



Peninsula turns 100: Check out the history of this NW Washington club

There is plenty of history about golf in the Pacific Northwest and Peninsula Golf Club in Port Angeles (right) is just part of that history as the club turns 100 years old this year. For more on Peninsula and golfing the Northwest Washington area please see our special section this month.



WHAT'S NEW IN NW GOLF

Bellingham courses team up for a three-day tournament

If you are looking to test your game for the 2026 golf season, the Mount Baker Challenge Cup is the ideal venue. Scheduled for June 11-13, the tournament features three of Northwest Washington's premier courses: Shuksan Golf Club, North Bellingham Golf Course, and Sudden Valley Golf Course.

This two-player best-ball event expects a field of 64 teams competing over three days. Each flight will vie for over \$3,000 in prize money, with flight winners earning a complimentary entry into the 2027 tournament. The format consists of two rounds of best-ball (where the low score counts) followed by a final round of combined aggregate scoring (where both balls are played). For more information, please contact Shuksan Golf Club at 360-398-8888."



Rules Question of the month

A player on the driving range before their round is unsure of which rescue club, they want to use that day. When finished he puts both clubs in his bag making a total of 15 clubs and heads to the first tee. He tells himself he'll just leave the extra club in his bag and not use it. He and the others in his group start their round. You as the starter become aware he has 15 clubs in his bag. What do you do now? See the answer on Page 2.



Palm Springs: The right place for a desert golf getaway

For golfers residing in the Pacific Northwest seeking a warm-weather escape, the Palm Springs region remains a premier destination due to its high concentration of championship-caliber courses and favorable climate. The Coachella Valley offers a unique combination of accessibility and luxury, with renowned facilities like the Indian Wells Golf Resort (far right) and Desert Willow Golf Resort (near right). These venues provide diverse layouts making the area a top-tier choice for seasonal travel. See inside this section for more.



North Shore: New look and a new name



North Shore Golf Course in Tacoma looks new again. And it even has a new name - Cedar Irons. When the Puyallup Tribe of Indians bought the course in 2016, they promised changes. And now the course is unveiling what those changes look like. The course has re-opened after a major re-model which included the removal of 300 trees, a new irrigation system and the changing of the par from 71 to 72. For more on what North Shore looks like now, please see inside this section of *Inside Golf Newspaper*.



Pacific Northwest junior wins title at Drive, Chip & Putt

Roy Moon of Bellevue is a national champion after winning his age division at the Drive, Chip & Putt nationals finals at Augusta National Golf Club.

Moon won the Boys age 7-9 division of the event putting together a solid drive, chip and putt. Moon scored 27 points for the three events and won his championship by a half point.

"I was so nervous," said Moon to ESPN after his victory. "But now I want to party all night have dinner."

Moon nearly didn't get a chance to "party" on the drive portion of the event. His first drive missed the grid and leaving him with just one shot to score. He drive is 182 yards on his second shot and was safe. He then hit a solid chip and made two good putts to win his division by the narrowest of margins.

Another Pacific Northwest junior Ava Lee of University Place, Wash. also took part in the national event finishing 8th in the Girls 10-11 age division.

The USGA, Masters Tournament and PGA of America have announced that registration for 2026-2027 Drive, Chip and Putt qualifying is now open at DriveChipandPutt.com. This year will mark Drive, Chip and Putt's 13th season of qualifying events for boys and girls ages 7-15. The free program, which can be accessed in all 50 states, aims to provide a welcoming environment for youth to participate in golf and focus on the game's three fundamental skills.



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Tacoma's North Shore Golf Course gets a face lift and new name with Cedar Irons as it re-opens all 18

I have always enjoyed North Shore Golf Course in Tacoma for a couple of reasons. One, the course is close to the house so not a long drive. And second it has always been a durable layout with plenty of challenging shots and holes along the way.

