



## Viva Golf Vegas: Revere Golf Club offers a pair of courses to tee it up

Las Vegas is known more for just the gambling and shows, there is also golf. Plenty of golf. At places like the Revere Golf Club in the suburb of Henderson, golf is always a great option. Revere Golf Club also has two courses to try with its Lexington and Concord layouts. For more on Revere Golf Club, see Page 2 of this section of Inside Golf Newspaper.



## WHAT'S NEW IN NW GOLF

### Sahalee will make a perfect host for KPMG Championship

There is plenty to like when it comes to the KPMG Women's PGA Championship returning to Sahalee Country Club on June 20-23. Not only is the Championship one of five Majors on the LPGA Tour, it also will showcase the Pacific Northwest and one of its top golf courses - Sahalee Country Club. Sahalee is no stranger to the national spotlight having hosted the 1998 PGA Championship, the 2010 U.S. Senior Open, and the 2016 KPMG Women's PGA Championship (won by Brooke Henderson, pictured above). Brooke scored a birdie on the first hole of a sudden-death playoff to beat Lydia Ko for her first Major Championship.



Tickets are on sale now for the 2024 KPMG Women's PGA Championship and to celebrate Stacy Lewis throwing the first pitch at the Mariners Game on April 30, the KPMG Women's PGA Championship is offering a limited discount of 15% off a flex ticket, good for use on any one day of the Championship. Use promo code 2024WPGASTACY to receive your discount from April 29 through May 4. There are a variety of other ticket options available, starting as low as \$40. Qualifying military and juniors (children under the age of 15) receive complimentary access to the Championship. For more information on the Championship and to purchase tickets, visit [www.kpmgwomenspga.com/tickets](http://www.kpmgwomenspga.com/tickets).

### Rules question of the month

Question: As you prepare to make a chip from off of the putting green you think it best to leave the flagstick in the hole to act as a backstop so you don't ask anyone to attend the flagstick. After you make



the stroke a well meaning player in your group sees the ball approaching the hole and thinks the ball will strike the flagstick and so pulls the flagstick and sets it aside avoiding the collision. The ball rolls quite a bit past the hole. Disappointed because the backstop would have been helpful you say nothing since they were just being helpful. Good deeds go unpunished? See the answer on Page 2 of this section of Inside Golf Newspaper.

## Circling Raven: Award winner turns 20



***Circling Raven Golf Club, part of the Coeur d'Alene Tribe's Resort in Worley, Idaho, turns 20 years old in 2024. The course opened to rave reviews and since then has been near or at the top of every listing of the top golf courses in Idaho, the Pacific Northwest and the country. For more on Circling Raven and its 20th anniversary, please see inside this section of Inside Golf Newspaper.***



## Sunland Golf Club: Open to the public and full of scenery

There is plenty to like about Sunland Golf Club in Sequim, Wash. Not only is the course located in the "Rain Shadow" of the Olympic Peninsula, it is also a course that is open to the public after being a private course. There are challenging holes, views of nearby mountains and dry condition considering the rainfall on the Olympic Peninsula is less than anywhere else in the Northwest. For more, please see inside this section of Inside Golf Newspaper.



## Professional tours on the way back to the Pacific Northwest for the 2024 golf season

The professional golf tours are on the way back to the Pacific Northwest - and with a special event for the 2024 golf season.

One of the LPGA's major championships, the KPMG Women's PGA, is set to return to the Pacific Northwest June 20-23 at Sahalee Country Club in Sammamish, Wash. The championship was last held at Sahalee in 2016 when the tournament was won by a then 18-year-old Brooke Henderson of Canada.



But that's not the only professional golf tournament headed this way.

The Portland LPGA Classic has moved dates and will be held Aug. 1-2 at Portland's Columbia Edgewater Country Club. Teenager Chanette Wannasaen (above) won the tournament becoming the rare Monday qualifier to win the event.

The Boeing Classic will bring the PGA Tour Champions to Snoqualmie Ridge Golf Club Aug. 9-11 for its annual three-day run just east of Seattle. Stephen Ames won the tournament by a whopping six shots last year at Snoqualmie Ridge.

Rounding out the professional tours in the Northwest is the Albertsons Boise Open, which is set for Aug. 25-28 at Hillcrest Country Club.

On the Pacific Northwest club professional scene, championships are set for 2024. The Pacific Northwest Section PGA has its set of four major championships which attract the top professionals and amateurs from around the Northwest. The Washington Open Invitational will kick off the major season at Meridian Valley Country Club in Kent May 20-22. The Pelzer Oregon Open is next on the schedule and set for June 11-13 at Brasada Canyons in Central Oregon. The Rosauers Invitational will take place July 1-21 at Indian Canyon in Spokane while the Northwest Open will wrap up the schedule Aug. 19-21 at The Home Course.

# When it comes to golfing in Las Vegas, the Revere Golf Club can double your pleasure

When it comes to golf and Las Vegas, there are a myriad of choices. You can head north or south or east or west. And you will find a golf course with plenty to like. But when it comes to a place like the Revere Golf Club in suburban Henderson, there seems to be a little of something for every golfer.

Challenging golf course? Check. In fact, there are two challenging golf courses. Great views? Check. You can see the Vegas Strip from many of the holes on both courses. A practice area that will keep you busy for hours? Check. And it's called the "Battlefield" that offers all-grass areas for hitting.

You should be getting the idea that is a place for golfers to visit when they head to Vegas.

The Revere Golf Club offers a pair of golf courses called Lexington and Concord. If you haven't got the theme yet, let me spell it out for you. Revere? Concord? Lexington? Battlefield practice area? Sounds a little like something right out of the history books, doesn't it?

The club's two courses and the name itself are taken from the famous ride by Paul Revere, which adds a little bit of historical touch. Remember Revere? He of the "The British are coming, the British are coming," line in history. It helped the city of Boston fortify itself against the attack planned by the British soldiers.

The two courses are different. The Lexington course features a 7,143-yard layout that rolls through the desert canyons and the valleys of the foothill of Las Vegas. And the views of the city below and the mountains sometimes take your attention away from your next golf shot.

