

INSIDE GOLF NEWSPAPER

Jeff Sanders and his Lagardere group keep golf events moving

The coronavirus is hitting all walks of golf and now COVID-19 has forced some scheduling changes to the professional golf events. Jeff Sanders and his Lagardere Sports group run a variety of events on the PGA Tour and Korn Ferry Tour but are able to keep things going on their end. Here is a look at how they do it and what they are planning. See story on back page.



WHAT'S NEW IN NW GOLF

Professional events make changes in Northwest

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

- **The Suquamish Clearwater Legends Cup** was supposed to be held May 29-30 at White Horse Golf Club in Kingston. The event has been cancelled and will return in June 2021.

- **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. (Event is pictured below).

- **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 Circling Raven Symetra Championship** was to be held Aug. 28-29 at Circling Raven in Worley, Idaho. It has been cancelled.

- **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.



Myrtle Beach World Am now taking registrations

Registration is now open for the Myrtle Beach World Amateur, which will be played Aug. 31- Sept. 6 at some of Myrtle Beach's top golf courses. Entry fee is \$535 for four rounds of golf and much more if players sign up by May 15.

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 \$100,000 in prizes to be won and there will be nearly 70 flights for men, women and seniors.

Rules Quiz

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

Northwest Golf is back in play!

The COVID-19 situation has meant different things for courses around the country. In Oregon and Idaho, courses kept going with certain restrictions. But in Washington, on March 24, the courses were shut down. No golf. No driving ranges. No putting. Nada.

However, golf is now open for all the Pacific Northwest states. But restrictions that have been in place will continue to stay in place.

Precautions such as single riders in golf carts, no touching the flagstick and no rakes in the bunkers. Some states, like Washington, will limit groups to twosomes, unless they are from the same family then it can be more. See page 18 for complete list of Washington State guidelines.



Las Vegas: Golf jackpot in the desert



When it comes to golf vacations, there is no doubt that Las Vegas is near the top of the list for just about every golfer. With places like Royal Links (top) and Reflection Bay (right) there are plenty of choices when it comes to playing golf in Las Vegas. Royal Links offers a course with holes modeled after those found in Scotland, England and Ireland. Reflection Bay is a gem on Lake Las Vegas with stunning views and challenging shots. For more, please see inside this section of Inside Golf Newspaper.



USGA cancels first two championships on its 2020 schedule

The start of the USGA's competition calendar is closing in, but as the first scheduled event, the U.S. Women's Amateur Four-Ball, draws closer, the organization has joined nearly every other major golf association in reacting to the coronavirus threat.

The USGA announced it would cancel the Women's Amateur Four-Ball, scheduled for April 25-29 at Quail Creek Country Club in Naples, Florida, in addition to the U.S. Amateur Four-Ball, scheduled for May 23-27 at Philadelphia (Pennsylvania) Cricket Club.

Neither event will be rescheduled in 2020.

In addition, the USGA has already made changes to its other top tournaments.

The United States Open will be moved from its June dates to Sept. 17-20 at Winged Foot Golf Club in New York while the U.S. Women's Open will now be held Dec. 10-13 at Champions Golf Club in Houston, moving from its original dates in June as well.

The Masters has moved from its April dates to November, with the major championship being held Nov. 12-15 at Augusta National.

Other news and notes from the USGA: The Curtis Cup (an event where the top amateurs from the U.S. play against Europe) has been cancelled for 2020 and will be played in 2021. And the Drive, Chip and Putt event has been postponed to 2021.

Another Northwest golf course getting shut down, this time it's Eaglemont

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.

It's time to get back on the course and get the 2020 golf season rolling in the NW

This is a crazy time for the golf business. I have seen it first hand. I have seen what the coronavirus has done to golf in states like Washington where the courses have been shut down. And I have seen what COVID-19 has done in places like Arizona, where the courses are open but with restrictions.

When the states started putting restrictions on where and what people could do, many of the states opted to keep golf courses open calling them essential for outdoor exercise. In the state of Washington, golf courses were told to shut down. I never understood that. Golf courses are spread out over acres, like parks, and people can keep the social distancing part of this pandemic with no problems. So, I did what other people did.

I left to find open golf courses. In Arizona, they had the right idea. The courses were open but with plenty of restrictions. Take a look at how places like Arizona handled things:

Most pro shops were closed and a table was set up out front to check golfers in and keeping safe distance during check in as well.

Almost all courses required golfers to take solo carts.

There were no rakes in the bunkers

There was no touching of the flagstick and the cups were turned upside down.

In fact, the Cactus Tour continued to play events in the area. I was there for one of the events at Las Colinas Golf Course in Queen Creek where 23 ladies either rode solo or walked and everyone abided by the golf guidelines. The tour took some heat for playing events, but that was ridiculous. Since the courses were open, the Cactus Tour had every reason to keep on playing.

I cheated a bit during the pandemic. I played at home a handful of times with restrictions but then decided it was time for some hot spring weather and a place where all of the courses were open. There was no reason that courses could not have been opened in Washington. They came up with the term social distancing for a reason – and playing golf would have been perfect. And don't get me

Steve Turcotte



started on the fact that they also told people they couldn't fish.

I am not saying that the stay at home order were not a bad thing because this COVID-19 deal hit home a while back. I was officiating the Class 4A and 3A boys tournament at the Tacoma Dome for a week. An email came across my desk a week after the event saying that a worker at the event had contacted COVID-19. I didn't too much about it until I found out it was a friend of mind who handled the officials for the week. The story gets worse. After

the tournament, he went home to California, got sicker, then on a ventilator and eventually passed away.

When my sister and the rest of my family said I was crazy to get on an airplane during the pandemic just to look for the sun and golf. I told them the plane was virtually empty, there were hardly anyone at the airport and I would take precautions on the golf course. Turns out golf in Arizona was the right deal at the right time. The weather was warm for spring and the courses were all open and everyone seemed to get the idea about how to handle the current situation. There were no handshakes at the first tee for greetings, no high fives after a birdie putt. Just golfers out on the course, playing a game they love and making sure they stay healthy.

It's time to get back to golf in the Pacific Northwest. There was no reason it should have been shut down for that long. It is an outdoor activity. And easy to use the social distancing requirement. Let's play.

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Many courses in Arizona helped with social distancing by moving the checkin for golfers outside of the shop.



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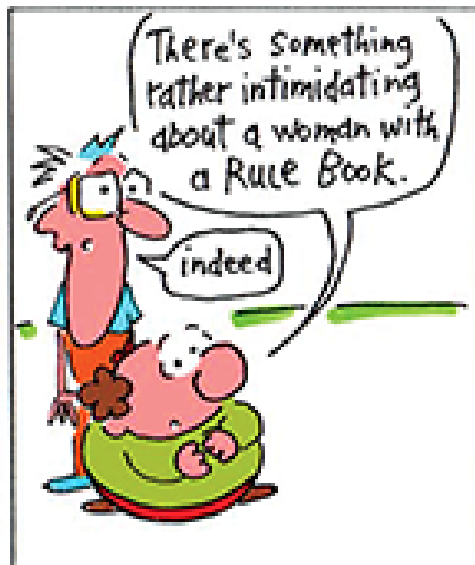
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Rules Answer

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

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



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With the first venue opening in Kirkland, Wash., the Lounge by Topgolf has a 9,200 square foot upscale restaurant, bar and indoor lounge with an expansive outdoor patio offering panoramic views of Kirkland. The venue includes four entertainment bays and a VIP bay – all powered by Topgolf Swing Suite technology – as well as a private event space and innovative digital sky.

“Lounge by Topgolf demonstrates Topgolf’s constant pursuit of the unexpected with an all-indoor, virtual experience different from anything else we’ve created,” said Topgolf Entertainment Group Executive Chairman Erik Anderson. “With Greater Seattle being a center for all things tech, I can’t think of a better location for the first Lounge by Topgolf. We use proprietary Topgolf Swing Suite technology to bring our Guests exciting virtual games, all while enjoying locally curated food and beverage selections under a digital sky. Being a proud Seattle-area native, I am excited we’re opening the first venue of this concept in my backyard.”

