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I often tell people that one of the unique aspects I love about the game of golf is that, unlike any other sport, participants actually play a role in taking care of the condition of the playing field. It would be shocking but at the same time remarkable to see a leftfielder in a baseball game get up from making a sliding catch to then replace the divot of grass. I know – never going to happen!

Maintenance of a golf course isn't just the job of the superintendent and the rest of the maintenance crew – it's our job as golfers. In my opinion, when you pay an annual membership or daily green fee to play golf, it does not mean you are entitled to avoid taking care of the golf course

because you feel your fee should cover it.

I admit it, sometimes I can be a critic of the conditions of a golf course I play, but as I look back at those annoyances, it always comes back to the golfer, not the course. We have all experienced some of the bad breaks in golf – your ball is rolling perfectly towards the hole and it hits a bump in the green; you hit a perfect drive down the middle of the fairway and it comes to rest in a large divot; or you walk into a bunker and your ball has landed right in the middle of a foot print. These are all things that could be avoided if we all did a better job at taking care of the golf course.

As we embark on the prime time of play in the Pacific Northwest, here are three friendly and basic reminders of things we should always be doing when we play a round of golf. Your local golf course superintendent will appreciate it

and you will be helping your fellow golfers avoid getting some of those bad breaks!

Replace your divots or use sand and seed

Let's get those divots filled! If you're like me and can sometimes peel up enough sod to plant a new fairway, then it's crucial that you replace your divots. Get those divots placed properly back in that crevasse you created as soon as possible. Sand and seed is also great, but placing the divots back into place right away will speed up the healing process, where sand and seed takes a few days to germinate and start growing.

Repair your ball marks on the green

Many people don't realize that a ball mark can cause the grass to die, leaving not just a pit on the putting surface, but also a nasty scar that can knock your putts off line. Repairing a ball mark can keep the smooth surface maintained and will help keep the greens healthy. Make sure you are repairing the ball mark correctly because sometimes you can cause more damage. Most golf courses have instructions on the proper way to do this in the golf shop.

Rake the bunker after use

Don't forget to bring a rake into the bunker with you – this is a good reminder to rake the bunker and can speed up play. After hitting your shot, rake the area you played from, as well as all your footprints and any others within reach. Maybe we should start looking at raking your bunker after a shot as one of those stress relieving mini sand gardens? It might keep us calm for our next golf shot!

Spring is in the air, the grass is growing, and the birds are chirping, so let's all get out and play more golf! Please remember that taking care of the golf course isn't just a matter of golf etiquette. It is our obligation to help take care of the golf courses we play and it benefits everyone who enjoys this game.

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At two separate meetings this spring, nominees were awarded the Chick Evans Caddie Scholarships, a full tuition and housing college scholarship.

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The Evans Scholars Foundation has selected the University of Oregon as the site for a Scholarship House, the first of its kind in the Pacific Northwest, and the first new Scholarship House to be established by the Western Golf Association in 27 years. The Evans Scholars program at the UO will expand to 50 scholars, who will live together at the Scholarship House as they pursue their degrees.

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PNGA honors recipients of 2014 Distinguished Service Award

Two individuals who have each given over 20 years of service to the game were honored at the 115th PPGA Annual Meeting Banquet on April 25 at Columbia Edgewater Country Club in Portland

George Jonson

Seattle, Washington
Broadmoor Golf Club

“Growing up,” George says, “all I ever heard in my house was ‘PNGA.’”

And now, as an adult, George continues to hear the call. He has been instrumental to the PPGA in so many ways, his expertise as a CPA providing invaluable service to the Association. He has served on the PPGA Finance Committee since 2002, and on the PPGA Board of Directors since 2006.

It’s in his blood.

In 1963, George’s father Ernie Jonson moved his CPA office to the lower Queen Anne district of Seattle, and the PPGA, which was struggling at the time, moved into the office, and Ernie converted the office’s library into the PPGA office. Ernie’s employees all became PPGA volunteers.

George remembers as a kid in the early 1960s going down to his dad’s office and helping to open envelopes for championship entries, or stuffing envelopes, or running errands, or drawing pairings. “I remember it was a lot of fun.”

George served in the Navy from 1967-1971 (the only time in his life he’s lived outside of the Seattle area). During this time he did three tours of Vietnam during the war. He fixed electronics on airplanes.

While attending Seattle University, George walked onto the golf team. He needed to get the scholarship, and during the qualifying rounds to make the team there were 28 players trying for just two spots on the team. George was the medalist in the field, winning by 27 strokes over the second-place finisher.

In 1972 George won the individual title in the West Coast Athletic Conference championship, helping Seattle University to win the team title. Seattle University would win the team title again in 1973, and this time George’s brother Ed was also on the team.



After graduating from Seattle U., George went to work as a CPA in his father’s office. “Other than my time in the Navy, it’s the only job I’ve ever had.” Fortunately for the PPGA.

Among the significant contributions that George has made to the PPGA was being instrumental in achieving 501(c)3 status for the Association, in 1998.

Content to work “behind the scenes” (as he himself says), perhaps George’s most high-profile accomplishment will be forever known as “Substitute Senate Bill 6615-2004,” a bill that was passed after three years of work that enabled golf courses to continue to donate rounds to school golf teams, and to charities for fundraisers. Essentially, George saved the golf programs of every high school in the state of Washington.

“I was able to explain to charitable organizations how much they needed golf, and golf courses, in order to carry out their fundraisers,” George said. “I got them organized to speak with a single voice, and to take that voice to Olympia.” George essentially carried out his own economic impact study, and was instrumental in hiring a lobbyist (Heather Hansen) who still works for the PPGA today, watching for legislation that impacts the golf community. “My dad never allowed us to quit in anything we did,” he said. “So we just kept going.” He never gave up, and the bill includes language that is labeled “George’s Paragraph,” because he was so insistent in how the wording should be.

The bill was signed into law in 2004 by Washington Governor Gary Locke.

George’s father Ernie and his uncle Carl both have previously received the PPGA Distinguished Service Award, and both are members of the Pacific Northwest Golf Hall of Fame.

Ben Stodghill

Kirkland, Washington
Bellevue Golf Course

If you have ever played in a PPGA championship, chances are you have been fortunate to have had Ben Stodghill as your starter. His slow southern draw – born and bred in him from his youth spent in Kansas, Tennessee and Texas – eases the first-tee jitters and makes the players feel as though they are part of something special.

Ben and his wife Marilyn moved to Kirkland, Wash. in 1982, and he has been a volunteer at PPGA championships since the early 1990s. He has been the PPGA Championship Committee Chairman since 2006, and for 15 years he has served as the treasurer of the Bellevue (Wash.) Golf Club men’s club.

Ben started as a PPGA (and WSGA) Club Representative in 1988. “I got asked by the PPGA office to volunteer at a championship being held at Bear Creek CC (in Woodinville, Wash.),” Ben said. “Then they encouraged me to volunteer at the next event, and it just kind of grew from there.”

Since 2007, Ben has been on the PPGA Board of Directors, and since 2010 he has served on the PPGA Executive Committee as a vice president. In 2008, Ben received the WSGA’s George Holland Award as their Volunteer of the Year.

When asked how he’s been able to volunteer for so long, Ben said, “I get asked that a lot. Every place I go, in every championship, the players always tell us how well-run the event is, and it feels good to be part of that. I know that if the event goes smoothly, it leads to greater participation. Also, I like to see the progression of the players as they grow – from the junior events, to the men’s and women’s, on up to the senior divisions.”

Ben has watched some great players come through the PPGA championships – Richard Lee, Kyle Stanley, Travis Matthews, Andres Gonzales, Michael and Andrew Putnam, Paige Mackenzie, Renee Skidmore, among many others.



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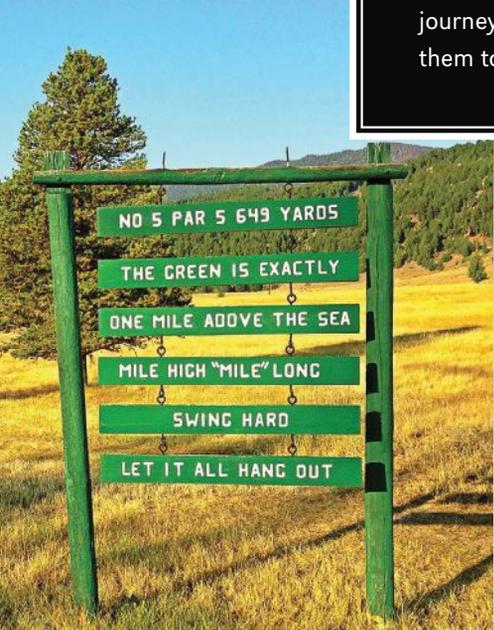
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Since the last time we had this section in the magazine, we've had several readers send in their photos of signs. Here are a few. There's no sign of stopping.

WHAT'S YOUR SIGN?

Have you seen any signs along your journey? We'd like to see them. Email them to editor@thepnga.org.





PNGA Hall of Famer Herb Fritz Passes

Herb Fritz, a past president of the Pacific Northwest Golf Association and a member of the PNGA Hall of Fame, passed away on April 7, 2014 after 91

years of living and enjoying life.

He was a great and determined competitor, over the years winning many championships in B.C., Alberta, Washington and Oregon. He twice represented B.C. on the Senior Willingdon Cup team, and won the B.C. Men's Senior Amateur twice, as well as finishing runner-up twice in the PNGA Senior Men's Amateur. He shot his age every year from age 64 to 86.

He was past president of the Vancouver (B.C.) Golf Club, the BCGA (1978-79), the PNGA (1983-85), was a Director of the Pacific Coast Golf Association (1985-92) and was a Governor of the Royal Canadian Golf Association (1978-79). He was inducted into the PNGA Hall of Fame in 1997.

"The PNGA was very special to my mom and dad and we all have very fond memories of his time with the organization," said Brad Fritz, Herb's son.

JEFF JOB IS NEW PNGA SALES DIRECTOR

The PNGA welcomes Jeff Job as its new sales director. Jeff comes to the PNGA after nine years as a sales manager at *The Seattle Times* where he played a key role in building their digital sales division. Prior to that, Jeff worked in business development at America Online, iVillage, and Netscape.

"I'm excited that my new role with the PNGA allows me to combine my love of the game and my experience with sales and marketing, said Jeff.

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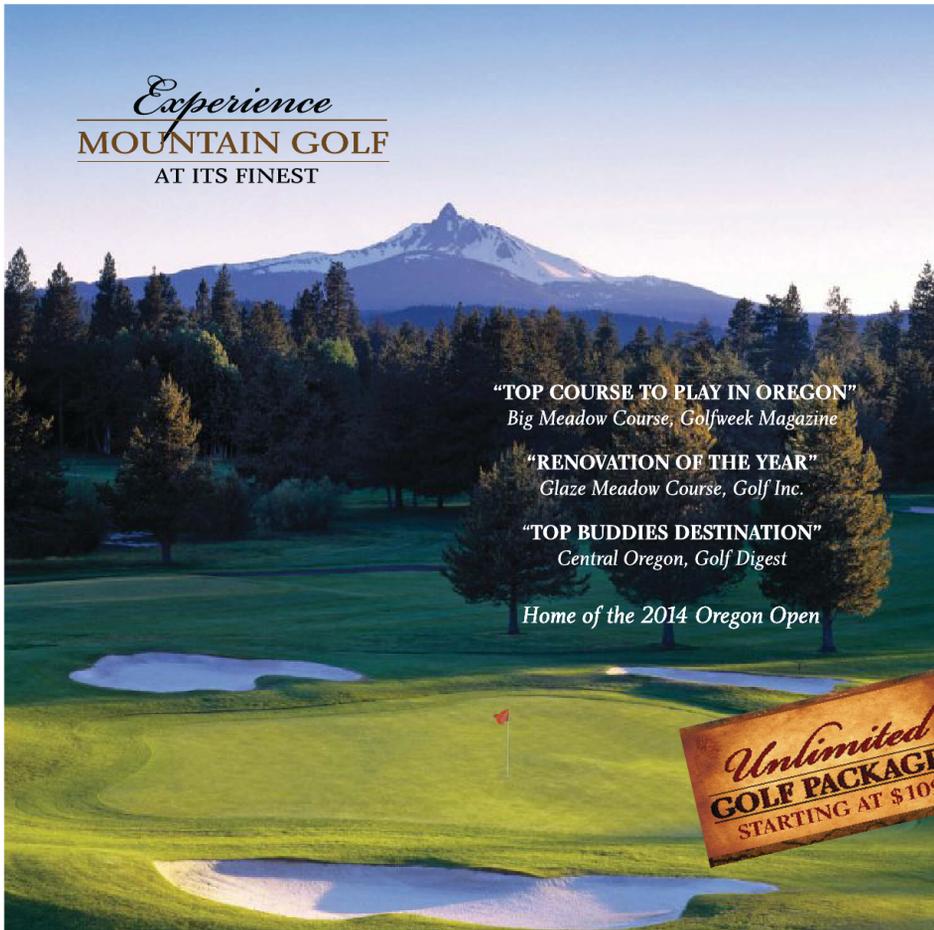


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Or is it simply that all there is to do and see in Central Oregon seems so close at hand at Tetherow? Yes, that has to be it.

