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in loving memory BRIAN WAGNER

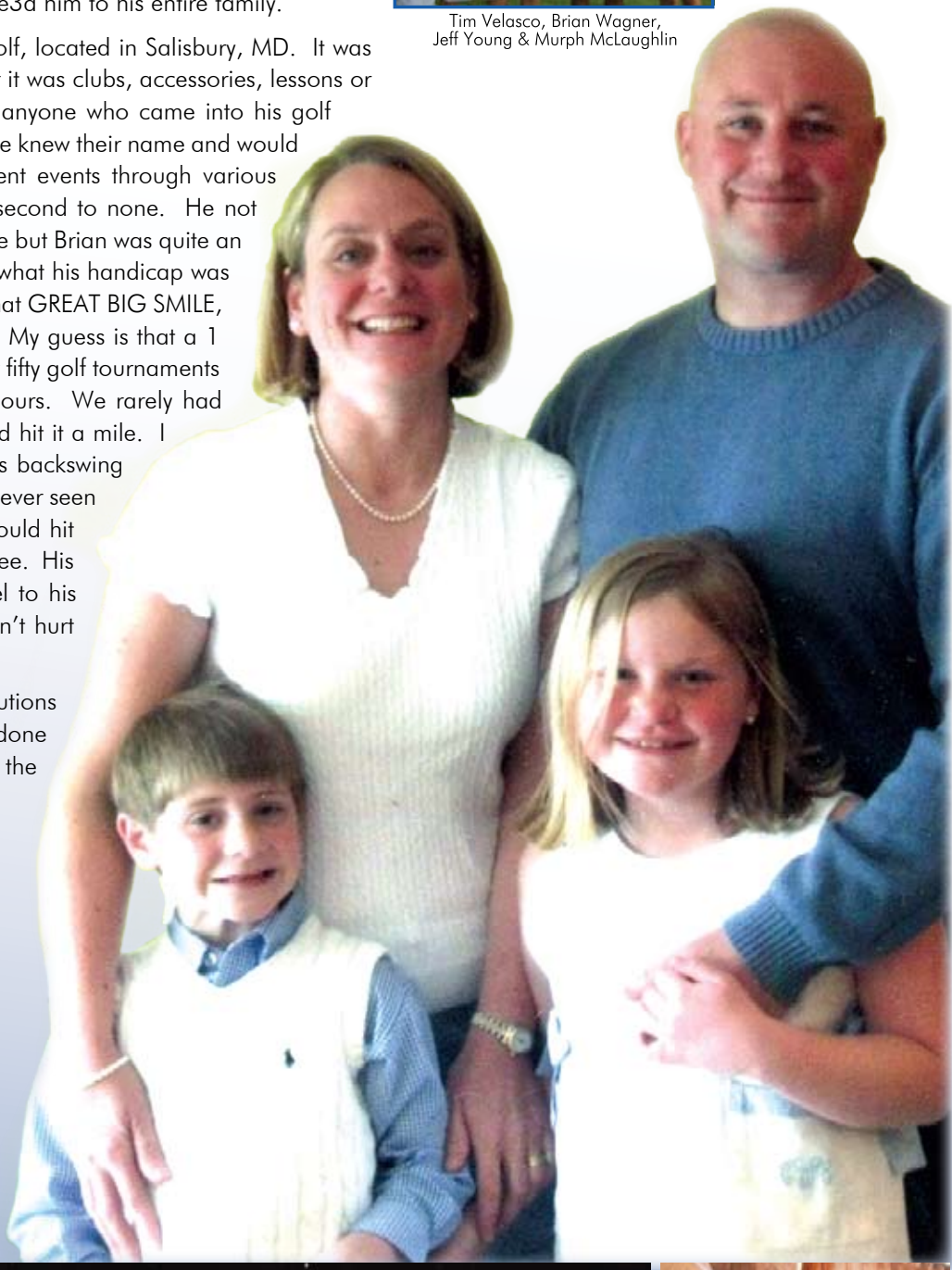
Tim Velasco, Brian Wagner, Jeff Young & Murph McLaughlin

Brian Wagner had numerous passions in his short-lived life. His greatest love without question was his family. His wife, Nicole, daughter Claire, son Grant and both sets of parents, Jack and Jo and Harry and Jean were an integral part of Brian's life. He was a devout father, husband, son and friend. His compassion, commitment, dedication, love, personality and the forever "smile" endeare3d him to his entire family.

Brian owned a retail golf store, Chesapeake Golf, located in Salisbury, MD. It was his passion to help anybody about golf, whether it was clubs, accessories, lessons or general questions. Brian immediately greeted anyone who came into his golf store personally. By the time they left the store, he knew their name and would never forget it! He supported many tournament events through various donations. His love of the game of golf was second to none. He not only understood the technical aspect of the game but Brian was quite an accomplished player himself. If you asked him what his handicap was he would stare at you for a second or two with that GREAT BIG SMILE, nod his head and tell you it's not high enough! My guess is that a 1 was too high. I had the pleasure of playing over fifty golf tournaments with Brian and two other very good friends of ours. We rarely had the chance to drive the ball because Brian could hit it a mile. I mean a mile. Let me explain his swing: Brian's backswing was the shortest backswing of any person I have ever seen in my forty years of playing the game and he could hit the ball three hundred yards consistently off the tee. His hands would never go back more than parallel to his hips! (Having forearms the size of Popeye's didn't hurt him either).

All who knew Brian will remember that his contributions to the game of golf on the Eastern Shore were done from his heart and his passion for anybody be the best they could be!

We miss him dearly.



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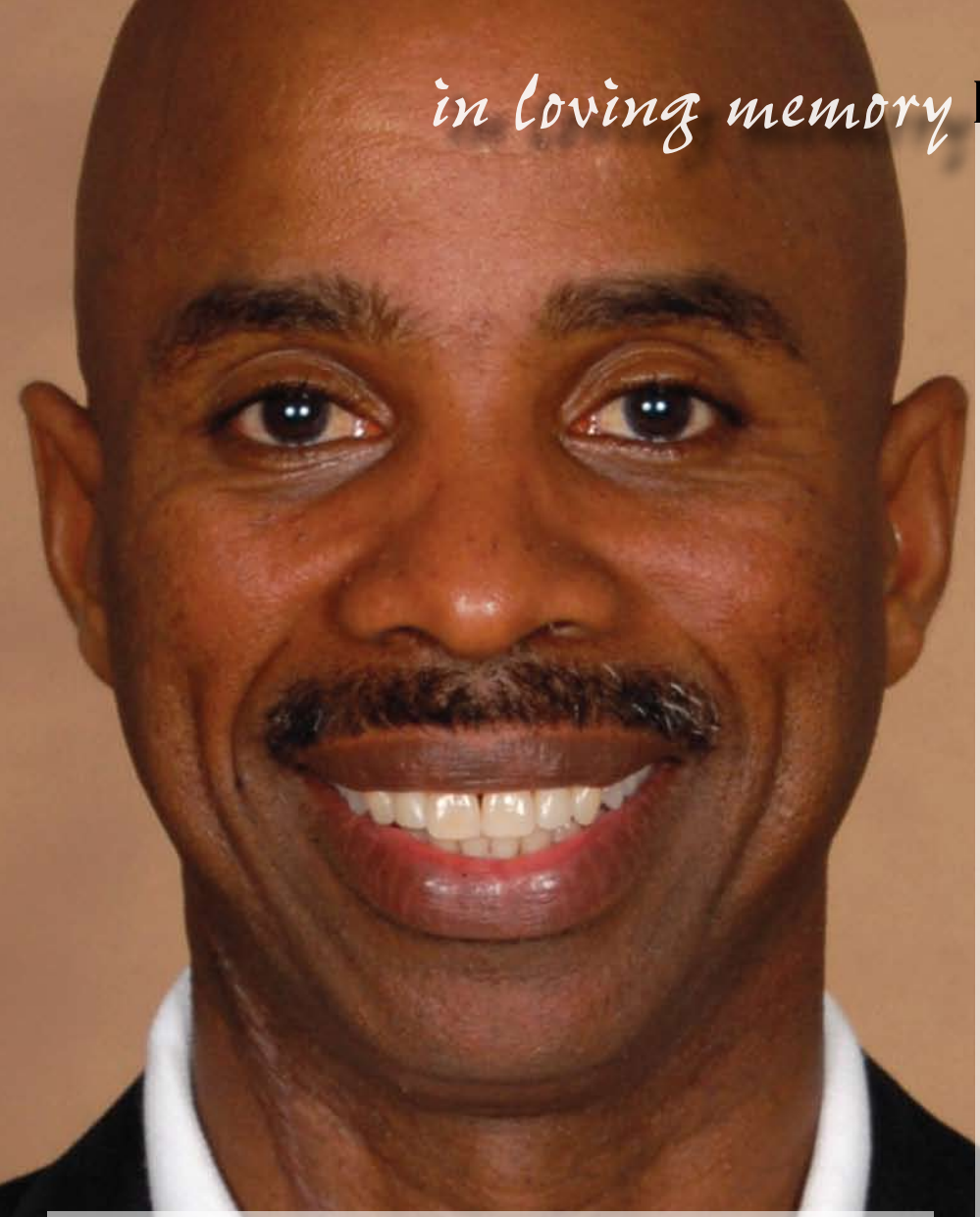
BY JEFF YOUNG

in loving memory DWAYNE PURNELL



Dwayne Purnell was one of the most special men to ever walk this earth. Born in Berlin, MD, Dwayne graduated from Towson University with a degree in Political Science and later earned a Masters degree in Elementary/Secondary Counseling. Dwayne was a great athlete and helped lead his high school basketball team, Cardinal Gibbons to back to back Catholic League Championships averaging ten points a game and was named defensive player of the year. While earning his degree at Towson, he also played for their basketball team. Dwayne was one of four children; sister Angela Wickman and the youngest of three brothers. Like Dwayne, his older brothers are great men too. Oliver Purnell is currently the head basketball coach at Clemson University and Gerald Purnell who is the District Court of Maryland Judge in Worcester County.

Professionally, Dwayne worked in the Indian River School District as a counselor for six years prior to joining the Ocean City Christian School in 2003. He became the heartbeat and school's administrator in 2005. Later, the school changed its name to what is now known as Seaside Christian Academy. Dwayne loved his students as if they were his own children and was creating something very special at Seaside. He greeted every child as they entered each morning with a huge and lovable smile and the students loved him back. Dwayne loved the Lord and lived as an example to others, teaching his students to do the same.