The Concord Course plays to 7,034 yards and also offers those terrific views but with a little different layout than Lexington Course with its 360-degree views and plenty of mounded fairways and some large greens.

Even the holes on both courses are named - and of course with historical names. There is Bunker Hill, Midnight Ride, North Church and Lantern's Light.

There is plenty that grabs your attention at the Revere Golf Club but some of the par-5 holes are



**Steve Turcotte**

dramatic. The 11th hole on the Lexington Course is a beast measuring 625 yards from the tips and all uphill after the drive to a multi-tiered green. Hello double bogey on my scorecard. The 18th hole on the Concord Course is another treat measuring 551 from

the tips and all downhill. The trouble is there is forced carry right in front of the green. I think my ball is still in there somewhere.

There is a reason the Revere Golf Club has earned plenty of honors through the years including both being hit with 4 1/2 stars by *Golf Digest* and both being named among the top new courses in the country when they opened for play. And most recently named the *Las Vegas Review Journal's* Best of Las Vegas 2020-23.

There is always plenty to do when you travel to Las Vegas. But I know one thing after this visit. The Revere Golf Club will always be at the top of the list for a round of golf.

*Steve Turcotte is editor of Inside Golf Newspaper. He can be reached at sdturcotte@comcast.net.*



*Revere Golf Club in Las Vegas has a pair of courses Lexington and Concord with some terrific views of The Strip.*



**Bob Marlatt**  
Publisher-Advertising

**Steve Turcotte**  
Editor-Advertising

**Kathy Marlatt**  
Operations Manager

**Contributing Writers**  
Jeff Coston, Patti Daskalos

**Photography:** Scott Bisch  
**Cartoonist:** Harold Bluestein

**Subscription rates:**  
\$18-one year and \$32-two years  
(U.S. funds).

**Mailing Address**  
P.O. Box 1890  
Port Townsend, WA 98368

**Courier Address**  
460 Dennis Blvd  
Port Townsend, WA 98368

**Phone**  
(360) 379-4080

**E-mail Address**  
InsideNWgolf@gmail.com

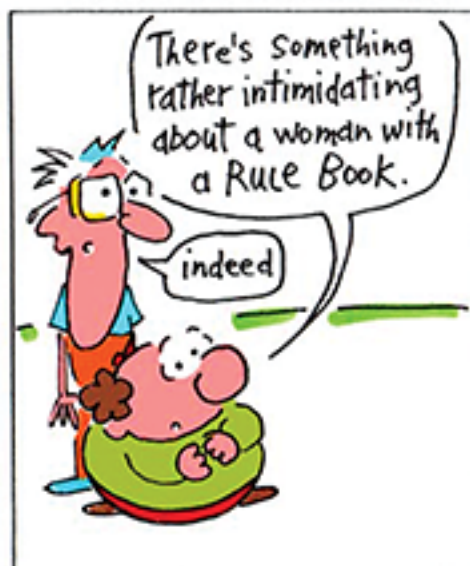
**Website Address**  
www.insidegolfnewspaper.com

Inside Golf Newspaper is a trademark of Northwest Publications, Inc. and is published on the first of each month.

## Double Bogey



## Harold Bluestein PGA



## Rules Answer

Answer: When players decide to leave a flagstick in the hole they must make that decision prior to making the stroke. When a player has left the flagstick in the hole and not authorized anyone (asked) to attend it, another player must not deliberately move or remove the flagstick to affect where the player's ball in motion might come to rest. Since this good Samaritan removed the flagstick to prevent the ball from striking the flagstick they were in breach of Rule 13.2a (4) for which the penalty is 2 strokes the General Penalty.

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

**TOPTRACER RANGE**

available at:

**Jefferson Park Golf Course**  
4101 Beacon Ave S. Seattle, WA

**Interbay Golf Center**  
2501 15th Ave W. Seattle, WA

**Jackson Park Golf Course**  
1000 NE 135th St., Seattle, WA

www.PremierGC.com

**ELEVATE YOUR RANGE EXPERIENCE WITH TOPTRACER!**

# Royal Oaks professional claims Senior Players Championship

PGA Professional Scott Leritz of Royal Oaks CC (Vancouver, WA) won the 2024 Senior Players' Championship in a playoff at Wine Valley GC shooting a 4-under par 140 for the two day championship.

Leritz won in a playoff against Ryan Malby of Kalispel, MT and PGA Professional Tom Sovay of The GC at Redmond Ridge (Redmond, WA)

Low amateur honors went to Gregg Guernsey of Royal Oaks CC who finished one back of the champion at -3 under par.

## WA Golf sets championship dates

WA Golf has set the dates for its 2024 championships. Registration for all of the events are now open. Here is a look at what WA Golf has to offer for the 2024 golf season:

- Champion of Champions April 25-26 at The Home Course in DuPont, Wash.
- Women's Four-Ball set for Skagit Golf and Country Club May 6-7.
- Men's Four-Ball and Senior men's Four-Ball at Loomis Trail Golf Club in Bellingham May 23-24.
- Senior and Super Senior Men's Amateur at Yakima Country Club June 4-6.

- Women's Mid-Am and Women's Am at Whidbey Golf Club June 18-20.

- Men's Amateur at The Links at Moses Pointe June 25-27.

- Men's Mid-Amateur at Desert Canyon Golf Resort on July 23-25.

- Parent-Child at Alderbrook Golf and Yacht Club in Union, Wash. on July 29.

- Mixed Chapman at Port Ludlow Golf Course on Aug. 2.

- Senior Women and Super Senior Amateur at The Cedars at Dungeness Aug. 20-21.

## Section major schedule is set

The Pacific Northwest Section PGA has set its schedule for the 2024 golf season.

The Washington Open Invitational will kick off the major season at Meridian Valley Country Club in Kent May 20-22. The Pelzer Oregon Open is next on the schedule and set for June 11-13 at Brasada Canyons in Central Oregon. The Rosauers Invitational will take place July 1-21 at Indian Canyon in Spokane while the Northwest Open will wrap up the schedule Aug. 19-21 at The Home Course in DuPont, Wash.

