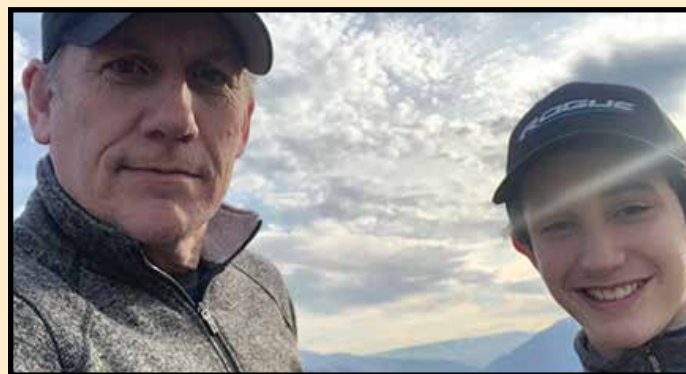


INSIDE GOLF NEWSPAPER

A real ace: NW golfer not only gets one hole-in-one, he gets two

August Leinweber Jr. beat the odds during a round of golf at Echo Falls in Snohomish, Wash - millions of odds. Leinweber made not one, but two holes-in-one during a round of golf. Playing with his son August III, Leinweber aced the 13th and 18th holes at Echo Falls. See more inside this section of Inside Golf Newspaper for the double ace round.



WHAT'S NEW IN NW GOLF

Chambers Bay lands the 2022 U.S. Women's Am

Chambers Bay has been chosen to host a USGA championship for a second consecutive year. The Robert Trent Jones Jr. design has been awarded the 122nd U.S. Women's Amateur Championship, which is set to be conducted Aug. 8-14, 2022.

It will be the fourth USGA championship for the course, which is owned by Pierce County and managed by KemperSports.

The 2022 U.S. Women's Amateur Championship at Chambers Bay follows the 2010 U.S. Amateur, won by Peter Uihlein, the 2015 U.S. Open, won by Jordan Spieth, and the 2021 U.S. Amateur Four-Ball, which concludes on Wednesday with the semifinals and 18-hole championship match.



Chambers Bay shines in USGA Four-Ball spotlight

The Pacific Northwest may have been well represented in the 2021 USGA Four-Ball Championship at Chambers Bay, but it was the team of Kirk Francisco Coelho and Leopoldo Herrera III who came out on top beating Brendan Macdougall and Sam Meek in the 18-hole championship finale.

Reid Hatley of Hayden Lake, Idaho and Jake Koppenburg of Bellingham had the best showing of teams from the Pacific Northwest finishing with a qualifying score of 133 but losing in the quarterfinals.

The Pacific Northwest teams of Ethan Evans (Mercer Island) and Max Herendeen (Bellevue) and Adam Harrington (Portland) and Jordan Sweet (Portland) couldn't survive an 11 for 6 playoff to reach match play.

Other teams from the Northwest included Kyle Crawford (North Bend) and Kevin Rei (Bandon Dunes), Ethan Casto (Snohomish) and Cody Oakes (Arlington), Brandon Peterson (Ocean Shore) and John Sand (Hoquiam) and Sam Kato (Redmond) and Jackson Lake (Clovis, Ca.)

Rules Quiz

A player hits a shot and the ball either comes to rest "out of bounds", is not found within a three minute search time, is known or "virtually certain" to have come to rest in a "penalty area" or the player determines the ball to be unplayable. There is one procedure and penalty that is always available or required in these circumstances. What is it? See Page 2 of this section of Inside Golf Newspaper for the answer.

At age 65, Coston wins Washington Open

First Phil Mickelson, now Jeff Coston. The 65-year-old Coston and the director of instruction at Semiahmoo Resort eagled one of his holes and went on to win the Muckleshoot Washington Open at Meridian Valley Country Club in Kent, making him the oldest Section major winner.

Coston won the tournament just three days after the 50-year-old Mickelson won the PGA Championship. Like Mickelson, Coston did in thrilling fashion, overcoming a big deficit in the final round to win.

