



Golfweek Amateur Tour hits Northwest with events

Golfweek's Amateur Tour will hit the Pacific Northwest with events in both Washington and Oregon, including an event at the Home Course (right). There are plenty of events to choose from in both Washington and Oregon with the nationals set for Oct. 23-25 at Hilton Head. For more on the Golfweek Amateur Golf Tour, please see inside this section of Inside Golf Newspaper.



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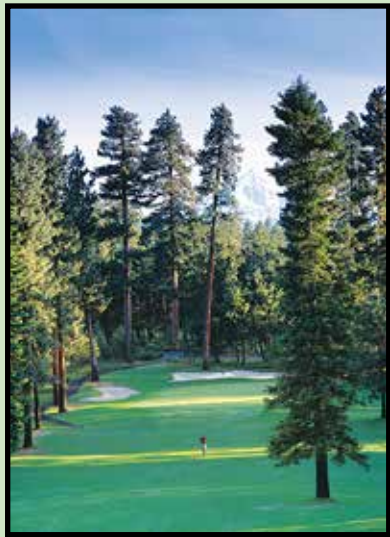
Central Oregon Shootout set for 18th annual event

If it's spring, the it's time for the 18th annual Central Oregon Shootout. The Shootout has become one of the Pacific Northwest's top amateur events with two-player teams taking part over three days of golf at some of Central Oregon's top golf courses.

The event is set for April 24-26 at Aspen Lakes, Eagle Crest and Black Butte Ranch (pictured below). The 54-hole tournament features different formats each day including a scramble, best ball and final-round chapman. The tournament also includes one gross division, four net divisions as well as ladies net and gross payouts. Each golfer is guaranteed to play a round at all three courses, Aspen Lakes, Eagle Crest's Resort Course and Black Butte's Glaze Meadow Course.

Entry fee for the team is \$650 and includes the three rounds of golf, tee prize, welcome reception, daily lunch, continental breakfast and prize payout at the end of the tournament.

Deadline to enter is April 1. Handicap maximums are 36 for men and 42 for women. A maximum six-stroke differential between partners is required.



Drive, Chip & Putt now taking event registrations

Registration is now open for the annual Drive, Chip and Putt qualifiers through DriveChipandPutt.com

The event is presented by both the USGA and the Masters Tournament with the finalists meeting at Augusta National right before The Masters Tournament.

Local qualifiers will begin this summer and then from there, players will advance to regional qualifiers. There will be a total of 10 regional qualifiers before the national event.

Rules Quiz

A player hits their approach shot into a greenside bunker and the ball is embedded in the dirt face at the edge of the bunker. Does he get relief without penalty and where does he take relief? Please see the answer on Page 2 of this section of Inside Golf Newspaper.

Destination: Loomis Trail Golf Club



Loomis Trail Golf Club has always been ranked near the top golf course lists since opening in 1993. And for good reason. The Graham Locke-designed course features some challenging holes with water hazards, strategically placed bunkers and some long par-4 holes. The Lummi Nation Indian Tribe bought the course more than a year ago to give its Silver Reef Casino Resort an added amenity.

For more on Loomis Trail, please see inside this section of Inside Golf Newspaper.



USGA, R&A issue research on distance report, now they will figure out what to do

The USGA and The R&A have issued the Distance Insights Report, which provides comprehensive research and analysis on the contributors to, and long-term impacts of, hitting distance in golf.

After extensive stakeholder research, the report features more than 100 years of data, informed by a library of 56 supporting documents. It is accompanied by a 15-page conclusions paper from the governing bodies that summarizes their perspectives on the long-term implications for the sport.

The reports and library have been publicly released and can be found at usga.org/distanceinsights or randa.org/distanceinsights.

To facilitate input from manufacturers and other stakeholders in the golf community, specific topics of further research will be identified and published within 45 days. It is expected that this important step in gathering input could take approximately nine months to one year.

Key findings of the project include:

There is a 100-year trend of hitting distance increases in golf, as well as a corresponding increase in the length of golf courses, across the game globally the USGA and The R&A believe this continuing cycle is detrimental to the game's long-term future.

The inherent strategic challenge presented by many golf courses can be compromised, especially when those courses have not or cannot become long enough to keep up with increases in the hitting distances of

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Former UW golfer wins at Pebble Beach

Former University of Washington golfer Nick Taylor made the rights shots at the right time and won for the second time in his PGA Tour career, when he held on to win the AT&T Pebble Beach Pro-Am.