## Tour Players With Northwest ties

### PGA Tour

- Kevin Chappell • Kirkland • 184th on the list with \$105,885
- Wyndham Clark • Ex-Oregon • 2nd on the list with \$9,111,009
- Ben Crane • Portland • No Events
- Joel Dahmen • Clarkston • 90th on the list with \$693,019
- Cameron Davis • Australia (Member at Sahalee) • 62nd on the list with \$1,195,759
- Scott Harrington • Portland • No Events
- Joe Highsmith • Tacoma • 118 on the list with \$341,668
- Ryan Moore • Puyallup • 106th on the list with \$468,041
- Cheng Tsung Pan • Ex-UW • 94th on the list with \$655,052
- Andrew Putnam • Tacoma • 55th on the list with \$1,442,757
- Nick Taylor • Ex-UW • 19th on the list with \$2,658,560
- Aaron Wise • Ex-Oregon • No Events
- Dylan Wu • Medford, Ore. • 104th on the list with \$492,358
- Carl Yuan • Ex-UW • 87th on the list with \$711,840
- Adam Svensson • B.C. Canada • 81st on the list with \$787,882
- Kyle Stanley • Gig Harbor • 220th on the list with \$8,800

### Korn Ferry Tour

- Alistair Docherty • Vancouver, Wash. • No Events
- R.J. Manke • Tacoma • No Events
- Kyle Stanley • Gig Harbor • Not ranked
- Andrew Yun • Tacoma • No Events
- Scott Harrington • Portland • 241st on the list with \$8,513
- Kyle Stanley • Gig Harbor • 129th on the list with \$10,619

### Champions Tour

- Fred Couples • Seattle • 71st on the list with \$41,050
- Kirk Triplett • Pullman • 59th on the list with \$61,690

### LPGA Tour

- Carolyn Inglis • Eugene • 104th on the list with \$30,704
- Jing Yan • Ex-UW • 128th on the list with \$9,226

### LPGA Epson Tour

- Kathleen Scavo • Ex-Oregon • No Events
- Gigi Stoll • Tigard • 66th on the list with \$2,566

## Did you know....

• WA Golf is conducting six Casual Golf Days this year, giving members a chance to play non-competitive events held at some of the region's premier clubs that they normally would not have a chance to play. These one-day events have become so popular that at times a lottery is required to select who makes it into the field. Visit [wagolf.org](http://wagolf.org) for more information.



• The 2024 PNGA Lamey Cup is being held at Seattle Golf Club on May 7-9. The event is a Ryder Cup-style competition, with teams coming from the four associations under the PNGA umbrella – Washington, Oregon, Idaho and British Columbia. The competition is named after Dr. Jack Lamey, founder of the event, who served as PNGA president in 2010-2012 and last month was inducted into the PNGA Hall of Fame.



Golf • Tennis

Play

GOLF TENNIS FOOTGOLF

503.253.7507 | [www.PlayGlendoveer.com](http://www.PlayGlendoveer.com)

14015 NE Glisan Street Portland, OR 97230

# Winners of NW Championships get invite to USGA events; Tickets available for KPMG Women's PGA Championship

For the amateur player, the U.S. Amateur and U.S. Women's Amateur are considered to be the most difficult of the USGA's national championships to get into. And qualifying for the U.S. Junior Amateur and U.S. Girls' Junior is no easy task either.

There are so many good young players, and so few spots available in the championships proper. And the qualifying process often feels like a one-in-a-million chance, with typically a full field of local golfers playing one or two rounds in a day, all competing for just one, two or maybe three available spots.

Well, starting this year, there is good news for those on their quest.

The champions of several of the Northwest's championships will now be exempted into the U.S. Amateur, U.S. Women's Amateur, U.S. Junior Amateur or U.S. Girls' Junior.

Along with having their name engraved on a trophy as a state or regional amateur champion, each champion will now earn an exemption into their respective USGA national championship.

The respective championships conducted by the region's Associations are now deemed an official USGA Exemption Event – win it, and you're in it.

## Tickets available for KPMG Championship

One of the five Major Championships on the LPGA Tour is returning to the Pacific Northwest as Sahalee Country Club will host the 2024 KPMG Women's PGA Championship on June 20-23. This marks the second time the Championship will be held at Sahalee Country Club having previously hosted the Championship in 2016 where a then-18-year old Brooke Henderson beat Lydia Ko in a playoff for her first Major victory in winning the KPMG Women's PGA Championship.

There are a variety of ways to attend the 2024 KPMG Women's PGA Championship.

Daily ground tickets for Thursday, June 20th through Sunday, June 23rd start as low as \$40, with flex

tickets good for any one (1) day of the Championship priced at \$50. Qualifying military and juniors (15 and under) receive complimentary access to the Championship.

For more information on the tournament, and to purchase tickets, visit [www.kpmgwomenspga.com](http://www.kpmgwomenspga.com).

## First Tee Chambers Bay Solstice

On June 23, 2024, First Tee of Greater Seattle will conduct its 5th Annual Chambers Bay Solstice, a fundraiser for the First Tee chapter. Play up to 72 holes from dawn to dusk at Chambers Bay. For more information about this fundraising event see [www.chambersbaysolstice.com](http://www.chambersbaysolstice.com) or visit the first tee for more information.

## Youth on Course a boon for juniors

Ever since it started, the Youth on Course program has been a boon for kids looking to get into the game of golf. With the price of golf sometimes fairly high, the Youth on Course program has been a way for kids to play a round of golf for \$5 - at a variety of golf courses around the country. The program is quite popular in the Pacific Northwest as many courses offer the \$5 program for youths looking to play a round of golf. Youth on Course has taken away the barriers of cost for kids to play. Over 100,000 kids, age 6-18, have signed up for the program and have access to over 1,400 golf courses around the country for \$5 or less. The program has subsidized over 1,000,000 rounds of golf for kids and has saved families \$8 million in greens fees. Also, Youth on Course is offering scholarships. For more the [www.youthoncourse.org](http://www.youthoncourse.org) or [WAgolf.org/YOC](http://WAgolf.org/YOC).

