

INSIDE GOLF NEWSPAPER

Hawaii golf: Plenty of golf to play and volcano activity to check out

The Big Island in Hawaii is a tourist treat. From the scenic and challenging golf courses to the beaches there is plenty to see and do. And don't forget about Kilauea - the active volcano on the island. A 2018 lava flow still has vents steaming in the lava field (right). You won't be disappointed with a trip to the Big Island. See Page 2 for more.



WHAT'S NEW IN NW GOLF

Boeing Classic sets dates for 2022 event: Aug. 12-14

The 2022 Boeing Classic will be held Aug. 12-14 at the Club Snoqualmie Ridge. The tournament is just one of 28 on the PGA Tour Champions schedule for the 2022 season.

The PGA Tour Champions season kicks off Jan. 20 with the Mitsubishi Electric Championship at Hualalai Golf Club in Hawaii.

The PGA Tour Champions 2022 season will take the players to 20 states across the country as well as three countries. The players will compete for \$62 million in prize money - the most in the 42-year history of the tour.

The Boeing Classic kicked off with its first event in 2005. The tournament in 2021 was won by Rod Pampling and featured a purse of \$2.1 million.



Rod Pampling

NW posting computers have gone silent for the winter

As you may know, Washington Golf and the Oregon Golf Association both observe an inactive score posting season during which rounds played in the area are never acceptable for handicap computational purposes. Most of the golf associations in the Northern areas of the U.S. are seasonal golf associations like WA Golf and the OGA and also observe an inactive score posting period. For WA Golf and the OGA, the inactive score posting period runs from November 15th to the last day of February.

Scores posted on the computer at the home club are never transmitted to GHIN and are automatically deleted by GHIN on March 1 every year. The automatic deletion by GHIN happens to Home Scores only. Other types of scores; Away, Internet, Tournament, Penalty or Combined posted during the inactive score posting period, are not automatically deleted by GHIN.

Should a club wish to allow their members to continue to post home scores during the inactive season, the WA Golf staff informs the club, before activating the inactive season posting option at GHIN for the club, that the club should monitor all scores posted during the inactive season and should they find unacceptable scores in a members file, the scores must be deleted by the clubs.

Rules Quiz

In four-ball match play, "B" has a putt of 4 feet. His partner "A" has a putt of 10 feet on the same line. Their opponents concede "B's" putt. "B" putts out anyway. Your ruling is? See Page 2 of this section of Inside Golf for the answer.

USGA, R&A relax the amateur rules of golf

Amateur Status have been published by the USGA and The R&A ahead of their January 1, 2022, effective date. The work is the latest step by the governing bodies to make the Rules easier to understand and apply and follows the modernization of the Rules of Golf in 2019.

The new Rules were informed by golfer and golf industry feedback as a part of a comprehensive review, to ensure they continue to reflect how the modern game is played by millions of golfers around the world. This review, along with the global feedback received when the proposals were publicly shared earlier this year, reaffirmed amateur golf's important position in the game. and the value in maintaining amateur status Rules. The result is a set of Rules that removes many of the restrictions that previously applied to amateur golfers, while

ensuring that the integrity of the game is protected by limiting the form and value of the prizes an amateur golfer can accept. As part of the modernization effort, the new Rules identify only the following acts that will result in a golfer losing their amateur status:

- Accepting a prize with a value exceeding the prize limit (\$1,000) or accepting prize money in a handicap competition.
- Playing as a professional.
- Accepting payment for giving instruction (although all current exceptions still apply, such as coaching at educational institutions and assisting with approved programs).
- Accepting employment as a golf club professional or membership of an association of professional golfers.

To achieve this simplified approach, the following key changes have been introduced:

- Distinguishing between scratch and handicap competitions in terms of the prizes that may be accepted.
- The prize rule applies only to tee-to-hole competitions played on a golf course or a simulator, but no longer apply to long-drive, putting and skills competitions that are not played as part of a tee-to-hole competition.
- Eliminating all advertising, expense-related and sponsorship restrictions.

The new opportunities provided by lifting sponsorship restrictions and the ability to accept prize money up to the increased limit of \$1,000 in scratch-only competitions will be of significant benefit to elite amateur golfers looking for ways to fund golf-related expenses.

Aloha from Hawaii: Golf in the islands is the perfect getaway



Looking for that perfect winter getaway from the Pacific Northwest? How about a trip across the Pacific Ocean to Hawaii. Hawaii never fails to deliver when it comes to a first-class golf vacation. From places like Makani Golf Club (left) on The Big Island to Ka'anapali Resort in Maui (above), there is no shortage of quality golf to be found. Plus, off the course there is plenty to do from the beaches to fishing to hiking. For more on golfing Hawaii, please see inside this section of Inside Golf Newspaper.

Improvements are giving Highlands a new appearance

Highlands Golf Course in Tacoma has turned 90 years old and owner Jack Connelly has continued to make improvements at the course including a new irrigation project and new water features. There is plenty more in the future for Highlands Golf Course. See inside for more.



From the pristine golf courses to the beaches to the lava fields, the Big Island has it all

When you tee it up in Hawaii, there is so much to see that sometimes you don't even worry about the score. On the big island of Hawaii, there are the courses with lava rocks surrounding the fairways and the Pacific Ocean nearby. On Maui, you get a chance to play a course that hosts the PGA Tour's Sentry Tournament of Champions. On Kauai, the Ocean Course at Hokuala offers a nine-hole stretch along the ocean.

And then there are the other sights you don't about until you get there. At Makalei Golf Club on the Big Island, peacocks are a visitors to the golf course and sometimes follow you down the fairway. At Hualalai Golf Club, you get the play in the steps of the PGA Tour Champions, who play there every January. At places like Ka'anapali Resort and Kapalua Resort on Maui, you get the chance to tee it up at a pair of courses.