Coston shot a final-round 68 to win by two shots over amateur Nathan Cogswell of Seattle U, Matt Epstein and Derek Berg of the Pacific Northwest Golf Academy. Colin Ingles of Shadow Hills led after two rounds but finished four shots back.

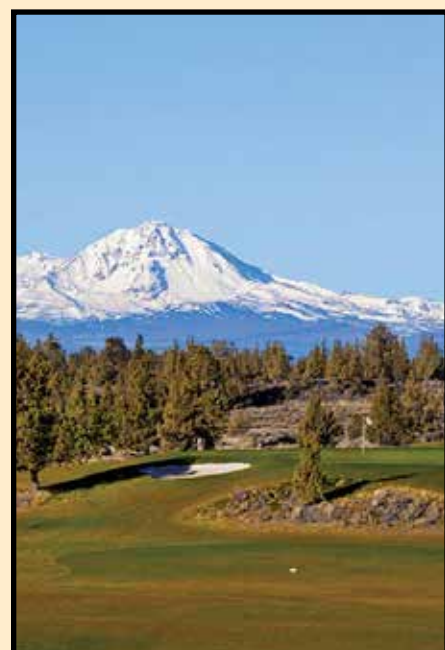
Coston was 2 over par at one point in his final round but rallied back in the closing holes to win his sixth Washington Open championship - having won the tournament in the last four decades.

"I just never gave up," said Coston. "Things weren't looking real good when I was sitting at two over, but then I got refocused and got it back together."



Muckleshoot Washinton Open Invitational was held at Meridian Valley Country Club.

Juniper Golf Course: A Central Oregon gem



Central Oregon is loaded with award-winning golf courses. But there is one that must be near or at the top of the list when you make the trip to the area - Juniper Golf Course in Redmond. This is a course with dramatic views of the mountains and Central Oregon desert plus a course that has played host to some major Northwest tournaments including the Oregon Open. See inside this section of Inside Golf for more on Juniper Golf Course.

Swinomish Golf Links will play host to third Community Golf Day

Swinomish Golf Links will be hosting its third Community Golf Day on Wednesday, July 7, 2021, beginning at 6 a.m.. This all-day event gives golfers the opportunity to give to local nonprofits as they enjoy a round of golf.

Charities will be stationed at different holes throughout the course to spread awareness of their noble causes and collect donations from players. Attendees will also enjoy exciting raffles and games throughout the day with the chance to win exclusive prizes. Twenty-five percent of greens fees will be donated to the charities.

Nestled between Fidalgo Bay and Similk Bay in beautiful Anacortes, Washington, Swinomish Golf Links is a golfer's paradise. Golf instruction is available for golfers of any level looking to improve their game. The Performance Center offers custom fitting studio sessions, custom individual performance lessons, overnight fitting packages, and overnight combo packages.

The golf course is part of the Swinomish Casino and Lodge, owned by the Swinomish Indian Tribe, Visit Swinomish/Golf Course for more information.



Swinomish Golf Links in Anacortes will host a Community Golf Day on July 7.

It seems as golf is finally getting back to normal with all of the old rules returning

I remember taking a trip to the Arizona desert way back in March of 2020 when the COVID-19 pandemic first started closing things down. The courses around the Northwest were shutting down but my friend and I wanted to keep life somewhat normal. So we boarded a plane that had something like 20 people, went to Arizona and enjoyed the sun and open golf courses.

But, just like everything else in the world of COVID-19, things were a bit different. The check-in counters at the golf courses were outside the front doors. Players could only ride solo in golf carts. You couldn't touch the rakes. You couldn't pull the pins. You couldn't pay cash for the greens fees.

At least you didn't have to wear a mask.

But at least it was a way to play some golf. While the courses in the Northwest remained closed for weeks, golf was being played in other parts of the country.

But slowly, golf in the Northwest started to re-open but with certain restrictions. No rakes. No pulling of the pins. Social distancing.

