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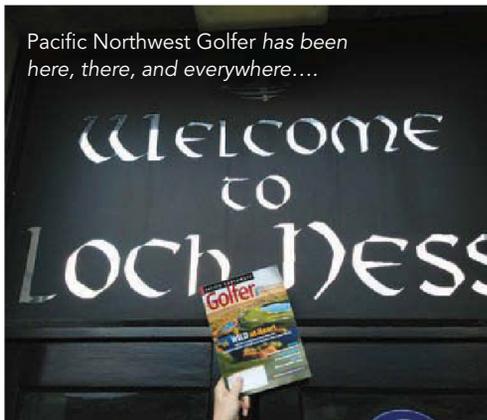


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# Buzz Builds As Region Grows In Stature With USGA



**TROY ANDREW**  
Publisher

**ARE YOU FEELING THE BUZZ** in the crisp Northwest air? I am not referring to just the Seattle Seahawks making

it to the Super Bowl. Yes, that has certainly put the Pacific Northwest on the worldwide stage, but there are significant golf championships coming to our region and it's all starting in 2014!

As I enthusiastically watched the NFC Championship game between the Seahawks and the San Francisco 49ers, I was delighted to see a brief but picturesque promotion of Chambers Bay and the 2015 U.S. Open. It reminded me of what an exciting time it is to be a golfer in the Pacific Northwest and I am looking forward to what's in store for the immediate future.

It seems the USGA continues to keep a close eye on the many championship-caliber golf courses in our region that offer the right ingredients to host a national championship.

To kick off the New Year and first issue of *Pacific Northwest Golfer* magazine, let's take a look at what's causing all the buzz.

On July 14-19 of this year, The Home Course will play host to the 38th U.S. Women's Amateur Public Links Championship. It is a national championship that will attract the world's best female public-course players. Some of its past champions include Michelle Wie (2003), Pearl Sinn (1988), and most recently Lauren Diaz-Yi (2013).

The Home Course was the companion course for the 2010 U.S. Amateur held at Chambers Bay in University Place, Wash. Since 2007 it has hosted many PNGA, WSGA, USGA, and Washington Junior Golf championships and annually promotes PGA and USGA grow-the-game initiatives.

Last year the USGA announced that Portland Golf Club would be the site for the 2015 U.S. Women's Amateur Championship. The club will celebrate its 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary in 2014, and this will be the third USGA championship they have hosted. Probably the most

notable and historic event held at Portland Golf Club was the 1946 PGA Championship, which was won by Ben Hogan. Furthermore, this club is known for helping to revive the Ryder Cup when they hosted the 1947 matches after ten years of not being held due to World War II.

The USGA also announced that Eugene Country Club will play host to the 2018 U.S. Senior Amateur Championship, which will be the club's fifth USGA championship. A couple of notes of interest about Eugene Country Club is the early design work done in 1923 by H. Chandler Egan, a two-time U.S. Amateur champion (and PNGA Hall of Fame member), and in 1964 Johnny Miller won the U.S. Junior Amateur held at the club.

The USGA then announced the site of the Inaugural 2015 U.S. Women's Amateur Four-Ball Championship, which will be held at Bandon Dunes Golf Resort, in Bandon, Ore. This will be the fifth USGA championship the resort has hosted since opening in 1999. They played host to the 2011 U.S. Amateur Public Links and U.S. Women's Amateur Public Links championships.

Most recently, the USGA announced that Portland's Waverley Country Club will be the site of the 2017 U.S. Senior Women's Amateur, which will be the seventh national championship held at the historic club. Originally designed by Egan, the course was renovated in 2012 by Gil Hanse. Past champions at Waverley include Lanny Wadkins, who won the 1970 U.S. Amateur held there; and Tiger Woods, who won the 1993 U.S. Junior.

This leads us to the grand stage of 2015 when the U.S. Open will descend upon Chambers Bay in University Place, Wash. The golfing community has already started to embrace this ginormous event, but I don't think the general public throughout the Northwest has truly realized the impact this will have on golf in our region. It's the first time the U.S. Open has been held in our corner of the world, and Chambers Bay is only the third municipal golf course to ever host this championship.

As I write this column, knowing that our PNGA members will be reading this after the Super Bowl is held, I am keeping my fingers crossed the Seahawks were victorious on February 2nd! And with the buzz of championship golf in the air, we still have a lot to look forward to in the coming years for major sporting events in our region.

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## Pat Harbottle's Senior Moment

This past fall, ageless Patricia Harbottle won the women's club championship at Tacoma Country and Golf Club for the 22nd time. The PPGA Hall of Fame member won her first title at Tacoma in 1965, and she has won a club championship in every decade since then, this last one at age 80. Before her remarkable run at Tacoma, she was also club champion at two other clubs.

The former national champion (she won the 1950 U.S. Girls' Junior and the 1955 U.S. Women's Amateur), who was the star golfer on the Seattle University men's golf team, was always a great and graceful competitor. But when she won the club championship in 2000, she decided that was enough. "I'd had enough of competitive golf and figured I would retire from it," she said.

Her eldest son, John Harbottle III, who had carved himself a renowned career as a golf course architect, had always tried to encourage her to continue playing. When he passed away suddenly two years ago at age 53, she decided to play again. "John was with me when I sank the final putt on the 18<sup>th</sup> green to win," said Pat, speaking to the gallery after the match, tears welling in her eyes.

Caddying for Pat in the match was her husband, John, who has won Tacoma's men's club championship 17 times. Together, they have held the championship in the same year 10 times. "It was wonderful to have him on the bag," said Pat. "When he could caddie for me, he would; and when I could caddie for him, I would." John is also a member of the PPGA Hall of Fame.

Will she defend her title next year? "Definitely," she said with a laugh. "Unless something happens!"

— Scott Overbo



Pat and John Harbottle celebrate her unexpected and emotional victory.

### PAUL LIVINGSTON PASSES

A longtime director for the Western Golf Association, Paul mentored many young people in earning an Evans Caddie Scholarship. He spent much of his life in Michigan, where he was active in politics and ran for governor in the 1960s.

Moving to the Northwest in the early 1990s, Paul worked for his son David's company, Windward Press, running the subsidiary business Fore Score, printing custom scorecards and yardage guides for many of the region's golf courses, becoming a familiar

face to the golf community. Paul always had a story to tell, a smile on his face, and was known for his love of family and friendships. He was 90. He will be missed.



### PGA SECTION TO HONOR RECIPIENTS

The Pacific Northwest Section PGA recently announced the recipients of their annual awards for 2013, and will honor 14 outstanding PGA Professionals at the Pacific Northwest Section Special Awards Ceremony, to be held March 16 at Royal Oaks Country Club in Vancouver, Wash. Among those being honored is Marcus King, PGA General Manager at Overlake G&CC in Medina, Wash., who received the Section's highest honor, being named Golf Professional of the Year.

For more information and a complete list of recipients, visit [www.pnwpga.com](http://www.pnwpga.com), or call 800-688-4653.

# By the Numbers

So, we rummaged through the files, Googled a few things, sifted through our blizzard of post-it notes, and came up with some stats from last year's PGA championships

## \*Like son, like father, yes?

Bob Bracht of Lake Forest Park, Wash. aced the 189-yard par-3 sixth hole during the first round of the Pacific Northwest Men's Mid-Amateur, held in September at The Home Course in DuPont, Wash. It was the first hole-in-one of his career. We dug around in our files and it turns out that his son, Jens Bracht, recorded the first ace of his young career in a previous PGA championship, the 2007 Pacific Northwest Junior Boys' Amateur, held that year in Burley, Idaho.

**2.74**

Inches of rain that fell in 36 hours in Molalla, Ore. to wash out the PGA Senior Women's and Super Senior Women's Amateur

**4**

Number of states/provinces visited by the PGA trailer during the 2013 PGA Championship season

**5**

Holes-in-one shot during the PGA championship season\*

**12**

Age of youngest competitor

**82**

Age of oldest competitor

**41**

Miles per hour of the sustained wind during the semifinal round of the PGA Men's Amateur held at Bandon Dunes Golf Resort

**67**

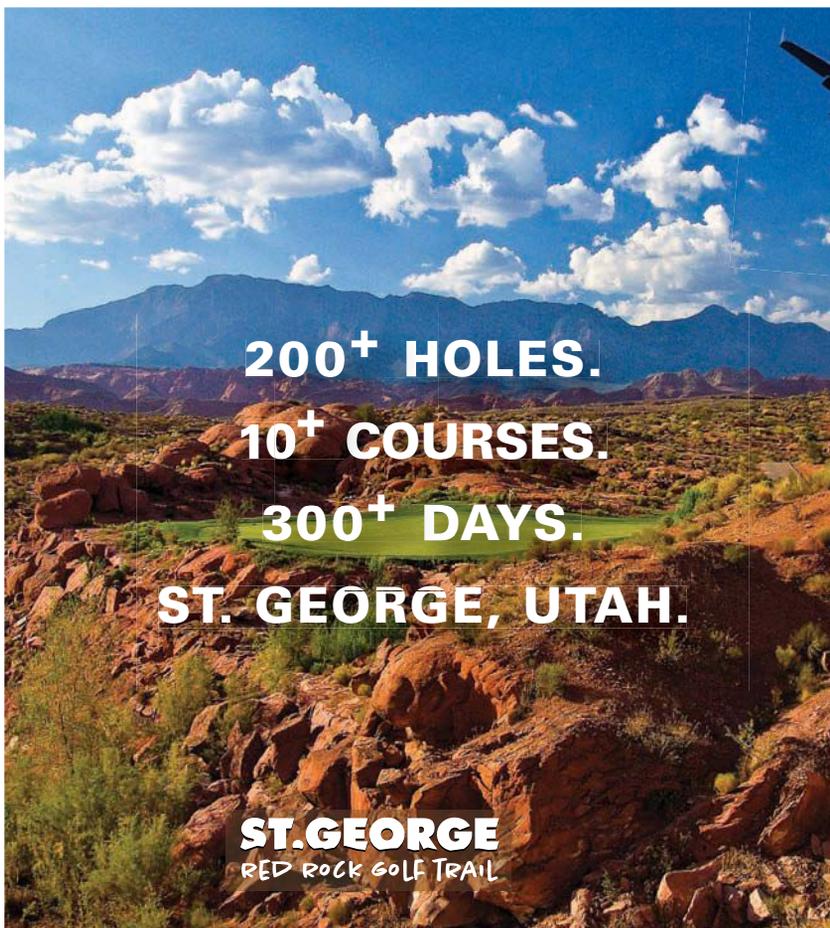
Women's course record shot by Kendall Prince in the first round of stroke-play qualifying during the 112<sup>th</sup> PGA Women's Amateur held at Wine Valley Golf Club

**5,236**

Miles traveled by the PGA Championship truck and trailer in 2013

**4**

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They do not, however, improve our score. But no matter. Since the last time we had this section in the magazine, we've had several readers send in their photos of signs. Here are a few. There's no sign of stopping.

# Sign Language

## WHAT'S YOUR SIGN?

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The 167-yard par-3 14<sup>th</sup> hole on the Jack Nicklaus Signature course.

# PRONGHORN *Ascending*



*Central Oregon's Pronghorn, an Auberge Resort, has made its amenities open to all*

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No wonder *Golf Digest* ranked Central Oregon No. 12 on its list of "America's 36 Best Buddies Trip Destinations," well ahead of more famous locations like Las Vegas.

"There is such quality here," says Ryan Dunning, Pronghorn's Group Sales Manager who was hired last fall by the resort from Bandon Dunes Golf Resort. "And what I have found here, being new, is that the people are generally good, friendly



**PRONGHORN**  
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people who want to come together. The cause is like a common goal: Let's create something really special in Central Oregon."

Ultimately, every great golf trip comes down to the courses, and few resorts offer better than Pronghorn.

Named after their world-famous designers, the Jack Nicklaus Signature course ranks No. 130 while the Tom Fazio course ranks No. 134 on *Golf Digest's* top 200 Golf Courses in America.

Pronghorn's public offering, the Nicklaus course (No. 28 on *Golf Digest's* list of America's Greatest Public Golf Courses; No. 38 on *Golf Magazine's* Top 100 You Can Play), is a high-desert gem with conditions that are sure to illicit raves from every golfer.

The 7,379-yard, par-72 layout weaves through lava outcroppings and one of the world's oldest juniper forests with meticulously manicured greens and pristine fairways that make for a truly unique golf experience.

Nicklaus' signature 13th hole, a 378-yard

"Pronghorn provides the golfer with some of the best playing surfaces available in the industry with awe-inspiring views of the striking Cascade peaks," says Joey Pickavance, Pronghorn's head professional since 2012.

"The Jack Nicklaus Signature course will test all golfers at every skill level with a fantastic mix of holes that will demand total control of your shots. Generous fairways and well-designed approach shots will place your golf experience atop your best-ever list."

Part of Central Oregon's Legends Collection of courses – a list that includes two courses at Black Butte Ranch, the Peter Jacobsen-designed Brasada Ranch and the David McLay Kidd-designed Tetherow Golf Club – Pronghorn can also help those who want to venture onto Central Oregon's other elite golf courses.

Pronghorn's Troon Golf Academy is also available for those who want to work on their game. Nestled just off Nicklaus' first tee, the indoor facility houses state-of-the-art

instruction by some of the industry's most sought-after teachers.

With so many choices, Pronghorn's Dunning has his hands full. Then again, that is exactly what brought him to Central Oregon.

"What I learned at Bandon Dunes is just building the experience," Dunning says. "That's what I hope to bring to Pronghorn. Just really listen to the customer and hear the little things and build an experience that is going to make it

somewhere they want to keep coming back to. I enjoy being the contact person for groups. I really get inspired by it. When they are excited by an event, then I get excited about it. I just want to go 110 percent into it."

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ground in April for  
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105-room hotel that is  
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be expanded an additional  
4,000 square feet and  
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The spectacular Residence Club units at the resort.



par-4, shows the character of the course as it doglegs around an eye-pleasing lake while the green is backed by the calming sounds of a waterfall. The hole is also a risk-reward number that offers a conservative golfer a fair chance at par, or a riskier stick to carry the pond and make a run at birdie.

The 543-yard, par-5 15th hole melds all of Pronghorn's natural attributes together, presenting a narrow chute through rock outcroppings that invite golfers to take an extra second on the tee box to enjoy the scenery.

And when the round is over, friends will be compelled to gather next to the warm fire on the patio of one of Pronghorn's residences (ranging in size from one to four bedrooms and are equipped with full kitchens and a living room) overlooking Nicklaus' striking finishing hole, to share a cigar and a glass of fine Scotch while recounting the experience.

# Mighty Had Follen

Former junior champion Jamie Follen comes back to life – and to his game

by Bart Potter

THERE IS A SIMPLE ANSWER to the “whatever happened to” story for Jamie Follen.

He’s well and living large in Tacoma, Wash., pushing 40 with a grin, a gifted golfer enjoying the game more than ever in his life. He’s not hard to find. When you do, he’ll tell you all about it.

It’s no mystery, but it’s quite a history.

Since Follen won three straight Tacoma City Amateur golf championships as a teenager, he’s played golf for pay, lost years to the drug life, been in and out of jail, and finally found stability and happiness with the help of family and friends – and golf.

He got away from the game during the low times, and he will never say it was golf that brought him back to life. He gives his family – his children, his mother and his brother – by far the largest share of credit for his return to health.

“My first thought wasn’t, oh, I need to get clean so I can go play nine holes,” he says. “It was ‘I need to get clean so I can take care of my kid.’ And then once I got stable, there was still something missing, a huge void, and (golf) was it.”

Flash back to the first years of the 1990s, when a young Follen was one of the best junior golfers in Washington. His golf resume from the day is dense with achievement: a Narrows League championship as a Wilson High School junior, and runner-up as a senior; winner of the Junior World Qualifying tournament in 1991; member of the Washington state Hogan Cup team in 1990, where he played against Tiger Woods; three straight victories (1990, 1991, 1992) in the Tacoma City Amateur, which was then and remains

one of the most prestigious “city ams” in the Northwest.