This innovative bar and restaurant concept focuses on premium hospitality, craft cocktails and locally curated dishes and spirits offering an elevated experience for all occasions. From the Beignet Shake Up and Tableside Nachos to the Truffle Chicken and Pig Pile, there’s a dish for every taste. The cocktail list features fun, surprising twists on cocktails, such as the smoky Lit Punch and tri-colored Magic Trick.

The new venue sits at the epicenter of Kirkland Urban, a new 1.2 million square foot mixed-use residential and retail development in the heart of downtown Kirkland. Lounge by Topgolf is located at 425 Urban Plaza, Kirkland, Wash. 98033 in Suite 200 on the second floor and above the flagship QFC. Four-hour validated parking is available in the garage for all Guests. Other retailers joining Lounge by Topgolf include Mudbay, Bright Horizons, Power Hour 360 and many more.

“We are thrilled to welcome Lounge by Topgolf to Kirkland Urban,” said Andrea Lachmann of Kirkland Urban. “Our region has been missing a high-end entertainment destination that families and the late-night crowd can all enjoy. Lounge is also perfectly positioned at Kirkland Urban to offer our office tenants a convenient location for post-work happy hour, corporate events and more.”

Powered by proprietary Topgolf Swing Suite technology, Lounge by Topgolf includes digital screens and a selection of exciting, digital multi-sport games and experiences that can be enjoyed by anyone, regardless of skill level. Guests can choose from more than 80 digital championship golf courses using a microchipped golf ball and simulator screen. Other games are available, including fan-favorite Zombie Dodgeball, hockey, baseball and football challenges, and popular carnival games.

Leaderboards, a superior full-venue sound system, and a Digital Sky video ceiling create prominent audiovisual elements throughout, placing Lounge by Topgolf at the forefront of recreational innovation. Private events and a VIP bay can take advantage of the state-of-the art technology exclusively offered at the Lounge.

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Several events in the Northwest are cancelled; Washington Golf schedules Casual Golf Days

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.

But the Symetra Tour event will return in 2021 to Circling Raven.

But there are other tournaments in the Pacific Northwest that have been cancelled for 2020.

The Suquamish Clearwater Legends Cup, featuring the LPGA Legends Tour, was scheduled for this month and has been cancelled. The event will return in 2021. Nancy Lopez had been scheduled to play in this year’s event before it was shutdown for 2020.

The Rosauers Invitational, one of the major tournaments for the Northwest professionals and amateurs, will not be played this year at Indian Canyon. The event had been set for July.

Other professional events set for the Pacific Northwest are still on the calendar, including the WinCo Foods Portland Open at Pumpkin Ridge Aug. 6-9; the Boeing Classic at Snoqualmie Ridge Golf Club featuring the PGA Tour Champs on Aug. 21-23 and the LPGA Portland Cambia Classic has been moved to Sept. 17-20 at Columbia Edgewater Country Club.

Pacific NW PGA winners

Congratulations are in order to the four 2019 PNW PGA Special Award Winners who have gone on to become finalists for 2020 PGA National Awards which will be announced later in the year.

- Harold Bluestein - Horton Smith Award.
- Jacob Lippold - Merchandiser of the Year - Public Facility.

- Chris Runyan - Patriot Award.
- Jeff Simonds - Merchandiser of the Year - Resort Facility.

Washington Golf’s Casual Golf Days

Washington Golf is staging its annual Casual Golf Days beginning in Oct. 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.

For more information see www.wagolf.org.

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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.

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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.

Francis new USGA President

J. Stuart Francis, of Hillsborough, Calif., has been elected to serve as the 66th president of the United States Golf Association (USGA). The election took place at the Association’s Annual Meeting in the Village of Pinehurst, N.C.. Francis will serve a three-year term leading the USGA Executive Committee, which serves as the policy-making board and provides strategic direction and oversight to the Association’s full-time staff, which is based in Liberty Corner, N.J.

Francis is currently a senior managing director for Evercore, a global investment banking advisory firm, where he leads the firms Silicon Valley based technology practice. He is entering his sixth year on the Executive Committee and has served as chairman of the Championship Committee for the last four years.

Drive, Chip and Putt rescheduled for 2021

The 2020-21 Drive, Chip and Putt qualifying season, set to begin May 2, will be canceled, given the continued effect of COVID-19 on scheduling during the time period critical to the success of local qualifying for the Drive, Chip and Putt.

Ultimately, the Founding Partners determined cancellation was the most responsible measure to take in protecting the health of everyone involved in this national endeavor, which includes tens of thousands of participants.

This year’s Drive, Chip and Putt National Finals originally scheduled for April 5, 2020, will be rescheduled for April 4, 2021.

The Seattle/Portland Golfweek Amateur Tour continues as we deal with COVID-19 recovery

Golfweek Amateur Tour continues during the COVID Pandemic. With recent restrictions lifted on golf courses in the Pacific NW, Golfweek is moving forward with tournament events for the 2020 season. The tournament atmosphere will be different given that courses and events will adhere to prescribed policies and social distancing.

Events will be following strict state guidelines and local course rules and regulations. Given that walking will be encouraged.

The Portland local Tour has broken registration fees into a walking and riding rate. Players are welcome to play the tour as a guest, but will only be in the points race as a member.

Free 2020 Memberships given to the Portland Tour for players that register for their May or June Event. Portland Tour will host an event on Sunday, May 31st at Heron Lakes Golf Course. Portland’s June event will be June 20th at Rock Creek Country Club. The Seattle tour will open the season on May 30th at Chambers Bay. Members can play events on both local tours and any event in the country.

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

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Spring sports for high schools, colleges get cancelled for 2020 season but college athletes will not lose a year of eligibility for next spring

By Steve Turcotte
Inside Golf Editor

OK, I will admit something right off the top. I coach the Highline College women's golf team so I know exactly what the coronavirus did to both college and high school sports. As we prepared to get ready for our 2020 spring season, college sports around the country were told there would be no spring sports. No spring sports, therefore no college golf season.

I felt bad for my players on the team - two freshman and two sophomores. We had a solid fall season and everyone was looking to see how their golf games could improve during the spring season, which was consist of seven tournaments. But in March, the plug was pulled and golf and every other sport was put on hold. Not only were there no matches, there were no

practices or any other type of get to-gethers. Spring sports were shut down completely. But after some discussion at the national level, something good came out of it. All spring sport athletes from the Division 1 level to the junior college level, would not lose their eligibility. At Highline, my two freshmen will be freshmen athletically in 2020-21 and the sophomores will; be sophomores again.

It is only fair that they came up with this rule, to wipe out an entire season and not give the kids a chance to improve and perhaps move to the next level was not going to go over well.

In the Pacific Northwest and around the country, the same was true with the high schools. Spring sports were all wiped out, although in Washington and Oregon they were both holding out hope for the longest time

that maybe there could be a condensed season and the state championships.

But no dice.

This affected some ladies who will be playing golf at Highline for me next year. Both would have played in their state tournaments in Washington and Oregon, but with the spring sport season being cancelled, they will have to wait to get to Highline to play competitive tournament golf next fall.

As a college golf coach, it is tough to sit and watch spots get taken away. The kids were excited about the spring season. Even at the two-year college level and the NWAC Conference that we play in at Highline College the tournaments are competitive and golf is both an individual and team sport. The spring season might have been taken away from the ladies but hope-

fully the fall season will put things back on track for all the college sports.

There was plenty that was affected by the coronavirus in terms of schools and spring sports. For the NCAA Division 1 teams, the College Baseball World Series in Omaha was scrubbed as was the College Softball World Series in Oklahoma City.

The NCAA Division 1 had a new golf set up for its championships this year with Grayhawk Golf Club in the Phoenix area serving as host for both the men and women. It was to be the first of a three-year deal where Grayhawk was to host both the NCAA Division 1 men and women at the same site.

Let's hope that schools can get back to some normalcy this fall. It's time for kids to get back on the golf course and enjoy college.





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Arcis Golf, the Dallas-based golf ownership and management company, has been named to the National Golf Foundation's biennial list of the "Top 100 Businesses in Golf," one of the industry's most important recording of successful companies, organizations, and associations of fundamental importance to golfers and the golf business at large. NGF Golf 100 celebrates the success of leaders across all vertical categories: apparel and equipment, turf equipment and supply, course management, retail, media & technology, and industry associations.



