

INSIDE GOLF NEWSPAPER

Northwest tribal golf: Tribes are finding golf is good business fit

Pacific Northwest Indian Tribes have decided that golf is good for their business. Many tribes have either built and own their own golf courses or have bought existing courses and added them to their portfolios. The Lummi Nation Tribe bought Loomis Trail (right) and that is now part of their Silver Reef Resort. See the special section for more on Northwest Tribal golf.



WHAT'S NEW IN NW GOLF

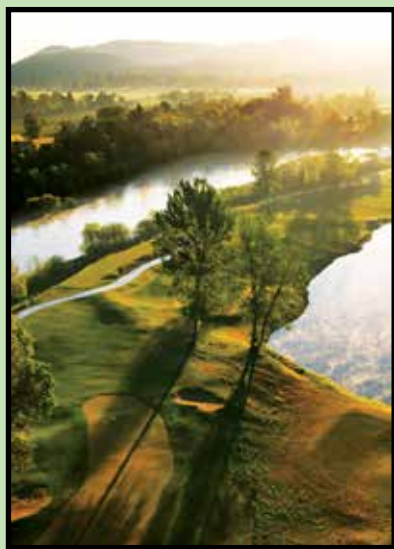
Dan Hixson-designed new Bar Run opens in Roseburg

Pacific Northwest designed Dan Hixson has another course to show off with the preview opening of his Bar Run course in Roseburg. Nine holes of the new course are open for a preview play. Construction is on-going for the other nine holes as well as the accompanying RV Resort.

Bar Run's preview play began in July and will continue through the end of September.

Only 36 players maximum will be booked onto the course each day.

Hixson has also designed Wine Valley in Walla Walla, Bandon Crossings in Bandon and Silvie's Valley Ranch in Eastern Oregon.



Boeing Classic returns in 2021 at Snoqualmie Ridge

The Boeing Classic, one of the most popular stops on the PGA Champions Tour, will return Aug. 20-22 at the Golf Club at Snoqualmie Ridge. The tournament missed the 2020 season because of the COVID-19 pandemic.

The stars of the PGA Tour Champions will be on hand, including Pacific Northwest native Fred Couples who is always a tournament fan favorite. But there will be others including John Daly and others.

Tickets are available on a daily basis plus there are weekly packages available too. The tournament kicks off Monday Aug. 16 with the Rumble at the Ridge and continues all week.

Rules Quiz

When a player makes a stroke at their ball that is out of bounds they have made a stroke from a "wrong place" True or false? See answer on Page 2 of this section of Inside Golf Newspaper.



LPGA Portland Cambia Classic moving to the Oregon Golf Club

The LPGA Portland Cambia Classic is the longest-running non-major stop on the LPGA Tour. It has always been one of the most popular stops on the tour and the players have enjoyed playing Columbia Edgewater Country Club.

But that is about to change for the 2021 season. The event will make a move to the Oregon Golf Club in West Linn after safety concerns were raised by nearby homeless encampment. The encampment surrounds the parking lot that the tournament uses for just about everything.

"It was a real tough decision," said Tom Maletis, the president of Tournament Golf Foundation which runs the tournament. "We are frustrated and disappointed about the move but it's just something that we feel is best for the tournament and everyone involved."

The tournament is scheduled for Sept. 16-19. Columbia Edgewater is located along 33rd avenue, which is now surrounded by homeless encampments, abandoned vehicles and other makeshift structures.



LakeLand Village: 27 holes of golfing enjoyment



LakeLand Village in Allyn, Wash. has always been the perfect getaway for people looking for a little retreat from the hustle and bustle of the city. LakeLand Village is a place cut through the Pacific Northwest trees and features three different nine-hole courses to try. There is also a real estate development if you are looking to become a member of the community. There is plenty to like at LakeLand Village, like The Bistro (right). See inside this section of Inside Golf Newspaper for more.



Bandon Dunes and USGA reach a deal to bring resort a total of 13 events

The USGA and Bandon Dunes Golf Resort announced an agreement that will bring 13 USGA amateur championships to the resort over 23 years. The relationship will begin with the 74th U.S. Junior Amateur in 2022 and run through the 2045 U.S. Junior Amateur and U.S. Girls' Junior Championships, with eight different championships being played at the resort, including the U.S. Amateur, U.S. Women's Amateur, the Walker Cup Match and the Curtis Cup Match.

