



Sedona's Seven Canyons offers a golf test with some terrific views

If you have ever played golf in Sedona, Ariz. the thing that gets your attention right away are the red rocks. They are everywhere. And when you combine that type of scenery with a place like Seven Canyons (right) what you get is a terrific golf experience. Seven Canyons might be private but there are still ways to experience the course. See Page 2 for more on Seven Canyon.



WHAT'S NEW IN NW GOLF

Inactive scoring posting is underway in the NW

Inactive Score Posting Season began around the Pacific Northwest on November 15th.

Here are some things to keep in mind when it comes to the inactive scoring season:

- If you play golf during our Inactive Score Posting Season in an area where scores are still being accepted for handicap purposes, you must post those scores as soon as practicable - at golf courses in places like Hawaii, Arizona and Florida.
- View the full list of active score posting seasons around the country.
- Your handicap will continue to be revised daily when you post an eligible score, even during the off-season.
- If you have any questions regarding the off-season, please contact the Handicap Department at handicapping@wagolf.org.



Former PGA Player of the Year wins PGA event

A former Pacific Northwest Golf Association Player of the Year found the winner's circle for the first time on the PGA Tour.

Adam Svensson captured the RSM Classic at Sea Island, GA, giving him his first career PGA Tour victory.

Svensson, of Surrey, British Columbia was named the PPGA Junior Player of the Year in 2012 and then the PPGA Player of the Year in 2024.

It was Svensson's 70th career start on the PGA Tour and this victory earned him status for the next two years on tour, an invite to The Masters and other championship events.

This is Svensson's second season on tour.

Rules question of the month

A player's ball comes to rest on the putting green. A puddle of temporary water is directly on her "line of play" to the hole. After looking over the situation it turns out the "nearest point of complete relief" not nearer the hole that avoids the water is off of the putting green a couple feet in the rough. What would you advise her?

See the answer on page 2 of this section of Inside Golf Newspaper.

USGA, R&A update rules of golf for 2023 season

The USGA and The R&A have unveiled a regular update to the Rules of Golf as they continue to make the Rules easier to understand and apply. The new Rules will go into effect on January 1, 2023.

The 2023 edition continues the modernization process, with an emphasis on both inclusion and sustain ability. For the first time, the modified Rules for players with disabilities have been fully incorporated into the playing rules without the need to adopt a local rule. The governing bodies, supported by long-standing partner Rolex, will also promote digital and mobile app access to the Rules while significantly reducing the production and distribution of more than 4 million printed books.

Several penalties have been relaxed and language has been clarified to help golfers at all levels of play.

Key changes include:

• Modifications for Players with Disabilities: The modifications to the Rules for players with disabilities have been made part of the Rules and are in effect for

• **Club Damaged During Round: The Rule has been amended to allow a player to replace a club that is damaged during a round, provided the player did not damage it through abuse.**

all players who are classified in the categories covered in Rule 25

• Handicap Usage in Stroke Play: With the continued growth of score-posting technology following the adoption of the World Handicap System™, players are no longer penalized for failing to put their handicap on their scorecard in stroke play. The committee will be responsible for ensuring the accuracy of each player's handicap.

• Club Damaged During Round: The Rule has been amended to allow a player to replace a club that is damaged during a round, provided the player did not

damage it through abuse.

• Ball Moved by Natural Forces: A new exception provides that a ball at rest must be replaced if it moves to another area of the course or comes to rest out of bounds after being dropped, placed or replaced.

• Back-on-the-Line Relief Procedure: The back-on-the-line relief procedure, often used for penalty area and unplayable ball relief, has been simplified so that the player now drops their ball on the line, and the ball must come to rest within one club-length of where it is dropped.

Olympia's Indian Summer is a great winter spot and now open to the public



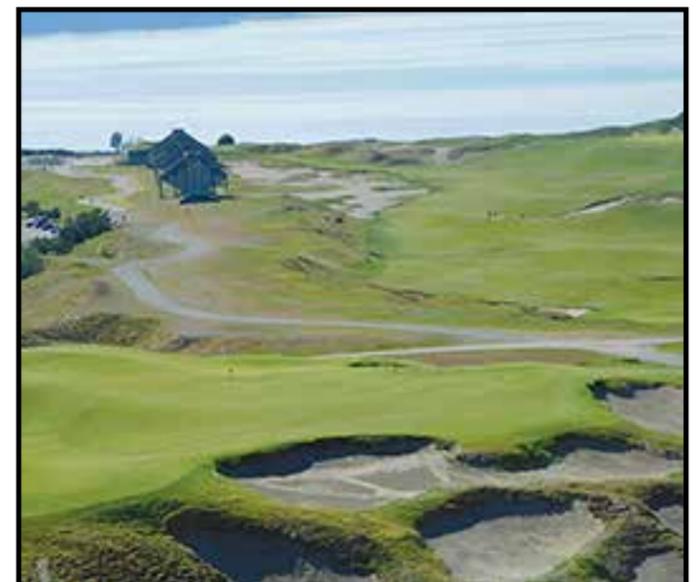
It may not seem like it but Indian Summer in Olympia, Wash. is 30 years old this year. The course started out as public then went to private but is open to the public again as of this year. The Peter L. H. Thompson designed golf course is built to rigid, tournament-caliber specifications with magnificent, old-growth forest and an abundance of water features. For more see inside this section of Inside Golf.