Taylor, a Canadian, played in the final group with Phil Mickelson and shot a final-round 70 to finish at 19 under and win the \$1.4 million first-place check. Taylor led from start to finish after opening with a 63 at Monterey Peninsula Golf Club.

Taylor earned a two-year PGA Tour exemption and invitation to the 2020 Masters.



Tacoma's Highlands gets a re-modeled look from new golf course ownership

Highlands Golf Course sits right off of Highway 16 near the Tacoma Narrows Bridge. It's always been one of those hidden secrets, but after what new owner Jack Donnelly and his wife Angela (right) has done, the secret is out. Donnelly has given all of the holes a new look and added a new water feature as well (background of this photo). There is also a new place for food before or after a round called McDuff's Cafe, which is all part of a re-modeled clubhouse. For more on Highlands Golf Course, please see inside this section of Inside Golf Newspaper.

Every year, it’s always a different story at the Waste Management Phoenix Open

Every year at the Waste Management Phoenix Open there is always something new. I have gone six straight years and there never a dull moment - from the drunk guy walking down the sidewalk barely able to stand up but still talking on his phone, to the Arizona State sorority girls walking around in tight-fitting dresses and high heels and not worrying about a single golf shot, there is always plenty to see and do at this party, er, golf tournament.

This was my sixth trip to the tournament. We had always sat in the grandstands on 16 with thousands of others and joined in the cheers, the boos, the heckling and the chants. But this time was different. This time we got to hob nob with the big wigs in the suites on 16. Plenty of seats. And more importantly, plenty of food and adult beverages.

As players made their way from the island green on 15 through the tunnel to the 16 tee box, there was never a dull moment. An occasional cheer for a good tee shot. But plenty of boos for those who missed the green or didn’t knock it near the hole. There were also cheers for Tony Finau when he put on a Kobe Bryant jersey and played the hole. When he knocked in a birdie putt, he did a fadeaway jump shot, ala Kobe. The fans loved it.

We had only gone one day to the tournament. This year we decided to go a second day. No suite this time, but there was still plenty to see and do. A new Ridge grandstand provided some great viewing on the 12th hole. We tried to sneak our way into suites on the 17th and 18th hole, but no dice. Security was on us. My friend even waved a 10 in the face of a security guard. “You might want to try again,” the guard laughed. We had already spent most of our money on \$9 Coors Lights so we were basically tapped.

We ran into other fans from the Northwest, some had been to the event before, others for the first time. “Bucket list thing for me,” one guy said. The guy also said it was fun to see Northwest players like Ryan Moore, Joel Dahmen and Nick Taylor.

There are over 100,000 fans every day on the grounds at the TPC Scottsdale, but amazingly you can still walk around the see players and the wait



for food and beverages is generally not too bad. But about those suites nothing like it. I hope I get my invite again next year.

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The grandstands around the 16th at the Waste Management are always full; Ricky Fowler lookalikes (top).



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Rules Answer

- Answer: A lip, wall or face at the edge of a prepared area and consisting of soil, grass, stacked turf or artificial materials under the revised Rules of Golf are no longer defined as part of a bunker. Now that area is part of the “general area” of the course. The player is entitled to relief without penalty but relief must be in the general area. That may mean the player will have to move some distance to get to a spot in the general area where she can drop a ball without being closer to the hole.

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



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The Golfweek Amateur Tour will hit Langdon Farms with an event during its 2020 tour of the Northwest.

Golfweek Amateur Tour will host a variety of tournaments in the NW

The well-established Golfweek Amateur Tour is ready to host tournaments in the greater Portland and Seattle/Tacoma areas. The Tour provides amateurs the experience of competitive stroke-play golf, and will host an 11-event local schedule that kicks off March 21th at Orchard Hills Country Club in Washougal, Wash. and a eight-event local schedule kicks 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.

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) at (541) 740-4278; portland@amateurgolf-tour.net; Derek Hart (Seattle/Tacoma Tour Director) or visit www.amateurgolfour.net.

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New owner wants to make sure that Tacoma’s Highlands course remains a true ‘gem’ of the NW

When Jack Connelly became the new owner of Tacoma’s Highlands Golf Course, he wanted to be certain that the “gem” of our Northwest Par threes would remain open for the thousands of men, women and children who have enjoyed the various recreational opportunities offered there since 1931. He also wanted to save it from becoming “just another housing development” in Tacoma’s west end.