This past July, Dwayne went to PRMC for an angiogram to clear a blockage in one of his arteries. During the procedure, he suffered complications, which prompted emergency bypass surgery. He passed away due to these complications on October 29th at the tender age of forty eight leaving behind his wife Maureen, his four children; Jonathan, Kya, Martece and Kenya and seven grandchildren. Dwayne had an incredible vision and many wonderful things in the works at Seaside Christian Academy when he passed. Thank God he has great teachers and a wonderful supporting team on staff that is willing to keep his dreams alive. With small class sizes, the children get the one on one time they need to excel. With your financial help, those dreams will be realized and we ask that you please give generously to help the Seaside Christian Academy carry on his vision. The school is setting up a Memorial fund and will be hosting the Dwayne Purnell Memorial Golf Tournament on Friday, April 9th at The Bay Club. Please send checks payable to Seaside Christian Academy 12637 A Ocean Gateway Ocean City, MD 21842.

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Back row (l-r) David Brandon, Jerramy Brenton, Michael Szymansic, Kramer Johnson, Christian Schultz-Chapman, Brady Griffith, Logan McGuire, Coach Jim Knauss Front row (l-r) Michele Zhao, Cole Bridges, Wade Myers, Garrett Pfeifer, Dakota Regino, Brie Beecher

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(not pictured Hannah Mills)

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(l-r)Kyle Lynch,Austin Erving,Coach David Hall,Ryan Mason,and Cody Phillips,
Not pictured Kevin Odell

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Bottom row (l-r): David Laremore, Sammy Walls, Joe Harkowa, Jamar Abner
Top row (l-r): Coach Matt Breedlove, Jake Lewin, Colton Davis, Colleen Smith,
Storm Wessels, Greg Colbourne

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(l-r) Zach Taylor, Jake Jones, Nick McGuire, Chris Malone, Coach John Mowbray

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Christopher Prosser, PGA, MBA, CHE

Internship Director

By Billy Dillon

Becoming a PGA Professional was destiny for Christopher Prosser, the Internship Coordinator for the PGA Golf Management Program at the University of Maryland Eastern Shore. A native of Minnesota, Chris got his start in golf like so many of us. His father would play golf on the weekends and Chris would often ask his dad if he could tag along. His dad gave him his first set of golf clubs when he was five years old. Chris started taking lessons and participated in a local junior golf league. At ten, Chris won his first Junior Club Championship at Rich Acres Golf Club in Minnesota.

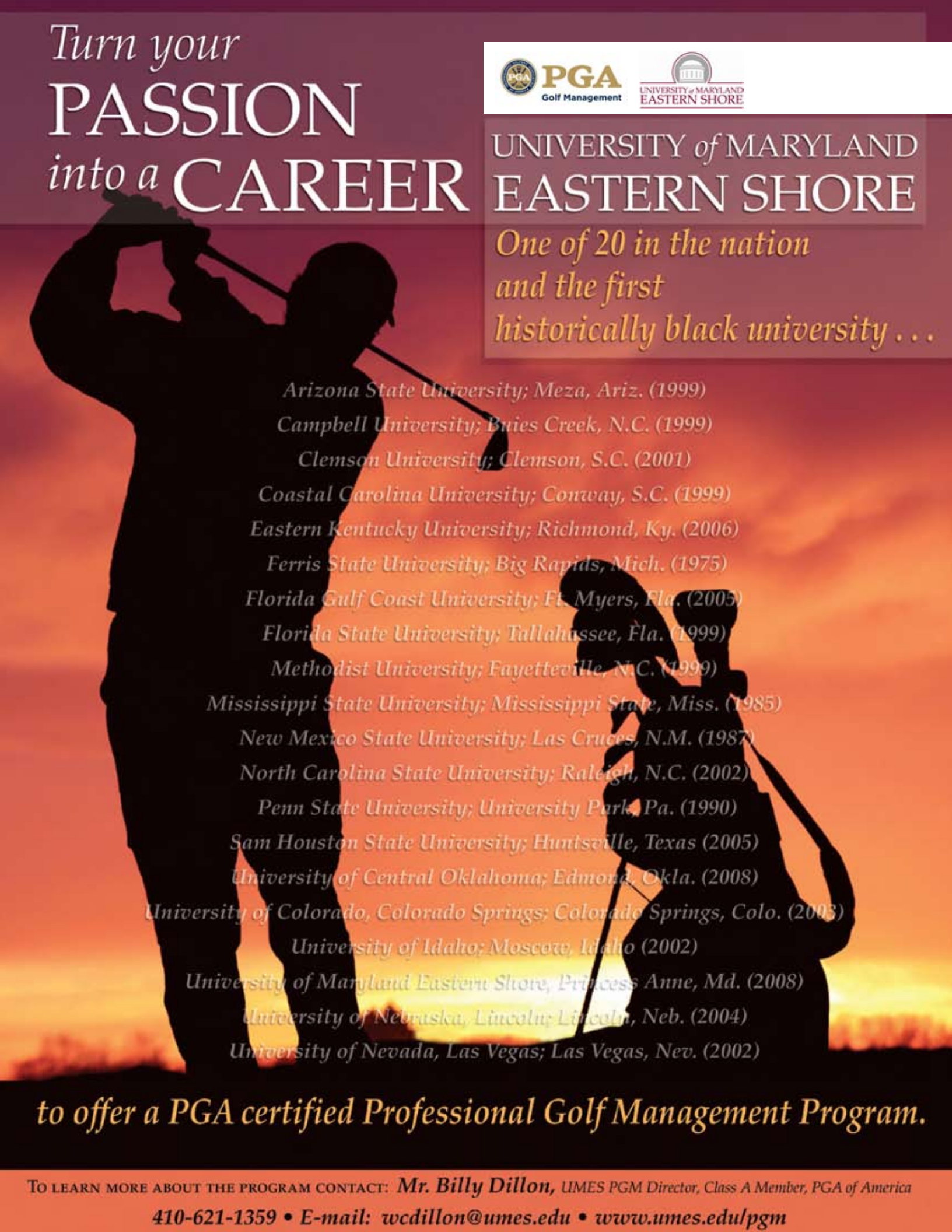
As a youngster, Chris also played baseball and hockey. In Minnesota, golf and baseball are both played in the same season, and in the seventh grade Chris made the decision to give up the bat and glove to focus on his golf game. At thirteen, he made the varsity golf team at his school, played in Minnesota Junior PGA events, and traveled Minnesota, Wisconsin, and Illinois to compete in junior events. He went on to become a four time Junior Champion at Rich Acres. During Chris' junior year of high school, his golf team competed for the Minnesota State Championship.

While in high school, Chris started his career in the golf industry. At fifteen, he decided he wanted a part time job and started working at an indoor golf facility doing minor club repair, fitting golf clubs, selling equipment, and operating the simulator leagues during the winter months. Between the job and successful junior career, Chris decided that his future plans included the game and business of golf.

During his junior career, he received information from Arizona State University about an academic program called Professional Golf Management (PGM). He researched PGM and found that other schools around the country offered the program as well. With family in North Carolina, Chris settled on Campbell University in Buies Creek, NC for the business aspect of the major. Chris was an unusual student as he had passed his PGA Playing Ability Test before he started his education at Campbell.

After graduating from Campbell with his degree and PGA of America membership in hand, Chris started working at Fox Valley Club just outside of Buffalo, NY. After a year in New York, he decided to advance his career and moved to Chicago and began graduate school at Benedictine University in the MBA program. While in grad school, he also worked full time at Prairie Landing Golf Club. Upon graduating from Benedictine, Chris went to work for Golf Galaxy in Chicago mainly giving golf lessons. In just two years he built his teaching business into 180 students and gave over 4500 lessons. He was ranked the #1 golf professional in Golf Galaxy in teaching revenue. He set a personal goal that when he hit the #1 golf professional ranking in Golf Galaxy, he would start branching out and see what else the golf industry had to offer.

In July of 2008, Chris moved to the Eastern Shore and began working at UMES. UMES has relied heavily on Chris' experience with teaching and having gone though the PGM program to mentor the current students. Chris' future plans are to complete the PhD in the Organizational Leadership program, which he started in 2009. He desires to start a coaching/consulting company as a supplement to teaching in the PGA Golf Management Program. "I want to put myself in a position where I can help my fellow PGA Professionals strive to be the best they can be through financial strategies and employee development".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Source: USGA The Rules of Golf

Spring Training!

By Rob McDonald

GlenRiddle GOLF CLUB

Hopefully you've had opportunities to play a bit through the winter. Even if you have you're probably still not in your best competitive form. While your mind remembers what it felt like to play golf, your body has some catching up to do.

One thing you can do before getting out to play is put in some mirror time. Visual feedback goes a long way towards improving your technique. Take your putter and with a face-on view, check your set-up, ball position and handle positions. Make strokes while looking at your reflection and check to be sure the only motion is from the triangle of arms and shoulders. The legs, hips and head should be rock steady.

With an iron, check your set up from face-on and check your ball position, shaft angle and spine angle. From the side view, be sure you have defined angles with the knees, hips and spine. Now practice your take-away while watching your lower body stay quiet. Be sure your chest is creating the motion and triangle remains in extended position, in front of the chest. For the forward move, practice making sure hip rotation and arm motion are in sync. Practice these moves in slow motion, many times over. Really try and get a feel for a smooth transition from backswing to forward swing. You can then bring both the visualization and the feeling with you to the course or range.

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One of the first facets of golf that leaves you when you take a break is the short game. It can also be one of the last things to come back. The short game requires more feel and trust than the long game. So, naturally you need to develop that sense of feel again. You won't get it watching golf on TV. You've got to get out and put some time in on the practice area. Start with just making putts without any target to get a feel for solid contact. Then, work on short putts. This will give you immediate feedback. See if you can make ten in a row from 3 feet. Then four feet, five feet etc. This will give you measured success as well as confidence. Next, to get a feel for lagging, pick out different points on the collar to putt to. See how close you can get without touching it. Now play a game of golf on the green. Taking one ball, play nine holes and choose short medium and long putts. Two putts equals par, one putt a birdie, three putts a bogie. Try to play nine holes under par. Try to better the previous round's score each time you play it. This will give you a realistic, fun way to practice.

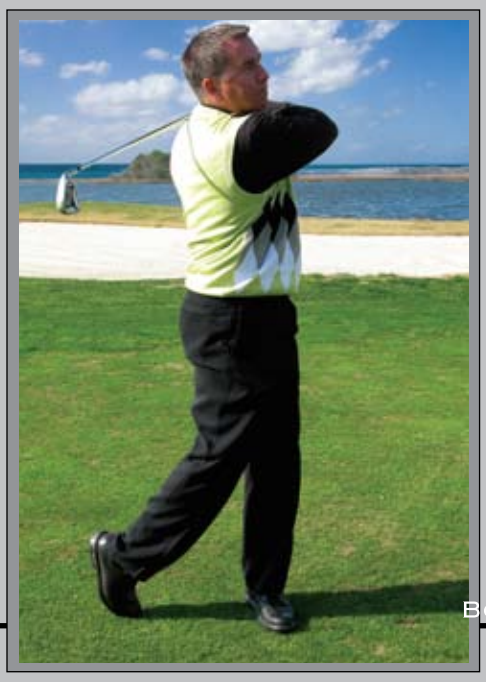
For the chipping and pitching facets of the short game, start close to the green and work your way back. Give your self different targets to play towards. Try as many different trajectories as possible (high & soft, low & running and any where in between) to give yourself a greater arsenal of shots to use on the course. Finish by playing nine holes with one ball from many different positions. See if you can get up and down saving par. Just as in the putting game, see if you can better your score each time.