## TGA hands off to Meadow Park

After 93 years of independent operation the Tacoma Golf Association (TGA) has passed its activities and functions on to Meadow Park Golf Course. The changing of the guard was finalized in late January after more than

## Oregon junior golfer wins Drive, Chip and Putt

Connor Holden of Canby, Ore. won the Finals of the Drive, Chip and Putt for the Boys 14-15 age division. The Finals were held at Sunday, Aug. 7, at Augusta National Golf Club, prior to the start of this week's Masters Tournament.

To get to the Finals at Augusta National, Holden, who won four Oregon Junior Golf titles last summer, won the Boys 14-15 division qualifier held at Chambers Bay in University Place, Wash.

The other Northwest juniors to make it to the Finals were Niuniu Zhao of Woodinville, Wash. and Max Soterakopoulos of Everett, Wash.

Conducted in partnership with the USGA, the Masters Tournament and the PGA of America, Drive, Chip and Putt is a free, nationwide youth golf development program open to boys and girls, ages 7-15, in four age divisions. The three-pronged competition tests the skills essential to playing the game – accuracy in driving, chipping and putting.



Connor Holden of Canby, Ore.

a year of discussions.

Founded in 1931, the TGA has a rich history of promoting and supporting amateur golf, including the development of competitive golfers of all ages and fostering a love for the game in Tacoma and surrounding communities.

Meadow Park, which opened in 1915, is dedicated to preserving that history, in part through a commitment to host and enhance the long-standing Tacoma City Golf Championships. This series of four legacy events includes the Tacoma City Amateur Championship, Tacoma City Senior Amateur Championship, Tacoma City Junior Championship and Tacoma City Best-Ball Championship.

Chris Goodman, who manages Meadow Park, said

the long-term goal for the series is reviving its reputation as premier-level events that attract players from across Washington.

Securing that vision means a reimagining of its future and renewed dedication to engaging with younger and more diverse golfers to ensure its continued success. Under Meadow Park's stewardship the TGA will partner with other regional golf associations, local golf courses and local schools to introduce new golfers into these events and cultivate the next generation of golfers.

Upcoming Tournaments for the 2024 golf season include:

TGA Senior Amateur – July 13-14; Tacoma City Amateur – July 26-28; Tacoma Junior City Amateur – July 29-30; Tacoma Best-Ball – Sept. 14



Large natural fir trees line the fairways creating a dramatic and challenging golf experience that rewards the accurate shot maker. One of the rare golf courses that allow for a test of golf at every skill level, Lake Wilderness Golf Course is a fun and enjoyable round of golf in an amazing resort-like setting.

**MONDAY/TUESDAY**

**\$40**

Valid anytime  
Includes Cart Fee  
and a sleeve of Swinn  
Soft Feel Golf Balls.

**SUNDAY**

**\$40**

Valid after Noon  
Includes Cart Fee,  
Hot Dog, Chips, and  
Soda!

Must present coupon to receive special pricing.  
Not valid with leagues or tournaments.  
Expires 05/31/2024

**ADVANTAGE  
MEMBERSHIP**

**MAY SPECIAL**  
**\$119** + tax  
**FOR ALL**

SAVE BIG EVERY TIME YOU PLAY!

Regular	M-F: \$34	S-S: \$44
Seniors	M-F: \$34	S-S: \$41

**CART INCLUDED. TAX NOT INCLUDED**

FREE ROUND OF GOLF WITH PURCHASE!

25400 Witte Road S.E., Maple Valley, WA 98038  
(425) 432-9405 | [www.lakewildernessgc.com](http://www.lakewildernessgc.com)

**WILDERNESS GRILL** OPEN DAILY • PUBLIC WELCOME  
Burgers, Sandwiches, Salads & Drink **SPECIALS!**



**Highlands GC Rated #5  
Best Public Short Course  
by Golf Pass**

**RATES**

9-Holes Regular: \$19.51

18-Holes Regular: \$29.92

10-Round Punch Card: \$155



**HIGHLANDS GOLF COURSE**  
*Half the Time, Twice the Fun*

*1400 N Highlands Pkwy*

*Tacoma WA 98406*

*(253) 759-3622*

# Destination: Sunland on the Olympic Peninsula offers up public golf with the scenery

Sunland Golf Club is one of the most unknown gems in the state. For most of its existence it has been a private club, but a few years ago it announced it was open to public play and wants to remind the golfing community that they are welcome to come and enjoy this special course.

Sunland Golf Club is located in Sequim (pronounced "skwim") and is the premier golf and social club on the Olympic Peninsula. For those who are unfamiliar with Sequim, it is a small city located on the Olympic Peninsula along the Strait of Juan de Fuca, in the shadow of the Olympic Mountains, which give the city a micro climate with an annual average rainfall of 16.2 inches – less than half that of Seattle/Tacoma, (34"-38"), making Sunland one of the driest courses in Western Washington.

All 18 holes at Sunland were designed by one of the most prolific and revered golf course architects of the Pacific Northwest, Arthur Vernon Macan. He has designed several top golf courses in the area, including Broadmoor, Inglewood, Overlake, Manito, and Waverly, just to name a few. Unfortunately, he did not get to see his vision become a reality due to a fatal heart attack that occurred while on Sunland property in 1964. The first nine opened in 1971 and the second nine in 1976.

The near level terrain at Sunland makes it walker friendly. There are five sets of tees with the longest stretching to 6,295 and the forward tees set to 4,695. There is a water hazard on holes #9, #14 and #15 and 6 dogleg holes where positioning off the tee is critical to get an open look at the green. The signature hole is probably the downhill par 3 #15. They also have an all-grass driving range.

The course's fairways are lined by tall mature trees that can easily come into play. The round starts right

**There are several generous fairways on the course, however, there are some holes that squeeze down the landing areas making it a long day for inaccurate drivers of the ball. Their website aptly describes the course as "sporty and challenging."**

out with the longest hole on the course that is a straight 510-yard par 5 from the back tees.

This is followed by the longest par 3 at 186 yards and it doesn't get any easier as the third hole is the #1 handicap 437-yard par 4.

The front nine finishes with the #3 handicap 387-yard par 4 – this is the hole you see when entering the course.

The back nine starts with the #4, #5 and #2 handicap holes before easing up the rest of the way in.