In high school, Follen says, he drank and smoked pot, but his most powerful addiction was golf.

The strength of his game, then and now, is his short game, honed on the 160-yard practice range at Tacoma’s Allenmore Golf Course. Follen played countless games of “up and down” around the Allenmore greens with his brother Jason and other good young players in the area.

He was a scholarship golfer at Taft Junior College in California, and had offers to play at four-year colleges. Instead, he and Jason, also an outstanding player, took their chances on the Golden State

Tour, a professional mini-tour in California.

He was home in Tacoma in 1993, after playing his first few pro tournaments, when his life story took a plot turn. He never went back to pro golf.

He broke his thumb when it got caught in the rim of a basketball hoop in a pickup game at the University of Puget Sound.

He suddenly couldn’t play golf. As the story goes, he met a girl, started doing methamphetamine, and a decade or so slipped by eventful years, for many reasons other than golf.

“It was kind of fast, you know,” he says today. “The drug took me over for a while.”

The bottom, he says, was jail. He has three felonies on his record, for convictions including forgery and theft. He was in the life, up against “bad people,” and he was one of them, he says.

One thing to know about Follen: he’s a big man. He has topped 400 pounds in his life, and was recently at about 360 on his 6-foot-2 frame.

“One of the reasons I used meth for so long was it changed my appearance,” he says. “It made me smaller. It made me go from obese to normal size. That was a big draw. I was getting more attention for my looks, but all that time I was just an empty shell. It took me a while to realize it wasn’t worth it.”

In 2003 he took full custody of his then 6-year-old daughter Stormie. It was his best incentive, he says, to stay clean.

“I was starting to see her grow up, and there was more pressure on

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## Tacoma southpaw wins Junior World Qualifying tourney

By PAT HOGLUND  
of the Herald

Jamie Follen has been golfing for only three years. Compared to some of his opponents, who have been golfing almost since they could walk, Follen could be considered a midget.

Take away his left-handed swing and the 17-year-old has all the makings. His natural golfing ability was evident yesterday afternoon as he shot even par to win the Optimist Junior World State Qualifying tournament with a 142 at the Moxey Lake Golf and Country Club.

Joining Follen at the winner's table was Spokane's Nicole Materno, who shot a 160 to win the girls division. Both winners won a trip to compete in the Optimist Junior World Championship at Torrey Pines Golf Course in San Diego July 16-20. The top five boy and girl golfers also qualified for the trip to California.

"I couldn't have hit the ball any better today," said Follen, who just came off a win at the Tacoma City Amateur Tournament, becoming the first junior who has ever won that tournament.

"Just coming off the (Tacoma) City Amateur and this win highlights my golfing career."

Follen, who shot rounds of 71 and 71, said the win in Tacoma fueled his game Thursday.

"I had so much confidence coming in it was surreal," he said. "After you win a tournament like that, you



Nicole Materno won girls division.

Follen hit 34 of 36 greens throughout both rounds of Thursday's play. His problems came when he had trouble sinking the birdie putt.

"The whole day was like that," Follen said. "Throughout the whole tournament they kept looking by the hole, but nothing would drop for me."

After his first round, Follen was trailing Jeff Widdows, who shot one under. Widdows finished his second round with a four-over 75, giving him a second place and a score of 143.

In a girl's play it was all Materno, who led by three strokes after the first round. She edged Tacoma's Becky Gustafson by four strokes. It wasn't until the 18th hole she was

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me to get my stuff together,” he says. “That’s kind of what did it.”

Brother Jason, in the meantime, had cut off communication and moved out of Washington.

“My brother didn’t talk to me for quite some time,” Follen says. “He was so mad at me. He saw what it was doing to my mom.”

His mother, Margaret Follen, refused to give up on him.

“She is the backbone, the stalwart of the family,” Follen says. “I’d be dead if it wasn’t for her.”

He sent out dozens of resumes looking for work to support his family. He counts as a blessing the job he landed at Northpoint Trading, a pet supply company where he still works today. He couldn’t be fully open about his past at first, but when he did confide in his bosses, Craig and Linda Silver, the support he got was “just phenomenal.”

About four years ago, he got serious about golf again. He joined Allenmore and began piling up rounds. He reconnected with players around the area, chief

among them Jason, who had returned to the area and reconciled with Jamie when he saw the signs of health he needed to see in his brother.

This June, Follen played in the final group at the Capitol City Amateur at Lacey’s Capitol City GC, a validation, he says, that he could still compete. Also in that final group was Ryan Kelly, a frequent competitor often found in the same top tier with Follen in Washington Junior Golf Association tournaments of the early 1990s.

The threads of his real life and golf are now woven tightly. Jason Follen is a partner in operating Foley’s on the Green, a small restaurant at Meadow Park GC in Lakewood, Wash., with Ryan Welborn, a former pro who played in the 1999 U.S. Open at Pinehurst.

The Monday skins games at Meadow Park are legendary – Welborn and the Follen brothers might be joined by Ryan Kelly and his brother, PGA Tour pro Troy Kelly, or PGA Tour pro Andres Gonzales.

Daughter Stormie Follen, now a junior at Franklin Pierce High School, has competed at the high school state golf championships the past two seasons. Follen now shares

custody of his 6-year-old daughter Chloe.

So, what is the answer to the question of whatever happened to Jamie Follen? The short answer is he’s a busy working man and father. Life is too good, he says, to tempt him to join his friends in chasing purses in professional golf.

That doesn’t mean he doesn’t hope to improve his game, with an eye on playing – and winning – major amateur tournaments.

He’s still got the short game, but his size, he believes, keeps him from the driver distance he once had. So he hopes to lose 100 pounds or so, working with a golf-specific exercise trainer, “to start turning some of those holes I’m playing for par into birdie holes.”

But that would be icing on the cake.

“My kids are happy with me,” he says. “I just don’t think it could get any better. My comeback is already complete.”

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## Joining the Party

How to volunteer for the 2015 U.S. Open (also known as 'The Largest Sporting Event Ever To Be Held In The Pacific Northwest')



Danny Sink

WHEN STAGING POSSIBLY THE LARGEST SPORTING EVENT to ever hit the Puget Sound – in terms of worldwide significance, or the number of overall attendance, or number of competitive days, or anything else for that matter – it's going to take a lot of people to make sure everything goes as smoothly as possible.

That's where the 4,500 volunteers helping conduct the U.S. Open will come into play. In June of 2015, Chambers Bay will be the focus of the golf universe when the game's best players tee it up on the shores of Puget Sound in University Place.

The U.S. Open is conducted by the United States Golf Association, and they've already had a staff working in the region for more than a year. **DANNY SINK** is the championship director for the 2015 U.S. Open and Eric Steimer is the assistant manager, and they are the two experts we asked for details about how to be one of those 4,500 volunteers.

### Are people getting excited yet about the 2015 U.S. Open and the prospects of being part of this event through being a volunteer?

Sink has been helping conduct this championship for more than 15 years, and outside of 2002, when the Open first went to Bethpage Black, a municipal course owned by the parks department of the state of New York, he hasn't noticed the same interest as he's seeing now at Chambers Bay, a municipal course owned by Pierce County.

"I've never seen as much enthusiasm and excitement for this event," Sink said. "I've been getting emails since 2008 to volunteer. So I would say, for lack of a better term, it's unprecedented."

### Can you offer any explanation for that enthusiasm?

There's more to it than just Chambers Bay being a municipal course, Sink says.

"I think it's not been here (before, anywhere in the Northwest), it's a huge event, and I think people want to be a part of it." Sink said. "I think tickets are going to be hard to come by once tickets go on sale."

### What might be the biggest misconception about being a volunteer for the U.S. Open?

According to Steimer, it's about timing. The USGA will start taking volunteer applications in February (yes, February 2014) for a June 2015 event.

"Since it is such a large event, the planning process begins years in advance of the championship," Steimer wrote in responding to our queries.

"It is expected all volunteer positions will be filled by the summer of 2014. It is important for anyone interested in volunteering to sign up early when the volunteer application is made available," he said.

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### WHAT DOES THE MAN ON THE STREET SAY?

"I will never win the U.S. Open. I will never compete in a U.S. Open. These are irrefutable truths I am just now coming to terms with (and it has been a long journey to finally come to that realization), much like the time I realized I was not going to be an astronaut (due mainly, I tell myself, to NASA budget cuts). But this 2015 U.S. Open situation, I must tell you, is something I cannot pass up, and I will chop wood and carry water to be involved with it. And with kids 12 and under getting in free the entire week, and active duty military personnel getting in free for practice round days, they've got this thing figured out – give people access to this game, and they will give back 10-fold."

What do you think? Are you going to attend the 2015 U.S. Open? What are your reasons for volunteering for the championship? Send us a note at [editor@thepnga.org](mailto:editor@thepnga.org).

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# Journeymen

HERE ARE A FEW TALES OF THOSE WHO LOVE the game with singular focus, and with broad visionary intent. They have made the game into a passionate affair, and have gone to great lengths in pursuit of it.

And there are many among us. We speak in hushed conversation over a pint in pubs in distant lands. We give a nod in locker rooms. We exchange knowing glances in crowded airports while lugging our tell-tale travel bags.

It is an affliction, a disease, an obsession, from which there is, happily, no cure.

It is good to be a dreamer.

## Touching 'Em All – Playing Every Golf Course in Idaho

LARRY KIRK ISN'T LISTED IN THE "GUINNESS Book of World Records," but maybe he should be. After all, he just finished playing every single golf course in Idaho – all 129 of them.

"A friend of mine actually had this goal, but he got sidetracked," says Kirk, now in his late 60s, who started this journey in 2001.

Kirk lives in Boise and volunteers as a course rater for the Idaho Golf Association. He has played on a wide range of courses during his journey, from the pitch-and-putt par-3 Pierce Park Greens in Boise to

the very exclusive Gozzer Ranch which overlooks Lake Coeur d'Alene. He finished his quest this past August in the small town of Shelley, Idaho, just a 5-iron from Yellowstone National Park, on a course appropriately named Journey's End.

Gozzer Ranch, a Tom Fazio design located in Harrison in northern Idaho, just across from the town of Coeur d'Alene, was the most difficult to get on. "It's real private," said Kirk with a smile. "But a friend of a friend knew a member who arranged for me to play it. It's a wonderful course."

Kirk's once-in-a-lifetime quest has been well worth his time and effort. "I met wonderful people," he said, "and you're playing golf with great scenic value – you've got mountains, springs, lakes and wildlife."

*"That's like asking a parent which kid he loves the most," he replied. "It's impossible to choose just one."*

He has also played his share of unusual and unique rounds on courses all over Idaho. For instance, the Elk Valley course near the small mountain communities of Pine and Featherville uses the same green for both the first and 18<sup>th</sup> holes. "The tee for No. 18 is located 180 degrees from No. 1, so you've got people firing from all directions," Kirk explained.

Another course in eastern Idaho was created out of a former potato field, and there are two courses, one in American Falls and the other in Soda Springs, where Kirk has played over the old Oregon Trail, literally. "You can still see the old wagon ruts," he said.

Then there's the Pebble Ponds course in Filer. "It measures exactly 1,000 yards," Kirk recalled, "which is the minimum yardage required in order to qualify for a free liquor license from the state."

An avid golfer with a single-digit handicap, Kirk didn't start playing golf until his mid-30s, and credits Idaho golfing legend (and PPGA Hall of Famer) Scott Masingill for inspiring him to become a better golfer. "I had been



Larry Kirk's final course played in Idaho was named, appropriately, Journey's End.

a 15-18 handicap golfer, but one day at Quail Hollow (a tough par-70 course in Boise) I played with Scott and his dad. I just decided to concentrate and shot a 76 that day. Because of that I've always credited him with making me a better golfer."

Kirk has also had his share of good fortune. He recorded a hole-in-one and bowled a 300 game in the same week. "I also bought lottery tickets that week, but my luck ran out," he said with a smile.

Contract work for the state also helped him play some of the courses on his list. "I'd take my clubs along and played after the work day," he explained. His volunteer work as a course rater also opened a few more clubhouse doors for Larry, who finds it impossible to choose just one favorite course in Idaho. "That's like asking a parent which kid he loves the most," he replied. "It's impossible to choose just one."

An obvious question was what did he learn from his experience, and Larry had a ready response. "I've played a lot of golf in different places – Arizona, Hawaii, Pinehurst in North Carolina, Hilton Head, Myrtle Beach," Kirk said, "and I think Idaho golf courses measure up to those places. Courses here are a good bargain and good golf. I think Idaho can hold its head high. Golf is unique. You can play with anyone, any age, any skill level because you're playing against the course. It's also one of the few sports where you can be better at age 65 or 70. It's one of the things I really like about the game."

Kirk's own bucket list still includes a golfing trip to Scotland planned for later this year, and he may not be done with Idaho. "Well, they're re-opening Hunter's Point (in Nampa) as a different kind of course next year, so maybe my journey hasn't ended yet," he said.

Is the journey ever really over?

– Rob Lundgren

# Major Accomplishment



YOU CAN FOLLOW YOUR DREAMS, or you can pursue them.

Joey Hines, the PGA director of golf at Cape Fear Country Club in North Carolina, is a man in his mid-50s enjoying the pursuit. Last summer he made a brief visit to the Pacific Northwest to chase his beautifully quixotic dream of playing all of golf's major championship venues.

Yes, all of them.

Rob Perry, a golf course photographer based in the Northwest whose work is often on display in the pages of this magazine, found himself paired with Hines and his wife Lydia for a round at Sahalee Country Club in Sammamish, Wash. Completing the foursome was Ron Snowden, a graphic designer who has provided many illustrations to the PNGA. During the round (and the dinner that followed) Hines told his story to Perry – that he had recently completed playing all the courses the U.S. Open had been held on, and was now working his way at playing all the courses that have held any of golf's four majors.

While in the Northwest last summer to play Sahalee (site of the 1998 PGA Championship), Hines also played Chambers Bay (to get ahead of the game), Manito Golf & Country Club in Spokane (site of the 1944 PGA Championship) and Portland Golf Club (site of the 1946 PGA Championship).

It took Hines 29 years to play all the U.S. Open courses. "It took me that long to do it because I didn't really start out with that goal in mind," he says. In 1981,

Hines started working as an assistant pro at Northwood Club in Dallas, Texas, which was the site of the 1952 U.S. Open (won by Julius Boros). So that was his first U.S. Open course. It wasn't until the mid-1990s that Hines began to realize this could be something to accomplish. "I liked playing these great courses, and with my line of work (as a PGA professional) I had the opportunity in front of me."

On September 20, 2010 he completed his U.S. Open quest when he played Worcester Country Club (site of the 1925 U.S. Open) outside of Boston. He has played all the U.S. Open venues through 2019. After completing that task, Hines was being interviewed by Jeff Rude, a columnist for *Golfweek* magazine, and Rude asked him if he'd ever played Augusta National, and when Hines said yes, Rude suggested that maybe he should now play all the courses that have held any of the four majors.

And so the next step in his journey began.

This next year Hines will be taking a group to England to play several British Open venues, such as Royal Liverpool and Royal Birkdale. He's already been to Scotland and has played six Open venues there, now needing only to play the 9-hole Musselburgh Links east of Edinburgh, which hosted the British Open six times (the last in 1889), and will also need to find a way to Northern Ireland to play Royal Portrush (site of the 1951 British Open, the only time the Open has been held outside of Scotland and England).

"Playing all the PGA Championship courses will be a challenge," Hines says. "There are a lot of 'one and done' courses that the event only visited once." He says he has 24 courses to go with that championship. "Because of my job I'm very busy in the summer, so there are only a few times a year that I can try to knock off the courses I haven't played yet."

We think he'll find a way.

# Journeyman *(continued)*

## Road Warrior

CALL IT A BUCKET LIST, a personal quest, or dogged determination, but with a trip to Anchorage, Alaska last August, Bob Parsons completed his quest to play golf in all 50 states.

