



Port Townsend is considering closing its only golf course

The city of Port Townsend is considering closing the course and turning it into a park. The city is requesting outside vendors to submit proposals to manage and restore the facility. Proposals are due by 5 p.m. on Sept. 30, 2020 and submitted to: City of Port Townsend Golf course RFP, attention: Alex Wisniewski, 250 Madison Street, Port Townsend, Wash. 98368. Electronic: awisniewski@cityoft.us.



WHAT'S NEW IN NW GOLF

Bandon Dunes hosts a dramatic U.S. Am finish

Bandon Dunes took another turn in the national spotlight by hosting the 2020 U.S. Amateur. Bandon Dunes and Bandon Trails were the host courses and the championship match came down to the 36th and final hole when Tyler Strafaci of Florida made birdie on the 36th hole to beat Charles Osborne of Reno 1-up.

There was plenty of Pacific Northwest flavor. Spencer Tibbits of Vancouver advanced to the round of 16 before losing. Other players from the NW in the field were: R.J. Manke, Joe Highsmith, Ian Siebers and Reid Hatley.

Kato goes wire-to-wire to win Washington Men's Am

Sean Kato of Redmond, Wash. shot rounds of 65-69-73 to win the 94th Washington Men's Amateur Championship, held at Chambers Bay in University Place, Wash.

Kato had been alone at the top of the leaderboard at a combined 10-under par after each of the first two rounds, and began the final round with a five-stroke lead over his nearest competitor, Brian Humphreys of Vancouver, Wash. Humphrey finished second one shot behind.

Zachary Stocker of Spokane was third at 209 while Nathan Cogswell of Kent was fourth at 210 and Nick Robinson of Freeland, Wash. fifth at 212. In a tie for sixth were Matt Rawitzer of Bellingham, Riley Killip of Olympia and Ryan Kelly of Gig Harbor all at 214.

Kato won the 2017 Washington State Junior Championship, and led his Redmond High School squad to the 2017 4A State Championship. He was selected for Team Washington in the Junior Americas Cup for three years, leading the team to the title in 2016. Last year he was a representative for team Washington in the Morse Cup competition at the Pacific Coast Amateur.

Ex-Seahawk Randall Morris will host celebrity tourney

Randall Morris Celebrity Tournament, set for Sept 14 at Fairwood Golf & Country Club. Morris, a popular running back for the Seahawks in the mid to late 80s will be joined by his friends from the NFL, NBA, MLB and entertainment and music world personalities.

The event is open to the public. Proceeds from the events will benefit the Randall Morris Foundation for Youth and Families and local charities specifically in the Renton area.

To sign up for the tournament, see <https://randallmorrisfoundation.com/golf/> for more information.

Rules Quiz

Your ball is at rest in the general area of the course near a putting green. Another player accidentally moves the ball. You know you must replace the ball but won't seem to stay at rest when you try. What do you do? Please see answer on Page 2 of this section of Inside Golf Newspaper.

Destination: Crescent Bar

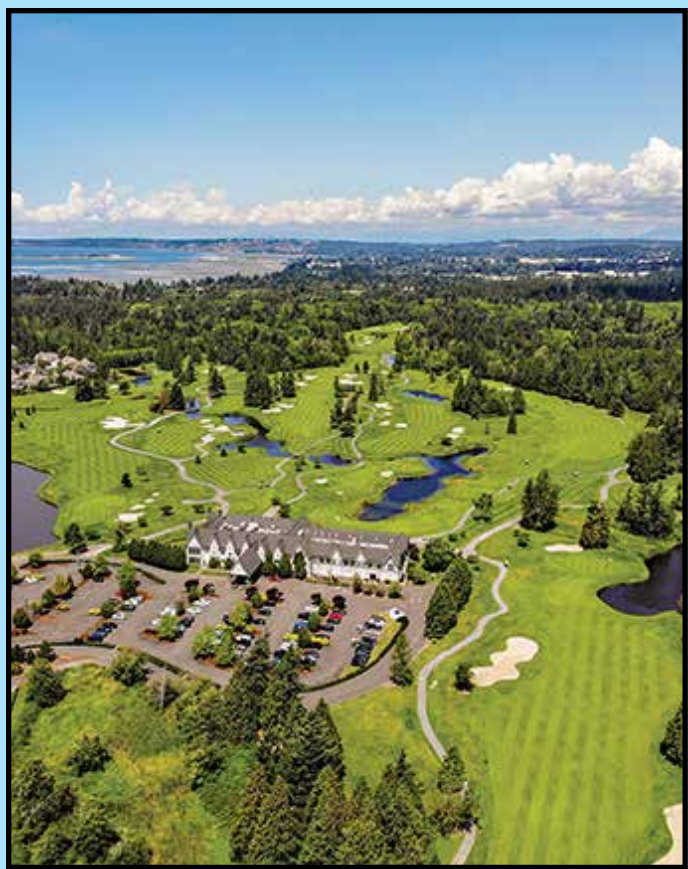
Golf road trips are never a bad idea - and one to Crescent Bar in the middle of the state of Washington is a great idea. With two golf courses, the Columbia River nearby and plenty of outdoor activities, Crescent Bay is a recreational playground. For more on the Inside Golf road trip to Crescent Bar, please see inside this section.



