Best Western, Liberty Inn, Fairfield Inn and FairBridge Inn and Suites are working with the course on a stay and play package deal from May 1 through July 31, where you book a room through the hotel links and you will get two free rounds and cart.

The Home Course opened in 2007 and been the home for some top championships including the U.S. Amateur and U.S. Women's Public Links.

The course recently added the Golf House Grill and a new pro shop is expected to open this month. The Home Course was ranked as the No. 2 public golf course in Washington in 2008 by *GolfWeek Magazine*. For information call 866.964.0520 or see [www.thehomecourse.com](http://www.thehomecourse.com).



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# Northwest Washington Indian Tribes are getting into the business of golf

Pacific Northwest Indian Tribes have found that golf is good business by acquiring golf courses and developing their own in Northwest Washington. Five Pacific Northwest Indian tribes in Northwest Washington have either developed their own golf courses or bought existing courses and changed the name.

Salish Cliffs in Shelton, Wash., Swinomish Golf Links in Anacortes, The Cedars at Dungeness in Sequim, Loomis Trail in Blaine and White Horse Golf Club in Kingston are all owned by Northwest Indian Tribes. The Pacific Northwest Indian Tribes have not only invested in golf but they have made great strides to change their golf courses to attract more players.

### Indian Tribes and golf

• **Salish Cliffs Golf Club:** Course in Shelton is owned by the Squaxin Island Indian tribe. Resort adjacent to the golf courses is called the Little Creek Resort.

• **Swinomish Golf Links:** Course in Anacortes is owned by the Swinomish Indian Tribe. Resort is called Swinomish Casino Resort.

• **The Cedars at Dungeness:** Course in Sequim is owned by the Jamestown S'Kallam Indian Tribe. Nearby casino in Sequim is called Seven Cedars.

• **White Horse Golf Club:** Course in Kingston is owned by the Suquamish Indian Tribe, which bought the course after it had the Clearwater Resort.

• **Loomis Trail Golf Club:** Course in Blaine, Wash. was bought by the Lummi Nation Indian Tribe, which also owns the Silver Reef Hotel Casino Spa.



Loomis Trail Golf Club in Blaine (pictured left) is now owned by the Lummi Nation Indian Tribe and offers some award-winning golf in Northwest Washington; Salish Cliffs Golf Club in Shelton is owned and operated by the Squaxin Island Tribe, which also runs the Little Creek Resort.

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# Kitsap Peninsula

A trip across Tacoma Narrows Bridge opens up a golf trip with some of the top courses in the Pacific Northwest



Washington's Kitsap Peninsula is blessed with an abundance of forest land and seemingly endless shoreline all the ingredients to make up some of the top public golf courses in the state.

Here's a look at where to play.

• **Gig Harbor Golf Club** is gem on the way north to the Olympic Peninsula in Gig Harbor. The nine-hole private course offers some terrific rates to join and new changes include a re-do of both the sixth and seventh greens. Drainage improvements throughout the course have aired things out and membership is up as a result of all the positive changes. Recent driving renovations include adding 40 yards to the range and more grass tees. The range will soon be the home of the new Troy Kelly Golf School. Kelly is a Northwest native who played on the PGA Tour.

• **LakeLand Village** in Allyn offers 27-holes of golf with three distinctly different nines in Generation I, Generation II and Generation III. The popular residential community dates back to 1972 with each nine added as new housing sections opened up. Each course has elevation changes, tall tree-lined fairways and well manicured greens.

• **Madrona Links**, after crossing the Tacoma Narrows Bridge, you will find Madrona Links, a challenging layout that is popular with locals for it's variety of holes and its restaurant. The course is a good choice if you haven't played there before. There is enough sand and water to keep your interest through the 18 holes.

• **Gold Mountain** has a pair of courses, including its award-winning Olympic Course. The older of the two courses is the Cascade Course that is always popular with it's unique layout that incorporates elevation changes and tree-lined fairways. The Olympic Course has hosted some of the top amateur events in the NW. It offers a modern design that will challenge you.

• **McCormick Woods** has been ranked among the top courses for years since opening in 1986. The course is a treat with 18 holes wrapped among the tall firs and cedars. A spacious 24,000 square foot clubhouse offers views of the golf course and events up to 300 people.

• **Trophy Lake Golf and Casting** offers true Northwest-style course with tree-lined fairways, elevation changes and enough water and sand to test all golfers abilities.

• **White Horse Golf Club** in Kingston was a hit the day it opened. Tight fairways over rolling terrain with enough elevation changes over native vegetation to test your game to the fullest. The modern clubhouse with a popular restaurant is a great place to hang out after your round

• **Horseshoe Lake** in Port Orchard offers two completely different looking nines. You will want to take a cart for the back nine. Other courses that are worth taking a look at including places like Rolling Hills in Bremerton and Village Greens in Port Orchard.