You will find that once you get on the golf course, the visualizations, feelings and confidence from practice will help you get your season off to a good start.

Endless GOLF

By Bobby Vermillion

Ready for 2010? It's time to tee it up again in Ocean City! Saying it was a brutal winter is like saying Drew Brees is a good quarterback. A little understated don't you think? The good news is it's time to grab your golf clubs, shake off the dust and get your game in order for this year's golf season. It's never a bad idea to see one of the area local PGA Professionals to help you improve your game. If the guys and girls on tour have a swing coach then I know all of us could sure use one as well. Now is a great time to improve your game and take advantage of some great specials for local golfers. You can always find the latest specials on oceancitygolf.com. Endless Golf and The Resort Golf Guide continue to promote the Ocean City area golf courses, hotels and restaurants to golfers who are looking for a quality yet affordable golf vacation. In September 2009, Endless Golf along with Comcast introduced Golf Destinations On Demand in Baltimore, Washington, Philadelphia, Pittsburgh and New York which is close to 4 million households. Our goal is to provide golfers in the northeast a Video Showcase that they can access 24 hours a day 7 days a week showcasing great golf courses, hotels, packages and dining and nightlife. With Over 70 courses and hotels on board this Video Showcase is a great way to sit back relax and plan your next golf vacation! Just tune into Channel 888, click on "Travel and Leisure" then click on"Golf Destinations" to view this Video showcase. To catch the latest episode of Endless Golf tune into Comcast Sports Net Saturday mornings at 9am. You can also catch the show on www.endlessgolf.com.



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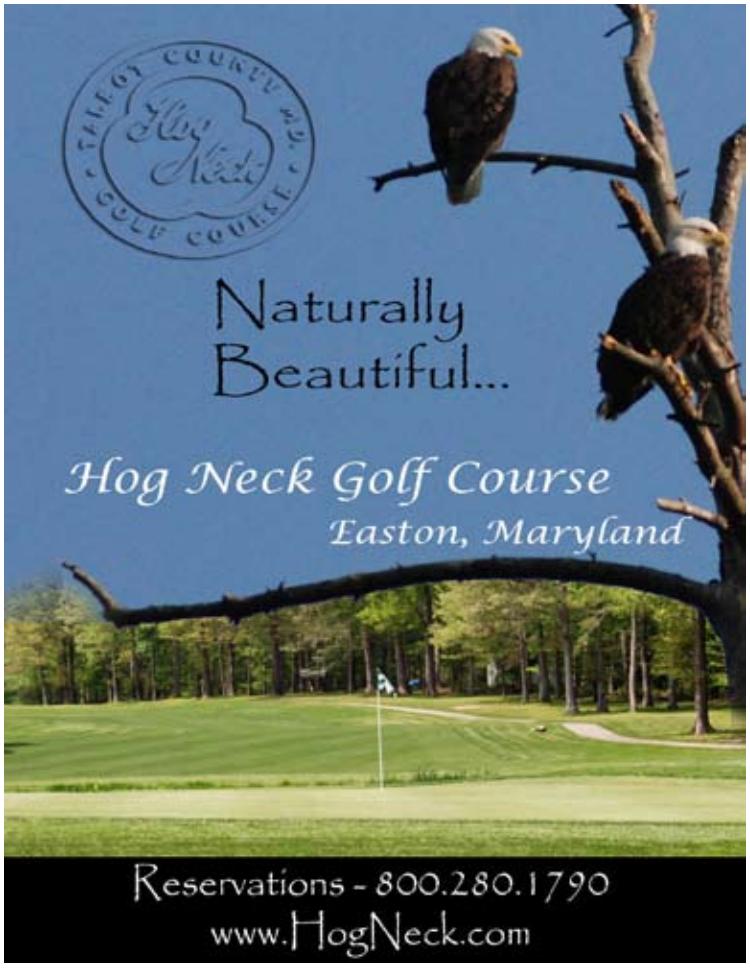

C. Vosters Heading to Penn State

The Penn State women's golf team recently landed highly-touted recruit Christina Vosters (Bethany Beach, Del.) as a member of its 2010 recruiting class. Vosters, who signed her national letter of intent, will continue her golf career as a Nittany Lion in the fall of 2010.

"Her upbeat attitude carries both on and off the golf course and make her a wonderful addition to the program," head coach Denise St. Pierre said.

The Bethany Beach, Del. native comes to Penn State with a long list of junior golf accolades. Vosters has finished first in numerous tours, including wins in the PGA Junior Callaway Series and the International Junior Golf Tour. She also notched two career wins in the Pinehurst 'Winternational' Junior Series. Vosters recorded a combined sixteen top-ten finishes in those tournaments, along with American Junior Golf Association events and Future Collegian World Tour Events.

Vosters also competed heavily at the state level. She took home the first place crown at the 2009 Delaware Junior Girls Championship and finished as the runner up in the 2008 Delaware Women's Amateur, shooting a 69 in the final round, setting a new course record. She represented Delaware at the 2009 USGA National Team Championship where she finished in 27th place out of a field of 118.

Christina Vosters

"Christina is the type of player that can bring many positives to your team," St. Pierre said. "She has excelled as a student, been a leader in her community and made many achievements in the junior world of golf."

During her time at Worcester Prep High School in Delaware, Vosters was a three-time ESIAC high school player of the year. She was a member of her high school's tennis team her sophomore, junior and senior years, making ESIAC all-conference all three years. Her parents are Neil and Lee Vosters.

Submitted by JJ Schoellkopf

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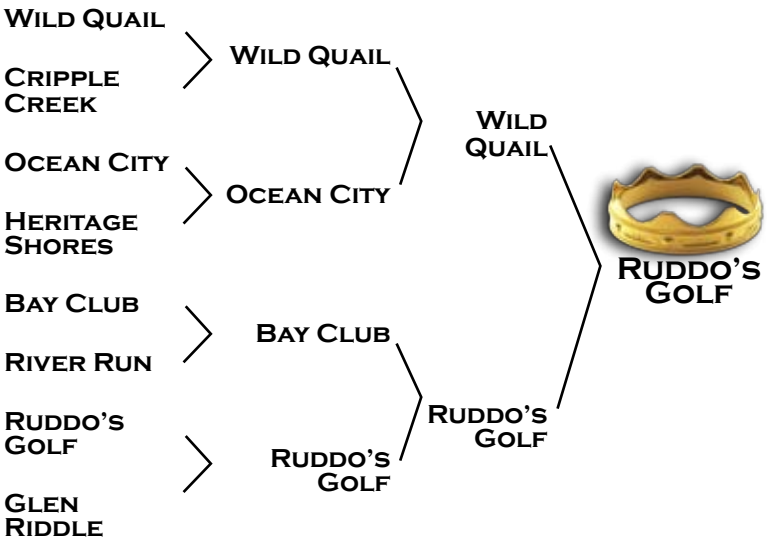