Chambers Bay, Gold Mountain ranked among the top municipals in the country

A pair of municipal golf courses in the Pacific Northwest have been ranked among the top 10 municipals in the country. Chambers Bay in University Place is ranked second while Gold Mountain in Bremerton is eighth on the list.

Home to the 2010 U.S. Amateur, the 2015 U.S. Open, and the 2022 U.S. Women's Amateur, this Pierce County layout near Tacoma unfolds atop an old gravel mine at the southeast tip of Puget Sound, 45 minutes south of Seattle. Stretching nearly 7,700 yards, this walking-only, Robert Trent Jones II design now boasts smooth poa annua greens that replaced the old bumpy fescue surfaces in 2019. What hasn't changed is the superb routing and variety of holes over firm and fast terrain where links-style tactics are often the prudent play.

Located on the Olympic Peninsula 25 miles west of Seattle, this 36-hole city-owned complex sports a medal-winning 1996 design from John Harbottle III. Host to the 2006 U.S. Public Links Championship, where Anthony Kim reached the final, and to the 2011 U.S. Junior Amateur, won by Jordan Spieth, Gold Mountain's Olympic stretches 7,104 yards. The layout features a flattish, forested front nine, followed by a hilly journey on the back, highlighted by the 357-yard par-four 15th.



Chambers Bay is ranked second in the country among top municipal golf courses.

Seven Canyons is just another reason to make Sedona a destination for golf travels

The history of Seven Canyons can trace its roots back to 1961 when the course first made its appearance on the Sedona landscape. But back in those days, long before the town turned into the thriving tourist town it is now, the course was hard to get to. And because of that, the golf dream never materialized.

Flash forward to 2000 plans soon took shape for a luxury development to go along with a golf course. The developers hired Tom Weiskopf to come up with a plan, and he toured the grounds on horseback, taking notes along the way. He came up with a plan.

And in April of 2003, Seven Canyons opened for play.

When you take the drive from the clubhouse to the driving range and pull up to hit some warm up shots, you get the idea of what you are about to experience. The towering red mountains provide a scenic backdrop at the driving range, giving you a taste for what is to happen when you drive to the first tee.

There are red mountain views on every hole. The course might not seem long at 6,819 from the tips, but with some tight fairways and trouble around the greens, this course give you everything you need.

As you wind your way around the course, it's sometimes hard to stay focused. The views are spectacular, the holes are challenging and when you finish, you want to head to the first tee to try it again.

Seven Canyons is a private course but if you visit Sedona, there are ways to play. The villas can be rented and that gives you one avenue to get on the course and the Enchantment Resort is another stay and play partner with Seven Canyons.

There are two other golf courses in Sedona, Oak Creek Country Club and Sedona Golf Resort. Seven Canyons gives the area three great courses. Many people visit Sedona for the arts, shopping and hiking. But those golf courses give golfers another reason to head to Sedona.

Seven Canyons has been award winner - being named among the top 20 golf courses in Arizona, named as one of the best golf resorts in the country, one of the top 100 residential courses and one of the top 10 golf courses with epic views.

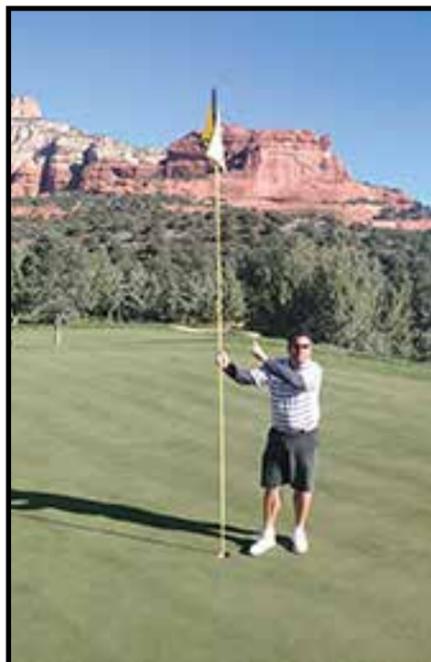


Steve Turcotte

As you wind your way around Seven Canyons, you will see these awards are well worth it. There's plenty to like on the course. And off the course there is even more to like with hiking, cycling, climbing, fishing, horseback riding and more.

Once you visit Sedona, you will be back.