All indications are that it will become everything he had hoped for as a neighborhood center with a new feature – McDuff’s Cafe. Watch for the grand opening of that “gathering place” this month, subject to health dept. permits.

The Connelly family, and there are nine children, is heavily involved in many phases of remodeling the facility. Every one of the nine holes has been improved, including new sand in all of the course bunkers. The clubhouse, inside and out, has been remodeled and there is a new activity area adjacent to it with an outdoor fireplace, extensive outside seating, a fire pit and a new water feature behind the ninth green.

A practice putting green and two hitting stations border the area adjacent to the clubhouse, the patio has been expanded, and the side yard allows room for additional tables, chairs and staging needed to enjoy the surroundings during tournaments or special events. New flowers already have been added to its border. The improvements have been noted by hundreds of visitors to the course since the new year and the golfing season, right around the corner now, promises to bring a lot of excitement to the “new-look” facility.

“We have an outstanding advisory committee, strong men’s and women’s groups and exciting league team play for all levels,” noted Connelly. “Our goal is to be a community center for the residential area, and to have an outstanding course to host some par 3 tournaments. We have started the remodel of the course,

remodeled the clubhouse and opening a new Café.

A new logo and new apparel await the golfers expected to choose Highlands for their next round, and Jack is confident that Par 3 layouts are the favorites-to-be for those who recognize the advantages of playing a short nine in “Half the time, and Twice the fun”.

“We also hope to be a special place for youngsters,” Jack said, “where Mom or Dad bring their children to introduce them to the game. First Tee will have a chapter at the course for disadvantaged children.”

For additional information and questions, the head professional at Highlands is Don Mojean, a longtime Tacoma professional with a history at both Allenmore and Highlands. The phone number is 253-759-3622.



Highlands Golf Course in Tacoma, near the Tacoma Narrows Bridge, has taken on a new re-model look from owner Jack Connelly, including the new McDuff’s Cafe.

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The Washington Golf Pass features exclusive specials and deals from golf courses and facilities throughout Washington Golf territory, and will also feature exclusive offers on retail products, tickets to sporting events, and travel destinations.

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Non-WA Golf members can get the pass simply by either signing up at their local course or by joining online at WAgolf.org/join. Along with the Golf Pass, new members will also receive all other great WA Golf benefits.

The Washington Golf Pass is also a great benefit for golf facilities, who have faced challenges from

costly tee time services and other discount passes. It costs golf facilities absolutely nothing to be listed in the Washington Golf Pass – no tee times surrendered, no fees of any kind, no costs for advertising or promotion; and the facilities keep all the revenue from their offers, they get to dictate their offer, and with the Golf Pass being a digital-only product, they can change their offer at any time throughout the year.

For questions, email info@wagolfpass.com or call the WA Golf office at 253-214-2919.

LPGA Legends back to White Horse

The LPGA Legends Tour will return to White Horse Golf Club May 27-30 with the third annual Suquamish Clearwater Legends Cup. Juli Inkster won the event last year. The tournament will feature 32 of the most recognized names in LPGA history. The event will be held over two days.



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Lummi Nation gives NW golfers a double treat with Silver Reef Resort as well as its Loomis Trail Golf Club

When Loomis Trail Golf Club opened for play, it was quickly recognized as one of the top golf courses in the Pacific Northwest. And for good reason. The Graham Cooke-designed course in Blaine, Wash. featured a challenging 18-hole course with water on virtually every hole and views of the surrounding area. And now, there is more.

After Lummi Nation bought the course in 2018, it became a perfect amenity to go with its Silver Reef Casino Resort, which sits 13 miles to the south in the town of Ferndale.

The course itself has always been rated among the toughest in the Pacific Northwest. Loomis Trail has water on all 18 holes with its extensive canal and water system. There is room off the tees, but with the water you need to make sure to keep the ball in the right spot.

Loomis Trail has played host to some top amateur events through the years and will be a host qualifying site for the 2020 Notah Begay III Junior Golf Championships. Loomis Trail has also hosted the 2009 NCAA Division 2 National Championships.

In fact, when the Lummi Nation bought the course, Lummi Nation Chairman Jay Julius said that it will open some doors - giving the Lummi National School a chance for its own home course. "Golf is an expensive sport and we've changed that," said Julius. "We want to make it accessible to everyone."