But now, things are different at North Shore. Sure, the drive from the house is still close but the course itself looks different. Way different. This is not your father's North Shore anymore. The Puyallup Tribe of Indians purchased the course a few years ago and knew right away they were going to make changes. Now the biggest changes are out there for all to see. Plus there is a new name - Cedar Irons.

This project started in November of 2024. Pacific Northwest architect Dan Hixson came up with the re-design for North Shore and he worked some of his magic. There are still some of the same old North Shore but there is plenty new.

First, the back nine went through some changes and re-opened last year. And now, the front nine has re-opened and North Shore looks like a different golf course.

One of the biggest changes you will notice when you stand on the first tee is that you can see all the way to the other end of the front nine. Trees were removed. Greens were moved and par on a couple of holes were changed.

Let's take a sampling of what the Puyallup Tribe of Indians has done to their golf course:

- The irrigation system was replaced.
- Six greens were moved or partially moved.
- and all of the greens on the golf course were all recontoured.
- All bunkers were rebuilt with new sand.
- All tees were rebuilt and levelled.
- A new par of 72 has been introduced.
- The pond on the fourth hole was given a new look.
- And the driving range was re-graded.

On a recent visit it was the new look at some



of the holes that really caught my attention.

On the back nine, the 17th hole was turned into a short par-4 and the 18th tee box was moved.

On the front side the third hole was converted from a par-5 to a par-4 and the fifth hole was turned into a par-5 from a par-4. Those are

big-time changes that make the course look even better. Many of the front nine holes don't look like they used to. Hixson did a terrific job with the movement of some of the holes, especially on the front side.

The Puyallup Tribe of Indians had some goals in mind when they started this project and those goals are being realized from making the course more fun to play to reducing water usage to opening up internal views of the course to more efficient course maintenance for the crew.

This is all good stuff. The work by contractor Ridgetop Golf and Casey Kalbrener looks impressive. If you haven't been to North Shore in a while, you will be in for a surprise. And a fun round.

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North Shore Golf Course in Tacoma is re-opening all 18 holes this spring a new reimagined look and feel.



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Rules Answer

Answer: The player is disqualified. Yes, the current Rules of Golf are more lenient for players but Rule 4.1c(2) tells us that the ability to carry the extra club and declare it out of play is only an option when the player accidentally has the extra club. When the player deliberately brings more than 14 clubs to the first teeing area and begins the round without leaving a club behind, they are disqualified.

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



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Major tournament season in the NW kicks off with the Washington Open

The 2026 golf season marks a landmark year for the Washington Open Invitational in the Pacific Northwest. This marks the 100th year the tournament has been played and this year Tacoma Country and Golf Club is set to serve as the host course.

The tournament will be played May 4-6 at Tacoma Country and Golf Club and will feature the top professionals and amateurs from around the Pacific Northwest over three days.

The tournament will be a 54-hole event but there will be a cut after 36 holes.

This landmark tournament in the Pacific Northwest kicks off the tournament season for the professionals.

The Oregon Open Invitational will be played June 16-18 at Black Butte Ranch's Glaze Meadow Course in Central Oregon, the Rosauers Open is set for July 17-19 at Indian Canyon in Spokane while the Northwest Open wraps up the major championships in the Northwest at Sunriver's Woodlands Course Aug. 17-19.

For the Senior professionals and amateurs the PGA Senior Players Championship kicks off the senior sea-

son April 14-15 at Wine Valley in Walla Walla, Wash. The Senior Oregon Open will return to Wildhorse Resort in Pendleton, Ore. July 28-30 while the Senior PGA Professional Championship is set for Sept. 2-3 at Hayden Lake Country Club in Idaho.

Kunka wins Senior Players Championship

PGA Professional Lionel Kunka of Canyon Lakes (Kennewick, Wash.) won the 2026 Senior Players' Championship at Wine Valley Golf Club in Walla Walla, Wash. Kunkla won by one stroke over PGA Professional Chad Fribley of Persimmon Country Club (Gresham, Ore.).

Kunka shot rounds of 72-72 for 145 total to win by one shot.