Now, after months of dealing with the pandemic, golf is back to normal around the Northwest. No longer do you have to deal with bunkers without rakes and move your ball out of a footprint. You can pull the pins on any putt. You can ride in a cart with a friend.

Finally! And let's keep it this way.

The world of golf was shut down in the Pacific Northwest for no reason. It was an outdoor sport - something the governor finally realized when he allowed golf back early on as a recreational way for people to get exercise.

And during the time, golf became popular. People who hadn't played in years found some clubs in the garage and hit the course. Kids decided they wanted to play. Rounds during the 2020 pandemic year were way up. Golf was on a roll. Now that the pandemic is hopefully winding down, let's see if the momentum that golf has built up will keep on rolling into the 2021 season.

I had friends that didn't play for weeks and



weeks, not wanting to be around people. I kept at it and even made an airplane trip or two to find open golf courses. But now, things seem to be back to normal.

Let's keep it that way.

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Golf has finally almost gotten back to normal with players able to pull the pins (top) and use the rakes in the bunkers.



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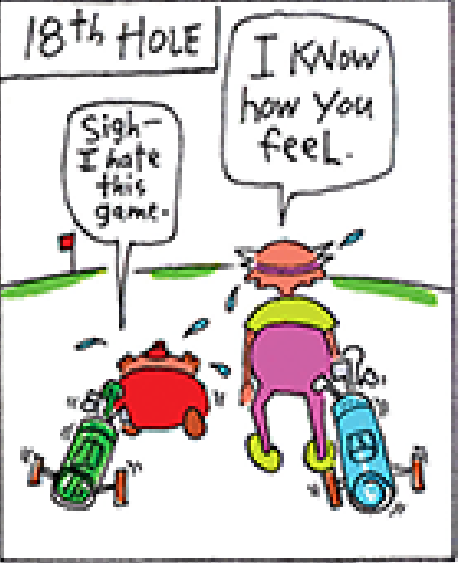
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18th HOLE



Rules Answer

• Answer: "Stroke and Distance". The examples are all outcomes covered by Rules 17, 18 and 19. "Stroke and distance" means you cannot gain any benefit of distance towards the hole from the spot where the previous stroke was made and you incur a one stroke penalty. The fact is that "stroke and distance" is always an option available to a player no matter where the ball comes to rest on the golf course or the circumstance that leads a player to choose to use "stroke and distance."

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

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Eugene’s Vaughan qualifies for U.S. Open; Myrtle Beach World Am set for August

Monica Vaughn and Luna Sobron Galmes advanced to the 2021 U.S. Women’s Open after firing low scores at the qualifier in Woodburn. The 36-hole qualifier, which was played at OGA Golf Course, featured 52 competitors from across the globe.

Vaughn, from Eugene, posted a new women’s course record with her opening-round 63. That round featured an eagle and seven birdies, rolling in four consecutive on holes No. 2 through No. 5.

She followed that up with a 1-under par 71 in the second of the two 18s to take individual medalist honors at 10-under par.

The 2021 U.S. Women’s Open is scheduled for June 3-6 at The Olympic Club in San Francisco. The OGA Golf Course is one of 22 qualifying sites.

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.

Winners crowned at Champions Tourney

The 12th Washington Champion of Champions concluded play at The Home Course in DuPont, Wash. This year’s field consisted of 156 champions from around the state of Washington and Northern Idaho, competing in four divisions – Men, Senior Men, Women and Senior Women.

Andrew Von Lossow of Spokane won the Men’s title, Alice Duan of Lincoln, Neb. won the Women’s, Tom Brandes of Bellevue won the Senior Men’s and Karen Johnson of Auburn won the Senior Women’s.

Andrew Von Lossow shot rounds of 68-68 to finish at 8-under par for the championship. Von Lossow won the title on the first playoff hole after a three way playoff with Mark Strickland and Cody Roth.

Alice Duan won the Women’s division after firing rounds of 70-68 to finish at 6-under par for the championship, one shot ahead of Jacqueline Bendrick and three clear of defending champion Victoria Fallgren.