As a Northwest golfer you have heard for years that Tetherow was a must on every golfer's bucket list. After all, since it opened in 2008 Kidd's design has consistently graced the rankings of almost every major golf publication in the country.

But with April's addition of 50 spectacular rooms in the luxurious Lodges, the latest of several expansions that includes the state-of-the-art Tetherow Golf Academy and the new pub-style restaurant The Row, Tetherow is so much more than a round of golf for the ages.

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“For outdoor enthusiasts who appreciate a little luxury, Tetherow Lodges is the perfect base camp for so many of the great things Central Oregon has to offer,” says Chris van der Velde, managing partner at Tetherow and a former European Tour professional.

Of course, what is outside the room is what makes Central Oregon such a special place. Downhill skiing, mountain biking, cycling, rafting, hiking, rock climbing and fly fishing have made Central Oregon an outdoor mecca. Two dozen breweries have made the region a beer lover’s dream.

Just seven minutes from downtown Bend and 15 minutes from Mount Bachelor or the Cascade Lakes, no golf resort in the region offers such a central location to it all.

“Fishing, biking, golfing, skiing, hiking...really all the reasons all of us live here in the first place,” says Van der Velde, who has parented Tetherow from an undeveloped spot in the high desert to what it is today. “Tetherow is the perfect place if you want to bike or fish or kayak...or drink beer.”

In fact, gaze out your window at The Lodges as you relax by the fireplace or unwind on a balcony, and it could prove difficult to shake the thought that this place just might be perfect.

Like the majestic view outside your window, golf is still at the forefront at Tetherow. The Lodges overlook the 7,298-yard links-style design where the fescues meld into the surrounding scraggly desert to create an unfathomably breathtaking landscape.

The routing is truly unique, enticing

a golfer to choose his or her own path as the layout twists and turns around ragged bunkers, knobs and knolls. No matter what path you ultimately choose, one thing remains consistent: each shot at Tetherow presents an exhilarating challenge.

By the time you reach the 17th hole, a par-3 with a small green dug into an old pumice quarry that Kidd dubs his “cover girl,” you will understand why magazines consider Tetherow to be among the very best in the nation. (The word must be getting out, since Tetherow’s membership has more than doubled in the past 18 months.)

“Our main attribute will always be that we offer one of the best golf products in the Pacific Northwest,” van der Velde says. “Whether a touring professional or a novice, Tetherow is an exhilarating golf experience that is hard to find anywhere else.”

Tetherow rests just a short drive away from Redmond Airport, which offers daily flights from most of the West’s major travel hubs, including Portland and Seattle. Central Oregon is also just three hours by car from Portland and two hours from the Willamette Valley, making Tetherow a breeze to reach.

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The club has been growing and has a nearly equal amount of Baby Boomer and Generation X members, and even a few Millennials. For golf members, the club offers tournaments, men’s and ladies’ days, inter-club play and clinics along with unlimited golf. Other activities include a summertime 100-foot slip-n-slide on the range, wine and beer events, fitness classes and holiday celebrations. For the young at heart, “Wee Links Par-3” nights offer family time with golf and dinner, and campouts on the range include fire pits, movies, glow golf and unbeatable stargazing.

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Journeyman

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. And these dreams are told in their own words.

Curing That Empty-Nest-and-Turning-50 Feeling

by Jan Tymesen

TURNING 50 WAS AROUND THE CORNER and my youngest daughter was heading off to college, so my life as I had known it for the past 18 years would be changing permanently. What I needed was a distraction and a goal, not untypical for a Type A personality.

I had always enjoyed playing golf with my husband, family and friends, although I wasn't that great at it. The idea of playing 50 rounds during my 50th year began to take shape for several reasons – it would distract me from the change in mom responsibilities, improve my game and force some vacation time.

When I turned 49 I explained to my husband, Troy, and sister (my regular playing partners) what I wanted to do, and they were on board. The year was spent planning and researching courses I had yet to play. Ideally I wanted to play 50 different courses. The reality of a full time career as a financial planner and a side real estate business altered the goal half way through to just completing 50 rounds.



My birthday is in September and along with my husband, sister and brother-in-law we started the adventure by heading up to British Columbia. We celebrated my birthday golfing on a cold and rainy mid-September day near Kimberley, B.C. After three holes the rain stopped and the sun came out. Ten days after turning 50 I walked into a surprise birthday party that my husband, sister and good friend had arranged. The guests were asked to bring a sleeve of balls – I was set to go!

Living in Coeur d'Alene I am blessed to have fabulous golf courses surrounding me in Northern Idaho and Spokane, too many to name specifically. That year I played most of them. Since our season is limited I knew that I would have to

incorporate travel to reach my goal. As the weather turned cold in Idaho we headed to Las Vegas for desert golf.

The new year was kicked off with a trip to Maui and four of the fabulous courses on that island. Spring break meant the opportunity to watch my son play college baseball in Phoenix and squeeze a few more rounds in, including my first TPC course. I'm now a huge fan of the PGA Tour's Waste Management Open after walking on the same greens as my favorite players.

Troy was a sport and played almost every round with me. To mix it up I invited clients to golf with us. It was a great way to get to know them better and include them in my adventure. The last round of my year was at Avondale Golf Club in Hayden, Idaho, which also happens to be the course I play ladies league.

Being an empty-nester is actually a great thing. It means you have successfully launched your children into adulthood and no one is waiting at home for you to make dinner.

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Journeymen *(continued)*

Journey to the Bottom of the World

by Dick Dickinson

WHILE TRAVELING IN USHUAIA, ARGENTINA – the gateway to Antarctica and the Strait of Magellan – I was startled to see a golf course from the window of our tour bus. We were returning from a day-long visit to the Tierra del Fuego National Park, but at this latitude the summer days are long, and there was plenty of time to tee it up. Our driver was accommodating enough to drop me off, and so with limited Spanish I introduced myself at the course and inquired about renting clubs.

It would be an insult to call Ushuaia Golf Club a cow pasture – the nine-hole layout has a stream and a few trees and some elevation changes. It would be a stretch, however, to call it “manicured.”

The wind in Tierra del Fuego rarely drops below 30 knots, and that day was no exception. My rental clubs were of marginal quality, but they were at least a matched set. The pro paired me with one of the regulars who pointed out hazards and the route of play (it was not always obvious) as we beat our way through the Patagonian wind. I was never more proud of a 47, and I framed the certificate that I earned for surviving a round of golf on the “Southernmost Course on Earth.”

The course record, I learned, was 74 (the holes have two sets of tees), a testament to the course conditions and the fact that few good golfers venture so far south. I have played on some of the most famous (and expensive) courses in the world, but none of them are as memorable as the course I found by accident at the end of world.



Career Eclectic Score

EVERY GOLF COURSE HAS ITS LEGENDS. At Skagit Golf and Country Club, an impeccably manicured 18-hole, par-71 layout located just a few miles west of Burlington, Wash., it is the story of Bob Hoag’s amazing “career eclectic score.”

An “eclectic” score is the best score on each hole of one golf course over a specified period of time. In this case, the “period” is Hoag’s 50 years as a member at Skagit.

Craig Welty, Skagit’s head PGA pro, says you need two things to compile a great eclectic score: You have to be a pretty good golfer to start with, and you have to play *a lot* of golf on the same course.

Hoag’s daughter, Patti Baith, says her dad played every day he possibly could, and 36 holes on many days. He had a swing that Welty describes as a combination of Jim Furyk and Fred Couples. That description brings howls of laughter from Hoag’s friends. Bud Gilbert says, “There were too many moving parts to count.” John Jefferson says Hoag’s swing resembled “some kind of dance move, where you move your rear end around a lot.” And Bob Swenson says it looked like “a camel doing a somersault.” Perhaps in spite of the swing, Hoag was a single-digit handicapper during his prime.

So, what was Hoag’s legendary career eclectic score? Over his

50 years playing at Skagit, it was 37, or *34 under par*. He eagled every hole but two (only missing eagling the par-4 third and 16th holes), and aced all three par-3s (he had nine holes-in-one in his lifetime).

Hoag’s passion for the game was surpassed only by his integrity. After his death in the summer of 2013, Skagit’s driving range was named in Hoag’s honor, and now has a plaque that reads, “Bob Hoag Driving Range: Sportsmanship and Gentlemanly Conduct.”

(Note: The “Guinness Book of World Records” once noted the eclectic record was 33, held by Jock McKinnon, the longtime professional at Capilano Golf and Country Club in West Vancouver, B.C.)

Thanks to Bill Yeend for submitting this piece on Mr. Hoag. Yeend, a member at Skagit and a single-digit handicapper himself, was a longtime news anchor on Seattle’s KOMO Radio and for years has served as the emcee at the PPGA Hall of Fame banquet. In 2006 he received the Distinguished Service Award from the Northwest Golf Media Association. We are told he is still working on his own eclectic scorecard record.



Dream becomes a journey, and journey becomes a book

by Jeff Shelley

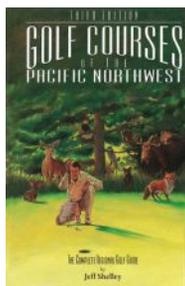
I MIGHT JUST BE ONE OF THE MOST OBSESSED journeymen in Northwest golf. In 1987 I began a quixotic quest that resulted in three editions of the book, "Golf Courses of the Pacific Northwest," with the first edition in 1990 and the final, 622-pager – published by my company, Fairgreens Media, Inc. – in 1997.

The project, which eventually involved me driving to, playing or touring 550 public and private courses in Washington, Oregon, Northern Idaho and Western Montana, was spawned at 3:00 a.m. one morning in the mid-1980s. Working then as a freelance technical writer and tiring of being some micro-manager's underling, I awoke with an inspiration to do the most comprehensive book ever written on *all* the golf courses in America's upper-left-hand corner.

The concept seemed ideal: I'm a Northwest native, played golf since age 10, loved sports, and was a professional writer. So the next morning I posed the question to my wife, Anni: "Hey dear, whatcha think about me doing a book on Northwest golf courses?" Amazingly, she said yes.

Okay, now what? I began researching previous books on the subject. Mine became an amalgam of the best parts of Kent Myers' "Golf in Oregon" and Dan MacMillan's "Golfing in Washington" guide. Both authors became good friends and Dan distributed my books for years.

I also sought to make my effort as pure and authoritative as possible,



Jeff Shelley's quest led to three editions of the book, "Golf Courses of the Pacific Northwest."

walking and playing every golf hole, packing my own bag along with a camera and notepad, and paying green fees to remain editorially neutral.

Before embarking on the great adventure, I decided to minimize expenses by converting my wife's Volvo station wagon into a mobile bedroom. With \$150 worth of curtain rods and cloth, enough to cover the side

windows so that when the back seat was laid down I'd have cozy sleeping quarters, I was set.