A couple of options along the Kitsap Peninsula include Madrona Golf Links (top) photo and LakeLand Village (above) with its 27-hole golf course.



Gig Harbor Golf Club has made plenty of improvements, including a recent range renovation which will host the Troy Kelly Golf School.



## Holmes Harbor Golf Club

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# Destination: Olympic Peninsula



The Olympic Peninsula has millions of visitors each year from all parts of the globe as the reputation as a scenic wonderland is well known. Here's a look at the golf courses in this region:

## Port Ludlow Golf Course

*Golf Magazine* named Port Ludlow as one of the top five public courses in Washington. The two 9-hole courses are named Tide and Timber. Both nines have elevation changes with tall trees on the fairway edges. The course is well bunkered especially around the greens. A tree trimming project on the back nine has opened up some shots as overhanging trees were trimmed, especially the tee shot on the par-4 13th hole.

A short ferry ride from Edmonds and a 16-mile drive from the Kingston ferry dock, Port Ludlow offers the perfect get-away for anyone looking to take a break from the city. With a quaint inn, restaurant, spa and full service marina, the resort offers something for everyone.

## Lake Cushman Golf Course

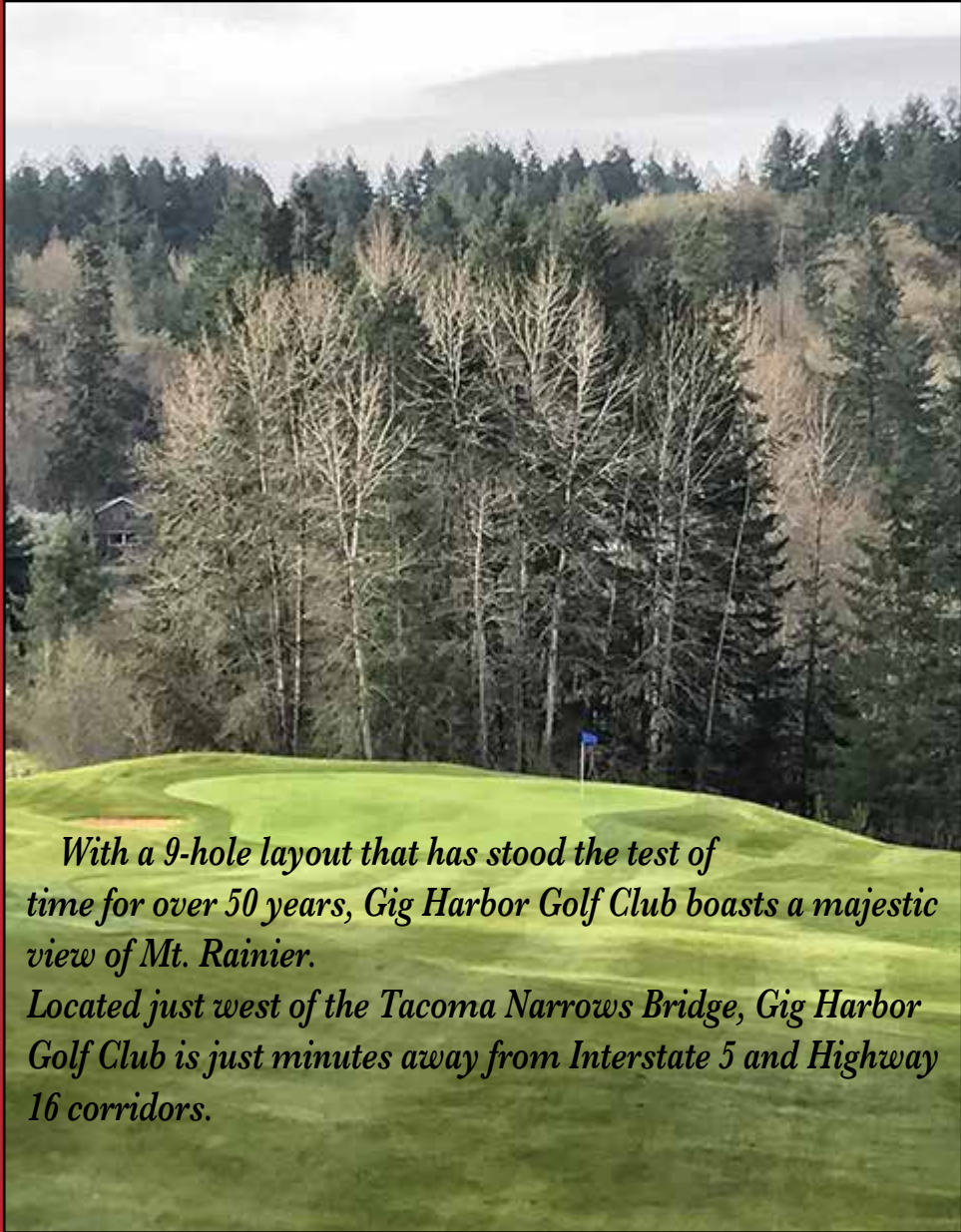
Lake Cushman Golf Course sits on the edge of the Olympic National Park, high above the Hood Canal community of Hoodspport.

