

## INSIDE GOLF NEWSPAPER

### Bald Eagle Club at Point Roberts needs to get the border opened

Ever since the U.S. and Canadian border closed, Bald Eagle Golf Club at Point Roberts, Wash. has been shut down. The maintenance crew is still keeping things in shape when the golfers return and the border re-opens, but for now it's been shut down and waiting for players. See page 2 for more on Bald Eagle GC at Point Roberts.



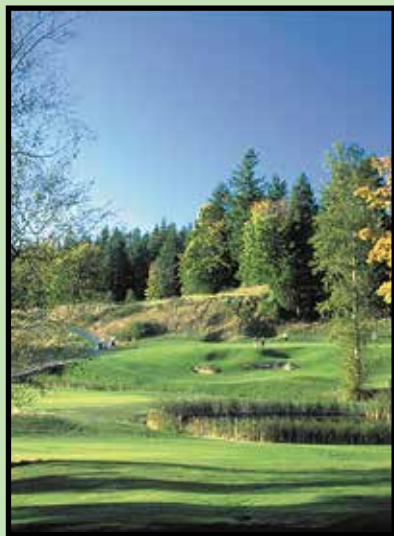
### WHAT'S NEW IN NW GOLF

#### Shuksan Golf Club sold by its long-time owner

Rick Dvorak developed and designed Shuksan Golf Club in Bellingham in 1994. After 27 years, he figured it was time to move on. Dvorak has sold Shuksan Golf Club to a local investment firm, who not only bought the course but also the adjacent acreage.

The new investment group has said that it plans to make some changes. "When you have a trophy as great as Shuksan, the next step is to take it from one of the best to the best," the group said.

Dvorak plans to continue his ties to Shuksan as a consultant with the new ownership group.



#### Myrtle Beach World Amateur will have over 3,000 players

If you are looking to keep that competitive edge in the 2021 golf season, the Myrtle Beach World Amateur is for you. Over 3,000 players from around the world have already signed up.

The tournament will take place Aug. 30-Sept. 3 at some of Myrtle Beach, South Carolina's best golf courses. The tournament features flights for men, women, seniors and even gross players. All flights will play four rounds before the top players advance to the championship round.

A 19th hole every night will be held at the Myrtle Beach Convention Center with food and drink for players and guests.

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#### Rules Quiz

One of your group hits their ball down the right side into an area of rough and trees. He has doubts about finding the golf ball so he announces and plays a "provisional ball". The "provisional ball" travels down the middle a few yards past where the original ball was thought to have been. After a couple minutes search he decides to go to the provisional ball and plays it up to the green. Just then another player in the group finds his ball in the adjacent fairway some 25 yards away from where they thought the ball was "estimated to be." And yes it was found inside the three minutes allowed for search. Now what? See Page 2 of this section for the answer.