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This tall flagstick at Seven Canyons on a par-4 hole, with a blind shot to the green, makes me look small; You get your first scenic look at the red rocks of Sedona when you make the trip to the driving range.



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Rules Answer

Answer: Place the original ball or another ball at the "nearest point of complete relief" off of the putting green. Rule 16.1d. Even though the ball is now off of the green the ball is placed not dropped.

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

British Columbia, Washington golfers lead the list for PNGA Players of the Year for the 2022 golf season

The Pacific Northwest Golf Association (PNGA) has announced the region's Players of the Year for 2022. Those honored include Men's Player of the Year, AJ Ewart of Coquitlam, B.C.; Women's, Lauryn Nguyen of Seattle, Wash.; Men's Mid-Amateur, Andrew Von Lossow of Spokane, Wash.; Women's Mid-Amateur, Krissy Carman of Eugene, Ore.; Senior Men's, Erik Hanson of Kirkland, Wash.; Senior Women's, Shelly Stouffer of Nanoose Bay, B.C.; Junior Boys', Max Herendeen of Bellevue, Wash.; and Junior Girls', Lauren Kim of Surrey, B.C.

• **Men's Player of the Year: AJ Ewart (Coquitlam, B.C.)**

Now a senior on the Barry University men's golf team in Miami, Fla., Ewart won seven individual collegiate titles this past year, was named a PING First Team All-American, and received the Jack Nicklaus Award as the NCAA Division II Player of the Year. He qualified for the U.S. Amateur, and received a sponsor's exemption to play in the PGA TOUR's RBC Canadian Open. He finished 13th in the Canadian Men's Amateur, and 29th in the Pacific Coast Amateur.

• **Women's Player of the Year: Lauryn Nguyen (Seattle, Wash.)**

A standout in the region's golf scene for several years as a junior player, Nguyen continued her success in 2022 by earning medalist honors and the No. 1 seed in the PNGA Women's Amateur, and then marching through the bracket to win the championship. She also finished third in the Washington Women's Amateur. Now a sophomore on Northwestern University's women's golf team, Nguyen was named the Big Ten Freshman of the Year last spring, and finished sixth at the Big Ten Championship.

• **Men's Mid-Amateur Player of the Year: Andrew Von Lossow (Spokane, Wash.)**

Playing in his first U.S. Amateur Championship at age 34, Von Lossow had earned co-medalist honors in

qualifying, and then survived a playoff at the championship proper to make it into match play as the No. 63 seed. He then knocked off the No. 3-ranked amateur player in the world in the round of 64 to make it to the round of 32, where he lost on the final hole of the match. He finished tied for third in the Washington Men's Amateur. Competing against the region's PGA professionals, he tied for third in the Oregon Open and tied for eighth in the Rosauers Open.

• **Women's Mid-Amateur Player of the Year: Krissy Carman (Eugene, Ore.)**

Carman had not played competitive golf since 2018, but once back on the course she racked up a win at the 2022 Oregon Women's Stroke Play Championship, earned medalist honors at the Oregon Women's Amateur, then runner-up finishes at the Oregon Women's Mid-Amateur and the OGA Tournament of Champions. Carman was the qualifying medalist for the U.S. Women's Mid-Amateur, and at the championship proper she ran the table in winning the national title, the crowning achievement of her comeback year.

• **Senior Men's Player of the Year: Erik Hanson (Kirkland, Wash.)**

In 2022, Hanson saw success locally, regionally and nationally. He won the PNGA Senior Men's Amateur and the Washington Senior Men's Amateur. He tied for fourth at the Washington Senior Open, tied for 13th in the PNGA Men's Mid-Amateur, and tied for 19th in the Washington Men's Mid-Amateur. Hanson has played in 15 USGA national championships, and this year was the first time he qualified for the U.S. Senior Amateur, where he made the round of 64.

• **Senior Women's Player of the Year: Shelly Stouffer (Nanoose Bay, B.C.)**

Stouffer earned regional and national titles all across North America. In short order, she won the PNGA Senior Women's Amateur, B.C. Senior Women's Amateur, Canadian Women's Mid-Amateur, Canadian Senior

Women's Amateur, and the U.S. Senior Women's Amateur.

• **Junior Boys' Player of the Year: Max Herendeen (Bellevue, Wash.)**

Herendeen took home a national title when he won the 2022 PGA Junior Boys' Championship. Locally, he won the WIAA 3A High School State Championship and the WJGA Players Open, and finished second in the Washington Men's Amateur, one shot back of the winner. He was the qualifying medalist at the PNGA Junior Boys' Amateur, and made it to the semifinals before coming up short of the finals.

• **Junior Girls' Player of the Year: Lauren Kim (Surrey, B.C.)**

Kim finished second in the Canada Summer Games, and third in the Canadian Women's Amateur. She had top-10 finishes in the Junior Orange Bowl Invitational, ANNIKA Invitational, NextGen Pacific Championship, and the World Junior Girls' Championship. She qualified for the U.S. Women's Open and the PGA Junior Girls' Championship.

