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## Fall golf in the Northwest: One of the best times to tee it up

The Pacific Northwest is known for a couple of things when the calendar turns to fall: Golf courses are in terrific shape, the weather is good and prices at golf courses tend to drop. At places like Juniper Golf Club in Redmond, Ore. (right) fall golf is always a treat with the changing of the colors. For more, see the special section inside this issue of Inside Golf Newspaper.



# **WHAT'S NEW IN NW GOLF**

### **Bandon Dunes has sights** set on a sixth golf course

As if five golf courses are not enough, officials at Bandon Dunes are looking at building a sixth golf course.

The course would be on a piece of land the resort had originally planned for the Bandon Muni course, south of town along the New River. The land is covered in sand dunes and dotted with scattered pines. The course is tentatively titled "New River Dunes.

While an architect hasn't been officially named, it appears that David McLay-Kidd, who submitted a "very strong routing" according to sources. McLay-Kidd was the architect behind the resort's first links, Bandon Dunes, which opened in 1999 and ranks seventh on Golf Digest's most recent ranking of America's 100 Greatest Public Courses.

Plans for New River Dunes have not been finalized and timing on construction is unclear, but the resort is already in the approval process, sources confirmed.

Bandon Dunes Golf Resort's fifth 18-hole links, The Sheep Ranch, opened last summer to acclaim. Along with Bandon Dunes and Sheep Ranch the resort boasts five 18-hole courses in Pacific Dunes (ranked second on America's Top 100 Greatest Public Courses), Bandon Trails and Old Macdonald, along with a 13-hole par-3, Brandon Preserve.

### **Cambia Portland Classic** LPGA event changes sites

The LPGA will make its return to the Portland area in 2021 but this time the LPGA Cambia Portland Classic will take place at a new site - the Oregon Golf Club.

The event is set for Sept. 16-19 at the Oregon Golf Club, which replaces the old host golf course Columbia Edgewater Country Club.

The tournament is the longest-running event on the LPGA schedule having been started in 1972 and now in its 49th year of play. The tournament traditionally features one of the strongest fields on the LPGA Tour.

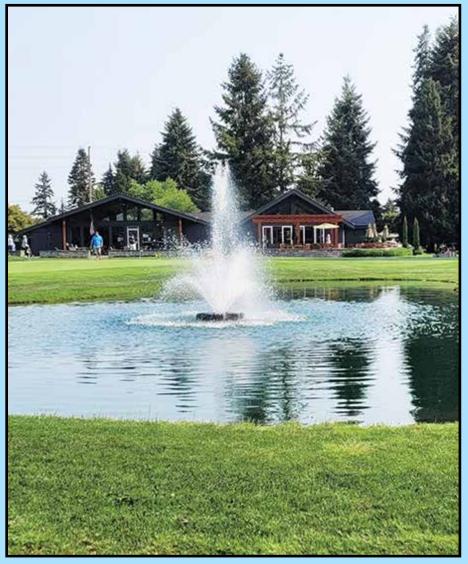
The move in venues was made because of the numerous homeless camps set up near Columbia Edgewater and the parking areas the tournament uses.

The tournament will be televised on the Golf Channel all four days of the event.

## **Rules Quiz**

In stroke play, a player's tee shot is "known or virtually certain" to have come to rest in an area of "ground under repair" but was not found after a three-minute search by the player. He again played from the tee under Rule 18.1, which came to rest close but outside the area of "ground under repair". The player then realized he could have proceeded under "abnormal ground condition" relief (Rule 16.1e) without penalty. He lifts the second ball played from the tee, drops the ball in accordance with Rule 16.1e and plays out the hole, taking three strokes from there. What is the player's score on the hole? See answer on page 2.

### Tacoma's Highlands celebrates 90th anniversary milestone



There is plenty to like at Highlands Golf Course in Tacoma now. It's 90 years old, but who's counting? So, what's new at the Highlands Golf **Course in Tacoma? How about four** miles of irrigation pipe, a completely remodeled building with a new McDuff's café and a huge new outdoor patio attached, new fountains, a Scottish bridge, a new outdoor fireplace and fire pit, a pair of new lakes plus the "greenest greens you'll ever see." See inside for more on Highlands.