The course and surroundings are truly a walk in the park – or a ride if you choose – where wildlife sighting is common. The course is challenging yet playable for all levels of golfers. There is also a driving range and practice putting green at the course. Hot dogs and snacks are available at the pro shop.



Discovery Bay Golf Course (top) is one of two 18-hole courses in Jefferson County; Port Ludlow's championship layout offers outstanding golf.

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# Olympic Peninsula offers a variety to try

## SunLand Golf and Country Club

Established as a private club and located in a mostly retirement community in Sequim. winds through huge fir, cedar and spruce trees, and is well protected with bunkers and ponds. There are a couple of elevation changes that add a good mixture to the round. Sunland plays to just over 6,000 yards with a par of 72. While not long, it plays tight.

The course, which was formerly private, is now open to the public during limited times. The course is hosting sectional qualifying for the 2019 US Senior Amateur Championship on August 5th.

## Salish Cliffs

When Salish Cliffs opened for public play in 2011, it was obvious that this amenity of the Little Creek Casino and Squaxin Island tribe was something special. The Gene Bates-designed course won several awards in its first year, including being named one of the top new courses for 2011.

At 7,269 yards the course offers everything - from ponds to sand traps to wetlands to the elevation changes, Salish Cliffs is a place that is a golfing treat with some stunning Pacific NW views and some challenging holes along the way.

And don't forget about the casino, hotel and convention center, which sit right next door to the golf course.

## Discovery Bay Golf Course

Discovery Bay Golf Club sits on a secluded 200-acre point above Discovery Bay, just outside the historic Victorian Seaport town of Port Townsend, Washington.

The two nines are vastly different; the original nine is contained in the lowlands while the back nine begins on a hilltop and works its way down to the clubhouse. Both nines have a lot of character.

The course is managed by Randy White who has orchestrated a continuous year-round plan of upgrading the course that includes new tee boxes, numerous drainage projects and brush clearing.

The course has some of the fastest greens you will find west of the mountains thanks to a new greens roller—and with the undulating greens it will challenge your putting skills. The old-style clubhouse has a large deck that overlooks the front nine and is a great place to relax with food and drink after a round. There is also a practice driving range at the course. If you are visiting the Port Townsend area, you need to play this course.

## LakeLand Village

LakeLand Village, located between Hood Canal and Puget Sound's Case Inlet, in the town of Allyn, Washington, is the only residential community that offers 27 holes of golf – three distinctly different nines—Generation I, Generation II and Generation III. With numerous ponds, gaping bunkers and majestic views of the Olympics and Mount Rainier, golfers will appreciate the scenic and challenging courses and the well-groomed putting greens.

There is also a spring-fed lake, stocked annually with rainbow trout, where residents can enjoy fishing year round. In addition to a restaurant and sports bar, the clubhouse also provides banquet facilities. A new housing section with 25 home sites, 8 of them on the first fairway of Generation III, opened up last year.

## SkyRidge Golf Course

SkyRidge Golf Course is a family owned and operated golf course off Old Olympic Highway in Sequim, WA. Whether you're a beginner or a seasoned athlete, you are able to enjoy all the amenities this public course has to offer, every day of the year. SkyRidge Golf Course has a driving range, putting & chipping greens, pro shop, power or push carts to rent, access to a PGA-certified pro for lessons, and our restaurant and bar, Soren's Café.

This link-style course has walkable, wide open fairways where you can walk or drive to your ball year-round, challenging holes, surreptitiously placed moguls, as well as water hazards, and sand traps. There's a total of ten greens here, but SkyRidge has the look and feel of an eighteen-hole course. The front nine totals a yardage maximum of 3,296, but if you want to play all eighteen, you'll play from a separate set of tee boxes on the back nine totaling

6,529 yards. Their namesake comes from having a stunning view of the Olympic Mountain Range from every hole!

## Oaksridge Golf Course

Oaksridge Golf Course sits just off Highway 12 in Elma and is visible from the freeway. The 18-hole track measures 5,643 yards and is a local favorite after opening in 1926.

The course is relatively level so it makes a perfect walking course. Just be advised, the prevailing winds can lengthen it considerably. The Chehalis Tribe recently purchased the course.