### Boeing Classic returns after pandemic break

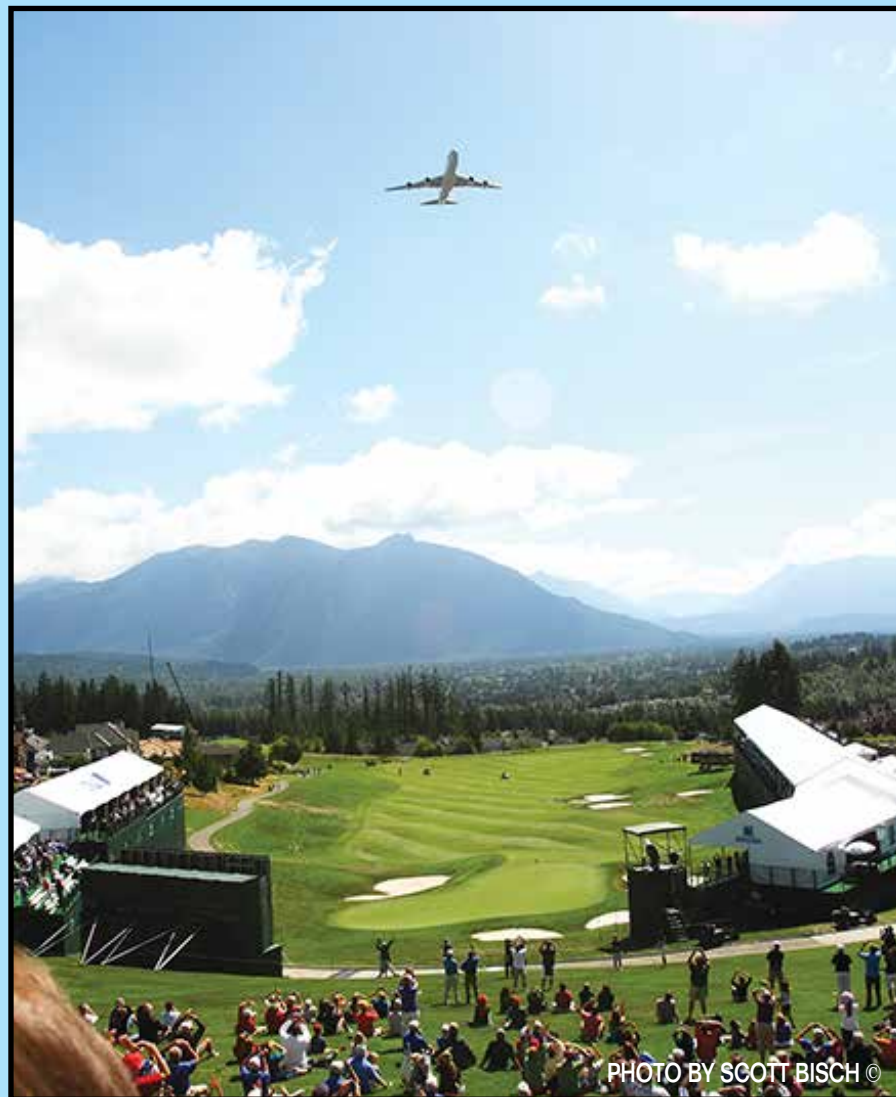


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**After a year off from the COVID-19 pandemic, the PGA Tour Champions return to the Pacific Northwest with the Boeing Classic at the Club Snoqualmie Ridge Golf just east of Seattle. Previous tournaments have started with a Boeing flyover (top photo). Northwest native Fred Couples (right) is always one of the most popular players in the field. The event is set for Aug. 20-22. For more on the return of the Boeing Classic see inside this section of Inside Golf Newspaper.**



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### Woman amateur Swann takes the championship at the Oregon Open

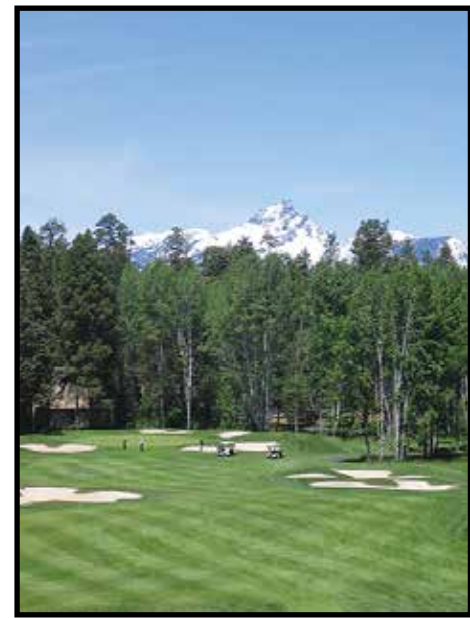
Kennedy Swann of McKenzie Bridge, Ore. shot rounds of 71-65-69 to win the Oregon Open Invitational, held at the Glaze Meadow course at Black Butte Ranch in Sisters, Ore.

Swann, an amateur, was competing against the region's PGA club professionals. The tournament is one of four majors conducted each year by the Pacific Northwest Section PGA.

Amateur Mason Koch of Fairwood Country Club and professional Brady Sharp of Wine Valley tied for second in the tournament at 207 - two shots behind.

Last month, in her final year of school as a fifth-year senior, Swann led the Ole Miss women's golf team to the school's first national title in school history, winning the NCAA Women's Championship. Swann finished 3-0 in match play at the championship.

Swann, who plays out of Tokatee Golf Club in McKenzie Bridge, made it to the quarterfinals of the 2020 U.S. Women's Amateur, which exempted her in to the 2021 U.S. Women's Amateur, to be held later this summer. Swann accepted an invitation to this year's Marathon LPGA Classic, courtesy her performance in the NCAA women's national championship. The Marathon LPGA Classic takes place July 8-11 at Highlands Meadows Golf Club in Sylvania, Ohio.