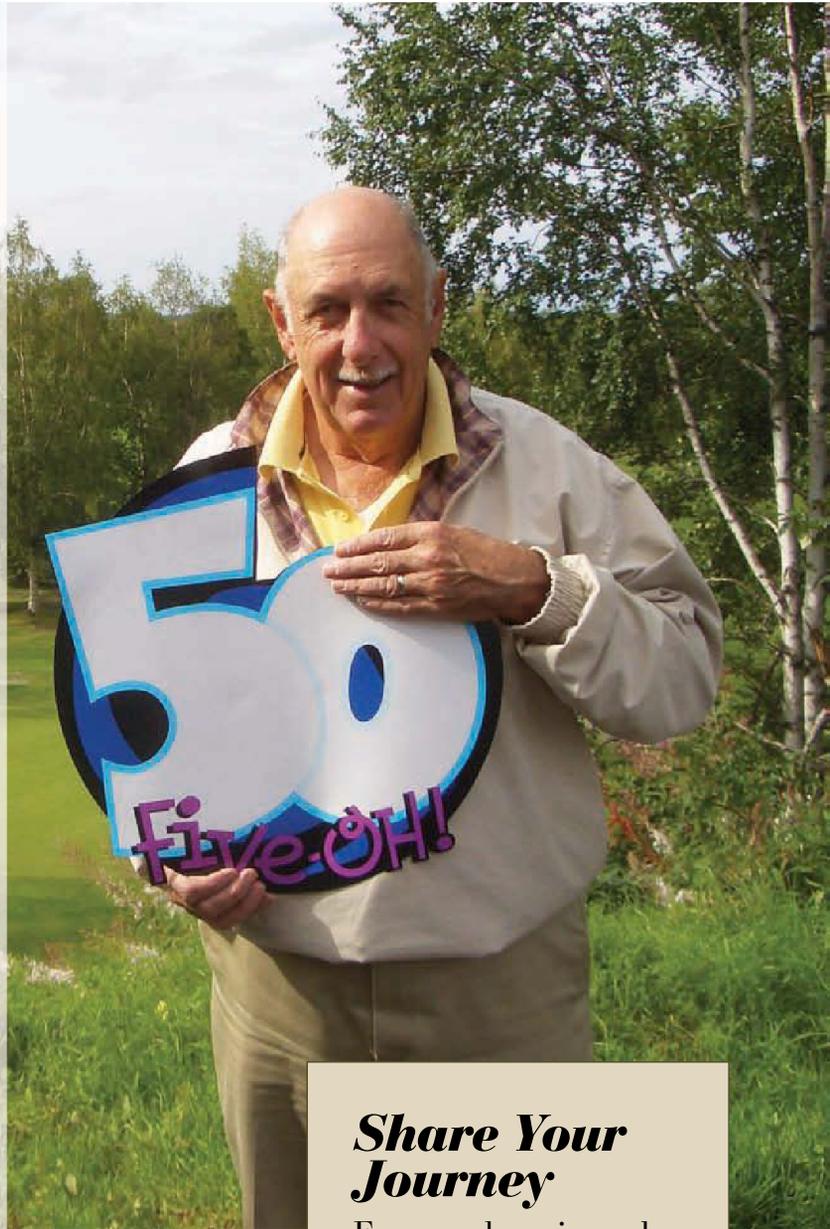
How is this done?

During his years as a captain with the Coast Guard, Parsons moved around the country on various duty assignments, and after retiring from the Coast Guard he has worked as a private consultant for the past 18 years, all of which has given him the opportunity to travel and golf in each state. A recent dedicated road trip in May, which took him through Kansas, Utah, Texas and New Mexico, enabled him to pick up all the missing states except Alaska.

In addition to playing all 50 states, Parsons has played golf on every continent (including hitting balls in Antarctica). He has played golf from the Old Course in St Andrews, to Royal Sydney in Australia, to Ushuaia Golf Club in Argentina (the world's southernmost course), and also a round in Beijing, China. A total of 18 foreign countries.

At age 72, Parsons is the reigning Member Guest Invitational champion at Tam O'Shanter Golf and Country Club in Bellevue, Wash., where he holds a 13.1 handicap and has been the men's club president for the past eight years.

It's a beautifully long and winding road.



## Share Your Journey

For you obsessives who need help: When you get the urge to go tee it up somewhere, call a friend (and take him or her with you).

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Steimer said the USGA gets a lot of inquiries for volunteering in the same calendar year as a U.S. Open, but by the time 2015 rolls around, the volunteer recruitment process for the Chambers Bay event will be long completed.

**And where does one go for more information on being a volunteer?**

According to Steimer, “For more information on the cost of volunteering and sign-up process, people can visit [usopen.com](http://usopen.com) and [chambersbaygolf.com](http://chambersbaygolf.com) in February 2014 when the general volunteer application is made available.”

**So, there’s a cost to be a volunteer?**

Yes, as there is with most major golf events. For the U.S. Open at Chambers Bay, it will cost \$165, but that shouldn’t keep anyone from having an interest in being a volunteer.

“The fee does prove to be a worthwhile investment for someone who is

not only interested in participating as a volunteer but is also interested in having the ability to attend the championship on a daily basis,” Steimer said. “The cost of the volunteer package covers the actual cost of the uniform package specifically designed for the 2015 U.S. Open Championship, meal vouchers for each shift a volunteer works and includes a credential valid for all seven days of the championship. The credential will serve as a ticket for admission any day of the championship regardless of whether or not the volunteer is assigned to work. A week-long grounds ticket package or badge is typically around \$400.”

**Okay, what can one expect to do as a volunteer?**

Any number of things. Steimer said there are 24 different committees that will be using the services of some of those 4,500 volunteers.

“These committees cover a broad range of responsibilities, including but not limited to: hospitality services, marshal-

ing, merchandising, on-course operations, scoring functions and spectator services,” Steimer said. “Individual committee descriptions will be provided on the volunteer application.”

Steimer said volunteer positions are largely granted on a first-come, first-served basis.

**What about the golf club I belong to, will it be involved at all?**

Steimer said that will be the case at Chambers Bay.

“Local clubs that are members of their respective golf association will be given priority in assisting the USGA in marshaling designated holes during the week of the championship,” he said. “It is recommended that members reach out to their club in advance to inquire about the possibility of volunteering through the club to be a marshal prior to submitting the general volunteer application.”

– Paul Ramsdell



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# SPEED DEMONS

*In a game where pace of play is a hot topic, a hotter response is speedgolf*

BY RON BELLAMY



*Irishman Rob Hogan on his way to winning the 2013 Speedgolf World Championship.*

Photos by Mike Stahlberg

A DYNAMIC, CHARISMATIC WINNER. A deep entry list, augmented by two Olympic medalists. Live television coverage on the Internet.

In the evolution of the hybrid sport of speedgolf, the second Speedgolf World Championship, held last fall at Bandon Dunes Golf Resort, clearly represented a significant step forward.

"Big time," said Tim Scott, executive director of Speedgolf International. "The sport is under radar. We don't have a big budget to get the word out. So this has really helped."

A documentary on the 2012 championship, won by former University of Notre Dame golf captain Chris Walker, was televised on CBS before the third round of the 2013 Masters and gave unprecedented national exposure to the sport in which a competitor's score is the total of the strokes played and elapsed time covering the golf course.

Scott built on that publicity by inviting two elite track and field athletes who golf — Bernard Lagat, a World Champion at 1,500 and

5,000 meters, and a silver and bronze medalist in the Olympics; and Nick Willis, silver medalist at 1,500 meters in 2008.

In a sport that has been dominated by golfers who happen to run, the presence of Lagat and Willis drew unprecedented interest in the event within the running community, as evidenced by the reporter for RunnerSpace.com, who ran after Willis shooting video on the first day of the event, and followed both athletes the second day.

"It's phenomenal, and it's brought in a whole new crowd, the running crowd and the track crowd," Scott said. "I've been watching the readerboards, and if it brings in people who are going to maybe try golf, who think golf's too slow or not exciting enough, and now this element makes it exciting enough that they're going to try it, that's great."

For the first time, the event — played on the resort's Old Macdonald course on the first day, and the Bandon Dunes course the second day — was televised live, on the Internet

by Oomba.tv. In the end, the winner was a golf pro (a very fit golf pro), 27-year-old Irishman Rob Hogan, who built a commanding lead on the first day of play at Old Mac and went on to claim the \$15,000 first-place prize, part of a \$50,000 purse.

Hogan, who has played on the Irish PGA and Euro circuits, covered the par-71 Old Mac course in a blistering 39 minutes, 31 seconds while shooting 77. That gave him a speedgolf score of 116.31, about eight strokes/minutes ahead of Matt Dehlin of Portland, in second place at 124.06 after shooting 78 in 46:06.

"The round by Rob was awesome," said Scott, himself a veteran speedgolfer who played collegiately at the University of Oregon. "I don't know how many tournaments I've played in over the years, 30 or 40, and that's right up there for the best round ever, considering the course. It's so difficult to score on that course, and then to run it in 39 minutes is just shocking."

On the second day, Hogan shot 79 on the par-72 Bandon Dunes

Eri Crum of Boise is greeted by his wife Erin after finishing second in the championship.



course, in a time of 41:24 and a two-day speedgolf score of 236.55. That gave him a six-point win over former Stanford golfer Eri Crum of Boise, an erstwhile teammate of Tiger Woods and Casey Martin, whose 1-over 73 on the second day, combined with his elapsed time of 44.31, gave him the day's best score, 117.31, and a two-day total of 242.34.

Dehlin was third overall with 250.06, while defending champion Walker shot 73 and finished fourth at 250.38.

A year ago, Hogan was seventh at the world championship. That was the first time he tried one-handed putting, using a shorter putter with his right hand and holding his golf bag in his left

hand to save valuable time on the greens. It cost him strokes then, but he stuck with it and putted well at Bandon Dunes. He's also fitter than a year ago.

"I'm going the same speed, but it doesn't take as much out of me as it did last year," Hogan said. "And my golf has improved. ... speedgolf is good for your game."

That's a point that Scott emphasized, noting with golfers only carrying four to six clubs — one competitor, Scott Gerweck, played only with a 6-iron — speedgolf forces on-the-run creativity. "It makes golf very athletic," Scott said. "It's good for your golf game, too. You have to be creative, you have to be imaginative around the greens and from 150 yards because you never have the right club. And, not thinking too

much. We can all analyze too much in golf, and you don't have time for that."

As for the elite runners, Willis had a strong first day, but ballooned from an 86 at Old Mac to 97 at Bandon Dunes. Lagat, a self-taught left-handed golfer, improved from 119 to 110. Both were classy, outgoing ambassadors for the event.

"Nick yesterday used the word 'I'm hooked,'" Lagat said as the tournament ended. "I'm seconding that. He's hooked, and I think I'm hooked."

Scott is hoping that others who see the sport, and try it, will echo that sentiment.

*Ron Bellamy was the featured sports columnist at the Eugene Register-Guard for 20 years, from 1987-2007, and the newspaper's sports editor from 2002 until his retirement in 2011. After spending 40 years in daily journalism, he periodically writes about golf and other sports, when he's not on the golf course (walking, not running).*

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# q & a

*Coyote ugly, moose on the loose, ground under repair (or not), and renegade OB stakes. When it comes to the Q&A, nothing is out of bounds*

## How did you get started in the game?

**BARKER** I got introduced to the game by my dad. He took up the game as a hobby, but as he started to get more competitive with it he finally got my sister and me going to the driving range.

**CHIANELLO** My dad is a teaching professional and got me started at the young age of two.

**CHRISTENSON** My mom played in a ladies league at Downriver GC in Spokane. When I was seven or so I use to tag along and carry her bag and occasionally she would drop a ball and let me hit a shot or two while she and her friend played. At our house I would play up and down the block through neighbors' yards with a cut-down wood-shafted 7-iron. I'd imagine where the green was and create different shots (over the driveway, on the other side of the tree, etc.). It was a lot of fun for me, but maybe not for the neighbors.

**QUINN** I came late to golf, not picking up a club until I was four (I call the preceding period, "The Wasted Years"). My grandmother noticed me making my first flails with my grandfather's cut-down hickory in her backyard. That year, my father's job took us to Winnipeg, and hockey sticks replaced hickories. When I finally tried Dad's beat up Chandler Harpers

a decade later, my swing, incredibly, hadn't changed that much. hadn't changed that much.

## The strangest thing I've ever seen on a golf course is...

**BARKER** The strangest thing I have ever seen was my ball hitting a bird. I ended up getting a birdie and a bogey on the same hole.

**CHIANELLO** It would have to be last year in a college tournament when a coyote came on to the 17<sup>th</sup> green and grabbed my golf ball in his mouth. The coyote then proceeded to take off into the woods and I never got the ball back.

**CHRISTENSON** It was at Circling Raven as we were hosting the Pacific Northwest Section Championship. As I turned in my card in to the scoring area and was heading towards the pro shop with my wife, a mother moose and her calf burst out of the brush and passed within a few feet of us. Everyone froze and my breath was taken away by the sheer size of the animal, how close she was, and the possibility of being trampled at any moment.

**QUINN** We were playing the par-3 seventh at Tam O'Shanter. Teenage chops all, at least some of us had enough game to hit irons to the 150-yard hole. Freddie

was the exception, in many ways. After we three had missed the green with our 5- and 6-irons, Freddie teed up his 3-wood (3 wood!), the string dangling from the hosel. His vicious lurch created a horrific, low snap hook. The ball hit a massive Oak squarely, and the impact sent it back on a gentle arc over the bunker, his ball landing on the fringe, caught the slope, and trundled into the cup. Furious, I wheeled on Freddie and shouted: "You're not counting that!" (Did I mention I've never had an ace?)

## It should be legal in golf to...

**BARKER** Have to a couple mulligans per round.

**CHIANELLO** Throw your ball at least once.

**CHRISTENSON** Make some noise while players are hitting a shot or putting. More electric atmosphere and excitement.

**QUINN** Tap down spike marks. As Lee Trevino said years ago, if you're wearing soft spikes you should be allowed to flatten spike marks. Some tour pros still wear metals, so Symon Dyson shouldn't have been DQ'd and suspended for tapping down a so-called "spike mark" last year. It is an obstruction. Just as a divot should be GUR, so should a spike mark.

## It should be illegal in golf to...

**BARKER** I can't think of a thing - which can be good or bad.

**CHIANELLO** Take over four hours and 30 minutes to play 18 holes. Slow play is the worst.



**Q:** Which one of these is not like the other?

**A:** They are all alike, having been seen on a golf course.

*What, and you thought maybe golf was a tame sport? Think again. Oh yes, think again.*

**CHRISTENSON** Hit the ball more than 10 times on any single hole. Also, I would remove all OB stakes and play it where you find it.

**QUINN** Wear a logo from a course you have not played. I know we have all become walking billboards. But, please do not step to the first tee to greet a group of strangers wearing an Old Course vest sweater if you haven't watched a putt swept aside by a salty gust off the North Sea.

## The other members of my "Dream Foursome" are...

**BARKER** Annika Sorenstam, Yani Tseng, and if there could be a guy on the team I would pick Phil Mickelson.

**CHIANELLO** Tiger Woods, Miguel Angel Jimenez (he is just an awesome guy), and probably Fred Couples. I could easily say Jack Nicklaus or Arnold Palmer or Ben Hogan as well.

**CHRISTENSON** Ben Hogan, Payne Stewart and Ben Crenshaw.

**QUINN** Seeing as it's a dream, and mine, I'd just tag along, spotting and listening to the constant stream of jokes and barbs. My paternal grandfather, my father and his two brothers, were all members at Vancouver's venerable Marine Drive GC. I never got to play with my grandfather. I only played a couple of times with my father, once with my uncle Garth, and my namesake died in WWII (he was in the USAF, and just 20).

### **You'll never catch me on a golf course wearing...**

**BARKER** A fedora or fishing hat.

**CHIANELLO** Any pants that John Daly has worn in the past year.

**CHRISTENSON** I use to have a pair of knickers and plaid pants, so I can't say that, but I guess it would be anything U of W Husky related.