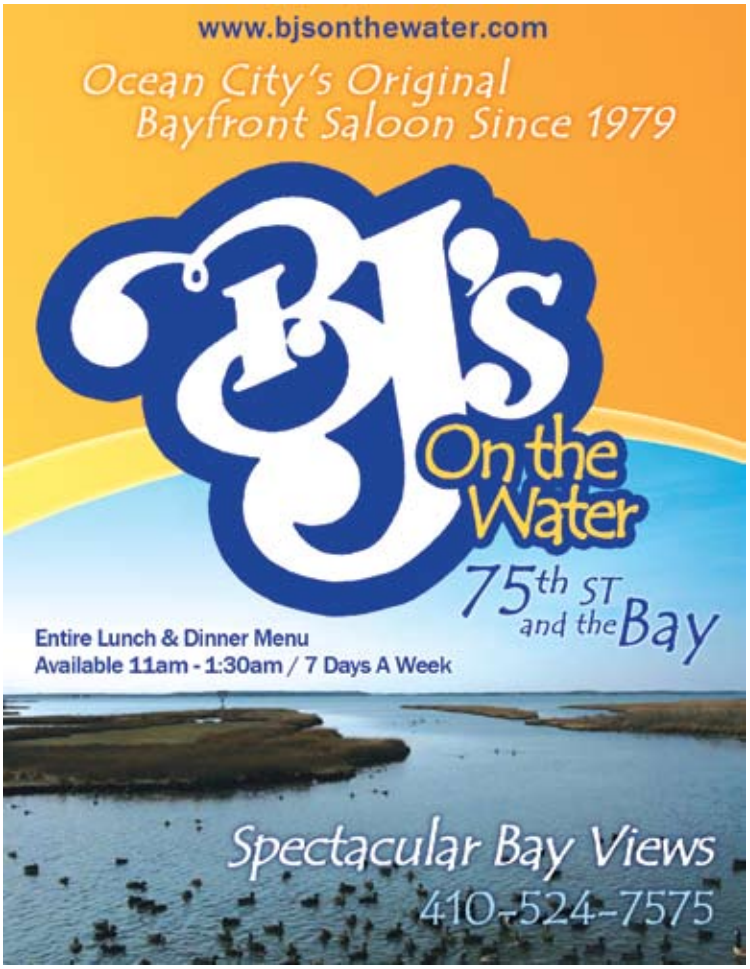

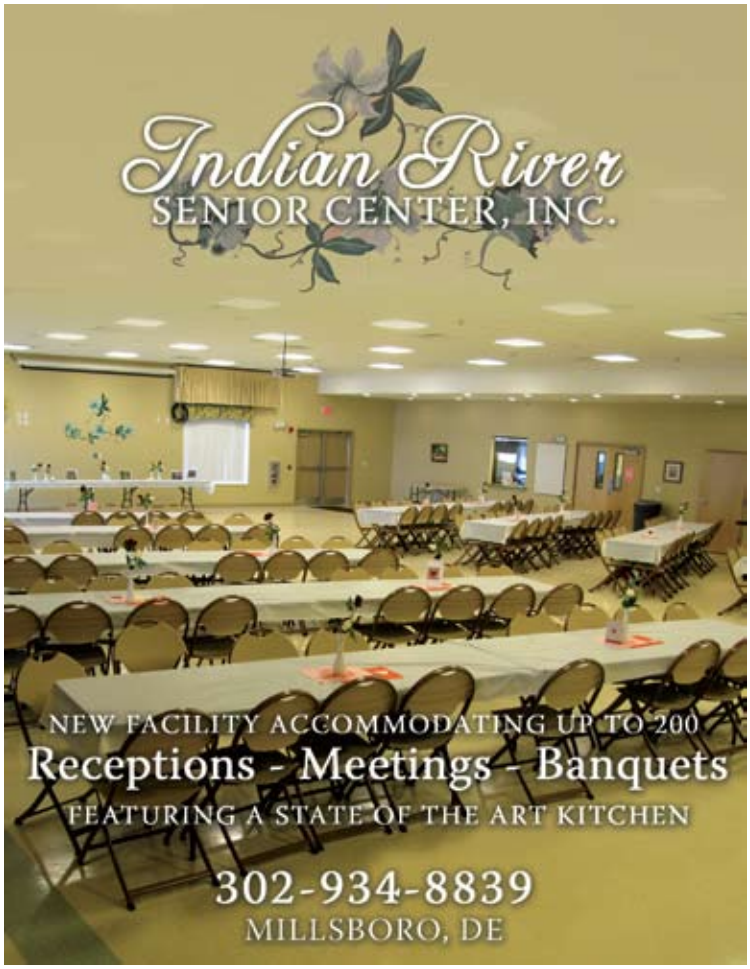

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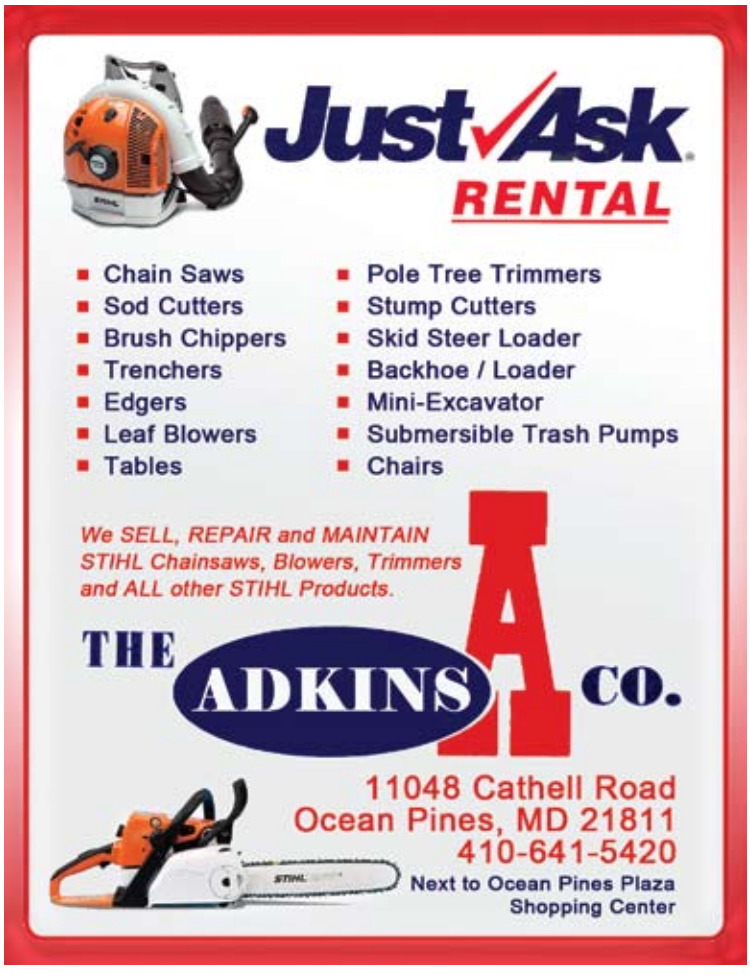

GOLF QUOTE

THE GREENS ARE SO FAST I HAVE TO HOLD MY PUTTER OVER MY BALL AND HIT IT WITH THE SHADOW. -SAM SNEAD-

GOLF JOKE

Top Ten Signs You're Golfing Too Much!

1. When you pick up something off the floor, you have to lean on your putter.
2. The only number on your speed dial is 1-800-TEETIME.
3. You have your priorities in order, food, shelter, greens fees, job.
4. You dream you go to prison but still get visits with your driver.
5. You tell the lost motorist that the gas station is only a par 4 away on the left.
6. You would like to take off your golf glove but hey, why bother?
7. Whenever you see a hole in the ground, you squat, squint and read the line.
8. You are vaguely aware of living with a woman allegedly your wife.
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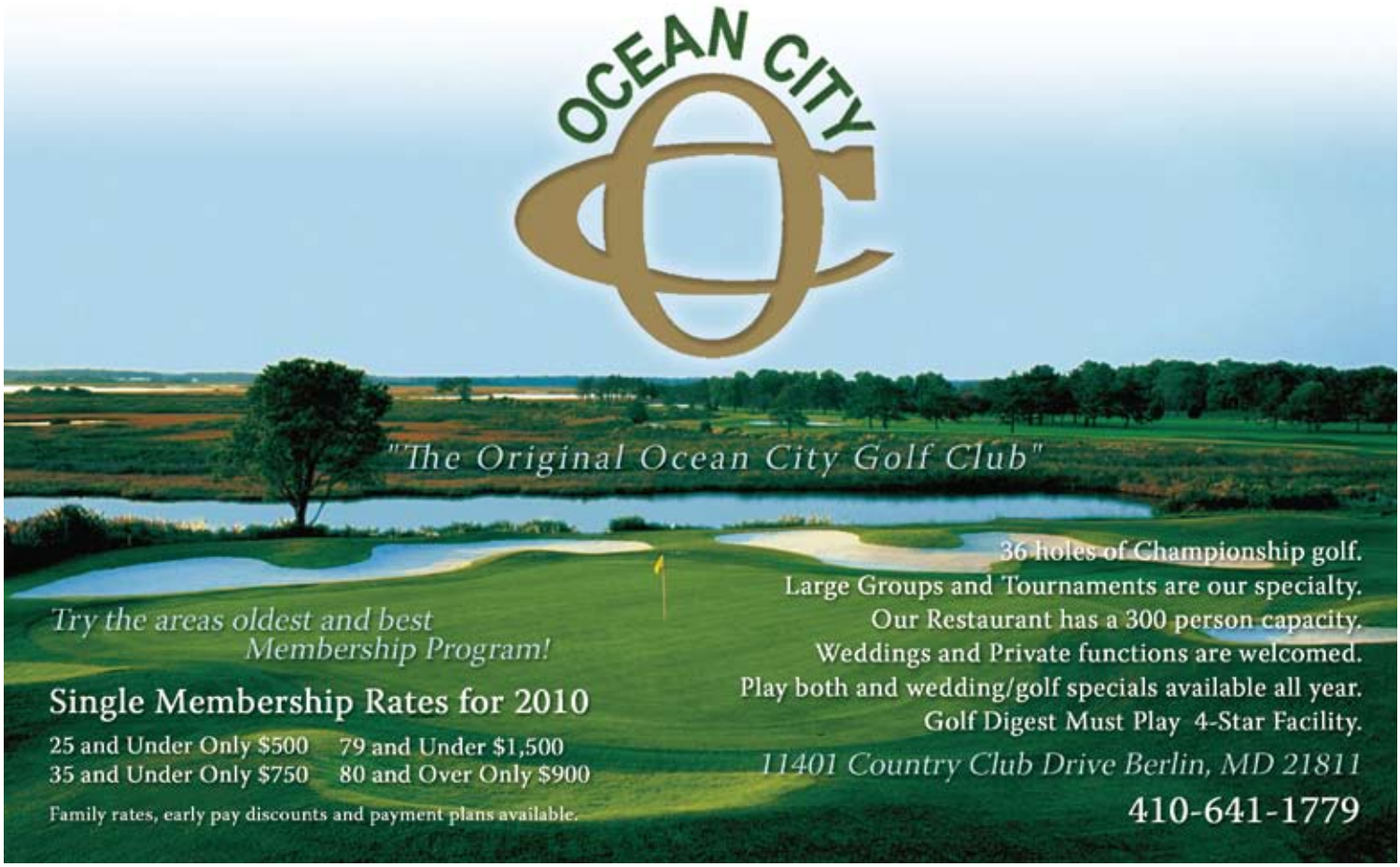

Jack Stone

Director of Golf Operations Carl M. Freeman Companies

BIRTHPLACE: HAMPTON, VA
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WHO INTRODUCED YOU TO GOLF? MY FATHER
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GOLFING HIGHLIGHTS: 4 HOLE-IN-ONES, SHOT A 65 AT CYPRESS CREEK IN 1998 OF THE 4 HOLE IN ONES, THE ONE THAT WILL REMAIN MOST SPECIAL TO ME FOREVER WAS MY MOST RECENT IN JUNE 2008. MY DAUGHTER AND I WENT OUT FOR 9 HOLES AT BEARTRAP. WE ARRIVED AT THE 8TH TEE OF GRIZZLY AND SHE WAS GETTING VERY HUNGRY SO I STARTED TO HEAD IN AND GET HER A BITE TO EAT. SHE INSISTED THAT I FINISH PLAYING SO I QUICKLY GRABBED A 6 IRON, RAN TO THE GOLD TEE AND TOOK A SWING. I REMEMBER THINKING "THAT FELT PRETTY SOLID." WHEN WE ARRIVED AT THE GREEN I DIDN'T SEE THE BALL SO I STARTED TO LOOK IN THE ROUGH OFF THE BACK OF THE GREEN. MY DAUGHTER IMMEDIATELY WENT TO THE HOLE AND LOOKED DOWN AND SAW THE BALL. SHE THEN JOKED WITH ME AND SAID, "DADDY DID YOU FIND IT YET?" AS I REPLIED "NO," SHE POINTED TO THE HOLE AND SAID, "I DID."
CAREER HIGHLIGHTS? STARTED IN THE GOLF BUSINESS ON THE SUMMER MAINTENANCE CREW AT KINGS MILL RESORT IN 1992 WHILE GOING BACK TO COLLEGE THEN WENT TO KILN CREEK IN '93 AND WORKED IN THE PRO SHOP/BAG DROP THEN ASST PRO AND BECAME HEAD PRO FROM '95 TO '98, THEN OPENED CYPRESS CREEK IN SMITHFIELD, VA AS THE GM FROM 1998-2000, CAME TO FREEMAN AS REGIONAL DIRECTOR OF OPERATIONS AND ASSISTED WITH ACQUISITIONS AND OPERATIONS OF BAY CLUB IN BERLIN, MD AND HELLS POINT, IN VIRGINIA BEACH IN 2000, WHILE THERE HE OVERSAW HELL'S POINT AS THE GM AND THEN BEAR TRAP AS WELL WHERE HE EVENTUALLY SPENT FULL TIME AS GM FROM 2003-2009, MARCH OF '09 WAS NAMED DIRECTOR OF GOLF OPERATIONS FOR FREEMAN GOLF OVERSEEING BEARTRAP, BAY CLUB & BAYSIDE.
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WHERE DO YOU SEE YOURSELF IN 10 YEARS? CONTINUING TO GROW FREEMAN GOLF AND LIVING THE VISION OF JOSH AND MICHELLE FREEMAN, WATCHING MY CHILDREN GROWING STRONG, FLOURISHING AND ENJOYING LIFE TO THE FULLEST, AND (HOPEFULLY) THANKING GOD EVERY DAY THAT A CURE WAS FOUND FOR CYSTIC FIBROSIS WHILE MY DAUGHTER, LAUREN, ENJOYS A NORMAL, HEALTHY LIFE FREE FROM INVASIVE TREATMENTS, MEDICATIONS AND FREQUENT HOSPITAL VISITS THIS TERRIBLE DISEASE REQUIRES.
ANYTHING PEOPLE DON'T KNOW ABOUT YOU? PLAYED LEAD GUITAR AND TOURED EASTERN VIRGINIA WITH A ROCK N ROLL BAND IN THE 90'S. STILL LOVE TO STRUM THE ACOUSTIC MOST EVENINGS.