Loomis Trail used to be teamed up with Se-miahmoo Resort - with one course being public and one private every day. Now, with the sale to Lummi National, Loomis Trail is open to the public seven days a week. The Tudor-style clubhouse features 42,000 square feet of meeting space and 15-room Boutique Hotel is available from group rentals. There is banquet space for weddings, special events and meetings and the clubhouse also has a newly remodeled sports bar

and grill. Lummi Nation has pulled out all the stops to make Loomis Trail a complete resort destination with its Silver Reef Casino Resort.

Loomis Trail can play as short or as long as you want. From the tips, the 462-yard seventh hole and 472-yard 17th hole are a pair of monsters from the tips. For more, see www.golfloomis.com.

Loomis Trail Golf Club in Blaine is considered one of the top courses in the Pacific Northwest (right); the Lummi Nation Indian Tribe bought the course to give an added amenity to its Silver Reef Resort (bottom).



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USGA sets dates for its qualifiers for 2020 national championships; Bandon Dunes hosts U.S. Amateur

The United States Golf Association has set the dates and sites for its qualifiers for its major national championships. The Pacific Northwest will host several qualifiers for the U.S. Open, the Women's U.S. Open, the U.S. Amateur and the Women's Amateur.

Entries were available on March 4 for all USGA championships.

The USGA will have a big presence in the Pacific Northwest in August when Bandon Dunes Resort plays host to the U.S. Amateur. The week-long event will take place on different Bandon Dunes courses Aug. 9-16. Qualifiers are set for Palouse Ridge on July 2, Bandon Dunes Old Macdonald on July 13 and July 14 and Lake Spanaway in Tacoma on July 21.

The U.S. Open will be held June 18-21 at Winged Foot in New York. Local qualifiers are set for Gold Mountain's Olympic Course on May 11, Willamette Valley Country Club in Canby on May 11 and Gamble Sands Golf Course in Brewster on May 11.

The Women's U.S. Open is set for June 4-7 at Champions Golf Club in Houston. There is only one local qualifier set for the Pacific Northwest and that

will take place Meridian Valley Country Club in Kent on April 21.

The U.S. Women's Amateur will be played Aug. 2-9 at Woodmont Country Club in Maryland. The local qualifier is set for Trysting Tree in Corvallis on July 7.

The USGA Men's Open will be played June 25-28 at Newport Country Club in Rhode Island. A couple of local qualifiers will be held at Tacoma Country and Golf Club on May 11 and the second at Arrowhead Golf Club in Molalla on May 12.

The USGA Women's Open will be held July 9-12 at Brooklawn Country Club in Connecticut. The local qualifier is set for White Horse in Kingston on May 26.

Muckleshoot Washington Open set

The Muckleshoot Washington Open is the first major championship of the season and will be held May 16-20 at Meridian Valley Country Club in Kent, Wash. The tournament will bring together the top professionals and amateurs from around the Pacific Northwest for a three-day tournament. A two-day Pro-Am kicks off the event at Meridian Valley.

Tour Players With Northwest ties

PGA Tour

- Kevin Chappell • Kirkland • 184th on the list with \$120,416
- Ben Crane • Portland • 204th on the list with \$71,831
- Joel Dahmen, Clarkston • 39th on the list with \$1,105,199
- Robert Garrigus • Gresham • 222nd on the list with \$21,885
- Ryan Moore • Puyallup • 69th on the list with \$701,077
- Cheng Tsung Pan • Ex-UW • 155th on the list with \$222,144
- Andrew Putnam • Tacoma • 71st on the list with \$445,566
- Nick Taylor • Ex-UW • 19th on the list with \$1,781,422
- Aaron Wise • Ex-Oregon • 164th on the list with \$190,328
- Alex Prugh • Spokane • No Events
- Kyle Stanley • Gig Harbor • 125th on the list with \$328,680
- Scott Harrington • Portland • 55th on the list with \$837,787

Korn Ferry Tour

- Alistar Docherty • Vancouver • No Events
- Andres Gonzales • Olympia • 116th on the list with \$4,515
- Scott Harrington • Portland • No Events
- Brock Mackenzie • Yakima • No Events
- Alex Prugh • Spokane • 79th on the list with \$10,453
- Dylan Wu • Medford • No Events