Pacific Northwest tribes finding out that golf is good for business



The Indian Tribes of the Pacific Northwest are getting into the golf business. The Confederated Tribes of Umatilla own and run the Wildhorse Resort in Pendleton (above left) and have also bought Pendleton Country Club while the Lummi Nation bought Loomis Trail Golf Club to go with its Silver Reef Casino Resort. For more on the NW tribes and golf courses, please see inside this section of Inside Golf Newspaper.



Inglis claims crown at Muckleshoot Washington Open

PGA professional Colin Inglis of Shadow Hills Country Club (Junction City, Ore.) won the Muckleshoot Casino Washington Open Invitational by one stroke after firing rounds of 69-68-137 at Meridian Valley Country Club in Kent, Wash.

Inglis was 7-under par for the two rounds of the tournament, winning by one shot over PGA Professional Birk Nelson of Orange Whip. Low amateur honors went to Costas Panay from Sahalee who finished three shots behind in third place.

Inglis has previously won the Oregon Open Invitational in 2018 and the National Car Rental Assistant PGA Professional Championship last year.

The weekend Muckleshoot Casino Washington Open Pro-Am helped raise important funds for the Folds of Honor. To learn more about the Folds Of Honor, please go to foldsofhonor.org Their Motto says it best: Honor Their Sacrifice. Educate Their Legacy. \$50,000 was raised this year.

Muckleshoot Washington Open

Here are the final results from the Muckleshoot Washington Open. held at Meridian Valley Country Club in Kent, Wash.

Colin Inglis, Shadow Hills	69-68 - 137
Birk Nelson, Orange Whip	66-72 - 138
a-Costas Panay, Sahalee	67-73 - 140
Derek Berg, PNW Academy	69-71 - 141
a-Reid Hatley, Hayden Lake	73-61 - 141
a-Nathan Cogswell, Meridian Val.	70-72 - 142
Greg Manley, Meridian Valley	72-70 - 142
Ryan Benzel, Sahalee	72-70 - 142
Bryce Fisher, Arrowhead	70-72 - 142
Austin Hurt, Wing Point	72-70 - 142
Koll Farman, Newcastle	74-69 - 143
Corey Prugh, Spokane Colleges	71-72 - 143
Jason Aichele, Meadow Springs	68-76 - 144
Tony Robydek, Meadow Park	74-70 - 144
Shane Prante, Home Course	74-70 - 144

Amateur Cogswell wins Northwest Open title

Amateur Nathan Cogswell of Meridian Valley Country Club (Kent, Wash.) won the Northwest Open Invitational by one stroke over PGA Professional David Phay of Whidbey G&CC (Oak Harbor, Wash.) at Wine Valley Golf Club in Walla Walla, Wash. Cogswell is a junior at Seattle University and this marks his first PNW PGA win. He fired rounds of 68-66-134 - 10 under par.

Darren Black of Rainier Golf and Country Club tied for third with amateur Jordan Brajcich of Mill Creek at 136 while Mark Wilkins of Manito Country Club, Cory Mehl of the PNW Golf Academy and amateur Andrew Von Lossow of Indian Canyon tied for fifth at 137.

Chambers Bay might be a tough walk for one round, but how about a 54-hole walk?

When Jim Moore is on the radio at 710 ESPN Seattle, he always seem to back up his talk. Makes an on-air bet with a fellow co-host, he will pay up when he loses. Makes a stupid comment and can't back it up, will take the heat.

