



## Destination Myrtle Beach: Plenty of golf choices on the Grand Strand

With courses like Grande Dunes (right) there is no shortage of choices to make when making a trip to Myrtle Beach - the place they call the Grand Strand. Plus if you travel in August you can tee it up at the Myrtle Beach World Amateur with 3,000 other golfers. For more, see Page 2 of this issue of Inside Golf.



## WHAT'S NEW IN NW GOLF

### Hudson Cup matches set for Arrowhead Golf Club

The 77th edition of the Hudson Cup is set for Oct. 16-17 at Arrowhead Golf Club in Molalla, Ore. The Hudson Cup matches feature the top professionals from the Pacific Northwest taking on the top amateurs. There is also the Senior Hudson Cup pitting the top senior professionals against the top senior amateurs. The event is patterned after the Ryder Cup with team and individual matches.



### Rules Question of the month

Player A's ball landed on the putting green and rolled into a red penalty area about six feet from the edge of the putting green. Player A correctly determines the two club-length relief area for lateral relief and drops the ball in the relief area on the putting green. The ball rolls off the putting green and comes to rest in the general area. Player A plays the ball onto the putting green. The ruling is? See the answer on Page 2 of this section.



## USGA heads back to the Northwest in 2026 with U.S. Senior Women's Am at Portland Golf Club

It's always a good deal when the United States Golf Association makes a visit to the Pacific Northwest. This summer it was the U.S. Women's Amateur at Bandon Dunes.

The U.S. Senior Women's Amateur took place at the Portland Golf Club Sept. 26-Oct. 1. This was not the first time the Portland Golf Club had hosted a USGA event - the club played host to the U.S. Women's Amateur in 2015 and the 1999 U.S. Senior Men's Amateur.

Portland Golf Club also was the host site for the 1982 U.S. Senior Open as well as the home for Peter Jacobsen's Fred Meyer Challenge for years.

And that's not all that is set for the Portland Golf Club as the USGA announced the club will also play host to the 2034 U.S. Senior Women's Amateur.

Portland Golf Club has also played host to the LPGA Tour having hosted five tournaments with the LPGA through the years.



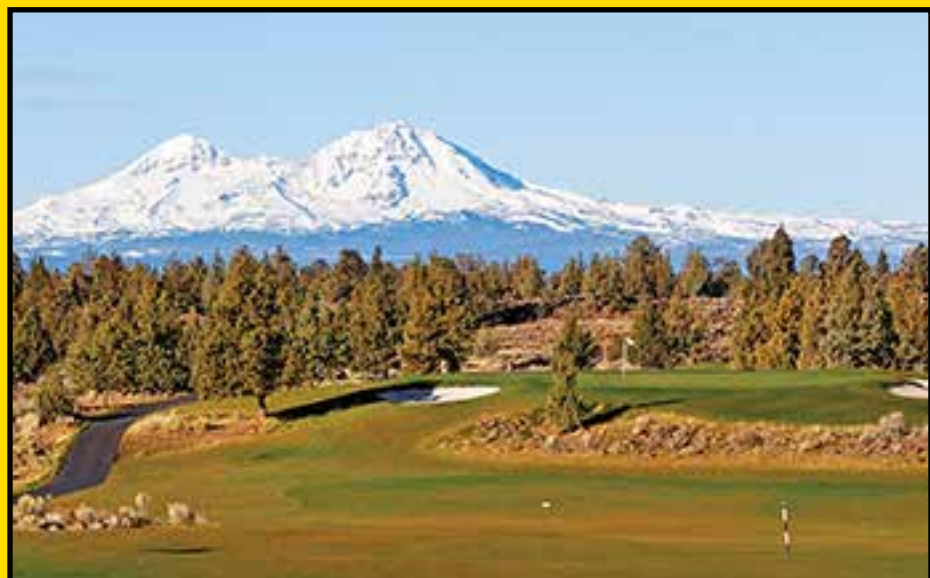
### Indian Summer: Former private club now a public treat



**Indian Summer Golf Club in Lacey, Wash. has been ranked among the top courses in the Pacific Northwest since opening in the early 1990s. It has also hosted big-time events like the PGA Tour's Ben Hogan Tour plus the PPGA Championships and more. It was once a private golf club but is now public. See inside this section for more.**

### Juniper Golf Course: A great choice when in Central Oregon

There are so many great options when teeing it up in Central Oregon, but Juniper Golf Course in Redmond should be toward the top of your list. With stunning views and a challenging golf course, there is plenty to like about Juniper. And it's even a place that can be played year-round when Mother Nature cooperates in the winter months. For more on Juniper Golf Course, see inside this section of *Inside Golf Newspaper*.





# Another year, another dose of some great stories from the Myrtle Beach World Amateur Championship

Every year when I head to Myrtle Beach for the annual Myrtle Beach World Amateur Championship, the stories just keep on coming - off and on the course.

