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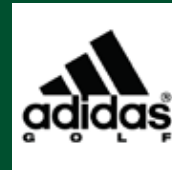


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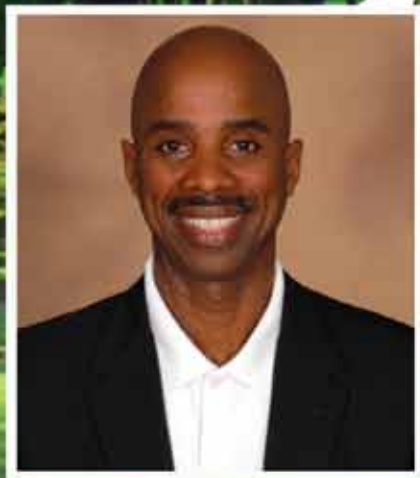
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Spring is in the air and the top courses on the Eastern Shore are ready for another exciting year of the Tour on the Shore. Last year there were 1,036 rounds turned in on the tour. Come join us this year on the tour and test your skills, meet some new friends and have some fun! The Tour on the Shore season opener will be held at Baywood Greens on Saturday, April 7th and is open to all levels of players from 0 to 36 handicaps. As always, please support our loyal advertisers and sponsors for they are the reason we can bring you the Eastern Shore Golf Magazine!



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# *the* revival



There is a lot of buzz on the shore about the revival of The Easton Club. When the new ownership group took over on January 1, 2012, they hit the ground running. There has been more excitement, energy and action at the new River House Golf and Restaurant in the past two months than the past five years. The group of friends that have placed their energy into revitalizing the club are long-time friends and locals of Talbot County. The group has all the makings of a perfect combination for success. It all starts with the director of golf, a former PGA tour player, ACC Coach of the Year, and long time brilliant golf coach Tom Hanna, plus the nationally acclaimed and award winning Executive Chef, Michael Rork.



# *the* revival

## **TOM HANNA DIRECTOR OF GOLF...**

is well known in the golf world from his days as Director of Golf and Head Golf Coach at the University of Maryland. He played on the PGA Tour for a number of years and has a wealth of experience in the professional arena. While raising his children, he served as the Director of Golf at Harbourtown Resort and Conference Center in St Michaels.

"This is a very exciting opportunity. Dan Greaves, our Head Golf Professional and I are looking forward to an award winning season as we restore the greens, renovate the course layout and welcome new members to the club."

Tom currently lives in the Easton Club and is intimately aware of the greens. He has been known to carry a magnifying glass in order to precisely inspect the conditions of the grass and soils.

## **MICHAEL RORK EXECUTIVE CHEF...**

"Everything at the River House is 100% homemade, and I am very proud of that fact," says Executive Chef Michael Rork. "Start fresh and it will finish first".

Earning national acclaim as the opening chef at the five-star Harbor Court Hotel located in Baltimore's Inner Harbor, Michael then brought his culinary talents south to the Eastern Shore as owner and Executive Chef of Michael Rork's Town Dock in St Michaels where he was a candidate of the prestigious James Beard Award. As Executive Chef at Jimmie and Sooks, he infused a new vitality to the town of Cambridge, MD.

"Chef" is bringing his talents back home to The River House and is delighted to be a partner. He and his wife Betsy live locally in the Easton Club and raised their sons in Talbot County.

"Good food! Good friends! Good times! The River House has it all. Come and enjoy the Club."







# team

## **PEG & MATTHEW FITZGERALD...**

raised their five children in Talbot County and have been involved with numerous community organizations. Peg is Director of Communications at the Talbot Hospice Foundation and Matthew holds a doctorate from the Johns Hopkins School of Public Health and works in Healthcare Quality Improvement. His onsite office at The River House allows him to be on top of day to day operations.