## The Cedars at Dungeness

The Olympic Mountains deflect the rain clouds around the city of Sequim, making the Cedars at Dungeness one of the driest courses in Western Washington – an average of 13-15 inches of rain per year. With an 18-hole layout measuring over 6,400 yards, Dungeness is protected by sprawling bunkers and narrow approaches to elevated greens.

The signature hole is the par-5 3rd with a series of bunkers in the shape of a Dungeness crab. Even the sand in this hazard is red.

The Jamestown S'Klallam tribe bought the course in 2007 and has invested heavily in the clubhouse and landscaping. It is a great escape for Seattle/Tacoma area golfers who want some quality dry golf.

## The Home Course

A golf course in DuPont, Wash. existed for a few years before the PNGA came in, bought it and called it the Home Course. And what a place it is. The Mike Asmundson-designed course is user-friendly, but at the same time can be a monster if you choose to walk to the back tee boxes called Dynamite Tees and play the 7,400 yards.

A new clubhouse is in the works and will be the new headquarters for the PNGA. The Home Course hosts several PNGA championships. It's definitely a must play on all golfers bucket list and worth the trip when heading toward the bottom of the Olympic Peninsula. The PNGA made some changes to the back side changing the 11th hole to a par-4 and the 12th hole to a par-3. Both come with new bunkers, including a couple that are deep-faced and look like they came right from Europe.

## Tumwater Valley

Tumwater Valley is known for many things, like its great condition, proximity to Interstate-5, reputation for hosting big tournaments – and a couple of par-3 holes that have two greens, offering some variety to its par-3 holes, giving them a shorter look, another a longer look. The course always is in top shape throughout the year.

And its 10-acre practice area is like nothing in the area - with a grass tee hitting area and a terrific short game facility. The restaurant has a large patio area that is a great place to relax.

## Highland Golf Course

Highland Golf Course originally opened as a nine-hole venue in 1930. It is now an 18-hole course that plays to 6,112 yards with a par of 70. There are not many flat lies, which makes it even more challenging and the greens are small adding to the difficulty.

## Ocean Shores Golf Course

Ocean Shores Golf Course is a challenging, yet fun-to-play course. Par for the course is 71. Don't be fooled by the modest 6,252 yardage of Ocean Shores Golf Course since the heavy ocean air, and moderate trade winds make it play much longer. The course offers a links style course and the shot-making challenges of a narrow, wooded course.

## Lake Limerick Golf Club

Lake Limerick Country Club, just outside of Shelton, is a challenging 9-hole course surrounded by a housing development. While memberships are available, the course is open to the public. The course is tight and that is one of the things that make it fun to play. The fairways are lined by tall fir trees, giving you plenty different shots around the golf course. The greens are small to medium



Tumwater Valley Golf Course is one of the most popular 18-hole courses in area.



Lake Limerick is a 9-hole course outside of Shelton has dual tees and a variety of great holes.

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# Olympic Peninsula: Military golf is an option at Eagle's Pride

but can be tricky, bring your short game when you play here.

There are two sets of tees on the course and it plays to 5,771 yards with an 18-hole par of 73 and slope of 114. The course offers a good test of golf for everyone. Facilities include a restaurant and pro shop. Banquet facilities are available. They can be reached at [golfpro@lakelimerick.com](mailto:golfpro@lakelimerick.com) or visit [www.lakelimerickgolf.com](http://www.lakelimerickgolf.com) for more information.

## Airport Golf Center

Airport Golf has plenty of room for practice, including its covered driving range, putting greens and more. There is plenty to do at this facility, located next to the Olympia Airport. It also has batting cages for baseball enthusiasts.

## Eagle's Pride at Fort Lewis

Eagle's Pride at Fort Lewis (joint based Fort Lewis and McChordBase), features 27 holes of golf: the green, blue and red courses. It has just about everything you would expect from a Northwest course – tall trees, sand, water and tight fairways.

New at both Eagle's Pride and its sister course Whispering Firs at McChord Air Force Base offer a JBLM Pass – a 7-day pass that gives golfers specials, good prices and much more.

## Alderbrook Golf Club

Alderbrook Golf Club is a member-owned course in a golf centric community and is open to public play. It is a classic Northwest forested setting high above Hood Canal in Union, Washington. The most talked about hole is the 8th (Often called the 'S' hole), a double dog leg par 5 that stretches to 536 yards and was once picked by *Golf Digest* as one of the Northwest's toughest holes.

A new modern clubhouse with a restaurant, banquet room and pro shop opened in 2009 providing the final piece to the up-scale facility.

## Golf Club at Hawk's Prairie

The Golf Club at Hawks Prairie consists of two distinct, public 18-hole golf courses: The Woodlands and The Links (formerly Meriwood and Vicwood, or "The Two Woods"). Opened in 1995, The Woodlands (Meriwood Golf Course) is consistently ranked in the top 10 most challenging courses in the state and spans 415 acres of narrow fairways winding through dense forest. It's the perfect place to spend the day and play 36 holes on two different types of golf courses. Both courses offer the chance to use every club on your bag and both gives you two distinct rounds of golf.