Off the course, this is a tournament that pulls out all the stops. The event takes over the Myrtle Beach Convention Center for four nights after the rounds of golf for the 3,000 players and their guests. There is free food, free beer and free hard drinks - which go down nicely after yet another bad round of golf on the place they call the Grand Strand.

On the course, the players you run into in your groups all seem to have stories.

On the first day of the tournament there was Chris who had back surgery a few weeks before the tournament and his doctor told him not to even think about playing. But there he was, battling the 18 holes and saying he hoped his back held up. It did.

There was Allen, who had open heart surgery a month or so before the tournament and his doctor also told him it was probably not a good idea to play four rounds in 90-degree weather. He disobeyed the doctor's orders like Chris and got through the four rounds just fine.

There was Tom, who is a USGA rules official in South Carolina and a guy who works some big events. If we had a rules issue in our group, we knew who to go to. On this day, no issues but you could tell that Tom was disappointed because he likes his rulings.

There was Dave who had a cancer story that couldn't be believed. Both his wife and his daughter were both breast cancer survivors and he felt so fortunate that both were still a big part of his life. He likes playing in the tournament but it seemed secondary the way he talked about his family.

And on the final day there was Curt who seemed like a nice friendly guy on the tee box then turned into the ultra-competitive Curt as



we made our way down the fairway. He talked about how he was five strokes off the lead and needed to focus. On the first green he was lining up his putt not ready to putt yet and the rest of us were talking softly about the green. He stood up and admonished us

for ruining his concentration. Are you serious? We have to deal with this crap for five hours. One of the guys in the flight told him to lighten up. He did and the rest of the round went OK. But don't sign me up to play with this clown again.

The way the tournament works is the 50 or so flight winners meet on Friday for the championship. A guy named Scott Collette from Knoxville, Tenn. won the tournament in a playoff. That is a round I will never have to worry about playing. I've been for 27 years and never sniffed winning the flight. Which is OK. It's fun just to be there and play and hear those stories.

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River's Edge was one of the host courses for the 3,000 players in this year's Myrtle Beach World Amateur tournament.



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Rules Answer

Answer: Player A had correctly dropped the ball in taking relief from the red penalty area. However, for the ball to have been correctly put in play when taking relief from a Penalty Area, it must come to rest in the same area of the course where the ball first struck the course. So in this case the putting green. See Rule 17.1d(3).. As Player A did not correctly put the ball into play as required by Rule 17.1d and played from a wrong place and gets .a single two-stroke penalty under Rule 14.7a.

• Inside Golf would like to thank Paul Lucien for his for the rules questions and answers.

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# Gove claims PGA Senior title, leads NW players to nationals

PGA Professional Jeff Gove of The Idaho Club won the Senior PGA Professional Championship by one stroke over Ryan Malby of Kalispel, Montana. In addition to Gove, Malby, Joey Carranza of Overlake G&CC, Mitch Lowe of Glendoveer GC, Brian Thornton of Meridian Valley CC, Bob Rannow of Ocean Dunes GC and Billy Bomar of Bomar Putting all advanced directly to the 37th Senior PGA Professional Championship, October 23-26 at PGA Golf Club in Port St Lucie, FL.

Gove and Jeff Coston of Semiahmoo G&CC were exempt prior to this championship based on past play at the National level and will advance directly to the national tournament.

Additionally, top finishers at the 37th Senior PGA Professional Championship will earn a berth in the 2026 KitchenAid Senior PGA Championship.

Winning the Senior Division was Bruce Stewart of Stone Creek GC. Joey Carranza of Overlake G&CC captured the Hugh Starkweather award which goes to the low player for both rounds that is 60 years and older.



Jeff Gove won the Senior PGA Championship.

### Did you know....

• In 2024, the Montana and Alaska golf associations joined the PNGA, which now comprises six golf associations, including Oregon, Idaho, British Columbia, and Washington. Combined, these Member Associations serve and provide benefits to over 250,000 golfing members throughout the region. Last month, the PNGA held the Senior and Super Senior Men's Amateurs at Old Works Golf Club in Anaconda, Mont. It is the third PNGA championship held in Montana, the other two being the 1913 PNGA Men's Amateur and the 1995 PNGA Junior Boys.



• Each fall the George Holland Award annually recognizes volunteers who have made extraordinary contributions to Washington Golf and the game throughout the WA Golf territory of Washington and Northern Idaho. These individuals contribute many hours of time and effort, as well as resources, simply for the satisfaction of knowing they are benefiting the game. The award is named in honor of longtime volunteer, contributor, and two-time past president, George Holland. Visit [wagolf.org](http://wagolf.org) for further announcements about this year's recipients.