Inglis, Coston named as 2022 Players of the Year

The Pacific Northwest Section PGA has awarded Colin Inglis and Jeff Coston as its Players of the Year and Senior Player of the Year.

Inglis won the 2022 Muckleshoot Casino Washington Open Invitational and the Oregon PGA Chapter Championship and had several top-10 finishes: 3rd at the PNW PGA Professional Championship, T-5th at the Pelzer Golf Oregon Open Invitational and T-10th at the Rosauers Open Invitational. He also placed T-6th at the National PGA Professional Championship, where he advanced to 2022 PGA Professional Championship, plus secured a spot for 2023 National PGA Professional Championship.

Coston had a great year, winning the 2022 Senior Players' Championship and the Senior Washington Open Invitational. He also placed T5 at the PNW PGA Senior Professional Championship and T6th at the Senior Oregon Open Invitational.

National amateur tournaments that you can play in 2023 in Las Vegas and Myrtle Beach

If you are looking to road trips to play in some amateur tournaments around the country, here are a couple that are worth the time.

• **Las Vegas World Amateur:** The annual event is set for Feb. 27-March 1 at three of Las Vegas top golf courses. The field will be divided into flights with each flight playing individual net.

The first round will be at the Revere Lexington course, the second round will be at the Revere Concord course with the final round at Chimera. Entry fee is \$650. For information see www.vegasworldam.com

World Am Q School

The annual World Am Q School will be played March 13-15 at some of Myrtle Beach's top golf courses. The three-day tournament includes tournament rounds of golf, daily lunches, a welcome gift and more.

Entry fee is \$329 for the three rounds and the field will be limited to it's important to sign up quickly. See www.worldamqschool.com for more information.



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Woods and McIlroy will take on Spieth and Thomas in The Match

The latest edition of 'The Match' is set to feature an all-star cast of Tiger Woods, Rory McIlroy, Jordan Spieth and Justin Thomas.

According to the Fried Egg, multiple sources have reported the made-for-TV exhibition event has been pencilled in for December 10 at Pelican Golf Club outside of Tampa and could even be played under floodlights.

Woods hasn't teed it up in competition since July's Open Championship at St Andrews but was spotted playing the par-3 course at Pebble Beach at the beginning of October.

It was expected he would next feature at the Hero World Challenge, which he hosts, as he continues his recovery from career-threatening injuries sustained in a high-speed car crash in February of 2021.

At this year's Masters, Woods admitted he would never play a full schedule again and that he was lucky doctors were able to save his leg. Remarkably, he went on to make the cut at Augusta National and was inside the top-10 following a first-round 71.

Since then, the 15-time Major champion has shown glimpses of his best golf but has struggled to put four rounds together due to his physical condition. He was forced to withdraw after three rounds at the PGA Championship and opted to skip the US Open in



PHOTO BY SCOTT BISCH ©

Rory McIlroy

order to prepare the The Open at St Andrews, where he missed the cut.

Woods has played in 'The Match' before, losing out to Phil Mickelson in the \$9 million inaugural shootout before gaining revenge alongside Payton Manning as the duo defeated Mickelson and Tom Brady.

If confirmed, this will be the seventh iteration of the exhibition event and first for McIlroy, Spieth and Thomas.

Did you know....

The annual PPGA Player of the Year awards were first given out in 1997. There are six categories: men, women, men's mid-amateur, women's mid-amateur, senior men, senior women, junior boys, and junior girls. The first recipient of the Junior Boys' award was Jason Allred, who would go on to a career on the PGA Tour; and the first recipient of the Junior Girls' award was Kelli Kamimura, who



would become the longest tenured women's head golf coach at Washington State University.

In 1981, John Bodenhamer won the Washington Men's Amateur. He would later serve as CEO and executive director of WA Golf for 21 years (1990-2011) before becoming chief championship officer – including the U.S. Open – at the USGA. The perpetual trophy of the Washington Men's Amateur is now called The John M. Bodenhamer Trophy.



Tour Players With Northwest ties

PGA Tour

- Kevin Chappell • Kirkland • No Cuts Made
- Ben Crane • Portland • 195th on the list with \$16,367
- Joel Dahmen, Clarkston • 18th on the list with \$1,179,563
- Cameron Davis • Australia (Member at Sahalee) • 84th on the list with \$292,009
- Ryan Moore • Puyallup • 146th on the list with \$72,621
- Cheng Tsung Pan • Ex-UW • 145th on the list with \$74,141
- Andrew Putnam • Tacoma • 12th on the list with \$1,414,479
- Kyle Stanley • Gig Harbor • No Events
- Nick Taylor • Ex-UW • 57th on the list with \$443,130
- Aaron Wise • Ex-Oregon • 37th on the list with \$608,770
- Scott Harrington • Portland • 151st on the list with \$66,414

