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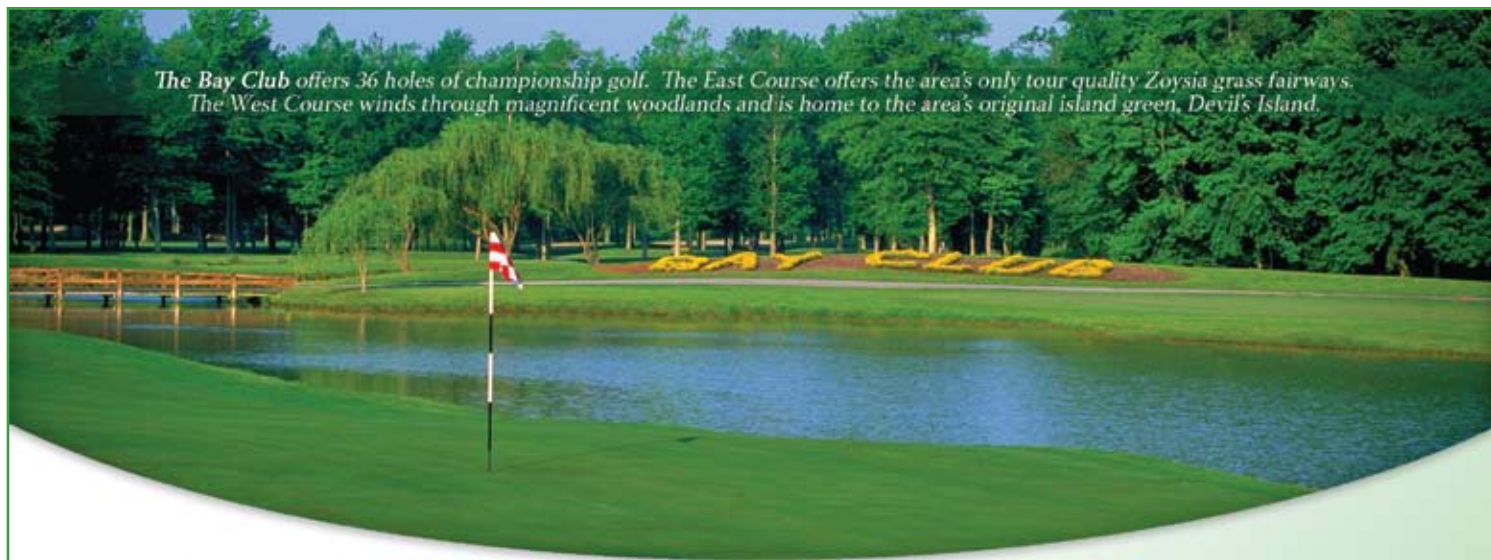
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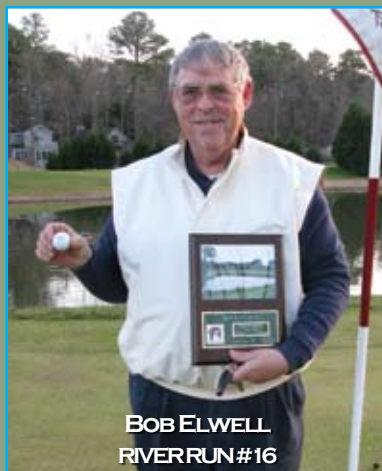
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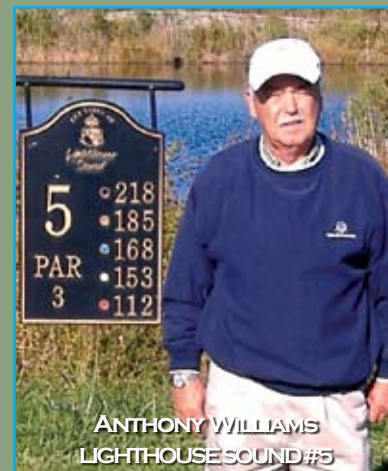
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**MAYOR WILLIAMS TAKES A BREAK
FROM HIS HECTIC SCHEDULE TO READ
EASTERN SHORE GOLF MAGAZINE**

Mayor Williams of Berlin, MD and his family are as rich in history and tradition as the game of golf itself. His grandfather opened Worcester County's first tavern back in 1933, acquiring the very first liquor license #0001. Mayor Williams worked numerous jobs at his granddad's tavern at an early age. He bused tables, cleaned dishes and started racking pool balls at the age of ten. The Williams tavern was located where the Taylor Bank of Berlin now stands. One of the world's best pool players, Willie Masconi christened one of the pool tables there in an exhibition match that was held at the tavern. Mayor Williams still has that table to this day at his home where he shares it with friends.

Over the years the Mayor has enjoyed great Eastern Shore golf experiences. In 1959 at the age of eleven, a young Gee caddied the opening day at the OCEAN CITY GOLF & YACHT CLUB; the same club that he later joined and stayed a member for twenty seven years. He says "The hospitality of the people at OCEAN CITY GOLF & YACHT laid the foundation for other clubs in the area to try and emulate." He also had the fortunate pleasure of playing side by side with Gary Player in an exhibition at RIVER RUN GOLF CLUB.