Waikoloa Beach Resort is another place that offers 27 holes of golf. All 27 holes are terrific challenges and the resort has hosted high-level college tournaments and both have gobbled my golf ball in a sea of lava.

At Mauna Kea Golf Resort, as you stand on the third tee box you are witnessing perhaps one of the most feared tee shots around. From the back tees, this par-3 measures 272 yards over the Pacific Ocean, and when it first opened, Arnold Palmer, Jack Nicklaus and Gary Player took on the hole. Player said he didn't have enough stick to get over the water. No way was I taking on this tee. I had a hard enough time from the 179-yard tee box.

The golf in Hawaii ... there's nothing like it. It's hard to take yourself off the course, but when you do there's plenty more to like.

The beaches offer places to snorkel and body board. One day we went to the beach and the waves were 7-8 feet. I tried to body board. Bad idea. Flipped, tossed, turned, hit the bottom and couldn't get to my beach chair fast enough.

For food off the course, the Hawaiian Style Cafe in Waimea on the Big Island is too good to be true. The portions are big, the prices are small. In fact, of the four of us - no one finished their breakfast and looking around, no one else did either.

If volcanoes are your thing, then a trip to Kilauea



and the National Volcano Park is a must. And a side trip with Stacy Welch and her Wicked8Lava Tour can't be missed. Her back yard is the site of the 2018 lava flow which wiped out neighborhoods and over 600 houses. She has a tour that takes you through the lava field - and also the sight of some lava vents that are still steaming.

Hawaii ... you just can't go wrong.

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Errant shots might lead to a lie in a lava field.



Hualalai on the Big Island of Hawaii offers two courses, one which hosts the PGA Tour Champions every year.



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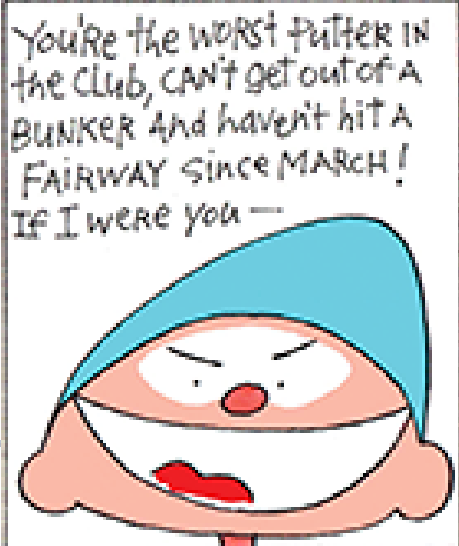
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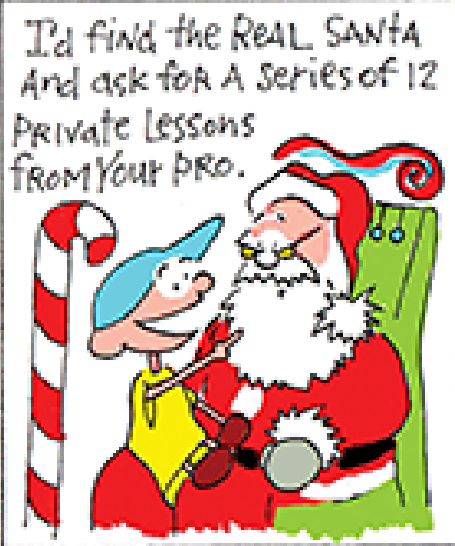
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Double Bogey



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Rules Answer

Answer: B is disqualified from the hole, A gets no penalty and his score counts for the side. Rule 23.6, Exception.

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Northwest juniors qualify for Drive, Chip and Putt finals

Four young golfers from the Northwest earned invitations to compete in the eighth annual Drive, Chip and Putt National Finals, to be played at Augusta National Golf Club on Sunday, April 3, 2022, prior to the start of the Masters Tournament.

The four Northwest players to advance are Kaylie Bae of Happy Valley, Ore. (Girls 7-9 division), Chloe Singpraseuth of Meridian, Idaho (Girls 14-15 division), Carter Macy of Meridian, Idaho (Boys 7-9 division), and Owen Greenough of Bend, Ore. (Boys 12-13 division). All four players competed at the regional qualifier held at Pebble Beach Golf Club.

This was the third and final stage leading to the 2022 National Finals at Augusta National Golf Club. In all, 80 junior golfers representing 30 U.S. states will be competing in the Finals.

Carter Macy had an eighth birthday he'll never forget. He earned his invitation to the National Finals after edging out the second-place finisher by one point.

Kaylie Bae also became a National Finalist for the first time. Although she picked up the game just 18 months ago, she won the Girls 7-9 division by a 20-point margin and aspires to play golf professionally one day.

Chloe Singpraseuth won her division by eight points over her nearest competitor, while Owen Greenough also won his division by eight points.

Local qualifying for the eighth season of Drive, Chip and Putt began in May 2021 and was held at hundreds of sites across the country this summer. The top three scorers per venue, in each of the four age categories in separate boys and girls divisions, advanced to subregional qualifiers in July and August. The top two juniors in each age/gender division then competed at the regional level in September and October.

Wine Valley hosts its Winter Series

Wine Valley Golf Club in Walla Walla is hosting a series of five Winter Series tournaments. The tournaments started in November but will continue through December and into February.

The next event on the schedule is set for Dec. 12 and features a two-man scramble. The other events are set for Jan. 2 with a cross country format Jan. 23 with a two-person chapman and Feb. 27 with the individual stroke play. Call 509.525.4653 for more information on the series.

NW juniors are Rolex All-Americans

The American Junior Golf Association announced its 2021 Rolex Junior All-America Teams and Rolex Junior Players of the Year and the list included a couple of players from Washington.