"Our slogan is 'Come visit, you belong' as we want to emphasize that we are open to all. Although the personal service we offer is that often found in a private club. "

"This is a great facility, with the golf and pro shop, the restaurant and bar and the event pavilion. The wedding venue is spectacular. There is a grassy knoll elevated above the Tred Avon River where classic Chesapeake Bay workboats lay at anchor. If you love the Eastern shore, you'll love The River House. We have it all."

## **DICK & KAY PHILLIPS (NOT PHOTOGRAPHED)...**

are well known in Talbot County. Dick is an attorney in Easton and Kay has been involved with numerous community organizations. While raising their three children, they lived in the St. Michaels area and were quite involved with sports and school activities.

An avid golfer, Dick has been instrumental in inspiring a new start for the River House Golf links. Kay's decorating proficiency can be witnessed in the bridal dressing area for the River House Pavilion.

Today they enjoy spending time with their grandchildren, and boating on the scenic rivers that lead to the Chesapeake Bay.

## **TERRY & BOB HIGGINS...**

are longtime residents of Talbot County. They have an extensive business background in the restaurant industry, having owned and operated Yesteryear's Restaurant in Easton and currently the Higgins Crab Houses in Ocean City, MD.

"We are proud to be partners of the new River House at Easton Club with the goal of providing delicious food, outstanding service as well as creating a warm and welcoming place for the community to dine and socialize."

"In addition to our Restaurant and Golf links, our picturesque waterside events pavilion is a venue for private parties, weddings and conferences. With a full time Director of Events who works diligently in creating impressive and memorable special occasions, we look forward to the progress of this multi-faceted and exciting business."

In their 'down time', Terry and Bob enjoy spending time with their two daughters and their beautiful grandchildren.

## **KATHLEEN & RICH HARGROVE...**

own and manage Servpro of Maryland & Virginia, a business assisting in recovery from fire, smoke and water damage.

"Collectively we formed The River House, a place where the community can gather with neighbors, have a pride of 'ownership' and relax with family and friends. The most rewarding part of the experience has been the expressions of delight by the local residents and the Easton Club Golf Association members. The transformation could not have taken place without the vision, enthusiasm, and of course, the very hard work by all the partners and staff."

Kathleen is looking forward to getting on the course and developing her golf skills with the help of fellow partner, Tom Hanna and Head Golf Professional, Dan Greaves.

Rich and Kathleen discovered St. Michaels 22 years ago as Annapolis sailboat racers and realized it was the perfect environment in which to raise their two sons. They have been very active in Talbot county ever since.





Dan Greaves, Head Golf Professional  
at River House Golf.



Tom Hanna & Will Wiseman  
( Parkside High Grad and  
starter for MD Terps Golf Team)

"During my recruitment we talked about where I wanted to go in life and in golf. Coach gave us opportunities to better ourselves and allowed me to mature as a player with respect and friendship. I wish him the best of luck in his new endeavor."



Troy Wainwright (Stephen Decatur Grad),  
Assistant Director of Athletics at UMD  
and Tom Hanna



## THE RIVER HOUSE RESTAURANT...

sitting at the headwaters of the majestic Tred Avon River, celebrates the natural beauty and diversity of the five rivers of Talbot County that flow into the Chesapeake Bay. The bounty of the Eastern Shore farms and waterways are reflected in the menu with Executive Chef Michael Rork's culinary creations.

From seasonal offerings of rockfish, oysters and crabs to the various abundant produce grown locally, the menu selections are sure to please. The counties five rivers; the Choptank, Miles, Tred Avon, Tuckahoe and Wye have historic significance as the area was once home to Indians and later settled by the English in the 1600's. Today, the bucolic landscape is a welcome respite with a lovely 18-hole championship golf course offering a tranquil environment in which to be refreshed.

Whether you are just coming off the course, or are here to enjoy the river view, you will find the fare prepared by Chef Rork to be the best in all the land. In the tradition of an Irish Pub, we want to extend our hospitality and have our River House be your house, so if you don't see something on the menu, please ask!