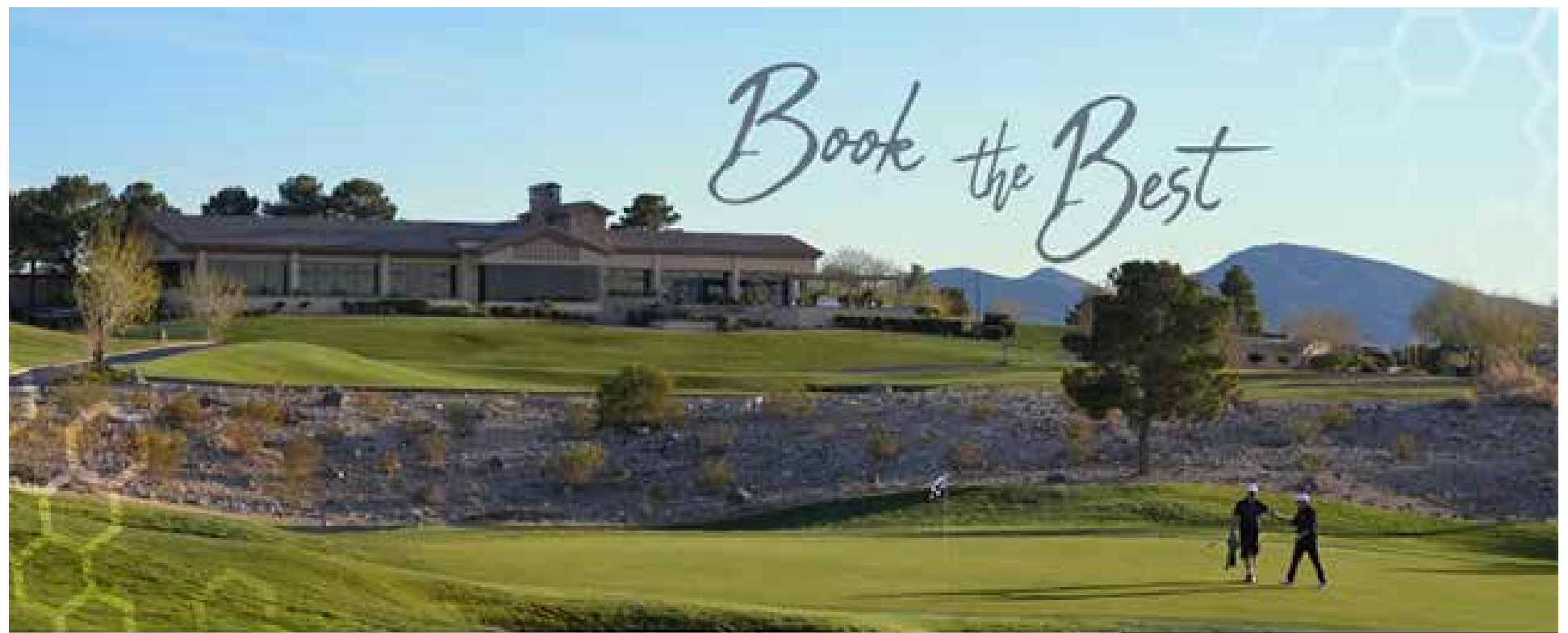
There are several generous fairways on the course, however, there are some holes that squeeze down the landing areas making it a long day for inaccurate drivers of the ball. Their website aptly describes the course as "sporty and challenging."

Sunland Golf Club is surrounded by a mostly, retirement community with golf as the center piece. Golfers from across America have found the mild maritime climate of Sequim, with its year-round golf, to be the perfect place to settle down.

The course is managed by Columbia Hospitality. All members can enjoy the benefits of Columbia Hospitality Golf. With everything from discounts at area hotels, spas, and restaurants to discounted green fees at some of the best golf courses in the Pacific Northwest. For more on Sunland, visit their website at: <https://sunlandgolf.com/>.



Sunland Golf Club in Sequim, Wash. is known for its dry year-round conditions and open for public play.



Make your next Las Vegas golf vacation memorable at Revere Golf Club! Featuring 36 holes of championship golf, Revere offers a challenging experience for golfers of all skill levels. After your round, take a break at Buckman's Grille, our full-service restaurant. Buckman's boasts spectacular views of the Las Vegas Strip, a robust menu, and superb customer service, making for an unforgettable dining experience.



Expect nothing but the best when it comes to hosting a group golf event at Revere Golf Club! Find Our More Online at [bit.ly/RevereTournaments](https://bit.ly/RevereTournaments)



# Join Us at the Championship With 15% off a Flex Ticket

Good for Use on Any One Day of Championship  
Use promo code: **24WPGASTACY**  
Valid from 4.29.24 to 5.4.24

---

**2024 KPMG WOMEN'S PGA CHAMPIONSHIP**

June 20 – 23, 2024 | Sahalee Country Club | Sammamish, WA

[KPMGWomensPGA.com/Tickets](https://KPMGWomensPGA.com/Tickets)

# Idaho's award-winning Circling Raven celebrates its 20th anniversary in 2024

As you pull into the parking lot at the Circling Raven Golf Club in Worley, Idaho you can see it is something special. With its vast landscape and rolling terrain, you can see from the car that this is a course like no other.

This is a course owned and operated by the Coeur d'Alene Tribe and a course that is celebrating its 20th anniversary in 2024. Since opening for play, this is a course which has won local, regional and national awards. And for good reason. Course designer Gene Bates has even admitted this is his favorite course he has designed in his years of golf architecture.

"The diversity of the land was very unusual and favorable for designing a golf course," said Bates. "We had wetlands, we had Palouse and we had elevation. All we needed to do was connect the dots."

And those dots were definitely connected. This is a course which sprawls over 620 acres of rolling terrain with views far and wide and a chance to see a variety of wildlife (and don't forget the eagles George and Gracie on the 17th hole), including some moose who roam the property. When Circling Raven opened for play in 2005, it was quickly named as one of the best new courses in the country. Since then, the awards have been coming in every year, including being ranked as the top course in Idaho and one of the top casino and resort courses in the country.