Mayor Williams considers himself a bogey golfer. In 1992 he started the Eastern Shore's first golf publication, Shore Golf. He ran the magazine successfully for seven years with a very similar format that the Eastern Shore Golf Magazine is now providing. Mayor Williams sold the magazine in 1999 to Thompson Newspapers. After he sold the magazine, it quickly faded away. "I think it lost its personal touch when I sold it," Mayor Williams said. For thirty years Mayor Williams was in the publication business before getting into politics. He was the VP and Managing Editor for Atlantic Publications, a company that had publications from Rehoboth Beach, DE to Myrtle Beach, SC.

"I have always enjoyed public service and helping others. There is simply no better reward." His wife Betsy must feel the same way for she has been helping kids for years as a guidance counselor at Steven Decatur High School. When not hard at work for the town, Gee enjoys quality time spent with his family, doing yard work and shooting pool. Thank you, Mayor Williams for your time and service.

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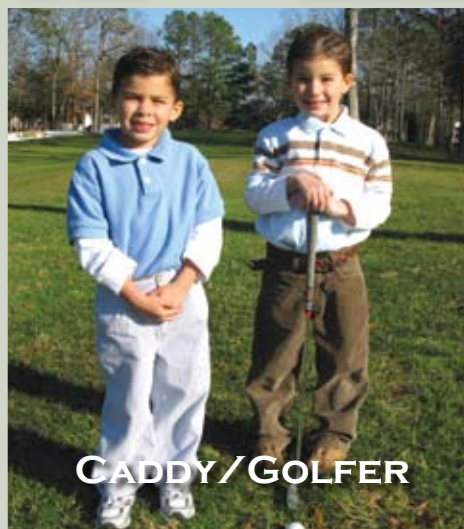
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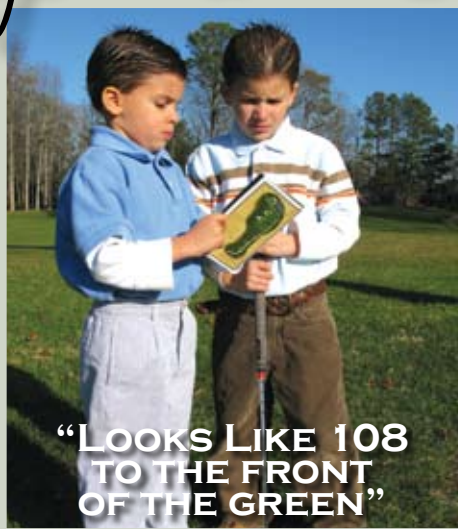
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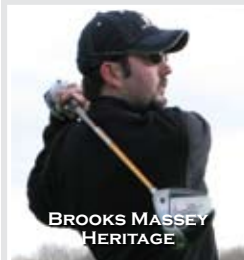


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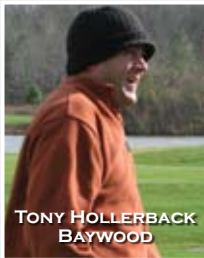
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Kris began playing golf at age eight, taking lessons with Edwin Crowder (SAPGA) at Hunter's Oak in 1998, and playing at the TALBOT COUNTRY CLUB in Easton, MD with his friends and father. Up until the summer of 2008, Kris' only tournament golf experience was in the Elite Players Tour in the summer of 2002, and playing on the golf team at St. Peter and Paul High School, which competes in the MIAA-A conference against such Baltimore powers as Gilman, St. Paul's, Calvert Hall and Mt. St. Joseph. While he liked the game and had God-given talent to play it, it wasn't his passion. He managed to end the 2007 golf season with a handicap index of 5.4.

Ice hockey has always been Kris' true passion and had it not been for an injury sustained in April of 2008 during a try-out for the Washington Junior Nationals, he would have likely continued his pursuit of ice hockey as the avenue for attending college. In fact, he was offered a contract to play for the Philadelphia Junior Thunder (Junior A) for the 2008-2009 season. He turned it down to focus on his golf game this past summer and attend college in the fall of 2009 vs. playing Juniors for another two years. He began the summer golf season with a handicap of 5.4 at TALBOT COUNTRY CLUB. After an un-inspiring spring 2008 high school season of mainly match play, his first stroke play tournament of the summer was the Talbot Optimist Junior Tournament, which was a one day stroke play event held at HARBOURTOWN GOLF RESORT in St. Michaels, MD. This was a course Kris had only played once in a scramble event a year before. Kris shot 74 (par 70), tied for first place, and eventually lost to Drew Mylnarski (very good local junior player at HARBOURTOWN) in a playoff. Kris turned 18 a week later, which precluded his participation in any more Junior events.



Kris' Next tournament was the Men's Delmarva PGA Amateur held at NUTTER'S CROSSING on July 19th and 20th. Kris opened with a disappointing 77 (par 70), and came back with a two under 68 on day two to jump into a tie for 6th place with a two day total of 145. It was after this tournament that his game and confidence began to rise. Three weeks later, Kris entered the Men's Caroline Invitational at the CAROLINE COUNTRY CLUB in Denton, MD and shot a two day total of 150 (73-77) in the Championship flight to win the event by two strokes against a strong field of previous winners and club champions from other local clubs including the EASTERN SHORE GOLF MAGAZINE Champion and two time OCEAN PINES CLUB CHAMPION Dana Cooper. In the following two weekends, Kris advanced to the semi-finals of the TALBOT COUNTRY CLUB Championships, only to be beaten by the 21 time TCC champion Will Shannhan, two and one in match play. Since the end of the summer, Kris has continued to work hard on his game, taking lessons with Marc Kimminau at TALBOT COUNTRY CLUB, John Bierkan at Caves Valley and Don Meadows at Quail Valley in Vero Beach, FL. His USGA index is now down to a .9 as of November 2, 2008. As he prepares for his senior season at St. Peter and Paul, Kris' expectations are extremely high for himself. Good luck Kris. We will be rooting for you!