The 2022 U.S. Junior Amateur will be conducted from July 25-30, with Bandon Dunes serving as the host course for both stroke play and match play, and Bandon Trails serving as the second stroke-play course. Dates and courses for the other championships will be announced in the future.

The resort will host both the U.S. Women's Amateur and U.S. Amateur in 2032 and again in 2041, marking the first time those two original USGA championships will be contested on the same site in the same calendar year. The resort will also host the U.S. Junior Amateur and U.S. Girls' Junior in 2045, which will mark the fourth time those championships will be conducted at the same facility in the same year. The agreement also includes the 2029 Walker Cup

Inglis goes low, wins Rosauers Invitational

Professional Colin Inglis of Shadow Hills Country Club in Junction City, Ore. went low for four rounds and won the 34th annual Rosauers Invitational at Indian Canyon Golf Course in Spokane.

Inglis opened with a 66 and then fired rounds of 62 and 66 to finish 19 under par and win the tournament by four shots over amateur Max Sekulic who plays for the Washington State University men's golf team.

Shane Prante of The Home Course and Corey Jeglum of Palouse Ridge tied for third place at 201 - seven shots behind Inglis. Amateur Jordan Lee of Western Washington was fifth while Ryan Benzel of Sahalee Country Club finished sixth.

During the first round, three players all made a hole-in-one - all on the eighth hole at Indian Canyon as amateurs Brandon Eyre and Dawon Strones and professional Jeglum all aced the same hole in the same round.

Notes from the desk: A PGA Tour player who can be a NW favorite; another pair of golf aces

From the cleaning out the notes on my desk department - and there are plenty to go around.

I have a new player on my favorites list on the PGA Tour in Cameron Davis. Not only does he seem like a great dude from Australia, but he is married to a Northwest lady, makes his home in the Seattle area and is a member at Sahalee Country Club in Sammamish, Wash. He joins my others like Ryan Moore and Joel Dahmen.

Davis won his first PGA Tour event at the Rocket Mortgage Classic in Detroit and watching him during the four rounds of the tournament and into the playoff, he just seemed like the kind of guy you would like to tee it up on a weekend and play for some adult beverages.

Davis played in the 2014 Sahalee Players Championship and met Jonika Zapiorkowski from Issaquah, eventually moved to the Northwest and the pair got married in September 2020.

Welcome to the Pacific Northwest Cameron and welcome to the PGA Tour winner's circle.

There is a lot going on with the professional tournaments in the Pacific Northwest.

The LPGA Portland Cambia Classic is moving to a new home for Sept. 16-19 - leaving Columbia Edgewater Country Club for the Oregon Golf Club. The reason? Homeless encampments and garbage strewn through 33rd Avenue, which sits adjacent to Columbia Edgewater. It was a tough decision said tournament director Tom Maletis but something the event needed to do.

The Boeing Classic returns in 2021 with the event at the Golf Club at Snoqualmie Ridge. The event was postponed in 2020 due to the COVID-19 pandemic but returns this year Aug. 20-22.

Circling Raven in Worley, Idaho will play host to the LPGA's Symetra Tour and the Circling Raven Championship Aug. 27-29. The Symetra Tour features players who are on the cusp of making the LPGA Tour.

And another hole-in-one story that seems like it can't be true. We ran a story last month about a player in the Seattle area who had a pair of aces in



one round. Meg Mendlin of Central Oregon did the same thing back in June when she made two aces in a Member-Member event at Brasada Canyons in Bend. She holed her tee shots on the fourth and 12th holes. The odds? 67 million to 1. Not bad.

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Cameron Davis makes his home in the Northwest.



The LPGA Portland Cambia Classic will move from Columbia Edgewater (above) to the Oregon Golf Club Sept. 16-19.