Meriwood and Vicwood were purchased by Oki Developments, Inc. in July 2001, and were subsequently renamed The Woodlands and The Links. The 36-hole facility was then collectively branded The Golf Club at Hawks Prairie.

## Port Townsend Golf Course

The 9-hole course is located in the historical seaport city of Port Townsend and features 2,731 yards of golf from the longest tees for a par of 35. The course will challenge you while providing a relaxing, picturesque backdrop.

The course starts out with a right sloping dog-leg par 5 playing 490 yards down hill to a smallish green. The second hole can be a bit scary, as this par 3 requires a tee shot over water to a difficult sloping green.

The hilly terrain makes for some nice carry on downhill tee shots but in summer the ground can firm up and accuracy is at a premium. The course can actually trace its roots to 1904.

Port Townsend Golf Course has a driving range and a restaurant called The Dusty Green Cafe (name after the chef's father, not the condition of the greens) with a popular outside deck overlooking the course. Just a short distance from downtown Port Townsend visitors can enjoy the town's shops, sites and attractions while still getting in a round of golf.



Eagle's Pride at Fort Lewis is located right off Interstate-5 and features 27 holes of golf.



Port Townsend Golf Course is popular with visitors and locals and close to the town center.

# LakeLand Village



Photo: finishing hole on Generation II Course

In order to protect all of our guests at LakeLand Village we are following the strict rules and guidelines for course set up with adjustment of pins/cups to where you don't touch the pin. We have a noodle that sits roughly an inch down from cup line to where your ball can be holed out.

Steve, Aaron and the crew have the course looking the best its been! PUREST Greens in WA!!!! Virtually everything has been taken off the course, Benches, 150 Posts, anything you can touch is off the course basically. Come out and see what great shape our courses are in and know that your are safe.

Playing at over 9,000 yards, the 27-hole LakeLand Village Golf Course offers golfers numerous ponds, gaping bunkers and majestic views of the Olympics and Mount Rainier.

Ardent golfers will appreciate the scenic driving ranges, practice chipping and bunker areas, and the well-groomed putting greens.

LakeLand Village offers 27 holes of golf with three distinct nine-hole courses known as Generation I, Generation II, and Generation III

The public is welcome to play on a green-fee basis or to take advantage of a variety of club memberships.

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# Bellingham: No shortage of great golf

Being so close to the border, both Canadian and American golfers are drawn to the Bellingham golf courses

Up in the far Northwest corner of Washington state offers up some great golf with a wide variety of golf courses to test your game. The area north and south of Bellingham booms with golf personality and championship caliber challenges. Bargain prices, stellar maintenance, beautiful layouts and breathtaking views, combined with the upcoming pristine spring and summer weather, makes the Northwest corner of the state a can't-miss golf destination. There's always a finely-tuned layout to play, a posh place to stay and a price that's guaranteed to be well worth the investment.

### Shuksan Golf Club

With the Shuksan Golf Club in Bellingham, the theme is nature. There are wetlands throughout the golf course and the first bit of water trouble comes into play on the very first hole. Elevated tees and greens are prominent throughout the layout as the course varies over 100 feet in elevation. Ten Mile Creek meanders throughout the layout and cuts across many of the fairways to keep golfers on guard. Shuksan Golf Club added length to the course recently and it now stretches beyond 7,000 yards from the back tees. And as a result the ratings from the white tees went from 121 to 131. Newly re-designed bunkers, water features and more have added to the course. *Golf Digest* has always rated this outstanding course with four stars since opening in 1991, and the course keeps that rating year after year. A new 250-seat outdoor terrace has opened for golf events, wedding receptions and more. The

Clubhouse Grille is also a hit with golfers.

### North Bellingham Golf Course

North Bellingham Golf Course opened in 1995 and is a Scottish style links golf course. The openness leaves one exposed to the elements and one's game at the mercy of the wind at times. The greens are firm and fast, making a balky putter something to leave at home. The well-manicured greens roll true and put a premium on good putting. The layout offers 12 ponds, making 14 of the holes play with a water hazard and 58 white-sand bunkers. In fact a two-year bunker project with new sand in all the bunkers throughout the course was completed in 2014. North Bellingham also has plenty of holes which grab your attention early and keep it the rest of the round. There's plenty to like as you stand on the first tee at North Bellingham and look at the links layout, including the course being one of the driest in the area and a course with some of the best greens you will putt on.