Eastern Shore's Pride – MLB HAROLD BAINES



Harold Baines has lived on the Eastern Shore his whole life. Growing up in St. Michaels, MD, he only knew one sport and it wasn't golf. The talent that God blessed him with has something to do with another small white ball. Baseball. Harold played baseball like no one has or maybe ever will on the Eastern Shore. Harold was so good that he was drafted the first round, straight out of high school, at just eighteen years old. Imagine the shock that must have been for the young Eastern Shore youth! Harold handled it all with such class and dignity that he has made the Eastern Shore proud.

For twenty two years he excelled in the league batting 290+ in fifteen of those years. You can imagine that after 2830 games and 9908 bats, one's body would take a beating. Harold's knees took the brunt of the punishment. He recently had his fifth knee surgery in the past ten years. You won't hear Harold complaining about it either. He just counts his blessings. He is now enjoying coaching with The White Sox.

Now that Harold is done swinging the big stick, he enjoys swinging a skinny graphite club. He picked up the game of golf around the age of thirty. When he was with the White Sox he would play in charity tournaments and, being the athlete he is, quickly worked his handicap down to an eleven. He has played charity tourneys at Pebble Beach and Pine Valley. He is a proud member of THE EASTON GOLF CLUB and plays whenever he can. He played very well at THE EASTERN SHORE GOLF MAGAZINE CHAMPIONSHIPS taking fifth place. His career low round of 73 was at CAMBRIDGE COUNTRY CLUB. He also has a hole in one at HARBORSIDE INTERNATIONAL.

Harold has always been a generous person. For fifteen years, he has held golf tourneys in the area to benefit underprivileged children through scholarships. The Harold Baines Scholarship Fund Tourney helped over twenty kids obtain their goals. The thing he misses most while playing and coaching MLB is his family. Harold is a proud husband to Marla and they just celebrated their 25th anniversary. He is also extremely proud of his children; Antoinette, Britni, Harold, Jr. and Courtney. While on the road he also misses his mom's homemade crabcakes!

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A native of Baltimore, Rob and his family would vacation in Ocean City when he was growing up. His parents now live here in Ocean Pines. So when he got the opportunity to become the head pro at Glen Riddle, it just felt right. Rob has been with the PGA for twenty four years now and has had the luxury of working near the beach most of his career. Prior to coming to Glen Riddle, he was a pro at Westview Golf and Country in Miami, FL and Sawgrass Ponte Verde in Jacksonville, FL. He was named assistant of the year in 2002 from the Northern Florida region because of his hard work and the ability to make members enjoy their club. While in Miami, he welcomed some big names including Michael Jordan, Scottie Pippen, Matt Damon, Lawrence Taylor and a bunch of other celebrities. Little did those celebs know that Rob was as eccentric as they were.

Rob is a lot deeper than just a great golf pro. He spends his time away from the course creating beautiful artwork, jamming out on his guitar, and riding the open road on his Harley. Rob's dad introduced him to golf at the age of ten and he has many great memories from over the years including playing Teeth of The Dog in Dominican Republic, Congressional, Bulle Rock, Sawgrass and many other beautiful courses. Rob has won multiple Pro-Ams and also double eagled at Sawgrass Country Club on his birthday. Rob uses his art background while teaching. He says "I help students to create mental images to envision proper technique." Obviously it's working. "I really enjoy the two beautifully unique and challenging courses we provide here at GlenRiddle. I have a great staff and great members." To join GlenRiddle or to contact Rob for lessons, call 410-213-2325.

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REHOBOTH BEACH COUNTRY CLUB

← BY JEFF DEAN

Mike Maney pretty much knew what he wanted to do in life as soon as he got out of high school. The 37-year old Golf Course Superintendent at the REHOBOTH BEACH COUNTRY CLUB said he got his first job at the famed Dupont Country Club in Wilmington, Delaware, when the course was the still the host of the LPGA Major, The McDonald's Championships. "I was 18 years old with a real job," he said simply. "I had a full-time salary and benefits. Why change?"

Eventually, though, he said he rose as high in the company as his experience and education would allow, so he took the advice of his boss and went to college at Rutgers University in New Jersey. Armed with his degree in Agronomy, he reunited with that same boss at a different course in Pennsylvania, before eventually accepting the superintendent job at REHOBOTH BEACH COUNTRY CLUB. "The membership here is incredible," he said. "They really care about the condition of their course, and they pretty much give me whatever I need to keep it healthy."



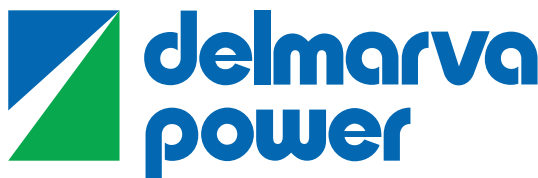
Which is a challenge, he explained, given the strong, salty winds and occasional tidal flooding his course endures, challenges he never had to face in Northern Delaware and Southern Pennsylvania.

"Luckily I have an excellent crew," he said. He said the club has undertaken several large scale projects this fall, all now complete, including raising the 12th fairway six inches, rebunkering and building a new tee, as well as rebunkering on 14 and 15.