Named to the honorable mention teams were Angela Zhang of Bellevue, Washington and Suzie Tran of Poulsbo, Washington

The Rolex Junior All-America Teams annually recognize the world's premier junior golfers. The 2021 class includes 48 boys and 48 girls, ages 14-19, from 23 states and five countries, including Canada, China, Hong Kong, Japan, and the United States. These young men and women distinguished themselves through exceptional play in 146 national junior golf events, 128 of which were conducted by the AJGA. The teams were determined exclusively through the Rolex AJGA Rankings as of October 13.

Seattle teen wins First Tee grant

A Seattle teen, Austin Picinich, has been awarded a \$10,000 educational stipend following the First Tee Innovators Forum at Mexican Heritage Plaza and Sheraton San Jose Hotel. He was one of two awarded \$10,000 out of the twenty-eight teen participants from First Tee chapters across the country that attended.

Austin was chosen based on his commitment to completing a community service project within the next eight months. He is creating a community mural that educates visitors on the salmon life cycle and about the history of Juanita Creek, a creek where the salmon population has declined to nearly zero due to the pollution. Austin plans to partner with Urban Artworks to engage community members and provide them with a

unique opportunity to become ambassadors for Juanita Creek. Through his service project, he would like to contribute funds to conservation groups assisting with making Juanita Creek healthy again.

Washington's Manke Golfer of Month

Washington senior RJ Manke was named the Pac-12 Golfer of the Month for October the Conference announced.

The grad transfer from Pepperdine earned medalist honors at both the Fighting Irish Classic and Oregon State Invitational to lead Washington to a pair of team victories. He recorded a 67.0 scoring average across six rounds for the month.

Manke, originally from Lakewood, Wash., carded a closing round of 6-under-par 64 en route to a 12-under 198 total (67-67-64) and one-shot victory at the Fighting Irish Classic on Oct. 5. He followed up with two more rounds of 67 as part of a 9-under 204 (67-70-67) and five-shot win at the OSU Invite on Oct. 12.

Manke is currently ranked No. 1 by Golfstat, No. 6 on the PGA Tour University rankings, and a member of the Haskins Award fall watch list.

UW Women finished sixth at Preview

Freshman Jamie Hsieh recorded a top-10 finish and the Washington women's golf team was sixth as a team at the Pac-12 Preview, the final fall test for the Huskies in 2021.

The Huskies combined to shoot a final-round 4-over 296 to move up one spot on the leaderboard after Tuesday's second round. UW shot a three day total of +15 (291-304-296-891) and ended up one shot back of 12th-ranked UCLA.

Stanford was -1 overall to win the team title by four strokes over USC. The Trojans' Katherine Muzi led from start to finish to claim medalist honors at -9 overall.

Hsieh shined brightest for the Huskies in their final tune up. She led the Huskies with a final-round 1-under 72 to end with a three-day total of 1-over 220

Riverbend Golf Course offers a Winter Series

Riverbend Golf Course in Kent will again be offering its annual Winter Series of tournaments.

Riverbend Golf Course is also the home of a popular winter series of tournaments. It all started with the annual Four-Player scramble on Nov. 27.

The 24th Annual Two-Person Better Ball on Dec. 18 will be the second event in the series. The 24th Annual Two-Man Scramble will take place on Jan. 15 before the series wraps up with the 26th Annual Ball Buster on Feb. 12, which will feature a Two-Player format.

Riverbend also re-opened its driving range with new stalls, new turf and new hitting targets.

(73-75-72). She ended up tied for 10th after her previous career-best finish was 41st.

Anchorage Golf Course wins award

The 2021 American Society of Golf Course Architects (ASGCA) Environmental Excellence Awards honorees have been named, with Anchorage (Alaska) Golf Course, site of the 2022 U.S. Senior Women's Amateur, being among those recognized.

Projects from three golf facilities were cited for their work with ASGCA members in addressing unique environmental challenges.

With Forrest Richardson, ASGCA and Jeff Danner, ASGCA working in tandem in preparing Anchorage Golf Course to host the 2022 U.S. Senior Women's Amateur Championship, their efforts included a non-traditional construction plan resulting in less carbon emissions. Using local equipment, available supplies and regional labor, the Municipality of Anchorage, in cooperation with their operating lessee, completed a bunker renovation program, turf reduction and drainage plan designed to conform to the Anchorage Climate Action Plan.



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Rounds are on the rise at Highlands; adds new irrigation and water features

As the curtain comes down on 2021, the Highlands Golf Course in Tacoma’s west end gives thanks to those who have been “regulars” for their 90 years of golfing enjoyment, welcomes newcomers ... and wishes one and all a Merry Christmas, Happy Hanukkah, Seasons Greetings and a Happy New Year.

Highlands will be celebrating those 90 years in the months ahead, and invites everyone to give the recently named “7th best public course in Washington” a try. No other par 3 course in the state was so honored, by the way. A visit to its new McDuff’s Cafe at the remodeled clubhouse, with a new outdoor patio and fireplace (and a new fire pit as well), is the ideal way to “check that out.”

Its new owners, Jack Connelly and family, invite you to visit, enjoy a snack, have a beverage (yes, beer and wine are available) and make yourself comfortable with friends in a like-new “country club” atmosphere sure to please you and yours.

The course itself is another reason to give it a look. It features a totally new irrigation system, several new water features, and greens which rival those of any course in the Northwest. The fifth hole, in particular, will challenge the best. Test yourself to find out if you can survive five. Highlands Men’s and Ladies Club members, a hundred strong, are quick to let you know that once the various irrigation ditches have completely recovered ... the layout will match any in the region.