### Loomis Trail Golf Club

Loomis Trail was ranked as the No. 1 public course in Washington by *Golf Digest* (2005) and was the only Washington state course ranked in the nation's Top 100. Loomis Trail, open to the public on even days of the month, combines the magic of scenic beauty and dry conditions suitable for year-round play. The course recently was purchased by the Lummi Nation Indian Tribe and they have made sure the course has stayed true to its opening with great conditions and a layout which is one of the



North Bellingham Golf Course is challenging Scottish links-style layout in Bellingham.

most challenging in the Northwest. Loomis Trail also is partnered with the Silver Reef Casino Resort and has packages catered to the golfing crowd. A Stay and Play Package, Birdie Package and Eagle Package all offers golf, hotel stay and more. The Eagle Package comes with two nights, \$10 free play, \$100 resort or pro shop credit, breakfast for two and unlimited golf

### Semiahmoo Resort

The 18-hole destination resort, located in Blaine, offers an award-winning golf course that is one of the top ranked courses and extremely challenging with plenty of water hazards to add to the fun. Tree-lined Semiahmoo, ranked the No. 3 public course by *Golf Digest* (2005), offers five holes with water and a course that can stretch to 7,005 yards

from the tips. This course is open to the public on odd days of the month. Some great golf and a restful stay at the resort are sure to be a winning combination. Semiahmoo features a tough one-two punch with hazard-filled hole Nos. 11 and 12. Water lines the right side of the fairway at the 371-yard par-4 11th hole and flanks the green, making both the tee shot and approach tough on even the most skilled golfers. No. 12 is a 173-yard par-3 requires a tee shot over water. There is bailout room left to avoid water, but miss it right and you and your shot are in big trouble. Semiahmoo Resort is also home to the Jeff Coston Golf Academy.

### Homestead Golf Club

Homestead Golf Club is located on the outskirts



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# Bellingham: Plenty of options

on Lynden on what was once dairy land. The course plays to 6,927 yards with a slope of 140 from the back tees. The fairways are generous and water comes into play on many holes but because the course is very flat it is often not visible from the tees or fairways so to prevent any surprises, refer to the yardage book for safety. The course is well bunkered so golfers must be careful and again, use the yardage book. Reviews of the course repeatedly refer to the great service by the staff.

The signature hole is the par-5 525-yard finishing hole with an island green (the only one is the state) that offers gutsy long hitters the opportunity to go for the green in two, but the shot requires a precision shot to carry the water and to hit the island green. If you stay dry a birdie is a possibility, but par is still a good score on this beautiful hole. *Golf Digest* once ranked the hole's green as one of the nation's top island greens.

## Sudden Valley Golf Club

Sudden Valley Golf Club is known for its two distinctly different nines. The front nine, which winds past the southern shores of Lake Whatcom, is relatively flat and open. The back nine, which feels carved from a forest, wanders through the trees and offers some narrow fairways and variation in elevation.

The Bellingham course was designed by Ted Robinson and ranked a four-star offering by *Golf Digest*.

## Avalon Golf Club

The kingdom of Avalon, home of All-Day golf – Avalon Golf Links of Burlington is the only 27-hole facility in the area and well worth the 50-minute drive from the Seattle area. Three separate nines make up the 27 holes and are simply named the South, West and North Courses.

The name Avalon means an island represented as an earthly paradise in the western seas to which King Arthur and other heroes were carried at death, is a golfing paradise just off Interstate 5.

The Robert Muir Graves-designed course is a bargain all the way. Avalon offers an all-day promotion seven days a week, 365 days a year (rates vary depending on the day of the week).

## Camaloch Golf Course

Located on Camano Island, Camaloch Golf

Course has not only an 18-hole championship course but also a par-3 course to offer during the winter months.

Camaloch Golf Course is located in the Puget Sound's Sun Belt and receives about one-half of the annual rainfall of nearby courses, keeping it dry year-round.

The course is located just 15 minutes off of Interstate-5, giving it easy access for those looking for a round right off the freeway. The course plays to 6,234 yards from the back tees but offers reasonable distances for all levels of players. If you like fast and true greens, then you will love Camaloch's greens which are frequently rolled and mowed are known as some of the best to be found anywhere.

The course also features a new bar and grill called Rockaway.

## Holmes Harbor

Holmes Harbor is rated one of the top executive golf courses in Washington State, the 18-hole course is playable in just over three hours. The Par 64 course measures 4,279 yards, providing panoramic vistas throughout the course. The course is located on Whidbey Island.

With a defined cut of rough bordering the fairways and undulating greens, the signature hole is #8, a 160-yard, Par 3, with a 100-foot drop in elevation from tee to green.

Owner/operator Paul Lavin has revamped the course over the last five years after being closed and abandoned multiple times. Multiple water hazards, sand and pot bunkers along with the narrow and wide fairways make Holmes Harbor a solid test.