The Coeur d'Alene Tribe started its resort with a small building in a parking lot. Since then, the resort has taken on a life of its own with a 300-room hotel, conference center, event center, multiple restaurants, a 60,000 square foot gaming floor and more. And 20 years ago, along came the golf course, which really put the resort in a class by itself.

What gets your attention from the first tee box is the vastness of the area. On the back nine, you don't even see another hole as you wind through the hills and the trees and get a chance to take advantage of the elevation changes along the way. Some big events



Course designer Gene Bates.

have been held through the years at Circling Raven, including the Road to the LPGA Tour, which made a stop for three years from 2021-2023 with one of its regular tournaments on the yearly schedule.

At a recent 20th anniversary celebration, some of the comments from tribal members and media members spoke volumes about the course.

"Once you putt out on 18, you don't want the round to end - the course is that good," said one.

"It is like you and Mother Nature are playing a round of golf together," said another.

You get the idea. Circling Raven is a place where golf and nature come together. From the opening tee shot to the last putt on the 18th green, you see one of the top courses around and more.

For more information on Circling Raven and the resort see the website [www.cdacasino.com](http://www.cdacasino.com).



Award-winning Circling Raven Golf Club in Worley, Idaho offers plenty of scenery - and some moose too.

# CATCH A GLIMPSE OF GREATNESS!



Available on the App Store

GET IT ON Google Play

## TICKETS ON SALE NOW!

Purchase event tickets on the new Wildhorse App! Download now!



# WILDHORSE RESORT & CASINO

012007TT.04.24

CASINO • HOTEL • GOLF • RV • DINING • FUNPLEX

800.654.9453 | Pendleton, OR I-84 Exit 216 | [wildhorseresort.com](http://wildhorseresort.com)



# Portland Golf Club: Rich history as the club turns 110 years old in 2024

By Greg Loper, Special to Inside Golf

Since its establishment in 1914, Portland Golf Club has hung its hat on tradition, excellence, and community, shaping the landscape of golf in the Pacific Northwest. Situated in the Raleigh Hills neighborhood of Portland, Portland Golf Club boasts a rich history dating back over a century. The club has evolved from humble beginnings into one of the premier private clubs in the Pacific Northwest, characterized by its lush fairways and picturesque surroundings.

The origins of Portland Golf Club trace back to a group of golf enthusiasts who sought to create a space where they could indulge their passion for the sport. Led by visionary individuals such as Edgar P. Warren and John G. Teal, the club was officially founded in 1914 with a modest nine-hole course. Over the years, the club steadily expanded its facilities and improved its course, attracting a growing membership eager to partake in the joys of golfing amidst Oregon's natural beauty.

In the early decades of its existence, Portland Golf Club underwent several transformations to meet the evolving needs and preferences of its members. In 1922, the renowned golf course architect A.V. Macan was enlisted to redesign the layout, resulting in a more challenging and aesthetically pleasing course that garnered acclaim from players of all skill levels. Macan's design principles emphasized the integration of natural elements and strategic shot-making.

Portland Golf Club - 1947 Ryder Cup. Throughout its history, the club has hosted numerous prestigious tournaments and events that have left an indelible mark on the world of golf. In 1946, Portland Golf Club had the honor of hosting the PGA Championship (won by Ben Hogan, pictured above), marking a significant milestone in its journey to prominence within the golfing community. Subsequent years saw the club continue to attract top-tier competitions including the 1947 Ryder Cup, the first competition between the USA and Great Britain since WWII.

A litany of winners in tournaments on the course included Sam Snead, Ben Hogan, Cary Middlecoff, Billy Casper, Jack Nicklaus, Kathy Whitworth, Donna Caponi Young, and Nancy Lopez. The last major PGA Tour event held at the course, before the PGA required courses to have longer tracks to host PGA Tour events, happened in 1965.

Portland Golf Club has played a vital role in fostering a sense of camaraderie and community among its members. The club's facilities, which include a clubhouse, pro shop, and practice areas, serve as gathering points where individuals from diverse backgrounds come together to share their love for the game. Whether enjoying a round of golf or participating in social events and tournaments, members of Portland Golf Club have forged lasting friendships and created cherished memories amidst the tranquil surroundings of the course.

As the years have passed, Portland Golf Club has remained committed to preserving its storied heritage while embracing innovation and progress. Ongoing efforts to maintain and enhance the course ensure that it continues to provide a world-class golfing experience for generations to come. Additionally, the club's dedication to environmental stewardship underscores its commitment to sustainability and the preservation of Oregon's natural splendor.

Portland Golf Club's storied history and significance extend beyond its immaculate fairways and prestigious tournaments. In recognition of its cultural and architectural importance, the Portland Golf Clubhouse and Golf Course was added to the National Register of Historic Places in 2023. This honor cemented its status as a cherished landmark in the Pacific Northwest and underscores the club's enduring legacy and commitment to preserving its heritage for generations to come. As it looks towards the future, the club stands poised to build upon its legacy and continue enriching the lives of golf enthusiasts for years to come.



The Portland Golf Club turns 110 years old in 2024 and has been the host for some major golf championships.

## HORSE RACING IS BACK!

MAY 4 - SEPTEMBER 15

- FRIDAYS - FIRST POST 7PM, STARTING MAY 31st
- SATURDAY & SUNDAYS - FIRST POST 1:30PM

BUY TICKETS NOW AT EMERALDDOWNS.COM

**EMERALD DOWNS**

2300 RON CROCKETT DR. AUBURN, WA 98001 | 253-288-7000 | EMERALDDOWNS.COM

## Emerald Downs kicks off its 2024 horse racing season this month

If it's the month of May, it must mean it's time for the horses to start running at Emerald Downs racetrack in Auburn, Wash.

Opening Day at Emerald Downs is set for May 4, the same day as the annual running of the Kentucky Derby. The season will run through September with racing on Friday's, Saturday's and Sunday's. Check the Emerald Downs calendar at [www.emeralddowns.com](http://www.emeralddowns.com) for the dates of live racing.