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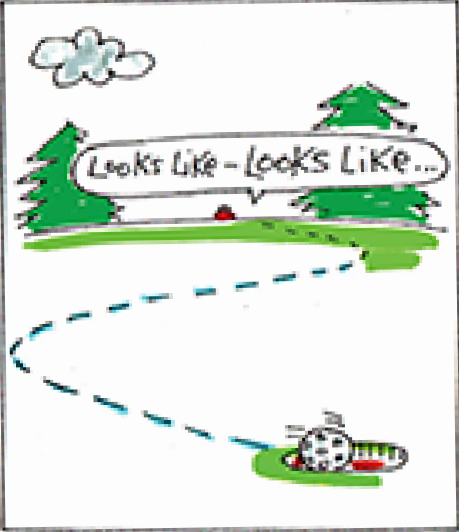
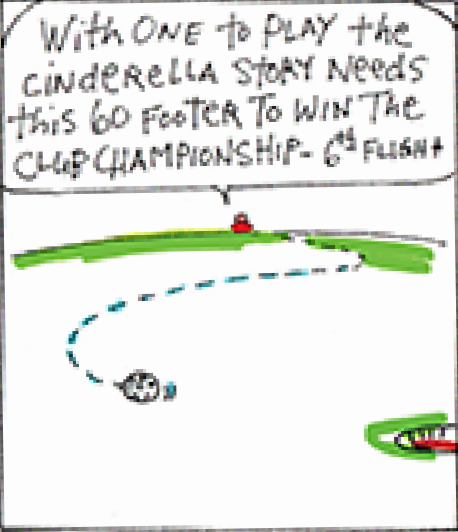
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Double Bogey



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Rules Answer

• Answer: False. They have made a stroke at a "wrong ball". See definition of "Wrong Ball". It is any ball other than the player's ball in play. Another player's ball in play. 2. A stray ball. 3. The player's own ball that is "out of bounds", has become "lost" or has been lifted and not yet put back into play. A stroke made at a "wrong ball" carries with it the general penalty of 2 strokes and must be corrected.

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Manke wins 100th Washington Men's Am title; Former UW player claims NW Women's Open

RJ Manke of Lakewood shot rounds of 66-67-68 to win the historic 100th Washington Men's Amateur Championship in commanding fashion, finishing seven shots clear of the rest of the field.

Manke also won this championship in 2018. He is the first multiple champion in 52 years. Not since Don Scott won back-to-back titles in 1968-1969 had any player won this championship more than once.

The championship was held on the Olympic Course at Gold Mountain Golf Club in Bremerton, Wash.

Manke attended Bellarmine Prep in Tacoma, then played four years on the Pepperdine University men's golf team which recently won the 2021 NCAA National Championship. He has just transferred to the University of Washington, where he will play for the men's golf team in the fall in his final year of eligibility.

Finishing second, seven shots back of Manke, was Jordan Lee of Auburn.

Duan wins Northwest Women's Open

Former University of Washington player Alice Duan fired a two-round total of 140 to win the 2021 Northwest Women's Open Presented by PNW Equipment at Twin Lakes Golf and Country Club. The tournament was close with three holes left but Duan rolled in a birdie putt on the par-5 16th hole and then added another on the par-4 18th hole to wrap up the title. She turned pro just a month ago and shot rounds of 68 and 72.

Elizabeth Schultz of Walnut Creek, Calif. was second at 142 while amateur Brittany Kwon who plays at the University of Washington was third at 144. Julie Wells finished fourth at 144.

Duan collected a first-place check of \$2,000 for her first professional victory.

Myrtle Beach World Am Aug. 30-Sept. 3

Looking for the ultimate tournament challenge, then

the Myrtle Beach World Amateur just might be your answer. The tournament will feature over 3,000 players and is set for Aug. 30-Sept. 3 at some of Myrtle Beach, South Carolina's top courses.

The tournament features divisions for men, women and seniors. There is also a gross division. Each player will play four rounds in their division with the top players from each division meeting for the world championship on the fifth and final day of the tournament.

Players will play a different course each day and the format calls for stroke play with net scores.

For more, call 800.833.8798.

Hickory Open at Gearhart Links

Gearhart Golf Links in Gearhart, Ore. will host the 2021 U.S. Hickory Open Sept. 12-14. The world's best hickory players, utilizing historic golf equipment, will compete in September for three days to place their name on the Champions Trophy.

Gearhart Golf Links, founded in 1892, is the oldest golf course west of the Mississippi River, and was chosen as the site of the 2021 U.S. Hickory Open because of its age, true links design, coastal breezes, and welcoming environment.

Grow Golf Network has clinics

Mike Whims, the founder of Grow Golf Network, along with PPGA Hall of Famer Ann Swanson, will hold clinics for beginning lady golfers through the Grow Golf Network and Operation36 this August and September.