Tom Brandes won the Senior Men’s division by shooting rounds of 68-72 to finish at 4-under for the championship.

This is the fifth title in this championship for Brandes, having also won in 2012, 2016, 2017 and 2018. Ten times he has been named WA Golf’s Senior Men’s Player of the Year.

Karen Johnson shot rounds of 77-82 to finish at 15-over for the championship, winning the Senior Women’s division by five shots over defending champion Leslie Folsom.

Oregon players win Mid-Am titles

Lara Tennant (73-71-144) and Jack Dukeminier (69-71-140) won their respective titles at the 33rd Oregon Mid-Amateur Championship played May 1-2 at Shadow Hills Country Club in Junction City. Tied going into No. 18 Sunday afternoon, Dukeminier sank a birdie putt to seal a come from behind victory and edge the field by a stroke.

Both champions have been here before with Tennant (2017, 2018, 2021) and Dukeminier (2017, 2020, 2021) having won this competition in three of the last five years. Tennant now has five Oregon Mid-Am titles, winning back in 2003 and 2008 as well. Dukeminier is the first repeat champion on the men’s side dating

back to when Jason Johnson won three in a row from 1997-99.

Lummi Nation set for tournament

The Lummi Nation Indian Tribe will be hosting its fourth annual Lummi Nation Golf Tournament, benefitting the Boys and Girls Clubs of Lummi Nation Aug. 27 at Loomis Trail Golf Club in Blaine.

The tournament is open to all golfers and sponsorships are being accepted.

Loomis Trail is the fifth-ranked public course in Washington and is part of the Lummi Nation’s Silver Reef Casino Resort.

For information on the tournament or for sponsorship info call 360.306.4142 or email Leanne Green at leanne.green@silver-reefcasino.com.

Kelly, Kirkebo win Four-Ball title

The team of Ryan Kelly of Gig Harbor and Tres Kirkebo of Lakewood shot rounds of 63-65 to successfully defend their title in winning the 64th Washington Men’s Four-Ball Championship; while Ken Jenson of Mountlake Terrace and Todd Tibke of Snohomish shot rounds of 71-64 to win the 27th Senior Men’s Four-Ball in a playoff.

The event was held at Desert Canyon.

In the Senior Men’s Four-Ball, Jenson and Tibke finished tied with the side of Tracy Quickstad of Kirkland and Dan Thacker of Edmonds before Jenson and Tibke took home the title in a playoff.

In the Super Senior division, the team of Mike Jonson of Sammamish and Larry Daniels of Bremerton captured the title with rounds of 67-70.

Fox, Titus claim women’s Four-Ball

The team of Kim Titus of Fox Island and Kelly Gardner of Gig Harbor shot rounds of 71-78 to win the 21st Washington Women’s Four-Ball Championship,

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:

- June 8-10: Senior Men’s Amateur at Wine Valley, Walla Walla, Wash.
- June 8-10: Super Senior Men’s Amateur at Wine Valley, Walla Walla, Wash.
- June 8-10: Senior Women’s Amateur at Wine Valley, Walla Walla, Wash.
- June 8-10: Super Senior Women’s Amateur at Wine Valley, Walla Walla, Wash.
- 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:

- June 15-16: Senior and Super Senior Women’s Amateur at Fairwood CC, Renton.
- June 15-17: Women’s Amateur and Mid-Amateur at Fairwood CC, Renton.
- July 6-8: Men’s Amateur at Gold Mountain, Bremerton, 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.

held at Rainier Golf and Country Club. Taking home the Net title in the Women’s Four-Ball are Tammy Curtis of Edmonds and Susan Pruitt of Seattle.

The Washington Women’s Four-Ball is one of 14 championships conducted annually by WA Golf during the 2021 golf season.



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Juniper: Award-winning Central Oregon course is a treat with its terrific backdrop

By Steve Turcotte, Editor Inside Golf Newspaper

As you work your way around Juniper Golf Course in Redmond, Ore. it is sometimes tough to keep focused on the task at hand - and that is hitting your golf ball.