In its first year under new ownership it has attracted more golfers than any of our recent past years, and the attendance has encouraged more improvements to come. By mid-November the course had hosted over 30,000 rounds this year, compared to 28,308 played in the entire year of 2020 which had set the previous record.

Golfing won’t be the only reason to start thinking about making Highlands your “home away from home.” Civic events, meetings and neighborhood activities are certain to grow there as well. An Easter Egg Hunt that brought in an estimated 800 youngsters was held there this year.

Already in the mix are several new tournaments and the warm Spring weather ahead will unveil a 90th

Anniversary Celebration (a tournament plus other social events) and the renewal of the Washington State Par 3 Championship. A Memorial “occasion” at Amen Corner as well as the Northwest Masters Par 3 in April are others under consideration.

Connelly is exceptionally proud of the progress his Highlands staff has managed in spite of the Covid 19 restrictions of this past year, and he already has some new ideas for the course. He has given thought to developing alternate fairways for seven of the nine existing holes, providing a variety of approach shots on every hole except #1 and #9. They will remain your best bets for an “Ace” at Highlands.

Looking for that hole-in-one remains one of the many reasons to play Highlands, and you’ll find it true to its motto – “Half the Time: Twice the Fun”!



Highlands Golf Course in Tacoma has seen golf rounds rise and has added new irrigation and water features as the course celebrates its 90th years in play in the NW.



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Knox, Highsmith lead list of the 2021 Washington Players of Year

Washington Golf (WA Golf) has announced the Player of the Year award recipients for 2021. The category winners are as follows: Women's, Kennedy Knox of Normandy Park; Men's, Joe Highsmith of Lakewood; Women's Mid-Amateur, Jacqueline Bendrick of Mercer Island; Men's Mid-Amateur, Mark Strickland of Everett; Senior Women's, Susan Craven of Mukilteo; Senior Men's, Tom Brandes of Bellevue; Junior Girls', Kennedy Knox; and Junior Boys', Ethan Evans of Mercer Island.



Kennedy Knox

Women's & Junior Girls' Player of the Year: Kennedy Knox. Knox, who just started her freshman season on the University of Washington Women's Golf Team, enjoyed a historic 2021 golf season. She won the Washington Women's Amateur, the Seattle Women's Golf Association City Championship, the Washington Junior Golf Association Girls' State Championship and the Pacific Northwest Junior Girls' Amateur, making her the first golfer ever to make a clean sweep of the four respective championships in the same season.

Men's Player of the Year: Joe Highsmith. This marks the second time Highsmith has been named the Men's Player of the Year, after he earned the honor back in 2019. In 2021, Highsmith qualified for and played in the U.S. Open, finished runner-up at the Pacific Coast Amateur, made the Sweet Sixteen 16 at the Western Amateur and finished as a quarterfinalist at the North and South Amateur. Highsmith is a current senior on the Pepperdine Waves Men's Golf Team and

helped lead the team to an NCAA title last spring. Women's Mid-Amateur Player of the Year: Jacqueline Bendrick. Bendrick, just 25 years old, earned the Women's Mid-Amateur Player of the Year award in her first year as an eligible Mid-Amateur. She won the Washington Women's Mid-Amateur, finished runner-up at the Pacific Northwest Women's Mid-Amateur and made the Round of 16 at the U.S. Women's Mid-Amateur.

Men's Mid-Amateur Player of the Year: Mark Strickland. A regular competitor on the mid-amateur circuit, Strickland put together an impressive 2021 to take home this year's Men's Mid-Amateur Player of the Year award. He won the Pacific Northwest Men's Mid-Amateur, made the Round of 16 at the Pacific Northwest Men's Amateur and finished in 2nd place at the Washington Men's Champion of Champions.

Senior Women's Player of the Year: Susan Craven. Craven won the Washington Senior Women's Amateur, earned medalist honors in Qualifying for the U.S. Senior Women's Amateur and made the quarterfinals at the Pacific Northwest Women's Mid-Amateur. This is the first time she has received the Senior Women's Player of the Year award.

Senior Men's Player of the Year: Tom Brandes. This is the 11th time that Brandes has received the Senior Men's Player of the Year award. He won the Washington Senior Men's Amateur for the eighth time, won the Pacific Northwest Senior Men's Amateur for the sixth time and finished runner-up at the Senior Washington Open.

Junior Boys' Player of the Year: Ethan Evans. Evans won the Washington Junior Golf Association Boys' State Championship and finished runner-up at the Pacific Northwest Junior Boys' Amateur. He finished in 2nd place against a strong field at the AJGA Justin Thomas Junior, made the Round of 32 at the Pacific Northwest Men's Amateur and finished in the top-30 at the Western Junior Amateur.

Tour Players With Northwest ties

PGA Tour (2022)

- Kevin Chappell • Kirkland • No events
- Ben Crane • Portland • 216th on the list with \$13,650
- Joel Dahmen, Clarkston • 47th on the list with \$432,403
- Cameron Davis • Australia (Member at Sahalee) • 157th on the list with \$64,981
- Robert Garrigus • Gresham • 202nd on the list with \$18,343
- Scott Harrington • Portland • No events
- Ryan Moore • Puyallup • 189th on the list with \$28,350
- Cheng Tsung Pan • Ex-UW • 51st on the list with \$422,842
- Andrew Putnam • Tacoma • 75th on the list with \$289,483
- Kyle Stanley • Gig Harbor • 156th on the list with \$65,002
- Nick Taylor • Ex-UW • 139th on the list with \$98,767
- Aaron Wise • Ex-Oregon • 21st on the list with \$769,394