Thus outfitted, I headed off from my sister's home in Vancouver, Wash., to my first of many courses over the next 10 years – Elkhorn Valley in Lyons, Ore., then a nine-hole layout.

For the complete transcript visit www.thepnga.org.

Share Your Journey

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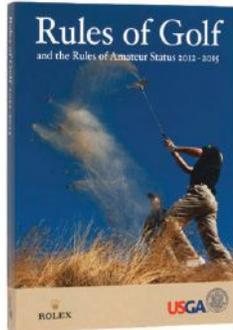
Let Me Give You Some Advice (or maybe not...)

by Pete Scholz and Terry McEvilly
Senior OGA Rules Officials

WILLIAM TUFTS, IN HIS BOOK, "The Principles Behind the Rules of Golf," lays down the tenet that, "Except for advice from those on his side and their caddies, the player must play his own game."

A simple concept to be sure, but one that underlines the basis for one of the more complex Rules to interpret – the Advice Rule (Rule 8).

While Rule 8-1 is one of the shortest Rules in the book, it ends up being the subject of one of the more frequently debated questions during a round – has someone asked for or given advice?



The advice I would give to someone is to not take anyone's advice

Eddie Murphy
American actor and comedian

Advice is a tricky issue and is a Rule that continues to evolve. For initial guidance, one need look only at the definition of "Advice" in the Rules of Golf booklet, which states that, "Advice is any counsel or suggestion that could influence a player in determining his play, the choice of a club or the method of

making a *stroke*. Information on the Rules, distance or matters of public information, such as the position of *hazards* or the *flagstick* on the *putting green*, is not advice."

Players, during a stipulated round, are prohibited from giving advice to, or asking advice from, opponents or fellow-competitors. So for what is and isn't advice, here are a couple of examples. Making a casual comment after hitting a poor shot, such as "Darn, I should've used the nine," is not advice. But purposely making a comment about club selection to mislead someone else that has approximately the same shot is a breach of the Rule. Other examples include looking in someone's bag to see what club they have used is not a breach, unless you happen to move a towel that covers your fellow competitor's or opponent's clubs to look in the bag. Receiving unsolicited advice is not a breach for the recipient, but is for the giver.

For other examples and to make it less complex, we recommend spending some time not only reading the Rule, but also reading the Decisions dealing with 8-1. After doing so, players will be far more comfortable on the course knowing who can say or do what.

Nobody can give you wiser advice than yourself.

Marcus Tullius Cicero
106 BC – 43 BC
Roman philosopher and lawyer



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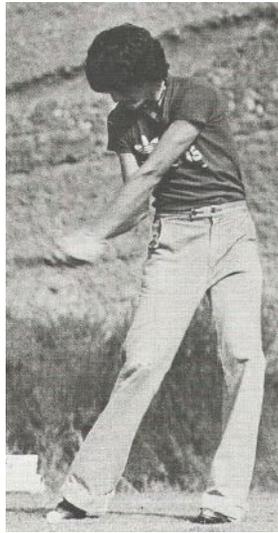
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Let the Circle Be Unbroken

Actor, oenophile, grandson of Scotland – Kyle MacLachlan keeps his ties to the Northwest



IF ANYTHING BONDS THE GENERATIONS in Kyle MacLachlan's family, it's golf.

Born and raised in Yakima, Wash., MacLachlan's dad, Kent, captained the University of Washington golf team during the 1950s, and from the age of eight young Kyle joined his dad at the Yakima Country Club. He says his two brothers and his dad didn't share their emotions too freely, so golf was the one thing that brought them all together.

"No matter how far afield we wandered, the game reminded us who we were and where we came from," he said. "For several years the four of us returned to Yakima every fall to play in the Diana MacLachlan Invitational Golf Tournament, which used to be held there in honor of my late stepmother, who died of ovarian cancer in 1995." MacLachlan has since partnered with Callaway to fight ovarian cancer.

By high school, Kyle played to a six handicap. Then he got into acting at the University of Washington and didn't hit a golf ball for almost 15 years. He would make a name for himself in movies and television, in notable roles in *Blue Velvet*, *Twin Peaks*, *Sex and the City*, *Desperate Housewives* and *Portlandia*.

Lately, though, he has come back to golf. "Thanks to my dad I have solid fundamentals," he said, "which makes me pretty easy to coach. I tend to get a little wild off the tee, as I did one memorable day at St. Andrews, but my iron game is strong." His best round is a 74, shot at Yakima CC.

One of his better golf memories was the year he played in the Alfred Dunhill Links Championship at St. Andrews, Kingsbarns and Carnoustie. It was his first pro-am and he was partnered with Paul McGinley, the hero of the 2002 Ryder Cup for the European team (and the captain of the European team in the upcoming 2014 Ryder Cup).

"Paul was amazing," he said. "In the second round he fired a 64 at the Old Course, which would have been a course record had the tees at one hole been farther back." Going in to the final round, McGinley shared the lead with Paul Lawrie, and MacLachlan made the cut as a team.

"NO MATTER HOW FAR AFIELD WE WANDERED, THE GAME REMINDED US WHO WE WERE AND WHERE WE CAME FROM,"

“There was my name on the leaderboard at St. Andrews! I was in the last group to tee off in a tournament with one of the biggest purses in Europe. And I played the best golf I’ve ever played. After 15 holes, I was only two over par. Then the wheels came off. I hit a couple balls crooked, made a seven on the Road Hole (the par-4 17th). I think we finished 13th, and poor Paul shot 74, which dropped him to ninth.”

Of his time spent in Scotland, he said, “It was great to be in a country where the people pronounced my name correctly. My Scots blood is as close as my grandparents, but my dad didn’t pay much attention to our heritage – he even spelled his name ‘Mclachlan.’ When he passed away in 2011 I realized I have some serious research to do if I’m to catch up with my golfing ancestors.”

MacLachlan used to live near Lakeside Golf Club in Los Angeles, but didn’t join a golf club. “I played a lot with (actor) Greg Kinnear, Thomas Gibson, Hollywood legend Bernie Brillstein and Kenny G (another Northwest native), who is a beautiful player, and he ought to be – Kenny has a high-tech golf simulator in his house, and he spends so much time working on his swing that he told me, ‘Half the time I don’t know where my saxophone is.’ After a round with those guys or with other friends who belong to the great clubs around L.A., I would reciprocate by sending my host a good bottle of wine from my collection – something from Washington,

of course, to show my roots. But the more I think of my *other* roots, the ones that go back to Scotland, the more I think I should switch to single malts.”

MacLachlan now lives in Manhattan with his wife and son. A dedicated wine lover, he is partners with vintner Eric Dunham in a winery near Walla Walla, Wash., where he makes his own label called Pursued by Bear (a name which comes from a stage direction in Shakespeare’s play, “The Winter’s Tale” – “Exit, pursued by bear.”).

“One main reason I chose to make wine in Washington was because my father still lived in Yakima,” MacLachlan said. “Part of this project was about spending more time with him, bringing him to Walla Walla to participate and be part of this adventure. He has since passed away, but I still involve my brothers who both live near Seattle. I was also motivated to make great wine in Washington and support my home state’s growing wine industry.”

And the bonding of generations continues.

Jon Rizzi, editor of Colorado AvidGolfer, contributed to this article. Used by permission.



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Eric Dunham of Dunham Cellars (Kyle’s winemaking partner), Kyle’s father Kent, and Kyle at the winery shortly before Kent’s passing.

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How many tickets will be available for the 2015 U.S. Open, where to get them, and when to get them



Reg Jones

IT HAS ALL THE MAKINGS OF ONE OF THE LARGEST SPORTING EVENT ever held in the Northwest – upward of 35,000 people a day for seven consecutive days.

The site, however, is not a nice and neat baseball or football stadium with plenty of parking and located perfectly at the intersection of numerous public transportation systems. Instead, the site is a former gravel pit, located on a somewhat isolated portion of Puget Sound shoreline in the town of University Place, just south of Tacoma.

So, to tell us how they're going to sell more than 200,000 tickets in all, and make sure all those tickets come along with ample assurances of a good time, we wanted to talk with an expert who will be putting on the 2015 U.S. Open at Chambers Bay.

REG JONES is the senior director of the U.S. Open Championships for the United States Golf Association, and he helped us with an update on the event of June 15-21, 2015.

There certainly has been a buzz over the U.S. Open at Chambers Bay in regards to corporate sales and signing up to be a volunteer. Has there been a similar buzz in the first phase of ticket sales?

"Absolutely," said Jones, "we've had a great start so far with the process."

The first stage of the process was the sale of tickets to USGA members, which ended May 1. Tickets, both in weekly packages and single day, go on sale to the general public June 9.

"I think the sales are very similar to Merion (the 2013 site of the U.S. Open, in Ardmore, Pa.) at this point," Jones said. "And Merion certainly was one of the quicker sites that we sold out using the new online web site."

The U.S. Open has never been in the Pacific Northwest, so is that helping create this buzz?

Jones is based in Pinehurst, N.C., and used to work for the Pinehurst Resort before joining the USGA. He was a big part of the first U.S. Open at Pinehurst in 1999, and is busy preparing as the U.S. Open returns to Pinehurst this year.

"That championship in '99, to me personally, reminds me a lot of Chambers Bay because it was the first one in North Carolina, and I can see the same sort of enthusiasm at Chambers Bay," Jones said.

"There are markets that are starved for golf, and certainly the Pacific Northwest is great golf country. I think the fact we're taking the championship there is certainly great for the USGA

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WHAT DOES THE MAN ON THE STREET SAY?

"Rumors. I've heard 'em. I've spread 'em. I've wondered about 'em. And not just about golf. First I heard there were going to be 75,000 tickets per day. Then I heard 10,000. Then I heard they were only going to be available through a lottery. I worry about many things in my life, trivial things that keep me awake at night, which is why I have a post-it note on my bathroom mirror that reminds me to put one foot in front of the other (instead of in my mouth). A ticket to the U.S. Open? It's there and available, if I act on it."

What do you think? Are you going to attend the 2015 U.S. Open? Send us a note at editor@thepnga.org.

and certainly great for the golfer in the Pacific Northwest to be able to host our national championship.”

You mentioned comparisons to Merion, but weren't ticket sales there limited to 25,000? Isn't the latest number of spectators expected at Chambers Bay 35,000?

“To be honest with you, we really haven't made a final determination on what our paid attendance will be,” Jones said. “We do consider Chambers Bay a medium-sized site for us. And that could be anywhere from 30,000 to 35,000.”

Jones said without any recent history of Chambers Bay holding a U.S. Open, evaluations will continue until at least the end of summer to determine the proper number of tickets to sell.

“Chambers is a combination of things,” Jones said. “There's a lot of space certainly with the Central Meadow and the other park facilities. It's going to be a great viewing golf course, and it's one, like Merion, where we're going to put up a lot of bleacher seats.”

When the U.S. Open was first awarded to Chambers Bay, early optimists were talking about 60,000 spectators a day. That number has steadily dropped because of limitations within the golf course itself.

“As far as movement around the golf course, there are some areas, because of the dunes, that are probably a little more difficult,” Jones said. “And in some ways our philosophy with that, much like we had

at Merion, we'll try to route spectators from one large viewing area to another large viewing area, to keep them off of the dunes, just from a spectators' safety perspective.”

So, how many bleacher seats will be constructed?

“We're still in the process with that. The one thing for sure is that we've got ample space right of the 18th hole for probably one of the largest bleacher sets for a U.S. Open. I would say conservatively anywhere from 5,000 to 6,000 seats,” Jones said.

“Our strategy at Merion really was to build as many grandstand spaces as we could to keep people seated, watching golf, instead perhaps of having the mindset of following individual groups.” It's a strategy that also will be needed in 2015. But because Chambers Bay is such a great viewing course, a good seat in the bleachers will give a fan access to numerous holes. Bring a good set of binoculars, and you can see half the golf course.