## Whidbey Golf Club

Set in the midst of a quiet, lake and tree-lined glen of Oak Harbor you'll find the natural beauty and unique character of one of Whidbey Island's best kept secrets. Welcome, to Whidbey Golf Club, established over 50 years ago. Whidbey Golf Club is a semi private, family oriented club.

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Holmes Harbor is located on the south end of Whidbey Island with a new look and new ownership.

in an average annual rainfall 50% less rainfall than most of the Puget Sound area.

## Lake Padden Golf Course

If you are looking for some of the best in public golf, then look no further than Lake Padden, located just south of Bellingham.

The course has undergone plenty of great changes through the years and improved maintenance has the course featuring some solid fairways and greens that roll true. A traditional layout, the course has many holes that are tucked away in between tall tree-lined fairway and make you feel like you are on your own private, personal golf course. Some come out to play golf; others come simply for a walk in the park using golf as the reason. Lake Padden is part of the Premier Golf Club which means that their club card can be use here.

## San Juans Islands

A trio of nine-hole courses including Orcas Island Golf Club, Lopez Island Golf Club and San Juan Golf & Country Club provide quality golf to vacationers in the San Juan Islands. Orcas Island is the oldest of the three courses, as it was designed and built in 1960. It's a popular destination in summer and was recently purchased by a young local family, the Taylor Family.

## Swinomish Golf Links

The Swinomish Tribe got into the golf business

by purchasing Similk Beach Golf Course and turning it into their own Swinomish Golf Links. The course is part of the Swinomish Casino and Lodge, a place with water views, RV parking, restaurants, gambling and more. The golf course is also a good test and the tribe has put money back into the course to give a new look and some solid conditioning.

## Gleneagle Golf Course

Located in Arlington, Gleneagle Golf Course was developed and opened in 1993. Playing just 5,949 yards from our championship tees, Gleneagle will test your shot-making skills while providing a relaxing, picturesque backdrop. With four sets of tees to choose from, our course is a pleasure for golfers of any skill level to play. Test your accuracy with the water hazards and sand traps. The greens at Gleneagle have long been considered top rate.

## Gallery Golf Course

This is a Navy-owned golf course in Oak Harbor on Whidbey Island. The thing that gets your attention right away are the views. From just about every point on the course, there are views of the Puget Sound, Strait of Juan de Fuca and the mountains. On the course, there is also plenty to like. The back nine has some holes surrounded by trees but most of the holes around the course are open and offer those terrific views.



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# Locator Maps for NW Washington and Olympic Peninsula

## Map of NW Washington/Bellingham

1. **Homestead G & CC**  
18 holes, 6,927 yards  
Lynden, Public

2. **Raspberry Ridge**  
9 holes, 2,825 yards  
Everson, Public

3. **Evergreen**  
9 holes, 2,145 yards  
Everson, Public

4. **Grandview**  
18 holes, 6,404 yards  
Custer, Public

5. **Semiahmoo Resort**  
18 holes, 7,005 yards  
Blaine, Public

6. **Loomis Trail Golf Club**  
18 holes, 7,100 yards  
Blaine, Public

7. **Birch Bay**  
Remodeled 9 holes  
Blaine, Public

8. **Dakota Creek**  
18 holes, 5,185 yards  
Custer, Public

9. **Shuksan Golf Club**  
18 holes, 6,743 yards  
Bellingham, Public

10. **North Bellingham**  
18 holes, 6,816 yards  
Bellingham, Public

11. **Sudden Valley**  
18 holes, 6,553 yards  
Bellingham, Public

12. **Lake Padden**  
18 holes, 6,575 yards  
Bellingham, Public

13. **Gateway**  
9 holes, 3,050 yards  
Sedro Woolley, Public

14. **Avalon Golf Club**  
27 holes  
Burlington, Public

15. **Swinomish Golf Links**  
18 holes, 6,205 yards  
Anacortes, Public

16. **Overlook**  
9 holes, 2,540 yards  
Mount Vernon, Public

17. **Orcas Island**  
9 holes, 3,060 yards  
Eastsound, Public

18. **San Juan Golf Club**  
9 holes, 3,194 yards  
Friday Harbor, Public

19. **Lopez Island GC**  
9 holes, 2,704 yards  
Lopez, Public

20. **Point Roberts**  
18 holes, 6,000 yards  
Point Roberts, Public

21. **Gleneagle**  
18 holes, 6,010 yards  
Arlington, Public

22. **Whidbey Golf Club**  
18 holes, 6,464 yards  
Oak Harbor, Semi-private

23. **Camaloch Golf Course**  
18 holes, 6,234 yards  
Camano Island, Public

24. **Holmes Harbor**  
18 holes, 4,279 yards  
(south) Whidbey Island  
Not shown on map