## Tour Players With Northwest ties

### PGA Tour Money list for 2025

- Nick Taylor • Ex-UW • 19th on the list with \$5,431,209
- Wyndham Clark Ex-Oregon • 49th on the list with \$2,864,392
- Joe Highsmith • Tacoma • 53rd on the list with \$2,806,619
- Cameron Davis • Australia (Sahalee Member) • 70th on the list with \$2,093,245
- Andrew Putnam • Tacoma • 94th on the list with \$1,270,618
- Joel Dahmen • Clarkston • 107th on the list with \$1,194,612
- Adam Svensson • B.C. Canada • 166th on the list with \$412,828
- Dylan Wu • Medford, Ore. • 168th on the list with \$403,726
- Cheng Tsung Pan • Ex-UW • 186th on the list with \$186,828
- Carl Yuan • Ex-UW • 229th on the list with \$17,920
- Ryan Moore • Puyallup • not on the list with no events
- Kevin Chappell • Kirkland • not on the list with no events
- Kyle Stanley • Gig Harbor • not on the list with no events
- Aaron Wise • Ex-Oregon • not on the list with no events

### Korn Ferry Tour

- Alistair Docherty • Vancouver, Wash. • 65th on the list with \$383,670
- Carl Yuan • Ex-UW • 74th on the list with \$324,909
- Dylan Wu • Medford, Ore. • 81st on the list with \$288,538
- Nate Stember • Ex-Oregon • 141st on the list with \$105,911
- Aaron Wise • Ex-Oregon • 191st on the list with \$20,000
- Scott Harrington • Portland • not on the list – no events
- Kyle Stanley • Gig Harbor • not on the list – no events
- R.J. Manke • Tacoma • not on the list – no events
- Andrew Yun • Tacoma • not on the list – no events

### Champions Tour

- Fred Couples • Seattle • 54th on the list with \$309,013
- Kirk Triplett • Pullman • 70th on the list with \$203,435

### LPGA Tour

- Jing Yan • Ex-UW • 108th on the list with \$182,375
- Gigi Stoll • Tigard • 123rd on the list with \$98,211
- Carolyn Inglis • Eugene • 124th on the list with \$96,042

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# Wing Point’s Hurt claims PNW PGA Championship crown; Washington golfers ninth at Sahalee Players Championship

There was a familiar face at the top of the leaderboard at the PNW PGA Professional Championship at Canyon River Golf Club in Missoula, Mt.

PGA Professional Austin Hurt of Wing Point G&CC (Bainbridge Island, WA) won the PNW PGA Professional Championship once again Hurt had previously won this event back in 2023.

In addition to Hurt, Kyle Kelly of The Creek at Qualchan, Bryce Fisher of Arrowhead GC, Brad Elzie of Meadow Springs CC, Derek Berg of PNW Golf Academy, Russell Grove of Eastern Washington University, Sabrina Bonanno of Sahalee CC and Jason Aichele of Meadow Springs CC all earned spots to directly to the 2026 PGA Professional Championship presented by Club Car, Corebridge Financial and Rolex, to be held April 26-29, 2026, at Bandon Dunes and Pacific Dunes.

Additionally, the low 20 scores at the 2026 PGA Professional Championship presented by Club Car, Corebridge Financial and Rolex will earn a place in the 108th PGA Championship to be held at Aronimink Golf Club in Newtown Square, PA, May 2026.

### Huskies finish 9th at Sahalee event

A pair of top-20 individual finishes by Finn Koelle and Jacob Goode guided the Washington men’s golf team to a ninth-place finish in a stacked field at the Sahalee Players Championship at Sahalee Country Club.

Koelle finished the tournament in a tie for 11th at 2-over-par 218 after a final round 76. Goode fired the lowest round of the day for the Huskies with a 2-over 74 to complete his first collegiate tournament in a tie for 20th (5-over 221).

Grady Millar (9-over 225), Jake Foley (14-over 230) and Jack Murphy (15-over 231) rounded out the starting five for Washington. Foley and Murphy both carded final rounds of 4-over 76 while Millar posted a 5-over 77.

Pepperdine’s Brady Siravo finished as the overall champion with a three-round total of 3-under 213.

Arizona State won the team title with a total score of 3-over 867.

### PNGA crown Mid-Amateur champions

Wyatt Brook of Heffley Creek, B.C. shot rounds of 63-67-68 to win the 40th PNGA Men’s Mid-Amateur at 18-under par, while Jessica Mangrobang of Portland, Ore. shot rounds of 70-70-67 to take victory in the PNGA Women’s Mid-Amateur at 9-under.

Both championships were held August 26-28, at Apple Tree Resort in Yakima, Wash., over three 18-hole rounds of stroke play.

Entering the day with a three-shot lead, Brook continued the level of play that earned him that advantage. His first bogey of the week came on the 4th hole of the final round, but he carded seven more birdies to sit at 21-under par by the time he finished the 14th. Another bogey on 16 and a double on 17 brought him back slightly, but his lead was safe enough, and his 18-under finish earned him his first PNGA title.

Brook won the 2024 BC Mid-Amateur and placed third in the same championship this year.