Low amateur honors went to Mike Swingle of Aldarra Golf Club (Falls City, Wash.) who finished tied for third.

Jim Pike of Sahalee finished in a tie for third with a 148 total along with Mark Knowles of McCormick Woods, Jeff Coston of Semiahmoo and Billy Bomar.

Tour Players With Northwest ties

PGA Tour

- Andrew Putnam • Tacoma • 47th on the list with \$1,327,792
- Wyndham Clark • Ex-Oregon • 63rd on the list with \$990,686
- Nick Taylor • Ex-UW • 66th on the list with \$954,948
- A.J. Ewart • B.C. Canada • 84th on the list with \$629,801
- Joel Dahmen • Clarkston • 86th on the list with \$612,174
- Joe Highsmith • Tacoma • 127th on the list with \$298,939
- Dylan Wu • Medford, Ore. • 142nd on the list with \$175,136
- Adam Svensson • British Columbia • 158th on the list with \$117,894
- Cameron Davis • Australia (Member at Sahalee) • 183rd on the list with \$38,496
- Kevin Chappell • Kirkland • No events

Korn Ferry Tour

- Alistair Docherty • Vancouver, Wash. • 2nd on the list with \$301,255
- Carl Yuan • Ex-UW • 133rd on the list with \$13,363
- R.J. Manke • Tacoma • 169th on the list with \$4,233
- Aaron Wise • Ex-Oregon • No events

Champions Tour

- Ben Crane • Portland • 6th on the list with \$406,351
- Fred Couples • Seattle • 43rd on the list with \$95,810
- Kirk Triplett • Pullman • 58th on the list with \$67,509

LPGA Tour

- Jing Yan • Ex-UW • 37th on the list with \$248,548
- Gigi Stoll • Tigard • No events
- Carolyn Inglis • Eugene • No events

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- Kathleen Scavo • Eugene • No events
- Sarah Rhee • Ex-UW • No events

Did you know....

• The 124th PNGA Men's Amateur will be held July 6-11 at Palouse Ridge Golf Club, the home course of Washington State University. Sam Renner, an outgoing senior at WSU, has won this championship in 2024 and 2025, and will attempt to become just the third player in the history of this elite event to win three consecutive titles, the others being Jack Westland (1938-1940) and R.L. MacLeay (1903-1905). Visit thepnga.org.



• Later in 2026, WA Golf will launch and manage a new Washington state junior team designed to strengthen the pathway for elite local players into the recently established U.S. National Development Program, an initiative of the United States Golf Association. Team Washington will be supported through a collaborative effort with the Washington Junior Golf Association, the Pacific Northwest PGA Section, and the Oregon Golf Association. Visit wagolf.org.



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Professional tours are on the way to the Northwest; Entries open for the Drive, Chip & Putt competition

The LPGA and PGA Tour Champions have set their dates for their return appearances to the Pacific Northwest for their annual tournaments for the 2026 golf season.

Interestingly both are set for the same weekend in August. The LPGA Portland Standard is set for Aug. 13-16 at Columbia Edgewater Country Club while The Boeing Classic will take place Aug. 14-16 at Snoqualmie Ridge Golf Club. The LPGA Portland Standard is the longest-running tournament on the LPGA Tour schedule.

After a historic 75th anniversary season, the LPGA Tour announces the 2026 schedule featuring 33 events and a total prize fund of over \$132 million. The world's best female golfers will once again compete for the largest prize fund in the Tour's history. The upcoming year will notably see the Solheim Cup in the Netherlands as well as new events, new venues and increased purses. In 2026, the LPGA Tour will travel to 13 different countries and regions and 13 states across the United States.

There will be two multi-event swings in Asia – the first in the spring to Thailand, Singapore and the People's Republic of China and the second in the fall to People's Republic of China, the Republic of Korea, Malaysia and Japan. One European swing will take place in the middle of the year, including two major championships and the ISPS Handa Women's Scottish Open, before the LPGA Tour returns to Europe for the Solheim Cup in September.