# **Amateur Sekulic** sets a record in winning the crown at Northwest Open

It was amateur hour at the Northwest Open Invitational at Wine Valley Golf Club in Walla Walla, Wash.

Amateur Max Sekulic of Washington State University won the Northwest Open Invitational and set a tournament record along the way with a 54-hole total of 23-under-par 193.

By winning the Northwest Open, Sekulic continued his hot summer of play. He won the recent Canadian Amateur Championship and finished second at the Rosauers Open Invitational. Sekulic finished off his tournament championship with a 10-under-par 62 in the final round with six birdies and two eagles. Sekulic had rounds of 66-65-62 along the way.

Sekulic won by four strokes over PGA Professional Derek Berg of the PNW Golf Academy. Rounding out the five in the tournament were Tyler Carlson of the Portland Golf Club at 12 under, Matt Epstein of Everett Golf and Country Club at 10 under the tied for fifth were Austin Hurt of Wing Point, Casey King of Tokatee and Shane Prante of the Home Course. All finished at 9 under par for the championship.

## **U.S. Amateur tournaments** highlight Bandon Dunes schedule with the USGA

When the United States Golf Association announced its blockbuster deal with Bandon Dunes Resort, the headline events were the resort hosting the U.S. Men's and Women's Amateurs.

The first championship on the schedule is the 2022 U.S. Junior Amateur. But after that, the events run through 2045 with a pair of U.S. Amateur Championships and three U.S. Women's Amateurs. Here is a look at the upcoming schedule for Bandon Dunes Report with the USGA:

2022: U.S. Junior Amateur

2025: U.S. Women's Amateur

2029: Walker Cup

20032: U.S. Amateur and U.S. Women's Amateur 2035: U.S. Girls Junior

2037: Amateur Four-Ball and Women's Four-Ball 2038: Curtis Cup

2041: U.S. Amateur and U.S. Women's Amateur 2045: U.S. Junior Amateur and U.S. Girls Junior

**Boeing Classic returns** to the NW after a year off from the pandemic

Rod Pampling shot a final-round 66 to come from behind and win the Boeing Classic at the Club at Snoqualmie Ridge, an event on the PGA Tour Champions schedule.

The Boeing Classic was not held in 2020 due to the Pandemic. Fans were excited to see the event return this year and were treated to a terrific event as Pampling won the event with a 12 under par score beating a trio of PGA Tour Champions players who finished second including Tim Herron, Billy Mayfair and Jim Furyk.

Please see inside for more on the 2021 Boeing





Rod Pampling came from behind to win (left); NW native Fred Couples was again a fan favorite this year.

# Summer travels: Trip to Sedona might not escape the heat, but does offer plenty to do

The summer months might seem like an odd time for an Arizona road trip, but when the road trip includes a visit to Sedona, the time couldn't be better. Sure the weather might be a little on the warm side, but in Sedona there are so many things to do on and off the golf course, any time is the right time for a Sedona visit.

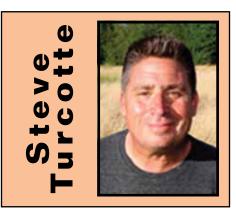
As you make your way up Interstate-17 from Phoenix, the town turns to desert. And hills. But before you reach Sedona there are places that are worth the time - like Out of Africa wildlife park. about 35 minutes south of Sedona. It's kind of like a lions and tigers and bears oh my kind of deal. OK stole that one from the Wizard of Oz. But there they are - the lions, the tigers, the white tiger, the bears, hyenas and just about every wildlife creature you can picture. There is even a Tiger Splash show.

For a warmup on the trip, not a bad deal. As you work your way up the back highway and make a turn, there it is: The stunning red rocks of Sedona. If the town is known for anything, it is the red rocks. Everywhere.

People head to Sedona for a variety of reasons: The art stores, the dining, the hotels with the terrific views, the off-road experiences, the hiking, you get the idea. But many people also head to Sedona for the golf. With two public courses (Oakcreek Country Club and Sedona Golf Resort) and one private (Seven Canyons), there is plenty of golf that features great views of the red rocks.

Off the course, Sedona is a tourist dream. On this trip my daughter and her boyfriend talked me into a hike called the Devil's Bridge. Being 59 years old, hiking is something that is never at the forefront of a trip, but this hike looked interesting. And it was. It was one of several hikes that people head to Sedona to do. After three miles, there it was: The Devil's Bridge. People went out to get their picture taken. Not me. I got my picture from the safety of the nearby rocks.