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PGA Golf Management

UMES Update!

BY BILLY DILLON

Anthony Long

Anthony Long was born and raised in Washington, DC and graduated from Anacostia Senior High School. He started playing golf at the age of 3 when his father put a golf club in his hands. As a youngster, Anthony participated in the Hook-a-Kid on Golf Program at Langston Golf Course. Once his skills reached an advanced level he joined the Jimmy Garvin All-Stars which is a junior golf team that travels to different places like the Bahamas, Florida, and St. Lucia to compete against other kids and to network with other people within the golf industry. With the leadership and guidance of Jimmy Garvin, Anthony made the decision that he wanted a career in the golf industry.

When Anthony was sixteen he took a trip to Port St. Lucie, Florida with his mentor, Jimmy Garvin, to play in a junior golf tournament. While in Port St. Lucie, the Langston All-Stars visited the PGA Learning Center at PGA Village. This is where Anthony's interest in Professional Golf Management (PGM) was first sparked. During the visit Anthony realized that he could make a living doing something that he loves by attending college and majoring in PGM. From that day Anthony set his sights on enrolling in one of the PGA Golf Management Universities and is currently excited about what his future holds.

Anthony chose to attend the University of Maryland Eastern Shore mainly for the proximity to his hometown. "UMES is close to home and I always knew it was a great school. The PGM staff seemed to be more interested in me and my education than the other PGM schools that I visited. The PGM program at UMES also offers a family feel and they truly want to see everyone succeed".

Anthony is currently a sophomore at UMES and is part of the inaugural cohort. He recently advanced to Level two of the PGA Education Program and completed his first internship at Independence Golf Course in Midlothian, VA.

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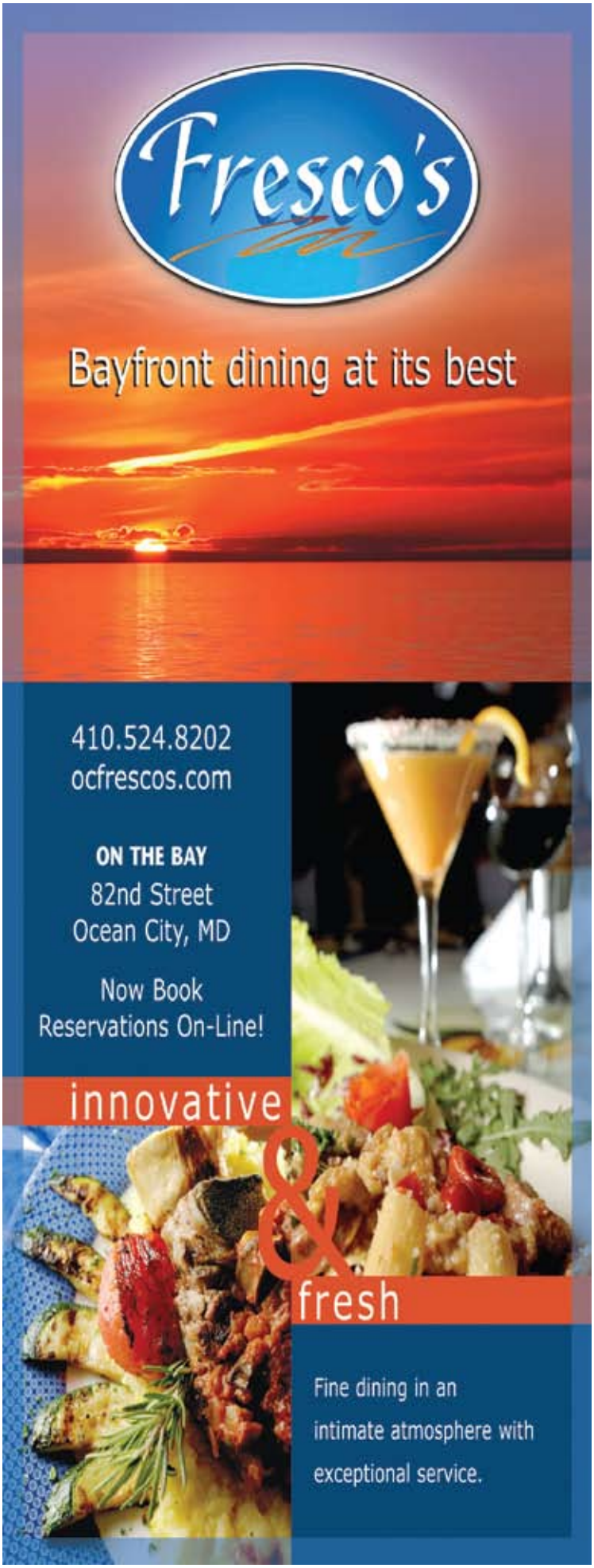

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Bob Beckelman

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I am also going to continue running the Bob Beckelman Golf Academy as before, now at a more complete facility. At Deer Run, my students will have access to putting and chipping greens, the 18-hole challenging golf course, as well as the practice tee. The facilities at Deer Run will allow me to have a more complete instructional program, and will open the way to doing full blown golf schools and camps.

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On Saturday, April 10th from 9 to 3, he will be hosting, along with Eastern Shore Golf Magazine, the 2010 Eastern Shore Golf Season Opener. Representatives from all the major organizations will be there including Ruark Golf, Freeman Golf, UMES PGA Golf Management, EWGA, DPGA, MISGA, Nike, Titleist, golf car companies, high school coaches and Ruddo's Golf. PGA Pro Bob Beckelman will be giving free lessons all day, free hot dogs and hamburgers will be served along with free PEPSI products, use of the driving range, and a free round of golf for all who stop by to enjoy the season opener!

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Delmarva Peninsula Golf Association

Bob Fjelstad of the Eastern Shore Y & CC has been elected the 2010 president of the DPGA. Matt Keller, assistant pro at Cripple Creek will be heading up the DPGA junior program, Blasé Gavlick of Sussex Pines will be handling the "B" League competition between clubs. Jack Slayton of the Elks club is still the Administrative Assistant/ Treasurer of the Association. The DPGA is in the process of creating their yearly schedule and it will be posted at the member clubs next month.

We are expecting several new clubs to become members of the DPGA this year to help with the scholarship program, junior golf and the "B" League competition. If your club is interested in joining the DPGA for any of the benefits listed below, please contact the members listed below for more information.

Talk to your golf members and golf pro to see if your club might be interested in joining the DPGA.

For the club cost of $200 ($50 to scholarship program), your club will have the following benefits...

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- **Club officials are given courtesy cards allowing gratis green fees at other Member Clubs. Three courtesy cards are issued to each Club and visitation is limited to three times per year.**
- **All golf members of club are eligible to compete in DPGA events and Club invitationals.**
- **Directories are updated and provided to all Clubs annually.**
- **A summer junior program allows all Member Clubs an outlet for its junior members to compete against other Clubs.**
- **All Clubs have an opportunity to sponsor Club Events and DPGA Events with guidance and financial aid from the DPGA. Financial aid is limited to DPGA Events.**
- **All Clubs have an opportunity to compete against each other in the "B" League Competition (handicap 6 and above).**

For "B" league competition contact Blasé Gavlick at 302-745-6626
For junior golf contact Matt Keller at 302-745-8877
For membership information contact Jack Slayton at 410-749-6685.
See DPGA website for more information
http://home.comcast.net/~dpga-golf

MISGA By Rick Bisker

(r-l)Outgoing President Byron Keadle passes gavel to Incoming President Howard Taylor

Howard Taylor of Maple Dale CC in Dover, DE is the new 2010 MISGA president. If you have not seen your MISGA GRAM on the MISGA website, we want you to know that the 2010 MISGA Spring Fling in Williamsburg, Virginia is scheduled for May 11th thru 13th. More information and the application to go on the golf outing is available at www.misga.org under the documents tab or contact Dick Dale at 302-629-7322 or Ralph Starkey at 410-479-2968.

Snow, rain and cold weather has kept most of the MISGA golfers off of the local golf courses this winter, but the 28 members clubs on the Eastern Shore have been busy scheduling their home MISGA outings for the summer season.

Your Path to Par

Richard Robinson, Instructor
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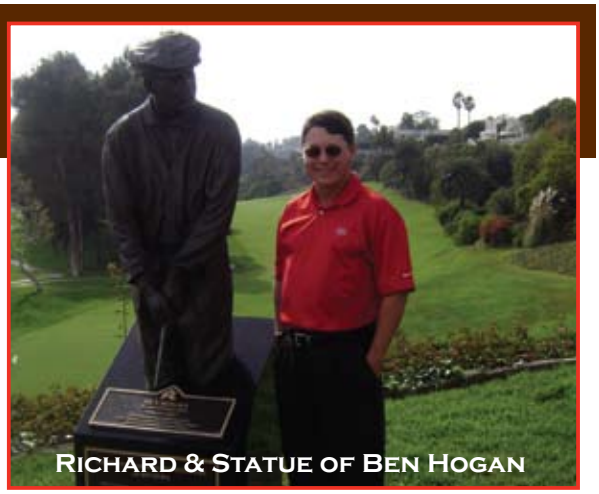
The toughest 2010 challenges in professional golf covers 541 yards, par 12. How would you measure up to the tests? If images of grip it and rip it come to mind you are already way over par. This challenge requires distance control and directional control, not just power.

Long drives, though impressive and satisfying, are not the best indicator of golf skill. Great course designs require more than length. If your fun quotient is the number of 300+ drives, par 5s hit in two, great. However, this season, be creative and consider a different path to par.

Every hole design challenges the golfer to place the tee shot in the best position to approach the hole. Professional tournament course set-ups do not automatically go to the "tips", but rather consider weather, wind and course conditions choosing a tee, that enables players to reach the approach zone with a good shot. Try playing one round where the members of your foursome become course designers or tournament directors, setting your own tee position for each hole.

A great course design requires a player to play all the clubs in the bag. Your goal is to "design" your course so that a good tee shot makes possible reaching greens in regulation with long, medium, and short approaches. Decide to play from tees that suit your game and create various challenges.