Not only is the award-winning course a challenge, but it offers some views that must be seen to be believed. There in the background is Mt. Bachelor, Broken Top, the Three Sister, Three Fingered Jack ... you get the picture. And if you don't, you should.

The history of Juniper Golf Course is an interesting one. It opened as a public course years ago, but was forced to close and then a new Juniper was created by Northwest architect John Harbottle III and opened in 2005.

And when it did, the awards were not too far behind. It started with a Best New Course award from *Golf Digest* back in 2006 and the awards just kept on coming. Juniper was also listed as the Best Course You Can Play in Oregon and the Best Municipal Course in Oregon, also by *Golf Digest*.

The course itself sits on Central Oregon's high desert with plenty of challenges and even better views of the surrounding area. The course can stretch to as long as 7,186 from the tips to a more forgiving just over 5,000 yards from the forward tees.

The layout has been a favorite of the Oregon Golf Association and the Pacific Northwest Section PGA for setting up championships. The Oregon Open has been held at Juniper Golf Course several times and the course has also hosted many amateur championships, including being a site for U.S. Amateur qualifiers. The Juniper Best Ball is always a popular event.

A double-ended practice facility offers plenty of ways to work on your game with two practice greens and a practice bunker.

And after the round The View Tap and Grill is the place for some food and beverages.

For more information call 541.548.3121.



Juniper Golf Course in Redmond, Ore. has some history after the original course was replaced by a new one.

Juniper Golf Course

- **Location:** Redmond, Ore.
- **Designer:** John Harbottle Jr.
- **Course facts:** Course has four sets of tees ranging in yardages from over 7,100 yards to just over 5,000 yards. Course features terrific views of Mt. Bachelor, Broken Top, the Three Sisters and more Course has hosted the Oregon Open and been a U.S. Amateur qualifier site.
- **Rates:** Greens fee for 18 holes range from \$27 to \$70 during the summer months.
- **General Manager:** Rob Malone.
- **Information:** 541.548.3121.



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NW golfer decides one ace in a round isn't enough and then gets a second one

When August Leinweber Jr. teed it up during a recent round at Echo Falls Golf Club in Snohomish, he was just hoping to finish his round before darkness set in. He did just that - but much, much more.

The 55-year-old Leinweber had never had a hole in one in his 40 years of playing golf. He was a solid player shooting in the low 80's just about every time out but a hole in one had always eluded him.

Until this day.
Not only did Leinweber have one hole in one - he had two. That's no typo, Leinweber had a pair of aces in the span of six holes.

The odds of a hole in one? How about 12,500-1. The odds of making two in one round of golf? Try 167 million to 1.

Let's set the stage.
Leinweber was out for a round of golf with his son August III at Echo Falls- teeing it up late in the day and hoping to finish before darkness came. On the 13th hole, an uphill 177-yard par-3, Leinweber hit a shot that neither he nor his son could see. August III saw the ball first in the hole.

When they got the 18th hole, darkness was coming fast. So fast that a couple of groups in front of them quit. That didn't stop Leinweber and his son from finishing

their round. After both hit their tee shots, they headed for the green. The first ball they saw was August's III ball, which was sitting on the fringe.

Leinweber's ball was nowhere to be found. After looking for a bit, he decided to drop a ball from the fringe and putt. He left the putt short but when he got closer to the hole, there it was. His tee shot had gone in for the second hole in one.

NW pros take part in national event

Several players from the Pacific Northwest challenged for a spot in the 2021 PGA Championship at the Ocean Course at Kiawah Island, but they came up just short during the PGA Club Professional Championship in Florida.

Former PGA Tour player Omar Uresti won the tournament, leading 20 players into this year's PGA Championship.

But some Pacific Northwest professionals fared well, including Colin Inglis who tied for 35th, Tim Feenstra who tied for 48th, Corey Prugh who tied for 48th and Russell Grove who tied for 55th.