And at the end of your dining experience, be sure to take a walk down to our dock and experience the natural majesty of the river first hand. We are glad that you are dining at the River House. Enjoy!

The original oil paintings adorning the walls, were commissioned by the River House, and painted by American landscape painter, David Grafton. The paintings depict our local rivers and the golf course landscape. If you are interested in purchasing a work you may contact the artist/owner at Grafton Galleries on Dover Street in Easton.



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# BOB AFFELDER WINS MD SENIOR OPEN CHAMPIONSHIP



"This is the 1:10 starting time. Now on the tee, from Ocean City Maryland, please welcome, Bob Affelder." PGA professional Bob Affelder was standing on hallowed ground, the historic Inverness Club, the place where Bobby Jones and Jack Nicklaus played their first U.S. Open. Bob was about to hit his first shot in the United States Senior Open.

As Director of the Original Golf School in Ocean City, Bob spends most of his golfing time teaching others how to play the greatest game. His talent and skill as a teacher are well established, but his ability and enthusiasm for tournament golf has resurfaced in recent years having reached the age to qualify for senior events. "One of the great aspects of golf is that it is a lifetime sport. At The Original Golf School we have numerous students who are taking up the game for the first time; many people are just beginning in their senior years", said Bob. The Senior bracket of USGA and PGA tournaments are wonderful opportunities for pros like Bob. He said "As we get older we lose our power game, shots don't fly as far as they once did. Modern tournament golf emphasizes power. The Senior events courses are set up to appropriately diminish the emphasis on distance, and thus all around shot making is more a factor in success." The irony of this observation became apparent on the first tee.

"On the opening day my first hole was actually number 10. Starting on the first and tenth holes is the common practice on the first two days of competition. The tenth at Inverness is a short but exacting par 4 slight dogleg right with no fewer than 10 bunkers guarding the right side of the fairway, considered the most picturesque

on the course. "I debated whether to hit a driver or 3 wood. The indecision proved costly. Determined to give it my best shot I went with the driver." Confident, undeterred by the Open rough, Bob made a great swing; the ball split the center of the fairway, flying in a graceful arc over the corner of the dogleg and beyond. The shot was too perfect, carrying through the fairway into the rough. "I made a great shot, the club choice was wrong. It was a classic case of going for it, with too much enthusiasm." As Bob came to the eighteenth hole, an errant tee shot, landed near a concession stand. "I was in an embarrassing position to be in, so far off line. The officials moved the crowd to give me a clear view of the green. When my recovery shot nearly holed out, the crowd went wild. It was fun!" The experiences at the Senior Open were special and provided a foundation for future success.

In October, Bob teed it up again this time for the Maryland Senior Open Championship. Bob began the final round two shots off the lead. He was paired with Marty West, a Walker Cup veteran, a two time All American at North Carolina, and winner of numerous USGA amateur titles. West was three shots off the lead. Bob got off to a fast start with birdies on the first and third holes, another birdie at the ninth and he finished the front nine in 33. Playing solidly on the back nine, the only bogey of the day on 16, Bob countered with a birdie on 17, for a closing round of 69. It was the low round of the day that gave Bob a three-stroke lead and the Maryland Senior Open Championship.



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Having coached high school golf for the past 14 seasons, I feel comfortable speaking on behalf of all the other coaches in the conference who have passionately exposed kids to the game: **"The success of junior golf relies heavily upon the dedication and generosity of golf course professionals and owners"**. Without the support and instruction from these highly skilled and trained instructors, countless numbers of junior golfers may not have the opportunities needed to enjoy the greatest game in the world. The Bayside South Conference is extremely fortunate to have a team of committed professionals helping to make golf possible for all kids on the Eastern Shore. They all have one goal in common and work together to make the season spectacular for all players.

## HEAD GOLF PROFESSIONAL'S QUOTES...



**ROB BAILEY**  
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Benjamin Franklin once said, "By failing to prepare, you are preparing to fail". "I think as golf professionals we have to prepare for the future of golf. By us teaching these juniors not only the game of golf but the rules and etiquette of golf, we will better prepare them for the future."