The Boeing Classic just celebrated its 20th year in 2025 and always features one of the top fields on the PGA Tour Champions schedule. when it gets going at the Snoqualmie Ridge Golf Club.

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In April, a pace of play bonus will be implemented during the 2026 Drive, Chip and Putt National Finals at Augusta National Golf Club. Under the new policy, National Finalists will earn up to three additional points if they complete each shot during the competition in 40 seconds or less. This initiative aims to reinforce pace of play as an essential skill in golf. Further details about the National Finals policy are available within the National Finals scoring section on the rules and regulations page of their website.

Local qualifying for the 13th season begins May 2 at 353 sites nationwide and will continue throughout the summer. Participants are grouped in separate girls' and boys' divisions in four age categories, with scoring centered around skill performance in driving, chipping and putting.

Top performers at the local level will advance through subregional and regional qualifiers in July/August and September/October, respectively. This season's 10 regional hosts feature several USGA and

PGA Championship sites, including TPC Sawgrass, Whistling Straits, Pinehurst Resort & Country Club, Castle Pines Golf Club, Southern Hills Country Club, Crooked Stick Golf Club, Pebble Beach Golf Links, The Los Angeles Country Club, Laurel Valley Golf Club and Quaker Ridge Golf Club.

From these qualifiers, 80 finalists – 40 boys and 40 girls – will earn an invitation to compete in the Drive, Chip and Putt National Finals at Augusta National Golf Club on Sunday, April 4, the eve of the 2027 Masters Tournament. Qualifiers are facilitated by all 41 Sections of the PGA of America across the country.

Online registration makes it easy for parents to sign up their junior golfer and find a local qualifier near them.

Northwest Women's Open June 22-24

The 2026 Northwest Women's Open Presented by PNW Equipment is set for June 22-24 at Twin Lakes Golf and Country Club in Federal Way, Wash.

The two-day event is open to professionals and amateurs. The opening day on June 22 features a Pro-Am while the tournament proper will take place June 23-24.

For more information see the web site www.northwestwomensopen.com.

Test your knowledge of the rules and see what you know

Question: The 4th hole has a red penalty area next to a bunker which is next to the putting green. The Committee painted a red line through the sand in the bunker defining what is the penalty area and what is the bunker. The player's tee shot came to rest partly touching the red line and partly resting in the sand. The player asks you for a ruling. Is the ball in the bunker or in the red penalty area?

Answer: The ball is in the red penalty area. Rule 2.2c provides guidance. A ball is always treated as lying in only one of the 5 defined areas of the course. If part of the ball lies in two specific areas of the course it is treated as lying in the specific area that comes first in this order: penalty area, bunker, putting green. "The general area always loses".

If you plan to play tournament golf it is necessary have a GHIN handicap

If you are looking to get a golf handicap for the 2026 season it is easy to get at any of your local golf organizations.

1) Sign up for a Handicap ID.

Your unique Handicap ID number gives you the ability to post scores from which your Handicap Index is calculated. Get your Handicap ID number when you join a WA Golf member club such as the men's or women's club at a local golf course, or one at your workplace or community. Or join the Oregon Golf Association (OGA).

Join a WA Golf Associate Club or OGA club. Associate members receive all the benefits of a WA Golf membership with no strings attached or obligations to their host club.

2) Start posting your scores.

With your Handicap ID number you can post your scores: Through the USGA GHIN app on your mobile device. The app lets you post your scores, calculate course handicap, view score history and more. The app features touch-point GPS for thousands of golf courses worldwide. Download the free app from the App Store or Google Play.

Here are a couple of ways to get it going: Through ghin.com or Online at wagolf.org/post. Scores should be posted as soon as possible after your round on the day it was played.

3) Post three 18-hole rounds.

A minimum of three 18-hole or six 9-hole scores posted are all that's needed to calculate and establish your Handicap Index! The more often you post your score, the more accurate your handicap.