Lighthouse's little red is tough enough! Choose tee positions, design your course, and enjoy the competition of beating the course design with your skill not just your distance.


Richard & Statue of Ben Hogan

Play:

One par 3 from 135 yards or less

One par 5 that you might reach in 2 shots

One par 4 that your tee shot stops 100 yards from the green so a good tee shot will make any forced carry over hazards

Tee selection can help control pace of play. Move up to speed up or back to let a slow group get out of range sooner.

Example: You arrive at the Links at Lighthouse Sound 5th hole: par 3, shallow green, surrounded by marsh, bay, and ocean winds. What's your choice? The tips at 218 or the red at 112?

Before choosing remember the 541 yards of tour terror:

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Whistling Straights 12th	PGA 143
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Tools of the Trade

"What about Bob?"!

When thinking about useful tools out on the golf course the questions arise, "What is the plumb-bob? What are those guys doing that stand behind their putt and hold the putter up to look at the intended line? Will it help me? How in the heck do I do it correctly?"

Very simply the plumb-bob is a method of determining the break on a putt. When trying to implement the plumb-bob to your putting arsenal of tips and tricks the first step is determining a dominant eye. This is a very simple step. Pick an item off in the distance, say 10 feet away. Hold your arms straight out in front of you and make a triangle with your hands. Look at the object through the triangle. If you are right handed close your right eye. If you do not see the object, you are right eye dominant. Repeat the step with the other eye. Which ever eye you still view the target with will be your dominant eye. Now stand behind your ball, using your dominant eye, hold your putter up drawing a straight line from the hole to the ball covering half the hole and half the ball with the shaft of the putter. Stand behind the ball your approximate height. Make sure the toe of the putter is facing you when you're doing this. If you are right eye dominant half of the hole and half of the ball should be on the right hand side of the shaft. Left hand side if you are left eye dominant. When you are doing this just pinch the shaft slightly below the grip so the putter dangles in your hand. Use your other hand to grab the bottom of the putter and visually cover half the ball and hole with the toe facing you. Be sure your putter is straight up and down. When you have it lined up release the putter head and watch which way the club swings. If the putter swings or falls to the right, the putt will break to the right. If it swings to the left, it breaks to the left. There has been some controversy as to if this really works. I can tell you from my experience, having a mental confirmation that a putt will break a certain way will definitely make you put a better stroke on the putt. A better stroke equals more putts holed, period. Watch the guys on Tour, especially the Senior Tour, some of the best putters in the world do this every time they line it up. Watch Furyk and Crenshaw, they have made a few putts in their day. I guess Sir Isaac Newton was right over 300 years ago. Before you start lining up putts on the course, please practice this method on the practice green. When done properly the plumb-bob only takes 2 seconds. You definitely don't want to be labeled deliberate. You are only as fast as the group behind you perceives you to be.

STEVE MENZ

SHORE UP! With The Game Coach!

Carson Lovett, MA, Sport Psychology

A central tenet of Physiological Psychology in both recreational and competitive sport is the realization that the athlete's mental state will have an effect on the brain's chemistry, and the subsequent signals received by the nervous system from the brain control resulting muscular responses and performance outcomes. This conviction allows those charged with maximizing performance to focus on the ultimate goal of optimizing the moment. Golfers refer to this as Playing In The Present.

The determinant that most often separates equally talented golfers is the ability to attend only to the cues necessary for successful execution. A frequently used tool for attaining the focus required to stay in the moment is termed Positive Self-Talk. The following exercise is a great way to view the dynamics of self-talk. Tell yourself this sentence: "Don't think of a frog." Then say, "Don't think of the moon." For most, an image of a frog and the moon appear. This happens because the brain must generate an image of what it is not supposed to think of, before it is possible to not think of it. The result of framing goals within negative terms is an initial negative mental state that may mislead the body; thus to succeed one must quickly alter the brain's chemistry, a task-irrelevant chore that could ruin the moment. The essence of Positive Self-Talk is its capacity to create images that provoke desirable actions, priming the body for what we want it to do.

Of the many variables at work within the game of golf, researchers agree that controlling attitude and mental state is crucial and completely within the realm of possibility. The subconscious conversation that takes place during performance often has a causal relationship with the outcome. Learning how to communicate through Positive Self-Talk can greatly increase the probability of staying in the moment and Playing In The Present.

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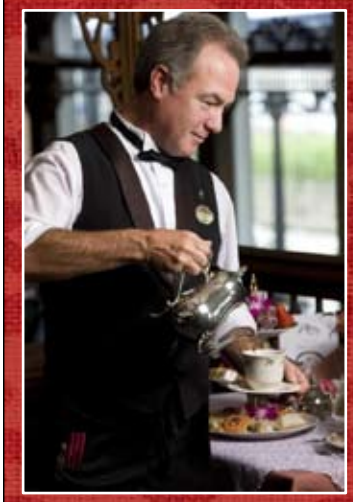

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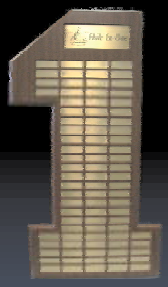

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Golf Fitness

Dr. Pete Zemo

Golf season is almost upon us. In past articles we have looked at the training modes for a better swing and a better game. If you are serious about improving your score, you should have spent some serious time this winter working on the following:

Aerobic fitness and muscle endurance - both necessary to maintain swing mechanics and power for 4-5 hours of play. When he was still on tour, Jack Nicklaus used tennis singles to improve these parameters.

Balance and coordination - lots of golfers work on strength training but overlook balance training. Remember our discussions of Pilates and Yoga? In addition to core strength and flexibilty, these disciplines hone coordination. Can you hold the yoga "tree pose" for 30 seconds? Look it up.

Strength - required to generate the upper body power to rotate forcefully into the ball. Without it, you will have difficulty with posture and swing power.

Flexibility- Possibly the most important factor in a good golf swing and game. Without it, it is almost impossible to achieve a full backswing without muscular tension which will then cause you to lose clubhead speed and, consequently, distance.

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There is still time if you have not started. One of the best ways to improve fitness quickly is interval training - a period of lower activity (walking at 3.5-4 mph for a minute), followed by a more intense burst of activity (running at 5-7 mph for a minute) and repeating this until you have covered 1-3 or more miles. Then next day jump into a pilates or yoga class for 30-40 minutes. And don't forget the resistance exercises we have discussed, doing these things on alternate days. If you are consistent, in 6-8 weeks you should be ready to attack the season. Good Luck!

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Voting Board members of the EWGA Eastern Shore Chapter met early in January to discuss plans for their upcoming golf season. The Chapter has grown to over 250 members, and the Board has planned for many exciting golf events at many of the local courses – clinics, leagues for every level, scrambles, and socials – something for everyone! Information is available on the local website – ewgaeasternshore.com. General EWGA information and application forms are available at the national website - ewga.com. Prospective members may also contact our Membership Chair – Vicki Harmon at vharmon@cbmove.com (410/430-6616)

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BY BOB BECKELMAN

Learning is hard; especially hard for the over 20's crowd!

One of the biggest mistakes I see players make is the short chip shot around the green. Most of the time, the player takes out a wedge or sand wedge and tries to lift the ball up out of the grass in order to land it soft on the green and stop it (in other words "chunk it"). There is certainly a time and place to attempt messing up this shot, and we will cover it at a later date, but you must understand that this is a low percentage shot. You use this shot only when you have to; when you must get the ball up quickly and you don't have a lot of green to work with. Most of the time, a lower running shot will get the job done. Forget your wedges and grab a 7 iron. Forget taking a big swing and trying to slide the club under the ball. Forget "chunks", "tops", and "yips". Simply remember to make a long putt out of it… with a 7 iron.

Set up to the ball 7 iron in hand, as if you were going to putt it. Choke down on the grip to make the "7" short like your putter (even shorter if you use a long putter). Make a simple, short putting stroke and allow the club to propel the ball FORWARD (NOT UP!!!) just like a putt. The loft of the club (being more than a basically straight putter) will pop the ball up a little in the air (just enough to get over the higher grass), then land the ball on the green (or short fairway grass) and roll out like a putt. A simple, error proof, high percentage shot.

If you are truly stroking the shot like a putt, you will find that the ball does not get very high in the air, but does roll out pretty far. You will have to experiment a bit in order to find out how far you can carry the ball with this method, and how far the ball will roll once it lands, but I guarantee you will quickly "get ta chippin' er close"!

When you're close to the green, simple is better. You don't have to hit spectacular shots, you just have to hit safe ones. DON'T MAKE BIG MISTAKES WHEN YOU'RE ALMOST THERE…you'll embarrass yourself in front of your friends! GET "UP AND DOWN" and you'll be the envy of your friends!

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Sportsmanship Counts! In Golf and Life

By Al "Hondo" Handy, Recreation Supervisor

Respect, Fairness, Integrity, Responsibility & Perseverance

Nearly 100 kids were honored recently at the Ocean City Mayor & Council Meeting in February. In addition to the youth being honored, the Ocean City Recreation & Parks Department was presented with a Proclamation naming February as Sportsmanship Month in Ocean City.

Sportsmanship has been the focus at the Ocean City Recreation & Parks this winter, as the Department has stressed why Sportsmanship is so important in sport and in life.

Al "Hondo" Handy says, "Youth today need to learn that being respectful, fair, accepting responsibility, being persistent and having integrity are all characteristics that you need to display in school, sport and life. Treating people the way that you want to be treated goes a long way. Encouraging another player, helping a player off the floor, passing the ball when a player is open and cheering, when appropriate, for the opposing team are all part of being a good sport."

The new program was piloted with several leagues and clinics this past winter in Ocean City.

Each youth received a Sportsmanship Counts! Glow In The Dark Wristband. Information on each of the characteristics of sportsmanship is available for each participant. Some of the other plans for the program include discussion with participants about sportsmanship, participant code of ethic pledges, sportsmanship logo on league and clinic shirts, Sportsmanship Questions of the Week, Sportsmanship Essay Contest, Sportsmanship Photo Award of the Month, All Ocean City Sportsmanship Team, Random speakers throughout the season, a Mayor & City Council designated Sportsmanship Month in Ocean City. Plans also include a Sportsmanship Celebration Day at each school, in partnership with the Ocean City Recreation & Parks Department.

So far the Honorable Judge Gerald Purnell, brother of Clemson University Head Basketball Coach Oliver Purnell, and Dr. Susan Vickers have been guest speakers. Both grew up in this area and participated in the Ocean City Recreation & Parks Department and know what sportsmanship has meant throughout their college days and their professional lives.

Sportsmanship Banners are also hanging in each gym stressing Respect, Fairness, Integrity, Responsibility and Perseverance. Golfers can help promote sportsmanship too. Junior and adult golfers can continue to show respect, integrity, responsibility, perseverance and fairness to their fellow golfers during play. Golf courses can recognize someone for Sportsmanship at the Club House each month.