In the women’s championship, Mangrobang, who entered the final day as the only player to take both rounds 1 and 2 under par, did the same and then some on day 3 to cement her title. After bogeying her 2nd hole, Mangrobang made the turn even for the round, having birdied the 7th. After parring holes 10 and 11, she carded five more birdies in her final six holes to complete a final round 67, the best round of the women’s championship by two shots. senior conducted annually by the PNGA throughout the Northwest.

### Champions crowned at PNGA Junior

Aidan Szentanai from Boise, Idaho, defeated fellow Boisean Andy Metzler in the final match, 1-up, to win the 70th Pacific Northwest Junior Boys’ Amateur

Championship; while Madeleine Conser from Portland, Ore., defeated Tatum Otto from Bellevue, Wash., 7 & 6 to claim the 69th Pacific Northwest Junior Girls’ Amateur title.

The two championships were held concurrently this week at RedHawk Golf Course in Nampa, Idaho.

### Washington Senior Women’s Amateur

Kim Titus of Fox Island, Wash. shot rounds of 79-78 to win the 26th Washington Senior Women’s Amateur, while LoriAnne Johns of Tacoma shot rounds of 79-83 to claim the 12th Washington Super Senior Women’s Amateur title.

The championships were held at Alderbrook Golf & Yacht Club in Union, Wash. Both were scored through 36 holes of stroke play.

Titus began the second round three shots off the lead. Playing in the penultimate group, she bogeyed the 18th, but still posted the clubhouse lead at 13-over. In the final group, Gretchen Klein and Leslie Folsom were tied with Titus at that number, but both those players bogeyed the final hole, leaving Titus with a one-stroke advantage when scores were final.

### B.C. golfer wins Senior Women’s Am

Shelly Stouffer of Nanoose Bay, BC shot rounds of 72-73-70 to win the 38th Pacific Northwest Senior Women’s Amateur Championship, while Penny Gibbons of Vancouver, Wash. shot rounds of 82-77-85 to win the 13th Pacific Northwest Super Senior Women’s Amateur. Both championships were held at Squamish Valley Golf Club in Squamish, B.C.

This year marked the first time Squamish Valley hosted either championship. Both were held over three 18-hole rounds of stroke play.

Entering the day with a sizeable lead after parring all but one hole, Stouffer did plenty to maintain it. She birdied her third hole, and while two bogeys came on

holes 8 and 10, she notched three more birdies in her last five holes to finish at 1-under par.

### Team Oregon wins Hogan Cup

The 57th Eddie Hogan Cup Team Matches brought together some of the top junior golfers from across the western United States, Canada, and Hawaii for an exciting weekend of competition at Riverside Golf & Country Club. Teams representing Oregon, Southern California, Arizona, San Diego, Washington, Idaho, Northern California, Utah, Nevada, Hawaii, and British Columbia competed in the prestigious event.

Team Oregon, captained by Scott Baines, claimed the championship with an impressive two-round total of 410 (16-under par), edging out Southern California, who finished at 414 (12-under par). This marked Oregon’s first Hogan Cup victory in six years, and the first as captain for Baines.

The winning Oregon team consisted of Cade McVicker, Davis Hartwell, Connor Holden, and Guanhao Lu.

### Hair, O’Donnell capture Mid-Am titles

Nate Hair of Spokane Valley, Wash. shot rounds of 74-72-69 and subsequently defeated Tom Herrick (Olympia, Wash.) and Chris Bae (University Place, Wash.) in a two-hole playoff to win the 60th Pacific Northwest Senior Men’s Amateur Championship at 1-under par; while Pat O’Donnell of Happy Valley, Ore. shot rounds of 72-74-67 to win the 15th Pacific Northwest Super Senior Men’s Amateur at 3-under par. Both championships were held September 16-18, at Old Works Golf Club in Anaconda, Mont.

In the Super Senior, O’Donnell erased a 5-stroke deficit to 36-hole leader Brad Carey (Lake Oswego, Ore.) en route to victory. His final round 67 included an eagle on the par-5 third hole, which Carey bogeyed, causing a three-shot swing.

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# Indian Summer: Former private club is now public and a great choice to play

As a private club for 30 years, the public golfer might not know much about Indian Summer Golf & Country Club. You may not know that in 1996 and '97 the course hosted the Nike Tour events (Nike Olympia Open and Nike Puget Sound Open). Indian Summer Golf and Country Club is among the Northwest's premier golf clubs, known for its superb, year-round conditioning with a sand base that makes it a solid winter course.

When the course opened in 1992 it was open to the public for a short time before transitioning to fully private, where it has remained for the past 30 years. As South Sound golf has evolved, so has Indian Summer, taking on the Semi-Private model. "We have opened the course to the public players, offering the great conditions of a traditional country club for all players to experience seven days a week!" Kevin Myers – Indian Summer General Manager.