For more see the local web sites.

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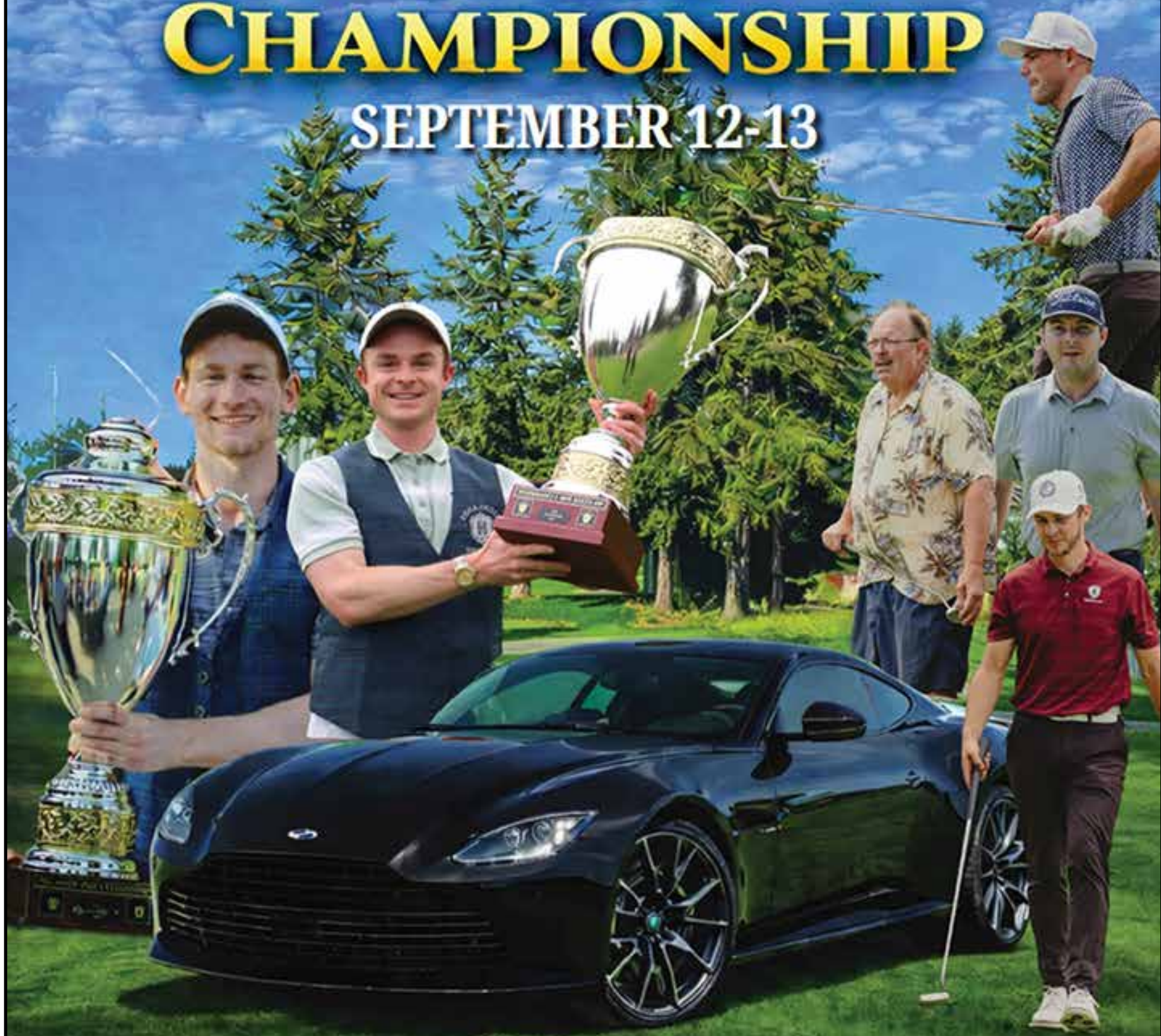
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Rules of the Game: When do you get relief for embedded ball and then how do you find a way to take that relief

When do I get relief for an embedded ball? And How do I take relief?