"One of our signatures here is our 19th hole," he said. "We maintain 19 holes so that when we're working on a hole we can close it completely and still give the members 18 full holes to play." That is definitely a luxury most courses do not enjoy.

Maney said when he is not working, he goes fishing in the ocean as often as possible, and spends time with his wife, Tristan, and their two year old daughter, Hannah.

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It's hard to imagine that anyone has a better job than Bobby Vermillion. Bobby is the host for the Resort Golf Guide and Endless Golf television programs in which he interviews head golf professionals while playing along side them and reviewing their courses. Bobby has played over 200 courses across the nation and has interviewed such greats as Marc Omeara and Chi Chi Rodriguez.



Bobby's first love was baseball as a young man. He played four years for Salisbury University Baseball Team before graduating in 1982. After graduating, he moved to Ocean City and worked various jobs like running boat rentals and working at a few nightclubs such as Samantha's, Paddock and the Greene Turtle restaurant. In 1987 he started working for 96ROCK. During that time he started playing and coaching in the Eastern Shore Baseball League. From 1987-1993 he did so well that he was inducted into their Hall of Fame.

In 1989, he met one of his best friends, Tom Perlozzo. Tom introduced Bobby to this wonderful game of golf. Twenty years and hundreds of interviews and rounds of golf later, Bobby is reaping the rewards of all of his hard work. He produces, hosts and sells the advertising for the Resort Golf Guide and Endless Golf putting together twenty six shows a year.



Over the years, Bobby has played some great golf shooting a 69 at EAGLE'S LANDING and making a hole in one at LIGHTHOUSE SOUND #3.

Bobby is married to his beautiful wife Angela, has an older brother Donnie who lives in PA, and has more golfing buddies than Tiger. Bobby is a big fan of horse racing and an even bigger fan of the BALTIMORE RAVENS where he has been a season ticket holder since they moved into the "Big Crabcake". You can watch all of Bobby's interviews, Toyota Cup Challenge, and course reviews by going to www.endlessgolf.com.

← BY RAY TARANTO

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←BY BOB CROLL

1ST PLACE TEAM JEFF RIPPLE, LARRY BRANT, JERRY RIPPLE, JOEY ALBRIGHT



3 TIME GREEN HILL CLUB CHAMPION & THE GODFATHER OF HIGH SCHOOL GOLF SENIOR BUTCH WALLER



Butch Waller is an incredibly giving man who is the original Godfather of high school golf here on the Eastern Shore. Back in 1976, there was no competitive golf for high school kids other than informal matches at local clubs. Thirty five years later, and thanks to Butch's hard work, the BAYSIDE GOLF high school division is thriving. Until he handed the reigns over to Steven Decatur golf coach, Jim Krall a couple of years ago, Butch was the driving force behind the BAYSIDE GOLF league.

The high school golf league consists of two divisions;

BAYSIDE NORTH Kent Island HS, Queen Anne, Kernal Richardson, Kent County, Easton, St. Michaels, Cambridge, North Dorchester, North Caroline

BAYSIDE SOUTH Wi Hi, Parkside, Bennett, Mardela, Crisfield, Washington, Pocomoke, Snow Hill, Decatur

When he reads about many players in the EASTERN SHORE GOLF MAGAZINE, he feels the satisfaction of a proud Godfather. "Many of these players played in the Bayside Division; it makes me proud to see them growing into fine people and players," Butch says.

Butch was born and raised in Salisbury, MD and has been a member at GREEN HILL GOLF CLUB for forty two years winning the club championship three times. David Wyatt introduced Butch to the game when they were in their twenties. David Wyatt is Mitch Wyatt's father. Mitch is one of the best golfers to ever play on the Eastern Shore but that is another story. Butch has always been very competitive and was a 3 Sport letter at Wi Hi graduating in '58. After college, he became a PE teacher at Wi Hi, a position he recently retired from after forty two years. He still coaches the Wi Hi basketball team, mentoring high school kids.

He plays in a Wednesday golf league with fifteen of his buddies in a match play series. His partner is another Eastern Shore golf legend, Tom Ruark. Two man teams playing in the league are Bob Moore and Ron Hodges, Bob Mitchell and Murph McLaughlin, Chris Beebe and Mike Cleary, Bob McGee and Corville Niblett, Ron Daily and Brian Tregoe, Mitch Wyatt and Killian, Spencer Waller and Mike Grims. Thank you Butch for doing great things for the kids here on the shore! ←BY RAY TARANTO



SHORE UP! WITH THE GAME COACH

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The New Year is a time when we resolve to make changes for the better. Often those resolutions include fitness goals aimed at improving our health. However many golfers are hesitant about working out or resistance training because they fear it may negatively effect their swing. There are three words that should ease those concerns: Woods, Mickelson and Singh. The best on Tour credit their workout routines as invaluable in the development of their golf game. They understand the critical balance between mental acumen and physical ability that exists within all sports, and they commit themselves to a regiment that adequately attends to each.

The key to a successful workout routine for golfers is to incorporate sport-specific exercises that improve the body's ability to swing a club. A great starting point is flexibility. Driving a golf ball requires the body to move through an extended range of motion. Becoming more flexible through the shoulders, hips, lower back and hamstrings can greatly increase potential swing power.