The Grow Golf Network uses the Operation36 method where the focus is on improving scoring by focusing on the short game. It also lowers the cost to beginners to play because you only need two clubs. You begin playing the course from 25 yards out and once you score 36 or better you can move further back. The challenge continues until golfers can shoot par from

all 10 divisions of the Operation36 method.

The clinics for ladies will feature lessons plus two on course lessons and the clinics will continue in August and into September. Grow Golf is focusing on lady golfers and have begun working with moms of First Tee players. The group is seeing a pent up demand for beginning lady golfers. The eight-person group lessons are a great way for them to learn as the social, friendly and fun nature of the classes makes learning easier. Also, plans call for the ladies to be playing on the course by the third or fourth lesson so they are comfortable and not intimidated. Thus, they gain confidence more quickly.

For info Whims at mike@growgolfnetwork.com.

Home Course hosts Forme qualifier

At the four-day, 72-hole Forme Tour Qualifying Tournament held at The Home Course in DuPont, Wash., former PPGA Players of the Year Jared du Toit (2016) of Kimberley, B.C. and Chris Crisologo (2018) of Richmond, B.C. finished second and third, respectively, each earning exemptions for the first half of the year on the newly-formed developmental professional tour. They can remain exempt for the second half of the season, based on their play.

The Forme Tour will serve as the U.S.-based 2021 alternative to the Mackenzie Tour-PGA TOUR Canada, in response to the uncertainties regarding the border closure due to the pandemic.

Callum Davison of Duncan, B.C. shot a bogey-free final round and earned medalist honors at the tournament, finishing two shots ahead of du Toit.

California golfer wins Pacific Coast

Devon Bling of Ridgecrest, Calif. shot rounds of 71-66-62-73 and survived a five-hole playoff to win the 54th Pacific Coast Amateur Championship, hosted at Chambers Bay in University Place, Wash.

2021 tourney schedule

If you are looking to stay competitive in the 2021 golf season, the Pacific Northwest Golf Association and WA Golf make it easy for you with a series of some terrific tournaments. Here is a look:

PNGA tournaments:

- Aug. 9-13: Men's Master-40 at Wildhorse Resort, Pendleton, Oregon.
- Aug. 16-20: Junior Boys Amateur at Palouse Ridge, Pullman, Wash.
- Aug. 16-20: Junior Girls Amateur at Palouse Ridge, Pullman, Wash.
- Sept. 14-16: Men's Mid-Amateur at Silvies Ranch, Seneca, Ore.

WA Golf Championships:

- Aug. 23: Mixed Chapman at Canterwood CC, Gig Harbor.
- Aug. 30-31: Men's Mid-Amateur at Bellingham Golf and CC, Bellingham.
- Sept. 21-23: Senior and Super Senior Men's Amateur at Kitsap CC, Bremerton.

Bling entered the day with a three-shot lead and fired a 2-over 73 in today's final round, putting him a five-man playoff with Dylan Menante of La Costa, Calif., Joe Highsmith of Lakewood, Wash., Sam Choi of Anaheim, Calif. and Walker Lee of Houston, Texas.

Wolfe, Jacobs wins PPGA crowns

Mary Scott Wolfe of Beaverton, Ore. won the 119th PPGA Women's Amateur Championship with a 3 and 2 victory over Cassie Kim of Yakima, Wash.; while Amanda Jacobs of Portland, Ore. won the 19th PPGA Women's Mid-Amateur with a 1-up victory over Jacqueline Bendrick of Mercer Island, Wash.

Both events were held at The Home Course.

Each championship began with 36 holes of stroke-play qualifying on July 19-20, followed by 18-hole single-elimination match play, with the final match for each being contested on Friday, July 23. The Women's Amateur was a 36-hole final match, and the Mid-Amateur final match was contested over 18 holes.

Wolfe's road to the title was demanding. She was the No. 8 seed in the bracket, and in yesterday morning's quarterfinal match she knocked off No. 1 seed Angela Arora of Surrey, B.C. in 19 holes.



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LakeLand Village has a thriving residential community with 27 holes of first-class golf

As you wind your way along Highway 3 near Washington’s Olympic Peninsula, you find yourself driving through the town of Allyn. You see restaurants, some tourist shops, Big Bubba’s Burger and a sign for LakeLand Village up the hill.