**BOB BECKELMAN**  
DEER RUN GOLF COURSE  
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"I've been teaching junior golfers on the shore for 20 years now, and it's been incredible to see kids that I taught as 4 or 5 year olds, playing high school golf, college golf, and even starting families of their own. I love being a part of that process, and whether a kid goes on to play the tour, or plays once a year for kicks, I enjoy knowing that I helped with a part of that person's life. It's a great feeling, and a huge part of why I love working with young players."



**MIKE CALLENDER**  
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"As a PGA Professional dedicated to growing the game, I know that it all starts with new players enjoying a lifetime of the game of Golf. Junior Golf is the most important tool in introducing young men and women to the game. Thanks to people like Jim Krall and the PGA Professionals in the area, I know that the juniors on the Shore are getting the best introduction to the game that there is to offer. We here at Green Hill Yacht & Country Club are proud to be a part of the exposure to the game to our future Club Champions and possible PGA or LPGA Tour Winners!"



**JOHN VANDERBYL**  
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"The staff and members at Nassawango enjoy seeing the joy and excitement on a junior golfer's face as they're coming off the course and we believe that expanding the game of golf to our youth is an excellent way to ensure that the passion for the game will continue to grow."





**BOB CROLL**  
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"It is very important for those of us in the business of golf to get the kids involved. They are the future of the game. But more important, we may be giving kids an opportunity to learn and experience the game of golf and its rich tradition. Golf builds character and integrity which will help them throughout their entire lives."



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**ROB McDONALD**  
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"I was given a great opportunity to learn this game as a child. The sport has given me a lot throughout my life and I feel it's important to pass on what I can to young golfers."



**THE HYATT**  
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"Our entire staff can see the value and importance in supporting junior golf on the Eastern Shore. We will continue to 'Grow the Game', whether it's through our Family Loop program, Junior Camps, SNAG or our new Golf in Schools program. New and junior golfers are the future of the game. As a golf professional, there is nothing more exciting than seeing the excitement on the face of a young golfer hitting their first successful drive or chip shot. Little do they know, we are having just as much fun as they are!"



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**DENNIS WINTERS**  
**RIVER RUN GOLF CLUB**

"Junior golf has been a big influence in my life growing up. If it wasn't for junior golf I wouldn't be in the golf industry that I'm in now. In my opinion, there is nothing better than to have your kids exposed to the game of golf. It offers a lot of opportunities, and it builds character, teaches honesty, fellowship and leaves a positive impression. We here at River Run Golf Club support junior golf and realize how important it is to the future of the game. My obligation to the game is to pass on what I have learned from other PGA Professionals and PGA Tour Professionals to any junior that is interested in the game of golf."





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Halverson was born and raised in Silver Spring, Md. He attended Loyola College in Baltimore for his undergraduate and graduate degrees. Andy played four years of Division One golf while attending school. He started his career in the golf industry as a caddy at Caves Valley Golf Club and also worked at the Bay Club in Berlin, MD.

Upon graduation from Loyola he took an assistants position at the U.S. Naval Academy Golf Club in Annapolis, Maryland to learn the trade under Patrick Owen, PGA. In 1997 he earned his PGA Membership then working his way into the Head Professional position at Maplehurst Country Club located in Frostburg, MD. In 2000, he accepted the Head Professional position at Cumberland Country Club in Western Maryland. His extensive experience will bring a new energy to customer service and appreciation.