In the Sedona desert, an ATV ride on guads was a treat and a place called Slide Rock was a butt burner, as you slid down a river of rocks on your



keister. But it was just another adventure to find in

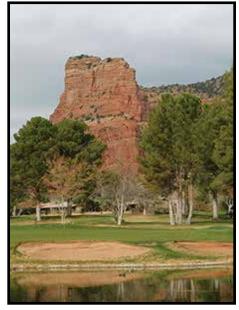
Will we go again? At least once a year, count on it. And we will never run out of things to do in Sedona.

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A road trip to Sedona, Ariz. is more than just golf, there is the beauty of the red rocks and a chance to visit wild animals.



Oakcreek Country Club is a solid Sedona golf choice.



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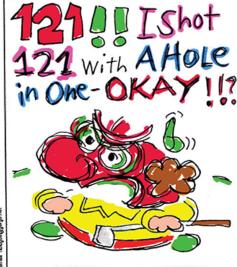
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### Double Bogey





# Harold Bluestein PGA



#### **Rules Answer**

Answer: His score is 8. Tee shots (2), approach shot (1), putts, (2), stroke and Distance Penalty (1) when he returned to the tee and, when he picked up the ball, dropped a ball and played from there he played from a wrong place (2 strokes). When players do what they think is fair it often leads to higher scores.

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# Oregon State golfer claims PNGA Men's Am; 12th annual Twin Lakes Amateur set Oct. 2-3

Alfred Raja of Corvallis, Ore. won the 119th Pacific Northwest Men's Amateur Championship with a 2&1 victory over Jordan Lee of Auburn, Wash. in the 36-hole final match.

The championship was held at The Idaho Club in Sandpoint, Idaho and was conducted by the Pacific Northwest Golf Association.

In the morning's round, Raja got hot early and jumped out to a quick lead going 2 up through nine and 5 up after the morning 18. The highlight of the morning came on the par-5 ninth hole when Alfred's third shot landed just behind the pin, spun back and rolled into the hole for an eagle.

In the afternoon round, Raja started to show some signs of weakness and Lee began to mount a comeback. Lee won five of the first ten holes to cut the deficit to just one. However, the valiant effort came up just short as Raja won three of the last six holes to hold onto the victory.

Raja, originally from Indonesia, is a rising sophomore on the Oregon State University Men's Golf Team. Earlier this month he made the Round of 16 at the Oregon Amateur.

#### Oregon junior goes low with 58

Davis Hartwell, a 13-year old from Klamath Falls, posted a 14-under par 58 in the final round of the Klamath Basin Junior Championship played in late July at Running Y Ranch in Klamath Falls. He won the Boys 12-13 division by 16 strokes.

Hartwell, who shot a 3-under par 69 on the first day, recorded 14 birdies in the final round for a blemish-free scorecard

He rattled off five birdies in a row on holes No. 2 through 6 and another five straight birdies on holes No. 8 through 12, before closing out the round with birdies in four of his last five holes.

The 58 he posted on Thursday is a new course

record at Running Y Ranch. His previous career-best score was a 64.

#### Idaho golfer wins Master-40

Jesse Hibler of Idaho defeated Craig Larson of Tacoma to win the 46th Pacific Northwest Master-40 Amateur Championship at Wildhorse Golf Course in Pendleton, Ore. The championship, which is conducted by the Pacific Northwest Golf Association (PNGA), consists of the top male amateur golfers in the Pacific Northwest over the age of 40.

Hibler, the No. 14 seed in the match-play bracket, was down one to Larson, the No. 1 seed, after 10 holes, but Hibler got hot, birdieing and winning the next four holes to take a 3-up lead after 14 before sealing the match on the 16th.

Hibler made a total of eight birdies in just 16 holes during the championship match, which was just too much for Larson to overcome.

#### 12th annual Twin Lakes Am is set

The 12th annual Twin Lakes Amateur Presented by Southgate Electric is set for Oct. 2-3 at Twin Lakes Golf and Country Club in Federal Way.