Champions Tour

- Fred Couples • Seattle • 6th on the list with \$221,200
- Bob Gilder • Corvallis • No Events
- Brian Henninger • Eugene • No Events
- Peter Jacobsen • Portland • No Events
- Kirk Triplett • Pullman • 39th on the list with \$36,000

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 • 78th on the list with \$13,661
- Carolyn Inglis • Eugene • No Event

LPGA Symetra Tour

- Mallory Kent • Seattle • No Events
- Sadena Parks • Tacoma • No Events
- Kim Welch • Ex-WSU • No Events
- Erynne Lee • Silverdale • No Events
- Gigi Stoll • Beaverton • No Events

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The Lesson Tee: These drills will help you see some amazing improvements in your game

In January and February I've been in Phoenix teaching, practicing and working out at Lone Tree Golf Club in Chandler, Arizona. Definitely trying to stay young from the neck down. I'm back now at "Magical Semiahmoo," entering my 26th year at Semiahmoo.

If we lined up 100 golfers and they did the two drills and practice procedures I'm about to give, at least 98 of the 100 would see amazing improvement.

These drills enhance our backswing. The backswing has two major purposes:

1) To accumulate power by turning, coiling, and wrist hinge.

2) Backswing puts us in proper position to allow our hands to make a straight line to the golf ball and hitting zone.

Photo 1: Place a shaft even with your right shoulder and four inches right of your right shoulder. As you turn, turn your left shoulder down and hands and shaft move under the pole/shaft in the ground. You will feel lower and flatter. This is necessary for most. One need create depth to the backswing in order to come on a proper shallow plane on the downswing. Most golfers miss this.

Photo 2: Do this "Wall Drill." Turn your shoulders and hips without much weight shift. Again, your left shoulder goes down. This Wall Drill creates depth, a missed necessity for most golfers. Your left hand touches the wall shoulder high.

Golfers need get better other then just hitting balls. Practice in a Swing Station and do the Wall Drill you will not be disappointed. Imagine the poles when you are on the course.

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These drills enhance our backswing. The backswing has two major purposes:

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Photo #1



Photo #2



Photo #3

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MAKING SENSE OF INVESTING

Dan Altmayer: Make sure to pick the right investment for your needs

As you go through life, you'll have many financial goals. Fortunately, you don't need to achieve them all at the same time. But when you have a mix of short- and long-term goals, you will need to pursue some different investment strategies simultaneously.

Your short-term goals may depend somewhat on your stage in life. For example, when you're starting out with your career and you're beginning to raise a family, you may well have a goal of saving enough money for a down payment on a home. Later on, though, you may decide you want to travel the world for a year.

Because you know about how much money you'll need, and when you'll need it, you can choose the appropriate investments, with these characteristics:

- **Low risk** – Above all else, you want the right amount of money to be there when it's time to use it. So, you'll need low risk, high-stability investments. You won't see much in the way of growth from these types of investments, but you also won't be sweating every single market downturn in fear of not reaching your goal.

- **Liquidity** – You won't want to worry about trying to find a market for your investment when it's time to sell it and then use the proceeds for your short-term goal. That's why you need to pick short-term vehicles that are highly liquid. So, what kinds of investments meet these criteria? You actually have quite a choice, including mutual funds consisting of short-term corporate or government bonds; certificates of deposit; cash management accounts; money market accounts; and U.S. Treasury securities.

Now, moving on to longer-term goals, the situation can be quite a bit different. Suppose, for instance, you're saving and investing for a retirement that may be three or four decades away. For this goal, you have one overriding motivation: to end up with as much money as possible. And since you have so many years until you need this money, you may be able to take on more risk than you could with the investments you counted on for your short-term

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needs. This isn't to say you should be reckless, of course – you still need to pay attention to your individual risk tolerance.

Overall, though, there's a big philosophical difference, in terms of risk capacity, between investing for the long term versus the short term. When you're saving for a long-term goal such as retirement, you may need to rely primarily on your IRA and your 401(k) or similar employer-sponsored retirement plan.

And within these accounts, you'll need a reasonable percentage of growth oriented investments such as stocks and stock-based mutual funds. It's true that stocks are volatile, with sometimes sharp price declines. But in exchange, you get far greater growth potential than you would with any of the short-term investments named above.

Furthermore, the longer you hold stocks or stock-based investments, the more the price volatility tends to even out. (Keep in mind, though, that there are no guarantees of profit).