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Here is what one reviewer said about Indian Summer: "I finally got to play this course! I'm so happy because it was well worth the wait! All 18 holes are aesthetically pleasing to the eye. Some pretty challenging holes. The staff was beyond friendly. Best of all – I could drive my cart to the ball on every hole! I can't

wait to play it again!" For more information on Indian Summer call the course at 360.923.1075.

*Indian Summer in Lacey, Wash. opened as a public course then went private but is now public again and is a popular place for Pacific Northwest golfers to tee it up with its variety of holes and challenges along the way through the 18 holes.*



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# Rules of the Game: In stroke play competition, you don’t have a score for the hole unless you finish by holing out

The next several month’s articles are dedicated to the five situations in Stroke Play when a player will be disqualified for not correcting the following mistakes before making a stroke on the next hole (or if on the last hole of the round, before returning the scorecard).

1. Failure to hole out (Rule 3.3c)
2. Failure to correct having played from a Wrong Tee, or outside the Teeing Area (Rule 6.1b(2))
3. Failure to correct having played a Wrong Ball (Rule 6.3c)
4. Failure to correct having played from a Wrong Place with a Serious Breach (Rule 14.7)
5. Failure to correct having played in the Wrong order in Foursome Play (Alternate Shot Rule 22.3)

For this month, we will look at Rule 3.3c failure to hole out. For clarity, know that when the Rules of Golf refer to “holing out” or to “hole out” it means when the player’s ball is holed, when the entire ball is at rest below the surface of the putting green. In cases of when the ball came to rest against the flagstick, a ball is considered holed when any part of the ball is below the surface of the putting green.

Although it is common to hear fellow players say “that’s good” while on the green— keep in mind that concessions or calling something good only applies in Match Play. In Stroke Play competitions in order to complete the hole, the ball must be holed. I suspect that at least once during play, you’ve missed the gimme, or a putt you knew you were going to make - even happens to the Pros. Who remembers John Daly’s six-putt at the Memorial Tournament in Ohio? Or Ernie



Els putting debacle six-putt from three feet at the Master’s. As far as the Rules of Golf are concerned, in Stroke Play, you do not have a score for a hole unless the ball ends up in the cup. Unlike Match Play where the opponent can see or be aware of any potential rules issues and bring up those concerns to their opponent on time, the competitors in the field in a Stroke Play competition only have knowledge of what is happening in their group. Players in other groups need to have their interests protected by everyone being treated equally under the Rules of Golf.

A player in a different group may have not been as generous in “giving” a putt. To keep things fair for all players, every player in the field must hole the ball. I recognize not every time a player hits the links, it is to compete in a tournament. But even those skins games, or money games when you have more than one group playing, putts in stroke play need to be holed.

The Rules are also very clear that if two or more players agree to ignore a Rule or any penalty they know applies (i.e. saying putts



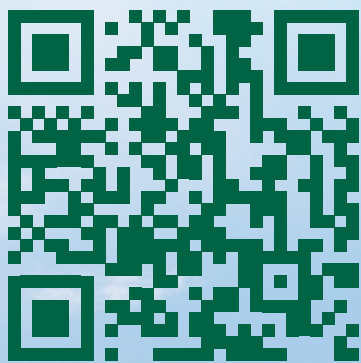
Make sure to finish holing out when you complete a hole, otherwise you will suffer some penalty strokes.

“within the leather” are good) those players are disqualified—unless the agreement is made prior to the start of the round, and the agreement is cancelled prior to any involved player beginning their round). If they players have started their round and haven’t yet acted on the agreement to ignore the Rule, the players involved are still disqualified.

So, what happens if during Stroke Play

you forget to hole out, or someone tells you “That’s good” and you pick up your ball in play? You need to place the ball back on its estimated spot and finish the hole then add one penalty stroke for moving your ball in play. If you have teed off on the next hole before correcting your mistake, you are disqualified.

Remember, that in Stroke Play “that’s good” is not good.



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A wide-angle photograph of the Indian Summer Golf & Country Club clubhouse and surrounding golf course. The clubhouse is a long, low building with a grey roof and large windows, surrounded by lush green lawns and trees. A golf cart is visible on the path leading to the clubhouse.The logo for Indian Summer Golf & Country Club, featuring a stylized circular emblem with a golf ball and a flag.

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## A wide-angle photograph of a golf course. In the foreground, a small pond reflects the sky and surrounding trees. A green fairway with a white flag is visible in the middle ground. The background is filled with a dense forest of evergreen trees, and beyond them, several snow-capped mountain peaks rise against a clear blue sky. The lighting suggests a bright, sunny day.