Black Butte's Glaze Meadow hosted the Oregon Open.

### Home Course named as new host for Northwest Open Invitational

There will be a new home for the Northwest Open Invitational starting in 2022.

The Home Course in DuPont, Wash. will be the home of the Northwest Open Invitational beginning in 2022. The inaugural agreement is for three years with the prospect of an additional two years. The tournament will feature a 168-player field consisting of professional and amateur golfers from the Pacific Northwest. The event had been held at Wine Valley Golf Club in Walla Walla, Wash.

The 2022 Northwest Open Invitational will take place on May 16-18. This marks a significant change from the August dates that the event occupied in recent years. In order to accommodate the move from summer to spring, the Muckleshoot Casino Washington Open Invitational will move from May to August, effectively swapping places in the Pacific Northwest PGA tournament schedule.

The Home Course, known as "The Home of Golf in the Northwest," has previously hosted other Pacific Northwest PGA events. The National Car Rental Pacific Northwest PGA Assistant Championship was held there in 2018; it was also the site of the Pacific Northwest PGA Senior Championship in 2015.



The Home Course in DuPont will host the 2022 Northwest Open Invitational.



# Bald Eagle at Point Roberts: Border course hopes to open and return to normal in 2021

When the United States and Canadian border closed more than a year ago, there was no doubt there would be repercussions sounding throughout both countries.

The governments of both countries kept promising to open the border. But the date kept moving. And moving. And moving some more.

With people not able to come and go like they used to, businesses near the border were in trouble. And that goes for the golf business too.

Take a look at the Bald Eagle Golf Club at Point Roberts, Wash. Since the border shut down back in March of 2020, the courses has been closed as well. You might ask why would it close down since it is on the American side.

Well, take a look at a map. Point Roberts is a place that you can only get to by driving 25 miles into Canada and then back into the United States. And with the border closed, getting to the courses has been impossible.

For some background, way back in 1846 something called the Oregon Treaty between the U.S. and Great Britain said that every bit of land south of the 49th parallel would belong to the United States. And what do you know - Point Roberts is just below the 49th parallel and sits on its own little peninsula of land that you can get to only by driving into Canada and back down into the United States.

The course has some interesting history as well. It opened as Point Roberts Golf Club before new owners came in and changed the name to Bald Eagle Golf Club. Before the change of ownership the course had been shut down because the previous owners could not afford to keep things up and running.

But with the COVID-19 pandemic, things changed. The border closed in March of 2020 and who knows when it will open. The course closed down as well but a slimmed down maintenance crew led by Rick Hoole has done what it can to keep the course in good shape - waiting for golfers to return. It's been like a ghost town at Bald Eagle Golf Club, but hopefully with things changing, and



people getting vaccinated, the course will open and golfers will return.

And speaking of COVID-19 Point Roberts has a population of around 1,300 for the longest time there was not one single case of COVID-19 in the

town. But that still hasn't helped the golf course, which has not seen a player roaming the fairways in well over a year.

General Manager Kyle German is a dual citizen of Canada and the U.S. but is still stuck on the Canadian side of the border. But he likes that the course will be ready when the border opens and golfers will return to Bald Eagle. He said that almost all of their players are Canadians and because the Canadians couldn't not cross the border into Point Roberts and the U.S., he had no choice but to shut the course down.

But better days are ahead. And when the border opens between the United States and Canada, Bald Eagle will be ready.

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Bald Eagle Golf Club at Point Roberts has been able to keep the maintenance going but has been shut down.



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## Double Bogey



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## Rules Answer

• Answer: The original ball is no longer the ball "in play" and can no longer be used for the score of the hole. When the player made a stroke at the "provisional ball" from a spot nearer to the hole than where the original ball was "estimated to be" the "provisional ball" became his ball "in play". Even though the search time had not expired the location the "provisional ball" was played from makes the remaining search time irrelevant. The key phrase to note is "estimated to be." Not where it was actually found.