**QUINN** A visor. Even the most strident climate-change deniers reluctantly accept that we all just might have dinged the ozone layer some. But to see bald guys, and other follicley-challenged individuals, wearing visors under the knee-bending UV assault of desert, or just plain summer, golf is a mind fry.

### **Your favorite sentimental golf course and why...**

**BARKER** It would have to be Fairview Golf Course (in Caldwell, Idaho) because that's where I grew up playing, and the PGA Pro Lenny Stroup has a great junior program.

**CHIANELLO** I grew up on Glendoveer GC in Portland. My dad was the PGA head pro there and I got a job there when I turned 15. Every bit of practice I did until college was on that golf course and I have so many great memories.

**CHRISTENSON** Spokane Country Club, because it was a real treat to play it each year with Bill Welch in the Pro-Junior. I remember I was just in awe of how nice it was maintained and how much more difficult the course appeared compared to the city courses I grew up on.

**QUINN** Marine Drive Golf Club in Vancouver, B.C. Sure it was designed by the great A.V. Macan on the banks of the Fraser River and ever since has been known as a "player's club" and home to champions. To me, it's the old home of Quinn golf, where my brothers and I would have become junior members had we not moved away. I'd seen my uncle Garth's framed scorecard of his round of 66 all my life. That card was the talisman, the standard. It wasn't until the year before he died that he admitted that he'd hit just four fairways and the tallest tree on Marine back then was six feet. Since moving back home I've been lucky enough to play it a couple of times, thinking of my grandfather, father, and uncles each step of the way.



**GABRIELLE BARKER** has been playing golf at Fairview GC in Caldwell, Idaho since she was seven years old. She won her first IGA State Junior championship at the age of 12. While still only 12, she placed second in the Idaho State Women's Amateur, where in the second round of that championship she tied the course record at the Headwaters Course at Teton Springs. At age 15, Gabrielle started competing in national tournaments, becoming a consistent force in the Girls Junior America's Cup, Big I National, Callaway Junior World Championship, Junior PGA National Championship, and the U.S. Girls' Junior. This past summer she won the IGA Women's State Amateur by eight shots, was the medalist at the U.S. Girls' Junior qualifier, and won the IGA Women's Four-Ball (with her older sister, Tyler). Gabrielle will be attending Texas Tech on a golf scholarship in the fall of 2014.



**NICK CHIANELLO** started playing golf at the age of two and started playing competitive tournaments at the age of eight. Portland's Glendoveer GC is his second home, where he has spent countless hours preparing for the day he tries to play this game professionally.

He attended the University of Portland for two years until they dropped their golf program, after which Jon Reehoorn and Oregon State welcomed him with open arms and it became a perfect fit for his last two years of school – it was there that he improved his game and gained the confidence to compete at a very high level. After graduating from Oregon State last spring, he won his second consecutive Oregon Amateur last June, and has his sight set on turning professional soon.



Born and raised in Spokane, Wash., **DAVE CHRISTENSON** married his high school sweetheart, and they now have two teenagers, Eli (16) and Emily (13). He played college golf at Washington State. Dave started out in the golf business as an Assistant Professional at Inglewood Country Club (in Kenmore, Wash.),

spent a number of years as an assistant at Spokane's Indian Canyon, before opening and managing Circling Raven Golf Club in Worley, Idaho for the Coeur d'Alene Indian Tribe. He moved to the East Coast for a few years to manage a 45-hole operation in Connecticut. Dave recently returned to the Northwest after being hired by OB Sports to open and manage the new David McLay Kidd design in Brewster, Wash. called Gamble Sands. "I'm happy to be back in the Pacific Northwest and to be part of something so special," he says. "I can't wait to introduce Gamble Sands to the rest of the world."



**HAL QUINN'S** articles and columns have appeared in magazines and newspapers across North America, England, and as far away as New Zealand. Quinn is the co-author of "Spectacular Golf B.C.-Alberta" and "Spectacular Golf Ontario"; author of "Shaughnessy – The Tradition Continues"; and contributing writer to "The

Golf Courses of Stanley Thompson." For 15 years Quinn was the Western Canada editor/feature writer/columnist for *SCOREGolf* magazine, and for the same length of time worked for *Maclean's* magazine as sports editor and then Vancouver Bureau Chief. His golf humour columns have appeared in *GolfStyles* magazine. A member of the Northwest Golf Media Association and current president of the Golf Journalists Association of Canada, Quinn lives in North Vancouver, B.C., with his wife, their two daughters, and their dog Mulligan.

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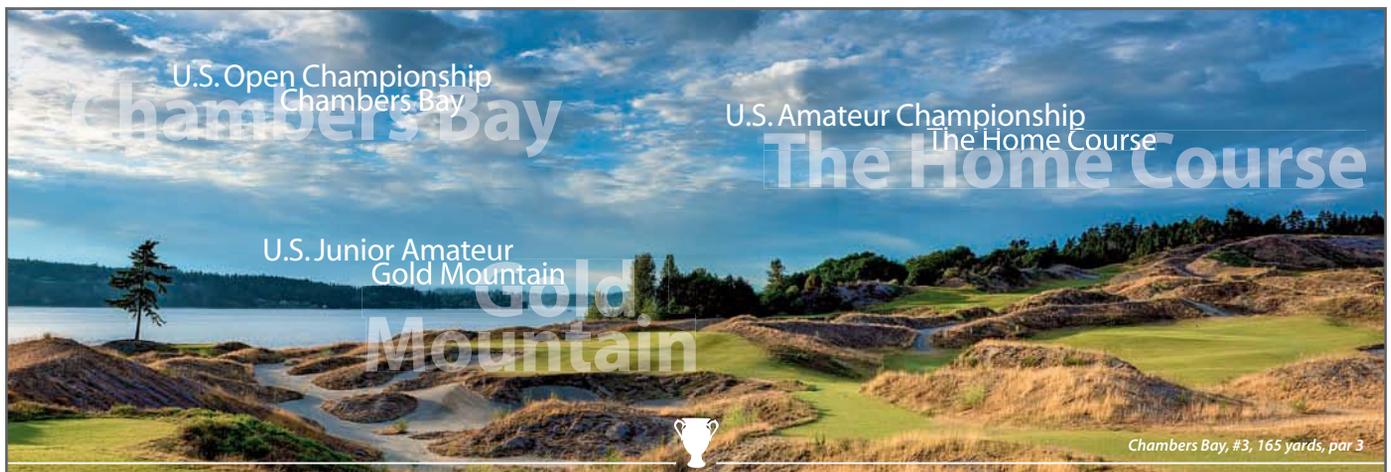
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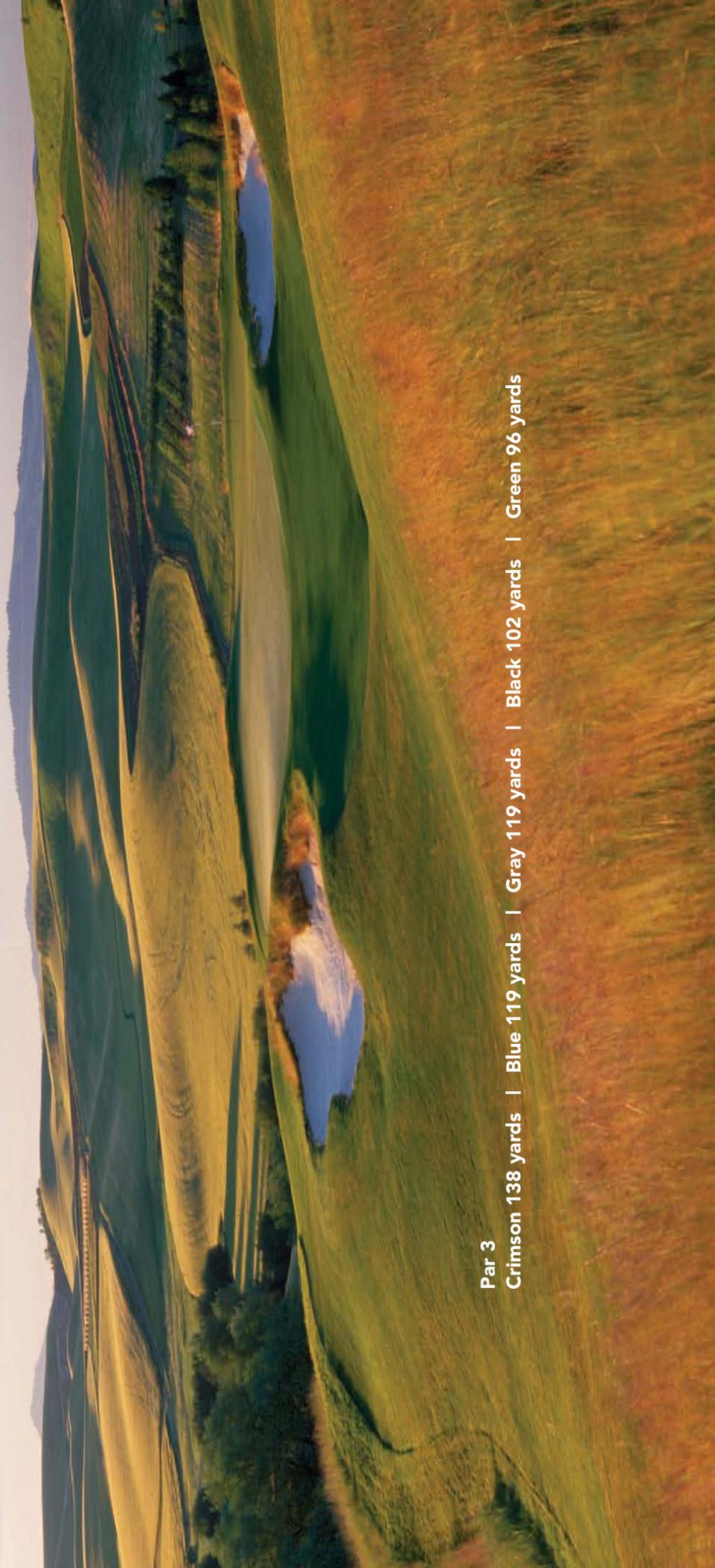
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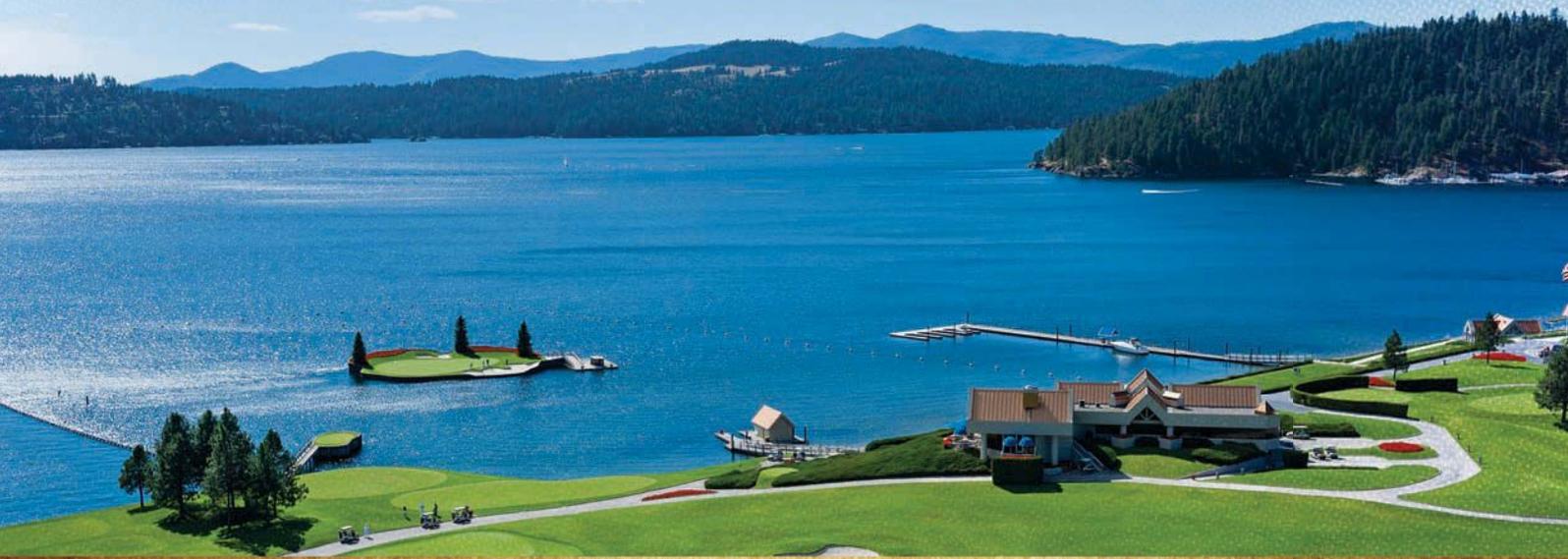
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# The Year in Review



**GENGER A. FAHLESON, PH.D.**  
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LAST YEAR, 2013, WAS AN INTERESTING YEAR for the Idaho Golf

Association. Here are a few of the highlights.

Memberships at IGA member clubs were up slightly. The number of Idaho golfers who joined IGA member clubs in 2013 (16,165) increased by one percent over the membership rolls of 2012. We don't know the specific dynamics for this increase; hopefully it is a sign of an improving economy.

Championship entries were down in 2013. The total number of entries for IGA Championships was 689 in 2013 and 733 in 2012. We have more evidence for this change than there is evidence for the overall membership difference. Each IGA Championship has a rotation schedule amongst the three

Districts. Championships conducted outside of the population base of the Treasure Valley had fewer entries in 2013 than in 2012. The rotation for 2014 brings the majority of IGA Championship to District 1 (Treasure Valley) and we anticipate increased entries for 2014.

A real positive in 2013 was the introduction of "Classic" competitions which were conducted parallel to several state championships. Classic tournaments were separate from the "Championships" and implemented the "Tee it Forward" concept for parallel competitions at the Women's Amateur, Men's Mid-Amateur and the Senior State Championship. For example, the Men's Mid-Amateur Classic was restricted to golfers with Handicap Indexes at 8.0 and above, the Mid-Amateur Championship was for those with Indexes of 7.9

and below. The competitions were conducted at the same course on the same days, but from different tees. The "Championship" was played from the very back tees, while the "Classic" was played from the more forward tees. The "Classic" tournaments provided an opportunity for most all IGA members to participate in and enjoy an IGA competition, not just the single-digit handicappers.

The most noteworthy accomplishment in 2013 was the payoff of a loan which the IGA had negotiated with the USGA in 2007. This loan enabled the IGA to stay in business during a time of transition. Over the past three years, budget items were adjusted which allowed for the loan to be resolved, but also directed more funds to member services and to championship administration. Having the loan payments behind us, the IGA will have the ability to focus on and expand the core functions of an amateur golf association (handicapping, course rating, championship administration, educational programs in Rules, Handicapping and Course Rating, member services and junior golf).

The long-term plan is to add a staff position at the IGA to administer the Course Rating and Handicapping programs. These are unique functions of every state and regional golf association in the country. No other group or association is equipped to provide these services to member courses with the consistency and efficiency as a state golf association.

The IGA recently welcomed Katrina Hegge to the staff as the Junior Golf Manager. Katrina grew up playing junior golf in Washington and played college golf at the University of San Francisco and Louisiana State University. She brings junior golf administrative expertise to the IGA with recent work experience at The First Tee of Baton Rouge and as a PJ Boatwright Intern with the Sun Country Amateur Golf Association (New Mexico).



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Tom and his wife Karen own Vision Marketing, a diverse marketing firm that, along with the Spokane event, also owns and manages Golf in the NW, a one-stop source for golf and travel excursions; Toyota Series of Golf, a series of amateur golf tournaments; Chip Shots, an eNewsletter sent out weekly during the golf season; and Hit the Green, the Northwest's largest outdoor demo day.

They also do all the marketing for the Greater Spokane League, Ski Idaho and the Idaho Golf Trail.

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## Hegge is New Junior Tour Manager

Katrina Hegge began her new role this winter as manager of IGA Juniors.