Stone Creek Golf Course is under the Arcis umbrella.



Superstition Springs (top photo) and Raven are two popular choices for golf in the Valley of the Sun.

The inclusion of Arcis Golf on NGF Golf 100 complements the company's meteoric rise. Six years ago, Arcis was a small start-up. With 65 private, resort, and daily-fee golf clubs in 14 states and 6,000 employees, it is the second-largest owner and operator of courses in the U.S., its properties positioned in or near major metropolitan areas from coast to coast.

And in the Phoenix area, there is plenty to like with the courses Arcis has to offer:

- Superstition Springs has always been one of the most popular courses in the area and offers challenges along the way. From the opening dogleg first hole to the watery challenges of the 18th hole, Superstition Springs is a place that has it all from a great layout to water hazards to sand obstacles. Water comes into play down the stretch as the 17th is a par-5 with water all down the right side and the 18th hole is a par-4 with water crossing the fairway twice and more to the right of the fairway.
- Raven: The Raven Golf Club has been award-winning for years and for good reason. This is a course which doesn't fit the desert mold, having 18

holes surrounded by Georgia Pines. The 18th hole is a medium-length par-4 with water at the green. And when the pin is tucked back right, this hole is a monster. The multi-tiered greens also get your attention from the opening hole.

- Stone Creek: This is a course which sits at the heart of the Phoenix area and has been called "Arizona's Best kept Golf Secret" by the Golf Channel. There are terrific mountain views along the way and water grabs your attention on the first two holes.

- The Legend at Arrowhead: This is a course which is etched into mountain slopes and was designed by Arnold Palmer.

- Kokopelli: This course is just 20 minutes from the Phoenix Sky Harbor Airport and worth the short trip with water and rolling mounds to get your attention.

There are also a pair of private courses in the area in Arrowhead Country Club and Tatum Ranch Golf Club - for those with reciprocal privileges.



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Where you can play golf in Southwest Washington

SW Washington is an area with a variety of golf courses, including Ocean Shores Golf Course (right). For more about the courses of SW Washington see inside this section.



It's not difficult to find most of the golf courses in SW Wash

You don't have to venture far off the main highways to find some great golf courses to play in Southwest Washington. All are easy to find (see map on Page 13) and all are worth the drive.

Taking of tour of SW Washington

Golf in Southwest Washington offers a vast variety of courses to play, from places like the Home Course in DuPont (right) to Lewis River in Woodland (lower right). There are resort options as well like staying at the Quinault Beach Resort and Casino in Ocean Shores (lower left).

With some of the Pacific Northwest's top public courses located in Southwest Washington, it's definitely worth taking a golf trip up and down the I-5 corridor. Finding good golf is never a problem in the area. In fact, many are just minutes off I-5.

Join Inside Golf this month as we take you on a tour of Southwest Washington to get a closer look at the courses you will find there.



Tumwater, Mint Valley team up for Valley Golf Academy

The Valley Golf Academy (VGA) was formed in 2017 to provide every student with a solid foundation built on golf fundamentals.

The Valley Golf Academy provides private and group lessons at both Tumwater Valley Golf Club (pictured right) and Mint Valley Golf Course in Longview.

The Valley Golf Academy is an all-purpose program that serves golfers at both golf courses with a variety of programs ranging from Get Golf Ready for adults and juniors, skills development, high school, and college prep programs.

The instruction program is led by Russ Olsen, Gregg Patterson, Jordan Baird, Seth Nickerson and Jeff Evans. The instructors come from diverse backgrounds in golf and they are suited to find the perfect plan for every golfer they work with.

For more information on the programs and to see what is offered, check the web site at www.thevalleygolfacademy.com.



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Looking for a stay and play? Check out the Home Course



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 Fair-bridge 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 US. Women's Public Links.

The course recently added the Golf House Grill and a new pro shop is expected to open in May. The Home Course was ranked as the No. 2 public golf course in Washington in 2008 by *GolfWeek Magazine*. For more information call 866.964.0520 or see www.thehomecourse.com.

I-5 Golf: Freeway golf has plenty of variety

If you find yourself planning a trip up or down Interstate-5 through Southwest Washington, you might also want to plan on putting your golf clubs in the car.

From Olympia on south to Vancouver, there are plenty of choices when it comes to playing golf right off I-5. Most of the courses sit within minutes of the freeway and if you looking for golf, they are all worth the trip.

Starting from the north, PNGA's Home Course sits just minutes off the freeway in the town of DuPont. One exit and a couple of turns puts you in the parking lot of one of the most popular courses in the Northwest. The Home Course was a host for the 2010 U.S. Amateur and is frequently used for PNGA championships.

Eagle's Pride Golf Course at Fort Lewis, which is visible from the freeway, features 27 holes and continues to be a popular course with military as well as non-military golfers.

The Lacey-Olympia area has a couple of courses less than five minutes off the freeway in the Golf Club at Hawk's Prairie. You can't go wrong with the Links Course or the Woodlands Course. Both are extremely challenging and the conditioning is good.

A couple of miles to the south lies Tumwa-

ter Valley, a course you can see just south of the old Olympia Brewery. A couple of quick turns off the freeway gets you there. This popular course has hosted some of the top amateur events in the Pacific Northwest and you can virtually see the course as you head north or south on I-5.

"We're lucky because we're in such a great location," said Russ Olsen of Tumwater Valley Golf Course. "Sitting right off the freeway, people don't have to go searching for us up and down side roads. Once you get off the freeway, there we are."

In Chehalis, Riverside Golf Course is so close to the freeway, you could probably reach it with a driver. It's difficult to see from the freeway but is less than three minutes from the off-ramp. There is golf and the chance for golfers with RV's to stay a few nights.

In the Kelso/Longview area, it takes a little work to get to Three Rivers and Mint

Valley, but both are good public tracks and a short drive off Interstate-5. Three Rivers was a course that was built after the flooding from the eruption of Mount St. Helens. The river dredging provided the base for the golf course. A little further south in Woodland, Lewis River is about a 10-minute drive off the freeway, but with it's park-like setting, and top quality golf, it's worth the extra time to get to the course and tee it up. Their banquet setup next to the Lewis River is spectacular.

The course that gets the most exposure from being near Interstate-5 is Tri Mountain in Ridgefield, just north of Vancouver. From the course can see the namesake mountains – Mt. St. Helens, Mt. Adams and Mt. Hood – hence the name, Tri Mountain. As you drive along the I-5 freeway, you can see almost the entire Tri-Mountain course. One unique feature is the water driving range –not much roll on the balls but it's fun to see them splash.

Skamania Lodge gives golf course a new look with re-model that includes putting course and disk golf

Skamania Lodge, along the Columbia River on the Washington side, is still in the golf business but it's a business that looks completely different.

The old 18-hole Skamania Lodge course has been removed and in its place will be a variety of new golf adventures for folks who are staying at the lodge and traveling golfers.

This July, the resort is expecting to open a new 9-hole executive length golf course, a new 18-hole putting course and two disk golf courses on the grounds where the old 18-hole course stood.

The resort said that play was down and they were looking for ways to keep golf a viable option for resort guests and visitors. They came up with plans that has a little of something for everyone with the 9-hole course, putting course and disk courses.

In addition, the resort is building two new tree house rooms for guests to go with the two that were opened up in 2016 and 2017.

Call the resort for more information.



Skamania Lodge is still in the golf business, but it's old 18-hole course has a new look.

SW Washington Tour Time

As you travel up and down the I-5 corridor you will find plenty of golf along the way

Southwest Washington is an area that stretches from the state capitol in Olympia to just east of Vancouver to the Washington Coast. Sightseeing, fishing, hiking, camping . . . are all a part of the area's vast landscape. Golf options range from 9 and 18-hole public golf courses, to some of the best country clubs you will find in the Pacific Northwest.

Take a look at what the area has:

Salish Cliffs Golf Club

Salish Cliffs opened for play in 2011 as part of the Squaxin Island Indian Tribe's Little Creek Casino and was an award winner instantly. The Gene Bates-designed layout features rolling terrain, plenty of water and sand and they were named one of the top new courses to open for play in 2011 by *Golfweek* being ranked eighth. The course also is ranked fourth in the state of Washington by *Golfweek* on the Best You Can Play list. Salish Cliffs is also the first golf course to be awarded a "salmon safe" designation.