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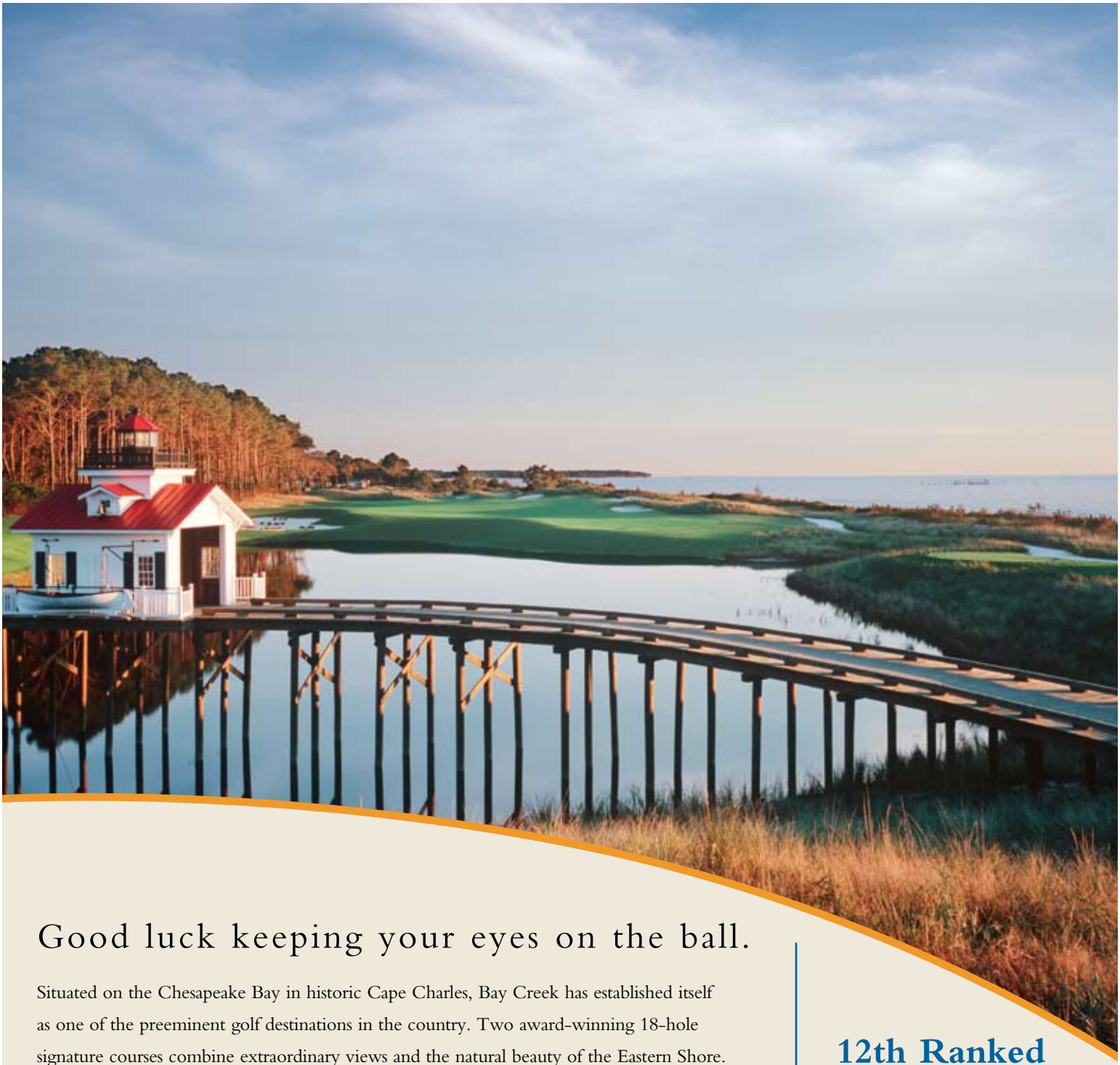

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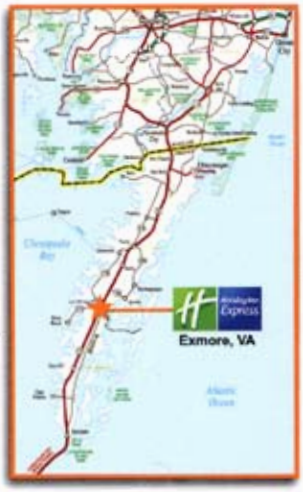

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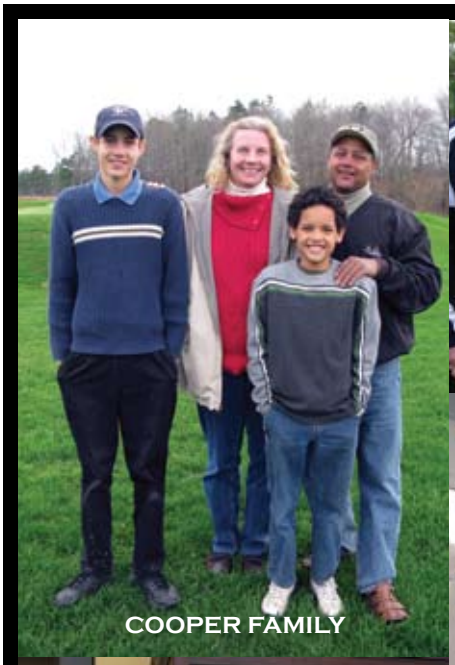
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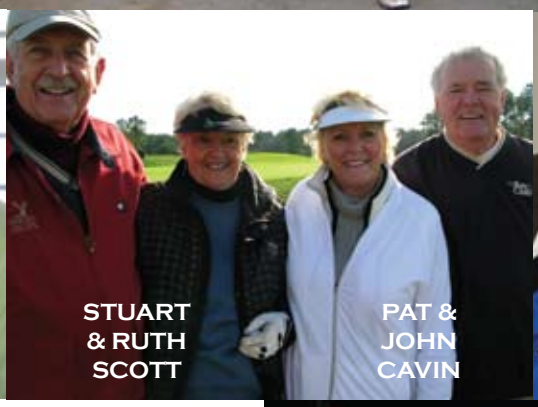
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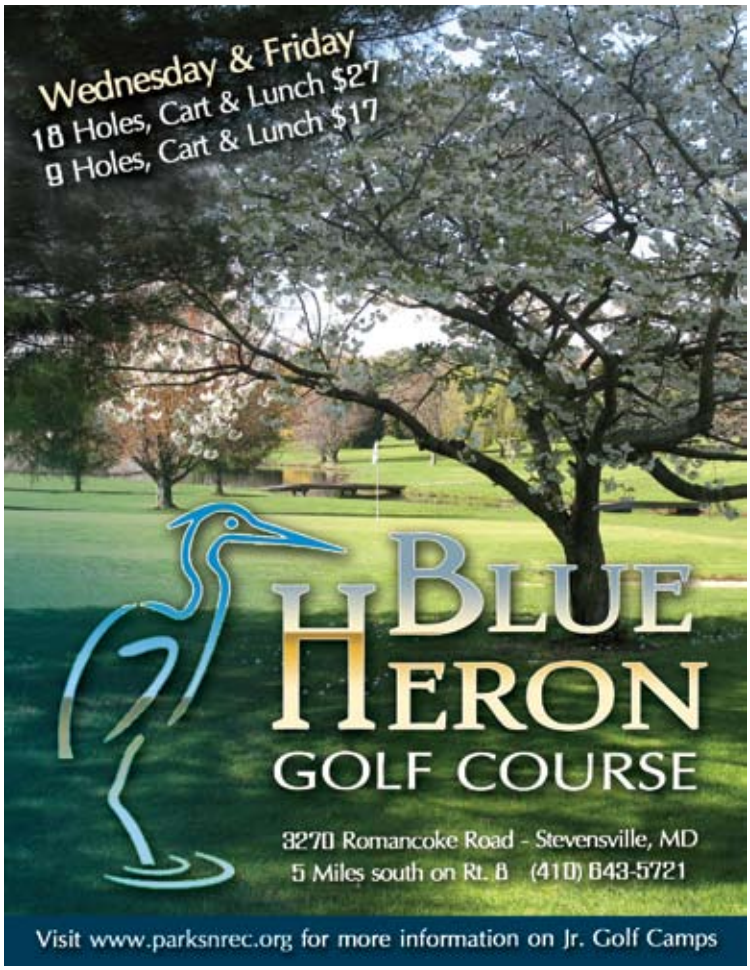

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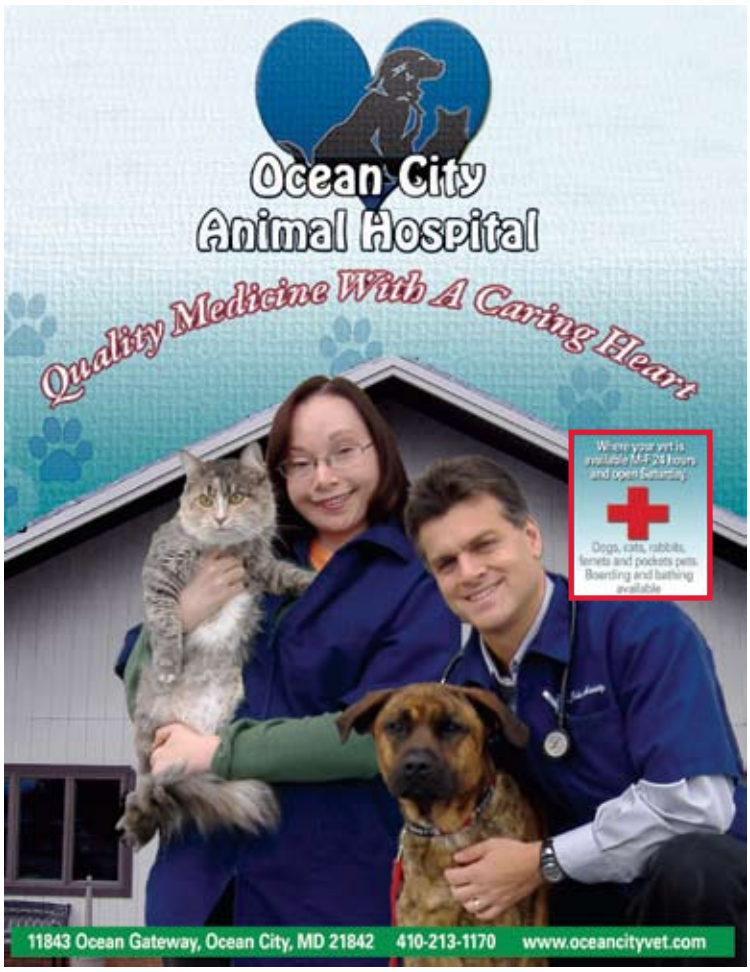

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is an organization of women who like to golf. The WPGA was founded March 9, 1954. The objective is to promote and regulate golfing activities for members having an eighteen hole certified USGA Handicap Index in a participating club of the DelMarVa Peninsula.