The event is open to all men and women with an established GHIN handicap. There are divisions for all levels of players. The event will be two days of stroke play at Twin Lakes Golf and Country Club.

Entry fee is \$150 and includes two rounds of golf, range balls, Friday night function before the event, tee prizes and lunch on Sunday following the final round of the tournament.

For more information, call 206.240.9029.

#### **Grow Golf Network has clinics**

Mike Whims, the founder of Grow Golf Network, along with PNGA Hall of Famer Ann Swanson, will hold clinics for beginning lady golfers through the

Grow Golf Network and Operation36 in September. The clinics for ladies will feature lessons plus two on course lessons and the clinics will continue in August and into September. Grow Golf is focusing on lady golfers and have begun working with moms of First Tee players.

For info Whims at mike@growgolfnetwork.com.

#### **PGA's new Forme Tour**

In April the PGA TOUR announced the creation of the Forme Tour for current PGA TOUR Canada members as a result of restrictions and other COVID-19-related issues at the U.S.-Canadian border.

For 2021, PGA TOUR Canada members are given access to the Forme Tour, allowing them the ability to compete in a series of U.S.-based events between June and September. The Forme Tour will provide Official World Golf Ranking points. See page 5 for player's standings.

#### Walter Hall replaces its greens

An error from a supplier was the cause for the greens at Everett's Walter Hall Golf Course to be replaced. The supplier sprayed the incorrect material on all of the 18th greens at the golf course, damaging every green.

As a result, work immediately began to fix the greens with new sod at Walter Hall. The plans call for the new greens to be ready by Labor Day Weekend in September.

#### PNGA crowns junior champions

Collin Hodgkinson of Beaverton, Ore. outlasted Ethan Evans of Mercer Island, Wash. 2 and 1 to win the 66th PNGA Junior Boys' Amateur Championship; and Kennedy Knox of Normandy Park, Wash. defeated Emma Wong of Bellevue, Wash. 10 and 8 to win the 65th PNGA Junior Girls' Amateur.

# Boeing Classic returns to NW with 2021 tourney

Pacific Northwest golf fans were disappointed when the PGA Tour Champions cancelled the

Boeing Classic for the 2020 season. But this year, the fans returned to the Club at Snoqualmie Ridge and were treated to a close finish as Rod Pampling won the event by one stroke over Tim Herron, Billy Mayfair and Jim Furyk.

Northwest players including Fred Couples Photo by Scott Bis finished tied for 26th and Kirk Triplett of Pullman Tim Herron tied for 49th.

Pampling eagled his first hole of the final round and went on to earn his first victory on the PGA Tour Champions.



Jim Furyk



# Highlands Golf Course in Tacoma celebrates a major milestone this year with its 90th anniversary in the NW

It's 90 years old, but who's counting? So, what's new at the Highlands Golf Course in Tacoma? How about four miles of irrigation pipe, a completely remodeled building with a new McDuff's café and a huge new outdoor patio attached, new fountains, a Scottish bridge, a new outdoor fireplace and fire pit, a pair of new lakes and hundreds of additional floral arrangements plus the "greenest greens you'll ever see."

If you don't golf, you probably wouldn't appreciate all that we are referring to, but if you do, just wait and see what's "at the ready" at the par three golfing "gem" near the Narrows Bridge. It's currently the 7th ranked golf course in the entire state of Washington and the only par 3 layout to be so honored, but those who play there will tell you ... "you ain't seen nothin' yet"!

So, who's responsible for "all of the above"? That would be its new owner, Jack Connelly. Jack and his wife Angela, and many of their nine children, have been actively involved with golf course operations since their purchase of the nine-hole facility last year. Initially their goal was to stage a spectacular 90th Anniversary Tournament there in 2021. Covid slowed those plans so they have gone to work on the course.

They had heard the complaints about the course conditions they inherited, however, and then listened to the many suggestions for improvements while actively exploring the potential changes which its past owners were not able to accomplish. All in all, it's been a" Happy New Year approach" rather than a 90th anniversary finale.

So, the celebration will be for a "brand new" facility instead of a near-century of "wear and tear" on one. The Connellys won't be satisfied with a number seven ranking. They not only have those high hopes for golf at Highlands but they want to be regarded as good neighbors to their hundreds of nearby homes and families with the addition of hosting certain com-

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A wood carving from an old tree features McDuff at Highlands Golf Course on the final hole (left); The clubhouse and McDuff's Cafe make a backdrop for the first hole.

munity events and activities.