But one day, while hosting his weekly golf show on 710 ESPN with co-host Shon Crewe, he might have gone too far. While interviewing Dean Davison, who was putting on a First Tee fundraiser at Chambers Bay, Moore agreed to play in the 54-hole Solstice event.

Fifty-four holes? In one day? At Chambers Bay? I have played with Moore at Chambers Bay and both of us barely survived 18 holes walking. I thought he was nuts. Moore thought he was nuts.

But there he was on a Sunday in July at Chambers Bay at 5:30 a.m. - yes that's 5:30 in the a.m. - getting ready to hit his first shot before the sun was even up. Moore, along with 100 other golfers, were ready to walk 54 holes to raise money for the First Tee of Seattle.

As Moore walked toward the 17th green at Chambers Bay before the sun even had shone itself, he wondered what the hell was he thinking.

"I thought it sounded like a cool idea - a way to get into shape," said Moore. "I had no idea what I was getting into."

Moore played Davison and long-time friend Jack Carlson. They shared plenty of stories along the way, but Moore was also able to create a couple of new stories during his play.

On the 14th hole during his first 18-hole round, Moore decided to let his push cart have a mind of its own. The 14th is a downhill dogleg par-4 where Moore thought the cart would roll itself to his tee shot. He thought wrong. The cart picked up speed, veered left and with Moore running after it, you can picture what happened next. The cart crashed into a bunker, sending sand all over the clubs and his beef jerky. When he got home, the cart wouldn't collapse like it is supposed to so he now has to take a hammer to it to make it work.

With nine holes left in the day, Moore's three



kids Steven, Michael and Brooke showed up to walk with their dad. With three holes left, Moore hit a tee shot to 8-feet on the 15th hole and wanted to show his kids what a golfer their dad was by making birdie. Moore called over to caddy Dave Hall for a read on the putt. Dave gave him a read two cups to the left. Moore thought it was the other way but

he went with the caddy. Bad move. The putt wasn't even close. Sorry kids. On the next tee box Moore gave the caddy a bad time but then the caddy came clean and said he read the green book upside down.

When Moore reached in and pulled the ball out of his final hole 8:30 p.m. and he had survived, despite the 83 degree weather. The final numbers were somewhat impressive too: He shot rounds of 85-90-90, including a 41 on his final nine. He played in 15 hours, took 265 strokes, walked 53,497 steps and put in over 22 miles on knees that won't let him run anymore - only walk.

Would he do it again? For sure. He gets to play the game he loves and help raise money for a great cause. You can also hear Moore and Crewe on their weekly Saturday morning golf show at 9:00 on 710 ESPN Seattle every week.

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Jim Moore had his family (Michael left, daughter Brooke (middle) and Stevie right) walk with him for his final nine holes.



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Rules Answer

• Answer: You must try a second time to replace the ball on the spot. If it will not stay on the spot you must replace the ball by placing it on the nearest spot where the ball will stay at rest but with the following limits: The spot must not be nearer the hole. Original spot in the General Area. The nearest spot must be in the general Area. Original spot in Bunker or Penalty Area. The nearest spot must be either in the same bunker or in the same penalty area. Original Spot on Putting Green. The nearest spot must be either on the putting green or in the general area.

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



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New owners at Tacoma's Highlands are making a big difference

When Jack Connelly became the new owner of Tacoma's Highlands Golf Course, he wanted to be certain that the "gem" of Northwest Par-3 golf courses 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. McDuff's is now open and the reviews have been terrific so far. McDuff's serves breakfast, lunch, pastries and a variety of beverages for the golfers and non golfers.

The Connelly family (Jack and wife Angela) is a big one with nine children and the family 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 sand traps. 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, 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," said 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 who will 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.



Jack Connelly and wife Angela (left) own Highlands.



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Pacific Northwest players come up just short at U.S. Women’s Am; WJGA crowns 2021 champs

Three players from the Pacific Northwest qualified for the U.S. Women’s Amateur at Woodmont Country Club in Rockville, Md. and all three qualified for the match play part of the championship.

Unfortunately none of the three made the finals but all three had impressive showings surviving the qualifying rounds and advancing to match play.