Reaching the tournament but missing the cut were Northwest professionals Derek Berg, Brady Sharp and Darren Black.

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 • 76th on the list with \$1,107,346
- Robert Garrigus • Gresham • No Events
- Scott Harrington • Portland • 168th on the list with \$274,208
- Ryan Moore • Puyallup • 180th on the list with \$209,100
- Cheng Tsung Pan • Ex-UW • 80th on the list with \$1,080,872
- Andrew Putnam • Tacoma • 89th on the list with \$1,021,657
- Kyle Stanley • Gig Harbor • 116th on the list with \$767,448
- Nick Taylor • Ex-UW • 130th on the list with \$574,854
- Aaron Wise • Ex-Oregon • 52nd on the list with \$1,669,673

Korn Ferry Tour

- Alistar Docherty • Vancouver, Wash. • 267th on the list with \$2,514
- Robert Garrigus • Gresham • 161st on the list with \$25,016
- Andres Gonzales • Olympia • 152nd on the list with \$30,430
- Alex Prugh • Spokane • 129th on the list with \$44,748
- Dylan Wu • Medford • 30th on the list with \$214,743

Champions Tour

- Fred Couples • Seattle • 15th on the list with \$859,676
- Bob Gilder • Corvallis • No Events
- Brian Henninger • Eugene • No Events
- Peter Jacobsen • Portland • No Events
- Kirk Triplett • Pullman • 28th on the list with \$572,245

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 • 130th on the list with \$12,857
- Jing Yan • Ex-UW • 75th on the list with \$51,100

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 • 15th on the list with \$22,070
- Kim Welch • Ex-WSU • No Events

Did you know....

- The Washington Women's Amateur is being held at Fairwood G&CC in Renton on June 15-17. First held in 1994, it was the first time that private club and public women players competed in the same championship for the state title. Past champions include LPGA Tour player and Golf Channel analyst Paige Mackenzie.
- 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 thepga.org for details and updates and who will be inducted this year into the PNGA Hall of Fame.




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The Lesson Tee: The backswing is a key because it sets so many things into motion

I trust everyone is in full “Golf Mode.” I would advise a balance of practice, play and competition. Don’t forget fun also in the process.

Let’s look at our backswing. The backswing sets so many things in order.

The backswing has two main purposes;
1) Accumulate power by turning and hinging.
2) Get our body, shaft and club in proper position to fire a straight line on plane to the hitting zone and golf ball.

See Photo 1: Tiger is turning, coiling, folding arms and hinging wrists to accumulate power. Purpose 1 of the backswing. (I fully believe imitation is a lost art in improvement. Copy this. Notice left shoulder moves down not level. Notice also very little weight shift. Important in true physics. Also see Fowler in photo 2.

Backswing Purpose 2; get in proper position to make line for hitting zone. See Photo 3.

Golfers make a deadly mistake (teachers also) of not realizing the importance of depth to the golf swing. We swing in an arc or circle on an incline; not a straight line. Golfers would do better to have a bit lower backswing. This would allow them to not be so “over the top” of the proper plane!

Notice how Tiger’s left arm is close to covering his right shoulder. This helps backswing depth. As does some hip turn. Most golfers should feel as if at the top of the backswing the touch a wall with their hands.

Let’s keep that golf mode going.

Jeff Coston is multi-time winner of the Pacific Northwest PGA Player of the Year. He is also a former PGA Tour player. Jeff can be reached for appointment by calling Semiahmoo at 360 201 4590. See jeffcoston.com.



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Photo #1



Photo #2



Photo #3

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Rules of the Game: Know when you can adjust the club

At one time golf equipment was pretty basic and the golfer knew there was nothing to blame but him/herself when the shot went awry. Today with the advent of technology there is no end of ways to “fix” the problems, especially if you are willing to spend a little money. The adjustable driver is readily available and tinkering with it is common. The question is, what do the Rules of Golf say about adjusting the driver to account for the slice that has appeared out of nowhere today?