A native of Seattle, Hegge has a long history of golf in the Boise area, having won the 2007 and 2008 Dropping Junior Championship. She played many national junior championships, including five USGA championships, before playing collegiately at the University of San Francisco and also Louisiana State University.

"Without junior golf," says Hegge, "I would definitely not be where I am now and probably would have not been able to go to such a prestigious university." Hegge grew up competing in the Washington Junior Golf Association events. "I am so thankful for the WJGA and all the junior golf associations that make golf available for junior players."

She is looking forward to the upcoming year. "People are very supportive of junior golf in Idaho," she said. "It really is a blessing to be here."

Contact Hegge at [khegge@theiga.org](mailto:khegge@theiga.org) or visit [theiga.org](http://theiga.org) for the 2014 schedule of the IGA Juniors.

## Score Posting

A reminder that golfers can begin posting scores on March 1. Revision dates are now on a national schedule, with handicap revisions occurring on the 1<sup>st</sup> and 15<sup>th</sup> of every month.

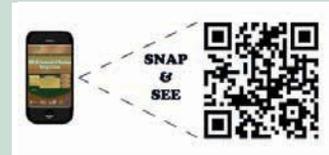
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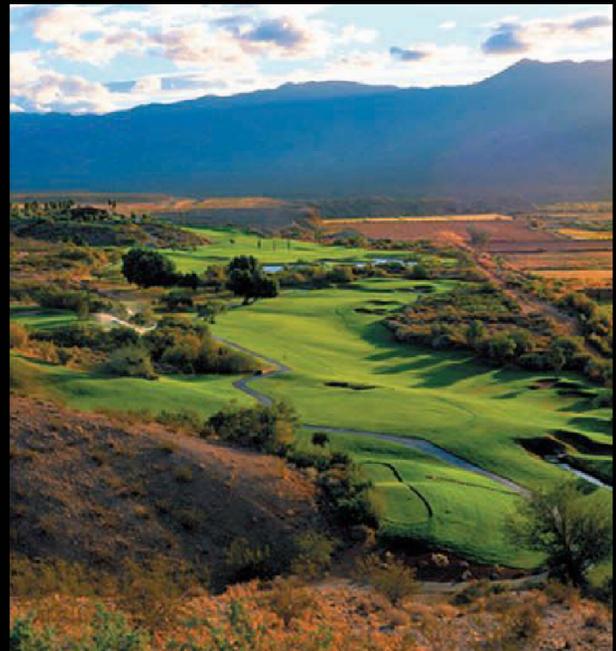
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# Desperation Golf

When cabin fever strikes, desperate acts become common

by Rob Lundgren

SOME MAY CALL IT “DESPERATION GOLF,” but I think “inversion insanity” is more on the mark.

After being house-bound for over three weeks thanks to our annual winter inversion in the Treasure Valley here in the Boise area, my golfing buds and I decided enough was enough. (Actually, our wives may have had something to do with that decision.) Not content to merely practice putting on the living room carpet, I took out my wedge to try more challenging shots. However, it was one chip too many for me as an errant shot plopped into the chili pot my wife was fixing for a warm winter supper.

“Go” is all she said, and that was enough.

We quickly conducted exhaustive searches of golf courses that might be open within a 200-mile radius of our homes in Meridian, Idaho, and came up with a grand total of two. The closest was Clear Lake Country Club located near Buhl, a mere 130 miles from our front doors.

The course, which is near the Snake River, apparently has its own micro-climate and had been relatively snow-free all during December.



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Left: Playing partner Bill Precht layers up for the cold, but sunny, weather.



Top-right: Rob's home course, Lakeview Golf Club, under snow – the cause of all this desperation. Bottom-right: Two hours south, there is no snow (but it's 20 degrees)....

More importantly, it was safely out of the inversion zone where cold air lingers all day long and prevents the snow we had on our own course from melting.

So one Sunday morning in late December three of us loaded up our clubs and what seemed like winter survival gear into the back of an SUV and headed south to Clear Lake. We arrived without a hitch despite the fact that Bill, our driver, admitted he wasn't sure how to get to the course. As we passed Clear Lake Foods, the world's largest trout farm, our anticipation grew despite the unexpected foggy and inversion-like conditions.

It was a bone-chilling 18 degrees when we pulled into the parking lot.

“Do you think we should just go back home?” asked Dave as he pulled on another sweatshirt. Bill nodded in agreement while adjusting his snow pants. I thought no way, we'd come this far and we needed to see it through. Besides I wasn't sure my wife was over the chili pot episode.

I won out and we loaded up our golf carts, dressed more for skiing or snowmobiling than golf. What surprised us the most was that we were third in line off the first tee. So we weren't the only insane ones.

Decked out in thermal underwear, vest,

hooded sweatshirt, and my aviator hat complete with earflaps, I plodded to the tee box, tried to hammer a tee into the frozen tundra with my gloved hands, and hit my drive a whopping 25 yards. Fortunately, things got better in a hurry.

By the time we hit the third hole, the sun was out, the temperature had warmed up 15 degrees, and my drives took on a semblance of normalcy.

No, we didn't play well that day. In fact none of us even broke 90. We lost more than one ball in the snow fields that still dotted the course, and even a couple in the river. But we did manage a few pars. And, most importantly, we had fun – a lot of fun. It was one of my best winter golfing experiences ever.

When we left in mid-afternoon the temperature had zoomed up into the low 40s and there were at least two dozen cars in the parking lot.

Who's crazy now, I thought, as we headed home, our desperation abated – for now.

*Rob Lundgren lives in Meridian, Idaho and is a frequent contributor to Pacific Northwest Golfer magazine, and is a frequenter of golf courses under any weather conditions.*

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# Golf



## Sea to Sky

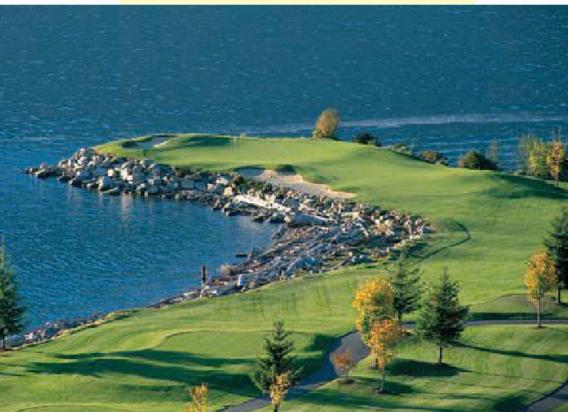
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*The natural setting of the 438-yard par-4 18<sup>th</sup> hole at Nicklaus North  
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Furry Creek features a 400-foot elevation change from start to finish. Cut out of granite cliffs, accuracy is paramount. Designed by Robert Muir Graves, the club and course capture the true essence of West Coast golf. From the first tee, Furry Creek serves up a visual and dynamic feast with a panoramic view of the ocean and a 165-foot drop to the fairway below. Golfers are continually treated to an ever-changing landscape. Holes one to 13 reflect a true mountain layout in which the course roams through forested mountainside, creeks, ravines and granite rock outcroppings.

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Once your Furry Creek adventure wraps up, it's back on Highway 99 for the 60 minute drive to Whistler. The drive leaves the surrounds of the ocean waters and winds magnificently 2,000 feet

up into the mountains that surround Whistler. During this stretch of road, you will see why this highway was named one of the “Best 10 Drives in the World.” There are jaw-dropping vistas at almost every point and numerous pull-outs to safely snap photos.

Once you arrive in Whistler, check in to the Crystal Lodge and Suites, located in the heart of Whistler Village, which offers 4-1/2 star hotel service and amenities, newly renovated comfort and unparalleled hospitality for an inspiring stay in Whistler. The hotel's location provides amazing energy and vibrancy, creating excitement that is impossible to ignore.

Day two of your getaway is at Jack's Signature Course – Nicklaus North, located only four minutes north of Whistler Village. Nestled at the base of the majestic Whistler and Blackcomb mountains, and along the shores of glacial-fed Green Lake, this par-71 championship course winds along the gentle valley floor offering you a spectacular setting as your golfing skills are tested to the fullest.

Winner of numerous awards since opening in 1996, Nicklaus North has played host to events such as the Skins Game and Shell's Wonderful World of Golf, welcoming some of golf's biggest names such as Jack himself, Nick Faldo, Ernie Els, Greg Norman, Fred Couples, John Daly and Vijay Singh.

Amongst the breathtaking scenery, Nicklaus North boasts exceptional service, brilliant course conditioning and a clubhouse setting on Green Lake that is idyllic for golfers and non-golfers alike. Nicklaus North stands out as one of the great courses in North America. It's no wonder this is only one of a few rare golf courses in the world bearing Jack Nicklaus' name.

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## Clark and Faithfull Recognized With Distinguished Service Awards

Two of British Columbia Golf's most dedicated volunteers were honoured with Distinguished Service Awards at the association's recent Annual General Meeting.

George Faithfull has been a member of Royal Colwood Golf Club in Victoria since 1975, and has been a dedicated volunteer for the sport of golf in British Columbia and Canada for over 30 years. The former British Columbia Golf President (2008-2010) has been involved in many club, zone, provincial and national golf affairs including being the Royal Colwood Junior Chairperson for 20 years, the Zone 5 Junior Chairperson from 1990-2006 and a Director with British Columbia Golf from 1995-2012. He has been the non-playing captain on a number of teams representing British Columbia. This past summer he was an

instrumental volunteer for the Canadian Men's Amateur that was hosted by his home club.

Betty Clark of Coquitlam is a former staff member of British Columbia Golf. The Zone 3 Secretary has been involved in many championships over her years, most recently assisting Pitt Meadows Golf Club in their hosting of the 2013 Women's Mid-Amateur and Amateur Championships. She will also be an integral volunteer for British Columbia Golf at the 2014 BC Summer Games in Nanaimo. Clark not only assists in the smooth running of Zone 3's championships but also keeps their website up-to-date, assists with meeting minutes and even lends an administrative hand to Zone 4 when needed. She is also very involved in the running of the Golden Ears Charity Tournament on an annual basis.

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# I Turn Right



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I LOVE MY IPOD but it can't do everything!

I used it on my Caribbean cruise this winter and it did track the 10,000 steps I try to walk daily and of course it played music. Now I know, if I walk down the stairs from Deck 14 to the Promenade on Deck 7, circle the ship 10 times, walk back up the stairs, I have done 5,431 steps. Do it twice and I've made my goal.

What it couldn't tell me was why, when I walked through the door to the Promenade, stroll and turned right, I found myself walking against the flow of the other passengers strolling in the opposite direction. For 10 days I turned right, while most turned left.

Google could not help, as there are no studies that definitively explain why someone turns in one direction over the other. There is a theory that people will automatically turn in a direction that conserves steps but that doesn't fit as I was trying to achieve a different goal.

While I walked and pondered the direction conundrum, I thought about the golf I played in 2013, how enjoyable it was and the excitement I was feeling for the start of the 2014 season.

During my travels in 2013 I played in Nicaragua, Newfoundland, Nova Scotia, Florida, Nevada and in many regions of British Columbia. Some of the courses were relatively straightforward, some were complex, all were scenic and I could not think of one that I did not thoroughly enjoy. Some I scored well on, most I scored poorly, but all were fun. So why was 2013 so much fun? What changed?

My epiphany came when I thought back to the first game I played in 2013 at my home course Richmond Country Club. When I got to the first tee I turned right and went to a forward tee that allowed me to play the course at around 6,000 yards. I have fun at that length. From the forward tees I can hit a

lot of greens in regulation (not that I do), use all of my clubs, and I don't conserve steps as you walk right past the back tee.

When I play against my friends who prefer a back tee, I am happy to give them a couple of extra strokes to equalize the different courses we are playing. The competition remains fair. Sometimes I win, sometimes I lose, but mostly it's fairly even. They are happy and there is no more tension about which tee to play.

Golf is a social game. We play in groups of two, three or four. We talk, we walk, we compete but above all we play to have fun. That's why we invest both our time and our money. We enjoy nature; we enjoy the freshness of being outdoors. We enjoy the one or two perfect shots hit and we forget quickly the rest. We enjoy sharing the space with wildlife and we enjoy the scenery.

In 2014 I will continue to turn right. I might stop and enjoy the scenery from the back tees. I will watch my fellow competitors, who hit it further than I, play from those tees. Then I will walk and play forward. I will get my 10,000 steps a day.

Finally, a New Year's resolution I can live up to.

Enjoy your golf in 2014. I know I will.

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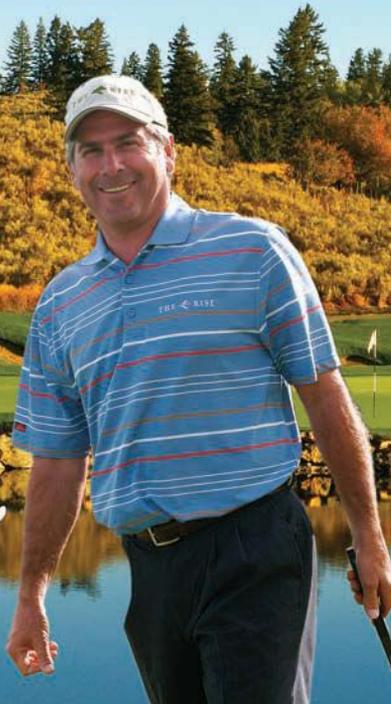
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## NEWS & NOTES

### Finalists Named for Sport BC Awards

For their performances in golf during the past year, Taylor Kim of Surrey and Kevin Kwon of Maple Ridge have been named finalists in the female and male junior athlete categories for the upcoming Sport BC Athlete of the Year Awards. Also named as a finalist is Dale Jackson of Victoria, in the Official of the Year category.

The 48th annual awards ceremony and gala dinner, set for March 5, 2014 at the Fairmont Hotel Vancouver, recognizes BC's best amateur athletes, coaches, and officials for outstanding performances in their sport over the 2013 season. Nominations are received from the provincial and multi-sport organizations, high schools, colleges or universities. Finalists and winners are selected by a committee of 20 highly regarded BC sportswriters, broadcasters, and amateur sport leaders.

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### Atkinson Named to Governor's Council



British Columbia Golf's President David Atkinson, a member of Pitt Meadows GC, has been named to the Golf Canada Governor's Council starting in 2014.

After coming to British Columbia Golf with a wealth of professional and volunteer experience, including sitting on the Golf Canada Human Resources Committee, Atkinson has excelled. He gained further experience at the provincial level after being very active during BC Golf's 2013 championship season.

Atkinson will be formally accepted on the Council at Golf Canada's Annual General Meeting in February 2014 in London, Ontario.

## Score Posting

A reminder that, for those clubs within British Columbia Golf that do not post scores during the winter, players there can begin posting again on March 1. British Columbia Golf encourages handicap committees at individual courses to determine whether their course conditions warrant a later opening of score posting.

### Championship entry forms and online registration

British Columbia Golf's entries are now online at [www.britishcolumbiagolf.org](http://www.britishcolumbiagolf.org), with registrations beginning April 1. For more information call 888.833.2242.

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**Woodlands**, designed by renowned architect Robert Trent Jones, Jr., is a Northwest favorite. Noted for its superb conditioning and beautiful setting, the Woodlands is one of the Northwest's finest championship courses. Woodlands' abundance of water and outcroppings of lava rock place a premium on shot accuracy.

**Caldera Links**, another Bob Cupp design, is a family-friendly 9-hole par-3 course that makes the game approachable for all skill levels.

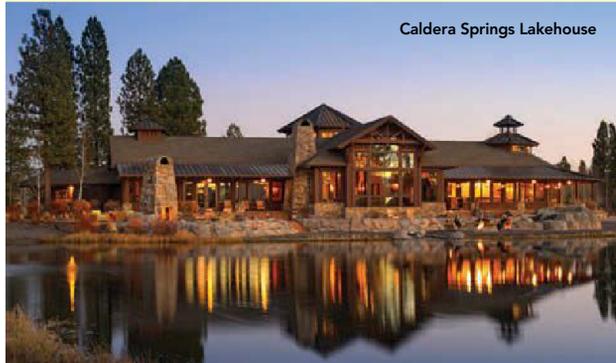
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See page 5 of this program for a full list of exhibitors. And most of all, remember to have fun ... and hit 'em straight.