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## GOLF FITNESS - STRETCHES DR. PETE ZEMO

This month I want to talk briefly about nutrition. As most of you know, there are critical amounts of vitamins, minerals, phytochemicals, antioxidants, etc. that are required for a normal and healthy lifestyle. These are even more important for very active people and athletes, including golfers. You say "I eat plenty of fruits and vegetables, so I get all that I need, right?" Probably wrong. Much has changed in the nutrient values of these products. Food is harvested before it is ripe; the soil it is grown in may have become depleted of important minerals. Chemical additives and preservatives are used; many foods are stored for long periods of time before you get them. For example, the apples in your supermarket may have been picked for up to 14 months before you get them. Here is an example- the amount of vitamin C in 100 grams of spinach in 1950 was 150 mg. In 1994, that same amount of spinach held 13 mg. The odds of you getting all that you need in your market is getting worse and worse. Maybe many of you have heard that a lot of the fruits and vegetable products sold by the Whole Foods market (all organic, right?) come from China. What do you think their standards for organic quality are?

So what can you do about it? Here is a quote from a recent issue of JAMA, the Journal of the American Medical Association.

"Most people do not consume an optimal amount of all vitamins by diet alone. Pending strong evidence of effectiveness from randomized trials, it appears prudent for all adults to take vitamin supplements". At our fitness club, we have been looking in depth at supplements on the market. We have on our staff a registered nutrition/wellness coach who works with our members who want to improve their dietary lifestyle. She and I work together to implement their supplemental/dietary needs, just as our trainers and instructors work to improve their general physical fitness needs. If your facility does not provide services such as these to better your overall fitness, look elsewhere. The words "Fitness Club" should incorporate all these things and not just be a "Gym". There was an article in the health section of the Washington Post that discussed this. The bottom line was strengthening the muscles of the "core" – the back and abdomen – can

help to improve it and prevent future disabling episodes. The stronger these muscles, the more they can help stabilize the spine, build stamina, reduce the need for pain meds, etc. We have talked about these exercise programs in the past. They include yoga, pilates, aerobic training and water aerobics. The aforementioned article describes a study where yoga and aerobic strength training programs were compared to a self-care program guided by a book. After 26 weeks, the yoga and exercise groups reported more pain relief and return of back function than those doing self-care. Similar studies were done with pilates and aerobic training such as treadmills, stationary cycling and stair climbing. Water aerobics, of course, shifts weight away from the back so strengthening can occur for those who experience too much pain with treadmills, etc.

The bottom line, if you consider these options, is to find a quality fitness facility and hook up with a trainer experienced in these techniques. And let me emphasize experienced. Anyone these days can go online and obtain a piece of paper that states they are "certified". I discovered you can go online and become a minister in a short period of time. You have to do your research; as a physician and gym owner our trainers are rigorously screened. They don't just possess a piece of paper. Would you entrust your spiritual needs to an online minister?

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The DPGA had their annual 2011 meeting recently electing Bert Bigelow, Prospect Bay CC as President, Steve Strobeck, of Hog Neck Golf Course as 1st Vice President, and Rodger Daugherty as 2nd Vice President. Kevin Cloud, pro at Eastern Shore Y & CC is the DPGA secretary. Rick Bisker, Nutters Crossing is the Administrative Assistant and Treasurer of the DPGA. Jack Slayton of the Elks will administrate the DPGA scholarship program. Matt Keller, assistant pro at Cripple Creek will be running the junior tournament program.

It is now time for high school (college bound) seniors to start thinking about applying for a DPGA scholarship. Each DPGA club is allowed to have one golfing student awarded a scholarship per year. Preferential consideration is given to those that have financial need, are active golfers and/or majoring in or taking courses in a field related to golf, agronomy or agriculture. More information can be obtained from any DPGA club or at the DPGA website at <http://home.comcast.net/~dpga-golf/scholarships.htm>.



The DPGA club "B" League Competition will be starting in the spring. For golfers that enjoy matching their golfing skills against others in a 2 man best ball competition between various DPGA clubs on the shore once a month between April and October, talk to your club pro to see if your club is going to participate. The format of the league is six better ball partner matches, three matches held at each course.

The minimum handicap for any player is 6. Each match has handicap limits so that more players have an opportunity to participate. For more information on the "B" League go to the DPGA website, <http://home.comcast.net/~dpga-golf/tournaments.htm> and click on "B" League Information.