The answer to these questions depends where your ball is embedded on the course.

First thing is understanding what the Rules mean by embedded. The Rules of Golf define embedded as when a player's ball is in its own pitch mark that was made because of the player's previous stroke. A ball is not considered to be embedded if it is below the level of the ground because of anything other than the player's previous stroke. If you step on your ball and it smashes into the ground, it is not embedded; if you swing at the ball and it does not become airborne and your club drives the ball into the ground, it is not embedded; or if you drop a ball on a mushy spot, it plops and remains below the ground-level surface, that ball is also not embedded. In short, an embedded ball is the result of an airborne ball made through a stroke that when the ball lands it creates and stays its own pitch-mark below the level of the ground.

Where your golf ball embeds also determines what type of relief is available, if any. Although a ball may embed anywhere on a course, what Area of the Course it embeds in dictates your options.

This month's article will be about embedded ball relief for a ball in the general area, or for a ball embedded on the putting green. Heads up there is no free relief for balls that embed in a penalty area or in a bunker. Next month I'll cover what your options are in those situations.

Let's start with the easiest situation: When your ball embeds on the putting green (remember this is the green of the hole you



Patti Daskalos

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are playing)—you will get to repair damage on the green by marking the spot of the ball, lifting the ball, repairing the damage, then replacing the ball on its original spot. (If your ball embeds on a different green than the hole you are playing, you will proceed under the rule for Wrong Green).

If your ball embeds in the general area you take relief by finding the reference point (which is the spot directly behind where the ball is embedded), measure one club length from the reference point to create your relief area, which cannot be nearer the hole than your reference point, and must be in the



If your ball becomes embedded during your round it's important to know how to take the proper relief.

general area. The ball must be dropped in and come to rest in the relief area. If your ball has embedded in the rough, and the fairway is within your one club length relief area, it is OK to drop in the fairway because both the rough and fairway are part of the general area!

There are two exceptions for when you do not get relief for a ball embedded in the general area. There is no embedded ball relief

for a ball that is embedded in sand in a part of the general area that is NOT cut to fairway height or less. There is also no relief when playing the ball as it lies is clearly unreasonable because of something else from which a player is not entitled to take free relief from, like when a player would not be able to make a stroke because the ball became embedded out of reach under a bush.

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The Lesson Tee: One big key about becoming a better putter, focus on speed as well as distance

Everyone wants to make more putts. Putting should be easy, honestly. The lower body does not move and the putter grip rarely moves more than 12 inches during a stroke.

Most golfers do not practice putting enough and certainly not as effective as they could.

• Focus on speed first. When I was on the PGA Tour, my locker was next to Ben Crenshaw. Crenshaw is known for being one of the greatest putters, ever. I putted with Ben many times and asked him questions for years. Ben would say, I focus mainly on speed for EVERY putt.

People three-putt because of poor speed, but their focus is on read. Golfers will knock the putt five feet by or short of the hole constantly. Roll putts from 30-40 feet and develop your touch and speed. Do this first and not even to a hole. Watch, feel, listen and observe the roll and what the ball does. Build images and feels that you can draw from for the course.

Bob Rotella says: "Human beings are wired in such a way that golfers would putt their best if they simply saw the target and reacted, rather than gave themselves too much conscious thought.

Putting in my mind is 80% art and 20% technique. It has been my experience most golfers are the opposite. I focus on putting like Steph Curry shoots a basketball. Target focus, React, Shoot it.

• Spend time on putts from three to five feet. Pick a hole on the practice green and put a tee at four feet uphill, downhill, left to right and right to left. These tees would be each putt you practice from. Before you move to the next spot, you need to make at least four of five putts. Place a dime where you desire to roll the ball into the hole. This will train you to focus on a small target in front of the hole.