Kennedy Swann of McKenzie Bridge, Ore. went the furthest in the tournament, falling in the quarterfinals to Valery Plata of Colombia 1-up. Swann played well, going 3-under-par but couldn’t match a birdie from Plata on the 15th hole.

Ellie Slama of Salem, Ore. made it to the round of 16 where she fell to Alyaa Abdulghang of Malaysia 2-up while Therese Warren of Kennewick, Wash, lost. It was the first appearance in the championship for Swann, while for Slama and Warner it is their second appearance. Slama was named the 2019 PPGA Women’s Player of the Year and was previously named the PPGA Junior Girls’ Player of the Year in 2015-16.

Of the 132 players who began the two days of stroke-play qualifying, 64 advanced to the match-play bracket.

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Wandermere’s Bill Ross passes away

A 22-year member of the PGA of America, Bill

Prante claims Northwest Assistants Championship, headline three to nationals

PGA Professional Shane Prante of The Home Course (DuPont, WA) won the National Car Rental Assistant PGA Professional Championship after posting rounds of 72-70-142 at Bear Creek Country Club in Woodinville, Wash.

In second place was PGA Professional Colin Inglis of Shadow Hills CC (Junction City, OR) and PGA Professional Brady Sharp of Wine Valley GC (Walla Walla, WA). Inglis also won the Washington State Open Invitational this summer.

The top three qualifiers from this event advance to the 44th National Car Rental Assistant PGA Professional Championship on the Wanamaker Course at the PGA Golf Club in Port St. Lucie, Florida – November 12-15, 2020.

Ross passed away in August. The son of PGA Member Bob Ross, Bill spent his entire career at his family operation – Wandermere GC in Spokane. He was truly one of the nicest guys in the Section.

Twin Lakes Amateur set for Oct. 3-4

The 11th annual Twin Lakes Amateur presented by Southgate Electric will be held Oct. 3-4 at Twin Lakes Golf and Country Club in Federal Way, Wash.

The event draw up to 120 players and some of the top amateurs in the Pacific Northwest.

Entry fee is \$140 for the two-day tournament and includes tee prizes, lunch, range balls and two days of tournament golf.

For more information contact the course at 253.200.6864.

WJGA crowns 2021 champions

Laurn Nguyen of Seattle fired a final round 4-under par 68 to cap off a tremendous week to win the 44th Annual Washington Junior Golf Association (WJGA) State Girls’ Championship, while Ethan Evans of Mercer Island shot a final round even-par 71 to capture the State Boys’ Championship.

Nguyen’s three-day total of 14-under par 202 gave her an impressive eight-shot victory over second-place finisher Montgomery Ferreira of Tacoma.

On the boys’ side, Evans’ shot a three-day total of 8-under par 206. In today’s final round he eagled the par-5 14th hole to take control of the championship, building a three-shot lead and cruised to the clubhouse to win by three shots. There was a four-way tie for second place at 5-under par with Mukilteo’s Daniel Kim, Stanwood’s Conrad Chisman, DuPont’s Jahan Bains, and Spokane’s Tommy Kimmel.

Royal Colwood hosts 2021 Pacific Coast

Royal Colwood Golf Club in Victoria, B.C. will be the host site of the 2021 Pacific Coast Amateur Championship. The venerable club had been set to host the 2020 championship this July, but when this year’s event was canceled due to concerns about the COVID-19 pandemic, the club’s board of directors, management, professional staff and committee readily agreed to carry over as the host venue for next year.

Washington Golf’s Casual Golf Days

Washington Golf is staging its annual Casual Golf Days beginning in October. These are rounds of golf put on by Washington Golf at private courses in the state of Washington. Events on the schedule include Monday, Oct. 12 at Everett Golf and Country Club, Monday Nov. 2 at Snoqualmie Ridge Golf Club and Monday, Oct. 5 at Tumble Creek at Suncadia. For more see www.wagolf.org.

Washington Junior Golf sets fundraiser

The Washington Junior Golf Association (WJGA) has set a fundraiser to help raise money after losing event during the 2020 season due to the pandemic.

The inaugural Junior Amateur Charity Golf Tournament will take place Sept. 26 at North Shore Golf Course in Tacoma. The event is hosted by the Nguyen families and benefitting the WJGA.

The four-person scramble event is \$395 per team and includes at least one WJGA junior player as well as a round of golf, range balls, cart and boxed lunch.