An Easter Egg Hunt which attracted some 800 neighborhood youngsters this year was a huge success, for example, and there will be several similar gatherings in 2022.

Golf Tournaments are other events which have had to wait their turn. With all of the renovation and remodeling which has taken place and a sprinkling system which had to be shut down during much of the course construction, (which also came during two of the driest months on record), the course has been playable but not as attractive as needed for highly-competitive action and its spectators. That will soon

change.

Ask the Highlands "regulars" what they think and there is plenty of agreement about the future. There are 42 members in the Ladies Club there and 53 in its Men's Club and, to a person, they think course conditions will match any in the region once the various irrigation ditches are completely covered and the watering has had its chance for the turf to "go green" again.

Golf Pro Don Mojean, together with Bob Harris and Thomas Connelly have been dealing with all the new business in the Pro Shop while the friendly staff at McDuff's stands by to treat you to some beverages,

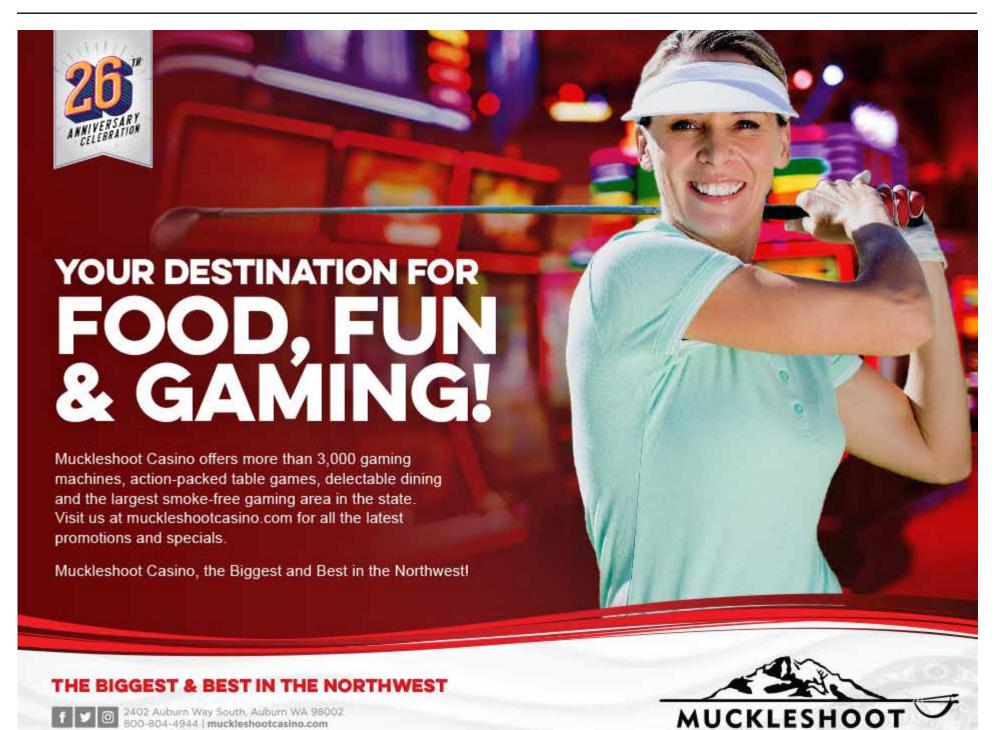
food and conversation after your round.

To date, what has been the verdict of the golfing public? They let their actions speak louder than words by coming back to play over and over again. In counting the rounds, Highlands has attracted some 21,000 already in 2021. There were 28,308 rounds played in the entire year of 2020.

With that kind of continued play, just imagine what our "celebration of the century" will be like 10 years from now?

For more information about Highlands Golf Course call 253.759.3622 or see the website at wwww.highlandsgolf.net.

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## Coston wins Senior Oregon Open for 9th time; **Prante claims title at Northwest Assistants**

Defending back-to-back champion PGA Profes-

sional Jeff Coston of Semiahmoo G&CC (Blaine, WA) (2020, 2019, 2018, 2017, 2012, 2011, 2009, and 2007) won the Senior Oregon Open Invitational by three strokes over 2006 Champion PGA Professional Rob Gibbons of Arrowhead GC (Molalla, OR).