A practice range with multiple targets only adds to the fun before or after a round of golf that can make your day and round complete at Salish Cliffs.

Salish Cliffs offers and upscale full hookup RV parking area next to the casino. There are 44 spaces with full hookups. There are also stay & play options for hotel guests.

Tumwater Valley Golf Course

Tumwater Valley Golf Course has several unique features that keep golfers coming back – like the second and 17th holes, both par-3 holes. The second and 17th are unique in that they both have two greens. One green plays much shorter than the other, giving both the low and high handicap players different choices from the tee box.

There are also two different sets of tees to choose from. Tumwater's length is another challenge. The course stretches to nearly 7,200 yards from the tips, and when the wind blows, it plays longer. A new management team has been put in place, led by Russ Olsen and operations manager Dave Nickerson. Play is up after the changes and conditions are much improved leading the way to an increase in rounds at the course.

Golf Club at Hawk's Prairie

The Golf Club at Hawk's Prairie offers two distinctly different courses - the Woodlands Course and the Links course. As you might expect, the Woodlands presents tree-lined fairways and the Links, while more open, has its share of tree-lined fairways too. And if you want play a doubleheader, they have special deals.

As part of the Oki Golf umbrella, there are many ways to save and play the Hawks Prairie courses. A variety of membership plans and options can be found on their website: www.okigolf.com.



Salish Cliffs Golf Club is part of the Little Creek Resort, owned by the Squaxin Island tribe.



The Woodlands Course (above) and The Links Course make up the Hawks Prairie courses.

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Tri Mountain has scenic views; Camas Meadows is a natural

The Oki Golf Players Card has been the mainstay of Oki Golf. The cards are good for any of the six public courses owned by Oki Golf. Golfers can choose from six different options, ranging from \$49 to \$369.

The course has a program for every type of golfer and the Club Pass has nearly 1,000 players.

As of January 1, 2019, the Oki Group no longer manages Echo Falls.

Camas Meadows Golf Club

Located just minutes from Portland, Oregon's PDX airport, Camas Meadows is placed adjacent to Lacamas Lake in Camas, Washington.

While the natural habitat initially captures your attention the constant investment in the course has been the goal for several years. The course ranges in yardage from over 6,600 yards to 3,103 yards.

"We built a family set of tees to make golf more fun and manageable for our beginners and youth golfers and they are even rated for handicapping," says Chris Garrison, PGA General Manager.

Through the Washington Youth Golf Academy at Camas Meadows, the course reaches over 14,000 youths across three school districts at no cost to the schools. In addition, the course has been recognized by the PNW PGA for its adult development programs.

Tri-Mountain Golf Course

The course that gets the most exposure from being near Interstate-5 is Tri-Mountain in Ridgefield, just north of Vancouver. You can see virtually the entire course as well as Mt. St. Helens, Mt. Adams and Mt. Hood – hence the name, Tri-Mountain. The course turned 20 years old in 2014.

And don't forget to hit balls into the watery driving range where you actually don't get penalized for hitting balls into a lake.

The course is a links-style layout where you

can see everything that is in front of you. The Bill Robinson-designed course offers plenty of sand and water to keep you focused. The course prides itself in being in pristine condition year round. The banquet room can handle up to 200 people for tournaments and special occasions.

Quinault Beach Resort and Casino

The Quinault Beach Resort and Casino is the kind of place to spoil yourself if you make that trip to Ocean Shores to spend some time at the beach. The Quinault Indian Tribe owns the resort and it has come up with a place that has a little of something for everyone.

The rooms come in a variety of shapes from queen to king to parlor to grande. And many have views of the Pacific Ocean. There are many choices when it comes to dining at the Quinault Beach Resort from Emily's Oceanfront Restaurant to the buffets to the Fireside Coffee House to the Ocean Lounge, complete with live music. There is a spa that offers a variety of treatments and the place also is home for weddings and meetings. If you are traveling with an RV, the Quinault Beach Resort has your spot next to the Pacific Ocean and there is also a fitness center and indoor pool. And don't forget about the gaming with slots and table games to choose from.

The Home Course

The Home Course has made headlines, not only for being one of the top courses in the Pacific Northwest but for also playing host to the qualifying rounds at the United States Amateur in 2010. The course held two qualifying rounds before the golfers headed to Chambers Bay for the match play part of the tournament. In 2014, the course hosted the final USGA Women's Public Links.

The Home Course is a treat with superb conditions, some great views of the Puget Sound along the way and some challenging holes. If you want



Camas Meadows Golf Course offers two different nines and views of Mount Hood.



Tri-Mountain Golf Course in Ridgefield has views of Mt. Hood, Mt. St. Helens and Mt. Adams.

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Airport Golf Center's TopTracer; Kelso-Longview area has a pair

a real golf challenge, step back to the back tees called the Dynamite Tees and see what golf is like from 7,300-yards plus as you make your way around the 18 holes.

Riverside Golf Course

Riverside Golf Course in Chehalis has long been a popular stop for travelers on Interstate-5. Improvements have made the course even better, including faster greens, improved conditioning, new RV parking and a new restaurant called the Riverside Bistro with a rooftop bar. If it's been a while since you played here, the nines were reversed a while back, allowing the 18th hole to finish at the clubhouse.

The course has been voted as the top-ranked course in South Sound by readers of the local Chehalis newspaper. New ownership took over the course fin 2009 and changes have been made to the course and clubhouse, including new sand in the bunkers and an expanded pond from the first to the ninth holes at the golf course.

Lake Cushman Golf Course

Lake Cushman Golf Course sits on the edge of the Olympic National Park, high above the Hood Canal community of Hoodport. In a park-like setting, this well maintained 9 hole course is a must play when traveling along Highway 101. Walk or ride, your choice, complete with driving range, practice green and pro-shop. A popular choice for local tournaments and an easy drive from Shelton, Belfair & Olympia. It's a great place to get away from the city and traffic congestion.

Ocean Shores Golf Course

Ocean Shores for years has been a must-stop for tourists traveling to the coast. Some of the best lodging and accommodations on Washington's Coast can be found in this resort town. There is unique shopping and recreational attractions –

like go-karts, mopeds, horseback riding and the opportunity to drive your car on the beach. The golf course is user friendly and remains one of the strong attractions for the peninsula town. The front and back nine are quite different; one is a links-style while the other plays through trees.

Airport Golf Center

When Jeff Olive bought the Airport Golf in Tumwater in 1999, he set about improving all facets of the facility to fixing the driving range nets and adding new mats and balls, even upgrading the pro shop including landscaping the entrance.

The 9-hole golf course is gone, but the driving range offer TopTracer technology. Golf is still at the center of the business but it also includes state-of-the-art batting cages.

Other amenities include onsite club repair, and a Tap Room with local flavors of beer along with various selections of bar food.

Highland Golf Course

Highland Golf Course in Cosmopolis is the oldest golf course in Grays Harbor County.

What started out as a nine-hole golf course in 1931 became 18 holes with the addition of the new front nine, built in the early 1990s.

The 18-hole course features 6,112 yards of golf from the longest tees for a par of 70 with some tall trees and other challenges throughout the 18 holes of play.

Three Rivers, Mint Valley

In the Kelso area, it takes a little work to get to Three Rivers and Mint Valley, but both are 18 holes and good public tracks just a short drive off Interstate-5. Three Rivers was built on a base of material deposited in the Cowlitz River by the 1980 eruption of Mt. St. Helens and removed by dredging. This porous combination of ash, dust,



Lake Cushman, a nine-hole course, sits high above Hood Canal in a park-like setting.



Ocean Shores Golf Course's back nine contrasts the front nine with tree-lined fairways.

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sand and silt drains well in wet weather.

Mint Valley has a covered range and a 6-hole par 3 pitch and putt course for anyone from beginners to families to try. Mint Valley also has a teaching studio in which instructors work with golfers from beginners to lower handicap golfers. It is also one of the homes of the Valley Golf Academy.

Lewis River Golf Course

Lewis River Golf Course has endured a lot in its 50+ years of existence.