Exercises that improve balance can also assist in maximizing performance. Controlling the center of gravity is critical for efficient muscle movements and developing a repeatable swing. Adding balance training to a workout routine has dual benefits: it addresses the physical by strengthening our core, and the mental by focusing our concentration.

Once we have incorporated flexibility and balance training into our routine we are ready to increase our muscular strength. Weight or Resistance Training for golfers is necessary for three primary reasons: maintaining the proper spine angle, efficiently transferring body weight and developing swing speed. Remember, stronger equals longer!

The final aspect of our sport-specific workout is endurance training. Golfers typically swing a club close to 1000 times over a weeklong tour. Improving the ability to efficiently transport oxygen to the body's working regions and developing the overall endurance capacity of the muscular system can delay fatigue.

Ready? Set. Wait. Always consult your physician before beginning a fitness program. Then get at it!

The Moral: 'Tis The Season!

POCOMOKE *WARRIORS* HIGH SCHOOL COACH & SON

JOHN BOSTON, JR. & MARY KAY CORBIN



Most golfers will admit to having a love-hate relationship with golf, but 25-year old John Boston's roller coaster ride goes much deeper than that. As a high school standout, Boston nearly won Player of the Year honors in the Bayside South conference his senior year. Afterwards he went on to college and burned out completely after one semester, thanks in part to an overzealous coach. He says he quit golf, came home and finished a four-year degree in

agriculture at UMES. "I lost the passion to play. Golf was always big in my family, but my mother always told me there's more to life than golf. You have to do well in school, and you have to work. I stopped enjoying golf, so I stopped playing for two years."

Fortunately, he's rekindled his love for the game, thanks in large part, he said, to the Eastern Shore Golf Magazine Championships that he won in October. Not having played in individual competition for years, he signed up for the B-flight, then went out and shot the lowest round (74) of any player in the tournament on a day with driving wind, torrential rain, and cooler temperatures. "That was the worst conditions I've ever played in," he said with a laugh. "Standing on that first tee I thought man, this is going to be a long day." On the contrary, it may be the day that saved his golf career. "I had fun," he explained, sounding surprised. "I felt like I was in high school again. I felt like I did back when I enjoyed playing golf. Now I'm looking forward to next year and I have a reason to play now, and to practice."

Boston's mother, Mary Kay Corbin, listened to the excitement in her son's voice and smiled. She said golf was always something their family did together. Corbin is the coach of the Pocomoke High School golf team, a job she says she enjoys as much for the friends she makes as for the golf. "Any time we come in the top three or four feels great," she said, "but my favorite part is seeing how the players improve over the season, and where they finish. My husband and I also cook dinner for the kids three times during the season. That's what I love about coaching. I like interacting with the kids like that." "Golf is a sport people can play their whole lives. I remind my players of that a lot, and no matter what, I try to make sure they enjoy playing." Corbin also won this year's Bayside South Coach's Cup, an informal net-score competition between the coaches, in which the winner gets to keep the trophy for a year. "It's all mine," she laughed. ←BY JEFF DEAN

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S E N I O R JACK NELSON BEATS JACK NICKLAUS

When asked to share the highlight of his golfing career, 71-year old Jack Nelson does not have to think about it at all.

The Pennsylvania native who became a professional golfer at the age of 18, who has played hundreds of courses around the world, including St. Andrews and Pebble Beach, explained that the highlight of his whole career came on his home course, White Manor Country Club in Malvern, Penn.

"I was in my office when some friends came in and said they had somebody with them I should play with. I went out to the tee and there was Jack Nicklaus. I was 23 years old, he was 20. He was still an amateur, but everybody knew who he was."

Nelson said it got even better, since word spread quickly around the club and the match turned into an exhibition match. Nelson chose the perfect day to have the perfect round, and shot a 64 to Nicklaus' 68.

Well, almost the perfect round. "I missed a two-foot putt on the last hole," he laughed.

With game like that, the next question was obvious. Why not try to make the PGA Tour?

"I thought about it," Nelson said, "but back then it wasn't like it is now. For one thing I was in the Service for several years. For another thing I was married with children. My wife said we should buy a trailer and give it a go, but I didn't want to uproot my family like that. Of course, sometimes I wonder... but I don't regret my decision at all. Not at all."

Indeed, Nelson is very proud of his family and made a special note of bragging on those five children and 12 grandchildren.

He also took time to share his amazement at the incredible quality of golf courses on the Delmarva Peninsula. "Look around," he said. "We have courses designed by Nicklaus, Palmer, Player. We have a dozen top-notch courses in this area. It's really incredible."

← BY JEFF DEAN





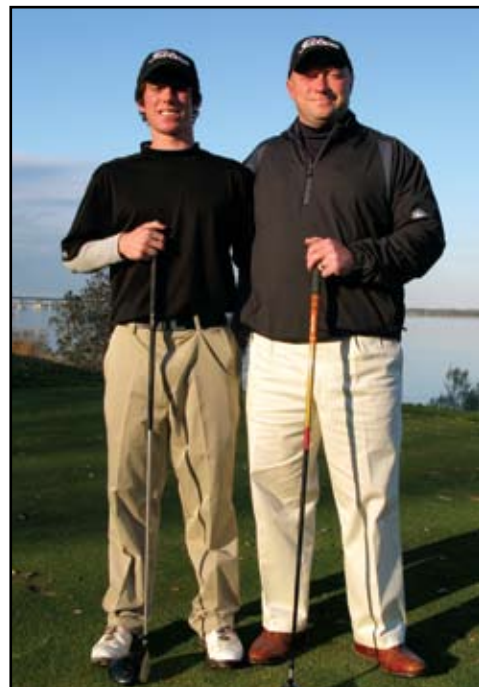
BRENNAN & JOE WALLMAN “LIKE FATHER LIKE SON”