For more call 206.390.9782.

Golfweek Portland’s Amateur Tour completes inaugural 36-hole major

The Pacific North West Masters, Day 1 held at Orchard Hills CC in Washougal started the event with a difficult tree-lined course that provides a unique challenge for players of all skill levels. Stuart Blighton of Vancouver led the field with a low score of 77. Five players were separated by 4 shots at the top of the leaderboard.

Champ Flight was a battle with Geoff Rodgers and Carl Leonard jockeying for position. The round went back and forth all day with Geoff Rodgers pulling away over the last 3 holes. Geoff shot 80-77 = 157 to take 1st place.

A Flight culminated with a 1 hole playoff after Stotz Thoda shot 77 to tie for 1st with Ed Lee. Ed Lee took the trophy home with a consistent 81-80 = 161 total.

B Flight Winner: Stuart Blighton 77-84 = 161
C Flight Winner: Daniel Carey 91-90 = 181
D Flight Winner: Tim Falls 98 - 95 = 183

During the second half of the season, the Portland Tour is giving away Founding Member Status. Players will receive the option of a free 2020 or 2021 Membership, \$125 Credit, 1 Year Golfweek Subscription, Tour Swag Bag, 2021 Member Dues, and Gift.

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Despite the pandemic WinCo Portland Open still puts on a show

Lee Hodges got up and down for birdie on the 72nd and final hole to win the 2020 WinCo Foods Portland Open Presented by KraftHeinz at Pumpkin Ridge’s Witch Hollow Golf Club, a stop on the PGA Tour’s Korn Ferry Tour.

Former University of Washington player Carl Yuan finished tied for second earning \$46,600 while another former University of Washington player Alex Prugh tied for 33rd.

Last year, Hodges finished with a birdie to finish in the top 73 of the Korn Ferry standings to keep his status for the 2020 season. This time, the victory qualified Hodges for the 2020 United States Open at Winged Foot in September.

It was Hodge’s first win on the Korn Ferry Tour.



Lee Hodges (left) got up and down for birdie on the final hole to win the 2020 WinCo Foods Portland Open; Alex Prugh (right) from Spokane finished in a tie for 33rd.

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Nature’s gifts in a game: Golf at Riverbend provides both

By Marie Lemond, Special To Inside Golf

When it comes to outdoor fun, a nature-walk or a round of golf are high on my list. Doing both at the same time is tops. In my neck of the woods, the ideal place to do that is Riverbend Golf Complex.

Riverbend is a public golf course nestled in the countryside of Kent. Not so much built on the land, Riverbend merges with it. The course features views of Mount Rainier and the winding Green River. Nesting eagles, herons, ducks, frogs, turtles, and king fishers are at home on the course. What a thrill it is to see an eagle or heron on wing while I golf.

A mix of conifers and deciduous trees grow throughout the course—cedars, firs, willows, maples and cottonwoods. Many of the cottonwoods are old growth trees. Some act as wind breaks along the edges of the fairways. The breeze rustling their leaves is like nature-made music to me as I golf along. The number 15 tee box sits in a kind of cottonwood-canyon. At that hole, a perfectly struck ball makes a resounding ‘ping’ that echoes up through the trees.

Wide swaths of buttercups, daisies and tall grasses create lush areas between the fairways. In spring and summer, two large ponds on the course, one on the front nine and one the back, offer special beauty then. Adorned with silvery plumes of maiden grass, purple fronds of cord grass and brown cattails, the ponds host a noisy neighborhood of croaking frogs, quacking ducks, and piping redwing blackbirds. Dragonflies and butterflies flit about among the fronds. A glimpse of them gliding by makes me forget the bogeys on my scorecard.

The course is flat and not hard to walk. But the water hazards, bunker positions and deceptive placement of trees make it challenging. Hole #2 is an especially good example.

Standing on the tee box, hasty golfers see the fairway as wide and straight. How tempting it is to swing away. But caution is king on hole two. 170 yards out from the tee box two colossal cottonwoods guard each side of the fairway. Worse still, both trees have deep tree wells and the fairway slopes into them. The safe



Riverbend Golf Course in Kent offers the author a perfect mix of what she likes - a round off golf outside combined with a walk through nature.

landing area is only 30 yards wide. Botch your first shot on hole two, and your second will likely be a hack shot, made from in a well, up against some bark.