Korn Ferry Tour

- Alistar Docherty • Vancouver, Wash. • 323rd on the list with \$2,514
- Robert Garrigus • Gresham • 190th on the list with \$25,016
- Andres Gonzales • Olympia • 176th on the list with \$35,880
- Alex Prugh • Spokane • Finished 145th on the list with \$57,497
- Dylan Wu • Medford • 36th on the list with \$159,000

Champions Tour

- Fred Couples • Seattle • 19th on the list with \$1,535,672
- Peter Jacobsen • Portland • 209th on the list with \$4,416
- Kirk Triplett • Pullman • 34th on the list with \$965,653

Forme Tour

- Corey Pereira • Ex-UW • 25th on the list with \$12,250
- Andrew Yun • Tacoma • 3rd on the list with \$32,772

LPGA Tour

- Carolyn Inglis • Eugene • 120th on the list with \$77,778
- Jing Yan • Ex-UW • 112th on the list with \$85,632

LPGA Symetra Tour

- Olivia Benzin • Tacoma • 159th on the list with \$2,189
- Jamie Huo • Kent • No cuts made
- Erynne Lee • Silverdale • 146th on the list with \$2,982
- Kathleen Scavo • Ex-Oregon • 169th on the list with \$1,494
- Gigi Stoll • Tigard • 39th on the list with \$36,814

Maple Valley's Lake Wilderness Golf Course may not be long, but with tight fairways, it is a demanding, shotmaker's course

Over the years Lake Wilderness has undergone several changes and the net result is a short, tight, course that requires a golfers' full attention.

Being relatively short at 5,409 yards is not a bad thing as it makes it playable by all levels of golfers, from the low handicappers to those who don't bomb-it off the tee. But one thing is for sure, if you don't keep your ball in the short grass, you will pay for it in strokes as the fairways can get tight.

The wide variety of holes at Lake Wilderness is part of the charm and challenge that attracts golfers to the course. While many holes are lined with houses, there are strategically-placed mature fir trees that provide a park-like setting on many

holes. The greens are always in great condition as the greens keeper is also a golfer. Golfers can expect to encounter several sand bunkers and water hazards, so keeping your focus on club selection is essential to get around this course.

The large clubhouse has a full-service bar and is perfect for banquets and corporate outing, being able to accommodate large groups from 175 to 200 people. Smaller functions are also welcome.

The rates at Lake Wilderness are very competitive and their Advantage Membership for 2022 is a great deal at \$109, which includes a cart and one free round of golf.

Check out their website for more information at LakeWildernessGC.com.



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Some courses just get better with time, as is the case of Discovery Bay Golf Course

Sometimes perfection takes time to be appreciated. Such is the case at Discovery Bay Golf course in Port Townsend, where each year the maintenance crew has methodically attacked specific areas of drainage, irrigation, and troubled greens, whether it be soil based or equipment needs like adding a mower or a new roller to smooth the surface of the greens to perfection.

While it has taken some time to fully appreciate their efforts, today the results are evident as the greens are some of the best you will find anywhere.

Golf architect Michael Asmundson, who designed the Home Course in DuPont, designed the second nine at Discovery Bay in 1997. He also redesigned some holes on the front nine, adding a new par 4 second hole, lengthening the first hole and adding new greens on #1, #2, #6 and #7.

The course is no pushover at 6,665 yards, with a 72.6/126 rating. Also new Silver tees, that play to 3,842 yards were put in a few years ago, giving golfers 5 tee options to choose from.

To go along with the course improvements, new golf carts were added a couple years ago, some with full enclosures and protection for your clubs should it rain. The course has a large deck that looks out over the course, and they have the only covered driving range on the peninsula.

If you are a dog owner, you will be able to take Fido with you as responsible dog owners are allowed to bring their dogs on the course with them.

The location of the course, high above Discovery Bay, benefits from the weather-shielding Olympic Mountains, what pilots call the 'Blue Hole'. Typically, they get around 17-19 inches of rain a year. The relatively mild climate that the course enjoys allows for some of the best golf you can find in the fall and early winter months.

If it's been a while since you have played Discovery Bay, or if you haven't played it at all, you would won't be disappointed.

For more on Discovery Bay Golf Course, visit their website at: www.discoverybaygolfcourse.com or call 360-385-0704 for tee times.



Discovery Bay Golf Course in Port Townsend, has steadily been improving and offers a challenging test.

Be prepared: Essential items you will need in your bag

There is a boy scout motto that says "Be Prepared". In order to be prepared for golf there are some items that must be in your golf bag.

Beyond the obvious of golf balls and tees, you will want to provide some essential things like a medical kit, it can be a hard plastic box or a simple zip-lock bag as long as it is water proof. You will want to have a few pain relievers like Aleve tablets, a couple of aspirin, some antacids and two or three band aids. It wouldn't hurt to have a safety pin as well. Of course if you take medications, include them in your medical kit. Keep in mind, you will be on the course for several hours and not close to a drug store so it is nice to have a fix for an upset stomach or sore muscles.

As for golf tees, stuffing them in a pocket on your golf bag will work but it's much more convenient to have a tee-bag. Even better, have two of them – one for tees and another for ball repair tools and ball markers.

The obvious, of course, is a rain hood for your bag. If you don't have the one that came with your golf bag, then you can pick up an after-market cover that universally fits.

If you plan to play golf when temperatures are below 50 degrees, then you will want to carry some winter gloves. Try to find a pair that are thin, they will give you the best grip. Another must have to winter golf are

pocket warmers. Don't buy a large quantity of these as they tend to lose their ability to heat over time. Generally speaking, they will last about one season in storage.

Another good thing to have in your bag for winter golf is a ski dickey, it doesn't take up much space and will be much appreciated when the weather gets nasty. A good companion to the dickey would be a pair of earmuffs. You might look a bit silly but believe me, you will like having warm ears when the wind blows and the temps are in the 40s.