When tickets go on sale to the public on June 9, the weekly packages will be available in one of three categories. The Gallery package is \$450 with some taxes and fees added on. The Trophy Club package is \$700 and adds access to an air-conditioned pavilion with seating and live coverage on television screens. The 1895 Club is \$1,895 and includes food and beverages in an air-conditioned pavilion.

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Back in Time

The enigmatic Bally Bandon Sheep Ranch continues to call you home

by Ron Bellamy

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On that land, 13 greens, very well-kept, and clearly defined fairways, regularly mowed – this is significantly classier than pasture golf – and ball-sucking rough. “Fair grass,” said Kurt Woodburn, of Bandon Golf Supply in the nearby town of Bandon, who loves the place. “And unfair grass.”

From some places on the Sheep Ranch, you can see, bordering to the south and across a ravine, parts of the internationally famous Bandon Dunes Golf Resort – the turn stand at Old Macdonald, a sliver that is the fourth fairway at Pacific Dunes.

And from everywhere, you can see the ocean.

You have to know about this place to arrange to play it. You phone Bandon Golf Supply, where they put you in touch with the course superintendent, Greg Harless. Scheduling is generally for weekdays, from November through June – there’s no irrigation on the fairways, so the course closes in the hot summer months. At the appointed date and time, Harless meets you at the course, gives you a scorecard with a suggested routing for 18 holes with a daunting par of 71, and shows you where to begin.

And then, literally, you’re on your own, for as long as you can play. Most days, your

group, whether just two of you or 20, is the only group. You can follow the suggested routing to the greens that are lettered, not numbered, or create your own holes. You can bring a cooler, even a grill, and stop back at your car for lunch, and then play some more. There's no group pushing you at the turn, because there is no turn.

Last week, a couple of Eugene golfers, including yours truly, played there with Woodburn and Alex Smith, a former Los Angeles scriptwriter who has caddied for the past four years at Bandon Dunes. Woodburn showed us the way, his own way – and what a way it was, along the coast.

We played a par-3 over a ravine to a green on the point, the kind of scene you'd see in photo books of the world's greatest golf holes; we created a par-5, or so we decided, that required a blind approach shot to a green hidden by a tree-studded hillock.

There are a few defined teeing areas, but often you simply find a flat spot near the green you just played, tee up and take aim at another green. At one point, playing back north from the green at the southernmost end of the property, we hit driver, then 3-wood, and maybe another – and then figured out which distant flag was our ultimate target.

"It's not what you're shooting, as much as it is your enjoyment along the way," said Smith, who has played the Sheep Ranch a half-dozen times. "It's not so much where you're going, but how you get there. You play it as you see fit. Whatever you can create, you can go out and do. You've got your run of the place."

It is what golf might have been more than a century ago, in parts of Scotland and Ireland.

"This is definitely a throwback," Smith said.

"Out here it is a different feel. The vastness, the wildness. And the biggest difference is that there's nobody out here. This is a golfer's playground. When I saw this place the first time, I knew I was coming back."

There are no sheep at the Bally Bandon Sheep Ranch, its name an allusion to the famous Ballybunion course in Ireland. It is owned by Mike Keiser, who created Bandon



Dunes, and Phil Friedmann, who was Keiser's partner in the greeting card business that made them wealthy, but it is not part of Bandon Dunes Golf Resort.

Around the time that the resort's second course, Pacific Dunes, was being designed by architect Tom Doak – it would open in 2001 – Friedmann commissioned Doak to build, in essence, a personal golf course, the 13-green complex on the land on the north border of Bandon Dunes.

Initially, the Sheep Ranch was cloaked in mystery.

A *Sports Illustrated* article in late 2003 gave the course its first national publicity, exposé-style, questioning whether it was being developed secretly as part of Bandon Dunes, or as a private, members-only club. Certainly, the writer recognized the potential of the property.

"Bally Bandon is taking shape on land that is even more spectacular," Chris Lewis wrote. "Bandon Dunes and Pacific Dunes hug coastline that is as straight as a ruler; the ocean is a gorgeous backdrop but comes into play only if you hit a foul ball. Bally Bandon's

jutting, swooping coastline presents myriad possibilities for heroic carries."

A decade later, however, the Sheep Ranch is still only 13 greens, and it's a course that anyone can play. While speculation persists that it will eventually be developed into something more, there have been no definitive public statements, let alone timeline, to that effect.

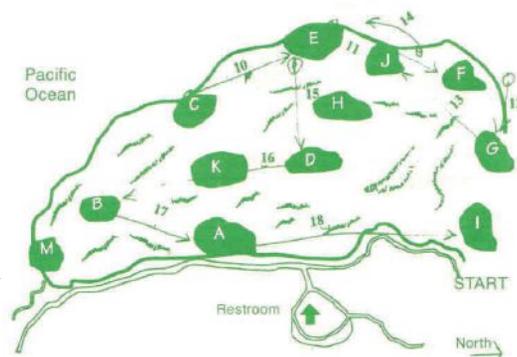
"There's no architect and no current plans,"

Keiser was quoted

in an interview with *Golf Digest* last year.

Woodburn, who is sort of a guru at Bandon Golf Supply, fitting clubs, fixing clubs, giving lessons, is a scratch golfer who has played the course as much as anyone in the area. He never tires of it.

"There's just no other place like it," Woodburn said. "Besides having the place virtually to yourself, it's such a dramatic piece



of property. Time just sort of stops. I've gone out and played it with hickory sticks, and older, softer golf balls, and you almost have a connection with a certain time period of golf that no longer exists."

Last fall, on a wonderful, sunny day, playing the Sheep Ranch was a remarkable, magical experience. We went green to green, shot to shot. We invented holes, and pars, the latter not really meaning much, because the only scores kept were mental, by choice, and if not for jotting notes for purposes of research, we would have lost track of how many holes we played.

On that day, we played 18 of them, and kept going. We lost balls in the rough and the gorse, and kept going. We stopped and looked out at the ocean, and kept going, the wind up in the afternoon – two-club wind was it, or three?

Late in the day, with Woodburn and Smith having left for other obligations, the two Eugene golfers, alone on the vast course, assessed one hole at roughly 220 yards, from somewhere inland on the course due west over stretches of "unfair grass" to a green with little behind it except the gorse-choked cliff dropping to the Pacific Ocean. An intimidating shot for a writer, but the swing was true, the contact pure, and the ball screamed straight to the green despite the north wind, bounced once or twice, and came to rest on the narrow back fringe.

A chip and a putt, and a par never written on a scorecard, but indelibly scrawled in a golfer's soul, to be cherished along with the very special memory of playing the Sheep Ranch.

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Open to All

Links golf in an ancient and faraway land – the British Open

BY BLAINE NEWNHAM

MY FAVORITE FIVE OR SIX HOURS OF TELEVISION each year come early on a Sunday in July for the final round of the British Open.

It broke my heart when Tom Watson didn't win in 2009 at Turnberry. His approach should have held the green, his chip been closer, his putt for par stronger. His win would have been golf's greatest moment since Francis Ouimet won the 1913 U.S. Open at Brookline.

Or at least since Jean van de Velde's Shakespearian collapse at Carnoustie in 1999 when he squandered a three-stroke lead on the final hole of the final round.

The only thing better than watching such great theater on the telly is to be there. My first of three Open Championships

while working at The Seattle Times came at Turnberry, in 1986, when Greg Norman finally tapped his talent and won the first of two majors (both of which were the British Open).

Turnberry is a gorgeous site for golf, hard on the Firth of Clyde with the volcanic island, Ailsa Craig, in the background. I'd never seen a links course before, or experienced its kaleidoscopic range of weather.

The first day there produced some of the worst weather in Open history — wind, sideways rain, Northwest in January, only the power stayed on. The final round on Sunday was played in brilliant sunshine.

The Open Championship differs from the U.S. Open in that it is played on courses generally available to the public, wide-open links courses that use wind to defend themselves, not

tall rough and slick greens.

Finding a ticket is not a problem as the crowds are immense, sprawling across dunes. Kids are admitted free. This is not some fashionable crowd at the Masters, a once-a-year gathering of the fortunate, but folks who know and revere the game.

The problem for the British Open is often housing. And traffic, as narrow roads lead to remote courses.

Turnberry is near no town. I stayed in Ayr, south of Prestwick, in a tiny closet-sized room rented out by two school teachers who waited up for me each night of the tournament to have a cup of tea and rehash the day's results.

A few years later, caught up in Tigermania, I covered the Open at St. Andrews in 2000, when Woods navigated four days of the Old Course without landing in a bunker, lapping the field to win by eight shots. For that one, I stayed above the post office in the nearby fishing village of Crail, where they've been playing golf since 1786, daily making the 15-minute drive into St. Andrews past new golf

courses and old stone walls and churches.

Golf is so much a part of the fabric of life in Scotland, not just a game people watch, but one they play and love. A small town near St. Andrews, Montrose, is home to 12,000 people, 1200 of whom belong to the local golf club.

If they're not playing, they're talking about playing. And once a year, during what they call summer, the clans gather for the Open Championship.

Even if Scotland were to vote to be independent in the upcoming September election, the Royal and Ancient would have to keep the Open where its heart and soul reside.

Wouldn't it?

During his career as a sportswriter for two major daily newspapers, Blaine Newnham has covered seven Masters, seven U.S. Opens and three British Opens. He has played the great courses of the British Isles, from St. Andrews and Royal Dornoch in Scotland, to Royal Porthcawl in Wales, to Labinch and Ballybunion in Ireland. Links golf calls him home.

Muirfield as seen prior to the 2013 British Open, with the grandstands already in place next to the 18th green.

Photo by Blaine Newnham

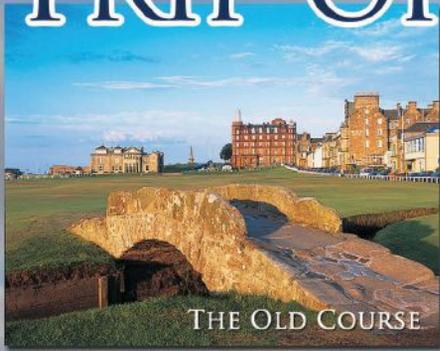


Above: Royal Troon will be the site of the 2016 British Open.

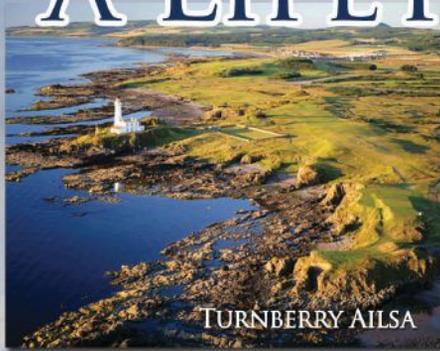
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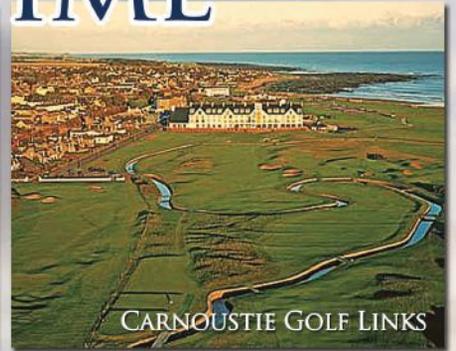
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The short par-4 second hole at Gamble Sands.

Return to Perfect

Family owned, player friendly, aesthetically beautiful – Gamble Sands gets it right

BY BLAINE NEWNHAM

DAVID MCLAY KIDD HAD NEVER PLAYED GOLF in America when he arrived at the wind-raked Southern Oregon coast town of Bandon.

His father was the superintendent at Gleneagles in Scotland; his 20-something son already steeped in the history of links golf.

But there was still a lot to learn.

“I knew right on that the players in Scotland, on a whole, were better than the Americans,” Kidd says. “And the conditions along the Pacific Ocean were worse than in Scotland.”