The DPGA annual dues is \$150 per year and if any club that is not a member would like to join, contact the DPGA Administrative Assistant, Rick Bisker at 410-749-3563. The DPGA 2012 Discount Coupon book is still available at Nutters Crossing, Clearview at Horn Point, Easton Club, Great Hope, Sussex Pines and Hog Neck Golf Courses or call Jack Slayton at 410-749-6685.





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## SHORE UP WITH THE GAME COACH

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The milder than normal winter has enabled many of us to remain active on the courses for much of what would usually be considered the off-season on The Shore. Nonetheless, a new season dawns; and the time has arrived to review and formulate new practice and performance goals, and develop the plan that will direct our focus toward a successful and enjoyable 2012 golf year.

A great place to begin the goal setting process for both the beginner and the expert is the proper assessment of the athlete's level of development. Increasing the understanding of the current state of the golfer's game can provide a framework for establishing realistic and attainable expectations. Researchers recommend making practice and outcome-related goals specific and measurable in order to: enhance motivation, solidify commitment, channel focus and track progress. It has also been suggested that having a detailed game-management strategy that centers energy and attention on only the tasks required to accomplish goals can facilitate the overall achievement process.

Winning the 2012 "Tour on the Shore" is an example of a terrific and challenging year-end or long-term performance goal for a seasoned golfer. It is very specific and easily measured. Similarly, athletes new to the game of golf may aspire to simply learn to enjoy playing for its health and social benefits. A key in reaching each objective is the ability to structure, implement and achieve daily and weekly process goals that encourage success. Through the practice of task accomplishment, confidence is built and skills become conditioned responses; and with good fortune, lead to lower scores and higher satisfaction.