An essential for every golfer is a golf towel, but if you are going to play winter golf you will want to have a second one. Put the towel in a belt loop of your pants so you have it handy to wipe the mud off your ball without having to return to your cart or golf bag.

Finally, get yourself a groove brush. A towel is fine for cleaning the club face but not much good for cleaning the grooves. Rig the brush up so it hangs on the outside of your bag and is easily accessible.

While not necessary, having an extra golf glove can come in handy when it rains – an all-weather synthetic glove is best when it's raining.

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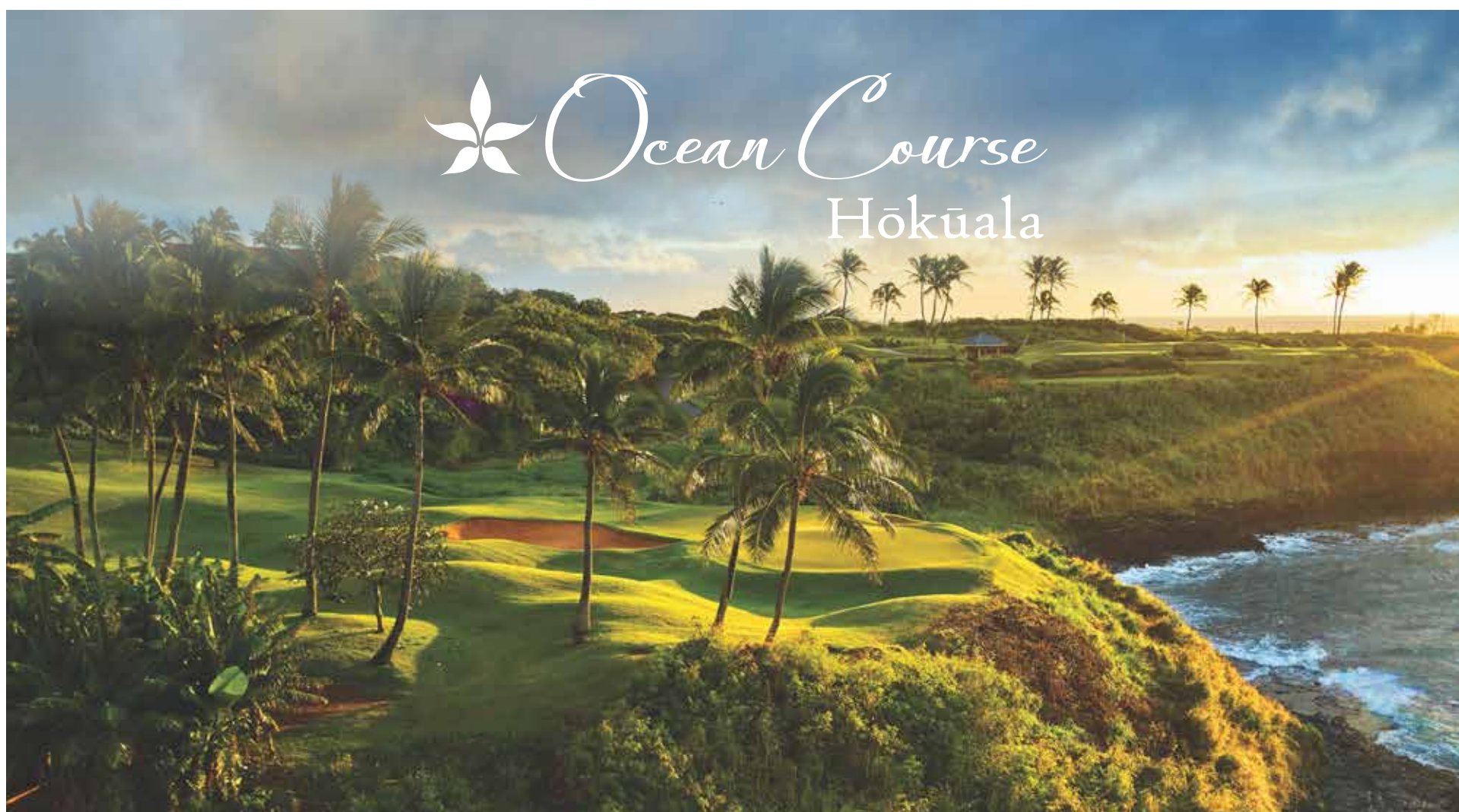


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The Big Island in Hawaii features scenic and challenging golf courses

By Steve Turcotte, Inside Golf Editor

You know that you are flying into something special just by looking out the window of the airplane as you land at the Kona International Airport on Hawaii, the Big Island. From those brief seconds upon landing, you see golf courses, lava fields, mountains, ocean waves and long endless miles of roads.

Welcome to the Island of Hawaii, also called the Big Island, a paradise that has just about everything you would want in a golf vacation. Terrific resort golf courses? Check. Some great public courses? Check. Plenty of beaches to enjoy the Pacific Ocean and its surfing and snorkeling? Check and check. The chance to tee off in the shadow of one of the tallest mountains - Mauna Kea? Check.

Other islands like Oahu, Maui and Kauai might get more headlines, but Hawaii Island is a place where you get everything the islands have to offer - and less crowds.

Here's a look at the golf on the Big Island:

- It all started in 1964 when Mauna Kea was designed by Robert Trent Jones Sr. and opened for play. In fact, Jack Nicklaus, Arnold Palmer and Gary Player came over for an exhibition. Rumor has it during the round on the par-3 third hole, the three stood at the 272-yard tee box with the Pacific Ocean in front of them that Player told the other two he couldn't carry his ball that far. There is a plaque on the tee box commemorating the exhibition that day. Right next door sits Hapuna Golf Course which features a dramatic course with plenty of holes up the hill and more down the hill toward the Pacific Ocean.
- Many of the resorts sit along the ocean and offer terrific views. Waikoloa Beach Resort has 27 holes to offer. The Kings' Nine is embraced by natural lava formations so keeping the ball in the fairway is key. The Waikoloa Beach Resort is more than just golf as well. There are two shopping villages and two

resorts - a Marriott and a Hilton. The Hilton is set on 62 acres and is so spacious that you can opt to take a tram or boat to get from one side of the resort to the other. The Marriott features a spectacular setting along the beach.