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## ACTIVITIES

### Fiddler's Green **GOLF SHOP & TESTING ZONE**

The Fiddler's Green Golf Shop Testing and Fitting Zone will give golfers the chance to try out all of the hottest new clubs from the major manufacturers for free on an indoor driving range lined with manufacturers' reps. Participating manufacturers in 2013 included COBRA, Callaway, PING, TaylorMade, Bridgestone, NIKE, Adams, Cleveland and Tour Edge. The Golf Shop, meanwhile, will be packed with the newest clubs at great prices, plus hundreds of other drivers, irons, wedges, putters, bags, shoes and more from the industry's biggest names, at the season's lowest prices. Dial in your sticks on the range, then head into the Golf Shop to make your purchase!

### KXL/The Game **CLEARANCE CENTER**

Looking to find great deals on apparel, shoes and previous years' club models from major manufacturers? The Portland Golf Show Clearance Center, sponsored by KXL and The Game Sports Radio, is the biggest golf clearance sale of the year in the state of Oregon, with dozens of golf courses, country clubs, golf shops and other retailers blowing out their old models and styles at exclusive, show-only prices!

### Beaverton Infiniti **PUTTING CHAMPIONSHIP**

One of the most exciting events of the weekend is the Beaverton Infiniti Putting Challenge, held on a 50-foot green built right on the show floor, and surrounded by beautiful new Infinitis. Every golfer who makes the putt throughout the weekend will receive a prize, and will be invited back to compete in Sunday's Portland Putting Championship, where hundreds will gather around the green as players compete for a fabulous stay-and-play golf vacation to Vegas!

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### Firestone **LONG DRIVE CHALLENGE**

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Big hitters love the Firestone Long Drive Challenge, where golfers tee it high and let it fly on a state-of-the-art TRUGOLF simulator. With separate divisions for men, women and seniors, and two sessions each day, everyone has the chance to win terrific prizes.

### Three Rivers Casino **KP CHALLENGE**

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Not everyone's a long hitter – come back to the TRUGOLF simulator throughout the weekend to compete in the Three Rivers Casino Closest to the Pin Challenge, where golfers can flash their iron skills on some of the most famous holes in the sport to win rounds of golf and more.

## WIN A ONE-YEAR COUNTRY CLUB MEMBERSHIP!



COUNTRY CLUB

Stop by the Persimmon Country Club booth for your chance to win one of three one-year country club memberships! That's right – every day of the show, Persimmon Country Club, located just outside downtown Portland, will draw one name from the list of those entered to receive a free, one-year membership – three winners in all. That's a year's worth of golf, on the house!

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## Free Clubs & Lessons For Kids

*Brought to you by The Children's Course, Oregon Jr. Links & The First Tee*

Don't forget to bring the family! Thanks to our junior golf exhibitors, all kids 12 and under who attend the show will receive free admission, a free golf club from Oregon Junior Links, a free round of golf at The Children's Course, and a free lesson from First Tee teaching professionals! Come by The Children's Course area to take advantage of these terrific offers, and learn more about the ways The First Tee can help your young player develop both on and off the golf course.

## Buffalo Wild Wings & Pyramid Breweries **19TH HOLE**

Grab a cold beverage and watch the latest PGA Tour or college basketball action on a big-screen TV in the 19th Hole, sponsored by Buffalo Wild Wings and Pyramid Breweries. Or, sip your drink while enjoying a swing seminar on the Golf Show Main Stage, located adjacent to the 19th Hole.

## Synlawn & **OGA ON THE GREEN**

Turf builders Synlawn will construct a beautiful indoor green where golfers can test out a new putter, compete in contests for great prizes, or just give the ball a roll. Complete with bunkers, bark, flowers and more, it's truly a sight to behold.

## Therapeutic Associates **GOLF WELLNESS ZONE**

The Portland Golf Show is an equipment showcase, but there's no more important piece of equipment than your own body. Physical fitness experts Therapeutic Associates will once again be on-site throughout the weekend, matching their physical therapy, wellness, fitness, flexibility and strengthening professionals with attendees' swings, to help golfers get the most out of their bodies this golf season.

## **CONTESTS & ON-SITE DRAWINGS**

In addition to the events mentioned above, the Portland Golf Show will feature several enter-to-wins and on-site drawings, giving away more than 100 additional prizes. Plus, random contests are announced throughout the weekend, so be sure to keep your eyes and ears open for your chance to win!



## NEW PRODUCT SHOWCASE!

**W**ith its date just three weeks after the PGA Merchandise Show in Orlando, Fla., the Portland Golf Show serves annually as the first opportunity for golfers in Oregon and southwest Washington to test out the drivers, irons, hybrids, wedges and putters that will be the buzz of the golf world in the year ahead.

In 2014, no club is generating more buzz than PING's new i25 driver. For much of the last decade, PING designers have released drivers and irons under two complementary lines – the G Series, targeted towards mid-handicappers who seek maximum forgiveness, and the i Series, for better players seeking increased workability and a more piercing ball flight.

The i25 driver, though, throws that concept out the window. Unlike its predecessor, the i20, the new i25 adds forgiveness at the expense of workability, with two tungsten weights on the rear of the sole creating a high-

er moment of inertia (MOI). A face thicker in the middle than at the edges promotes a higher ball speed, while an adjustable hosel – identical to that on the G25 and Anser – allows golfers to adjust the standard loft by a half-degree in either direction.

In essence, it's a bridge between the i20 and the G25 – less spin than the G25, but a higher launch angle than the i20. The combination of all those factors results in a driver that should be a favorite of mid-handicappers in particular, who don't want to forgo all the forgiving benefits of a high-MOI driver, but prefer the more penetrating ball flight of a pro-style club.

The new driver – which features a gunmetal gray matte finish with a ball-width alignment stripe on the crown – makes its Rose City debut at the Portland Golf Show. Try it for free on the Fiddler's Green Testing and Fitting Zone, then head into the golf shop to place your order!



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# 'Oregonizational' Changes for the Future



**BARB TRAMMELL, CEO  
OREGON GOLF ASSOCIATION**

HAPPY NEW YEAR! As we look forward to the start of the season, I wanted to update our members on some exciting new initiatives at your Association.

First, following a thorough two-year review of its Governance structure (including making some Bylaw changes), five new Executive Committee members have recently been added to the 15-member Committee, bringing new leadership skills and more diverse regional representation than ever before.

Second, recognizing the need for streamlined communication between OGA headquarters and member clubs, Regional Directors have been identified and selected through our existing pool

of representatives that will help facilitate better engagement in their areas.

Furthermore, as an expansion of our partnership with the PNGA, OGA Directors will now also become club representatives for the PNGA, giving them an active voice within the larger region of the Pacific Northwest.

By enacting these and other proactive changes, we look to expand our role as a premier organization dedicated to serving and nurturing its membership. We can't do what we do without your participation and support.

Finally, in an effort to redefine itself as being a modern and relevant leader in a somewhat traditional industry, the OGA is taking steps to initiate growth and inclusiveness among its clubs. Led by second-year president and visionary Mark Reed, we are in the process

of finalizing a strategic plan that has shed new insight towards formulating our goals as we recognize the need for more engagement between, and outreach to, our members and partners.

With our Mission of "promoting golf to benefit the communities and people of Oregon and Southwest Washington" and a Vision of "enriching lifestyles through golf," we are committed to our Core Values: Serving the Game, Respecting Traditions, Operating with Integrity, Practicing Inclusiveness, Staying Relevant and Leading by Example.

The OGA is YOU – and our future is very bright. I invite you to get involved with your Association to not only give back but to make a real difference through this game we all love!

## Your Leadership Team

### 2014 OGA EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE:

**Mark Reed, President**

Oregon Golf Club  
West Linn, Ore.

**Eric Schoenstein, Vice President**

Pumpkin Ridge Golf Club  
North Plains, Ore. and Portland  
Golf Club

**Jeff Allen, Treasurer**

Eastmoreland Golf Club  
Portland, Ore.

**Cam Azari, Immediate Past  
President**

RedTail Golf Club  
Beaverton, Ore.

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North Plains, Ore.

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**Barbara Gee**

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**Eric Fiskum**

Illahe Hills Country Club  
Salem, Ore.

### YOUR 2014 REGIONAL DIRECTORS:

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**John Edmundson** (Willow Creek CC)  
**Don McAndie** (La Grande CC)

**CENTRAL OREGON:**

**Tina Burnside** (Broken Top Club)  
**Roger Mink** (Sunriver Resort)

**LOWER WILLAMETTE VALLEY:**

**Eva Corbin** (Creekside GC)  
**Steve Whitehurst** (Diamond Woods GC)

**SOUTHERN OREGON:**

**Don Clark** (Reames G&CC)  
**Jerry Hauck** (Centennial GC)

**SW WASHINGTON:**

**Art Ashton** (Club Green Meadows)  
**Mike Posekany** (Tri-Mountain GC)  
**Barbara Gee** (Orchard Hills G&CC)

**PORTLAND METRO:**

**Rich Way** (Crestview GC),  
**Tyler Jaques** (Oswego Lake CC)  
**Ralph Marconi** (Willamette Valley CC)  
**Howie Smith** (Broadmoor GC)

The view of Cape Blanco from the proposed site of Pacific Gales.

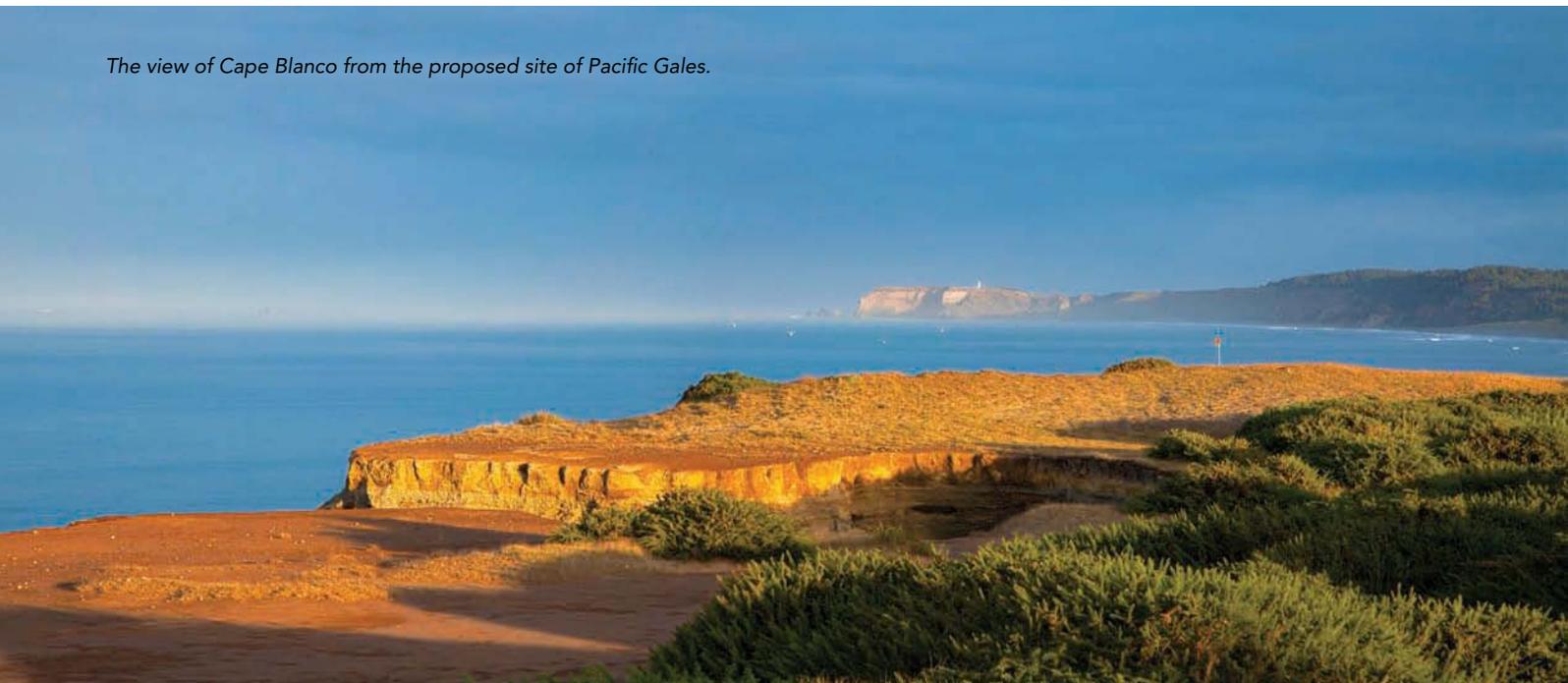


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## *Pacific Gales to begin construction*

GOLF ON THE SOUTHERN OREGON COAST adds another chapter with the announcement of a new project, Pacific Gales. Course construction is expected to begin in the summer of 2014.

Located on a portion of privately owned Knapp Ranch in Curry County, between Cape Blanco and the town of Port Orford, Pacific Gales will add a new golfing dimension to this remote stretch of coastline.

"I've been in the business for 30 years, and you know a great site when you're on it," says Jim Haley, managing partner of Elk River Property Development, LLC, who first ventured to the Oregon Coast as a member of the construction team for the original Bandon Dunes course. "This is a great site. You don't get them very often."

Haley began the long journey to making Pacific Gales a reality in the late 1990s while working as Bandon Dunes architect David McLay Kidd's lead shaper, a relationship that continued through some of Kidd's other projects around the globe via Haley's construction company, Highland Golf Services.

"One of the owners of Knapp Ranch, Jeff Knapp, had worked with me," he says. "He invited me down for a crab feed when Mike Keiser was building Bandon Dunes." That's when Haley first caught site of the family's incredible 1,100-acre stretch of oceanfront property.

In 2010 Haley and his business partner, Jay Kenyon, completed a lease agreement with the Knapp family to develop 330 acres along the ocean. They brought on Troy Russell, a native to the area who played pivotal roles in Bandon Dunes Golf Resort's early success during his 10 years there, to be project manager.



### OGA Adds New Team Member

Rich Haaland has joined the Oregon Golf Association to run the OGA Tour. Haaland has been a 34-year member of the PGA, was Head Golf Professional at

Orengo Woods GC from 1980-2001, honored three times as Oregon Chapter PGA Professional of the Year and Executive Director of the Oregon Chapter from 2001-2012.

"I look forward to joining the OGA and working with the OGA Tour and the dedicated and loyal competitors," Haaland said. "I think we have some tremendous opportunities ahead of us and want to continue the great progress Tyler [Saries] made with the OGA Tour."

Saries, who managed the OGA Tour for the past two seasons, left the OGA to prepare for the birth of his first child.

Visit [oga.org](http://oga.org) for the 2014 OGA Tour schedule.



### SCORE POSTING

**A reminder to begin posting scores on March 1. Revision dates are now on a national schedule, with handicap revisions occurring on the 1st and 15th of every month.**

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## Oregon Junior Golf News

### 2014 Oregon Junior Golf Major Schedule

June 7-8	Centennial Junior Championship Centennial Golf Club (Medford, Ore.)
June 17-18	Peter Jacobsen Junior Challenge Albany Golf & Events Center (Albany, Ore.)
June 23-27	84 <sup>th</sup> Oregon Junior Amateur Waverley Country Club (Portland, Ore.)
July 1-3	17 <sup>th</sup> Oregon Junior Stroke Play OGA Golf Course (Woodburn, Ore.)
July 7-8	Central Willamette Junior Willamette Valley CC (Canby) & Arrowhead GC (Molalla)
July 14-15	Southern Oregon Junior Rogue Valley Country Club (Medford, Ore.)
July 16-17	Klamath Basin Junior Meadow Lakes (Prineville) & Juniper Golf Course (Redmond)
July 28-29	Portland City/Bob Allard Memorial Rose City Golf Course (Portland, Ore.)
TBD	21 <sup>st</sup> Tournament of Champions

### 2014 Swing FORE Juniors FUNraiser

Support Junior Golf by participating in the annual Swing FORE Juniors FUNraiser. This event is a joint fundraiser for Oregon Junior Golf and The First Tee of Greater Portland/The Children's Course. The format is a four-person scramble. The event includes lunch, golf, dinner, silent auction, raffle and special contests. \$950/foursome, and registration will be available online at oga.org.