Of all the holes at Riverbend, I enjoy number 14 the most. Left of the fairway sits a 500-yard belt of wild woodland.

It provides perfect habitat for the finches, flickers, robins and warblers that carry on like a chatty class as I stroll by. Many a time I have hooked my shot into that tangled tract of trees and underbrush. But such bad shot isn’t all bad. Searching for my ball, I’ll have the chance to spy a flash of yellow wings or hear the

sweet trill of some rare bird.

At Riverbend Golf Complex, golf comes with a jumbo dose of nature. It is a peaceful place where the flora and fauna turn a round of golf into a stroll through a preserve. Riverbend really does make golf more than a game—it makes the important things in life hard to take for granted.

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Pair of Pacific Northwest professionals win PGA of America national awards

A pair of PGA professionals from the Pacific Northwest have received top honors from the PGA of America when it announced its 2020 PGA of America National Awards recipients.

Chris Runyan of GolfTEC in Spokane was named as the winner of the PGA Patriot Award while Jacob Lippold of Chambers Bay Golf Course in University Place, Wash. was named the top PGA Merchandiser of the Year in the public category.

The awards are scheduled to be presented in October as part of the 2020 PGA meetings in Hartford Ct.

An eight-year industry veteran, Lippold leads Chambers Bay's golf shop operations, including hiring, training and managing professional staff, as well as developing and implementing the facility's merchandising strategy. Under Lippold's direction, Chambers Bay received the KemperSports Retailer of the Year award for 2019 for its exceptional annual golf shop performance.

In addition to his merchandising role, Lippold spends time teaching local area youth as an instructor of The First Tee of Greater Seattle and a PGA Junior League coach. He also provides instruction to military veterans in his community through the Salute Military Golf Association, Wounded Warrior Project and PGA Hope Golf Clinics. Lippold is an active member of the local Western Washington PGA Chapter. He received the Chapter's 2018 Assistant Golf Professional of the Year award and serves as a leader in the section's Community Outreach and Charity Committee.

U.S. Open will be played without fans

In partnership with the state of New York, the USGA announced that due to ongoing health and safety concerns from the COVID-19 pandemic, the 120th U.S. Open Championship, scheduled Sept. 14-20 at Winged Foot Golf Club in Mamaroneck, N.Y., will be conducted without spectators on-site.

"Following months of consultation and scenario planning with local and state health officials, we have jointly decided that hosting the U.S. Open without spectators will provide the best opportunity to conduct the championship safely for all involved," said Mike Davis, CEO of the USGA. "We will miss the excitement of the fans and what their presence brings to the championship."

The USGA announced on April 6 that the 120th U.S. Open, which was scheduled to be held June 18-21 on Winged Foot's West Course, had been postponed to Sept. 17-20.

Did you know....

• Following all proper protocols and safety precautions during the pandemic, Washington Golf continues to conduct the state's amateur championships for the competitive player, as well as Casual Golf Days and Golf For Everyone Events for the casual golfer. Visit WAgolf.org for complete schedules.



• If you are a member of a men's or women's club, whether public or private, whether at a golf facility or just a group of friends, with any state golf or provincial golf association in the Northwest, you are automatically a member of the Pacific Northwest Golf Association, eligible to receive all of its benefits. Visit thePNGA.org for more information.



Tour Players With Northwest ties

PGA Tour

- Kevin Chappell • Kirkland • 192nd on the list with \$176,506
- Ben Crane • Portland • 216th on the list with \$71,831
- Joel Dahmen, Clarkston • 36th on the list with \$2,014,193
- Robert Garrigus • Gresham • 227th on the list with \$37,571
- Scott Harrington • Portland • 96th on the list with \$951,211
- Ryan Moore • Puyallup • 95th on the list with \$957,540
- Cheng Tsung Pan • Ex-UW • 158th on the list with \$329,997
- Andrew Putnam • Tacoma • 143rd on the list with \$459,640
- Kyle Stanley • Gig Harbor • 140th on the list with \$490,359
- Nick Taylor • Ex-UW • 41st on the list with \$1,875,043
- Aaron Wise • Ex-Oregon • 152nd on the list with \$355,972