In 1980 the summer season was lost when Mt. St. Helens blew and the course was in the red zone (a 25-mile zone around the mountain that prohibited all recreational activities), a 200-year flood in 1996 wiped out a large portion of the back nine, a fire destroyed the clubhouse in 2000.

What has stayed constant through the years is the Stading family's ownership of the facility since the course first opened in 1967. They have kept their pledge for continuous improvements and to provide the best overall recreation experience in SW Washington.

Lewis River's team is constantly striving to have a product that appeals to both golfers and the broader general public. Located on nearly a mile of Lewis River frontage, the course features tree-lined fairways and some of the finest greens in the Northwest. Accuracy is required in order to score well here.

The clubhouse is a rustic masterpiece that was built in 2001 and is unmatched for weddings, event gatherings, and golf tournaments. It has always been popular place for events through the years.

The North Fork Grille and outside patio overlook the Lewis River providing an incredibly scenic and relaxing setting that is truly unique and awe-inspiring. Lewis River's pro-shop staff takes great pride in providing superior customer service.

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 1934. The course is relatively level so it makes a perfect walking course. Just be advised, the prevailing winds can lengthen it considerably. There are new owners as the Chehalis Indian Tribe bought the course from Rich Walker.

Tahoma Valley Golf Course

Tahoma Valley Golf Club (formerly Nisqually Golf Club) in Yelm has long been known for being a dry course. There are spectacular views of Mount Rainier for every hole. The rural setting allows golfers to enjoy their round peacefully. The nines were reversed a few years ago.

Capitol City Golf Club

In Washington's wet climate golf courses are often remembered for being wet or dry. Built on a past gravel pit in 1962, Capitol City Golf Club has excellent drainage and has enjoyed the reputation of being one of the driest courses in western Washington. But it's more than just a dry course, it has tree-lined fairways and is well bunkered with

well-maintained greens. It plays to 6,578 yards from the back tees with an index of 71.6 and slope of 128.

Their popular Fire Creek Grill & Ale House was established in 2003 and recently held a grand opening after a complete remodel.

Elk Ridge Golf Course

You won't find a more beautiful and rewarding golf experience in the Southwest Washington area. Elk Ridge Golf Course at Carson Hot Springs boasts scenic views from almost every hole along with large, undulating greens and narrow fairways with tall grasses in true links fashion.

A challenging course that demands accuracy, it features a first class practice facility that is included with your greens fees. Only a 45-minute drive from the Portland/Vancouver Metro area.

Eagle's Pride

Eagle's Pride Golf Course at Fort Lewis has 27 holes that sit on 431 acres of secluded property. The course is surrounded by woodland, without houses bordering the fairways, it will allow for a peaceful experience on the course. Complementing the course, golfers have a year-round practice facility that features 10 covered hitting areas with light and heat. The range has grass landing area which offers real ball performance feedback. It is open to the public and was voted among the top 10 military courses in the U.S. The course has a sister course call Whispering Firs which is on McChord Air Force Base. The course is 18 holes and 6,646 yards from the back tee with a rating of 71.8 and slope of 122. Play is allowed for active and retired military and their family. Guests are also allowed, but keep in mind, the base is a closed facility and you must go through the guard gate to enter.

The Cedars on Salmon Creek

Located in Brush Prairie, less than 30 minutes north of Portland, The Cedars on Salmon Creek is an 18-hole, par 68 course that plays to 5,616 yards from the Blue Tees. The club is excited to showcase their newly designed, 18 hole layout that is challenging yet attainable. "With the slightly shorter layout, we feel that Cedars is a great host facility for golf tournaments and daily rounds for golfers of all skill levels." Says Head Pro Joe Cain.

Cedars provides two short game practice areas to the South of the clubhouse, allowing shots up to 60 yards. The seasoned greens are undulating and true, providing a challenge for all skill levels. The tree-lined fairways along with water throughout the course provides a consistent, yet approachable defense. The nature and beauty of the golf course gives it character and feel like no other local facility.

There is a full-service restaurant and bar with banquet facilities showcasing a popular patio setting. Joe Cain, along with Assistant Pro Carver Vukanovich are Callaway Certified Club Fitters and offer individual and group lessons.

Indian Summer Golf & CC

Indian Summer Golf and Country Club is perhaps the best-known club in Olympia and is one of



Mint Valley in Longview offers an 18-hole course as well as a 6-hole, par-3 golf course.



Indian Summer Golf and Country Club in Olympia is one of four country clubs in SW Washington.

the four country clubs in Southwest Washington. Designed by Peter Thompson, the course continually makes the list of the top golf courses.

One of the favorite layouts among the Oki Golf properties for its challenging design and year round playability. It was voted Best of the Nike tour (now kornferry.com tour) by the players when they came through in 1997.

Indian Summer has a variety of membership options to check out. The Select Membership is one of the most popular, costing an initiation fee but offers the full meal deal, including golf, clubhouse privileges and access to the fitness room. Other plans include social memberships, junior memberships and corporate memberships.

Other clubs to check out

• **Olympia Country and Golf Club** is located along Budd Inlet with sweeping views of

south Puget Sound and plays just over 6,000 yards but features a tight and hilly layout.

• **Grays Harbor Country Club** in Central Park is a nine-hole layout and is one of the oldest clubs in the Northwest having opened for play in 1912. Public play is allowed on a limited bases on Fridays after 1 p.m. and tee times must be reserved in advance. The driving range and putting green are open to the public as well. Brian Davis is the head professional, he was formerly at Bay Shore Golf Course, which is now closed.

• **Longview Country Club** isn't long, playing to 6,215 yards and par 70, it opened three new holes 1996. The club was founded in 1925 and opened nine holes for play in 1927. A second nine was added in 1958, completing the 18-hole course. The course plays to a rating of 71.0 with a slope of 129 from the back tees. There are 4 sets of tees. Tree-lined fairways with well-maintained

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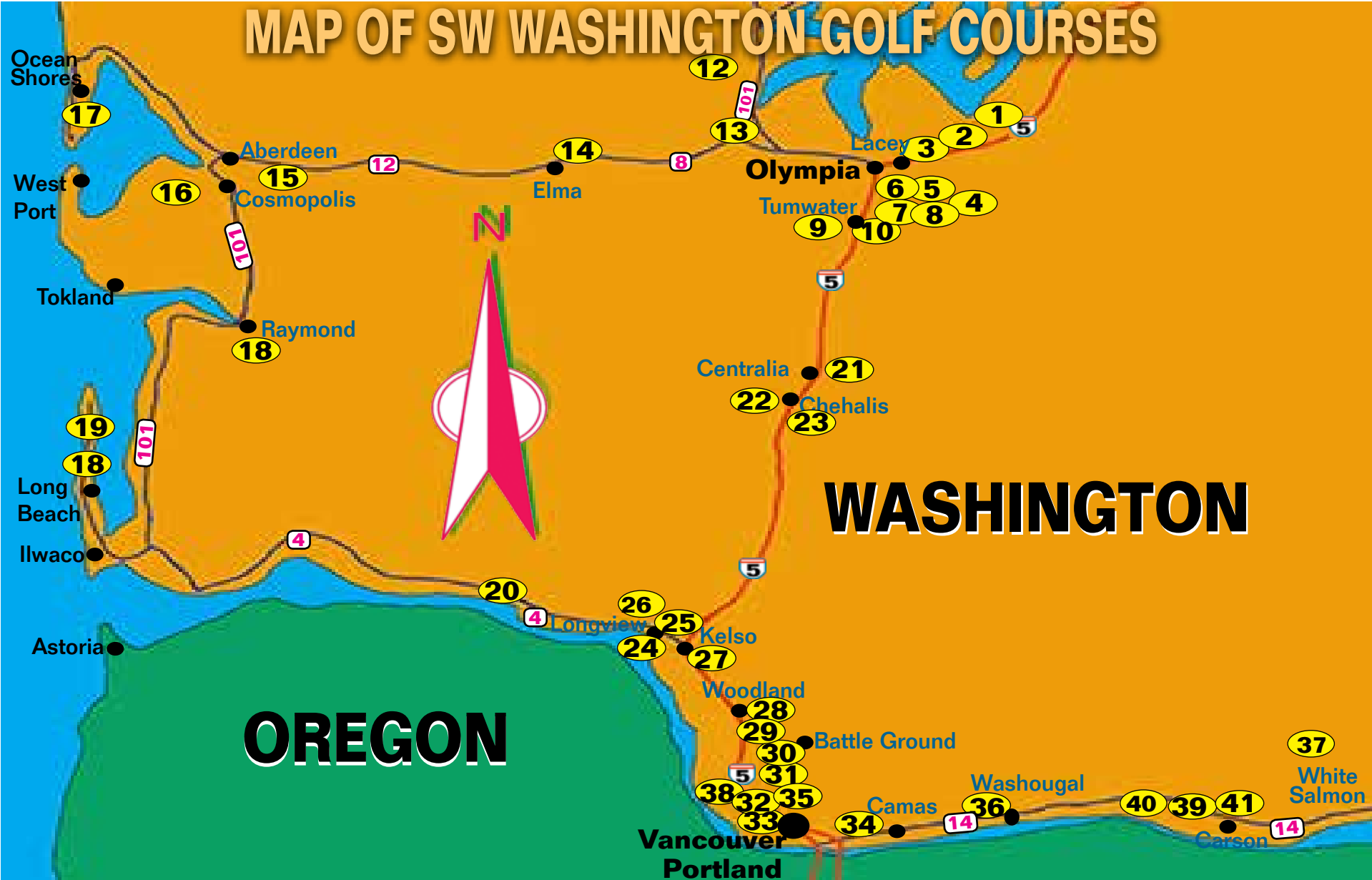
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Reflection Bay, Royal Links offer two terrific choices