- A course that used to be called the Big Island Country Club has now changed its name to Makani. This is a course that sits on the hillside above Kona and features an excellent layout and some spectacular views. With wide fairways and water on half of the holes, a terrific island green par-3 17th hole, and a dramatic finishing 18th, this is a course that is worth the extra trip up the hill.
- Mauna Lani Resort is nestled between Waikoloa Beach Resort and Mauna Kea Resort and has two courses on site. Its signature 15th hole on the South Course is one of the most photographed holes in the world. In the winter, you might see humpback whales.
- Hualalai Resort's Jack Nicklaus designed course is also the home of the Champions Tour in January and features a Four Seasons Resort. The resort has two courses, with the Nicklaus course being used for the PGA Champions event every January. The 17th hole is dramatic, a par-3 which sits on the edge of the Pacific Ocean and has a tee shot which carries lava. A private course sits next door.
- Kona Country Club is another gem, having been closed for two years for an irrigation project but now opened and featuring some long par-3 holes and some terrific views along the ocean.
- Inland, golf is still a treat. Makalei Golf Club, up the hill from the Kona Airport, just might be one of the hilliest golf courses around. In fact, the cart drive from the clubhouse to the driving range takes you up 750 feet. And wildlife abounds, including peacocks and wild boars.
- And Waikoloa Golf Village offers a Robert Trent Jones Jr. course with some scenic views of the ocean.



Hualalai (top) is home to the PGA Tour Champions and has a par-3 green with a sand trap in the middle.



Waikoloa Beach Resort features 27 holes to choose from as well as lodging, including this par-4 with lava right.

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Maui, Kauai feature some of the most picturesque golf in Hawaii

By Steve Turcotte, Inside Golf Editor

Tired of the weather that Mother Nature throws our way in the Pacific Northwest every winter? The cold, the wind, the frost delays everything? Then it might be time to make that investment in your golf game and take a trip to the islands of Maui and Kauai.

OK, let’s be real here first. Any time is a great time to head to the islands for a golf trip. Every island has its own golf treats from terrific course to great views to the best resorts. But winter time is especially the right time of year considering the weather in the Northwest is not exactly the best for wearing shorts, a golf shirt and playing 18 holes.

Let’s take a look at some of the golf on Maui and Kauai:

• **Ka’anapali Resort:** Ka’anapali Golf Courses is home to not only 36 holes of championship golf, but also Maui’s only FootGolf course layout available daily after 4 p.m. So whether you’re a hard-core golfer looking to test your skills on the Royal Course where legends Arnold Palmer, Jack Nicklaus, Nick Price and Jan Stephenson have played, or you’re looking to take the family out or plan a corporate team building event on the FootGolf layout, Ka’anapali is the place to be. Several resort hotels offer golf packages and the courses offer multiple round packages direct, for those playing several times during their stay. After your round, be sure to treat yourself to the award-winning 19th hole at Roy’s Ka’anapali. Roy’s Pacific-rim cuisine has something for everyone and ask for the chocolate lava cake for dessert.

• **Kapalua Resort:** The Plantation course is known for its hosting of the PGA Tour’s Sentry Tournament of Champions every January featuring the tournament winners from the past season on the PGA Tour. Television does not do the course justice. This is a course with some great views, rolling terrain and a set of closing holes that are terrific. The 17th hole is a downhill par-4 with the Pacific Ocean as a backdrop. Long drivers will find trouble off the tee if they don’t back off. Dramatic elevation changes, and nature’s challenges, as you test your ability and experience golf at its finest. A recent renovation shut the course down before it re-opened in November with new grass

on all fairways, greens and tees plus a new capillary concrete liner system on all bunkers.

The Bay Course at Kapalua hosted the 2008 Kapalua LPGA Classic, the Bay Course winds its way through towering palms and flowering hibiscus. The tee shot on the fifth hole carries nearby Oneloa Bay. Views are at a premium all along the Bay Course.

The Kapalua Golf Academy sits near the Bay Course and provides a terrific place for some instruction in case the golf game has gone sideways.

• **Ocean Course at Hokuala:** One signature hole after another. One picture postcard after another. Here, where the ocean meets the land, is as good as a golfer’s life gets. The Ocean Course at Hokuala is the longest stretch of oceanfront golf in Hawaii and the recipient of several awards, making Hokuala the premier golf resort on Kauai, Hawaii.

“I think of Kauai as a laid-back tropical paradise. The island is quaint and less commercial than Oahu and Maui. I put forth my best effort in the design process. The quality of conditioning, maintenance, and playing experience is important to me. It all reflects on my name and brand. It’s reassuring Timbers Resorts is willing to make a commitment to ensure that the product I have produced is taken care of, enjoyed, and thought well of for generations to come.” – Jack Nicklaus

The Hokuala Ocean Course winds through mango and guava groves to seaside cliffs, earning its many accolades along the way—including an MSN Travel nod as one of the world’s 12 most beautiful courses.

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The Ocean Course at Hokuala on Kauai is a Jack Nicklaus design and offers dramatic views as you play the 18 holes.



Kapalua Resort offers two courses, including the Plantation Course which hosts the Sentry Tournament of Champions.