Aim your blade, then body. Develop a reactive, rhythmic routine. No conscious directions. Less is more. Create a mindset with no outcome orientation to take to the golf course with you!



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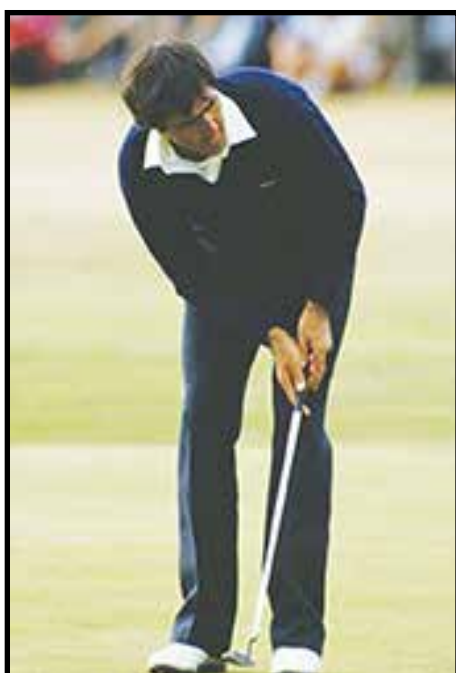


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Emerald Downs race track set for 2026 season with plenty of racing plus promotions on and off track

If the spring is here then it must be time for Emerald Downs race track in Auburn, Wash., to kick off its 2026 racing season.

Emerald Downs opening day is Saturday, May 2, which coincides with the 152nd Kentucky Derby. You can wager on the Kentucky Derby as well as the races at Emerald Downs on that day.

The 51-day meet is composed of 18 Saturdays, 18 Sundays, 13 Fridays, and holiday racing on Memorial Day and Labor Day.

Friday racing begins June 5. Post times are 1:50 p.m. on weekends and holidays, 7 p.m. on Fridays. The annual Fireworks Spectacular is Friday, July 3, with a special 5 p.m. post.

Championship Sunday featuring the 91st Longacres Mile and five other stakes is Sunday, Aug. 16. In 2025, Championship Sunday featured an all-time Emerald Downs' record handle of \$3,305,806.

The 30th anniversary celebration is Saturday, June 20, featuring a special remembrance of the track's first three decades of operation.

Popular promotions returning in 2026 include Indian Relay Racing (June 12-14), T-Rex World Championships (July 12), Fiesta Premio Esmeralda (July 25-26), Oktoberfest (Sept. 5-7), along with a full slate of races for dogs: Bulldogs (May 17), Corgis (June 27-28), and Wiener Dogs (Aug. 23).

Emerald Downs enjoyed a banner season in 2025 with an average mutuel handle of \$1,325,928 (up 49%) and average on-track attendance of nearly 4,000 (up 10 percent).

Admission is just \$10 for adults, \$5 on Friday nights (except July 3rd). Ages 13-17 are just \$5 and all children ages 12 and under are Free. For more information and to purchase tickets & preferred parking go to www.emerald downs.com.

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Mount Rainier makes a scenic backdrop at Emerald Downs (top); the Indian Relays are set for a three-day run in June (lower left), the Corgis will race June 27-28 (bottom right).

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Destination: Palm Springs

Four on the tee: You can't go wrong when you tee it up at these award-winning golf courses

By Steve Turcotte, Inside Golf Editor

There is a reason that the Palm Springs, Calif. is one of the hottest destinations for golf. Make that several reasons. There are a variety of golf courses to choose from. The weather is almost always perfect to tee it up. The surrounding scenery is picturesque and there are plenty of places to stay and eat.

You get the idea.

This place also called the Coachella Valley is a golfers paradise. When you fly into the Palm Springs Airport and check the local landscape as you circle above the airport, you see golf course after golf course after golf course.