There will be plenty of big events at the track in 2024, highlighted by the annual Fireworks Spectacular July 3. Other events for the season include:

- Mother's Day Buffet Weekend (May 11-12\*)
- Bulldog Races (June 9)
- Muckleshoot Gold Cup Indian Relay (June 15-16)
- Fireworks Spectacular (July 3)
- Corgi World Championship Races (July 14)
- Premio Esmeralda Weekend (July 28)
- Championship Sunday / 89th Longacres Mile Day (Aug. 11)
- T-Rex World Championship Races (Aug. 17)
- Wiener Dog & Wannabe Races (Aug. 25)

Adult tickets are \$10 for entry into Emerald Downs and include a program. Youths (5-17) are just \$5 and Seniors (60-plus) are just \$5 on Saturday's during the season at the track.

For only \$500, you can dive headfirst into the world of horse racing with the Emerald Racing Club. You can co-own a bona fide thoroughbred racehorse for an unbeatable \$500. As an Emerald Racing Club member, you'll rub shoulders with fellow racing enthusiasts, learn from the maestros of the track – experienced trainers and jockeys – and score invitations to exclusive, pulse-raising events at the racetrack.

For more information on the Emerald Racing Club, call 253.288.7723 or send an email to [vinceb@emeralddowns.com](mailto:vinceb@emeralddowns.com).

# Rules of the Game: There is more than meets the eye when you decide head to the golf ‘course’ to tee it up

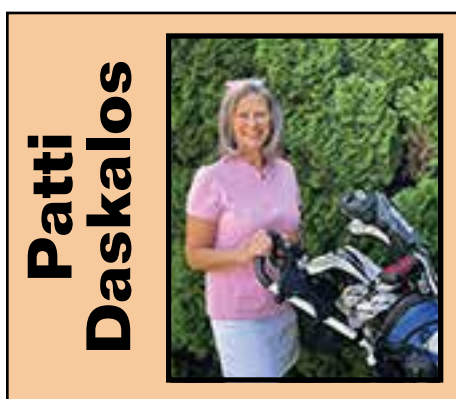
As we head into springtime the weather is getting better in the Pacific Northwest. Hopefully that means more golf for you! As you head to the course ... wait ... what does course actually mean? The dictionary definition doesn't even mention golf in association with the word course.

Webster's says a course is a route or direction, or an ordered process. I guess you could say that golf on a course is an ordered process on a specific route. But let's look at some golf lingo and the USGA definition of course: the entire area of play within the edge of any boundaries set up by the Committee. (The Committee is essentially the person or group in charge of the competition on the course. That could be your head pro, a tournament committee, your local golf association, or even a USGA committee).

Any area inside the boundaries is part of the course, and the course is made up of five defined areas. If you know the five areas, you can impress your golfing buddies. But honestly even more important, knowing the different areas of the course can help you understand the rules that apply specifically to each area.

For this month's article, I'll share the information about the areas of the course. In the following months I'll talk about each specific area and some rules that apply to those areas. First, there are four specific areas of the golf course: 1) The Teeing Area the player must use in starting the hole they are playing, 2) The Putting Green of the hole the player is playing, 3) All penalty areas on the course, and 4) All bunkers on the course.

The rest of the golf course within the boundaries that are NOT part of a specific area is known as the General Area. Notice that 1 and 2 both specifically mention THE Teeing Area and THE Putting Green, while 3 and 4 refer to ALL penalty areas and bunkers on the course. To clarify, rules that apply to the Teeing Area mean the Teeing Area that you must use in



**Patti Daskalos**

starting the hole you are playing.

If you are playing the blue tees on hole #7, that is what the rules would consider the Teeing Area. During the play of hole #7, all other Teeing Areas on the golf course, including any other tee on hole #7, would be considered part of the General Area. The same is true of Putting Greens! The Putting Green rules apply only to the Putting Green of the hole the player is playing. All other putting greens on the course are a wrong green (which we will discuss later) and are a part of the General Area! If you are playing hole #7, the greens of ALL the other holes are part of the General Area!

All the penalty areas on the course—either red or yellow are specific areas of the course. And all bunkers on the course are specific areas of the course. The rules define a bunker as a specially prepared area of sand, which is often a hollow from which turf or soil was removed. Notice the rules use the term bunker—and even though sand trap is a very commonly used term to describe a spot on the course filled with sand that traps your golf ball—the rules-correct term is bunker!

Enjoy the springtime weather and share your new found golf lingo! Since we've previously covered the Teeing Area in the November, '23 edition of Inside Golf, next month we will tackle Putting Green rules.



Knowing the different areas of a golf course and its boundaries is essential to knowing all of the rules in play.

**Question:** At a tournament your well struck tee shot appears to have come to rest among the trees along the right side of the fairway. This fairway parallels another hole going the opposite way. As you head off in search you notice players in the tree line apparently searching for a ball. After a search for your ball, which you do not find, and your 3 minute search time expires you understandably assume that someone in that other group must have hit your ball by mistake. So you run over and ask them if they may have hit your ball in error but of course they all deny they did. Fortunately, there is a Rules official close at hand. If you were that official how would you answer their question?

**Answer:** You would answer it delicately. Under the Rules of Golf there are several circumstances where the

concept of "known or virtually certain" is used to aid in determining questions of fact. Situations such as "is the ball in a penalty area, is my ball lost in ground under repair", or as is in this case "was my ball moved by an outside influence"? Known or virtually certain as applied in the Rules of Golf is a very high bar to achieve. You could say about 95% likely your assumption is correct. With that high of a requirement it undermines player's normal trend of thinking, "what's in my score's best interest or what's fair". Even though there is some possibility someone did play your ball the evidence is not conclusive. So as described above the player's ball is lost and they would have to proceed under Rule 18.2 and return to the teeing area and play under stroke and distance. It makes the case in part for putting a distinctive marking on your golf ball.

**NILE SHRINE GOLF COURSE**  
**& #19 BAR & GRILL IN MOUNTLAKE TERRACE**

18 HOLES OPEN TO THE PUBLIC  
 Exit #177 off I-5, West 1/4 mile on the right

*Book your tee time today at*  
[www.nileshriners.org](http://www.nileshriners.org)  
 Check out our website for more coupons!