### Tickets FORE Charity

Oregon Junior Golf is excited to participate in the Nabisco Tickets FORE Charity program for the upcoming WinCo Foods Portland Open Web.com Tour event coming to Portland August 21-24, 2014 at Pumpkin Ridge (Witch Hollow). Purchase tickets to this event, select Oregon Junior Golf as the selected non-profit, and WinCo Foods will generously donate 100 percent of your ticket price to Oregon Junior Golf! Weekly tickets are available for \$25.

Oregon Junior Golf members are encouraged to participate in this program and will be eligible to earn new Nike product at the same time! The more tickets sold, the more Nike product OJG members may earn – from Nike golf balls, apparel and shoes, to a Nike Milled Method putter. In addition, the top two sellers will win the Ultimate WinCo Foods Experience Package, which includes:

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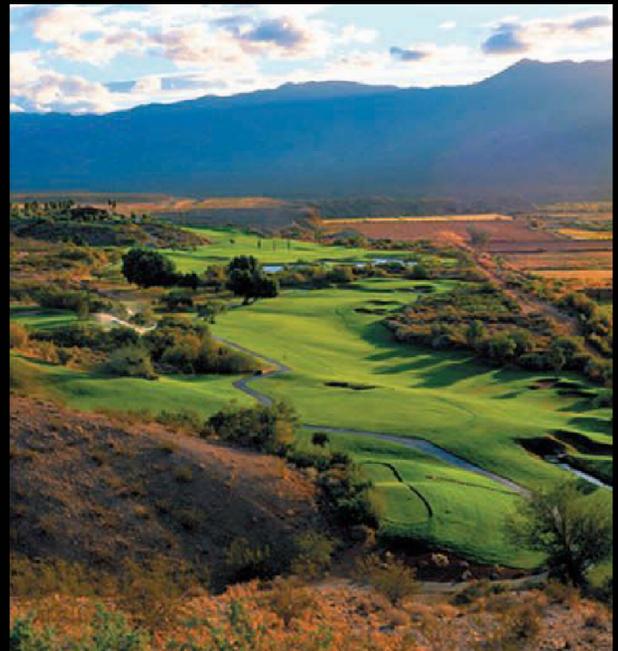
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### CADDIE SCHOLARSHIP OPPORTUNITY

Last year, Portland's Columbia Edgewater CC started a caddie program, with the ultimate goal of providing opportunity for young caddies to earn an Evans Caddie Scholarship, a four-year full-ride college scholarship. According to Paul Regali, PGA Assistant Pro at Columbia Edgewater, the pro shop staff will assist in training young people to become qualified caddies at the club. Call 503-285-8354 for more information.





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# 2014 OGA Championship Schedule

<b>April 19-</b>	<b>70th OGA Tournament Of Champions</b> Langdon Farms Golf Club, Aurora, Ore.	<b>July 12-13</b>	<b>17th Oregon Public Links Championship</b> Trysting Tree Golf Course, Corvallis, Ore.
<b>May 7-9</b>	<b>PNGA Cup Team Matches</b> The Home Course, DuPont, Wash.	<b>Aug 1-3</b>	<b>62nd Oregon Men's Stroke Play Championship</b> Juniper Golf Course, Redmond, Ore.
<b>June 2</b>	<b>U.S. Open Sectional Qualifier</b> Emerald Valley Golf Club, Creswell, Ore.	<b>Aug 12-13</b>	<b>9th Oregon Super Senior Championship</b> OGA Golf Course, Woodburn, Ore.
<b>June 3</b>	<b>Oregon Amateur Qualifier</b> Stone Creek GC, Oregon City, Ore.	<b>Aug 12-13</b>	<b>24th Oregon Women's Stroke Play Championship</b> OGA Golf Course, Woodburn, Ore.
<b>June 8</b>	<b>Oregon Amateur Qualifier</b> Widgi Creek Golf Course, Bend, Ore.	<b>Aug 23-24</b>	<b>26th Oregon Mid-Amateur Championship</b> Emerald Valley Golf Club, Creswell, Ore.
<b>June 16-21</b>	<b>105th Oregon Amateur Championship</b> OGA Golf Course, Woodburn, Ore.	<b>Sep 6-7</b>	<b>30th Oregon Net Championship</b> Lewis River Golf Course, Woodland, Wash.
<b>June 23-27</b>	<b>84th Oregon Jr. Amateur Championship</b> Waverley Country Club, Portland, Ore.	<b>Sep 22-26</b>	<b>31st Oregon Senior Amateur Championship</b> Arrowhead Golf Club, Molalla, Ore.
<b>July 15</b>	<b>U.S. Women's Amateur Qualifier</b> Pumpkin Ridge Golf Club, North Plains, Ore.	<b>Oct 4-5</b>	<b>87th OGA Men's Team Championship</b> Centennial Golf Course, Medford, Ore.
<b>July 19-20</b>	<b>64th OGA Parent Child Chapman</b> Salem GC, Salem, Ore.	<b>Oct 25-26</b>	<b>65th Hudson Cup Matches</b> Tualatin Country Club, Tualatin, Ore.

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## Regional Champions Earn Invitations to Augusta

By making it through a local qualifier and then winning the regional qualifier last summer, Northwest regional junior golfers in four age divisions earned an invitation to Augusta National Golf Club to compete in the inaugural Drive, Chip and Putt Championship final, which will be held the Sunday prior to the start of the 2014 Masters Tournament and will be broadcast live on the Golf Channel.

Northwest players advancing to Augusta in the girls' division are Kasey Maralack, Snoqualmie, Wash. (ages 7-9); Alexa Moormeier, Normandy Park, Wash. (10-11); and Maddy Kokich, University Place, Wash. (14-15). In the boys' division, the winners are Logan Medcalf, Lynden, Wash. (7-9); Ethan Tseng, Portland, Ore. (10-11); Jack McMullin, Seattle, Wash. (12-13); and Devin Andrews, Kirkland, Wash. (14-15).





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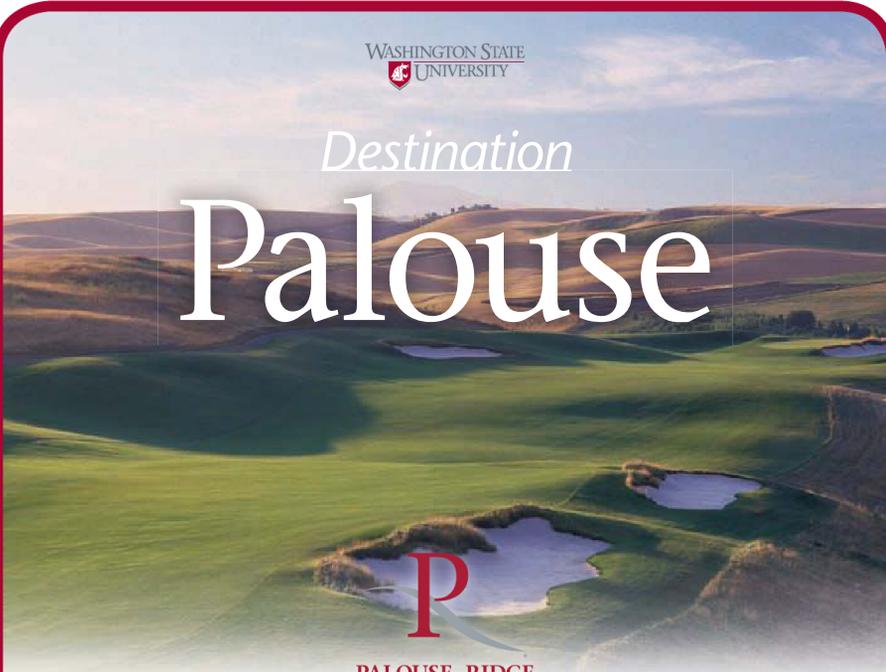
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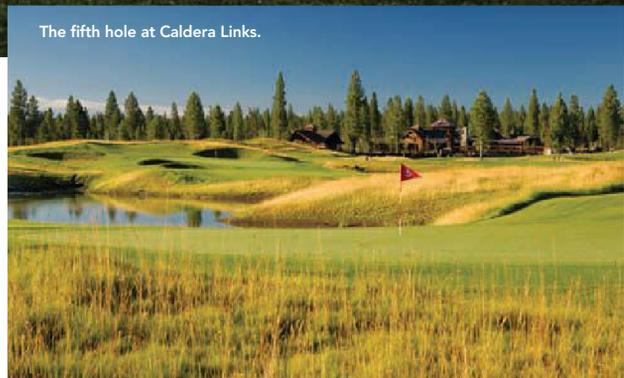
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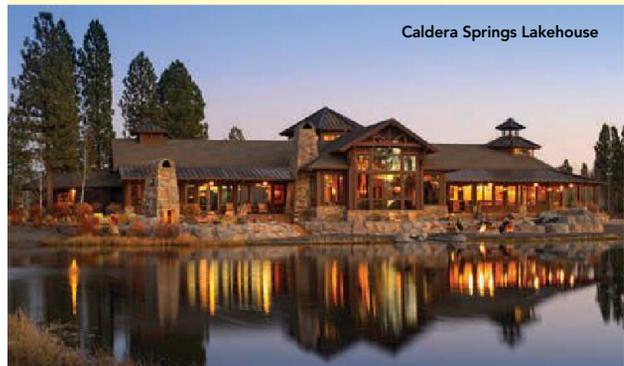
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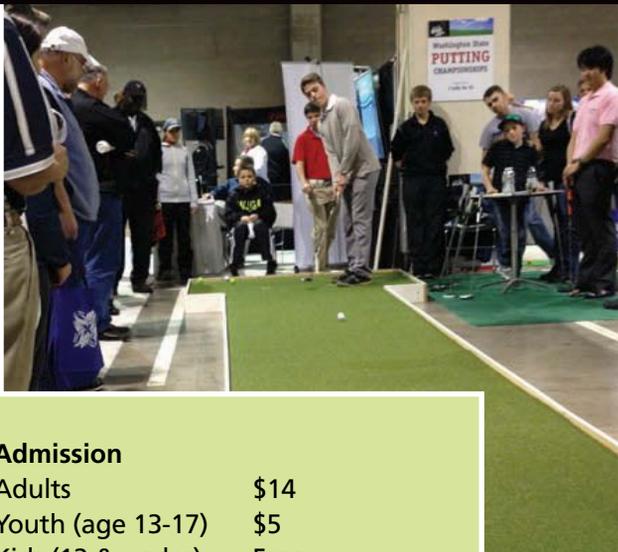
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# Show Giveaways!

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NEW THIS YEAR – In addition to the FREE round of golf that comes with each putt made, this year each golfer who makes the putt at the show will get a FREE entry into a new event – Washington's Best Putter – an 18-hole putting tournament to be held on the real grass putting course at The Golf Club at Newcastle later this spring.

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# New this year

## The Seattle Golf & Travel Show Returns to the MAIN HALL

*For the past several years, The Seattle Golf & Travel Show has been held in the East Hall at CenturyLink Field Event Center. The East Hall has nearly 100,000 square feet and was packed to the gills each year for the golf show. This year, the show returns to the West Hall (where the RV Show has been in past years), and where it had been held for several years last decade.*

*That means the golf show will grow by more than 20,000 square feet. It also means the addition of a second event....*



### Northwest Outdoor Adventure Expo comes to CenturyLink

Cascadia Events, producers of The Seattle Golf & Travel Show, have added a second event to partner with the golf show. This new event, the Northwest Outdoor Adventure Expo, will be running concurrent with the golf show, with no additional ticket needed to enter. It also means those in your circle of family and friends who might only be a part-time golfer will find something at this year's event for them as well.



### What Is the Northwest Outdoor Adventure Expo

The Outdoor Expo will feature more than 125 exhibitors including apparel, equipment and accessories manufacturers, as well as onsite adventures for attendees such as an indoor zip line, paddle pool and rock wall. For those wanting to take it all in, the Expo's panel discussions, slide shows, live music and beer and wine garden round out the activities.

"We are very excited to provide a solution to the growing demand in the region for a premier outdoor adventure expo," said John Tipping,

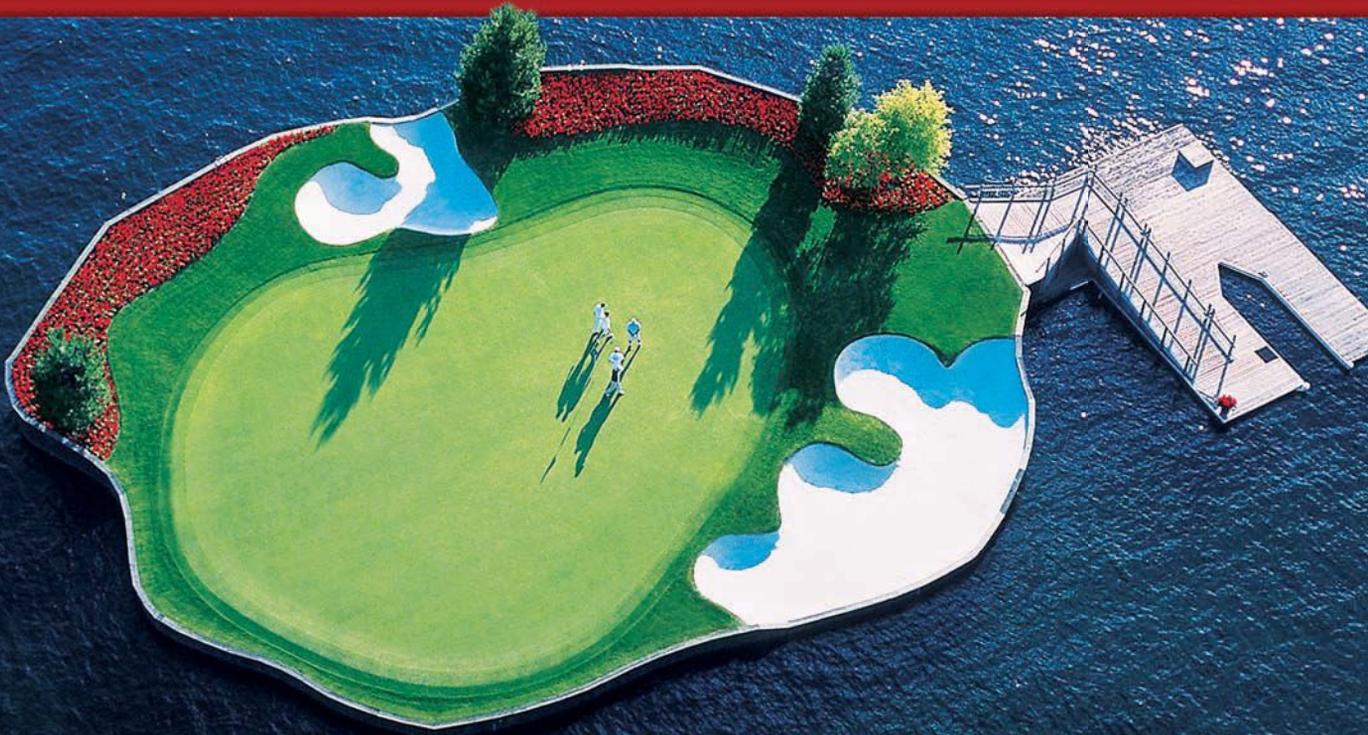
co-founder and event producer at Cascadia Events. "This show not only celebrates the natural beauty and majesty of the Pacific Northwest, but more importantly, it allows people to find a trail to their own adventure – whatever that might be.

"We've been extremely fortunate to attract so many of the top exhibitors from every corner of the outdoor adventure world," added Tipping. "From high-octane adventures like hang-gliding and skydiving to skiing, wind surfing, rappelling, hiking, cycling and camping; it can all be found right here under one roof."