Juniper Golf Course, in Redmond, OR, is a highly acclaimed high desert test that has been named by *Golf Digest* as the best municipal course in the state. Municipal or not, Juniper is a top-tier venue among all Northwest golf, and

*Juniper Golf Course in Redmond, Ore. is a treat with its stunning mountain views and terrific 18-hole layout.*



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# Looking for one of those Bucket List places, then it’s time to check out what Myrtle Beach has to offer for golf

By Steve Turcotte, Inside Golf Editor

There are certain places and courses in the country that appear own a golfer’s bucket list. Hawaii, of course. Florida, for sure. Pebble Beach, certainly. Bandon Dunes, sign me up.

But don’t forget about Myrtle Beach, the place they call the Grand Strand and the place where golfer’s from around the country find their way to when they get the chance. Myrtle Beach is basically the golf capital of the country. With over 75 courses within and hour and a half drive, some on the ocean and some overlooking the Atlantic Intercoastal waterway, Myrtle Beach is loaded with golf. Great golf. Golf that is ranked among the best in the country.

The professional tours have all made their way to the area through the years. The LPGA has played tournaments at Wachesaw East. The PGA Tour Champions had their season championship at the Dunes Golf Club for years and the PGA Tour makes its appearance in Myrtle Beach with a tournament at the Dunes Golf Club. And for a little more professional flavor, Dustin Johnson went to school and played golf at Coastal Carolina in town and he also has a golf school named after him at the TPC Myrtle Beach.

This is an area that is basically a golf-a-palooza. There are courses to suit everyone’s games. There are facilities that have multiple courses. This is golf at its best.

There its plenty of history in the area with Pine Lakes, the Granddaddy of all the courses in the area, serving up plenty of history. There are places like True Blue at the south end of Myrtle Beach which features a links courses that must be played to be believed and an 18th hole that just might be one of the best in the area with water left, waste area right and the clubhouse perched in the background.

The one thing about several of the courses in Myrtle Beach is some fall under one umbrella. The Founders

Club is just one of those umbrellas. This is a company that runs 21 golf courses in the Myrtle Beach area from places like TPC Myrtle Beach to Grande Dunes to its namesake course the Founder’s Club.

But one of the most interesting courses under the Founders Club umbrella is the World Tour Golf Links. This is a course with 18 holes modeled after some of the most famous holes in golf. Augusta National’s Amen Corner? Check. St. Andrews Old Course’s first and 18th holes? You got it. And the 18th hole comes complete with the Swilcan Bridge and the Valley of Sin in front of the green.

Another interesting tidbit about a Founder’s Club course is Myrtle Beach National’s King Course, designed by Arnold Palmer himself. There is a par-5 called the gambler with an island fairway that shortens the hole if you hit it. One this day, three of us splashed our tee shots. Gamblers we were. Winners we were not.

Even as you drive away from the area there is more golf. In Charleston, about a two-hour drive south, there is much more to like, including Stono Ferry. This is a course that is terrific and has history, being built on the site of an old civil war battleground, in fact, there is a sign that says Hugh Jackson, the brother of President Andrew Jackson died on this site. And with holes along the Atlantic Intercoastal waterway there are some great shots and great sights.

Where ever you go, you will find golf in the South Carolina area. Not just good golf, but great golf.

*Myrtle Beach National features the King’s North Course (right) designed by Arnold Palmer; the TPC Myrtle Beach (lower left) has played host to the PGA Tour Champions; when you play golf in Myrtle Beach chances are you will run into an alligator along the way (lower right).*

## Founders Group offers some great places to play when making the Myrtle Beach trip

If it’s winter time in the Pacific Northwest, it might be time to make that annual winter golf trip. And there might not be a better place to take that trip than the place they call the Grand Strand - Myrtle Beach, South Carolina.

Myrtle Beach is an area that is golf, golf, and more golf. And for good reason. There are courses up and down for miles and this is truly golf at its finest. In fact, the PGA Tour now calls Myrtle Beach home to one of its tour stops.

And there is one company that knows exactly what golfers want when they head to South Carolina for a golf trip. The Founders Group features a collection of 21 courses in and around Myrtle Beach and offers some terrific variety with no two courses alike.

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# The Lesson Tee: During the downtime on the course, don't beat yourself up

It has been a fun, enjoyable, growing and challenging season for me. Anytime we are involved in golf it is a bit like life, we experience a variety of emotions. We know there will be challenges on the golf course. How we deal with each challenge determines our score and enjoyment of the game.

I read a book several times this year titled: *Extraordinary Golf* by Fred Shoemaker. I attended a seminar given by Fred and have spoken with him on the phone. The views, concepts and outlooks of this book have spoken to me greatly. Fred has expanded my overall outlook and mental focus on golf. I would encourage any and all to explore this book. It will change your point of view.

I'd like to share a couple things I have been committed to this year because of Fred Shoemaker's book.

First, I am focused on approaching golf differently. Extraordinary! I am focused on hitting shots trying less, caring less, target connected, curving shots. I am focused on what I can do rather than what I've done wrong, done on the last hole or don't want to do! I see players of all calibers trying too hard and filled with tension because they are trying to make sure they don't miss hit their shot or hit it in a certain way. Focused solely on their swing and not the target. They are controlled by score. They are stiff and not free. They are much different (in tournament situations) than they are on the range or playing a casual game with their friends.

