

INSIDE GOLF NEWSPAPER

Central Oregon Shootout returns with an April event

Ready to get satisfy your tournament appetite early in the 2021 season, then the Central Oregon Shootout just might be for you. The three-day tournament features two-player teams at some of Central Oregon's best courses including Black Butte Resort (right), Aspen Lakes and Eagle Crest. The tournament will be held April 23-25.



WHAT'S NEW IN NW GOLF

Golf shows on hold for 2021 season in the NW

The COVID-19 pandemic has hit the golf business again as golf shows around the Pacific Northwest in Seattle, Portland and Spokane have all been postponed for 2021. These three golf events have all been among the top in the country. The Seattle and Portland Shows are run by Varsity Communications, which also run golf shows and other events throughout the country.



The organizers of all of the golf shows hope to get back on track and schedule for the golf shows in the months of February and March for 2022.

Golf rounds soared despite the unprecedented pandemic

Not so long ago courses were closing at record numbers and word was circulating about golf being dead or dying. When we entered the pandemic year it was hard to be optimistic about the future of golf. As 2020 started to progress, something happened that no one could foretell, golf courses around the country started filling up. No, it wasn't your imagination, tee times were harder to get.

Golf Datatech released a 2020 U. S. Golf Retail Performance Report and it shows that the rounds were up with the largest full year increase in history. The U.S. Golf Datatech's report indicates rounds soared by 13.9% over 2019. The year-over-year surge in rounds and retail sales are primarily a result of golf being positioned as a near ideal socially distanced activity during a pandemic. Fueled by a combination of avid players, newcomers and infrequent golfers, 2020 demand for all things golf surged during the second half of the year.

While rounds played and equipment sales experienced increases in 2020, apparel sales went the other direction and dropped 14.2%. Due to COVID-19 restrictions on travel and lockdowns, resorts, which sell a significant amount of logoed apparel were particularly hard hit.

Rules Quiz

You and your opponent are sharing a motorized golf cart during your match. As you take your next stroke from the fairway your opponent and cart move directly in the path of your ball. The ball strikes the cart and bounces some 20 yards away into the rough. Now what? What are your options? Penalties? Who gets them? Please see the answer on Page 2.

Thinking of taking a golf lesson? Inside Golf can help



If you are looking to improve your golf game for the 2021 season, then look no further than this issue of Inside Golf Newspaper. We are featuring a special pull-out section of the top golf instructors in the Pacific Northwest. GolfTEC (top) and Premier (middle) are two places with a variety of instructors. Ryan Young at Chambers Bay (lower left) and Jeff Coston at Semiahmoo Resort are also options when looking for an instructor. Inside Golf shows you many more top quality teachers this month.

Pacific NW Golf Association has solid list of events for 2021 golf season

The Pacific Northwest Golf Association has sets its schedule for the 2021 tournament season. After the 2020 season was hit by the pandemic and some events were postponed, the PNGA has set a schedule which includes a full complement of its season-long championships for Northwest golfers.

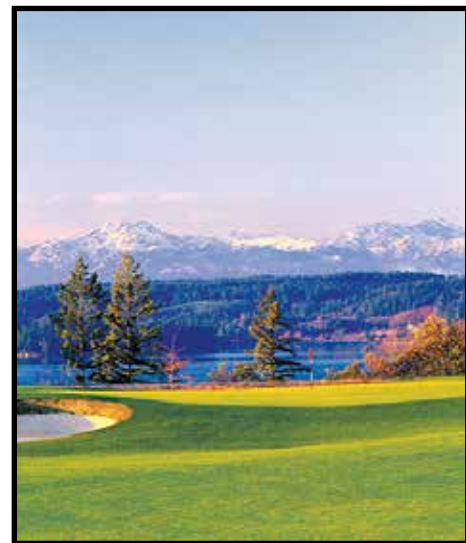
Heading the list of championships is the 2021 PNGA Men's Amateur, which will be held July 26-31 at the Idaho Golf Club at Sandpoint, Idaho. The event draws the top men's amateurs from around the Pacific Northwest and the country.

The PNGA Women's Amateur will be held July 19-23 at the Home Course in DuPont, Wash. and will be held at the same time and on the same course as the PNGA Men's Mid-Amateur.

The season will kick off with the team tournament called the Lamey Cup, which will be played May 5-7 at Rivershore Golf Course in Kamloops, B.C.

The biggest junior tournaments on the PNGA schedule are the Boys and Girls Junior Amateur Championships which are scheduled for Aug. 16-20 at Palouse Ridge in Pullman, Wash.

For more on the PNGA tournaments for 2021, please see the web site at www.thepnga.org.



The Home Course will host the PNGA Women's Am.

PGA Northwest Section sets the dates for 2021 major golf championships

After a 2020 golf season where some of its major championships took on different looks, the PGA Northwest Section has announced the dates for its four major championships and for 2021, it all looks familiar.

There are the four major championships on the schedule and all set for three days of tournament action. In 2020, one of the championships was postponed and others were shortened to two days. Here's a look at the 2021 schedule:

- Muckleshoot Casino Washington Open is set for May 24-26 at Meridian Valley Country Club in Kent.
- The Oregon Open Invitational will be played June 15-17 at Black Butte's Glaze Meadow Course in Central Oregon.
- The Rosauers will be played July 16-18 at Indian Canyon in Spokane. The tournament was postponed for the 2020 season.
- The Northwest Open Invitational is planned for Aug. 16-18 at Walla Walla's Wine Valley Golf Club.

Arizona’s Ocotillo: A place that feels a little like playing golf at home in the NW

I have been lucky enough to get out of dodge when Mother Nature throws her winter wrath at us golfers in the Pacific Northwest. I don’t know about you, but I am a fair weathered golfer. I admit it. When I drive by a course in the NW in the winter and see guys out there is 35-degree weather and rain teeing it up, I laugh to myself.

That is why I jump on an airplane and head to the desert for some days in the sun. The Phoenix area is about as good as it gets in the winter. A little chilly at night but usually over 70 degrees during the day.

Now that is golfing weather for us fair weathered players.

There are so many choices in the Valley of the Sun, it makes it a great golf destination. But one of the most popular for the traveling golfers and locals alike in the area is Ocotillo Golf Club.

When you think of Arizona golf, you think deserts, cactus, rocks, mountainous landscapes, and flat rolling fairways. But this is what makes Ocotillo so good, it is a desert golf course without the desert ingredients.

This is a place with 27 holes, with water coming into play on 24 of the holes. There is no desert lining the fairways. There is no reason to worry about wearing out your clubs with a series of shots from the desert. This is more like a course in the Pacific Northwest but it fits in perfectly in the Arizona desert landscape.

A buddy of mine played it for the first time on a recent trip. “I thought Arizona would be nothing but desert,” he said. “But this is great. It’s like playing at home - and with some better weather.”

Ocotillo, located south of the Phoenix Sky Harbor Airport in Chandler, was designed by Ted Robinson and golfers consider the layout an “oasis in the desert.” The course opened in 1986 and has been popular from the day the doors opened. There is plenty to like - from the 27 holes and the three nines called White, Gold and Blue to the fully loaded pro shop to the newly remodeled clubhouse featuring the Ocotillo Grill.



But what makes a trip to Ocotillo is the variety of holes around the three nines. With not an ounce of desert coming into play, the course features plenty of water and bunkers to keep your attention. For us shorter knockers, one of the toughest and best

visual holes is the ninth hole on the White Course which measures 479 yards from the tips. And this is a par-4. Yikes. It also features water in front of the green with a large bunker.

These are the kinds of holes that Ocotillo offers up. The course winds around over 185 acres and sometimes it’s tough to pay attention to your next shot when you see the waterways, the large houses and the party boats docked outside the houses.