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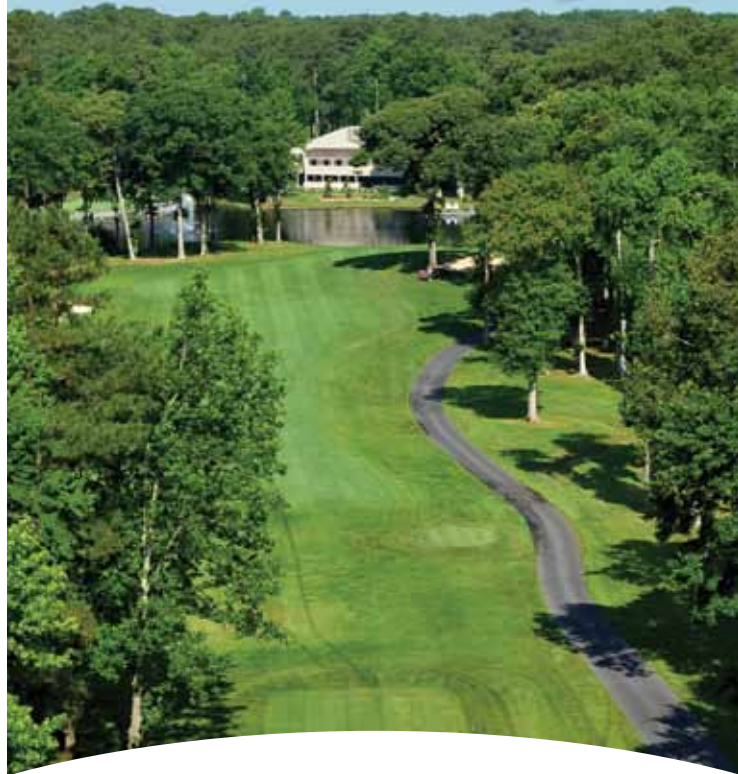
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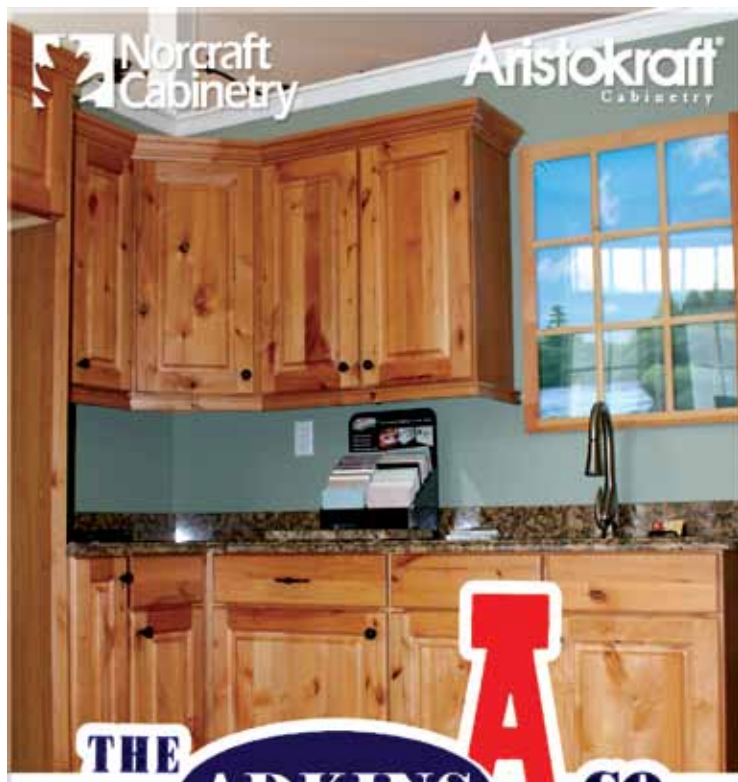
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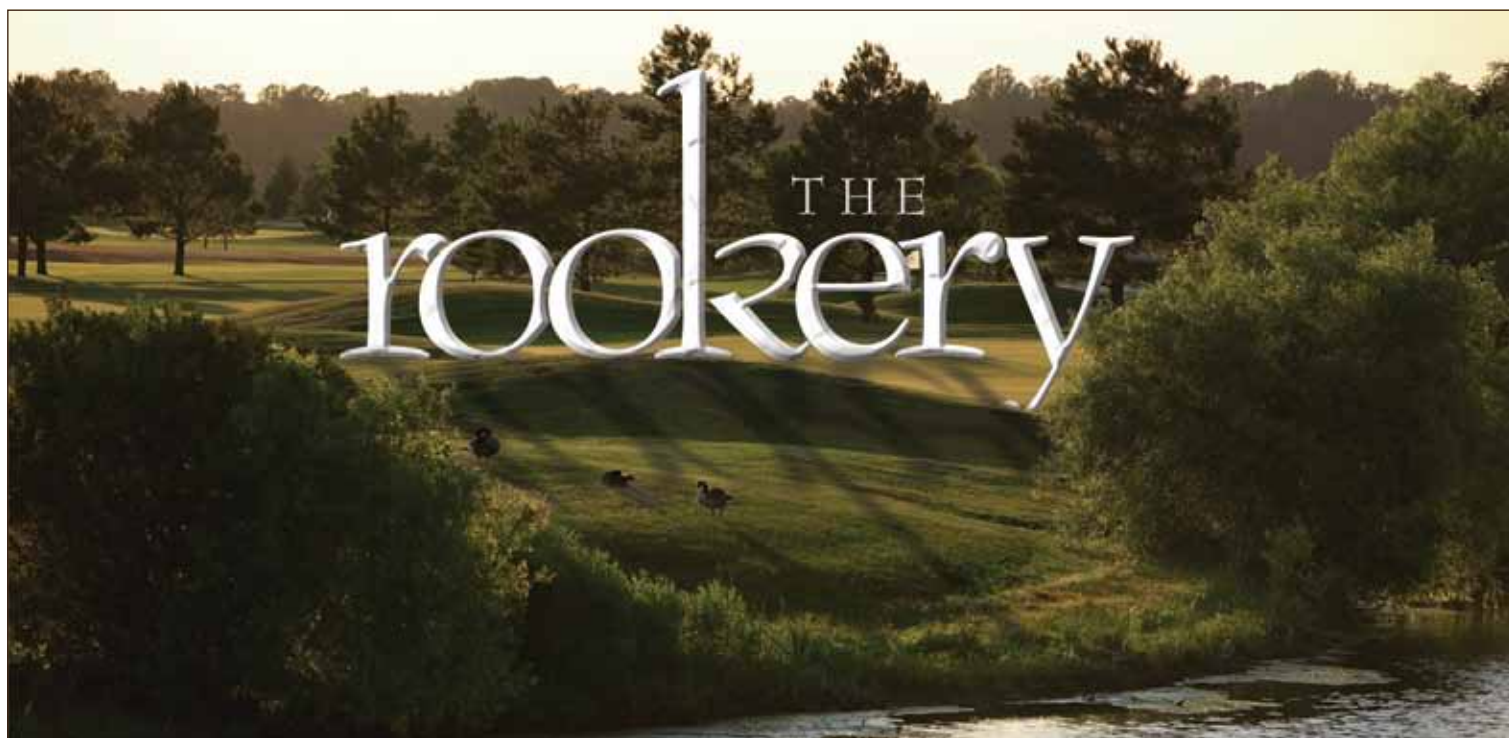
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## TOUR ON THE SHORE PLAYER PROFILE