There is plenty to like about golf in the Las Vegas desert, with a variety of courses, there are several to choose from. Here's a quick look at a great pair:

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Reflection Bay Golf Club is located 25 minutes from the Las Vegas Strip and features a course that sits around man-made Lake Las Vegas. The resort was built in 1998 and designed by Jack Nicklaus. The course was considered so challenging and viewer-friendly that it played host to the Wendy's Three-Tour Challenge from 1998 to 2007, showing off such players as Bubba Watson, Fred Couples and Phil Mickelson.

The course uses Lake Vegas as a scenic backdrop on several holes, in fact the 18th hole is a par-4 with the lake running up the left side of the hole and the 17th is a downhill par-4 with the lake in the background as a terrific backdrop.

Other things such as new golf cart fleet with GPS and a TrackMan simulator have enhanced the experience that golfers receive at Reflection Bay.

- If you like Scottish golf, you will like the Royal Links. From its Scottish-themed clubhouse to 18 holes that are all modeled after some of Scotland's best hole, Royal Links features like Scottish golf in the states.

With views of the Vegas Strip, Royal Links provides a golf experience like nothing else. In fact, the 10th hole is modeled after St. Andrews' Road Hole with the tee shot being hit over a scoreboard. There is also the Postage Stamp green par-3 hole.

Royal Links was built to honor the rich legacy and

tradition of the game of golf. Designed by Dye International, this links-style course features holes inspired by 11 different Open Championship rotation courses, including the "Road Hole" and "Hell Bunker" from the Old Course at St. Andrews and the "Postage Stamp" from Royal Troon. Other courses in the loop include Carnoustie, Turnberry, Royal Liverpool, Prestwick, Royal Lytham, Muirfield and Royal Birkdale.

Royal Links (right) and Reflection Bay (bottom) are two terrific choices when it comes to playing golf in Las Vegas.



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Muckleshoot Washington Open will make move from May to June

The 2020 Muckleshoot Casino Washington Open has been moved from its original May dates to June 29-30.

The tournament this year will again be held at Meridian Valley Country Club in Kent but will feature a slightly different format than before. The tournament is still open to the top professionals and amateurs from the Pacific Northwest but will be a two-day tournament instead of the usual three-day event.

The tournament will kick off with a two-day Pro-Am followed by the two-day tournament. Proceeds from the tournament will go to Folds of Honor.

In another move, the Rosauers Invitational in Spokane has been cancelled until 2021.

PGA signs new television deals

Marking the culmination of a long-term strategic planning process designed to best serve fans through traditional broadcast, Over-the-Top streaming (OTT) and emerging technologies, the PGA Tour announced its new nine-year domestic media rights portfolio for 2022-2030.

Financial details will not be disclosed, but Monahan continued, “The nine-year deals will put us in a position

to significantly increase player earnings, deliver more value to our tournaments and sponsors, and ultimately allow us to continue to grow our charitable footprint. Additionally, we are now able to reinvest in our sport in a way never before possible, including production, personnel and technology, and are well positioned to best serve and grow our fan base in the years to come.”

Broadcast & Cable Television: CBS and NBC will maintain weekend coverage of most FedExCup tournaments, with CBS averaging 19 events and NBC eight events each season through the life of the agreements. Under the new schedule, one network will televise all three FedExCup Playoffs events each year, starting with NBC in 2022 and generally alternating with CBS, creating powerful, three-week coverage of the conclusion of the race for the FedExCup.

NBC Sports Group also will continue as the Tour’s cable partner, with Golf Channel providing all early-round coverage and early weekend coverage of every FedExCup event each season, along with PGA Tour Champions and the Korn Ferry Tour.

Another central component of the new agreements will see the PGA Tour assume responsibility of the onsite production area and technical infrastructure each week.

Did you know....

• Tiger Woods will be inducted into the World Golf Hall of Fame in the Class of 2021. Tiger won the 1994 PINGA Men’s Amateur, held that year at Royal Oaks CC in Vancouver, Wash. He was just 18 at the time, the summer before starting his freshman year at Stanford, and it was his first adult amateur title after leaving the junior division.



• Washington Golf is just one of 59 Allied Golf Associations in the U.S. who are licensed partners of the United States Golf Association, and therefore provides the USGA’s GHIN Handicap services to golfers locally.



Unversity of Washington women’s golf founder Edean Ihlanfeldt passes away

Edean Ihlanfeldt, an acclaimed amateur golfer who played against legends Babe Didrickson Zaharias and Patty Berg before starting the women’s golf program at the University of Washington in 1974 has died at the age of 90.

“I cannot begin to describe how larger than life Edean was,” said UW women’s golf coach Mary Lou Mulflur, who played for Ihlanfeldt before beginning her 37-year tenure at UW, in a statement from the school. “I had the great privilege to play for her in the early years of Washington golf. She displayed a passion for golf, people and laughter that was beyond measure. Oh, how we all loved her laughter! She was a mentor to me up until shortly before she passed away. The lessons she taught me and countless other Husky golfers are immeasurable.”

Ihlanfeldt (her maiden name was Anderson), grew up in Helena, Montana, and won the first of six straight

state amateur championships at age 14. She went on to win four Washington amateur titles and five Pacific Northwest Golf Association titles.

She also had success nationally, winning the 1952 Canadian Women’s Amateur, the women’s Trans-Mississippi Amateur Champion 1953 and was the low amateur in the LPGA’s Valhalla Open at Inglewood Golf Club in Kenmore in 1964, where she and husband Robert were members.

In 1982, she won the U.S. Women’s Senior amateur title.

Edean Ihlanfeldt was inducted into the Pacific Northwest Golf Association Hall of Fame in 1985. Edean Ihlanfeldt was inducted into the Pacific Northwest Golf Association Hall of Fame in 1985. Ihlanfeldt also helped a new generation of golfers. When she took the job at UW, she did not accept a salary, instead putting the money back into the program.

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)**
- 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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 - Mallory Kent • Seattle • No Events
 - Sadena Parks • Tacoma • No Events
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The Lesson Tee: If you want to become a better putter then focus on speed as well as distance

Everyone wants to make more putts. Putting should be easy, honestly. The lower body does not move and the putter grip rarely moves more than 12 inches during a stroke.

Most golfers do not practice putting enough and certainly not as effective as they could.

"Well Coston, what should I do?" I'm so glad you asked.

- Focus on speed first. When I was on the PGA Tour, my locker was next to Ben Crenshaw. Crenshaw is known for being one of the greatest putters, ever. I putted with Ben many times and asked him questions for years. Ben would say, I focus mainly on speed for EVERY putt.