There are plenty of choices to make when taking the trip to Arizona for the Northwest winter getaway, but if you want a place that feels a little like home, Ocotillo is that place. But hey, don’t forget to play that desert course the next day on your trip. You need to fully experience Arizona golf.

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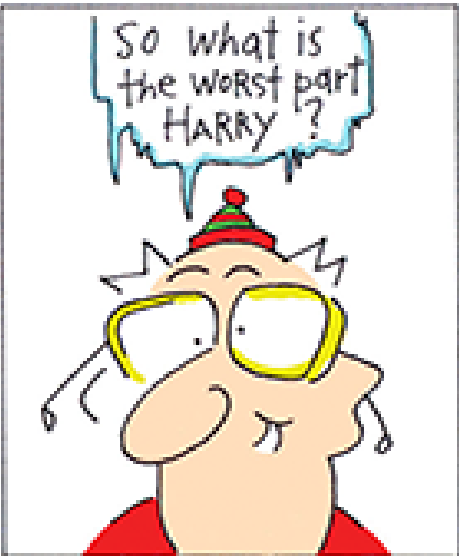
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Double Bogey



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Rules Answer

• Answer: When your ball in motion strikes an “outside influence” the ball is played it lies with no penalty to anyone. Of course that is provided it comes to rest where it can be played. If it ends up in a “penalty area” so be it, if it were to come to rest “out of bounds” your ball is out of bounds. Rule 11.1a, 11.1b.

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

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Their academy is setup to teach the short game with a 4,500 square-foot green and an 80-yard fairway-to-green approach shot lesson area with two greens, a driving range for full swing lessons and an indoor studio for video and launch monitor lessons.

The Fusion name incorporates the core teaching philosophy of the academy which is to include all of the aspects necessary for golfers to be successful, including physical range, mental, emotional and technical elements needed by players. For young students, they analyze their

ability, present status and goals, and prepare them for either high school golf or college, preparing them emotionally and physically for that goal.

Riley is joined by Joe Thiel, Ron Akin and Jacob Riley who make up a stellar teaching team. John Riley is the Director of Instruction at the academy. Joe Thiel has more than 35 years of experience in golf instruction, a three-time PGA Teacher of the year and joins a small group of golf professionals who has earned the PGA Master Professional designation.

Ron Akin is Lead Instructor and an award winning PGA Professional and accomplished player. Jacob Riley leads the Junior Golf programs, he began his career as a teaching professional at Fusion Golf Academy in early 2019 and quickly became a favorite of many of their junior students.

For more information, you can visit their website at www.fusiongolfacademy.com



John Riley giving a student a golf swing lesson at the Fussion Golf Academy in Woodinville, Washington.

Hope Vision Virtual Tournament scheduled for February

Hope Vision Foundation is putting together a golf tournament fundraiser this month called Virtual Golf for Vision. Due to the restraints of the pandemic the tournament will be held virtually where players can choose any course to play between Feb. 14 - 28.

Hope Vision Foundation aims to provide services to people with vision loss. Erin Seefeldt MD and her sister Genevieve Rogers-Llerena started the foundation because they knew that too many people were not able to receive services they need.

They recruited likeminded physicians, nurses, eye care specialists and local business people to help make the foundation a reality. They are hoping to open a Vision Center in South Puget Sound where people can receive cost free care. It all takes money so they are trying to come cup with fundraising ideas.

See their ad in this issue for more information, about the Hope Vision Foundation tournament, where to sign up and what web site to check out to get in-

involved in the event.

Youth on Course a boon for kids

Ever since it started, the Youth on Course organization has been a boon for kids looking to get into the game of golf. With the price of golf sometimes fairly high, the Youth on Course program has been a way for kids to play a round of golf for \$5 - at a variety of golf courses around the country. The program is quite popular in the Pacific Northwest as many courses offer the \$5 program for youths looking to play a round of golf. Youth on Course has taken away the barriers of cost for kids to play.

Over 100,000 kids, age 6-18, have signed up for the program and have access to over 1,400 golf courses around the country for \$5 or less. The program has subsidized over 1,000,000 rounds of golf for kids and has saved families \$8 million in greens fees. Also, Youth on Course is offering college scholarships - making

\$250,000 available every year. For more info, see the www.youthoncourse.org or WAgolf.org/YOC.

Winter tournaments on the schedule

Just because winter has settled in around the Pacific Northwest, doesn't mean you have to put the clubs away. Many courses around are offering ways to stay competitive in the winter with tournaments.

Here's a quick look:

- Rverbend Golf Course in Kent will host a Winter Ball Buster on Feb. 13 - two events to finish off its winter series of events.

- Washington Golf is running a series of events through April including a Feb. 5 two-player scramble at the Home Course; Feb. 26 an individual stableford at Fairwood Country Club; March 12 an individual stableford at Kitsap Country Club. See www.wagolf.com for more information.

There are other courses that are running winter

tournaments as well. Contact your local golf course and see what they have on the schedule.

NW golf supporter Bill Mulflur passes away

Long-time supporter of golf in the Pacific Northwest Bill Mulflur passed away.

Bill was 94. Bill was a long-time supporter of golf in Oregon and the Northwest, working formerly as the Oregon PGA Senior Tournament Director for many years. He spent 24 years with the Oregon Journal and another six years for the Oregonian. No matter his publication, Bill always ensured great coverage of the local golf scene.

It is certainly worth noting that his son, Tom, owns MacKenzie Golf Bag company while his daughter, Mary Lou, is the coach of the Washington Huskies Women's Golf team. Her 2016 team was, in fact, National Champions. Very clearly, his legacy and his love for our game lives on as his legacy in his children.



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Port Orchard’s Bobbie Stewart is never far from the golf course

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Lush fairways, rolling greens, colorful azaleas and the world’s top golfers are all part of the Masters, the year’s most prestigious golf tournament which was held in the fall in Augusta. Someone that was tuned into the championship was Port Orchard’s 84-year-old Bobbie Stewart.

Bobbie Stewart? South Kitsap’s favorite small business owner, visible community member and South Kitsap civic booster?

For those who don’t know the affable Stewart well, she eagerly awaited the premier golfing competition for good reason.

The unassuming owner of the Olde Central Antique Mall on Bay Street has had quite an impressive relationship with golf. For those who don’t know, she was a member of the teaching division of the Ladies Professional Golf Association, or LPGA, in her younger days.

In her heyday, Stewart was one of the country’s top golf instructors, helping kids and adults to improve their swing and card more pars and birdies. Her teaching skills also helped her pick up some distinguished national awards.

Stewart’s professional teaching career spanned from 1975 to 2002. During that time, she was named LPGA Professional of the Year in 1985 and was twice selected as LPGA’s Teacher of the Year. A tile bearing her name is displayed at the Golf Hall of Fame in commemoration of her devotion to the sport.

As a professional instructor, she did not play in tournaments but, over the years, she was able to watch some now-famous players during their formative years.

At the start of Stewart’s career in the mid-1970s when golf was largely viewed as a men’s sport, the fledgling LPGA had nowhere near the notoriety it has today.

“Women were just beginning to get into golf,” she said. “I wasn’t trying to make a stand. I was not a women’s libber but women did have to prove themselves more.

“I was a single mother with kids trying to be successful.”

Stewart picked up golf as a youngster while playing on the high school team. Later while attending classes at Point Loma Nazarene University in San Diego, she was

instrumental in getting the college involved in golf tournament competition.

“I helped organize a girl’s golf team. After the team was formed, the school asked me to be the coach,” she said.