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

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# Gearhart will host 2021 Hickory Open; Myrtle Beach World Am set for August

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

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

If you have been to the Northern Oregon Coast in the last few years, visitors will notice quite a change in the center of the sleepy, tiny town of Gearhart. The 129-year-old Gearhart Golf Links has undergone an extensive restoration, once again placing the course among the best in the state.

Improvements of note include massive tree removal, multiple new tees added for variety and length, fairway reshaping, and improved drainage resulting in faster, firmer greens. And that is just the golf course.

The property has a resort identity now, with McMenamins operating the 34 hotel rooms on property, including 16 new rooms in the recently-opened Annex building. Open for business on June 29, 2018, the Annex also houses a fitness center and virtual golf training room playfully called the “Swingers Lounge.”

## Myrtle Beach World Am Aug. 30-Sept. 3

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

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

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

For more, call 800.833.8798.

## Home Course has stay and play deals

The Home Course in DuPont, Wash. is offering some terrific stay and play deals that run out at the end of July. The Home Course is owned and operated by the Pacific Northwest Golf Association and hosts some of the top tournaments in the Northwest.

If golfers book before July 31 and package comes with hotel stay and two free rounds of golf at The Home Course. The rounds can be played through the end of September. Packages start at \$109 and a limited number of packages are available.

Book through [www.thehomecourse.com/stay](http://www.thehomecourse.com/stay).

## Washington Golf Pass offers deals

The Washington Golf Pass is one way that golfers in the Pacific Northwest can save on deals. The pass is available for free for WAGolf members and is a way to save money on every round you play golf. The pass is good for courses in Washington and Northern Idaho and will save you money on rounds and golf packages. See [www.wagolfpass.com](http://www.wagolfpass.com) for more.

## Knox wins Washington Women's Amateur

Kennedy Knox of Normandy Park won the 28th Washington Women's Amateur; Jacqueline Bendrick of Mercer Island hung on to win the 12th Women's Mid-Amateur; Susan Craven of Snohomish shot rounds of 76-76 to win the 22nd Washington Senior Women's Amateur; while Karen Madison of Spokane Valley won the 8th Super Senior Women's Amateur in a playoff.

The four championships were held concurrently by Washington Golf (WA Golf) at the par-71 Fairwood Golf and Country Club in Renton, Wash. The Women's Amateur and Mid-Amateur championships

were contested over 54 holes of stroke play, while the Senior and Super Senior championships consisted of 36 holes of stroke play.

Knox shot rounds of 71-71-71 to win the tournament. She will play golf at the University of Washington next year.

## Wagner receives USGA Grainger Award

Dr. Jack Wagner, a long-time volunteer and advocate for golf in Washington, has received the Grainger Award from the United States Golf Association for 2021. The Grainger Award is presented to those individuals who have served in their association as a volunteer for 25 years.

Wagner also was a director for the Pacific Northwest Golf Association and Washington Golf for 18 years, including a three-year term as president for WA Golf. He has done work with the Evans Scholarship program helping the program grow in the Pacific Northwest and was the chair of the committee for over 20 years and helping to get the Evans Cup going.

## Evans scholarship winners announced

A total of 17 students from around the Northwest have been awarded Evans scholarships for the fall. They include: Luis Arellano of Bandon Dunes;; Valiera Corrales Badilla of Eastmoreland, Elsie Bradford of Portland Golf Club; Micah Gamlen of Waverly Country Club; Christopher Gray of Portland Golf Club; Lauren Grothe of Willamette Valley Country Club; Aubrey Jayne of Waverly Country Club; Phoenix Kriesse of Victoria Golf Club; Matthew Miller of Seattle Golf Club; Joshua Minkler of Bandon Dunes; Alexandra Namuco of Victoria Golf Club; Trevon Phomphakdy of Royal Oaks; Luke Schlingen of Stock Farm; Luke Sellars of Seattle Golf Club; Alaina Sharp of Waverly Country Club; Lilly Varner of Rose City and Dylan Walling of Bandon Dunes.