So with that empathy and Mike Keiser’s business sense, he set out to make a spectacular course with heart-stopping views of the Pacific coupled with 100-yard wide fairways, few forced carries, and greens that would graciously receive shots, rather than reject them.

To this day, Bandon Dunes, the first course, remains the most popular of the four that arguably comprise the best place to play golf in the world.

While Kidd was praised for his first design, he was subsequently criticized for his next designs at the Castle Course

at St. Andrews, Stonebrae in the San Francisco Bay area and his home course, Tetherow in Bend. Lovely to look at, but too difficult to enjoy.

Now, thankfully, he has gotten back to the basics with the soon-to-open Gamble Sands in the high desert above the Columbia River near Brewster in Central Washington.

While Kidd told a reporter from *Golf Digest* that Gamble Sands could be the next Sand Hills (the Nebraska course that has been ranked the best modern course built in America), the rankings and accolades for his design won’t matter as much as the pure enjoyment it wrings from its everyday players.

“Stonebrae and the Castle course were acclaimed by critics,” said Kidd, “but they weren’t by those who played them.”

With fescue grasses throughout and built on little but sand, Gamble Sands is firm and fast, wonderful for seniors and women; entirely fun to play.

Kidd went so far as to make sure irrigation wouldn’t reach fescue along the fairway edges. In playing two rounds, I never looked for a ball, let alone lost one.

“You might shoot 100,” said Kidd, “but you’ll do it with the same worn out golf ball.”



The Gebbers family has been farming in the community for generations, and are the largest employer in the area. The new Gamble Sands is, for them, a family affair.



David McLay Kidd



The long (217 yards from the regular tees) downhill par-3 sixth hole.

There's no talk in building Gamble Sands so that it would someday host a U.S. Open, no push by a real estate developer to gain the attention that often comes with the course's difficulty, no lame attempt to keep the sport "safe" from Tiger Woods. And, thankfully, no architect trying to make a name for himself.

For Kidd, it was a matter of getting back to principles lost in the rush of success.

The Gebbers Family – they've been there forever and oversee one of the largest apple and cherry productions in the world, and are the largest employers in the area – weren't yearning for attention as much as they were a diversity of their community. New faces, new jobs, a reason for the younger crowd to stick around.

Devout Christians, they decided to branch out in golf, not wine grapes.

Kidd gave them a course that was reasonable to build (\$2 million), easy to maintain, no cart paths but the use of a cart allowed, comfortable to walk, all the virtues we talk about in golf today but seldom put into play.

The question for Gamble Sands is will it be a good enough test for tournament players. The answer should be yes, as it can be played at 7,300 yards and come with nasty pin placements on huge greens. But that isn't the point, not for Kidd anyway.

"My goal was to make this as playable as Bandon Dunes," he said. "I got sucked into all the talk about 'resistance to par.' I was guilty of taking the fun out of the game. I wanted to put it back in, where the average player sees possibilities and the good player sees opportunity."

Kidd recently returned from a trip to Scotland where he played the new and heralded Trump International near Aberdeen.

"It beat me up physically," said Kidd. "It is one of the courses a lot of players will check off their

list and say they did it, but won't do it again."

The Gebbers' started out nearly 10 years ago building a golf course on a nearby hilltop – a rocky, difficult site – and three holes and \$1.5 million later they mothballed the project.

The hope is that they will one day have a 36-hole golf resort and get back to the Perry Dye design on the hill, but in the meantime the family has hit it dead perfect with Gamble Sands.

"This course invites aggressive, attacking golf without the fear of catastrophe," continued Kidd.

More than anything, he shaped the course with the idea that slopes should turn balls toward the green, not away from them, that he could influence the "rub of the green" in the golfer's favor.

The idea is that with a little intelligence and execution you can bounce a ball onto a green and though you might not be in birdie range, par becomes a real possibility for golfers of all abilities.

In the summer, when the course is very firm, Kidd expects better players will find it difficult to stop the ball on the greens and find the course as challenging as hole locations want to make it.

Green fees have not yet been confirmed, but there will be lower rates for residents.

There are questions about Gamble Sands as there were about Bandon Dunes in the beginning. Is it too remote, is it too expensive, will it be an extension of the Lake Chelan experience for Seattle-area residents and be part of playing the Chelan area courses one day and Gamble Sands the next.

My guess is it will.

Blaine Newnham was the sports editor and columnist for 11 years with the Eugene (Ore.) Register-Guard, and an associate editor and sports columnist for The Seattle Times for 23 years.

Why Gamble Sands?

Dan Gamble back-packed to the Methow Valley from Nova Scotia in 1885 for the Gold Rush. Shortly after, he established a lumber mill, hotel, and planted the first orchard. His daughter Martha married John Gebbers in 1927 and they homesteaded in Brewster, Wash. where John focused on cattle and the orchards and Martha concentrated on fruit packaging and the saw mill.

The family and their businesses continued to expand over the next decades with the introduction of late-season cherries, innovative work programs, new storage facilities, and large commercial accounts. The name of the golf course is largely a tribute to the individuals who started it all. Martha's signature serves as the course logo which was captured off a check from the 1950s.



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From 'Hot List' to Short List

University of Idaho professor a study in volunteer work

BY ERIC DEGERMAN

For two straight years, Pullman's Kevin Chang donated a weekend to *Golf Digest*, serving as an unpaid tester for the magazine's uber-anticipated Hot List Equipment Guide.

This past year, the 40-year-old assistant professor at the University of Idaho gave back to the game by serving as a volunteer course rater for the Washington State Golf Association.

"I looked at finding more opportunities to be involved with the golf community," Chang said. "I played junior golf growing up and appreciate the mission of the Washington State Golf Association and the PPGA, so I looked through their website for volunteer opportunities and came across course rating, which appealed to me."

John Saegner Jr., senior director of course rating and special services for the WSGA, said Chang was an ideal fit because of his playing ability, his engineering background and personality.

"He's a good man, and I'd love to have 40 people like him," Saegner said. "He's got to be our youngest volunteer, and I found him to be a very bright individual who is very nice and very polite – and he caught on very quickly."

Ironically, the civil engineer from the University of Washington grew up near the campus of Washington State University. He picked up the game of golf at the age of 12 through parks and recreation classes in Pullman and went on to play varsity golf in high school. One of Chang's teammates was future University of Kansas standout Shelly Triplett because Pullman didn't field a girls' team.

Chang even worked at the old WSU golf course.

"I remember selling Drew Bledsoe a golf glove once," he said with a chuckle.

It was Chang's interest in equipment that inspired him to act on a long-held dream and apply to become a *Golf Digest* club tester.

"I'd go into the part of the magazine with



When not testing clubs or rating a golf course, Kevin Chang works as a professor of civil engineering at the University of Idaho. Photo courtesy Joe Pallen/University of Idaho

all those little half-inch by half-inch photos and saw a little blurb looking for people to become one of their Hot List testers," Chang recalled. "It asked for a one-page bio and a 45-second video. The areas that I keyed on were that I loved the game and loved learning new things. I also shared that I had a longtime passion for the sport in a number of ways, including being a public course golfer and a volunteer coach of a high school girls' golf team."

He met the application deadline of March 31, 2011, and didn't think much about it for a couple of months.

"I distinctly remember it was a Friday afternoon in June and I was at the office and I got an email from someone I didn't know from *Golf Digest*. The subject said, 'Hot List.' "

Turns out Chang, a 9-handicap, was the lone Pacific Northwest participant at the famed Wigwam Resort in Litchfield Park, Ariz., where he went to serve on the first panel.

"There were an awful lot of really good golfers who were part of that panel," Chang said. "I was in the higher handicap group."

They hit drivers, fairway clubs and hybrids, irons, wedges, putters and game-improvement irons.

"There were about 20 clubs per category," he said. "With a set of irons, you might hit a five and four, then jump to a 7-iron and then the pitching wedge. It could be five or 10 balls with each, so you're talking well north of 1,000 golf swings over the course

of a three-day period. They want people to hit shots with consistency and provide them with detailed feedback after evaluating each club."

The well-known Hot List organizers for *Golf Digest* — editors Mike Johnson, Ashley Mayo and Mike Stachura — as well as columnists Stina Sternberg and John Strege, were at Wigwam for the 2012 and 2013 Hot List issues Chang volunteered for.

"The staff at the magazine are consummate professionals," Chang said. "I not only had an enjoyable experience as a tester, but it was a learning experience as well. I'd love to have the opportunity to do so again sometime."

Despite those two stints testing state-of-the-art equipment, he's still hitting a Big Bertha steelhead driver from a decade ago and Ping i5 irons.

"I tend to hang onto my equipment as long as I can," he said.

He also remains devoted to supporting public golf, and his list of favorite courses he's played focus on Bandon, Pebble Beach and Torrey Pines.

"I've even slept in a car for the chance to play Bethpage — before it hosted its first U.S. Open," Chang said with a measure of pride. "Golf is such a fun sport. You get to meet the different people you get paired up with, and it's certainly great to play with friends. A group of us goes up to Whistler every year to play together."

He also serves as tournament director for a single-day event he created 11 years ago to maintain bonds with fraternity brothers at Pi Kappa Phi.

"We usually keep it at 144 players for a full field, and it's now a blend of undergraduates and people who have graduated in the past 20 years," he said. "It's turned into an annual reunion for folks that some people fly in for."

As a golfer, Chang would rather walk than ride, yet he's spent much of his career involved with the study of transportation, its patterns and education, particularly on the community and neighborhood levels. He left the King County Department of Transportation to accept his position at the University of Idaho's civil engineering department.

And last year, he began to serve as a volunteer on the WSGA's course rating crew. He signed up for 9-hole public



The annual "Hot List" issue of *Golf Digest* shows the results of a panel of volunteer club testers, on which Kevin Chang served for two years.

courses in Grangeville, Idaho, and Pomeroy, Wash., but he also managed to get plum assignments to historic Seattle Golf Club and the exclusive Gozzer Ranch overlooking Lake Coeur d'Alene.

"The calculations in course rating and Slope and how they are determined were something I was interested in," Chang said. "Being a part of the rating process really opened my eyes to the nuances of golf course design."

Rating teams that Chang worked on include 12 to 14 volunteers who spend up to six hours in a single day compiling data for Saegner. Research

starts with estimates based on the premise that better players drive the ball about 250 yards and average players about 200 yards.

"You take measurements from tee to green and around the green and in the fairway where a tee shot lands or approach shots land," Chang said. "You start to notice how the fairway width changes and how the rough areas can impact play. You might not pick up on those when playing the course, but while you are collecting data, certain aspects jump out."

Time permitting, the volunteers often are given the opportunity to play the course.

"You have a much deeper understanding of each hole, and sometimes that makes it more challenging to play," Chang said.

Saegner said he hopes to see Chang on more of his WSGA rating teams.

"I have people who are very good with numbers but can't comprehend the system very well, and vice versa," Saegner said. "He grasps both the numbers and the system."

Based on his history of community work and volunteering for non-profits, Chang will sign up for Saegner's team again this summer if his new post in Moscow will allow.

"I am a firm believer in that civic duty aspect," Chang said. "I think giving back is really important and enriches your life in a lot of ways."

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WANT TO BE COURSE RATER?

British Columbia Golf and the Washington State, Oregon and Idaho golf associations continue to recruit volunteers for their course rating work throughout the region.

The WSGA's John Saegner Jr. said attrition and age have thinned the ranks of his rating team, particularly in eastern Washington. Most of his volunteers play to a handicap of 15 or above, so he'd like to add volunteers who are single-digit handicappers because a major component of course rating involves the landing area of tee shots struck by championship-caliber golfers.

"I never turn down a volunteer," Saegner said. "I'm always thinking four to five years down the road."

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Equipment Standards

Implementation of Grooves Rule for the 2014 IGA Men's Amateur Championship



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THE UNITED STATES GOLF ASSOCIATION APPROVED a new "grooves" Rule,

effective January 1, 2010, and at that time this "condition of competition" was made available for Committees to adopt.