Once she became the team’s coach, Stewart had to find a course that would let the players practice and play for free. She convinced Singing Hills Country Club in El Cajon, California, a high-end resort and golf complex featuring three 18-hole courses, to accept the team.

Over time, the head professional at Singing Hills watched how Stewart worked with her players and came away impressed. He asked Stewart to join his staff. She was put in charge of the golf shop, coordinating the purchase of clubs and clothing, and became the starter.

“It was a good spot for me. I was an easy talker and an organized person who could coordinate players teeing off at the three golf courses,” she said.

Stewart, who had an outstanding swing and shot in the low 80s, soon began giving lessons to children and women.

“I loved working with kids. They actually listen to you. Adults think too much,” she smiled.

It did not take long for her teaching skills to catch the attention of the male club members.

“At the beginning, the men thought I could only teach their wives,” she said. However, when husbands saw how quickly their wives improved after receiving lessons from Stewart, men began coming to her for instruction.

In addition to working at the golf facility, she took on the job of coaching the San Diego State University women’s golf team. Her Aztecs competed against UCLA, Stanford, Arizona State and other schools that had been known for attracting top players.

Stewart’s ability to teach was so impressive, the Singing Hills men’s club decided to help Stewart earn her professional teaching credentials. To acquire these required her to fly to Pinehurst, North Carolina, a golf mecca, to undergo a test.

“I was poor and raising four kids on my own,” she recalled. “The men’s club decided to pass the hat and collected \$1,000 for me to go. I didn’t even have luggage. The men’s club did this on their own as a gift. They took care of me.”



Bobbie Stewart of Port Orchard, Wash. has a long relationship with the world of golf and the LPGA.

The final step to becoming a certified LPGA teaching pro required Stewart to give a lesson in front of a panel of female professional instructors to someone who had never touched a club.

“They took a person off the street and I had to teach him. He turned out to have the perfect swing. So, it was hard to teach him because he was a natural. [Panel members] sat back and kind of grinned. I had to find something to help him. But I knew golf, so it was fine.”

After conducting a successful lesson, the panel awarded her a “Masters Card” that qualified her to be an LPGA teaching professional — for life.

Over her years at Singing Hills, Stewart was fortunate enough to see some famous up-and-coming golfers play the game.

She remembers seeing 8-year-old Tiger Woods play with his father.

“I was impressed that he was small and had a great golf swing.” Stewart also saw Phil Mickelson compete in a junior amateur tournament.

Stewart enjoyed a 27-year career in the sport before she decided to put away her clubs.

“I had put four kids through college and decided I

wanted to retire,” she said.

Of course, that retirement did not last long. She became involved in philanthropic work at a local children’s hospital and opened up an antique shop in San Diego. That business experience would later help her when she moved to Port Orchard. In 2006, she took over the Olde Central Antique Mall, which she has operated ever since.

The only evidence in the antique store of her remarkable golf career is a wooden plaque that hangs near the front door. The plaque on display is a replica of the original one that was destroyed in a fire years ago. The Port Orchard Chamber of Commerce arranged to remake the award and presented it to her at a chamber gala.

While her irons and woods have long since been stored away, Stewart very much remains connected to the sport.

“I watch every tournament there is — men’s and women’s. I don’t miss a single one. I know every player,” she boasted.

Stewart is impressed at how far today’s professionals can hit the ball down the fairway.

“It’s pretty unreal. The equipment is state of the art. It makes sense that in 30 years it would improve.”



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After serving 5 years in the Army traveling the world, Chris started his career in golf at the Golf Academy of America where he received his Associates Degree in golf Business Management in 1999. Working at golf courses in the Southern California area, Chris quickly moved up to Head Golf Professional and General Manager at Talega Golf Club in San Clemente, CA. Chris joined the GOLFTEC team in 2010 since then he has become a Certified Club Fitter and has taught over 15,000 lessons. Chris has a passion for coaching and enjoys helping his students reach their goals. Whether you are a low handicap player and just looking to make one or two adjustments in your swing or someone that has never played the game before, Chris is ready to help you improve. 2019 Bill Strausbaugh Award Winner and 2020 Patriot Award Winner Oregon Chapter PGA.



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McKay Flanagan is enrolled in the PGA Professional Golf Management program. He has worked as an assistant pro at courses in Washington and Wyoming. He has taught hundreds of lessons with every age group at all levels before starting at GOLFTEC. Since joining the GOLFTEC team in SE Portland, McKay has taught thousands of lessons and has loved helping people play better golf! He is a certified club fitter and has a career low round of 69.



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Hometown: Crescent City, CA

James Haban is a PGA Professional. He has been playing golf since age 11 and loves the challenge it presents. He is a 4 year letter winner for the University of Nevada and has won tournaments at the Regional PGA level. He loves sharing his passion for golf with everybody and is a student to the game. His career low round is 63 (3times).

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The Club at Snoqualmie Ridge



Bryan Stevens – Bryan is the Director of Instruction at The Club at Snoqualmie Ridge (formerly TPC Snoqualmie Ridge) and offers individual lessons, group clinics, junior camps and longer term coaching programs to members and non-members. He runs a Junior Golf Performance Academy and regularly works with some of the top junior players in the area preparing them for collegiate golf.

Bryan teaches fundamentally sound body mechanics, swing principles and sequencing based on proven movement patterns and positions of PGA Tour players. He also teaches his students how to best practice and make lasting improvements. Bryan utilizes slow motion video, K-Vest, and TrackMan launch monitor data for in-depth analysis and instruction. Some of Bryan's qualifications include:

- TPI Certified Level 1, Level 2 Golf, Level 3 and Level 2 Junior Coach
- K-Vest Level 1 & 2 Certified Instructor
- TrackMan Certified
- Seattle City Amateur Champion 1997
- 2015 & 2016 NWAC Women's Coach of the Year

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Playing Experience

- 2016 PNWPGA PLAYER OF THE YEAR
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Experience & Achievements

Hagen began playing competitive golf at the age of 9 and continued his junior golf career competing in multiple regional and national events including AJGA, FCWT, IJGT and PNGA. He was born and raised in Portland, Oregon and grew up working with “Top 100” instructor Mike Davis. He moved to Tacoma in 2007 to be a part of the project at Chambers Bay, and the 2015 U.S. Open. Hagen turned professional in 2015 and has honed his craft at both public and private facilities in the area, working with all age, skill and experience levels of the game.

Hagen is a Level 2 PGA Associate, 2-Time Pacific NW PGA North/South Cup Team Member, 2-Time Pacific NW PGA Pro-Member Series Winner, PGA Jr. League Coach Teaching Philosophy Structuring a swing and game to each individuals, with a root focus on fundamentals.



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Experience & Achievements

Attended the Professional Golf Management program at Walla Walla Community College, and after working in the golf industry for many years discovered his true passion was teaching. He has been teaching all ages and skill levels ever since. He has been involved with junior golf locally, as Head Golf Coach for Gig Harbor Girls Golf, Coach for The First Tee of South Puget Sound and coaching the PGA Jr. League.

Teaching Philosophy

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Experience & Achievements

Erik turned golf professional in 1995 and has been with Meadow Park Golf Course since July 2008.

His prior professional experience included Mesquite Golf & Country Club, Desert Dunes Golf Club & Bear Creek Country Club where he was heavily involved in adult & junior player development programs, clinics & camps.

• Professional Golf Association of America (Class A Member)
• PGA Certified Professional (Golf Operations) • Captain of 10- PGA Junior League Teams in 2016 to Present • Experienced in Adult & Junior

player development programs

• Former instructor of the Palm Springs Japanese Golf Academy • Active in PGA- Pro AM series
• Continuous lesson education provided by the PGA of America
• Golf Management Degree from the College of the Desert in Palm Desert, CA



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Experience & Achievements

Turned professional in 2016 and became a PGA Member in Jan. 2020. Ben has worked his professional career at Tumwater Valley Golf Club, GOLFTEC- Sugar Land and Chambers Bay. Ben has taught juniors and adults, from beginner to competitive players. Focusing on fundamentals, game management, and having a simplistic approach have always been Ben's top priorities.