People three-putt because of poor speed, but their focus is on read. Golfers will knock the putt five feet by or short of the hole constantly. Roll putts from 30-40 feet and develop your touch and speed. Do this first and not even to a hole. Watch, feel, listen and observe the roll and what the ball does. Build images and feels that you can draw from for the course.

Bob Rotella says: "Human beings are wired in such a way that golfers would putt their best if they simply saw the target and reacted, rather than gave themselves much conscious thought.

Putting in my mind is 80% art and 20% technique. It has been my experience most golfers are the opposite. I focus on putting like Steph Curry shoots a basketball. Target focus, React, Shoot it.

- Spend time on putts from three to five feet. Pick a hole on the practice green and put a tee at four feet uphill, downhill, left to right and right to left. These tees would be each putt you practice from. Before you move to the next spot, you need to make at least four of five putts. Place a dime where you desire to roll the ball into the hole. This will train you to focus on a small target in front of the hole.

Aim your blade, then body. Develop a reactive, rhythmic routine. No conscious directions. Less is more. Create a mindset with no outcome orientation to take to the golf course with you!



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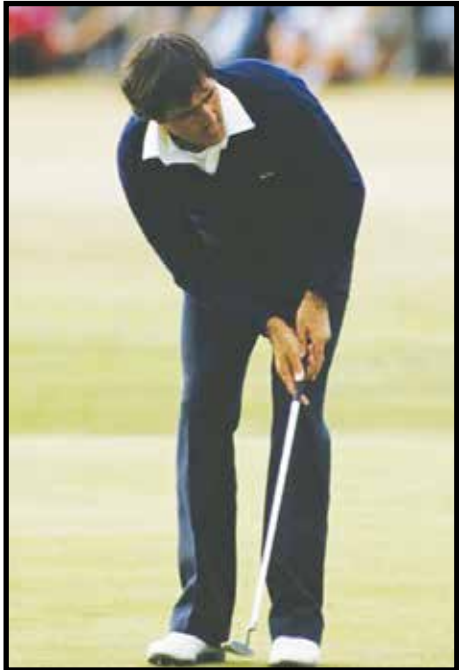


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Dan Altmayer: Might be the time for some financial spring cleaning

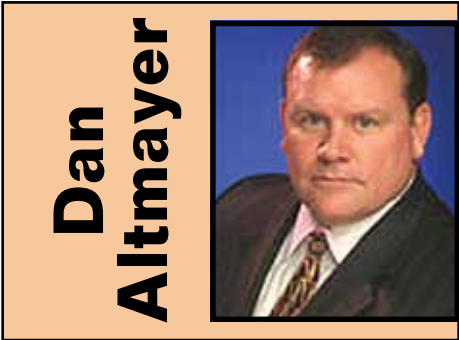
Spring is officially here – and for many of us, that means it's time for some spring cleaning around our homes and yards. But why stop there? This year, why not do some financial spring cleaning, too?

You can apply some of the same principles of traditional spring cleaning to your financial environment. Here are a few suggestions:

- Clear your vision. Spring brings extra hours of sunshine – and to enjoy them, you'll want to clean your windows, inside and out. As an investor, you also need to take a clear-eyed view of your situation periodically. Are you on track toward achieving your goals? If not, what moves can you make to get back on the right path? You need to be honest with yourself to see if you're doing all you can to help make progress toward your objectives.

- "De-clutter" your portfolio. As you go about sprucing up your house, you may find that you have a lot of clutter. Do you really need three mops? And are you holding on to those old calendars for any good reason? You'll probably feel much better about your surroundings when you de-clutter them – and the same may be true of your investment portfolio. For example, do you own several investments that are virtually identical? If so, you might want to consider ways to help diversify your holdings. While diversification can't guarantee profits or protect against losses in a declining market, it might help reduce the impact of market volatility on your portfolio.

- Recharge your batteries. When you do your household spring cleaning, you may want to check the batteries on your smoke alarm, carbon monoxide detector and other devices. And as part of your financial spring cleaning, you might need to recharge your own investment "batteries," so to speak. In other words, increase the power you're providing to your portfolio. You can do this in a few different ways. First, you can increase your contributions to your 401(k) or similar retirement plan



every time your salary goes up. You can also try to "max out" on your IRA contributions each year. (For 2020, you can put in up to \$6,000 in an IRA, or \$7,000 if you're age 50 or older). Another way to increase your investment voltage is to make sure you've got adequate growth potential in your portfolio based on your goals and risk tolerance.

- Put your house in order. As part of your spring cleanup, you may want to check for damage on your roof, windows, siding and so on. But you also need to put your financial house in order, especially as it regards to protection. Do you have adequate life insurance? If not, your family could suffer if something were to happen to you. And have you thought about how you could pay for long-term care if you needed it? The average annual cost for a private room in a nursing home is about \$100,000, according to the insurance company Genworth. To retain your financial independence – and also to help protect your grown children from possibly having to deal with these costs – you may want to explore some type of long-term care insurance.

By doing some spring cleaning around your home, you'll lighten up your living space. And doing some financial spring cleaning may help you brighten your future.

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Washington courses finally get to open, but under these guidelines

- Here are the guidelines for Washington State courses to open back up:
1. Utilize online or phone tee-time-reservation systems to prepay and limit interactions, and restrict payments to credit cards to eliminate the handling of cash.
 2. Maintain a log of all customers, including contact information.
 3. At the golf course's discretion, foursomes are allowed if they are from the same household. Otherwise, no more than two players from separate households per tee time. Single players should be asked if they would like to be paired together.
 4. Restrict play to one rider per power cart, unless a minor is also playing.
 5. Regularly sanitize counter tops, doorknobs, other common surfaces, range buckets, golf carts, push carts, cash registers, score posting kiosks and other frequently touched surfaces, including employee-used equipment.
 6. Ensure that the flagstick remains in at all times. Players will be educated to avoid touching the flagstick for any reason.
 7. Be creative with cup liners to avoid having players reaching into the hole to retrieve golf balls, such as installing cups upside down or partly above ground.
 8. Eliminate cups and holes on practice greens.
 9. Discontinue club and equipment rentals.
 10. Restrict use of driving ranges and putting greens to those with a tee time within 30 minutes.
 11. Remove bunker rakes and other on-course furniture such as benches, ball-washers, water coolers, etc.
 12. Eliminate on-course garbage cans, and encourage golfers to carry and properly dispose of their own garbage when leaving the course.
 13. Modify driving-range hitting areas to ensure a minimum 10-foot separation between players.
 14. Install signage to discourage group congregation, or to limit numbers of people in a certain area of the club or pro shop. Golfers will be reminded to be especially mindful of social distancing in the parking lot, and around tees and greens.
 15. Place appropriate signage outside the pro shop and clubhouse plus at the first tee entries briefly outlining the social-distancing guidelines in place.
 16. Keep up to date on all changes that are happening daily.
 17. Marshall the course to ensure physical distancing by reminding golfers, and where necessary, warning repeat offenders.
 18. Ask golfers to leave the course immediately after playing to eliminate congestion/gathering on the property or in the parking lot.

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Rules of the Game: It might be a cart path but you can still make the drop



Oh, the fun golfers can have in trying to do the right thing. The following scenario happens fairly often and I ran into it recently during an event.

The golfer's ball was in a Red Penalty Area and there was a cart path quite close to the edge of the Red Penalty Area much like in the attached photo. The golfer decided to take Penalty Area relief and chose to take the lateral relief option of two club lengths from where the ball last crossed the edge.

In assessing the situation we determined he had two options. First he could drop the ball within the two club length relief area on the grass between the Penalty Area and the cart path or he could drop the ball on the cart path. He paused as he could see with the first choice his feet would be in the Penalty Area when he took his stance and that two club lengths would mean dropping on the cart path. Perplexed, he said, "If I drop it on the grass, my feet will be in the hazard and if I take my full two club lengths, it will be on the cart path. I can't drop a ball on that!" What should he do?

In this situation, the player actually has both of these choices under the lateral relief option so let's look at them separately.

In the first instance, the area available fulfills the requirements under the rule that the ball be dropped within the lateral relief area outside the



Penalty Area. Where the player's feet are doesn't matter.