Coston fired rounds of

66-67-68-201, 15-under par.

Low amateur honors went to Pat O'Donnell also of Arrowhead GC. He finished in a tie for fourth place in the tournament.

PGA Professional Scott Larsen of Golf Larz was low Super Professional Senior (36-hole competition).

The team led by PGA Professional Jeff Marsh and amateurs Greg Smith, Don Sheldon and George White for winning the team competition today at Wildhorse Golf Course for the Wildhorse Resort & Casino Senior Oregon Open Invitational.

The event returned for the 19th year in a row to

Wildhorse Resort and Casino in Pendleton, Ore.

#### **Prante wins NW Assistant title**

PGA Professional Shane Prante of The Home Course (DuPont,

WA) won in a onehole playoff against PGA Professional and 2019 Champion Colin Inglis of Shadow Hills CC (Junction City, OR) and defended his National Car Rental PNW PGA Assistant Professional Championship. They fired



10-under par during the 36-hole championship at Illahe Hills CC before Prante went on to birdie the first playoff

Prante, Inglis and Brady Sharp of Wine Valley GC (Walla Walla, WA) will represent the Northwest Section at the 45th PGA Assistant Championship supported by Srixon | Cleveland Golf | XXIO | Asics and John Deere, to be held November 11-14 at PGA Golf Club, Wanamaker Course in Port St. Lucie, Florida.

#### Did you know....

• Why does your Handicap Index rarely seem

to reflect how you actually play? A Handicap Index is based on your potential ability, not your scoring average. You will probably only play to your Handicap Index about 20-25% of the



time, or one out of every four or five rounds

• The Pacific Northwest Golf Association was founded in 1899 by six clubs

- Victoria Golf Club, Tacoma County and Golf Club, Waverley Country Club, Seattle Golf Club, Spokane Country Club and Butte Country Club. In 2021, Waverley Country Club, in south Portland, is celebrating its 125th year.



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# **Tour Players With Northwest ties**

#### **PGA Tour**

- Kevin Chappell Kirkland 185th on the list with \$282,510
- Ben Crane Portland No events
- Joel Dahmen, Clarkston 86th on the list with \$1,452,347
- Cameron Davis Australia (Member at Sahalee) 39th on the list with \$2,685,206
- Robert Garrigus Gresham No events
- Scott Harrington Portland 176th on the list with \$370,388
- Ryan Moore Puyallup 142nd on the list with \$777,994
- Cheng Tsung Pan Ex-UW 106th on the list with \$1,227,777
- Andrew Putnam Tacoma 81st on the list with \$1,572,704
- Kyle Stanley
   Gig Harbor
   122nd on thelist with \$1,061,178
- Nick Taylor Ex-UW 139th on the list with \$862,159
- Aaron Wise Ex-Oregon 58th on the list with \$2,072,563

#### **Korn Ferry Tour**

- Alistar Docherty Vancouver, Wash. 317th on the list with \$2,514
- Robert Garrigus Gresham 182nd on the list with \$25,016
- Andres Gonzales Olympia 169th on the list with \$35,88
- Alex Prugh
   Spokane
   Finished 139th on the list with \$57,497
- Dylan Wu Medford 15th on the list with \$367,750

#### **Champions Tour**

- Fred Couples Seattle 13th on the list with \$1,452,686
- Peter Jacobsen
   Portland
   204th on the list with \$3,360
- Kirk Triplett Pullman 34th on the list with \$710,940

#### **Forme Tour**

- Corey Pereira Ex-UW 22nd on list with 251 points
- Andrew Yun Tacoma 17th on the list with 276 points

#### **LPGA Tour**

- Carolyn Inglis Eugene 134th on the list with \$35,898
- Jing Yan Ex-UW 113th on the list with \$77,765

#### **LPGA Symetra Tour**

- Olivia Benzin
   Tacoma
   150th on the list with \$2,189
- Jamie Huo Kent No events
- Erynne Lee Silverdale 147th on the list with \$2,344
- Kathleen Scavo Ex-Oregon •164th on the list with \$1,494
- Gigi Stoll Tigard 31st on the list with \$30,405

# **Boeing Classic deal extended for three more** years, stays at the Club at Snoqualmie Ridge

The Boeing Classic has been extended for three years and will continue at The Club at Snoqualmie Ridge through at least 2024, it was jointly announced by Boeing, PGA Tour Champions and Virginia Mason Franciscan Health. The tournament, which began in 2005, is operated by Virginia Mason and benefits the Benaroya Research Institute and The First Tee of Greater Seattle.