Korn Ferry Tour

- Andres Gonzales • Olympia • No Events
- Scott Harrington • Portland • 56th on the list with \$114,759
- Corey Pereira • Ex-UW • 114th on the list with \$56,341
- Alex Prugh • Spokane • No Events
- Dylan Wu • Medford • No Events
- Carl Yuan • Ex-UW • 2nd on the list with \$496,003
- Andrew Yun • Tacoma • 64th on the list with \$104,797

Champions Tour

- Fred Couples • Seattle • 37th on the list with \$562,475
- Kirk Triplett • Pullman • 19th on the list with \$755,795

LPGA Tour

- Carolyn Inglis • Eugene • 100th on the list with \$164,798
- Charlotte Thomas • Ex-UW • 118th on the list with \$108,623
- Jing Yan • Ex-UW • No Events

LPGA Epsom Tour

- Olivia Benzin • Tacoma • No Events
- Jamie Huo • Kent • No events
- Erynne Lee • Silverdale • No Events
- Kathleen Scavo • Ex-Oregon • 82nd on the list with \$16,439

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The Lesson Tee: The winter months just might be the right time to improve your putting game

I can't believe it's December. Many strange and memorable things took place for all of us in 2022. I look forward to something closer to normal or I will continue to adjust.

The weather in the next few months can be challenging at times. You never know what Mother Nature will throw at us. I would like to show you some things I do to improve at home and on the practice area for a fruitful 2023 in golf and to bring those scores down.

Everyone could and would like to make more putts. Often golfers drop a few balls on the green at 7-10 feet and practice missing.

They randomly hit their putts with little intention on what they are doing.

I suggest rolling 30 footers to rehearse proper speed. You don't even need to roll it to a hole, just to a specific spot. Establish a reactive, flowing routine, with target focus and a free mind-set. That would be step 1. Step 2, do the same to a hole. Step 3, take this process and mind-set to the golf course.

Next, spend sufficient time on 4 foot putts!! Get great at every angle from 3-5 feet. Make 4 or 5 of 5 straight uphill, then move to breaking putts from the same distance.

Thirdly, then roll some 15 footers.

Here are some things extraordinary putters do to become extraordinary putters:

- Trust and Commit to your read
- Great/Proper speed
- Get putt started on intended line
- Strike putt solid on sweet spot
- Think and try less
- Reactive Routine

To work on technique this winter use a simple 2x4 for a consistent stroke on short putts. See Photo 1.

Roll your ball down a yardstick to get your ball



Jeff Coston

started on your intended line. See Photo 2.

For your golf swing and ball striking, practice impact with your 2x4. See Photo 3.

Jeff Coston is a multi-time Pacific Northwest PGA Player of the Year and can be reached for appointment by calling Semiahmoo at 360 201-4590. See jeffcoston.com or @coston_jeff on Twitter.



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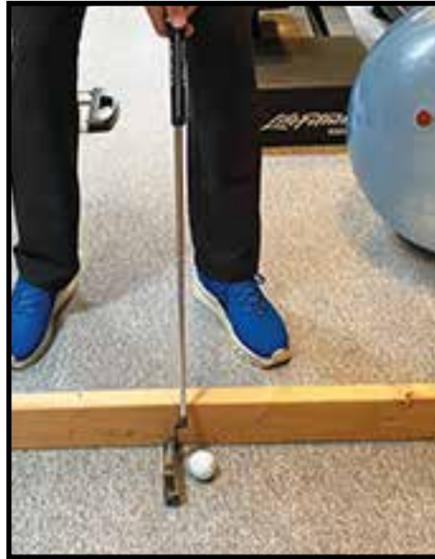


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Rules of the Game: When it comes to scoring make sure you do the right thing with your scorecard when finished

Let's take a trip down memory lane to the 2019 Waste Management Open at TPC Scottsdale. Rickie Fowler's 3rd shot ended up in the water on the 11th hole. He dutifully took relief, dropped his ball in the correct relief location, made sure it was at rest, and then went to survey the green. And then it happened. Rickie's ball started rolling and rolled back into the water. He had to take another one-stroke penalty to get it out. Bad news/good news. He took a triple-bogey 7 on the hole, but he still won the tournament.

Fast forward to the same tournament in 2022. Charley Hoffman was on the par-5 13th hole. He put his 2nd shot into the water and took a drop. His first and second drops rolled out of the prescribed relief area, and so he needed to place his ball where the 2nd drop hit the ground. The ball remained at rest, and, just like Rickie three years earlier, the ball then rolled back into the water. So, Charley had to take another penalty stroke to get the ball out, and finally he holed out with a 7.

But it didn't stop there. Charley decided to take a few shots at the USGA and the PGA, and probably regretted his outburst once he cooled down. In a conciliatory call to PGA Commissioner Jay Monahan, Hoffman, said, "Sorry Jay! We need to do better at all levels of the PGA Tour including myself who represents the players on the board of the tour. If we don't, we won't have a tour any longer! Hopefully there will be a change soon."