As you make your way up that hill toward LakeLand Village, you start to get a sense of history when Virgil Anderson first saw the property and decided to turn it into something special. It all started way back in 1923 with the beginning of LakeLand Village.

And now, years later the area has turned into a residential community with terrific housing developments and a golf course that features three sets of nine-hole courses called Generation I, Generation II and Generation III.

When Virgil Anderson started his project, he had a dream of farming and raising cattle. He moved his family into a log cabin on the “old farm.” In fact, when the Generation III golf course opened in 1997, the course was set on land that overlooks the “old farm.” as well as some of the other original land acquired by Anderson in 1936.

The golf business in the Anderson family began in 1972 with the opening of Generation I. It plays as the shortest of the nines at 2,547 yards but offers plenty of challenges through the trees with water in play. Generation II opened in 1983 and has lots of elevation changes including back to back holes that feature a downhill par-3 and a short uphill dogleg par-4. Generation III opened in 1997 with large greens, generous fairways and some tough par-4 holes.

The one thing you notice right away about LakeLand Village are the greens. They are fast. They are smooth. They are pure. Many golfers make the trip around the Puget Sound for the challenges of LakeLand Village but also for the greens.

Houses and duplexes border the course but are set back so don’t intrude on play. It’s a great place to live or visit. For information call 360.275.6100.



LakeLand Village in Allyn, Wash. offers three different sets of nines to try and all are plenty challenging.

LakeLand Village


- **Where:** Allyn, Wash.
- **Course Info:** LakeLand Village is made up of three nines, Generation I, Generation II and Generation III. Generation I plays 2,884 yards, Generation II plays to 3,140 yards and Generation III plays to 3,331 yards.
- **Memberships:** Memberships are available at \$2,000 for a single and \$3,200 for a family.
- **General Manager:** Rick Anderson.
- **Head Professional:** Eric Briggs.
- **Superintendents:** Steve Anderson and Aaron Stites.
- **Information:** 360.275.6100 or www.lakelandvillagegc.com




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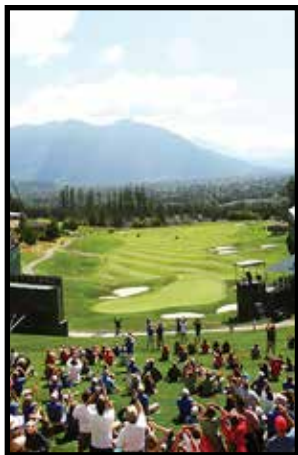
Boeing Classic returns to Snoqualmie Ridge with the stars from the PGA Tour Champions

The COVID-19 pandemic put a hold on all kinds of things in 2020 - and count the Boeing Classic as one of those things. The tournament, part of the PGA Tour Champions, was put on hold for 2020. But now in 2021, the Boeing Classic is back and will feature the top players from the PGA Tour Champions.

The tournament is set for Aug. 20-22 at the Golf Club at Snoqualmie Ridge, located just east of Seattle will feature a field of over 80 players.

The Boeing Classic has always been one of the most popular spots on the PGA Tour Champions since its first event back in 2005. In 2019, the last time the tournament was held, Brandt Jobe won the championship at 18 under par.

At this year's event, there is a little of something



for everyone during the tournament week. It all kicks off on Monday Aug. 16 with the Seahawks Rumble at the Ridge, an event featuring local celebrities and former Seahawk players. A youth clinic will be held Tuesday before the Korean Air Pro-Am takes place on Wednesday and Thursday. The tournament kicks off Friday, Aug. 20 - and will get things started with a flyover from a Boeing jet.

Golf Channel will be on hand to broadcast all three rounds of the tournament.

There will be plenty of star power on display at the tournament. Pacific Northwest native and PGA Tour star Fred Couples headlines the field while others like John Daly, Bernhard Langer, Jerry Kelly and others will try and win the first-place check and the Boeing flight jacket, which annually goes to the winner of the tournament.

Tickets are available in a variety of ways to attend the tournament.

Daily tickets are \$20 in advance and \$25 at the gate. A week-long tournament pass is \$40 in advance and \$50 at the gate. The Alaska Airlines Canyon Club will return and tickets are \$35 in advance and \$40 at the gate. The ANA Dreamliner Lounge which sits on the 18th hole has tickets for \$350.

For more see www.boeingclassic.com.

Did you know....