**TEE TIMES: 425-776-5154**

**Having trouble with Solid Contact?**  
 Lets change that, book a lesson today!

*Must mention this ad to receive a special gift with your lesson!*

 **Val Patrick**  
 LPGA Western Section Secretary  
 Mill Creek Country Club-Director of Instruction  
 Shorewood HS Girls Golf Coach  
[www.valpatrickgolf.com](http://www.valpatrickgolf.com)


Text, call or email:  
 206-276-6870 / val6870@gmail.com



**Lake Chelan Golf Course**

Rentals Available  
 Full Service Restaurant  
 For Tee Times Call 800-246-5361

[www.LakeChelanGolf.com](http://www.LakeChelanGolf.com)

# The Lesson Tee: As the 2024 golf season gets going it's never too late to find a way to work on the game

Some Secret Sauce in golf.

We are heading into the 2024 golf season. In fact, the season is here. It's time to get everything going in the right direction.

We all need coaching, sharpening, input, accountability and continual growth in golf and life. I hope you all are seeking that out and getting that regularly. As we get into the season, it's time to get that game even sharper.

I would like to address a few helpful insights to your golf game this month.

**1. Aim:** Most everyone tries to aim their club face where they want the ball to go, but most are unaware of aiming the body. Most aim their body right of their target.

They then must make a undesired move to hit the golf ball back to their target. I would like my athletes to aim the feet left of the target or end point.

Left is much more effective than aiming to the right! You should feel like your feet aim at the short stop when wanting to hit the shot to second base.

You can feel like your shoulders are at second base, but not hips and feet. My experience is when someone feels this aim everything is quite square.

**2. Stronger Grip:** I've said it many time in many articles. Stronger is better than weaker for 85% of golfers. See three knuckles in the left hand and put the club in your fingers. Then match the right hand with the left. (Photo 1).

**3. Get Position 3:** (Photo 2) Create depth to your backswing by turning your hips and shoulders. Without hip turn it is difficult to create enough depth to shallow the shaft properly on the downswing. Create 20 degrees of depth at position 3 in the backswing.

Another image is when you turn your hips and



shoulders create enough depth to touch a wall going back. (Photo 3).

*Jeff Coston is a former PGA Tour pro and multi-time winner of the Washington Player of the Year. He runs the Jeff Coston Golf Academy at Semiahmoo Resort in Blaine, Wash. Jeff can be reached at 360.201.4590. or see www.jeffcoston.com.*



Photo 1



Photo 2



Photo 3

## LEARN TO PLAY FROM A PRO

### WHO PLAYED FOR A LIVING

CHAMPIONS TOUR PROFESSIONAL



**Inducted into the PNW PGA Hall of Fame**

**26-time PNW PGA Player of the Year**  
**All time Major Tournament Winner in NW golf history**

*"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...  
206 Ryder Cup Captain & 1997 Leading Money Winner and Player of the Year*

# Jeff COSTON

Golf Academy

360-201-4590

**FOR SALE**  
USED Club Car EzGo Yamaha Golf Carts  
Gas and Electric Available  
**Starting at \$2900**

*Alexander's Golf Carts*  
Bremerton, WA  
Call Joe to find out more at (360) 471-9786  
email us at [info@alexanderscarts.com](mailto:info@alexanderscarts.com)

[www.alexandersgolfcarts.com](http://www.alexandersgolfcarts.com)

Cart shown is \$4900 plus tax

# SHOP

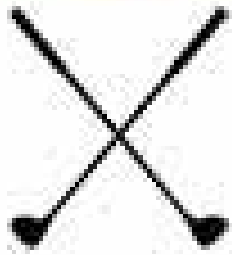


# TODAY

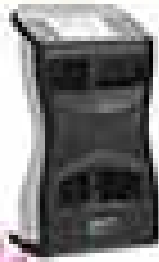
## REGRIP SPECIAL!

## FITTING APPOINTMENTS

SAVE TIME!  
Make an appointment.



- Good through May 2024
- Save \$2 on select Golf Pride grips or \$3 on Karma grips. See stores for details.
- 3-day labor is always free on installation
- Rush option available



- The Pro Golf Staff averages over 19 years of experience
- Fittings are free with purchase
- Scan QR Code to make your Fitting Appointment on our Foresight GC Quad Launch Monitor



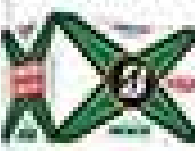
## SHOP for Mom

Lots of gift ideas in stores!



### STOCK UP AND SAVE!

3 Dozen Golf Ball Packs



Disc Golf

**\$119<sup>99</sup>**

4 Dozen Golf Ball Packs



TaylorMade

**\$164<sup>99</sup>**



Callaway

**\$164<sup>99</sup>**

**Cleveland**

**UHX & XL Halo Irons**  
Starting at **\$385<sup>99</sup>** Save \$299

### GET MAJOR SAVINGS ON GOLF CLUBS!

Driver **\$299<sup>99</sup>** Save \$200

Fairway **\$199<sup>99</sup>** Save \$100

Hybrid **\$179<sup>99</sup>** Save \$70



Irons 5-PW,AW **\$599<sup>99</sup>** Save \$200



Drivers **\$299<sup>99</sup>** Save \$250

Fairways **\$199<sup>99</sup>** Save \$130

Hybrids **\$159<sup>99</sup>** Save \$100

Specialty Drivers

90th | Palm Tree | Volition **\$349<sup>99</sup>** Save \$250

Irons (5-PW, AW, Steel) **\$699<sup>99</sup>** Save \$300

### CBX & RTX ZIPCORE



Wedges **\$119<sup>99</sup>** Save up to \$50

### PING G425

Driver **\$397** Save \$150

Fairway **\$247** Save \$90

Hybrid **\$217** Save \$80

Irons (5-PW, Steel) **\$684** Save \$172.50



### Tilburst T SERIES

T100 | T100s | T200 (4-PW) **\$999<sup>99</sup>** Save \$300

T300 (5-PW,AW) **\$799<sup>99</sup>** Save \$200



### Mizuno S23 Wedges

**\$119<sup>99</sup>** Save \$40



### Tilburst SM9 Wedges

**\$149<sup>99</sup>** Save \$30