Korn Ferry Tour

- Robert Garrigus • Gresham • 143rd on the list with \$20,162
- Andres Gonzales • Olympia • 144th on the list with \$19,791
- Alex Prugh • Spokane • 110th on the list with \$32,136
- Dylan Wu • Medford • 11th on the list with \$187,505
- Alistar Docherty • Vancouver, Wash. • No Events

Champions Tour

- Fred Couples • Seattle • 7th on the list with \$554,267
- Bob Gilder • Corvallis • No Events
- Brian Henninger • Eugene • No Events
- Peter Jacobsen • Portland • 113th on the list with \$2,096
- Kirk Triplett • Pullman • 37th on the list with \$131,555

Mackenzie Tour (Canada) - 2020 Tour Cancelled

- Derek Barron • Puyallup • 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 • 74th on the list with \$46,912

LPGA Symetra Tour

- Jamie Huo
- Kent • 144th 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: Looking to get that grooved swing? Check out these drills for improvement

It's September - I've had Jeff Coston Golf Academy at Semiahmoo Resort in Blaine, Wash. for more than 26 years.

Wow, I'm so grateful for all the golfers coming for instruction and the friendships! As I say, "you're going to make a teacher of me yet."

The last 26 years we have discussed many facets of an effective golf swing. One important facet is: We swing in an arc or circle around our axis/spine not in a line.

Since I stand on the side of the golf ball the club and my hands move in a circle/arc around my spine.

Example: Hold a pencil in your right hand, now turn your body, observe how the pencil and your hand work in an arc around your body. The golf club does the same. See Photo 1. (Make sure the butt of the club points to the target line).

Notice my left arm is approximately 20 degrees inside the target line and my hands cover my right bicep. That would be a slight arc around my spine and around the target line. It's physics, not my opinion. Ben Hogan imagined swinging under a plane of glass resting slightly above his shoulders. Great Image. Photo 2 (make sure the butt of the club points to the target line).

A wonderful drill and image to create depth and thus the ability to shallow the shaft on the downswing is "The Wall Drill." (Photo #3). Set up with your rear end touching a wall. Turn and touch wall with left or both hands. Image swinging under the plane of glass

I practice with this plane of glass or shaft above my shoulder often. I know these proven concepts have definitely helped me to continued success over my lifetime.

Jeff Coston is a 23-time Pacific Northwest PGA Player of the Year. He is PGA Teacher of the Year. Jeff can be reached for appointment by calling Semiahmoo at 360.201.4590. See jeffcoston.com.



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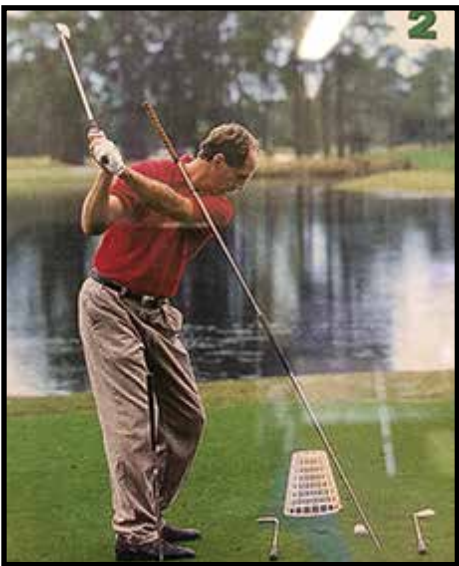


Photo #2



Photo #1



Photo #3

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Road trip: Crescent Bar

Central Washington town offers some golf variety and plenty of other activities to do

By Steve Turcotte, Inside Golf Editor

There is just something when you make the trip over Snoqualmie Pass and the skies lighten up and the stress start disappearing that you realize that Eastern Washington is just a different place. A place where the sun shines, the weather is warmer and there seems to be plenty to do.