## 2021 tourney schedule

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

**PNGA tournaments:**

- July 19-23: Women's Amateur at The Home Course, DuPont, Wash.
- July 19-23: Women's Mid-Amateur at The Home Course, DuPont, Wash.
- July 26-31: Men's Amateur at The Idaho Club, Sandpoint, Idaho.
- Aug. 9-13: Men's Master-40 at Wildhorse Resort, Pendleton, Oregon.
- Aug. 16-20: Junior Boys Amateur at Palouse Ridge, Pullman, Wash.
- Aug. 16-20: Junior Girls Amateur at Palouse Ridge, Pullman, Wash.
- Sept. 14-16: Men's Mid-Amateur at Silvies Ranch, Seneca, Ore.

### WA Golf Championships:

- July 6-8: Men's Amateur at Gold Mountain, Breerton, Wash.
- July 16: Parent-Child Chapman at Lake Spanaway, Tacoma.
- Aug. 23: Mixed Chapman at Canterwood CC, Gig Harbor.
- Aug. 30-31: Men's Mid-Amateur at Bellingham Golf and CC, Bellingham.
- Sept. 21-23: Senior and Super Senior Men's Amateur at Kitsap CC, Bremerton.



*Wildhorse Resort will host the Men's Master-40.*



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# Boeing Classic returns in August after COVID-19 pandemic put the tournament on hold for 2020

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

For more see [www.boeingclassic.com](http://www.boeingclassic.com).



The Bear's Canyon hole at the Golf Club at Snoqualmie Ridge is always a popular spot to watch the event.

## Boeing Classic

Here are some facts and figures about the 2021 Boeing Classic.

- **Where:** The Golf Club at Snoqualmie Ridge, just east of Seattle.
- **Dates:** Aug. 16-22, 2021. Tournament will be played Aug. 20-22.
- **Tournament notes:** Tournament was last played in 2019 before the COVID-19 pandemic shut down the event for 2020. The field will be set at 81 players and a purse of \$2.1 million playing over 54 holes.
- **Notable Players:** Players like John Daly (right) and NW favorite Fred Couples will tee it up.



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# Brandes, Hunter, Cook and Fisher all win titles at PNGA Senior Amateurs

PNGA Hall of Famer Tom Brandes of Bellevue, Wash. won the 56th PNGA Senior Men's Amateur while David Hunter of Federal Way, Wash. claimed the 11th Super Senior Men's title.

On the women's side, Rosie Cook of Bend, Ore. captured the 34th Senior Women's; and PNGA Hall of Famer Marcia Fisher of Molalla, Ore. went wire-to-wire in winning the 9th Super Senior Women's Amateur.

The four championships were held concurrently at Wine Valley Golf Club in Walla Walla, Wash. All four were three-day, 54-hole stroke-play competitions put on by the Pacific Northwest Golf Association.

Brandes shot all three rounds under par (71-69-70), the only player in the field to do so, and was six ahead of second-place finishers Erik Hanson of Kirkland, Wash. and Michael Jackson of Redmond, Ore.

Hunter put together rounds of 71-74-74 to win the Super Senior Men's by two shots over Denny Taylor of Gladstone, Ore. In 2019, Hunter won the Washington Super Senior Men's Amateur.

In very windy conditions, Cook shot a solid 2-over-par 74 in the final round, which included shooting 2-under-par on the back nine.

In the Super Senior Women's, Fisher went wire-to-wire in capturing the title. She opened with a 1-under-

par 71, the only under-par round of the entire field in her division, and never looked back.

## Champions crowned at NW PGA Junior

Grace Lee of Bellevue, Wash. and Max Herendeen of Bellevue, Wash. won the girls and boys 16-18 divisions at the 2021 Pacific Northwest Junior PGA Championship at The Home Course in DuPont, Wash.

Lee will join 144 of the nation's top female junior golfers in the PGA of America's premium junior event, the 45th Girls Junior PGA Championship, hosted at Valhalla Golf Club in Louisville, Kentucky, July 27-30, 2021. Herendeen will tee it up at the 45th Boys Junior PGA Championship, hosted at Kearney Hills Golf Links in Lexington, Kentucky.

Lee, 17, shot a total of 70-69-139 for the Championship and edged out Lauryn Nuuye while Herendeen shot a 73-69 total to edge out Nathan Yocam.

In the Girls 13-15 age division, Tatum Otto and Jasmine Chen tied for first (Tatum won the scorecard playoff as advised in Appendix 1 of the Rules of Golf). Angela Zhang won the Girls 12 & Under age division.