Ben is a Class A PGA Professional, Level 1 First Tee Certified and Active in PGA Northwest Section and Western Washington Chapter tournaments

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Experience & Achievements

Tony has been teaching for 25 years and has taught all levels from beginners to Tour players including Kyle Stanley (PGA Tour), Andrew Yun (Web.com Tour) and Kristen Rue (PAC 10 All American).

• 4 Time Hudson Cup Team Member
• 3 Time qualifier for the PGA Professional Championship
• Lilac City Open – Winner
• The Budweiser Open – Winner

Teaching Philosophy

Grip, athletic posture and how to move the big muscles the right way.



Louie Runge – PGA

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Louie is a Life Member of the PGA and has been playing professionally since the age of 22.

Louie's teaching experience:

• PNWPGA Member & Teacher (20 years)
• Lead PGA Teaching Professional, Golfsmith Corporate Headquarters
• PGA Teaching Professional, PGA Tour Superstore, Austin, TX

His playing experience:

• Hannon Cup, University of Texas, 2012
• Top qualifier, Sr. Club Pro Championship-South Texas PGA
• Senior Hudson Cup Qualifier & MVP (08), 2005-2008

• Washington State Senior Match Play Champion, 2007
• 2005 US Senior Open
• University of Washington Golf Team

“My success as a teacher stems from the customization of the lesson, and my clients consistently show improvement. Whether a beginner or more seasoned golfer looking to groove up the game, my experience in swing mechanics and sequencing along with developing a better impact position has helped many players to improve their game.”



Joseph Kim – Teaching Professional
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Experience and Achievements:

A lifetime golfer & student of the game, Joseph has been a golf professional since 2004 and has been with Meadow Park Golf Course as an instructor since 2005.

Graduate of Clover Park High School – 1979

University of Washington – 1984

WPGA Teaching Professional since 2004

Attended Mike Bender Golf Academy – 2004

Low Career Round – 65 (-7) at Tumwater Golf Course

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Columbia Super Range, Everett, WA



Kevin Mackay – PGA Class A Professional

Kevin started his career at the University of Montana where he was the Golf Professional from 1981-1987.

After four years of teaching golf in California, he joined the Columbia Super Range in 1992. Kevin owns and operates Class A Golf Pro Shop (located inside of the Super Range facility.)

To connect with Kevin - email: kevinm@columbiaathletic.com



Val Patrick – Class A LPGA Professional

Val Patrick is a name well known around the Puget Sound when it comes to golf.

She has dedicated her life to being one of the best instructors in the area. Whether you are new to the game, skilled, or a single digit - she has the knowledge to ensure positive ways to achieve your golf goals. LPGA Professionals are growing the game through Junior Golf, Girls Golf, Womens Programs - and anyone that wants to learn,

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Chuck Notestone – PGA Master Professional

Chuck has been a member of the PGA of American for 28 years and has attained the classification of Master Professional. He employs a simplistic complete teaching approach focusing on the students overall improvement. His students offer testimonials that accent his ability to offer corrective measures including drills, structured follow-up practice, and suggestions to improve their playing abilities no matter what their level of skill or prior experience.

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Michael Blinco – Center Manager/Director of Instruction
Certified Personal Coach
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PGA Associate
Hometown: San Diego, CA
Michael is a graduate of Golf Academy of America with certifications in Teaching, Club Fitting and Playing. He has taught 10,000 lessons, with over 6,000 at GOLFTEC. He is a certified club fitter with all major manufacturers and 1000s of fittings worth of experience. He is passionate about helping his students reach all of their goals while enjoying the game to the fullest.



Nick Warren – Certified Personal Coach
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PGA Associate
Hometown: Port Angeles, WA
Nick Warren is a PGM graduate from Walla Walla Community College and has taught hundreds of lessons while working at Pumpkin Ridge and Awbrey Glen Golf club. Excited to help golfers of all skill levels better their games.



Chris Gaines – Certified Personal Coach
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PGA Member
Hometown: Seattle, WA
Since graduating from the Hospitality and Professional Golf Management program at the University of Nevada, Las Vegas, Christopher has worked for multiple PGA Sections across the nation as well as the PGA of Americal. With over 15 years of instruction, running junior, PGA, LPGA, and Champions tournaments, Chris brings a wealth of PGA Professional knowledge to help you improve your golf game.

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PGA Status: PGA Member
Hometown: Prineville, OR
Graduate of the Golf Academy of America (San Diego) December 2007. All region golfer for Columbia Basin College 2004 and 2005. After 8 years of being an Assistant Golf Professional at numerous clubs, Brad realized that his true passion was teaching the game. Brad has given thousands of lessons and thoroughly enjoys watching his clients break their career low round and personal goals. Career low round of 62.



Jason Brown – Certified Personal Coach
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PGA Status: PGA Member
Hometown: Salem, OR
Graduated from New Mexico State University Professional Golf Management program in 2008. Elected to PGA in 2008. Worked as Assistant Professional at clubs in California, New Jersey, Oregon and New Mexico. Extensive experience instructing players of all ages and abilities.



Jordan Clure – Certified Personal Coach
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Hometown: Sherwood, OR
Working in the golf industry for 13+ years. Fitter for Cleveland Golf and have given over 5000 fittings. I enjoy helping people swing better to play better golf, giving 1000s of lessons in over a decade of experience.

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Joanne Foreman, Class A LPGA Instructor



Joanne Foreman - Class A LPGA Instructor and Coach
Joanne’s expertise as a golf and performance coach stems from her playing career as a top amateur and an LPGA Tour player plus her certifications in nutrition, performance psychology and leader development. Joanne was a US Amateur Champion, Western Amateur Champion and US Curtis Cup Team member and after graduating from Stanford, she qualified for the LPGA Tour and competed professionally for 5 years. She has been coaching for 30 years, starting at Sahalee CC and currently at both **Golf Club at Redmond Ridge** (since 2003) and **Pacific Northwest Golf Centers** in Redmond. Joanne loves coaching players at all levels from beginner to advanced, with a student centered approach blending both technical instruction and mindset and mental strategies to play and

enjoy the game. She champions women in business to learn and play the game to develop as a leader and to enhance both career and family relationships. Because of her own personal journey, Joanne has a heart for equipping elite junior girls with skills to compete well mentally and physically and prepare for collegiate and professional careers. She provides the best of both indoor training with advanced Trackman technology (at PNW Golf Centers) and outdoor training, short game and on course options (Golf Club at Redmond Ridge).