EASTON HIGH'S TOP PLAYER
& CAMBRIDGE HYATT'S DIRECTOR OF GOLF

Senior Brennan Wallman, son of Joe Wallman, has been Easton High School's top golfer for the past two years. This year Brennan played really well and contended for the state championship, playing in the final group. Although he fell a little short of his goal of winning the states, he has plenty to be proud of. Brennan has a handicap of 4 and is a scratch student, boasting an impressive 3.5 grade point average. He shot a career low of 71 at THE RIVER MARSH COUNTRY CLUB at the Cambridge Hyatt. During one of his matches this year, he also hit his first hole in one.

With the father he has, there is no wonder why Brennan is doing so well. Joe Wallman is the Director of Golf at THE RIVER MARSH GOLF COURSE and knows the business very well. While others struggled, Joe was named 2008 “Merchandiser of the Year” for the Mid Atlantic Region of the PGA. With his pro shop price matching, custom club fitting and excellent staff, Joe stands proud. Joe's work ethic has been a shining example for his four children; Brennan, Sara, Riley and Connor. Not only do his own children look up to him but so do plenty of other young golfers that have been mentored by Joe. Joe started a ten week golf academy for 9th-12th graders in which he taught fundamentals of the game to nineteen students. His expertise was evident when twelve of the nineteen made it to the state championships.

Joe gives credit to his loving wife of nineteen years, Sharon. Being a member of the PGA for the past thirteen years, Joe has had to move the family a few times. “Without Sharon's support, it would have been very difficult for me to move up in this business.” If you would like to have Joe help you or your child's game, you may contact him at 410.901.6397. ←BY RAY TARANTO





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Big Justin is starting his 5th season at THE BEACH CLUB Golf Course as the Head Pro. Justin may look like a bodyguard or bouncer but don't let his size fool you. His golf swing is as smooth as can be and his presence is that of a gentle giant.

His dad introduced him to golf at the age of nine and he has always enjoyed the game. One of his biggest passions though is music. He is an accomplished tuba player that once played at Carnegie Hall. After graduating from Salisbury University with a music degree, he landed an assistant pro job at OCEAN PINES COUNTRY CLUB. Working under Bob Beckelman, for whom Justin has great respect, he learned the crafts of running tournaments, assisting members, teaching, and all of the ins and outs of the clubhouse. He then took an assistant pro position at NASSAWANGO GOLF COURSE under Tim Brittingham, another mentor Justin gives thanks to.

Prior to coming to the shore, he lived in Laurel, MD where he played on his high school golf team and first worked at a golf course, PATUXENT GREENS of Laurel. It was there that he worked for head pro Brad Schefelbean. "Brad helped me with my swing and really improved my game," according to Justin. It was also there that Justin hit his first hole in one.

When not at THE BEACH CLUB, Justin enjoys fishing, bowling and spending time with his family. His wife Elizabeth and two sons, Thomas and Jacob, are the biggest joys in his life. He is a big fan of his mom's cooking and is looking forward to having a great '09 season at THE BEACH CLUB. ←BY RAY TARANTO

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One of the most boring subjects on the earth is the grip. I personally have avoided this subject as much as possible in my long career as a golf instructor, only breaching the matter out of necessity with beginners, and fear with the "grip so bad they have no chance" crowd. However, I have come to realize that many who struggle for years with golf do so because they have never gripped the club properly and have forever had to

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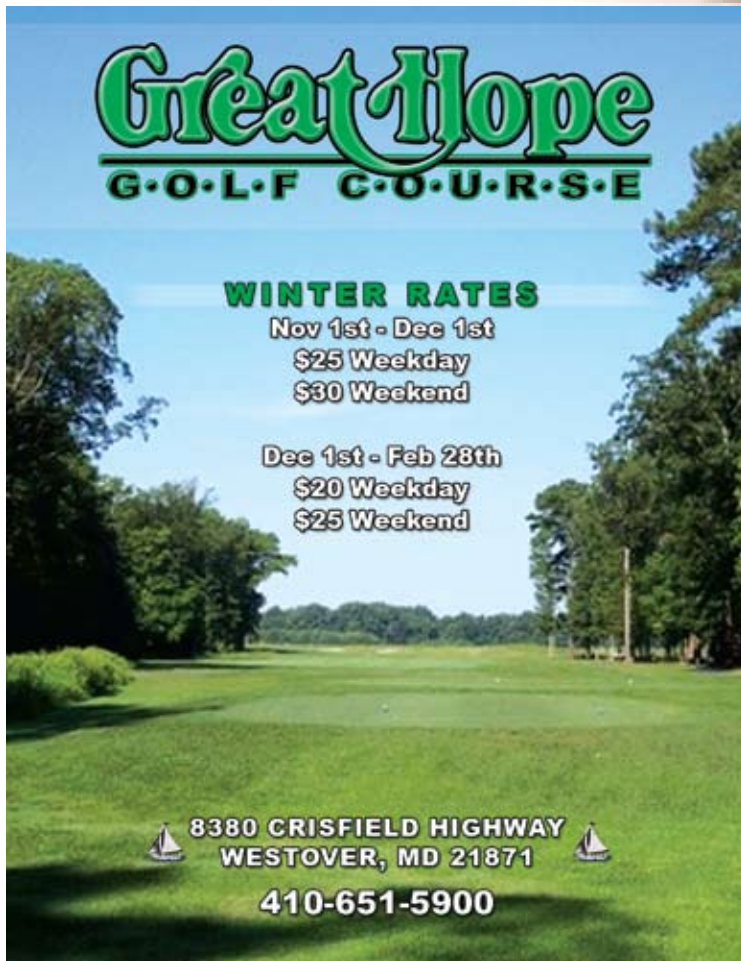
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they have nothing to unlearn first. No bad habits to break before enlightenment can strike. This is the case with the grip. It is much easier to learn the grip from scratch, than to change an existing poor one.