The complete technical specifications of the grooves Rule can be found in the "Test Protocols for Equipment" section at www.usga.org. They are also provided in Appendix II of the Rules of Golf book. The key features of the rule are that the volume of grooves is reduced and groove edge sharpness is reduced for clubs with lofts greater than or equal to 25 degrees.

To get information about your clubs, the "Informational Club Database (Grooves)" has been made available by the USGA to assist players in determining if their clubs conform to the specifications, provided the club or set of clubs has not been altered and is "as manufactured." The database is available on the "Equipment" page of the USGA website. The list is a searchable database

of irons, fairway woods and hybrids with lofts of 25 degrees or higher, that were submitted to the USGA or R&A prior to January 1, 2010 and evaluated to determine whether they conform to the specifications of the new groove Rule. Clubs submitted to the USGA or R&A on or after January 1, 2010 are subject to the new grooves Rule for approval of conformity and are not included in the database.

A player may contact the manufacturer of the clubs for information regarding conformance to the groove condition. Or, if a player has a question regarding the conformance status of a club or set of clubs that cannot be identified through the resources provided by the USGA (www.usga.org/grooves), the club(s) in question must be sent to the USGA for testing to determine conformance.

The USGA tiered implementation of the condition over a period of several years beginning in 2010 with the U.S. Open, U.S. Women's Open and U.S. Senior Open and the final-stage qualifying events for those championships. The USGA is adopting the grooves condition for the championships and team events it conducts for amateur players in 2014. The USGA recommended that state and regional associations also implement the condition in 2014. However, it is the recommendation of the USGA that this condition be adopted only for competitions involving expert players.

The Idaho Golf Association is following the USGA's recommendation

and adopting the new Grooves Condition of Competition for the 2014 IGA Men's Amateur. This championship will be conducted at Ridgecrest Golf Club in Nampa.

Decision 4-1/1 in the Decisions on the Rules of Golf book provides guidance as well as the language to be used on a Local Rules sheet when the condition is implemented: *The player's clubs must conform to the groove and punch mark specifications in the Rules of Golf that are effective from January 1, 2010.*

PENALTY FOR CARRYING, BUT NOT MAKING A STROKE WITH, CLUB OR CLUBS IN BREACH OF CONDITION:

Stroke Play – Two strokes for each hole at which any breach occurred; maximum penalty per round – Four strokes.

****Any club carried in breach of this condition must be declared out of play by the player to his fellow competitor in stroke play immediately upon discovery that a breach has occurred. If the player fails to do so, he is disqualified.***

PENALTY FOR MAKING STROKE WITH CLUB IN BREACH OF CONDITION: Disqualification.

Players are strongly encouraged to resolve any questions about club conformance prior to arriving on-site for any USGA qualifier, or for the IGA Men's Amateur Championship.

Course Rating – Did You Know

Every golf course receives both a USGA Course Rating and USGA Slope Rating for each set of tees that is rated. The rating established for the scratch golfer is known as the Course Rating. There is also a rating for the bogey player known as the Bogey Rating. This Bogey Rating is not normally published but is used to determine a Slope Rating. The Slope Rating is an evaluation of the relative difficulty of a course for players other than scratch. The USGA Course and Slope ratings are then calculated and certified by the authorized golf associations before they are issued to the club. These ratings are vital in calculating a person's handicap for that particular course (Course Handicap).

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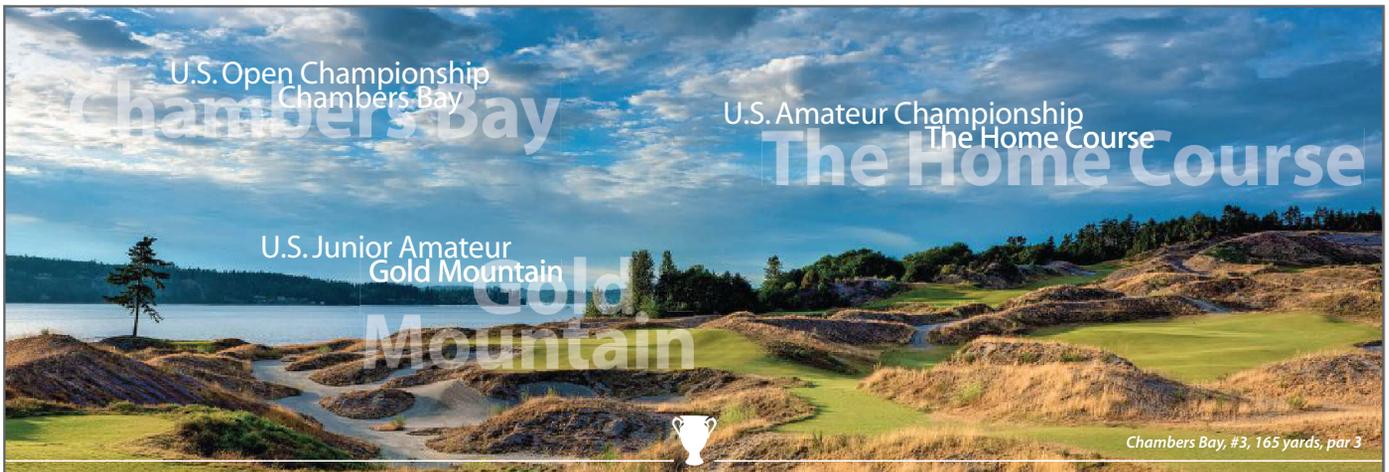


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MANY OF YOU, I have just come off of Masters weekend, watching Bubba Watson claim his second green jacket while his adorable son, Caleb, waddled onto the fringe of the 18th green and melted the hearts of everyone watching. Yet another memorable moment from the hallowed grounds with the giant oak tree symbolizing the "place to be" in the golf world.

A memory such as this, however, doesn't just "happen." It's achieved by a lot of behind-the-scenes choreography and attention to detail that is contributed by a myriad of people who come together in a spirit of cooperation that results in an event we all get to experience. And this reminds me why golf is so great: collaboration, partnerships, alliances, relationships – words that are crucial to our success.

Similar to the work that goes into preserving the grandeur of The Masters, coordination with allied associations, relevant stakeholders and all other constituents (our "village") is vital to ensuring that the health of any organization is sustained. Where would The Masters be without CBS, Augusta National, representatives of the tours around the world as well as all the men and women who volunteer on site? It would be just another golf tournament. The same can be said about a state and regional golf association and its relationship with its partners and supporters.

The OGA could not accomplish all the things we do without the help and support of our golf "village." Allies such as the individual members of the

Oregon Chapter and Pacific Northwest Section of the PGA, the Oregon Golf Course Owners, Superintendents and Club Managers all assist and support us through the Golf Alliance of Oregon. In fact, later this year, the Alliance will jointly conduct an important Economic Impact Study that will help ensure our government leaders are aware of the importance of golf to our communities in terms of its recreational, social, environmental and economic value.

In addition, the relationships we have within the PNGA family as well as the USGA are vital to our ability to carry out our mission. The sharing of ideas and best practices enables us to develop added benefits of membership as well as provide new services. Organizations like The First Tee, First Green, Evans Scholars Foundation, Executive Women's Golf Association, Leisure Hour Golf as well as companies who we partner with like Nike Golf and Tournament Golf Foundation all provide support and collaborate with us on "good for the game" initiatives.

But probably the most important part of our village is the group of people who contribute their time and energy through volunteer service to the OGA. Without their passion and dedication, our golf association simply could not function.

And so to all of our OGA allies, partners and supporters – I salute you and thank you! As evidenced by strength in numbers, we look forward to expanding our network of collaborative relationships to further enhance the game and its positive impact on all who play it, because.....it takes a village.

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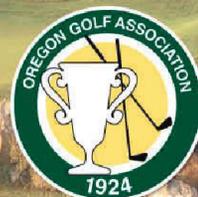
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Home Course to Host Final U.S. Women's Amateur Public Links



THE HOME COURSE IN DUPONT, WASH. will be the site of the 38th U.S. Women's Amateur Public Links (WAPL) Championship, to be held this summer on July 14-19. The national championship is conducted by the United States Golf Association (USGA).

"The Home Course could not be any more enthusiastic about hosting this prestigious USGA championship," said Troy Andrew, CEO of The Home Course. "We are especially excited for the opportunity to conduct a women's amateur championship of this magnitude and we feel our course will be a fair and enjoyable test for these women."

The WAPL, along with the U.S. Amateur Public Links (the men's), will be retired after this year, so this will be the final time this championship is held, which further illuminates the historic nature of this event. Past champions of the WAPL include Michelle Wie, Yani Tseng, Pearl Sinn, Mina Harigae, Tiffany Joh, among many others, including Kelli Antolock, the Port Angeles, Wash. native who won the championship in 1983.

"While we were all surprised to hear the news about the WAPL's retirement," said Andrew, "on a very positive note the USGA is dedicated to making the 2014 championship a celebration. As we work towards this event, we feel it will be special, being the final time the championship is held, and The Home Course will be in the history books as one of the most memorable USGA championships ever held."

The championship will begin with two days of stroke play qualifying, after which the low 64 scorers will begin match play to determine the champion.

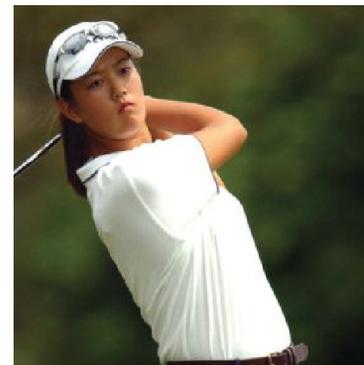
The event is free and open to the public.

The Home Course will eventually house the offices of the WSGA, PNGA and USGA activities in the Northwest, as well as other allied golf associations.

Each year, The Home Course serves as the venue for some WSGA and PNGA championships and USGA national championship local and sectional qualifiers. It was the companion course for the 2010 U.S. Amateur Championship at Chambers Bay in University Place, Wash., and it has also hosted the Sahalee Players Championship. In 2013, the NCAA Division II Men's West/South Central Regional was played at The Home Course.

Cooperatively owned and operated by the Washington State Golf Association and the Pacific Northwest Golf Association, The Home Course opened in 2007.

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2014 U.S. Women's Amateur Public Links Championship

July 14-19, 2014

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July 14-15

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Above-left: In 1977, Kelly Fuiks of Phoenix, Ariz. won the first U.S. Women's Amateur Public Links Championship. This summer at The Home Course, who will win the last one? Photo copyright USGA

Above-right: In 2003, Michelle Wie became the youngest winner of an "adult" championship when she won the U.S. Women's Amateur Public Links at the age of 13. The following year, 2004, Wie made it to the final match of the championship in her quest to repeat as champion, but lost to eventual winner Yani Tseng, who would later become the No. 1 ranked women's golfer in the world for a time. Photo copyright USGA

Left: Kelli Antolock of Port Angeles, Wash. won the 1983 U.S. Women's Amateur Public Links. Photo courtesy PNGA



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37th GIRLS' JUNIOR AMERICA'S CUP

Washington Junior Golf Association to host annual tournament

THE GIRLS' JUNIOR AMERICA'S CUP (GJAC), an annual team competition that is held on a rotating basis throughout the western United States, Canada and Mexico, will return this summer to the state of Washington. The event, which hosts an international field of the finest junior girl golfers from each region, will be held July 29-31 at Walla Walla Country Club.

"The WJGA is proud to serve as host to this year's GJAC," said Tyler Johnsen, executive director of the Washington Junior Golf Association. "In 1978, our WJGA founder Joan Teats led the creation of the GJAC, so our association has a deep appreciation for the roots of this event and how it has not only continued to grow into one of the most prestigious junior golf tournaments in the country, but also benefitted the development of junior golf for many young ladies."

The first GJAC tournament was held at Tumwater Valley Golf Course in Olympia, Wash. It was held there because it was where Teats had the contacts and infrastructure already in place (because of the WJGA) to get the inaugural event off the ground. Eleven teams participated including Alberta, Arizona, British Columbia, Idaho, Northern California, Northern Nevada, Oregon, San Diego, Southern California, Southern Nevada and Washington.