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RYAN WOODS
Lynnwood
Ryan has been a teaching professional for 5 years, he graduated from Walla Walla Community College with his AA, and a AAA Degree in Professional Golf Management. Ryan completed his internship as the third assistant Golf Professional at Yakima Country Club. Upon Graduation he was hired as the first assistant golf professional at Kitsap Golf and Country Club where he worked for over two years as an instructor and helped run golf operations. Call Ryan at (509) 654-2563
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STEVE ENGLUND
Tacoma
Steve played College Golf at Pacific Lutheran University and played in two national tournaments. He also caddied on P.G.A. tour in 1976 for Don Bies of Seattle. Steve got started in the Golf business in 1977 and became a P.G.A. member in 1984. He’s been teaching for over 40 years, including 10 years of coaching high school girls and boys golf teams. Steve coached 3 state champions and 1 runner-up! Call Steve at 425-830-6561 or call Pro Golf Tacoma at 253-473-4290



JEFF MCMAHON
Bellingham
Jeff began his golfing career in 1996 as the Assistant Professional of Sudden Valley Golf & CC. In 1999, he attended the Professional Golf Management Program in Port St. Lucie, Florida. Through hard work and dedication, he was awarded membership to the PGA of America in 2005, achieving his goal 3 years ahead of schedule. In 2008, Jeff became the Director of Golf at Sudden Valley, and was responsible for the complete golfing operation. He has instructed a large range of students from novice to professional, in addition to conducting over hundreds of clinics and camps. Jeff focuses on fundamentals, principles, and ball flight laws, and he has the ability to adapt to any student’s needs. Call, email, or text today! The future of more enjoyable golfing experiences awaits you. You can call or text Jeff at 360-739-4655

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Shayne has been in the golf industry for over 16 years and has experience teaching students of all different ages and abilities. Shayne has taught golf all over the world as he used to work on Cruise Ships as a golf Instructor. Shayne will help you achieve your goals as a golfer by giving you the tools necessary to improve your swing. His instruction generally includes visual aids, training aids and video analysis to breakdown the swing and compare it side to side with the top players in the world. Shayne's patience, leadership and customer service skills will make for a great lesson experience. Shayne is ambidextrous and feels very confident teaching both lefty's and right handed golfers.

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Eric Driessen - PGA Professional, Director of Instruction
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Eric's desire to teach the game of golf was inspired by a member at his local country club who gave him a copy of Hogan's 5 Fundamentals at the age of 10. Since then, Eric has spent 35 years teaching the game of golf to players of all levels and abilities. In 1995 Eric opened The Seattle Golf Zone, one of the original golf video learning studios in the country. Eric is devoted to helping people enjoy the game of golf at their desired level. Customer service and relationship building are also very important to him and his teaching philosophies.



Gilbert Quitlong – PGA Apprentice
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Gilbert picked up his first golf club at a very young age and has since built a passion not only for the game but also teaching the game to others. Gilbert founded AWM Golf Foundation, a nonprofit golf foundation that focuses on teaching adult women and minorities the game of golf. Golf has been an integral part of his life gaining experience in both competitive golf and teaching golf over the years, Gilbert has fostered the understanding and passion in helping others reach their golfing potential.



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Jonny Stacey
206-838-4549
Golf, in my eyes, is the simplest, hardest, most frustratingly beautiful game there is, and I am absolutely in love with it. Since starting at Interbay in October of 2020, I have obtained my Titleist Performance Institute (TPI) certification, giving me the tools to identify how golfers' physical strengths and weaknesses influence their golf swings, as well as the resources and expertise to recommend training movements to improve strength and mobility throughout their bodies. I want to help my students unlock their own powerful, repeatable, and sustainable swings that will enable them to achieve their golf goals.
Beyond the physical side of the game, I also have plenty to share with respect to the mental and emotional aspects of golf. The way I like to mentally approach golf is best summed up in this quote from Ben Hogan: "The most important shot in golf is the next one."

PREMIER GOLF CENTERS Bellevue Golf Course, Bellevue



Steve Wayne Wozeniak – PGA Professional
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Matt Anderson – PGA Assistant Professional
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Matt Anderson has been a professional at Bellevue Golf Course since 2002. As a PGA apprentice with over 10 years of teaching experience and a unique outlook on the game of golf, Matt can help better your game regardless of your skill level. Matt understands that not every golfer is the same, we all move, learn, and feel things differently. It's this understanding paired with years of acquired golf knowledge that will allow Matt to help you become a better golfer. For more information or to book a lesson, call 425-452-7250 or visit www.bellevuepgc.com.

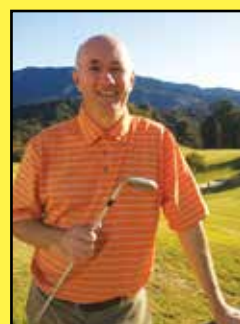


Cheryl Mahan – Teaching Professional
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Cheryl promotes learning the game of golf through solid fundamentals, building on each individual's natural athletic skills. Similar to the teaching methods taught by PGA Golf Professional Steve Wozeniak, she will show you how to reach your potential with positive actions rather than tired restrictions like "keep your head down" and "left arm straight." She encourages her students to find aspects of the game that they can succeed at to help them master new techniques and confidently apply them to their golf game.



Steve Yang – PGA Professional
425-452-7250 Steve has been working in the golf industry since he was 14 years old. He graduated from Arizona State University with a degree in Business, a PGA of America Professional Golf Management Degree and a PGA license in 2009. Once he obtained his PGA license, Steve became a full time instructor in Camas, WA and moved to the Seattle area to teach in 2017. Steve emphasizes on improving the mental mindset of his student and improving awareness. "I enjoy helping people find their golf swing by understanding what they need to do and how to do it. I believe that there are golfers and players; golfer's golf by trying to hit a shot and players know and understand how." Steve is fluent in English and Korean.

PREMIER GOLF CENTERS Jackson Park Golf Course, Seattle



Dave Boivin – PGA Professional
206-363-4747
It's Dave's belief that having fun while playing the game is key. Dave began his career as a member of the Canadian PGA. Since moving to the USA in 1994, he's focused on his passion of teaching. As the former Director of Instruction at Kayak Point GC, Dave specialized in Short Game and Scoring Golf Schools, as well as player development programs for High School Golf Team Building, Corporate Golf and Coaching for Couples programs, and a Yoga for Golfers program with the Golf Channel's Katherine Roberts.
Dave is certified as a First Tee Instructor, certified Level 1 Titleist (TPI), FITforeGOLF certified, 4Putting Element (4PE) certified, and an Elite Diplomat



Tony Wilkins - PGA Professional
Tony excels in coaching and teaching players of all levels through strong interpersonal and motivational skills. He utilizes state-of-the-art teaching and learning theories, while integrating video software and teaching aids to get fast results. By incorporating course management, mental skills, and golf fitness into instruction his student's build a complete golf game. Tony has a sincere passion for the game that is contagious to those around him. His success has come from the ability to match the level of instruction to the player's physical ability and goals. He is devoted to helping people improve and building relationships through the game of golf.
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Matthew Lipe – PGA Apprentice
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Matthew began playing and studying the game of golf at the age of 9 in Scottsdale, AZ. For over 20 years he has continued to hone his game and rigorously studied modern swing theory and teaching philosophies. Using the latest video and computer software to analyze and critique his student's swings, Matthew is able to tailor an individualized practice routine to maximize your potential. Currently and apprentice in the Western Washington Chapter of the PGA, Matthew has worked with individuals of all skill levels and ages. Over the last several years he has worked with The First Tee of Seattle and Jefferson Park's junior golf camps. Matthew is available for private, semi-private lessons and corporate bookings.

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Jefferson Park Golf Course, Seattle



Randy Burgeson - Teaching Professional
206-762-4513 or rburgeson@premiergc.com
Randy grew up playing golf right here in the Pacific Northwest and has been instructing golfers of all ages and abilities for 15 years. No matter your handicap, Randy will target & build upon the fundamentals and areas of the game that are important to you, and that will LOWER YOUR SCORES! He excels at helping people understand how top players play the game, while helping students improve the skills that each individual already possesses.