Here are three on the tee to get your trip started:

Indian Wells: Located in the town it is named after, Indian Wells offers two courses, the Celebrity and the Players. The Celebrity Course is ranked among the best in the country. The Players Course is another award winner and re-opened last November after a re-model giving new holes for 17 and 18. Both are listed in the top 30 of Golf Magazine's Best Public Courses You Can Play.

The Celebrity Course offers just about everything you need in a test of golf. From the pristine conditions to the rolling landscape to the challenging greens, Indian Wells' Celebrity has it all. It is a course that can play long (over 7,000 yards) or more reasonable to those with higher handicaps (5,280 yards).

This 36-hole golf resort, minutes away from the Palm Springs International Airport, features a magnificent 53,000 square-foot clubhouse and is one of the few properties to have two courses ranked in the Top 25 "Best Municipal Courses in the United States" by Golfweek Magazine.

Desert Willow: Another resort with two courses

with these being called Firecliff and Mountain View. The Firecliff Course has been newly renovated with its expanded putting greens and other noticeable changes bringing it back to its original form.

Located in Palm Desert, Desert Willow is a place that keeps golfers coming back because of its two championship courses. They both are as different as their names. Firecliff has plenty of natural hazards and other water features while Mountain View has some sweeping desert views as well as its own water

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Tahquitz Resort is a place with two championship courses (top photo) Trilogy Golf Course (bottom photo) was the original host course for The Skins Game.

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elements. Managed by KemperSports, Desert Willow also has a terrific practice area and clubhouse that has a little of something for everyone.

The Firecliff course has been recognized nationally for being one of the top resort courses in the country as well as one of the Top Public Courses You Can Play in California. Both courses blend into the local desert surroundings perfectly, just the way the designers drew them up.

Trilogy: After an extensive, multi-million-dollar renovation, Trilogy Golf Club at La Quinta is back as the celebrated golf venue opened for play in December.

Once among the most celebrated public golf courses in the Coachella Valley, Trilogy Golf Club at La Quinta hosted the Skins Game from 2003 to 2006, attracting the game's biggest stars, including Tiger Woods, Phil Mickelson, Fred Couples, and Annika Sorenstam. However, the club fell on hard times after an ownership change, closing in 2022. But that's all in the past.

Earlier this year, the residents of Trilogy at La Quinta voted overwhelmingly to purchase the golf course, clubhouse and restaurant. They've reverted the club back to its original name, Trilogy Golf Club at La Quinta, and have invested heavily to modernize the facilities and restore the golf club to its former glory. With work nearly completed, Trilogy Golf Club at La Quinta will reclaim its status as a must-play, daily-fee golf course in California's Coachella Valley.

In addition, the extensive renovation work, players will have the option of playing the course from the original "Skins Tees," experiencing the course the way Tiger Woods, Fred Couples, and Phil Mickelson did back in its heyday. In fact the holes all have names on them as you make your way around the 18 holes. The ninth hole is called Funk's Millions, named for Fred Fun winning a big skin on that particular hole, the par-3 17th is called Tiger's Waterloo after he knocked it into the water. And the 18th hole is Annika's Miracle, named



Indian Wells' Players Course has been newly renovated and is a challenge from start to finish (top); Desert Willow offers two courses, including the Resort course (below).

when Annika won her skin on that hole.

Tahquitz Golf Resort: The resort is one of the premier public golf resorts in Palm Springs.

The resort is located minutes from the Palm Springs Airport and all the nightlife that Palm Springs has to offer plus plenty of lodging as well.

Tahquitz Creek Golf Resort offers two challenging championship golf courses. In fact, Golf Digest recently rated Tahquitz Creek Golf Resort as "One of the Best Places to Play" for golf resorts around the United States.

Tahquitz Creek Golf Resort offers a full range of amenities which include: 50 stall grass driving range, chipping green, two large putting greens, PGA/LPGA golf instruction, and can accommodate your tournament, corporate function, banquet or friendly group outing needs. The recently renovated Traditions Café also offers great dining and a great place to have refreshments and enjoy the best sunset after your round.



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