Why should a tournament be any different than a casual round? I have found the less I care; the less I try; the more I trust; the better I do. The freer I am the better I play. My goal



is to not be attached to the outcome. I call it the NATO theory. It is more difficult than it sounds. Can I be committed to freedom and NATO rather than score and where I stand to par?

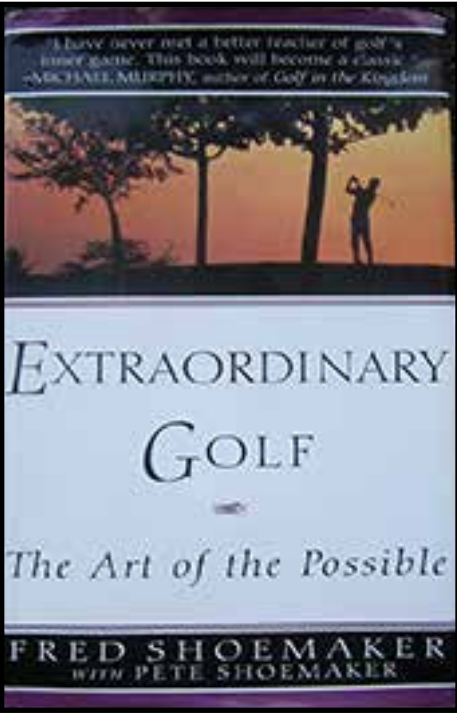
Next, and very important, is who we are between shots. Most of golf is time between shots. Actual golf shots only cover about 15 minutes of our 4 and half hours on the course. This includes our preshot routine.

Most golfers are introspective, focused on negative stuff and beating themselves up between shots. It is difficult to play great in this entrenched state of being.

A different focus between shots would make a huge difference in our score, fulfillment, experience and enjoyment on the golf course. I would encourage everyone to check out *Extraordinary Golf* by Fred Shoemaker. I am glad I did!

Jeff Coston is a former PGA Tour player and 11 time Pacific Northwest Player of the Year. He can be reached for appointment at Semiahmoo by calling 360-201-4590.

Don't beat yourself up between shots. Use the time to focus on ways to make the next shot even better. This will help you out.



Editor's note: *Extraordinary Golf* by Fred Shoemaker is available through Amazon.com for \$11.94 hardback and \$10.17 paperback

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## Gold Mountain's Cascade Course opened in 1971 and is about to get a much needed \$4 million upgrade

By Mike De Felice Kitsap News Group  
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Challenging sand traps, some longer holes, and a few new greens are what golfers can expect from the over \$4 million upgrade of Gold Mountain Golf Club's Cascade course in Bremerton.

"Cascade will be more challenging," promised Daryl Matheny, general manager of club. "We've been actually talking about this for years. The Cascade course opened in '71 and nothing had been done to the golf course. For the most part, it hasn't been touched in 54 years."

The Gold Mountain complex is owned by the city of Bremerton and consists of two 18-hole public courses: Cascade and Olympic. Cascade opened in 1971 and 25 years later, in 1996, Olympic was added.

Over the years, the Olympic track has garnered plenty of attention. This year, NBC's Golf Pass ranked Olympic as the No. 1 public course in the state. The course has also been the site of several notable tournaments, including U.S. Golf Association national championships and NCAA tournaments. Each course garnered about half of the 92,850 rounds played on the Gold Mountain courses last year.

"One of the many reasons we wanted to update Cascade is to make it relevant again. It was considered one of the best public golf courses in the state before we opened the Olympic course. This will revitalize that property," Matheny said.

Both courses wind through tall fir trees with elevation changes and offer scenic views of Green and Gold Mountains. There are no homes or construction on any of the 36 fairways. That, however, is where similarities end, Matheny said.

"Olympic has had its green complexes updated. There are a lot of fall-offs, undulations and collection areas. Cascade golf course is old school with flat greens that are easy to enter. It's easier to play," he said.

### Planned modifications

Golfers will notice a number of revisions, Matheny said.

"Most of the changes aren't going to be a complete redo. We will shift the look of some holes by adding different teeing areas. Others, we will take some bunkers out. We will be moving two green complexes.

"The changes might be dramatic for one hole and subtle for the next. There will be enough of a change where you're going to be able to see a difference from before," the general manager said.

He outlined some of the changes:

- On hole 3, a 187-yard par 3, a bunker on the side of the green will be moved to the front of the putting surface to penalize short tee shots. "That's going to be a pretty dramatic change," Matheny said. Several new tee areas will be added.

- Hole 5, a 500-yard par 5, will get a new green, approximately 50 yards down the fairway, making it a longer hole. The putting surface, considered by some to be difficult because it is severely sloped, will be replaced with a more playable one. To test players, additional bunkers will be added to the fairway and greenside. Several trees will be removed, allowing golfers to see adjacent fairways.