So, there you have them: short- and long-term investments. A financial professional can help you choose the ones that can help you keep moving toward all your goals, whether they're three years or three decades away.

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The Gem in the Rough: Bloom into spring with transitional style tips

By Ruby Lampkey, Special to Inside Golf

March could not come soon enough! Spring is almost officially here - in spite of the chilly temperatures much of the PNW has seen recently. The forecasters keep telling us the weather will soon catch up with the calendar, and all we can do is hope they're right.

However, even during the spring season, dressing right for the course can be tricky: Some days the sunshine makes us ready to retire our beanies and rain pants and live in shorts and a polo instead. But other days, frigid winds hit and make us wish we were bundled in a neck gaiter, pockets with hand warmers and sitting in a golf cart with a cupholder heater. That's where transitional dressing comes in.

The key to surviving this awkward transitional period is through light layering. Swap out your heavy winter insulated jackets and thermal base layers for lighter quarter-zip tops and outerwear pieces such as a vest or wind-shirt. The key is to be warm enough for early morning tee times while also maintaining your cool for afternoon sun breaks.

If you're most comfortable in winter's blacks and grays, no need to jump right into bright spring colors. Start by adding a bright and bold color you love and feel most confident in while on the course. As it deepens into spring, incorporate more colors and prints into your style. You'll often see me sporting a bright full-zip or vivid colored pant that will complement the rest of my winter-neutral outfit. The pop of color will instantly brighten up your entire look—not to mention your winter blues.

Hasta la vista, fleece-lined winter golf pants. Hello, capris. And for you fellas, try a tapered leg cut pant or joggers. I love how easy it is to style these pieces with anything; plus, we're all dying



to show a peek of skin after a long winter. But not too much, as we're all still pale from the lack of Vitamin D in the PNW.

Be sure to keep these mini style hacks in mind to help you survive the winter-to-spring wardrobe transition. If nothing else, they'll give you inspiration and hope that 65 degree days and sunshine will return—eventually.

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Rules of the Game: Make sure to put ball in play properly or pay the price

Pat Campbell



In January, we took a look at the fact that stroke and distance is sometimes the only way we can get a ball back in play; think out of bounds or lost outside a penalty area. Getting it in play properly is important. Doing it incorrectly will possibly lead to an additional general penalty (two strokes in stroke play and loss of hole in match play) and we are trying to avoid those extra penalty situations.

The accompanying graphic from the Rules of Golf is invaluable as it outlines clearly the where and the how, both critical to avoiding further penalty. Always start with "From what part of the course was my previous stroke played?"

If it was from the tee you have choices; you can either tee it up anywhere within the teeing area, yes, anywhere, not just from precisely where you made the last stroke, or you can drop it anywhere within the teeing area. That was easy.




Your last stroke was from the general area, a bunker or a penalty area? First of all, you are going to drop it. Where? Within your relief area which is an area one club length from the spot where the previous stroke was made (that spot is called the reference point). There are two restrictions; it MUST be within the same area of the course as the reference point AND it must not be nearer the hole than the reference point. So, if the last stroke was played from a bunker? Both the reference point and the relief area MUST be in the same bunker. The same criteria must be used for applying stroke and distance to the general area and a penalty area.

Thirdly, if your last stroke was from the putting green....you must replace it on the spot from which the previous stroke was made.

Two clarifications: you can use either your

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When a player is required or allowed to make the next stroke from where the previous stroke was made, how the player must put a ball into play depends on the area of the course where that previous stroke was made.

Teeing area	General area, bunker or penalty area	Putting green
		
The previous stroke was made from the teeing area, so a ball must be played from anywhere inside the teeing area.	The previous stroke was made from the general area, a bunker or a penalty area, so the reference point is the spot where the previous stroke was made. A ball is dropped within one club-length of that reference point, but in the same area of the course as the reference point and not nearer the hole than the reference point.	The previous stroke was made from the putting green, so a ball is placed on the spot where the previous stroke was made.

original ball or another ball AND if you are not certain of the precise spot from which your last stroke was played, your best estimate is acceptable.

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the spot of that previous putt.

Fair warning, if you play a ball that was placed when it should have been dropped, you get the general penalty. Ouch. Check out the rest of Rule 14 which may assist you in avoiding additional penalties while you try to get your ball back in play. The videos on USGA.org are always helpful!

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