As of January 1, 2023, Charley will get his wish. Among the Rules changes for 2023, Exception 2 to Rule 9.3 will state, "If the player puts the original ball or another ball into play by dropping, placing or replacing it, and natural forces cause the ball at rest to move and come to rest in another area of the course or out of bounds, the ball must be replaced on its original spot...." Let's parse out this Rule with some clarifying questions:

What does the term "another part of the course" mean?



Pat Campbell

There are five parts of the course: the Teeing Area, the Putting Green, the General Area, Bunkers, and Penalty Areas. So, if the ball has been dropped, placed or replaced in one part of the course and is at rest, and then rolls into another part of the course, the player incurs no penalty and must replace the ball at the spot from where it rolled. Although Out of Bounds is not a defined area of the course, the player also may replace the ball without penalty if the ball rolls OB

What if the ball rolls from an area of the course and comes to rest in the same area of the course?

Assuming the ball was moved by natural forces, such as wind or gravity, it is played from its new spot, without penalty.

What if natural forces cause the ball to roll into another part of the course (or anywhere) after coming to rest after a stroke?

In that case, the ball is played as it lies.

So, in the cases of Rickie Fowler and Charley Hoffman, they had dropped or placed a ball in the General Area and it rolled into a Penalty Area. Unfortunately, they had to take one-stroke penalties to get the ball back out. If this were to happen in 2023, there would be no penalty, and they would replace the ball, or, if it was not recoverable, replace it with another ball.

For Rickie and Charley, justice was finally served. Better late than never!

Think you know the rules of golf? Check out these rules situations

Question: Your tee shot comes to rest in a red penalty area. When you arrive in the penalty area you see an area inside the penalty area marked as a "no play zone". Your ball is not in the "NPZ" but you would have to stand in the "NPZ" to make a stroke at the ball. What are your options?

Answer: No play zones are a new addition to the rules of golf as of January 1, 2019. Regardless of where they are on the golf course relief is mandatory. In our situation we would refer to Rule 17.1e. Since the ball does not lie within the NPZ in the Penalty Area you may take Penalty Area relief with a one stroke penalty or take NPZ free relief inside the Penalty Area. Find the nearest point of complete relief and drop the ball or another other ball within 1 club length of the nearest point of complete relief not nearer the hole.

For NPZ relief in the other 4 areas of the golf course see Rule 16.1f. Rule 16. If Relief Must Be Taken from interference by No Play Zone in Abnormal Course Condition.

In each of these situations, the ball must not be played as it lies:

(1) When Ball Is in No Play Zone. If the player's ball is in a no play zone in or on an abnormal course condition in the general area, in a bunker or on the putting green: No Play Zone in General Area. The player must take free relief under Rule 16.1b. No Play Zone in Bunker. The player must take free relief or penalty relief under Rule 16.1c(1) or (2). No Play Zone on Putting Green. The player must take free relief under Rule 16.1d.

(2) When No Play Zone Interferes with Stance or Swing for Ball Anywhere on Course Except Penalty Area. If a player's ball is outside a no play zone and is in the general area, in a bunker or on the putting green, and a no play zone (whether in an abnormal course condition or in a penalty area) interferes with the player's area of intended stance or area of intended swing, the player must either: Take relief if allowed under Rule 16.1b, c or d, depending on whether the ball is in the general area, in a bunker or on the putting green, or take unplayable ball relief under Rule 19. For what to do when there is interference by a no play zone for a ball in a penalty area, see Rule 17.1e.

Question: Your ball heads into bad country but you think you can find it. After a brief search you find a ball in a bush and determine the ball is unplayable. You elect to take lateral relief within two club lengths of where the ball was unplayable in the bush. You drop the ball per 19.2c and play a stroke onto the putting green. When marking the ball and lifting it you discover the ball is not the ball you played from the tee. Now what?

Answer: Rule 19 Unplayable ball provides three relief options with a one stroke penalty. Stroke and distance is the first (Rule 19.2a), Back-On-The-Line is the second (Rule 19.2b) and Lateral Relief (Rule 19.2c). The second and the third options carry with them a caveat. You MUST know the ball you took relief for was your ball in play, you could say you MUST know where your original ball is. In this case since you did not know where your original ball was you were required to play under stroke and distance. In this case when you dropped a ball and played it you played from a wrong place. Given you played much closer to the hole from where you were supposed to play for a lost ball it would be considered a serious breach. If not corrected the penalty that will apply is a disqualification.

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Are you thinking about buying a winter home or relocating to the Phoenix area?