- When hole 7, a 166-yard par 3, is redone, golfers will have to contend with a larger water hazard. The pond, which protects the green, will be up to five times bigger, taunting players on holes 7 and 1 also.

- On the revamped hole 10, a par 4 434-yard dogleg right, golfers off the tee will face a risk/reward decision. Trees where the fairway turns will be thinned and replaced with pesky fescue grass. If long hitters attempt to hit over the dogleg and fail, they will find themselves hacking out of heavy rough. "It'll be a lot more dramatic as far as a tee shot goes," Matheny said. A new tee will add 15 yards to the hole.

In Cascade's overhaul, the number of bunkers will be reduced by 20% and several sand traps will be moved to be more in play. "Sand traps are expensive to maintain on the golf course, considering the amount of time it takes to rake and maintain them," Matheny said.

Likewise, the number of trees – another source of high maintenance costs – will be reduced by 12%. Those that are strategically in play will remain but others that present root problems, say to cart paths, or block sunlight from fairways are subject to removal, he said.

The course's irrigation system will be upgraded to enable maintenance personnel to pinpoint particular areas to be watered. That is expected to result in a cost savings of at least 20%, per Matheny, who added, "It's just more efficient. It's the difference between a Model T and a new Tesla."

Cascade's makeover is expected to take five to seven years, Matheny said. Two to four holes will be worked on at a time, and the course will remain open during renovations. Temporary greens will be utilized at times, he said.

Canadian golf course architect Jeff Mingay drew up the course improvements.

## 15th annual Golf for Joy Tournament keeps its impact, raising money for the Children's Cancer Association

The 15th annual Golf for Joy Tournament, presented by Northwestern Mutual, brought together new golfers, longtime champions, and familiar faces at the stunning Pumpkin Ridge Golf Club outside Portland, Oregon. With play spanning both the exclusive Witch Hollow and Ghost Creek courses, the tournament delivered two memorable days of competition and camaraderie. Even more remarkable was the impact off the course: the event raised over one million dollars for Children's Cancer Association and their free JoyRx Music, Mentorship, and Nature programs — the highest total in Golf for Joy's history.

This year's tournament welcomed 200 amateurs and professionals for an event inspired by the love of golf, paired with a commitment to community impact. The evening dinner program featured a lineup of heartfelt voices and special guests: Wesleigh Ogle of KATU News hosted the event alongside Dale Johannes of DC Auctions; Ashley Hedum of Northwestern Mutual highlighted the importance of corporate and community partnership; and JoyRx-served Mom Shelby Tisdale, who is also a member of the L.A.B. Golf team, shared a moving reflection about her son Cohen's cancer journey. Shelby's remarks about the joy Cohen found through JoyRx Mentorship brought the audience to its feet in a standing ovation. Cohen, now a recent high school graduate, aspires to become a pediatric oncologist, which sparked additional cheers, support, and tears from the audience.

The program also included a special Q&A with Sam Hahn, Co-CEO of L.A.B. Golf, who answered questions about putting, joy and golf, innovation, and inspiration. Hahn also joined the tournament, playing with Golf for Joy founder Gay Davis, who was honored during the program with a custom pocket square to match his signature Purple Jacket in recognition of Golf for Joy's fifteenth anniversary. The pocket square was

hand embroidered with the heart illustration drawn by Alexandra Ellis, who died from cancer 30 years ago, symbolizing the legacy of love and care at the heart of Children's Cancer Association, and the incredible impact Gay has had on the organization. Reflecting on the growth of the tournament and the organization, Davis remarked, "When we started Golf for Joy, it was a small idea with a big purpose."

Of course, the golf itself was also noteworthy. Congratulations went to the amateur foursome winners — Team Captain Brian Revord with Noel Preston, Tyler Breault, and Chris Theriault, joined by pro Jeff Gustafson of Club Green Meadows — and to the pro competition winners Bryce Fisher of Arrowhead Golf Club and Ryan Siegler of Baltimore Country Club. For many players, the opportunity to compete on Pumpkin Ridge's world-class courses was a meaningful addition to the overall joy of sharing their support.

Golf for Joy's milestone year was made possible by the dedication of its committee, co-chaired by Gay Davis and Fred Buckman Jr., alongside Fred Buckman Sr., Pat McCabe, Jeremy Reedal, and Sean Edwards; as well as the generosity of sponsors including presenting sponsor Northwestern Mutual, as well as Hofmann Construction, Western Pacific Building Materials and Gresham Chrysler, Dodge, Jeep and Ram, with Mattress World and Umpqua Bank.

At its heart, the tournament is about more than golf — it's about championing the mission of the Children's Cancer Association: to empower all seriously ill children to express themselves, to play, and to make meaningful connections by enriching their treatment experience and improving their well-being with joy-based programs.

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