The answer: It all depends when you do it. Adjusting the settings at any time prior to the first stroke of the game is just fine. Adjusting it while you are playing a round that you have no intention of entering into your handicap scores is also accepted. The problem is if you are playing in a competition or in a game that will count for handicap purposes and if you adjust it after your game has begun. Now you are required to abide by the Rules of Golf and the Rules say you will be penalized for adjusting it IF you make a stroke with it and it's the big one; disqualification (the Rules say this is like cheating, so no little two stroke penalty).

The Rules give you some wiggle room if you have not made a stroke with the adjusted club. You can either return it to the original setting with no penalty and continue to use it or you can simply put it in your bag as is, count it as one of your 14 clubs, and refrain from using it, again with no penalty. By the way, having a buddy adjust it for you is still your responsibility and the same penalties apply.

The Rules of Golf also anticipated golf clubs becoming damaged in a variety of ways. If a club is damaged through normal wear and tear, it may be used in its non-conforming state or you can have it repaired by restoring it as nearly as possible to the condition it was in before the damage happened during the round. You are required to use the original grip, shaft and clubhead. The Rules



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allow for repairing a club that has been damaged by the player, any other person or outside influence or natural forces, in other words, pretty much anything you can think of. This generously includes damage that results from you, the player, even if you were “abusing” the club.

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The moral of this story is: If your swing's not perfect, that's okay, none of us are either.

Teaching family and friends

Do you have a friend or family member you'd like to get into golf but not sure where to start? There are many beginner golf classes for juniors and adults available, but sometimes the best way is for you to introduce them (I'm assuming the person reading this is already an avid golfer). You have the advantage over a teaching professional, because they already trust you and are comfortable around you. However, this relationship is not all you need to get them hooked. Here are three tips when introducing someone new to the game.

Tip #1 – Do not attempt to take them to the golf course on day one. Instead, introduce them to one of the many golf-like experiences that have been created. The most obvious golf-like experience is your local driving range. The best ranges are designed to have practice areas identical to the golf course they're tied to. Simulate playing golf at these areas while introducing how to keep score and golf terms. There are many golf vocab words that must be explained to someone new, such as, par, birdie, bogey, tee box, fairway, rough, green, bunker, hazard, ball mark, divot, chunk, skull, thin, hook, slice, draw, fade, and (most importantly) fore!

If you don't believe a standard driving range is stimulating enough for them, then seek out one of the more new golf-like experience. There's an arcade-style driving range, indoor virtual golf simulator, an underground bar with miniature golf, or even a foot golf course. Can you guess what places I'm referring to? Many of these are available in your area.

Tip #2 - The National Golf Foundation did some extensive research to find out the most popular reason someone fell in love with the game. It's called Shot Euphoria. We all know what this is, because it's the one thing that keeps us coming back to the game. This term refers to the first time someone hits the sweet spot of the golf club and the ball goes farther and higher than they've ever hit before. If someone can experience Shot Euphoria the first time they hit golf balls, then you have the best chance of getting them hooked to the game, statistically speaking. However, we know this is easier said than done,



especially if you don't have formal golf instruction training.

Here's a quick insight into beginner swing instruction. Most beginner golfers struggle to get the ball into the air due to a poor set up or swing mechanics. Ensure proper setup before you work on in-swing mechanics. Understand that most beginners struggle getting the ball in the air, because they try to scoop the ball into the air or release the club way too early on the down swing. This leads to thin or chunky shots. The quickest way to prevent this is to incorporate a slight forward press at address and encourage them to maintain this position at impact. A quick understanding of the club face and its grooves will help them realize that when you hit the ball on the down swing the club will do the work for them and get the ball airborne.

Obviously, there are many other swing mechanics I've skipped here, but that was done intentionally. This insight into proper in-swing mechanics is for you to understand, not necessarily for them. Try not to over complicate it on day one. Just get a short to mid iron in their hands and let them try. Only add this information if they ask. The goal is simply to experience Shot Euphoria once. When it happens, they'll know.

See July's issue of Inside Golf for Part 2 of teaching family and friends.

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