By Bob Marlatt, Inside Golf Publisher

I recently contacted a real estate broker, Bill Cole, a Washington native and Arizona transplant, who has his hand on the pulse of the real estate market in the greater Phoenix area, to find out what that market was like. Here is his response: Our market is still strong with an estimated 300 people a day moving to the valley. But our inventory has gone from 5000 properties on the market in Jan-Feb 2022 to just over 20,000 properties as of today. That coupled with 7% interest rates has slowed the market dramatically.

QUESTION: What is available for a couple wanting to by a winter home with a budget of around \$250,000?

ANSWER: Our prices have also increased rather dramatically since the bottom of the Great Recession in 2011. The couple will only find 14 homes in the "greater Phoenix valley" matching their criteria. I also added the criteria of one-level home as most "snowbirds" do NOT want stairs. Most of the homes are in the Sun City / Surprise corner of the Northwest corner of the Valley. None in the East Valley of Phoenix, Scottsdale, Gilbert, Chandler, and Queen Creek. If I expand the search to the south of the valley communities of Maricopa, Casa Grande, and Eloy, I can find a total of 37 homes, most in an Arizona City new home subdivision just under an hour from Sky Harbor airport.

QUESTION 2: A couple plans on selling their home in Seattle/Portland area and is looking to relocate to the Phoenix area. They are hoping to find something around \$400K, what can they expect to find on the market?

ANSWER: The median sales price this year is \$450,000. Last year was \$380,000. In 2020 it was \$310,000.

QUESTION: What is the market for golf course

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property look like?

ANSWER: Currently there are just over 2600 homes on the market in "golf course communities" and 587 homes on the golf course priced from \$250k to \$16mil. We have some beautiful "Active Adult" communities throughout the Valley with organized social and golf memberships.

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The Valley is still booming with industrial parks, distribution centers, commerce, and Intel and TSMC investing BILLIONS in new chip plants. Arizona has done a great job of courting California and Pacific Coast companies away from their high tax burdens and poor infrastructures.

Our thanks to Bill Cole for sharing his insights for this article. He can be reached at: Bill William M Cole, PLLC | Realty ONE Group, Scottsdale/Seattle | Associate/ Managing Broker | email: bill@billcole.com | cell/text: 206-949-1372 | visit his website at: www.billcole.com

Pacific Northwest juniors named to Rolex All-American golf team for 2022

A pair of junior players from the Pacific Northwest have been named Rolex All-Americans for the 2022 golf season.

Angela Zhang of Bellevue has been honored as an honorable mention player and Max Herendeen of Bellevue has been named to the second team.

The Rolex Junior All-America Teams annually recognize the world's premier junior golfers. The 2022 class includes 48 boys and 48 girls, ages 14-19, from 24 states and 10 countries, including Canada, China, Czech Republic, Hong Kong, Mexico, Philippines, South Korea, Taiwan, Thailand and the United States.

These young men and women distinguished themselves through exceptional play in 145 national junior golf events, 128 of which were conducted by the AJGA. The teams were determined exclusively through the Rolex AJGA Rankings as of October 12.



Angela Zhang of Bellevue is a Rolex All-American.



Max Herendeen of Bellevue was named as a second-team All-American to the Rolex All-American team.

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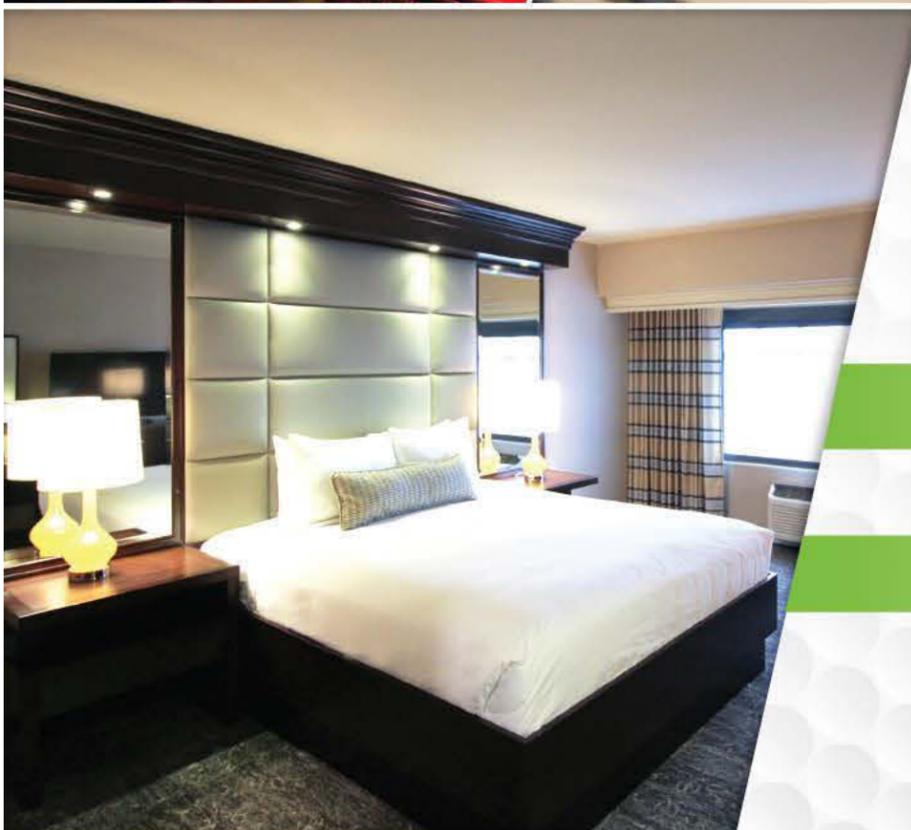
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With new improvements, Highlands is making golfers take some notice