In the second instance, dropping on the cart path within the two club length area also fulfills the requirements. If the ball lands and comes to rest within the prescribed area the player now has the option of choosing free relief from the cart path using the ball's location on the cart path to determine what side of the path he can drop. However, realistically, the ball is going to bounce all over the place and will likely not come to rest within the two club-length dropping area. So, after the second drop he'll just place the ball where the second drop first struck the cart path, and then proceed from there in taking relief from the path (Rule 14.3c). (In a later

column, I'll talk more about taking cart-path relief. If you can't wait, check out Rule 16.1b.)

The player decided that the grass between the Red Penalty Area and the cart path was easier to get a club on than what he might encounter with subsequent drops. He dropped the ball, selected his hybrid, took his stance in the Penalty Area and hit a great shot, confident he had done the right thing.

Knowing your options gives you confidence that you are choosing a shot within the Rules of Golf. Confidence always makes for a better shot. I can't think of a better reason to spend a little time checking out the rules videos on USGA.com.

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Jeff Sanders and his Lagardere Sports group keeps PGA tournaments running on time and smoothly

By Kerry Eggers
Special to Inside Golf Newspaper

For his work through 35 years in the golf promotions business, Jeff Sanders would surely be in line for a lifetime achievement award.

But Sanders, 64, is only getting started. Thanks to an innovative approach by his Lagardere Sports Golf events team over the past five years, Sanders has given notice that professional tournaments are no longer simply a chance to watch great players hit little white balls toward flagsticks.

Lagardere, which has offices in Paris, New York, Scottsdale, Sea Island, Dallas, Beaverton and La Quinta, California, has turned a golf tournament into a happening by virtue of a fan friendly marketing strategy that includes four "pillars" -- food, wine (and beer), music and golf.

"They go hand in hand," says Sanders, who has served as President/golf events since the France sports and entertainment giant purchased Jeff Sanders Promotions in 2013. "We deliver our sponsors and fans the best of it -- golf by day, music by night."

"Our job is to grow the audience and fill up the fairways. The best way to do that is to give people four reasons to come, not just one. If you feature only golf, you're focused on just 25 percent of the potential audience."

Lagardere now operates four men's pro events -- The American Express and Safeway Open on the PGA Tour and the Albertsons Boise Open and Winco Foods Portland Open on the Korn Ferry circuit.

In addition to world-class golf, the agency has provided top-flight musical entertainment at its PGA TOUR events in La Quinta and Napa, California, staging concerts after play has finished in the early evening. Among the acts to appear over the years: Huey Lewis, Goo Goo Dolls, Bad Company, Sammy Hagar, Jimmy Buffett, John Legend, Blake Shelton, Dave Matthews, Billy Idol, Rob Thomas and Weezer.

At La Quinta in January, huge crowds packed the driving range at PGA West to watch shows by stars Luke Bryan (26,000) and Stevie Nicks (20,000) after the golf had ended for the day. "Two of the largest crowds we've had," Sanders says.

That translates, of course, into an awful lot of people being exposed to the game of golf who might not otherwise. It's the prime example why Lagardere has become the industry leader in adapting tournaments to a festival model that has increased attendance, generated large sums of money for charity and has helped grow interest in the sport.

Sanders has used a similar approach at his Pacific Northwest Korn Ferry Tour events, which has not escaped those running the TOUR. In a recent interview with the Desert Sun newspaper, PGA Tour Commissioner Jay Monahan called Sanders "an extraordinary executive director."

"I'm a big fan of Jeff Sanders," says Alex Baldwin, president of the Korn Ferry Tour. "He has been a major contributor to the golf industry and a tremendous partner of the Korn Ferry and PGA TOURS. Lagardere is an exceptional company. Their events are at the top of the list."

"I'm so proud of all Jeff has done for the communities and charities that have benefitted from his tournaments. He has made huge contributions in creating high impact with fans. It's been terrific to see the strong charitable returns and the engagement with the community."

Through the years, Sanders' events have contributed nearly \$150 million to charities. That includes over \$27 million with the Albertsons Boise Open and \$7.5 million with the Winco Foods Portland Open.

Sanders entered the sports promotions business after a five-year career on the PGA Tour. In 1986, the Beaverton native and Portland resident was in charge of the sales and marketing for the very first Fred Meyer Challenge, a two-day Portland charity event that featured some of the great players in golf history.

"That was my entry into the golf event business," says Sanders, who founded Jeff Sanders Promotions the following year.

That initially meant handling sales for various sporting entities such as the Portland Indy Car races, the Far West Basketball Classic and the Portland Pride indoor soccer team. Sanders also worked with Norm Daniels and the G.I. Joe's Northwest Open Golf Tournament and founded a TV golf show called the "Payless Oregon Team Championships," which featured three-player teams from public and private clubs squaring off each week on television.

That eventually became the Albertsons Team Championships and was televised throughout a dozen Western



Jeff Sanders (above) and his Lagardere Sports company runs the American Express in LaQuinta (top) as well as music festivals that draw singers like Luke Bryan (above).

states. It lasted about 20 years.

Soon, Sanders says, "I realized golf events were my passion. We went away from doing other sporting events and focused 100 percent on golf." His team produced two historic USGA Championships at Pumpkin Ridge. The 1996 US Amateur won by Tiger Woods and the 1997 US Women's Open.

Sanders did it well, for many years.

"We wanted to be known for producing the best golf events in the country," he says. "We wanted to focus on being recognized as the best by our customers and peers. I've always wanted our events to be the best they can be. We get up every day with the goal to be the best, and also to be innovative and creative, to take risk and try some new exciting things. That's what's been motivating us lately."

The worm turned in 2015 when old friend Johnny Miller called to ask if he had interest in running a PGA TOUR event in Napa. The Hall of Famer is part owner at Napa's Silverado Resort and Spa. Sanders agreed if Miller would serve as tournament host.

Sanders then met with former Albertsons Chairman & CEO Bob Miller to brainstorm over a unique approach to what would become the Safeway Open. (Albertsons had purchased Safeway, the dominant grocery retailer in northern California.)

"We wanted to tap into the authenticity of Napa," Sanders said. "At Safeway, food is their priority, and they sell a lot of wine. Food and Wine are big in Napa, and so is music. It was the perfect match."

Bottle Rock Napa Valley is an annual musical festival, last year featuring such acts as Santana, Neil Young, Pharell Williams and Imagine Dragons.

"Music is a big part of the Napa Valley," Sanders says. "We decided to combine food, wine, music and golf, featuring great golf in the day and great music at night at the most affordable prices. The attendance has grown every year."

In 2018, Sanders and team took on the tournament that is now known as The American Express at PGA West. Phil Mickelson is the tournament host in the event that was for many years the Bob Hope Desert Classic. Sanders has used the Napa model to great success. The event has new

energy and the attendance is up five-fold in three years.

"We believe in giving our fans tremendous value," Sanders says. "That comes from the four marketing pillars and one ticket for everything."

Sanders lavishes praise on his Lagardere team, which features 25 employees.

"I believe we have the best team in the golf event business," he says. "I wouldn't trade one player on my team for anybody. They are that good. They have exceeded my expectations every time out."

But ramifications to the coronavirus pandemic will test their mettle. Lagardere must stage three tournaments -- the Safeway Open, the Albertsons Boise Open and the Winco Foods Portland Open -- over a five-week period in late summer.

"It will be the biggest challenge our team has experienced since I've been in the business," Sanders said.

Sanders' Lagardere team is working on three models for the events -- (1) with fans and a two-day pro-am, (2) with fans but no pro-am and (3) a pro-am but no fans. Then there is the question whether or not the tournament proper will be staged with or without an audience.

"We have to be prepared for whatever they throw at us," Sanders said. "We may not know until a few weeks before each event. We have three lanes in the road and have to take whichever lane we're given."

Baldwin said in late April that the PGA and Korn Ferry Tours would soon unveil a plan "to bring those events to fruition safely." That will be just fine with Sanders.

"We pride ourselves in being prepared," the golf impresario says.

"We're going to be prepared. It's a huge challenge for us even without the pandemic. Add that and it makes it the biggest challenge ever."



Lagardere Sports also runs the Safeway Open, held in the Bay Area at Napa's Silverado Resort and Spa.