The second year the tournament was held, teams from Colorado, Mexico, Montana and Utah joined the event. In 1985 Hawaii joined this prestigious competition along with New Mexico's Sun Country in 1990. With Wyoming joining the competition in 1991, the 18-team field was completed.

Each team consists of the top four girls from each state, province or country. These golfers exemplify not only outstanding skill and experience, but also true sportsmanship, discipline, courtesy and strength of character. Being chosen to play in the Girls' Junior Americas Cup is one of the highest honors in girls' junior golf. The four players who will represent the state of Washington will be selected in late June.



Walla Walla Country Club will be the site of the 37th Girls' Junior America's Cup.

The tournament is a 54-hole competition with teams counting three scores and throwing out the team's highest score. The event also includes a practice round, opening and closing ceremonies, a tournament banquet and a social event.

Guest speakers at the opening banquet the night before the start of competition will be Kelli Kamimura, the head coach for the women's golf team at Washington State University; and Mary Lou Mulflur, the head coach for the women's golf team at the University of Washington. Mulflur was recently inducted into the Women's Golf Coaches Association Hall of Fame, while as a young player Kamimura won four individual state high school titles and two state titles while competing with the Washington Junior Golf Association.

The legacy of Joan Teats is alive and well, and the WJGA as the host of this prestigious event will undoubtedly put on a great tournament at Walla Walla CC. All three of Teats' children will be there to help carry forward the traditions of the event, with Chris Curtiss serving as the director of operations for WJGA and Patty Curtiss as the current president of GJAC.

HONORING JOAN TEATS

The real story about the Girls' Junior America's Cup starts with Joan Teats. Joan co-founded the Washington Junior Golf Association in 1977, and the next year founded the GJAC. She is considered to be the "Mother of Washington Junior Golf." She laid the groundwork for junior golf in the state of Washington and dedicated herself for over 30 years to its growth. She embodied the true spirit of junior golf, love for the game and kids, and surrounded herself with many great people who will carry on her legacy. In 1995, Joan was inducted into the PPGA Hall of Fame.

In honor of Joan, who passed away in 2012, a new tradition will start at the GJAC. Her family will present the first perpetual Joan Teats Inspiration Team award, given at the end of competition to a team that exhibits the qualities and attributes on which the tournament was founded, that of fostering new friendships and mutual respect, promoting better understanding of different regions and cultures, and developing pride in self, team, state and country.





On last year's Team Washington at the 2013 Girls' Junior America's Cup were (left to right) Lauren Keating, Bree Wanderscheid, Patty Curtiss (team captain and GJAC president), Sierra Kersten and Ashley Fitzgibbons.



37TH GIRLS' JUNIOR AMERICA'S CUP

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This is Not Goodbye

A golfer reflects on the final tournament of her collegiate career

by Nicole Gaddie

PRESSURE IS A FUNNY THING.

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It forces you to forego social activities on weekends in order to complete the pile of homework growing infinitely larger with each tournament trip.

It keeps you on the range until dark because you know you won't be able to sleep well thinking about that slight pull you couldn't shake.

The glamour of the "college athlete" is widely misinterpreted. Plump scholarships and special treatment in class were never things I experienced.

I am a college golfer. I have spent the last 12 years of my life honing my swing and tackling my mentality with the ultimate aim of decreasing the amount of strokes it takes me to get a small dimpled ball into a four-and-a-quarter inch diameter hole.

Last month I played in the last tournament of my collegiate career, the WAC Conference Championships in Mesa, Ariz. The finality of the situation has prodded me to look back and reflect on the remarkable journey golf has taken me on.

The game entered my life when I was 10 years old. Like many other children I was fascinated by the child-size-car known as a golf cart. I would accompany my parents to the course on weekends for the rare chance of driving it. My mother eventually enrolled me in a golf clinic at our local country club and week after week my skills improved.

My instructor suggested I enter local tournaments where I could learn the difference between playing and competing. With my first tournament came my first dose of the psychological side of the sport. Nerves overcame my ability to control my body movements, causing my delicate swing to look like a jammed machine.

However, with each tournament my anxiety improved. I took a job in the cart barn at a local golf course to pay my green fees. Soon I began to compete against top-ranked individuals in the state and later traveled throughout the country to compete against national and international players. My playing partners became lifelong friends and I'm happy to say I now have a place to stay in several different countries. As junior golfers we all had one goal – to play on a college team.

Seattle had always fascinated me. Maybe it was because of the TV show *Frasier*, or watching the 1998 PGA Championship held at Sahalee Country Club. When the golf coach at Seattle University took interest in my potential I jumped at the chance to visit the Pacific Northwest. Choosing a college was a lengthy process. In addition to shopping for a new home, I was also shopping for a temporary family and support structure.

I arrived in Seattle in the middle of December. It was cold, wet and grey. Not exactly the magic I had pictured. But the opportunity to play golf year round outweighed the weather conditions. I signed



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Nicole Gaddie
Photo courtesy Seattle University Athletics

Above: In her final year, Nicole Gaddie's teammates were (from left to right) Jamie Huo, Juhee Lee, Gaddie, Marc Chandonnet (coach), Dorsey Addicks and Alexis Song.

an official letter of intent in the spring and packed my bags the following fall.

I can't describe the next four years in the few words on this page, but I will say that the challenges and successes I've experienced on my team have shaped me into the person I am today. Growing up as an only child I was characteristically independent. Golf was a sport I could play and practice on my own. However, in college I learned that it takes a team of five to succeed. My teammates have become sisters, my coach a mentor. There is no denying that a well-struck putt for birdie on the last hole is invigorating, but the relationships you make during the round will prove to be far more lasting.

Pressure to win and how players react when they don't tells the greatest truths about them as an individual. Representing your school by wearing its colors gives a profound amount of respect. And the calmness found on the course seeps into all aspects of life.

Last month I sat with my teammates to watch the final round of the Masters. There was a time when I dreamed of becoming the first woman to compete in it. Now I realize that I don't need to compete to let my love for the game flourish.

Last month, in my final tournament, I played with peace, not pressure, as I said goodbye to college golf.

Nicole Gaddie will graduate in June from Seattle University with a degree in journalism. Along with being a student athlete, she was also captain of the women's golf team during her senior year and was the student body president of the university for the 2012-13 school year. Before college, she was a two-time member of Team Utah competing in the Girls' Junior America's Cup.

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Hankering for Hickory?

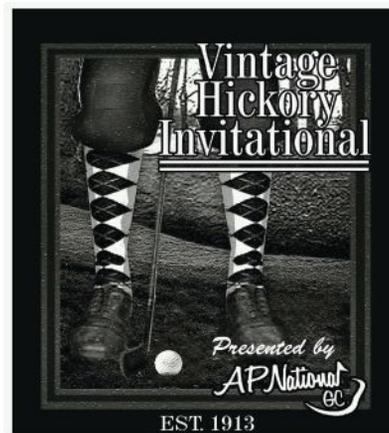
Two upcoming events will provide golfers with a chance to play the game the way it used to be played, complete with hickory-shafted clubs, vintage dress and gutta percha golf balls (if you want!).

Tacoma's Meadow Park will be the site of the 2nd Annual Vintage Hickory Invitational on May 31. Players can rent hickory clubs (if they don't already have a set of their own) for the pre-1930s division, and there is also a pre-1975 division in which golfers can play with persimmon woods. There will be prizes for "Best Vintage Dressed" and "Best Vintage Equipment," and the event will include an antique and memorabilia show.

Former PGA Tour legend and Ryder Cup player Ken Still will be on hand at Meadow Park during the event to give a short game clinic.

Also, the Washington State Hickory Open will be held at The Home Course in DuPont on October 4.

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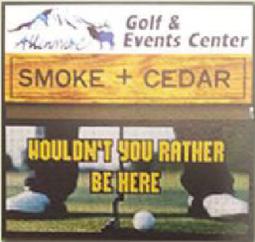
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ERYNNE LEE, 21, of Silverdale, Wash. was selected by the USGA as one of the eight players who will represent the U.S. in the 2014 Curtis Cup Match, to be conducted June 6-8 at St. Louis (Mo.) Country Club. Lee, a junior at UCLA, was a 5-time WSGA Women's Player of the Year and 3-time WSGA Junior Girls' Player of the Year. She is No. 25 in the Women's World Amateur Golf Ranking.



KEVIN RINI, a senior at Seattle's Nathan Hale High School, is the first participant from The First Tee of Greater Seattle to be designated an Evans Scholar. His college scholarship for full tuition and housing starts this fall when he will be a freshman at the University of Washington. With Kevin is Craig Bruya, Evans Scholar alum and current WGA director.

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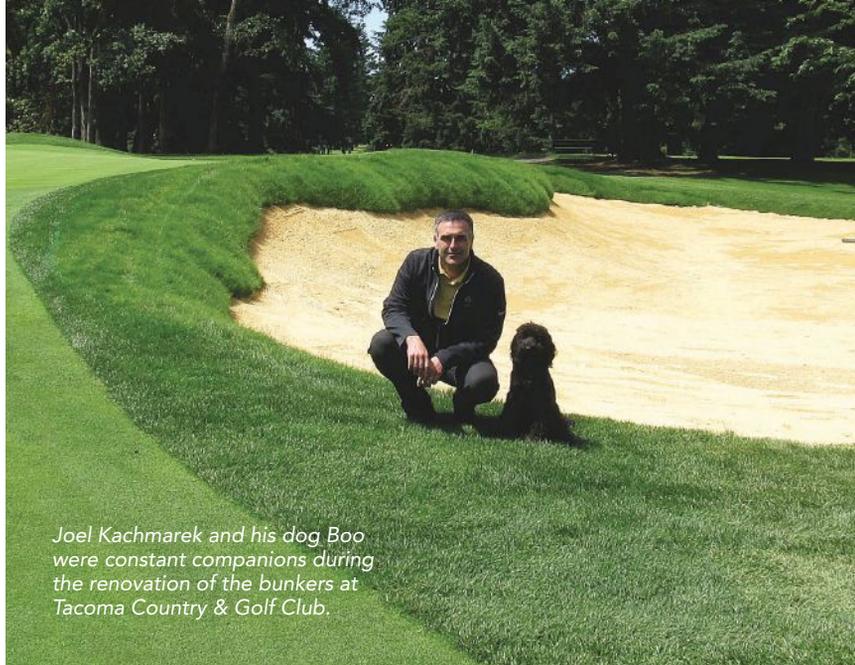
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Joel Kachmarek and his dog Boo were constant companions during the renovation of the bunkers at Tacoma Country & Golf Club.

Going Back in Time

Modern architects fulfill the vision of John Harbottle in the 'retro' renovation of Tacoma Country & Golf Club

by Tony Dear

Joel Kachmarek says that for 20 years or more Tacoma Country & Golf Club's 108-year-old golf course just didn't look that old, adding that a club claiming to be the oldest west of the Mississippi should really have a more traditional-looking layout.

The club's head superintendent since 1999, Kachmarek knows the course wasn't designed by A.W. Tillinghast, Seth Raynor or any of the other leading Golden Age architects, but believes it should at least look like it was.

"John Steidel built three new holes here in the 1980s," says Kachmarek. "The style then was for courses to appear lush and highly-maintained with clean, crisp bunker edges. My predecessor wanted all the bunkers to mimic the new ones, so he changed them all."

Kachmarek didn't much care for the modern look, calling it "too vanilla" for his tastes and unnecessarily costly and labor-intensive. Together with golf course architect and club member John Harbottle III, who also sat on the club's board of directors, he convinced board members that the bunkers should be restored and assured them he and his team could do the work for less than \$5,000 per bunker.

"Our bunkers were over 25 years old,"

he says. "The sand was dirty and didn't drain well at all. We were tired of band-aiding them, frankly. It was just time to do something."