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Yasseri immediately began improvements on the property. He raised the clubhouse 12 feet, remodeling its interior in the process. He flipped the nines, back to its original layout, so that now the new front nine (formerly the back nine) is away from the river and is the driest of the two nines, and added significant drainage systems on the old first hole (now the 10th hole).

*"We really wanted to give the course a fresh start," said Mark Bass, the PGA head pro at Blue Heron. "And changing the name of the course is part of that."*

Bass was the pro at nearby Willows Run for 12 years, and it was there that he initially met Yasseri, where he was Yasseri's regular golf instructor. It was during one of his golf lessons that Yasseri told Bass he had a new goal. "I thought he was going to tell me he wanted to break 90 or something," Bass said. "Instead, he told me he wanted to own a golf course. And I told him I'd help him run it. Well, here we are today. And I'm still his golf teacher."

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Northwest players advancing to Augusta in the girls' division are Kasey Maralack, Snoqualmie, Wash. (ages 7-9); Alexa Moormeier, Normandy Park, Wash. (10-11); and Maddy Kokich, University Place, Wash. (14-15). In the boys' division, the winners are Logan Medcalf, Lynden, Wash. (7-9); Ethan Tseng, Portland, Ore. (10-11); Jack McMullin, Seattle, Wash. (12-13); and Devin Andrews, Kirkland, Wash. (14-15).



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Josh Williams, the casino's golf services manager, is pretty excited about it, saying they've already started upgrading the course. "We'll start with improving the overall look of the course first," he said. "New signage, cleaning up the tee boxes, basically a fresh coat of paint on



*Swinomish Golf Links*

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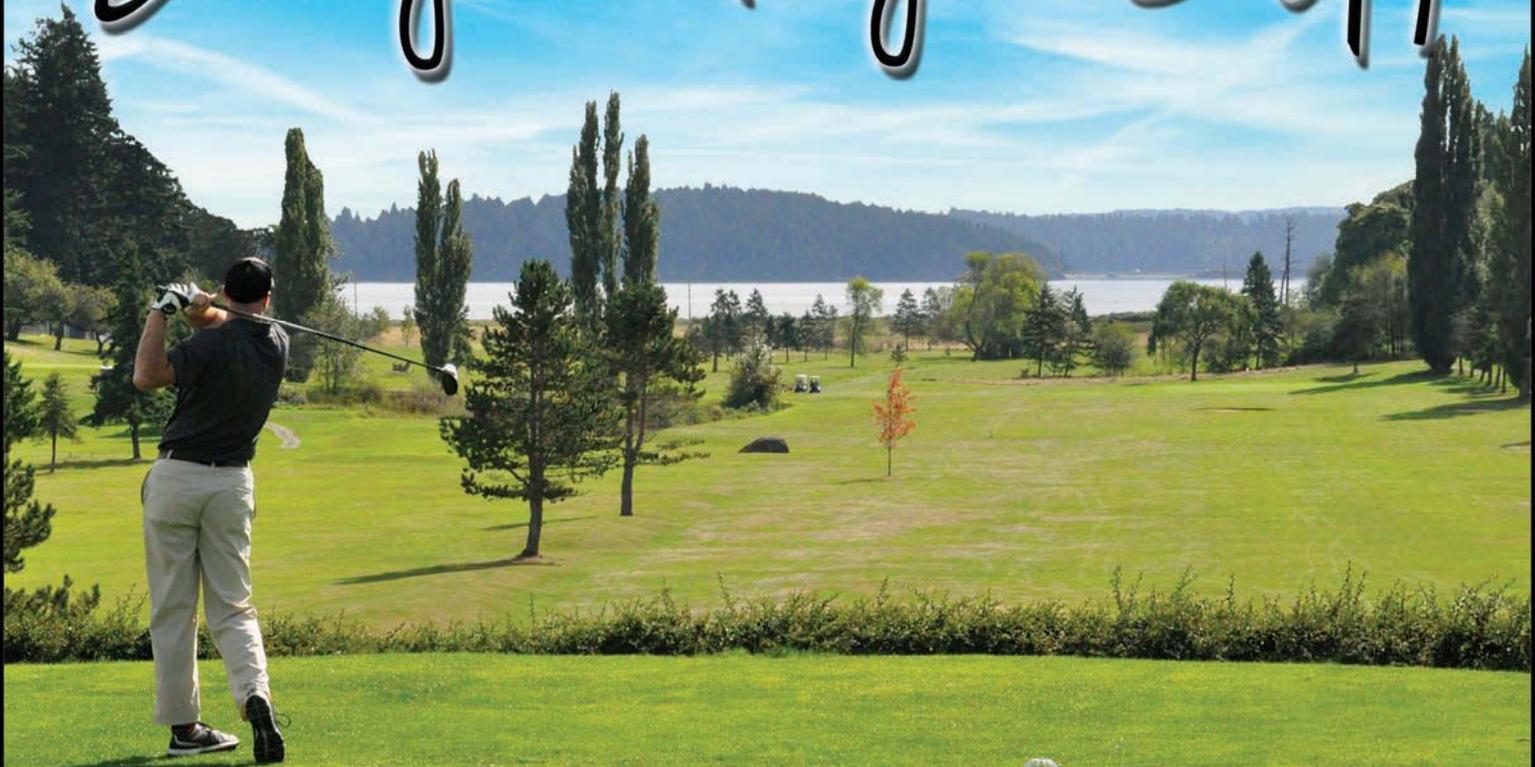
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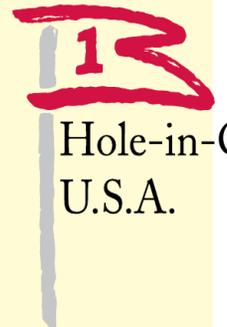
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# Never Too Late

Margie Hovde jumped into the game with both feet and found a world waiting for her

by Tony Dear

ON JUNE 22, 2012, MARGIE HOVDE STRODE UP THE LAST HOLE at North Bellingham GC unaware she was on the cusp of breaking 100 for the first time.

"I knew I'd been playing well," she says. "But I certainly didn't know what I had to do to shoot in the 90s."

It was only in the clubhouse after the round that she totaled her score and discovered she had beaten the three-digit barrier plenty of golfers spend their lives failing to beat not by one stroke, or even two...but by four. Yes, a sparkling 96 which, for the 56-year-old mother of three, was major cause for celebration. "I immediately texted my best golfing buddy Laura to tell her the good news," she says. "I was totally ecstatic."

Hovde, a part-time office assistant at Western Washington University, had been playing the game for less than a year having braved participation in a six-week course for ladies at the Hitting Zone in Bellingham the previous August. Dean Russell, former head pro at Bellingham Golf and Country Club where Hovde's father had played for many years, and owner of the Hitting Zone, says she was very enthusiastic and eager to learn the game step by step.

"She's a perfectionist and, like all beginners, wanted to master it in a day," Russell says. "But she totally grasped that golf is all ebb and flow, and the clubs never know how you hit the ball yesterday. She never got down on herself when just touching the ball became a challenge."

Hovde hadn't played much sport growing up and remembers being given a voucher for golf lessons on her 19th birthday which she immediately gave back knowing she just wasn't into the idea of playing the game. Her three children did play, however, and it was daughter Brinn who seemed the keenest. "I would drive her around Lake Whatcom to Sudden Valley every morning in the



*Margie learned to play the game so that she could spend more time with her daughter, Brinn, who played collegiately and now coaches high school golf, her team competing against Margie's team.*

summer," says Hovde. "She really enjoyed the game and became the number one player on her high school team, and went on to be the number one player on the Linfield College team."

Hovde and her friend Laura Wakabayashi, mother of one of the other girls on the high school team, would attend varsity matches, and it was during Brinn's senior year that the two ladies had their epiphany. "We both remember feeling we would miss attending the matches together," says Hovde. "And we both knew that if we learned to play golf, we would be able to spend some great mother-daughter time with them long into the future."

Hovde used to keep a detailed record of all her rounds and remembers very well her first ever game on a proper golf course. "After maybe three classes at the Hitting Zone, Dean asked if anyone had tried playing

on a course yet," says Hovde. "I wasn't expecting anyone to say yes, but a couple of the ladies put their hands up. So I decided to give it a go and arranged a tee time at Grandview in Ferndale."

Wearing a five dollar pair of garage sale shoes and making absolutely sure no one could see her, Hovde prepared for that terrifying first stroke. "I went by myself, paid my green fee, and walked my pull-cart over to the first tee hoping no one was around," she says. When the coast was as clear as it was going to get, Hovde pulled out her driver trying desperately to remember some of the moves Russell had taught her.

Thankfully, she made decent contact and the ball made it safely to the fairway. "It wasn't a great shot by any means," she says. "But I was very pleasantly surprised." Unfortunately, it would turn out to be her best shot on the hole, which she eventually

“Furthermore, we have not even to risk the adventure alone, for the heroes of all time have gone before us; ...and where we had thought to travel outward, we shall come to the center of our own existence; and where we had thought to be alone, we shall be with all the world.”

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completed in 10 strokes. As any beginner might, Hovde struggled for much of the round, but she did manage a par at the 137-yard eighth hole, where she striped her “lucky” 7-iron on to the green and two-putted. “I’m pretty sure I’d still be playing if I hadn’t made that par,” she says. “But it certainly encouraged me to continue.”

What also helped was the fact she and Wakabayashi appeared to play to a similar level. “We’ve gotten better, but we were both terrible golfers to begin with,” Hovde admits. “And the fact we could see each other playing terribly meant we weren’t intimidated and could enjoy each other’s occasional good shot – what we call Redemptive Shots.”

Since taking up the sport toward the end of 2011, Hovde estimates she has played close to 250 rounds and become something of an obsessive. She tries to get out three times a week, and looks forward to the end of each working day when she can go to the course (usually Bellingham Golf and Country Club) and hit balls. She plays to an official handicap of 26 and, though it’s a slow road, says she’s learning how to turn 10s and 11s into “legitimate eights.”

Hovde has made several new friends playing golf, and enjoyed countless memorable moments, not least enjoying a golf road trip to Chambers Bay with Brinn, Laura, and Laura’s daughter Nicole, and also being asked to join the Ferndale High School girls’ golf team as head coach, even though the circumstances surrounding her appointment weren’t exactly typical.

“They were completely desperate,” she says. “My brother Joel is a teacher at the school and needed to find a new coach when my predecessor left. He got so frantic one night, he asked his wife if she could think of anyone from the community who might be suitable. She said ‘Why don’t you ask your sister?’”

Hovde’s brother called and admitted to her that it hadn’t been him who suggested asking her to be coach. “But he also said he hadn’t laughed at the thought of it,” says Hovde.

Last spring, the Ferndale High School

Golden Eagles girls’ team, comprising one freshman and six sophomores, finished a very creditable seventh in the Northwest Conference and won a 3A state title for academics with a 3.874 GPA average.

“They’re a bright bunch of girls, and it was so much fun coaching them,” says Hovde. “They’ve asked me back, so next spring we will try to do even better.”

Where the team finishes in the conference isn’t of paramount importance to Hovde, though. The competition is fun, sure, but far more important is instilling the game’s values into her young players. “I love golf for what it can teach us,” says Hovde. “It’s the only sport I know where players call penalties on themselves. It promotes humility, integrity and sportsmanship.”

Best of all though, says Hovde, are the friendships. “You make lifelong friends in

this game,” she adds. “That’s really what makes it so special.”

And even better is that Brinn, now graduated from Linfield, was asked to be the assistant coach of the girls’ golf team at Squalicum High School, her former high school team in Bellingham. So Brinn and Margie will be coaching teams who will be competing against each other.

A big happy family, on the journey together.

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The First Green has been awarded a \$155,750 STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics) grant by the United States Golf Association (USGA) for 2014. The grant is funded by the USGA's partnership with Chevron and designed to encourage students in science, technology, engineering and math disciplines through the world of golf.

A 2013 USGA/Chevron grant for \$100,000 funded expansion of First Green to Oregon and the launch of First Green in Northern California. In awarding the grant, the USGA continued its recognition of First Green for innovative STEM field trips in which students use the golf course as a learning lab, participating in hands-on activities such as calculating a stream's velocity and learning about computerized irrigation systems. The 2014 grant will enable First Green to attract a greater number of students through additional golf courses in Oregon and Northern California and a launch in Southern California.

The First Green coordinates outdoor "learning labs" at golf courses that allow students to

perform hands-on experiments and tests, all within the focus of their school's environmental science and horticulture curricula.

In the outdoor "labs" students test water quality, collect soil samples, identify plants and assist in stream-bed restoration. First Green also emphasizes the environmental and community benefits of golf courses, while introducing potential new golfers to the game in a fun, educational manner.

In addition to the USGA, supporters of First Green include the Washington State Golf Association, Pacific Northwest Golf Association, the Northwest Turfgrass Association, Western Washington Golf Course Superintendents Association, local golf clubs, public and private school systems, and individual contributors who assist the organization through monetary grants and participation in field trips.

A tax-exempt nonprofit, First Green was founded in the State of Washington in 1997 and is expanding nationally

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Registration for the 2014 season of the **Washington Junior Golf Association** will begin March 3.



Visit [wjga.net](http://wjga.net) or call 253-564-0348 for information and schedules.

Some changes occurred at the WJGA over the winter. Bill Meyer, who served as WJGA president for 35 years, retired. Jerry Fehr, who served as WJGA executive director for 21 years, has replaced Meyer as president. The new WJGA executive director is Tyler Johnsen, who had been the manager of rules and competition and manager of membership services at the Washington State Golf Association.

**The Northwest Junior Golf Tour** has announced its 2014 schedule. The tour is open to boys and girls in the sixth through 12<sup>th</sup> grade. Visit [jrgt.com](http://jrgt.com) for information, or email PGA Professional Jeff Mehlert at [jeff@jrgt.com](mailto:jeff@jrgt.com).

**Girls' Junior America's Cup**

The Washington Junior Golf Association (WJGA) and Walla Walla Country Club are the hosts of the 2014 Girls' Junior America's Cup (GJAC), which will be held July 29-31.

The GJAC was established in 1978 under the leadership of Joan Teats, co-founder of the WJGA, with the mission of providing a premier international team golf tournament that encourages sportsmanship, friendship, personal growth and development of young women golfers. The first tournament was held at Tumwater Valley GC in Olympia, Wash.

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During his 28-year professional career, Hill, 55, has served in a leadership capacity at the Chapter and Section levels, including a term as president of the Pacific Northwest PGA Section from 2008-2010. He was named the Pacific Northwest Golf Professional of the Year in 2010 and is a five-time Section Merchandiser of the Year (private facility) Award recipient. In 1996, Hill earned PGA Master Professional status in instruction.

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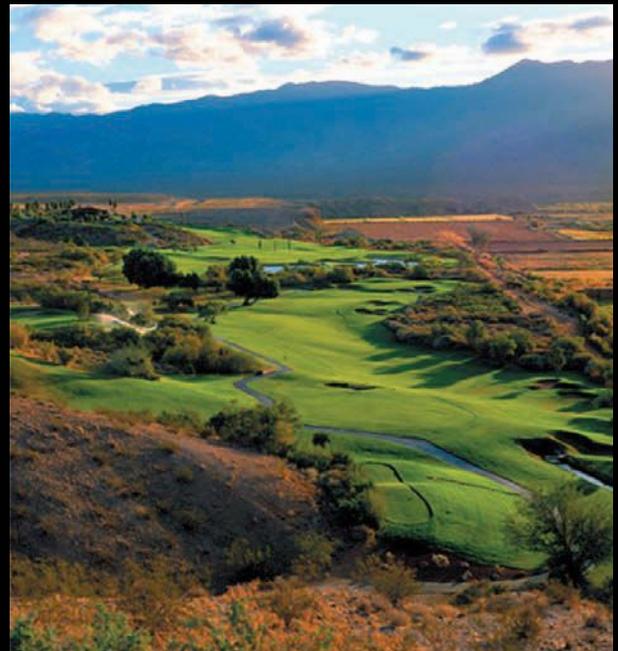
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