In the Boys 13-15 age division, Ryder Odem won with Jeff Seong finishing second. Tristan Kim won the Boys 12 & Under age division in a scorecard playoff against Nathan Pai and Sinjin Tran.

## Did you know....

• Joel Dahmen of Clarkston, Wash. won the 2007 Washington Men's Amateur, held that year on the Olympic Course at Gold Mountain in Brementon. The championship will again be held at Gold Mountain on July 6-8. The following week, Dahmen, who earlier this year won his first PGA Tour event, will be playing in the British Open for the second time.



• The Pacific Northwest Golf Association administers the Pacific Northwest Golf Hall of Fame. There are currently 69 members of the Hall of Fame, and new inductees are added on a biennial basis. Later this year, new members will be honored for induction. Visit thepnga.org for details and updates on the Pacific Northwest Hall of Fame.



## Tour Players With Northwest ties

### PGA Tour

- Kevin Chappell • Kirkland • 178th on the list with \$229,331
- Ben Crane • Portland • No Events
- Joel Dahmen • Clarkston • 85th on the list with \$1,160,449
- Robert Garrigus • Gresham • No Events
- Scott Harrington • Portland • 176th on the list with \$296,644
- Ryan Moore • Puyallup • 184th on the list with \$226,194
- Cheng Tsung Pan • Ex-UW • 83rd on the list with \$1,186,763
- Andrew Putnam • Tacoma • 88th on the list with \$1,169,734
- Kyle Stanley • Gig Harbor • 108th on the list with \$1,014,432
- Nick Taylor • Ex-UW • 136th on the list with \$646,729
- Aaron Wise • Ex-Oregon • 52nd on the list with \$1,947,938

### Korn Ferry Tour

- Alistar Docherty • Vancouver, Wash. • 281st on the list with \$2,514
- Robert Garrigus • Gresham • 172nd on the list with \$33,468
- Andres Gonzales • Olympia • 159th on the list with \$25,016
- Alex Prugh • Spokane • 134th on the list with \$49,716
- Dylan Wu • Medford • 31st on the list with \$236,893

### Champions Tour

- Fred Couples • Seattle • 12th on the list with \$1,308,866
- Bob Gilder • Corvallis • No Events
- Brian Henninger • Eugene • No Events
- Peter Jacobsen • Portland • No Events
- Kirk Triplett • Pullman • 33rd on the list with \$619,945

### Mackenzie Tour (Canada)

- Derek Barron • Puyallup • No Events
- Alistar Docherty • Vancouver, Wash. • No Events
- Chris Killmer • Bellingham • No Events
- Cory Pereira • Ex-UW • No Events
- Chris Williams • Ex-UW • No Events
- Eugene Wong • Ex-Oregon • No Events

### LPGA Tour

- Carolyn Inglis • Eugene • 142nd on the list with \$12,857
- Jing Yan • Ex-UW • 85th on the list with \$64,750

### LPGA Symetra Tour

- Jamie Huo • Kent • No Cuts made
- Jimin Kang • Seattle • No Events
- Mallory Kent • Seattle • No Events
- Sadena Parks • Tacoma • No Events
- Gigi Stoll • Tigard • 19th on the list with \$28,006
- Kim Welch • Ex-WSU • No Events

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| <b>7/25</b>    | <b>The Home Course</b>                     |
| 8/7            | McCormick Woods                            |
| 8/14           | Lake Spanaway                              |
| 8/21           | The Links at Moses Pointe                  |
| 8/28           | Harbor Pointe                              |
| <b>9/12-13</b> | <b>Hawks Prairie GC</b> (Links & Woodland) |

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# The Lesson Tee: Hitting shots and playing are important, but don't forget the importance of putting in practice time

This year marks 27 years having The Jeff Coston Golf Academy at Semiahmoo. I'm grateful to Semiahmoo and all the hundreds of client/friends who have come from all over the Pacific Northwest and beyond and have allowed me to help them, "Play the Golf of their Dreams!"

Obviously hitting golf shots and playing is necessary for improvement, but drills, practice rehearsals, mirror work and swing feedback stations definitely enhance the process. Very few golfers incorporate these practices. They have sure helped my game.