Gordy Graybeal - PGA Head Golf Professional
Gordy has been playing golf, on and off, at Jefferson Park for over 50 years. A PGA member for 32 years he has given thousands of lessons to all ages and abilities of players. Gordy is an expert at helping you understand the strengths and weaknesses of your swing and is adept at helping you assess and develop your skills in all facets of the game. When taking a series of lessons with Gordy you can expect a full evaluation of your game and a well thought out "improvement plan" including video analysis of your swing, drills you can utilize on and off the course, coaching for playing strategies and maximizing the effectiveness of your practice time.
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Phil Gaggero – PGA Head Professional
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PNW Section & WWC President's Plaque Recipient
Phil believes that each player has a unique blueprint that is their "perfect swing." His goal is to combine modern swing principals and the player's natural strengths to create a swing that will repeat under any situation.
Phil enjoys teaching the game of golf to all levels of player and utilizes a video system and fun training aids that help develop the proper technique for a repeating ball flight.
One of the things he enjoys most about teaching at Lake Padden is the indoor golf studio at the Golf School that allows the students a private learning environment while they improve their skill.



Philip Kohnken – PGA - Director of Instruction
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Chad Wagner – PGA Director of Golf at The Cedars at Dungeness
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Chad has been teaching the game of golf since 2014. He provides lessons to individuals with all different ability levels. Chad's biggest goal is to create a fun and positive learning atmosphere where students can learn to use THEIR swing to become the best golfer they can.
Professional Background:
An A1 PGA Professional, Chad has a Bachelor's Degree in Justice Administration from Hawaii Pacific University and a Master's Degree in Sports Management from U.S.S.A.
Previous Employment:
Head Golf Pro at Peninsula Golf Club 2016-2020
Asst Golf Pro at The Cedars at Dungeness 2012-2016
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Garrett Payton – PGA Head Golf Professional at Peninsula Golf Club
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I've been teaching golf to all skill levels since 2016. I provide a fun, relaxed atmosphere and help achieve the skills you need to enjoy the game at a higher level.
Professional Background
Class A PGA Professional, I have a bachelor's degree in business marketing and Professional Golf Management from the University of Idaho.
Past Employment
Assistant Golf Professional, The Reserve at Moonlight Basin, Big Sky Montana, Assistant Golf Professional, The Club at Snoqualmie Ridge, Snoqualmie Washington
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Luc McLeod – PGA Apprentice
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Luc grew up in Burlington where he found his love for golf. He has experience in numerous different sports and likes to connect everything he has learned to make the golf game simpler for you. He loves to get people excited about the game and truly believes that every person can improve no matter what stage of life they are in! He believes that each person is unique and has a unique swing. Luc's goal is to help you find that unique swing and is committed to helping each student build on their strengths as well as improve in areas of weakness, all while making the game enjoyable!

PREMIER GOLF CENTERS

Walter Hall Golf Course, Everett



Wayne Clark – PGA Professional
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With nearly four decades of experience in the golf business, the former Snohomish Panther and University of Washington Husky golfer has spent his professional career dedicated to helping others learn the game of a lifetime. Wayne believes that golf is not a destination but rather a journey for those that take on this challenge. It is the need for improvement and those occasional moments of perfection that motivates and drives us to continue to learn. His goal as a PGA instructor is to make the learning process easier and more enjoyable.



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Pam began her teaching and professional career in 1987 and has taught golf in Colorado, California and Washington. She has been in the Seattle area since 1997 and has worked at Druids Glen, the Plateau Club and Willows Run. Pam was the head golf coach at Skyline High School from 1998 – 2002. In 2000 the team she coached had an undefeated season, with several players making it to state. Pam has worked with many juniors and players of all abilities at Willows Run and enjoys improving peoples' golf skills.



Davie Hendrix – PGA Certified Professional

Davie has been a member of the PGA of America since 1994. He was a teaching professional at Tall Chief Golf Course in Fall City Washington from 1993 – 1997. Davie has been teaching at Willows Run since 1997 and has served as the Junior Golf Coordinator since 1998. Davie has been a High Schools Golf Coach at Chief Sealth High School in West Seattle and worked with hundreds of junior and adult golfers.

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Ben Nelson – PGA Apprentice

Ben's goal with every golfer is to show them simple and straightforward ways to improve their game. Everyone's body moves differently so Ben tailors his instructions to the unique needs of each student. By studying many great professionals such as Manuel de la Torre, E.A. Tischler, Scott Cowx, and Dr. David Wright, Ben has learned to identify and understand many different swing patterns. This allows him to help all golfers, regardless of their golf experience or physical capabilities. Ben utilizes a Trackman 4 during his lessons to provide his students with data to help them understand the changes they are making.

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Glendoveer Golf & Tennis, Portland



Andrew Hein – Assistant Golf Professional

Andrew Hein, an Assistant Golf Professional from Columbus, Ohio. Andrew graduated from Ohio State University in 2014 with a degree in Criminology and Sociology. Following his passion and love for the game Andrew moved to Portland, OR to pursue his career in golf. He brings experience with juniors from Summit Golf Foundation, and Glendoveer Summer Camps. He has led groups of juniors from ages 7 to 15 years old teaching them how to excel with the game of golf and in life. He has also worked with beginners just starting the game to improve basic fundamentals of the golf swing. Andrew's teaching philosophy is a simplistic approach, guiding players more with feel and uses a rhythmic approach to help consistency in play. For lesson information and pricing please

contact him directly via email at ahain@playglendoveer.com or by calling Glendoveer Golf & Tennis at 503-253-7507.



Carter Mackey – Assistant Golf Professional

Carter Mackey, Assistant Golf Professional from Oakland, California. Carter started his teaching career 4 years ago introducing juniors to the game of golf at the Eric Jones Golf Academy. Now a coach for Glendoveer's PGA Jr. League team and instructor specializing in junior and beginner player development, Carter's youth and passion for the game creates a perfect environment to establish sound fundamentals and develop a love for the game to last a lifetime. His straightforward approach to the swing and use of slow motion video helps the player recognize, feel, and understand their golf swing to make a more consistent and confident swing. For lesson information and pricing please contact

him directly via email at cmackey@playglendoveer.com or by calling Glendoveer Golf & Tennis at 503-253-7507.

Twin Lakes Golf & C C, Federal Way



Cole Clearman – PGA, Head Golf Professional

I have been a PGA Member for over two years and a Golf Professional for over 6 years. I have experience teaching advanced players, beginners and juniors, with a passion for introducing the game to beginners and junior golfers. I believe that there is no right or wrong way to swing the golf club, but success can be found in successful matchups throughout the golf swing. I believe that everyone, no matter their athletic ability can enjoy the game of golf! As well as teaching the full swing, I love to teach short game and course management as I believe these are two parts of the game that golfers do not practice enough.

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Steve Hussey – Assistant Golf Professional

Steve started out in the golf industry at an early age at North Shore Golf Course. Steve graduated from the San Diego Golf Academy and worked in the industry during his early years, then left the golf business for a time. Steve is back in golf and restarting his career here at Twin Lakes. Steve is registered in the PGA apprentice program and is excited to be a part of the team at Twin Lakes.

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Brian Petoletti – Head Golf Professional, PGA Associate
The best part of my job is being able to help those who share the same passion for the game of golf! Whether your passion for golf is just emerging or it's been a part of your life for a while, I welcome the opportunity to help you improve your playing and enjoyment of the game. Instruction can be a bit overwhelming at first...there is a lot of communication and sharing of key fundamentals to help each student build a simple and consistent swing. To help with that, I have found sending follow-up emails after every session is invaluable. Lesson follow-up emails include a summary of "Key Points" taught during that lesson, video swing analysis (if taken) and a series of drills to help you re-enforce "new" learnings. When giving instruction, I never try to make a student swing a certain way, rather I focus on the ball flight. Each of us have our own swing, what I have found to be most important is:

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She has been a member of the LPGA Teaching and Club Professional Division since 1996 and has given thousands of lessons and clinics over the past 24 years. Erin has been the boys and girls Varsity Golf Coach as well as the middle school coach at The Bush School for the past six years.