## Map of the Olympic Peninsula



1. **Peninsula Golf Club**  
18 holes, 6,308  
Port Angeles, Semi-private

2. **Cedars at Dungeness**  
18 holes, 6,378 yards  
Sequim, Public

3. **SkyRidge Golf Course**  
10 holes, 3,305 yards  
Sequim, Public

4. **SunLand Golf Club**  
18 holes, 6,313 yards  
Sequim, Semi-private

5. **Port Townsend GC**  
9 holes, 2,763 yards  
Port Townsend, Public

6. **Discovery Bay**  
18 holes, 6,659 yards  
Port Townsend, Public

7. **Port Ludlow Resort**  
18 holes, 6,861  
Port Ludlow, Public

8. **Lake Cushman GC**  
9 holes, 2,848 yards  
Hoodsport, Public

9. **White Horse Golf Club**  
18 holes, 7,093 yards  
Kingston, Public

10. **LakeLand Village**  
27 holes  
Allyn, Public

11. **Alderbrook Golf Club**  
18 holes, 6,305 yards  
Union, Public

12. **Lake Limerick**  
9 holes, 2,898 yards  
Shelton, Public

13. **Oaksridge**  
18 holes, 5,643 yards  
Elma, Public

14. **Highland**  
18 holes, 6,112 yards  
Cosmopolis, Public

15. **Ocean Shores**  
18 holes, 6,252 yards  
Ocean Shores, Public

16. **Surfside**  
9 holes, 2,960 yards  
Long Beach, Public

17. **Meadowmeer G & CC**  
9 holes, 2,824 yards  
Bainbridge Island, Semi-private

18. **Rolling Hills**  
18 holes, 5,910 yards  
Bremerton, Public

19. **Gold Mountain**  
36 holes  
Bremerton, Public

20. **Horseshoe Lake**  
18 holes, 6,105 yards  
Port Orchard, Public

21. **Village Greens**  
18 holes, Exec. 3,255 yds  
Port Orchard, Public

22. **McCormick Woods**  
18 holes, 7,040 yards  
Port Orchard, Public

23. **Trophy Lake**  
18 holes, 7,206 yards  
Port Orchard, Public

24. **Gig Harbor G & CC**  
9 holes, 2,702 yards  
Gig Harbor, Semi-private

25. **Madrona Links**  
18 holes, 5,602 yards  
Gig Harbor, Public

26. **Hawks Prairie**  
36 holes  
Lacey

27. **Tumwater Golf Course**  
18 holes, 7,154 yards  
Tumwater, Public

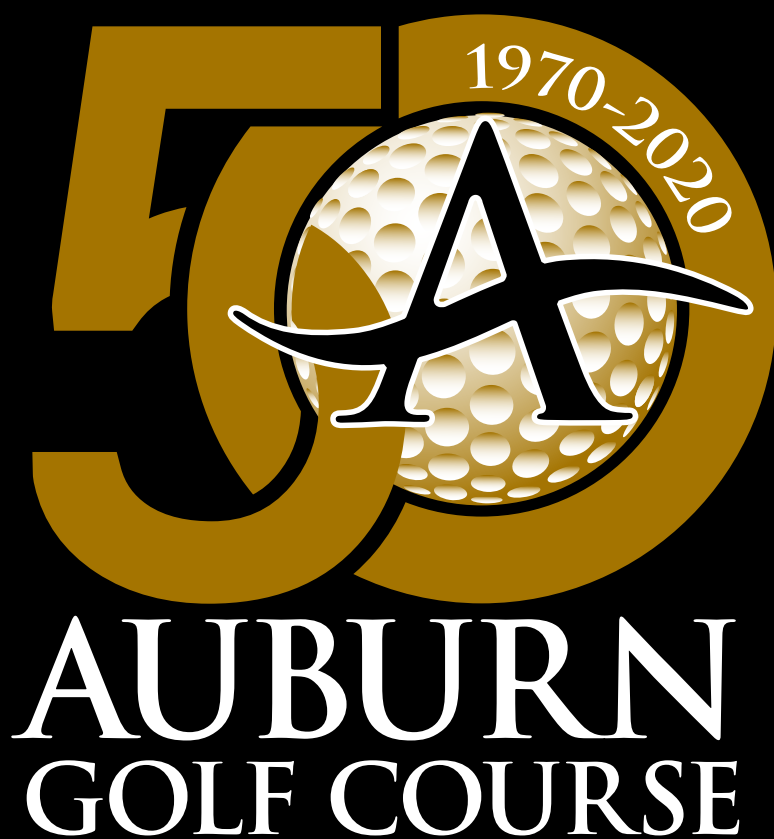
28. **The Home Course**  
18 holes, 7,400  
DuPont, Public

29. **Salish Cliffs**  
18 holes, 7,269 yards  
Shelton, Public



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