Photo: One of my favorites. Two driver shafts stuck together with a swimming noodle. Place them at a diagonal about five inches inside your trail shoulder. Swing the club under the shafts. This will help you swing on a shallower angle of approach to



the golf ball and hitting zone. Most golfers are too steep on the downswing. You can make practice swings and hit shots off of a tee. Also, do this at home.

"Wall Drill." Take your posture with your rear end against the wall. Turn your hips and shoulders and touch the wall with your left hand just above shoulder high. Do not move off ball or over shift weight. COIL. This creates depth to your backswing which allows a proper angle of approach on downswing. Feel the wall when you swing a club.

Reminder I mentioned mirror work. Here we go. Most golfers slide hips rather than turn and don't get behind ball. Copy this move of hips turning/rotating not sliding. This will allow a better upper body turn.

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# Rules of the Game: Local rules might help with a provisional

Model Local Rules have been developed by the USGA to allow the committees and local courses to address particular conditions specific to the course. Many of them are designed for use in higher level competitions and are not common for the recreational golfer. So why should the average golfer care about these Model Local Rules?

The answer is that they may be in use at the course you are about to play and understanding how a specific condition will be addressed is always an advantage. So, let's look at those that are being used more commonly.

One Model Local Rule that is gaining in popularity, especially for pace of play, is Model Local Rule B-3, A Provisional Ball for Ball in a Penalty Area.

A lot of golfers will be surprised to hear this is not currently permitted under the Rules of Golf. Many golfers routinely hit a provisional ball for a ball that is in a penalty area and are dismayed to find it is not allowed and that they have now played under stroke and distance.

It's even more discouraging to find your original ball in a playable lie and have to pick it up and put it in your bag. The new Model Local Rule permits the playing of a provisional ball for a ball that MAY be in a penalty area. If the original ball is found within the three minute search time the player may CHOOSE to play the original ball or the provisional. If you CHOOSE to play the original, it is to be played as it lies, no exceptions, no other options. If you CHOOSE to play the provisional ball, it is played under stroke and distance. To state the obvious, if the original ball is not found within the three minute search time, the provisional becomes the ball in play under stroke and distance.

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may be out of bounds or may be lost outside a penalty area, period. Under Rule 18 if you find your original ball within the three-minute search you are obligated to abandon the provisional ball and must proceed with your original, no choosing one or the other. You found the original and ignored this rule, deciding to play the provisional instead? Oops, you now are playing under stroke and distance plus you have to add the general penalty for ignoring the rule (that's an extra two strokes in stroke play or loss of hole in match play, ouch!).

More next month.

Curious about the Rules of Golf, intrigued or confused by the legalistic language and wish someone would explain it? Check out the videos on [usga.org/rules](https://www.usga.org/rules).

# Teaching family and friends II

*Editor's note: This is the second part of a column from Inside Golf columnist Ryan Young about teaching golf to family and friends.*

**Tip #3** – When you finally take them to the course, keep it fun. The rules of golf are there to keep matches and tournaments fair. Beginning golfers are nowhere near ready to compete, so throw the rulebook out the window. Don't worry about tee boxes, introduce mulligans, allow free drops out of hazards, toss the ball out of bunkers, and give any putt inside three feet. Some of the most frustrating parts of this game are taken away with these relaxed rules.

Another thing to be aware of are the many external factors of this game that create undo pressure and deter fun. When a new golfer feels pressure from factors like judgment from others, pace-of-play, and weather conditions, then they are less likely to have fun. So introduce them into an environment that is inclusive. For example, our Academy hosts beginner events at our course that are in the late summer evenings when the course isn't booked, are only nine holes or less, do not have any scoring competitions, include adult beverages, offer a social atmosphere, and most importantly, are affordable. These are all factors

**Ryan Young**



that make the game as fun and inclusive as possible.

These tips aren't meant to avoid using your local PGA Professional to help introduce your friend or family member to the game. They are here to help supplement their experience in between formal lessons. This is an amazing game with so many outlets for everyone to join. We want to ensure we give them the best opportunity to fine theirs. Keep it fun, praise Shot Euphoria, and start off easy.

*For more help on introducing someone to the game, please contact me on Instagram or YouTube, @RyanYoungGolf. Or, visit our Academy website, [www.chambersbaygolf.com/instruction](https://www.chambersbaygolf.com/instruction).*



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