When the Highlands golf course “closed” for a Sunday and Monday this fall, it was to aerate all of the greens and continue ownership’s dedication to maintaining one of the Northwest’s finest public par 3s. The result to date has been one of player approval.

From the clubhouse to extended patio, from water features to the finest of greens, to every imaginable renovation, Highlands has been the “talk” of the golfing public in the South Sound. Look for that to continue. The Connelly family, which owns the course, has received positive notes for their effort and for the “gem” they have produced to play.

The recent State Par 3 Championship event which was hosted at Highlands produced “a ton” of compliments, drew record crowds, and established the course as one of the state’s best, large or small. Several national organizations already had given the highest of ratings to Highlands, ranking it second only to Chambers Bay among public golf facilities. What do

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the neighbors think about all that?

Well, the course has become a neighborhood gathering spot. A course-sponsored Easter Egg hunt brought 800 youngsters to its fairways, and every Tuesday this winter there will be Trivia Nights at 5:30 at McDuff’s Café in the course clubhouse. Looking for an enjoyable time to grab a snack or take a friend? Give McDuff’s a try. It’s filling up! That course-side view & a new menu, will leave you with the same impression everybody offers: “Wow, what a gem?”



The Highlands Golf Course may be more than 90 years old but everywhere you look it’s “like new”. Credit it’s owners, Jack and Angela Connelly, who have renovated “everything” on the course in a couple of years there. They are pictured here with one example of that newness, a walker’s bridge along the 3rd hole. Is it any wonder that Highlands has attracted so much praise.

USGA is set to create a national developmental program

By Tom Cade, Special to Inside Golf

It’s on.

The United States Golf Association is set to launch a national development program, selecting and nurturing promising young golfers to be able to eventually compete on the world stage.

At the annual International Association of Golf Administrators (IAGA) conference, held Nov. 6-9 at the Grand Hotel Golf Resort in Point Clear, Ala., a general session was conducted by USGA Chief Championships Officer John Bodenhamer and Managing Director Team USA Heather Daly-Donofrio, who outlined for the audience a five-year plan to develop the next generation of golf talent in the U.S.

The IAGA is made up of golf administrators of the USGA’s Allied Golf Associations (AGA) and other

national and international golf-related organizations.

The creation of a national team is not a new concept in the golf world. Many other countries have a national squad, including Australia, Spain, Ireland, England, Finland, South Korea, and, close to home, Canada. In particular, Golf Canada (that country’s counterpart to the USGA) has had success in upping the game of their players with the three levels of squads – National Junior, National Amateur, and Young Pro – for men and women.

The aggressive five-year timeline will be based on collaboration with the USGA’s AGAs, which Washington Golf, Oregon Golf Association and Idaho Golf Association are a part of. This timeline consists of discussions of resources, rankings and regional events in 2022/2023; beginning to identify talent and launching of grant programs by mid-2023; finalization of plans

for regional events by the AGAs in 2024; launching of regional events by AGAs in 2025; and opening of regional developmental camps in 2026.

In 2023, the AGAs will assist the USGA in identifying young talented players, initially selecting 25 junior girls and 25 junior boys.

Ultimately, the three levels of the U.S. National Team will follow in the model of a National Junior Squad, National Amateur Squad, and Young Pro Squad.

Getting to the point of finally deciding to create a national development program has been a long journey. USGA’s John Bodenhamer tells of an early conversation with David Fay, who was the longtime USGA executive director until retiring at the end of 2010. At an IAGA conference 16 years ago, Fay had made the comment to the golf administrators that it wasn’t the USGA’s job to

grow the game or develop players.

What happened was the U.S. lost the Walker Cup, then lost the Curtis Cup, and then for the first time Team USA did not win a medal at the World Amateur Team Championship. For the first time in history, the U.S. did not hold at least one of those trophies during a calendar year. It was a wake-up moment.

In 2016, golf had returned to the Olympics for the first time in over a century. A global team event, the game proved it belonged in the Olympics, generating high TV ratings from fans and enthusiastic participation from players. In watching the support the other countries had put into developing their golf talent and putting a team together, it convinced Bodenhamer that the U.S. was being left behind.

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