A proper grip is essential to good golf. It is the base on which the golf swing rests. Get it right and everything else becomes much easier. That is not to say that the golf swing is easy, because it is not. It is really, really hard. But a proper grip increases the chances of success 100 fold. Hold the club properly and the arms tend to swing on plane, the wrists cock and release naturally, the clubface squares through



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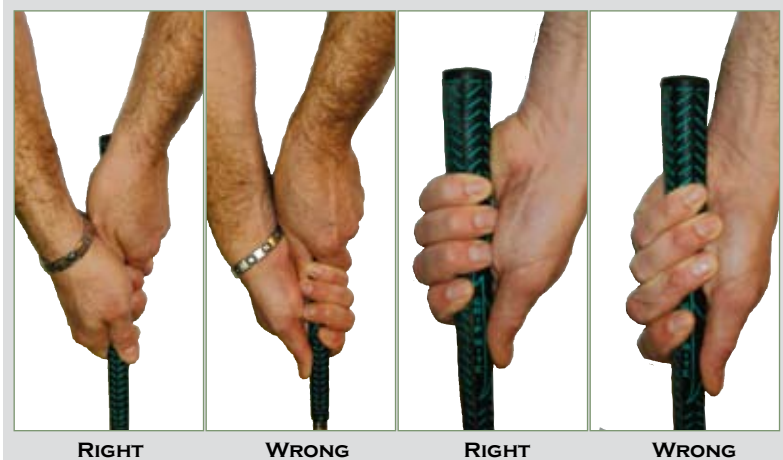
Most mistakes with the grip are made by placing the club too deep in the hands: keep the club in the fingers. Others are made by turning the right hand (for righties) too far under: keep the right hand palm facing the target...not the sky!

If the pictures do not help, see a PGA Professional for a short lesson on grip (I'll give a free 5 minute grip lesson to anyone...please call first), or go over the steps for proper gripping in virtually any golf instruction book or magazine.

Change your grip, change your game (for the better).
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STEVE MENZ, PGA ASST PRO AT CRIPPLE CREEK

Steve is originally from Butler, PA and is starting his second season with the prestigious Cripple Creek Golf Club as the Asst. Pro to Brian Trout. Steve has a golden smile and after a ten minute chat with him I realized that he has a lot to smile about. In just the past couple years, he relocated to the Eastern Shore, won the Deer Run Club Championship, married his beautiful lady, started working at Cripple Creek and met many new friends. Personally, I didn't see anything wrong with Steve, except for one little thing...He's a STEELERS FAN! Yeah, a DIE HARD STEELERS FAN. A real loyal one that wears Steelers golf shoes and is most likely to be found at Buxys bar and grill for most Steelers games. Buxys is home base for many Steelers fans. Oh well, I guess there could be worse things for Steve.

Steve is an excellent golfer and was featured on Titliest.com. He has hit two hole in ones and has scored low rounds of 65 at Deer Run and 66 at River Run. Steve is a dedicated PGA member that prior to Cripple Creek worked at Fox Chapel Golf Club in the Pittsburgh area, a club that hosted the 2002 Curtis Cup. Steve played college golf at Theil University and was named to the All-Conference team. Steve's father, who recently passed, taught him the game of golf and once caddied for one of golf's legends, Arnold Palmer. His mom, brother and sister all enjoy the game of golf as well.

When not working with Brian and their members, Steve enjoys spending time with his wife, keeping his yard tight, playing his guitar, and playing Madden 09. Steve is a valuable player on the Cripple Creek team and we wish him continued successes. ←BY RAY TARANTO

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←BY BILLY DILLON – DIRECTOR, PGA GOLF MANAGEMENT UMES



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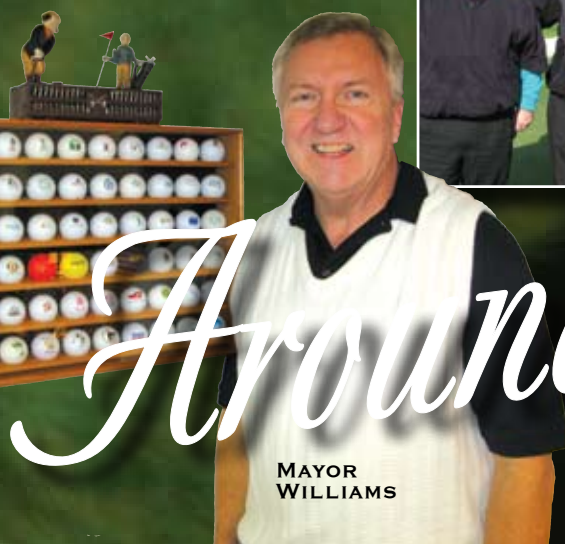
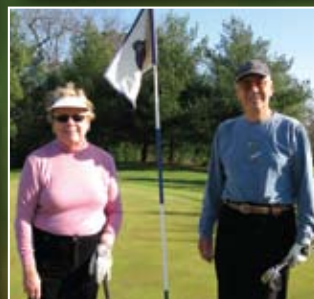