"We are excited to announce the continuation of our incredible partnership with Boeing," said PGA Tour Champions President Miller Brady. "The Pacific Northwest has been an exceptional host for PGA Tour Champions for over 15 years and we're grateful to continue playing at The Club at Snoqualmie Ridge. This tournament has emerged as a player-favorite because of the outstanding hospitality and conditions, as well as the warm welcome from the Seattle community, and I'm confident that it will continue to be a premier event

on the annual PGA Tour Champions calendar."

Since the tournament's inception, over \$10 million has been donated to local charities in the Puget Sound region. The main beneficiary of the tournament is the Benaroya Research Institute, which is committed to eliminating autoimmune diseases such as type 1 diabetes, rheumatoid arthritis, inflammatory bowel disease and multiple sclerosis, as well as immune system diseases such as allergies, asthma and COVID-19.

The Boeing Classic was formed in 2005 and is being contested at The Club at Snoqualmie Ridge for the 16th time this year. The Club at Snoqualmie Ridge, which was designed by Jack Nicklaus and originally opened in 1999, was voted the "Most Beautiful Clubhouse" in Washington state by Architectural Digest in 2018 for its "craftsman-inspired decor...and expansive windows."

The Club at Snoqualmie Ridge's par-72, 7,264-yard layout is always one of the tour's favorites.





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# The Lesson Tee: Stop being 'trapped' in the bunker and find a way to get yourself out

I just gave another "Bunker Lesson" today. I could almost feel the tension rise as my client stepped into what they called "the TRAP." I mentioned the first golfer who coined the word TRAP for BUNKER wasn't very good at that aspect of the game.

Bunker play definitely has some technique; no question. Good bunker play, as in any aspect of the game requires a proper mindset also.

Bunker practice is usually an afterthought. Seldom practiced; usually as a 911 emergency rather than 411 information.

Here are some principles and ways to practice to improve "bunker play."

The first thing you will need to do is start with a wide stance, far from the golf ball, low hands, ball forward, weight left, dig feet in sand. This set up is very important. Wide stance equals a solid base. Hands low uses the voice on the back/bottom of the club. Weight left to hit down and through the sand to propel the ball out of the sand.

Here is another non-negotiable! Most golfers need to open the club face at address to use the bounce of the club. Splash the sand with the bottom/bounce not the leading edge of the club face.

Check Photo 1. Imagine a square around your ball. With your weight feeling well left at address and staying there throughout the swing; take out all the sand in the square with the bounce of your wedge. For every bunker shot, take the same amount of sand and use the same point entering into the sand. Your speed of rotation determines how far it goes. We know the club never strikes the ball. Taking out the square propels the ball out. Here is a great drill!

Jeff Coston



For every bunker shot, you take the same amount of sand and use the same point entering into the sand. Your speed of rotation determines how far the ball goes. The club never strikes the ball.

See photo 2. Place a 2x4 level with the sand. Practice striking the board with the bounce. Next put sand on the board and strike the board and splash the sand. Finally, place a ball on the board with sand. Strike the board, splashing the sand; watch the ball come out softly.

Come out to amazing Semiahmoo Resort and see me on the lesson tee to work on that bunker game - and more.

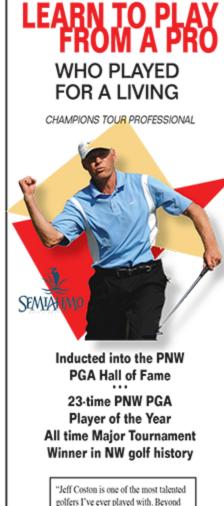
Jeff Coston is a member of the Pacific Northwest Section PGA Hall of Fame. He is a multi-time Section Player of the Year. Jeff can be reached for appointment at 360 201 4590 or see jeffcoston.com.