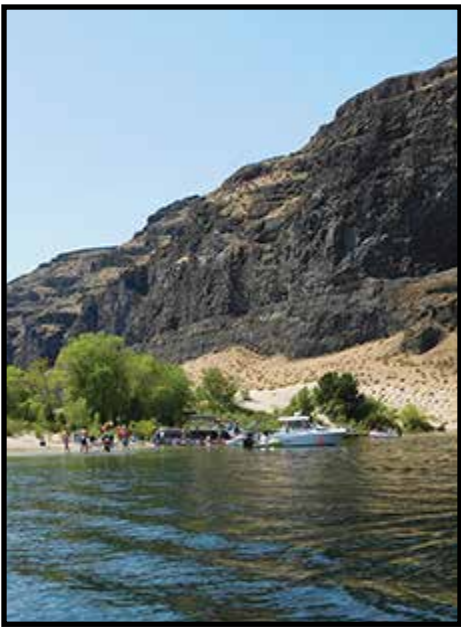
I had never been to Crescent Bar before. I had heard there was a golf course and it was on the Columbia River but that was about it. After a summer trip to Crescent Bar, this is now a place that is on the vacation radar every year. No question about it.

This is a place that checks all the boxes from a pair of golf courses, to the warm weather, to the location on the Columbia River, to the boating, the jet skiing, the hiking and of course, the nightly adult beverages.

Since this is a golf publication, let's start with the golf courses. I had heard there was a nine-hole course called Crescent Bar Golf Course. And sure enough, there it was with a nearly 3,000-yard layout stretching out and back along the Columbia River. The layout was challenging and the conditions were terrific.

But there was another course I had not heard of - Sunsera. A nine-hole course which sits above the Columbia River and offers terrific views from start to finish. But what made this executive-length course stand out was the conditions. The greens were like greens you would see on the PGA Tour. Combine that with the views - and you had a winner. The course plays to 1,250 yards and there are views around the course and one hole has a pond with two fountains.

Back in 2010, the local Public Utilities District said it would not renew the 50-year lease - meaning that hundreds of people who lived there would have to move, essentially creating a ghost town in Crescent



Crescent Bar offers plenty of scenic places.

Bar. But fortunately things worked out and the folks were able to stay and Crescent Bar has become a hub of activity on and off the water. New condominium complexes have been built and there are plans for even more to be constructed. This is a popular place - and seems to be growing by the year.

And why not? The Columbia River seems to be the biggest lure and for those with boats and jet skies there are plenty of places to travel. One of the most popular spots is a beach with sand dunes about a 15-minute boat ride from Crescent Bar. Boats park. Tents are set up. People picnic. It's all good stuff.

Looking for a road trip? Check out Crescent Bar.



A road trip to Crescent Bar can provide some golf at a couple of local courses plus time on the Columbia River.



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Rules of the Game: If a train runs through a golf course, there are some rules to follow



One of the neat parts of being a golf rules official is the wide variety of golf courses you get to work on and a course with one of the most unusual features is Veterans Memorial in Walla Walla, Washington. I'm referring to the active railway that runs through the front nine.

So, what rules situations could possibly arise when you have a train running through the golf course? Well, some interesting ones.

To set the stage, it is important to know that the railway tracks, rail bed and cut bank are all treated as one single Immovable Obstruction with free relief. So, if your ball, area of your stance or area of your intended swing have interference from any of the above features, take your nearest point of complete relief, add a club length to determine your relief area and drop your ball, all free.

The train runs through more often in the harvest season as it trucks grain into the Port of Walla Walla, so your chances of seeing it and possibly having the train insert itself into your game increase during this season. So, what possible scenarios could occur that involve the train itself?

What if your ball strikes the train and is deflected? The train is an outside influence, so now



you play your ball as it lies, the same as you would if it hit a maintenance vehicle or someone's cart or equipment. No penalty, whew. Check with the clubhouse for your liability if you break a window on the train.....ouch.

What if it is known or virtually certain that your ball has somehow remained on or in the train and is now bound for town? Fortunately, no penalty and you will drop a ball at the point on the course that it came to rest in or on the train. As this will almost certainly be within the railbed area, you can now take free relief from the railbed as an Immovable Obstruction. A bit time consuming, but definitely makes for a great story at the Nineteenth Hole.

What happens if you cannot find your ball that was hit toward the tracks and it is not known or virtually certain that it is in or on the train? It could

be in some of the vegetation that lies along the way.....Not so much fun this time, your ball is now lost and you must go back and play under stroke and distance.

What if your ball rolls under the train and the train comes to a stop? You can't safely reach your ball, but it is known or virtually certain that it is under the train. Drop a ball at the nearest point that you are free from interference from the train, no penalty. Go back later to get your ball if it has either sentimental or financial value.

Have a favorite golf course with potential for unusual rules situations? I'd love to hear about it. Stay safe and enjoy.

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