Kachmarek, Harbottle and Gig Harbor-based landscaper Kip Kalbrenner got to work in April 2012 implementing the first part of Harbottle's master plan – creating old-style bunkers.

"John said they needed more muscle," says Kachmarek. "He wanted them to be a little deeper and look a little unkempt with furry eyebrow edges."

Six bunkers, on the sixth, 11th and 16th holes, were rebuilt to give the members a taste of what was to come. "They loved them," says Kachmarek. "Everyone was so impressed they wanted us to finish the job as quickly as possible, not just do a few holes a year."

On May 24th of 2012, however, the project suffered an almost irreparable setback when Harbottle tragically died after suffering a heart attack at LAX Airport in Los Angeles. On his blog – Tacomaturf.net – Kachmarek said everyone at the club was in a state of disbelief and noted how much he had loved working with Harbottle.

"It was devastating, obviously," says Kachmarek. "It took us a while to get our heads together. We rode an emotional roller-coaster that summer, but we wanted to finish



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the job John had started. And we wanted to get back to work while his words were still quite fresh in our minds.”

The bulldozers spluttered back into action in October of that year by which time the club had appointed a new lead architect for the job. Nick Schaan began his career on Harbottle’s design team working on numerous renovations, master plans and two original courses including Palouse Ridge, the home course of Washington State University from which Schaan had graduated in 2001 with a degree in landscape architecture.

Schaan had also been heavily involved at Chambers Bay before moving, in late 2006, to Bend, Ore. where he joined the staff of architect David McLay Kidd. His first job working for the Scot was Huntsman Springs in Idaho where he oversaw virtually every detail during construction.

Kachmarek says Schaan was an obvious choice. “He grew up in the area and had obviously known John very well,” he adds. “David Kidd graciously let him work with us.”

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Veterans as Rookies

Wounded veterans from two countries culminate their healing journey with a visit to the Home of Golf

BY BART POTTER

GRAHAM PROCTOR, A BURLY SCOTSMAN, DOESN'T PRETEND a visit to the Home of Golf by wounded military veterans will do anything to fix their broken bodies. Yet he believes – he knows – that a round of golf in the right place, with the right people, can be a healing experience.

It's not magic, although that word is used often to describe this part of the world. Proctor, who is not a doctor, offers his own idea of therapy. Last July, it meant closing the distance between St. Andrews, Scotland, and the American Lake Veterans Golf Course in Lakewood, Wash.

Proctor's orders: "This is the best golf has to offer. Go have fun."

Through his organization, St Andrews Legacy, Proctor sponsored three Americans with ties to American Lake and four disabled Canadian veterans for five rounds of golf over seven days in Scotland.

The American Lake contingent – Steve Reynolds, 65, a Navy veteran of two tours of Vietnam; Mike Slaybaugh, 53, a recently retired Marine; and Army Staff Sgt. A.J. Domme, 28, still active at Joint Base Lewis-McChord – were standing on the first tee at Crail Balcomie Links, outside of St. Andrews, just hours after their flight from Seattle by way of Toronto touched down in Edinburgh.

On the following days, the golf warriors played the Dukes Course in St. Andrews, stopped in as special Saturday guests at The Open Championship at Muirfield, played Kingsbarns Golf Links, mingled with the world's over-50 players in pre-tournament activities for the British Senior Open at Royal Birkdale, then closed the week with rounds at the New Course in St. Andrews and, finally, the Old Course.

"Golf is an international story," says Reynolds. "Here we were on some of the oldest courses in the world. Five hundred years' worth of golf was right there in front of us. We walked



The group as one on the Swilcan Bridge, on the last day.

the same places that very few men can say they've walked, if they're Americans."

Proctor is often asked why he chose St. Andrews when he set out to honor the service and sacrifice of American combat veterans. Pebble Beach is at the top of most American golfers' life lists – why not just take them there?

It's not the same, Proctor answers.

"You can't explain St. Andrews to someone who's never been there," said Proctor, who provided the group's lodging at his bed-and-breakfast, Deveron House, in the town of St. Andrews, two blocks from the first tee of the Old Course.

On that first tee, the headquarters of The Royal & Ancient is right over there. St. Andrews University, the oldest university in Scotland, is out there, in the near distance. When you finish on 18, you finish in the town.

"St. Andrews is absolutely magical," says Proctor.

Slaybaugh says he'll carry forever the memory of visiting the first hole of the Old Course in the early morning, before the town awakened, which he did nearly every day he was there.

"There's not a soul out there, just the ocean," he says. "I'd get goose bumps looking at it. It's just so serene."

As Reynolds tells it, the bullets he took that day in 1970 over the Mekong Delta saved his life. The helicopter crew chief and door gunner was shot twice through his right leg, once through his left. During treatment for his wounds, doctors discovered a malignant intestinal tumor, bigger than a softball, which Reynolds believes was caused by exposure to the defoliant Agent Orange. He was in the hospital 18 months.

He walks, and plays golf, with two artificial knees. He's the Friday foreman on the all-volunteer course maintenance crew at American Lake, the nine-hole (for now) course on the shores of the tiny suburban lake in Pierce County.

Domme served 16 months in Iraq, another 12 months in Afghanistan. One day

in Kandahar City, he took shrapnel in the explosion of a vehicle-borne IED. He works now with the Warrior Transition Battalion (WTB), which helps injured or ill soldiers work through transition out of the military. The WTB's adaptive sports program, which includes golf, helps wounded soldiers recover while they look for paths back to civilian life.

"Some of those paths bring a lot of soldiers right here (to American Lake)," Domme says. "That's what brought me here in the first place."

Slaybaugh served in the Marine Corps in 1979-84, then had a 21-year break in service before returning in 2005 as a National Guardsman. He was deployed to Iraq in 2008-2009, and worked most recently as a combat advisor in Afghanistan.

He retired, with 100 percent disability, on Jan. 17. Though he has no visible injuries, doctors tell Slaybaugh he has 22 different conditions, including post-traumatic stress disorder (PTSD). He got involved with the WTB at Fort Lewis, and golf, he says, was the best therapy.

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Above: On the last day of their journey to the Home of Golf, the group teed off the first hole of the Old Course with The R&A building looming in the background.

Left: At last year's British Senior Open, Fred Couples autographed the prosthetic leg of one of the Canadian veterans.



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Through the days of their tour of a lifetime, the veterans learned to love the links-style courses of Scotland and the different demands of playing them. They bonded with soldiers of a neighboring nation, with much more than golf in common.

At the Open Championship, several of the veterans met Tiger Woods. At Birkdale, they met Fred Couples, Tom Watson, Tom Kite and others. Couples signed a Canadian veteran's leg prosthesis. They drank, if they chose, a lot of good Scots whisky.

Roger Gatts, the assistant manager at American Lake who selected the Washington trio for the trip, said his men were outstanding ambassadors for American Lake, with its steadfast emphasis on rehabilitation through golf and community.

"We help our veterans get back to life," Gatts says.

As for Proctor, the tour was a thorough success. He wrote on his website, "We have delivered the dream – we have surpassed our expectations."

Proctor and Gatts are hard at work on the next tour, which is scheduled for June 8-17.

Gatts said Jim Martinson, the renowned wheelchair marathoner from Puyallup, Wash., and now an avid golfer, will be one of four veterans from American Lake to make the trek.

On the last hole of the last round of the week, the veterans of the first trip made their way down the 18th fairway of the Old Course while a pipe band played them into town.

"In my mind and in my heart, if I close my eyes I can almost tell you every hole, what it was like, 'til this day," says Reynolds.

"Without a doubt, that was the best round of golf I've played in my life," says Domme. "It leaves you speechless to try to understand it."

Slaybaugh, in trying to express it, started, "That's one of the great things . . .," then corrected, "No, it's *the* greatest thing I've ever done in my life."

Bart Potter has taught journalism at a public college and private university, and won awards for sports writing and news reporting as a daily journalist. He manages the golf and travel website, greygoateegolf.com.

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As an avid golfer, and someone who is paid to develop programs to get more people golfing, I am somewhat embarrassed to admit that I failed to get my own daughter interested. Not only does she not golf, she has little passion for any sport, although to be fair she does work out regularly.

My seven-year-old granddaughter, on

the other hand, is enrolled in soccer, T-ball, swimming, skating and has taken lessons in both tennis and golf. The other day she said to me, "Grandpa, I kind of like this sport stuff."

I would love for her to play golf and I would love to spend the next decade watching her learn to compete and perhaps even play in some of our junior events. That would be my dream, but it is up to her to decide which sport she might have a passion to pursue. In the meantime, she is improving her "physical literacy" through learning to run, jump, kick, throw and hit so that she can be successful with any sport she decides to play.

Sport Wales has a great YouTube video that explains physical literacy and I would encourage finding it through Google. Kathy Gook, our director of school golf who manages "Playground to Fairway," our elementary school program, is always bringing new toys into the office to see if they might enhance our program. Sometimes I



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sic moves they set the groundwork to have success no matter what sport they try.

We teach physical literacy as part of our program and I see the same thing when I watch other sports being taught. The sport sector has embraced the Canadian Sport for Life policy and the long-term athlete development programs that every sport has developed. The cornerstone of all these programs is the same: let's get kids active for life.

My granddaughter has come with me to a golf course and we have spent time looking for animals on the course, bugs in the water hazards and she is fascinated that occasionally a ladybug will sit on my ball. I hope she is seeing golf as a fun sport and nothing to be intimidated about.

Time will tell if I am successful in developing in her a passion for golf. We did arrive 10 minutes early for her golf class over spring break and in that time she drew me a picture. The smile on the face of the girl in the drawing gives me hope that I have a chance.

Let's all get involved with our children and grandchildren and introduce them to sports. If we develop their physical literacy when they are young, they will have the skill to be successful at whatever age they decide to try golf.



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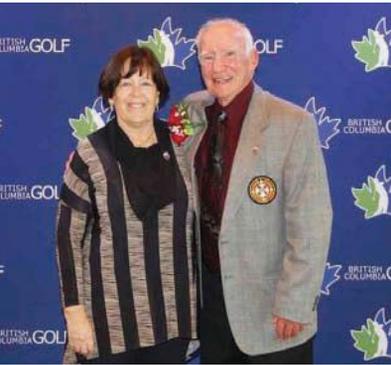
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Clark and Faithfull receive BC Golf's Distinguished Service Award

At British Columbia Golf's 11th Annual General Meeting, held in early April at Mayfair Lakes G&CC in Richmond, Betty Clark and George Faithfull were honoured with the Association's Distinguished Service Award. The two devoted volunteers were acknowledged with the distinction for their hard work and significant volunteer contributions to British Columbia Golf.

Clark began working for the British Columbia Golf Association in 1988 and remained with the Association for 20 years. She volunteered on the provincial, club and zone levels, despite working full time, and has continued to be an active volunteer ever since her retirement.

Congratulations were extended to Faithfull, a Royal Colwood Golf Club Lifetime Member, by Doug Alexander, President of Golf Canada, demonstrating that the volunteer contributions of Faithfull have been acknowledged at all levels of golf in Canada. Hailed as a mentor, Faithfull has volunteered at countless events provincially and nationally, and served as president of British Columbia Golf from 2008-2010.



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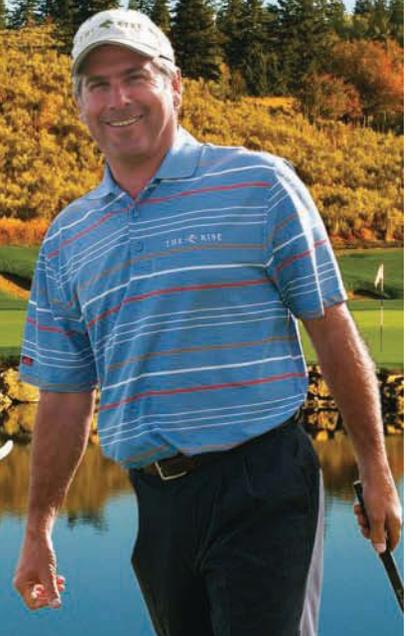
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