- The 100th Washington Men's Amateur was held last month at Gold Mountain Golf Club. It is the longest-running continuously-held tournament - amateur or professional - in the state, and was conducted even during World War II, when all others ceased being played.



- If you are a member of a regional state or provincial golf association whether the OGA, IGA, British Columbia Golf or Washington Golf - you are automatically a member of the Pacific Northwest Golf Association, entitled to receive all of its member benefits. Visit the PNGA.org for information on any of the programs offered by the PPGA.



Tour Players With Northwest ties

PGA Tour

- Kevin Chappell • Kirkland • 185th on the list with \$282,510
- Ben Crane • Portland • No Events
- Joel Dahmen • Clarkston • 92nd on the list with \$1,289,672
- Robert Garrigus • Gresham • No Events
- Scott Harrington • Portland • 176th on the list with \$296,644
- Ryan Moore • Puyallup • 138th on the list with \$777,994
- Cheng Tsung Pan • Ex-UW • 101st on the list with \$1,186,763
- Andrew Putnam • Tacoma • 102nd on the list with \$1,169,734
- Kyle Stanley • Gig Harbor • 115th on the list with \$1,061,178
- Nick Taylor • Ex-UW • 142nd on the list with \$713,359
- Aaron Wise • Ex-Oregon • 57th on the list with \$1,960,710

Korn Ferry Tour

- Alistar Docherty • Vancouver, Wash. • 281st on the list with \$2,514
- Robert Garrigus • Gresham • 174th on the list with \$25,016
- Andres Gonzales • Olympia • 158th on the list with \$35,880
- Alex Prugh • Spokane • 136th on the list with \$55,145
- Dylan Wu • Medford • 15th on the list with \$352,250

Champions Tour

- Fred Couples • Seattle • 12th on the list with \$1,436,306
- Bob Gilder • Corvallis • No Events
- Brian Henninger • Eugene • No Events
- Peter Jacobsen • Portland • No Events
- Kirk Triplett • Pullman • 34th on the list with \$678,712

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

- Carolyn Inglis • Eugene • 149th on the list with \$26,380
- Jing Yan • Ex-UW • 104th on the list with \$71,929

LPGA Symetra Tour

- Jamie Huo • Kent • No Cuts made
- Jimin Kang • Seattle • No Events
- Mallory Kent • Seattle • No Events
- Sadena Parks • Tacoma • No Events
- Gigi Stoll • Tigard • 26th on the list with \$28,659
- Kim Welch • Ex-WSU • No Events

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The Lesson Tee: There are ways that you can make the driver an ‘offensive weapon’

Everyone wants to and needs to be a wonderful driver of the golf ball. In my mind “the driver” is the most important golf club in the bag to better golf and more fun. It is every golfer’s dream to smash drives down the fairway.

I would like to give a few ideas how to enhance your success with this “offensive weapon” to add to your golf arsenal.

Most golfers when asked what kind of shot they hit with their driver or for that matter any shot, they reply, “I just try to hit it straight.” I believe hitting straight shots is too difficult to achieve on any consistent basis.

If you curve the ball either way and somewhat master that curve, you can use the whole fairway. This concept gives the player a rough line to rough line or even tree line to tree line which is twice as wide than attempting to hit it straight down the middle. It is true that the greatest players in the world curve their shots. Most also master one curve as a stock shot or a go -to shot.

Secondly, the set up with the driver (and all clubs) is very key and important. Most players come “over the top” of the proper plane of the swing. The driver swing should be shallower or more from the inside than any club in the bag, because it is longer and teed up. This is the case whether you draw or fade the ball.

You must create more tilt of the upper body to the right at address to help enhance depth to your golf swing. This tilt will help the player come from the “inside” on the downswing. Swinging “on plane” and coming from the inside is very important to better driving of the golf ball.

Most players not only need more tilt to the right at set up and a better swing plane from the inside, they also need a stronger golf grip. The stronger grip is more in the fingers in the left hand showing three knuckles on top of the left hand. Perhaps



show more of the logo of your glove at address then match the angle of the right hand with the left hand on the golf club.

- More tilt to the right at address.
- Stronger grip.
- Come from inside on the downswing.

I’d like to share an effective tool to monitor and help you come from the inside and swing more on the proper downswing plane. This will help your driving of the golf ball. Place a shaft in the ground with a swimming noodle on the end of it. Set your driver shaft on the noodle and take your set up (photo 1).