Photo #



Photo #2



"Jeff Coston is one of the most talented golfers I've ever played with. Beyond that, he's one of the nicest guys I know." Tom Lehman...

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# Rules of the Game: What happens when your ball is lost or heads out of bounds during play?

It's always interesting to consider where the current rules come from. No, I don't mean historic documents like the original "Thirteen Rules of Golf", I mean the true origins back in Scotland where lan and Angus are playing their weekly game of golf in the hills next to MacGregor's sheep paddock.

lan and Angus are walking down the hillside to the flagged target area and lan realizes he cannot find his ball. The conversation goes like this....

- "Angus, I've got a wee problem."
- "Aye, lan, me son, you do, indeed."
- "I cannot find me ball and I've checked everywhere. I fear it's crossed over into MacGregor's sheep paddock and you know how hoppin' mad he gets if we go in among his sheep."

Angus nods sagely and agrees, "Indeed he loes"

lan sighs, "I guess me game is over as I cannot play without me ball."

To which Angus suggests they head back for a pint saying, "It's really too bad we couldn't get the ball back out of MacGregor's paddock. I was looking forward to an afternoon on the links with you."

Suddenly lan brightens and says, "What if I took an extra stroke, like a penalty, and dropped another ball from where I played the last one? Do you not think that would be fair? It would give me a way to continue playing and yet wouldn't give me an advantage over you. What do you think?"

After a moment to weigh the pros and cons, Angus replies, "That's a fair solution, let's do it. Our pint can wait."

Thus stroke and distance for a ball that cannot be found or is out of bounds was born. During the next weeks, Sean and Shamus both took advantage of the new option and word spread quickly that this was a great way to let the unfortunate player keep playing without giving an undue advantage to



either the player who had lost their ball nor to their opponent. After all, the Scots are stoic folks and fairness in their game is paramount. It took a while for them to add in that a provisional ball hit from the same spot for a ball feared to be lost or out of bounds would save time and steps, but being

also meant the celebratory pints would be hoisted sooner and if less steps were involved in the process, even better. Deciding that the golfer could keep playing the provisional until they reached the area they believed their original shot would be was also typical Scots practicality.

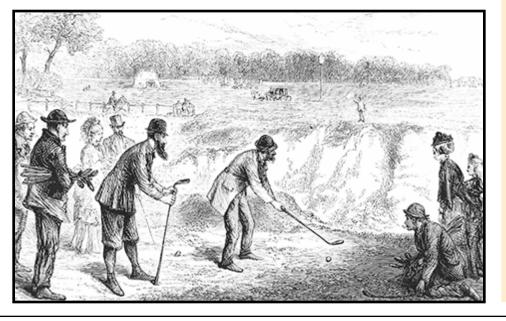
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practical by nature, it was a logical adaptation. It

Determining that if the original was found, it had to be played and the provisional abandoned was the fairest solution to everyone involved and we follow this set of guidelines today. And you know the dour Scotsman would definitely approve of our new three minute time limit to search for a ball, after all, why waste time?!

So that how the current Rule 18 started (maybe).

We're not sure if the sheep ate the balls, which were fortunately made of tightly wound and bound feathers inside a leather cover, or if MacGregor retrieved them and sold them back to the golfers at the weekly market....after all, frugality is important.



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# **Chipping sometimes** means back to basics

• Editor's note: This is the second of a two-part series on getting back to the basics for chipping by Ryan Young of Chambers Bay.

If you want help controlling your chipping distance, then work on your tempo and rhythm. A putting stroke is like a pendulum, and so should a chipping stroke be. If you are taking the club too far back, you will have too much energy and subconsciously decelerate through impact. If you don't take the club back far enough, you'll tend to rush through impact causing more inconsistency. Stick to an equal distant back swing to follow through stroke, keep a smooth tempo and rhythm, and let gravity to the rest.

If you stop trying to make good contact with a chip and instead focus on lagging it close, you will shoot lower scores. Even if you hit it thin and it stops by the hole, you have a greater chance of saving par! This is how we separate playing the game from hitting the ball.

For help breaking down the chipping stroke in a simple step-by-step process, download my new training app, Boosta Training. You'll get access to my training videos, upload your swing videos, and get feedback from me throughout each step. This is a great way of training one-on-one with me remotely.

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