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Pacific Northwest Section PGA honors the 2020 award winners

The Pacific Northwest Section PGA selected the top professionals in 10 categories, as recognized by their peers, for outstanding performance during an exceptionally challenging year. The winners listed below represent the very best of the Pacific Northwest Section’s 1,100 PGA Professionals in Washington, Oregon, Northern Idaho, Western Montana and Alaska.

- **John Grothe, PGA, of Willamette Valley CC** in Canby, OR received the Section’s highest honor in being chosen as the 2020 Golf Professional of the Year.
- **Marcus King, PGA of Sahalee CC** in Sammamish, WA is recognized as the Bill Strausbaugh Award recipient. Marcus personifies the mentorship, service and integrity that are requisite of the award.
- **Jason Aichele, PGA of Meadow Springs CC** in Richland, WA was selected as the Teacher of the Year.
- **Harold Bluestein, PGA of Harold Bluestein Golf, LLC** in Vancouver, WA is recognized as the Professional Development Award recipient.
- **Greg Manley, PGA of Meridian Valley CC** in Kent, WA has been selected to receive the Patriot Award. Unwavering support for the men and women in America’s Armed Forces is in Greg Manley’s DNA.
- **Nick Pollock, PGA of Seattle GC** in Shoreline, WA was named the 2020 Assistant Golf Professional of the Year.
- **Ryan Young, PGA of Chambers Bay GC** in Tacoma, WA was honored with the Player Development Award. He previously won this award in 2016. In 2020, Ryan ran 27 programs, with 200 more participants.
- **Jared Lambert, PGA of Meadow Lakes GC** in Prineville, OR received the Youth Player Development Award. Jared is also the Tournament Director for the Central Oregon Junior Golf Association.
- **Bob Scott, PGA of Meadow Wood GC** in Liberty Lake, WA has been selected as the Deacon Palmer Award recipient, “displaying outstanding integrity, character and leadership in an effort to overcome a major obstacle in their life.”
- **Jeff Ellison, PGA of Lacey, WA** was honored with the Perry Williams Award for his service to the Section’s Rules of Golf Committee. Jeff was the Pacific Northwest PGA Section’s Director of Tournament Operations from 1990-2004, and CEO from 2004-2020.

Did you know....

- The Washington Golf Youth on Course program, which provides \$5 rounds of golf at participating courses to kids age 6-18, increased its membership by 60 percent in 2020. It has over 5,600 members, who played an estimated 25,000 rounds in 2020. It is the largest Youth on Course program in the Pacific Northwest. Visit WAgolf.org/YOC for more information.



- The Pacific Northwest Golf Association was founded in 1899, and is one of the oldest golf associations in North America. The PNGA administers the Pacific Northwest Golf Hall of Fame, which was established in 1978, and currently has 69 inductees. Visit thePNGA.org for complete bios of all Hall of Fame members.



Tour Players With Northwest ties

- PGA Tour**
- Kevin Chappell • Kirkland • 160th on the list with \$103,914
 - Ben Crane • Portland • No Events
 - Joel Dahmen • Clarkston • 86th on the list with \$415,918
 - Robert Garrigus • Gresham • No Events
 - Scott Harrington • Portland • 158th on the list with \$109,532
 - Ryan Moore • Puyallup • No Events
 - Cheng Tsung Pan • Ex-UW • 65th on the list with \$545,311
 - Andrew Putnam • Tacoma • 131st on the list with \$190,065
 - Kyle Stanley • Gig Harbor • 97th on the list with \$328,776
 - Nick Taylor • Ex-UW • 94th on the list with \$334,737
 - Aaron Wise • Ex-Oregon • 28th on the list with \$1,059,300
- Korn Ferry Tour**
- Alistar Docherty • Vancouver, Wash. • Finished 236th on the list
 - Robert Garrigus • Gresham • Finished 147th on the list
 - Andres Gonzales • Olympia • Finished 148th on the list
 - Alex Prugh • Spokane • Finished 129th on the list
 - Dylan Wu • Medford • Finished 16th on the list, earned PGA Tour card
- Champions Tour**
- Fred Couples • Seattle • T4th on the list with \$90,000
 - Bob Gilder • Corvallis • No Events
 - Brian Henninger • Eugene • No Events
 - Peter Jacobsen • Portland • No Events
 - Kirk Triplett • Pullman • T26th on the list with \$18,500
- Mackenzie Tour (Canada) - 2020 Tour Cancelled**
- 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 • No Events
 - Jing Yan • Ex-UW • No Events
- LPGA Symetra Tour**
- Jamie Huo • Kent • No Events
 - Jimin Kang • Seattle • No Events
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The Lesson Tee: If the backswing is on track, then your game should be

Happy February - spring is getting closer by the day. This is still a super time of year to get better. Set some goals for golf and life! Pick out a couple of tournaments to get your fire started.

The time is now. I know I have been teaching up a storm in my dry warm academy building at Semiahmoo. Personally, I intend to be better and ready for my tournament season. I can hardly wait.

Let's talk about a couple elements of the backswing. For most of us, the purpose of the backswing is mainly twofold; to accumulate power by turning and coiling our body and hinging our wrists. (The wrist hinge is a fantastic power source).

Secondly, the backswing should get us in a proper position to allow us to make a proper approach to the golf ball. An on plane approach.

If everyone practiced with a couple of driver shafts at equal height of their right shoulder and two inches to their right; golfers would not only have a more proficient backswing, they would also have a shallower approach to the ball on the downswing, (Photo 1).

As you practice in this swing station, turn your hips 30-45 degrees as you make your backswing. You need not try to shift your weight. Stay a bit more stable and centered as you turn.

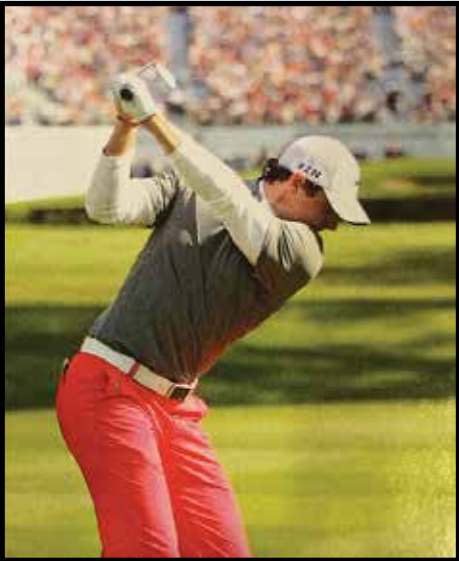
Make sure you keep your arms and shaft below the pole or swing station. This station is like the plane of glass Ben Hogan spoke of in years past.

This lower arm swing and hip turn produce "depth" to the golf swing which is very helpful to a successful technique! (Rory is in Photo 2).



Come up to see me and we will get 2021 started on a super track.

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Rules of the Game: How do the rules deal with the giving, receiving of advice on course

This month let's look at how the Rules of Golf handle the giving and receiving of advice.

Rule 10.2 is very straightforward: "During a round, a player must not:

Give advice to anyone who is playing on the course,

Ask anyone for advice, other than a player's caddie, or

Touch another player's equipment to learn information that would be advice if given by or asked of the other player (such as touching the other player's clubs or bag to see what club is being used)."

It goes on to clarify "This does not apply before a round, while play is stopped under Rule 5.7a or between rounds in a competition."

To help determine whether comments and conversations are a breach of this rule, keep in mind the purpose of the Rule: "A fundamental challenge for the player is deciding the strategy and tactics for his or her play."

So let's play a little true or false, was advice given or received in each of the following?