Back up about three inches away from the noodle and then take one step forward toward the target and place a tee (photo 2). This is where you will strike balls. Now make sure you set up with tilt, a proper grip and come from the inside swing under the shaft.

Make several practice swings then smash away. Hopefully you will see a difference.

Jeff Coston is a former PGA Tour Player and multi-time Pacific Northwest PGA Player of the Year. He can be reached at Semiahmoo Resort for appointment by calling 360.201.4590 or see www.jeffcoston.com for more information.



Photo #1



Photo #2

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Rules of the Game: Make sure to know which type of fences you get relief from on the course

Local golf groups continue to inspire topics to discuss and hopefully clarify. The simple act of taking relief from a fence should be straightforward and consistent, the same every time, after all it's man made and it's on the course, right? Well, you guessed it, no, the relief is not the same in all cases.....it all depends on the status of that fence. At the risk of Rules of Golf 'speak' status of an object matters. Let's look at that fence. It can be chain link, three strand barbed wire or split rail. What it's made of matters less than where it sits and what its purpose is.

The two most common locations of fences are either as an interior protective fence or as a boundary fence. The interior protective fence often sits along a teeing ground or a green with the purpose of protecting players on the teeing ground or green from errant shots originating from an adjacent fairway or teeing ground. They are quite common on courses that have limited space. Relief is standard immovable obstruction relief. Choose the club you would have used to make the stroke if the fence wasn't there. Take your stance at the nearest spot, no closer to the hole, that gives you complete relief from the fence for lie of ball, area of intended stance and swing (you only get relief for line of play if a local rule states that you do, sorry.)

After you take your stance at this spot, known as the nearest point of complete relief, measure a club length with your longest club other than a putter in any direction, again, no closer to the hole. This is your relief area. Drop your ball from knee height. It must both drop in and remain in the relief area. If it doesn't, re drop. If it still won't remain in the relief area, place it at the spot it first hit the course and you are ready to go. No penalty, free relief.

Now, the boundary fence. You are so thrilled that the ball didn't go out of bounds and well you should be. The problem is that it is tucked nice and close



to a boundary fence or, even worse; one of the posts of the boundary fence, preventing you from getting a club on the ball. You recall that another member of the group got free relief from a similar looking fence on a previous hole by the teeing area. Just as you start to determine your nearest point of complete relief, one of your foursome wanders over and shakes their head. Then they give you the

bad news. Because this is a boundary fence they claim that you have to take a penalty stroke in order to get penalty relief. You can't believe it, how can two fences that look identical have two different rules attached to them?! Yes, it feels unfair, but at least you have a way to get your ball into a playable position. This time you do indeed have to take penalty relief under Rule 19, Unplayable Ball. You have three choices; all with a one stroke penalty. They are:

1. play under stroke and distance dropping a ball at the spot of the previous stroke,
2. drop a ball back on a line keeping the location of the ball and the hole in a line.... not always possible with a boundary fence as in the photo..... or
3. measure two club lengths from the location of the ball, no closer to the hole and drop a ball.

So, indeed, fences are not all created equal; location and purpose matter.

Curious about other scenarios? Check out the videos at usa.org, they may have the answer you're looking for.



Ryan Young



How to chip: It's back to the basics

• Editor's note: This is the first part of a two-part series about chipping:

The average golfer makes chipping too difficult. Incorrect set-up, excessive wrist hinge and release, and bad tempo are some of the most common issues I see. Typical misses are chunks short of the green, skulls across the green, and overall inconsistency.

First, understand that chipping replaces a lag putt. When you hit a green-in-regulation you're afforded two putts to make par. When you miss a green, a chip replaces your first putt, which would have typically been a lag putt. Thus, the goal of your chip should be to lag the ball close to the hole so you can save par. If you understand this simple concept, you will focus more on distance control than ball contact, which will lead to lower scores.

Continuing on this mindset, you must select the club that you are most confident controlling distance with. Most often, this means using your putter! The only time you should logically use loft is if you can't physically putt it. If there is a forced carry, then only choose enough loft to carry it then focus back on distance control once it lands. Very rarely is there a tall obstacle or so little green to work with that you need to hit a "flop" shot. Even if there is, sometimes taking our medicine and playing away from the hole is better for our scorecard. So next time you choose your lob wedge just because you make the best contact with it, please think twice.

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