We currently have more than 20 clubs across the 3 state region and a membership of almost 700 women. Each member club pays an annual fee of $30 per year and each individual member pays a $12 fee. This fee allows members to play other WPGA clubs on their "open day" once a month for cart fee.

In addition, members can participate in several tournaments throughout the year. Formats include 2 person and 4 person better ball events, mixed better ball of 2, and more. Members can also participate in the 2 day WPGA Championship as well as the Senior Championship. All events award Net and Gross prizes.

Finally, the WPGA has a team match season that runs from mid April through the beginning of June. Teams play regionally in a round robin fashion with an end of the year playoff. Again, net and gross prizes are awarded.

For a club to become a member of the WPGA, they must have a USGA certified 18 hole handicap, as well as a Women's 18 hole league. Once a club is a member, they are required to hold a monthly open day, hold a WPGA tournament every other year, and support the WPGA through board participation. For more information, or to contact the WPGA about membership, visit: www.wpga-del-md.org

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Tough economic times are definitely upon us and can be felt just about everywhere. Unemployment rates are high, consumer confidence is low, and the future seems uncertain. School Boards across the country are forced to be creative in slashing budgets while at the same time preserving the high level of quality education our nation demands. Realizing the situation is not unique to school systems, occurring in all aspects of society, the need to thank an unsung group of people who make a difference in the lives of children is stronger than ever.

There are numerous Boosters organizations throughout school systems and communities. Booster members are typically non-paid volunteers who give their time and energy towards improving the quality of life for others, especially kids. In particular, Athletic Boosters help to ensure the quality of equipment and field conditions for the athletes, as well as providing the manpower to keep concession stands open for the fans.

Unfortunately Booster organizations throughout the country are experiencing a disappointing trend: lack of parental volunteers. Many families are simply too busy to help and would rather donate money instead of giving their time. The downward spiraling trend has left many Boosters organizations with a skeleton crew of only a few hard working volunteers. These volunteers are praised for their commitment and dedication to our youth, and greatly appreciated by those of us who know how much personal time they give for our children.

With that being said, behind every solid Boosters organization there is also a generous and supportive community who cares about the future of education. Schools across the nation rely heavily upon community support for the extra financial help needed to provide the services every child deserves.

Stephen Decatur High School in Berlin has the largest student body of any school on the Eastern Shore of Maryland. Decatur is extremely fortunate to have one of the most supportive communities in the state to help support their growing needs. Area businesses receive donation requests on a daily basis. Very few are able to give to everyone and many must rank their solicitors based on need and importance. For example, The Stephen Decatur Athletic Boosters Club especially values the support they've received from the community over the past 10 years for the school's largest athletic fundraising event of the year: The Athletic Boosters Golf Tournament. Proceeds from the event have provided programs with equipment that is not covered under the school budget. Athletic equipment that will be available for incoming classes for many years to come helps to preserve the same level of quality services for kids regardless of the health of the economy.

The majority of Americans believe that education is the most important aspect of society to focus on for a successful future. Investing in our youth will have the greatest returns for the preservation of human life. I applaud everyone who has played a role in supporting the opportunities available to young people and encourage you to continue to help. Teachers, administrators, advisors and coaches cannot do it alone. To coin a phrase from an old African proverb, "It takes a village to raise a child". Thank you to all the Boosters volunteers and the communities that support them. With your continued dedication to kids through fundraising and responsible investing in their opportunities, we can all help ensure a bright future for generations to come.

Boosters (past) Pres. Kim Hudson, (past) VP Debbie Widgeon, secretary Lori Sullivan, treasurer Linda Oliver

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Links Living

By Holly Taranto

Bill & Donna Singleton share many interests and golf is no exception. Their family, including four children and six grandchildren, is their first priority. Golf, travel and their love of wine follow suit. They met while working for AVON. Bill retired as VP of Sales for the North East after thirty two years of service and Donna retired as a Senior Manager of National Sales Support in New York City after thirty years with the company. Now we all know Donna's beauty secret! They truly enjoyed their careers and felt that AVON always offered new opportunities that kept work interesting. It also brought them together. Donna began golfing in the 1990s at an AVON golf event and fell in love with the game and Bill has been golfing since the 1980s. They have made a wonderful life together and I guess one could say that golf is at the center of it all.

They were married in 2000 and made their home in Bel Air, MD where they became members at Mountain Branch Golf Club playing together many weekends. Donna joined the Executive Womens Golf Association (EWGA) there and met new friends that also enjoyed the game. A few years later they decided that they wanted to retire at the shore on a golf course, and a visit to Lighthouse Sound in Bishopville, MD made that dream a reality. On July 4th, they were given a key to an available spec home to view the beautiful sunsets that the home offered. They packed a basket with wine & cheese and the rest is history. They purchased the home in 2004 and made a permanent move in 2006. During that time, Donna joined the EWGA here on the shore and is now the Social Chairman for the organization.

The Singletons love the community of Lighthouse Sound and all that Tom Ruark contributes to the golfing community. They are especially fond of golf professional, Scot Dailey and his diligent efforts to ensure the club members and guests are always happy. Bill and Donna have traveled extensively and they truly believe that the Eastern Shore has the friendliest golf courses. They have also golfed many of the courses in Hawaii, and among their favorites is Seven Springs in PA, Firerock in Arizona and Mauna Lani in Hawaii.

Bill's favorite golf moment was on a Par 3 at Mauna Lani. He hit his ball from the Pro tees over the water and landed on the green just 20 feet to the left of the tee. Even with the bad putt to follow, he still made Par. Bill's golf goal is to be half as great as his uncle, Joe DiStefano, who shoots his age at 80 years old!
Donna's proudest golf moment is when she birdied #10 at Lighthouse. She is looking forward to using the new set of irons she just got for her birthday and taking advantage of all of the educational opportunities the EWGA offers.

Although the Links at Lighthouse Sound were covered with an unlikely blanket of snow, I could still hear the course beckoning from every stretching window and deck of this fabulous home. It is truly a peaceful retreat with the best game in the world just in the backyard.

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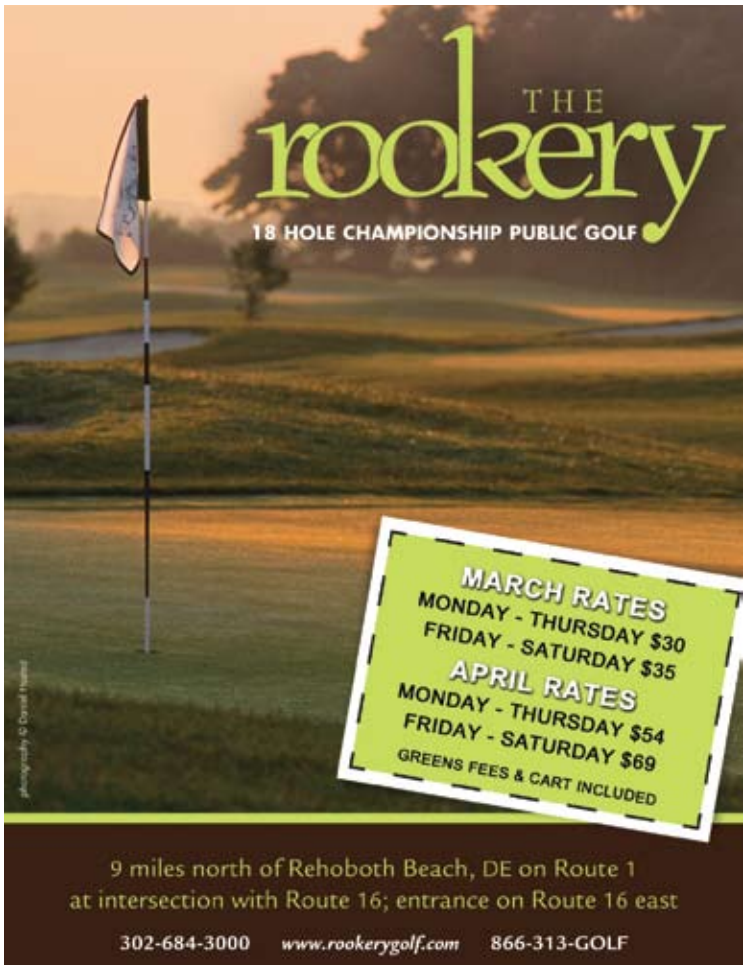

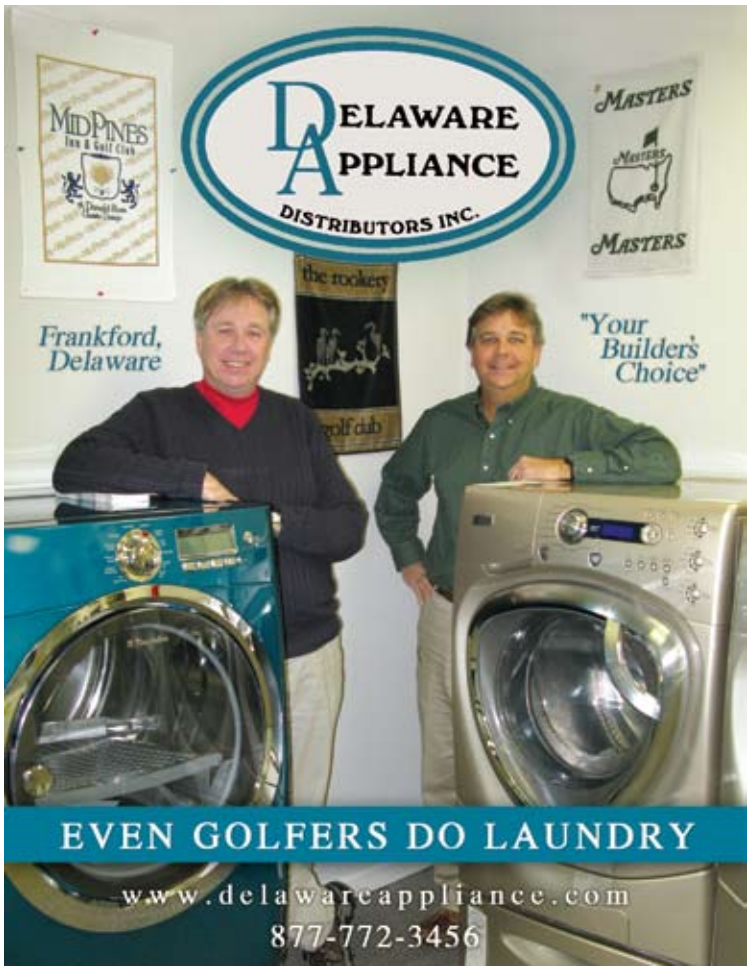

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