After the tee shot goes flailing to the trees off the fairway a player groans, "Don't hit your shot off the toe like I just did." Answer: No, no one would choose to mishit a shot.

A player in the group looks into another player's bag to see what club was just used. Answer: No, looking isn't touching, see bullet three.

After both players have hit their tee shot on a par 3, Player A asks Player B what club she used. Answer: No, the strategy has already been decided and acted on.

Coming up to a par 3, Player A asks Player B what club he used on the last par 3, four holes



earlier. Answer: Well, this could go either way as advice is an intentional rule, that is, intent matters. If the player's intent is to get information that would assist in the play of the hole, there is a penalty. If it is simply casual conversation, no penalty is assessed. How do you determine intent? You have to ask and, as golf is a game of integrity, the player's answer is accepted.

A spectator says the player needs to adjust his grip. Answer: No, this is not advice, however if the spectator persists the player needs to ask them to stop. If the player does not ask them to stop giving advice, the player will be treated as asking for the advice and gets a penalty under Rule 10.2a (general penalty of two strokes in stroke play and loss of hole in match play)

In the clubhouse Player A, who is teeing off shortly, asks Player B, who has just completed the round, what impact the wind has. Answer: No, neither player is playing on the course at the time.

After hitting her tee shot on the par three, Player A obviously shows Player B the club she just used. Answer: Yes, advice does not need to be spoken.



Asking anyone other than your caddie for advice or offering advice during a round is a breach of the rules

Rules Check

You have hit your tee shot into a penalty area. What are your relief options?

Answer: Penalty areas are defined as either red or yellow. This affects the player's available relief options (Rule 17.1d).

• Yellow: Play under stroke and distance again from within the teeing area. (Rule 14.6.)

Play the ball as it lies without penalty. This is an option unless the penalty area is also a "No Play Zone". (Rule 17.1e) Back-on-the-line relief. The player may drop the original ball or another ball (see Rule 14.3) in a relief area that is based on a reference line going straight back from the hole through the estimated point where the original ball last crossed the edge of the penalty area: Your should mark the spot on that line as your reference point. Drop a ball in the relief area, 1 club length no closer to the hole than the reference point.

• Red: Lateral Relief (Only for Red Penalty Area). When the ball last crossed the edge of a red penalty area, the player may drop the original ball or another ball in this lateral relief area . Within (2) club lengths of the reference point. (see Rule 14.3): Reference Point: The estimated point where the original ball last crossed the edge of the red penalty area

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Here is a look at Washington Golf through numbers

2020 was a great year for golf in WA Golf territory. Golfers took the course in record numbers as the game experienced a significant surge in popularity during the COVID-19 pandemic.

Here are some fun facts from the 2020 Washington Golf active score posting season:

- Total rounds posted by WA Golf members: 1,801,942 rounds – up 21% from 2019
- Total rounds posted at WA Golf facilities: 1,506,329 rounds – up 22% from 2019
- WA Golf facilities with most rounds posted:
 - Gold Mountain GC – 21,655 rounds
 - Fircrest GC – 18,725 rounds
 - Sahalee CC – 18,516 rounds
 - Canyon Lakes GC – 18,356 rounds
 - Meridian Valley CC – 17,142 rounds
- Members with most rounds posted:
 - Men:
 - Doug J. – University of Idaho GC 292 rounds
 - Steve N. – Auburn GC 276 rounds
 - Perry C. – Walla Walla CC 273 rounds
 - Phil L. – Canyon Lakes GC 253 rounds
 - Jim P. – Semiahmoo G&CC 250 rounds
 - Women:
 - Mary Jo U. – Fircrest GC 236 rounds
 - Jane N. – Twin Lakes G&CC 227 rounds
 - Aki P. – Maplewood GC 205 rounds
 - Astrid E. – Alderbrook GC 202 rounds
 - Dodie F. – Meridian Valley CC 191 rounds
 - Juniors:
 - Taylor M. – YOC Spokane 163 rounds
 - Zane M. – Kalispel G&CC 155 rounds
 - Parker S. – YOC South Sound 132 rounds
 - Rex B. – Longview CC 127 rounds
 - TJ M. – Othello GC 120 rounds

Statistics are from the 2020 WA Golf Active Score Posting Season, ranging from March 1 to November 15.

Pro-Tip: How to prepare for a golf tournament

On the PGA Tour, there are four major tournaments the world’s greatest prepare for all year. In the Pacific Northwest, your local PGA Professionals compete for four major titles, the Washington Open, Oregon Open, Rosauers Open in Spokane, and the Northwest Open. The professionals who win these events have one thing in common – preparation. For any golfer who loves competing, especially at a higher level, here’s some guidance to help you prepare for your upcoming big event.

The days and weeks before your event, there are four things you should prepare. The first step is to prepare your equipment. You get fourteen clubs to play with, so make sure you put the right ones in the bag that best suits the course you’re playing. Also, don’t forget about the little things, like rain gear, extra range finder batteries, extra tees, a spare glove, and most importantly enough golf balls.

The second thing is to prepare physically. If you plan on walking the course, or it’s a multi-day event, you should start doing your cardio and even play practice rounds in the amount of days in a row as your event. Every stroke counts, and you don’t want physical fatigue to be the reason you can’t finish strong.

The third step in preparing before the actual event is to prepare mentally. As you play your practice rounds, take note of what clubs you plan on teeing off with, where to lay up, or where to play aggressive. If you can’t play practice rounds, reference an online yardage book and map out your round. Sometimes playing a practice round in your mind is just as effective as physically playing.

The last thing to prepare before your event is your sleep schedule. Tee times vary from 7:30 am to 2:30 p.m. every day. It takes several hours to ensure your body is ready to play by your tee time, so this may mean a 4 am wake up call. It takes a couple days to catch up on sleep, so start



getting into a routine days before.

Now it’s time to talk about how to prepare the morning of your actual event.

As you start getting ready in the morning, be sure to check the latest weather and traffic report. Make sure you are dressed appropriately and don’t have to cut your warm up routine short because of traffic. It would also be wise to pack a lunch or snacks in case the course you’re playing doesn’t have convenient food and beverage available.

Once you’re finally at the course, the first thing you should do is go to the practice green. Don’t start grinding over your putting stroke, but rather simply recalibrate your distance control to the speed of the greens that day. Once you feel good about lagging any putt inside a tap in, then head to the range.

Too many times I see amateurs grinding out drivers or long irons on the warm up range. This should have been done on the practice range days before the event. Instead, start with the wedges and take some short rhythmic swings while chatting with your fellow competitors. This will do so much for your timing and feel while keeping you relaxed. After you work your way to a full swing, then stagger your way up and down the bag, simply getting the body loose. Avoid hitting to the same target with

the same club more than three times in a row. Be sure to hit any specialty shots that you expect to hit on the course as well.

Then, if you have time, get a feel for your short game, find a practice bunker, and head back to the putting green. Start holing some short putts so your mind is use to it. Use the restroom if necessary, then head to the tee about 15 minutes before your tee time and breathe.

As Russell Wilson constantly references, “The separation is in the preparation.” This is simply a guide, but it will ensure you are ready to compete at the highest level for your biggest event. If your goal is to win, then leave all excuses behind and make sure you are prepared.

For more detail on tournament preparation, please check out my YouTube Channel, Ryan Young Golf, or contact us at Chambers Bay Academy.

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The days and weeks before your event, there are four things you should prepare. The first step is to prepare your equipment. You get fourteen clubs to play with, so make sure you put the right ones in the bag that best suits the course you’re playing. Also, don’t forget about the little things, like rain gear, extra range finder batteries, extra tees, a spare glove, and most importantly enough golf balls.

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