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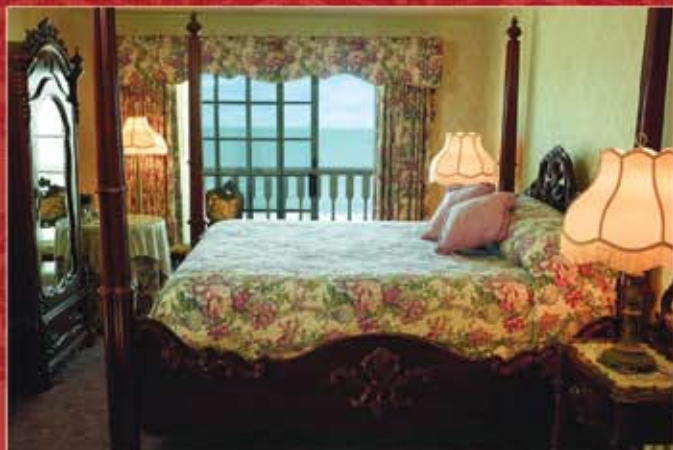


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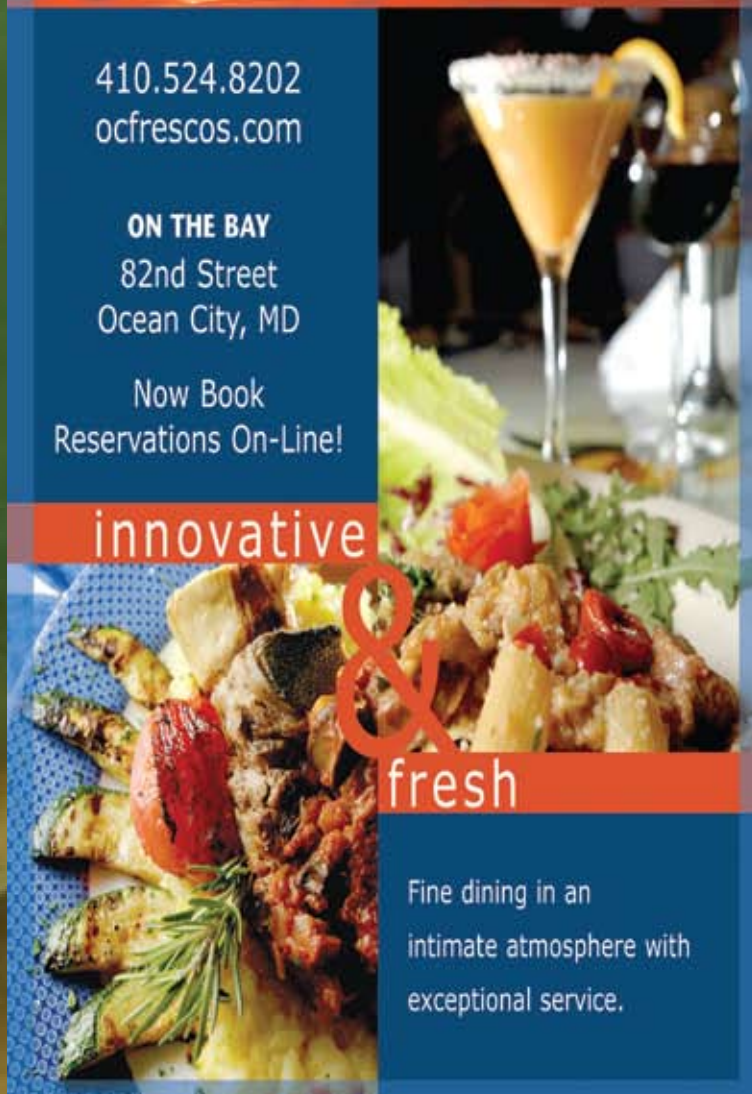
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Campbell University; Buies Creek, N.C. (1999)
Clemson University; Clemson, S.C. (2001)
Coastal Carolina University; Conway, S.C. (1999)
Eastern Kentucky University; Richmond, Ky. (2006)
Ferris State University; Big Rapids, Mich. (1975)
Florida Gulf Coast University; Ft. Myers, Fla. (2005)
Florida State University; Tallahassee, Fla. (1999)
Methodist University; Fayetteville, N.C. (1999)
Mississippi State University; Mississippi State, Miss. (1985)
New Mexico State University; Las Cruces, N.M. (1987)
North Carolina State University; Raleigh, N.C. (2002)
Penn State University; University Park, Pa. (1990)
Sam Houston State University; Huntsville, Texas (2005)
University of Central Oklahoma; Edmond, Okla. (2008)
University of Colorado, Colorado Springs; Colorado Springs, Colo. (2003)
University of Idaho; Moscow, Idaho (2002)
University of Maryland Eastern Shore, Princess Anne, Md. (2008)
University of Nebraska, Lincoln; Lincoln, Neb. (2004)
University of Nevada, Las Vegas; Las Vegas, Nev. (2002)

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