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Rules of the Game: Be smart when you are playing your round of golf, sometimes it's all about taking the right relief

Many golfers blithely drop balls in relief areas when accessing either free relief or penalty relief, gloriously unaware of the dangers that lurk and that can be avoided with a little attention to details that might come into play. In fact, when I first started golfing my golf partners led me to believe that if I was taking relief I was entitled to like my final result after I had dropped my ball.

It was an unpleasant shock to find that wasn't so! I still encounter golfers who operate under that belief, routinely picking up their ball and redropping it or nudging the ball out of the divot it has rolled into. (FYI, two strokes for playing from the wrong place.) That's fine for a Saturday round with gimme putts and a score that you won't be posting, not such a good idea in the club championship.

Back to our relief area topic.....it is always wise to check out the nearest point of relief and the relief area for free relief situations and the penalty relief area for penalty relief situations BEFORE you pick up your ball. "Why?" you ask. Well, having picked up your ball you are committed to taking relief or taking a one stroke penalty to replace it on that original spot that you didn't like once you realize that the relief area is as bad or worse. Not sure what such a situation might be, think about a ball on a cart path where the nearest point of relief is in a shrub with no where in the relief area that will yield a reasonable shot or a ball snuggled into a tree root that you deem unplayable and the penalty relief area is filled with more gnarly roots or is sloped such that a roll right back into the same root is likely.

So, you decide to take relief. There is some good news.....prior to dropping a ball you can clean things up by removing loose impediments, just be sure they are completely loose and not embedded. You can also scout around within the relief area and check out the lie of the land, looking at both the surface of the course as well as the potential line of play prior to deciding where within the relief area you would like to drop. It's even better to check all of this out prior



to picking up your ball. Sometimes, it's even more complicated. Take a look at the picture of the ball that bounced up into this tree stump. The good news, it was found within the three minute search time. The bad news, the player soon saw that the only way to get the ball into play was deem it to be unplayable; but as the player explained that's better than a lost ball or trying to play it as it lies (although I know some who wouldn't be able to resist at least contemplating trying to play it!). After checking out the potential dropping areas under the three Ball Unplayable options described in Rule 19, the player chose to drop within two club lengths, no closer to the hole, from where the ball was located at rest on the course. But, where should the player measure from?

The tree stump top is obviously quite a bit above what we generally consider to be the playing surface of the course. The solution is to determine the spot directly below where the ball lies and measure from there. The rules of golf acknowledge that this is not always easy, so your best effort, done in good faith, is generally accepted.

Just a heads up, if you take penalty relief under Ball Unplayable and the ball rolls back into either the same or another unplayable lie, it's another penalty stroke to take unplayable relief again, so always look for an area that will at least give you a shot.



Taking penalty relief for an unplayable? Determine the spot directly below where the ball lies and measure from there.

Glendoveer brings in new instructor Mitch Lowe; Troy Andrew named IAGA President

Glendoveer Golf and Tennis has hired a new golf instructor, Mitch Lowe.

Mitch Lowe is a member of the PGA of America and has more than 20 years experience as an award-winning private coach, including time spent as an instructor for PGA Tour, Nationwide Tour and Canadian PGA Tour players, in addition to thousands of amateur and junior golfers. He has been the Head Coach for the Academy of Art Women's Golf Team for the past 4 years.

Mitch coaches Elite Junior Programs that are open for young golfers looking to play college golf and college golfers looking to play on the professional level. The Elite Juniors meet 1-3 time per week in small groups, allowing for pin point practice and accelerated learning curve.

All regular individual instructional programs are tailored to the needs of each player with any changes being made simply and naturally with easy and manageable swing thoughts and drills that translate into immediate results.

His teaching philosophy focuses on getting players to enjoy the game of golf and to feel as though they are constantly improving.

Mitch was very competitive as a junior golfer and went on to letter four years while on the University of the Pacific's golf team. In 1990, he turned Professional and has played on various tours including the Nike and Canadian PGA Tours.

He has played in four (4) major championships (PGA Championships at Hazeltine CC in 2009, Whistling Straits GC in 2010, Kiawah Island in 2012 and Baltusrol CC in 2016) along with 9 PGA TOUR events including the AT&T Pebble Beach Pro-Am and the Reno Tahoe Open.

Troy Andrew named IAGA President

At the annual conference of the International Association of Golf Administrators (IAGA), Troy Andrew was named the association's new president for 2022.

The conference was held at the Westin Stonebriar Resort in Frisco, on the outskirts of Dallas, Texas.

Among the regional leaders attending this year's IAGA conference were Barb Trammell (OGA CEO), Troy Andrew (CEO/executive director of the PNGA and Washington Golf), and Caleb Cox (IGA executive director). With the continued uncertainty regarding the restrictions in navigating the Canada/U.S. border, Kris Jonasson (CEO of British Columbia Golf) attended the conference virtually.

Troy has been on staff at the PNGA and Washington Golf since 1999, and has been a member of the IAGA for 20 years. He has served on the IAGA's board of directors since 2016, and last year served as its vice president. His time as the IAGA president will be a one-year term.

This adds to the number of roles Troy is already leading in the golf community. He also serves as the CEO/executive director of the PNGA, Washington Golf and The Home Course, as well as the executive director

of the Pacific Coast Golf Association. His new role as president of the IAGA is evidence of the respect with which he is viewed by the national – and international – golf community.

In his acceptance speech at the conference, Troy recognized the camaraderie of those who serve within the golf industry.

Other Northwest golf administrators who have served as IAGA president are Kris Jonasson (2007), who is still the CEO of British Columbia Golf; and Barb Trammell (2017), still the CEO of the Oregon Golf Association. John Bodenhamer, the former PNGA and WA Golf CEO/executive director who is now the senior managing director of championships for the USGA, served as IAGA president in 2001.

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