# BRIAN KEITH



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### HOBBIES?

Fishing, spending time with family and golfing.

### FAVORITE GOLF COURSE?

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### FAMILY?

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# New Car Smell

"So, what would you like to get out of today's lesson?"

"Well, I should be hitting it farther, but I think the slice is hurting me. So I'd like to hit it straighter. But I really don't want you to change anything"

"Ok, I'll just sprinkle some of this pixie dust on you and you'll be breaking 80 in no time!"

It's a common fear amongst golfers that if they take a lesson, the pro will make changes to their swing that will feel "strange". This "strange" feeling then acts as a distraction to their usual mindset for the swing and results in poor shots. Obviously if you want to make a change in your results, you must make a change in your motion. The key here is to make this a positive process.

When you buy a new car it has that new car smell.

It's nice. You enjoy smelling it. Eventually though, you get used to the smell and you think it disappears. Six months later a friend gets in your car, takes a sniff and says "A new car huh? Nice!" So the smell is still there. You just can't notice it any more. The same is true in golf. You hear it often in post victory interviews. "My coach noticed I was fill-in-

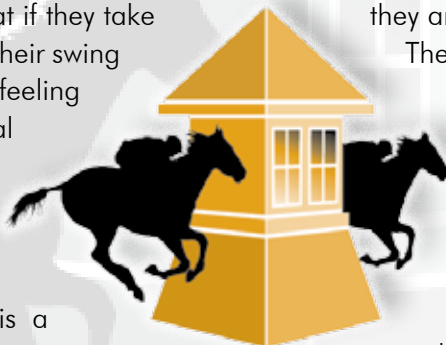
the-blank, so I just felt fill-in-the-blank and it clicked! Every week tour players are looking for that "new car smell" in their golf swing. The one feeling they can use as a swing key to be sure they are on the right track.

The first thing you should do is change your description of the new feeling from words like "strange" or "weird" to simply "new" or "different". It is this "different" feeling that will help you. Then, as you train, you want to use the "new" or "different" feeling to let you know that you are on the correct path or in the right position. If it doesn't feel different, then you are still in the old move. As you continue making the new move and see better results it will be easier to accept the "different" feeling on the golf course. Eventually the "different" feeling will be the "normal" feeling. The old one will simply disappear. Then, you'll be looking for a new "different" feeling somewhere else in your game.

By the way, I keep the pixie dust for myself!



BY ROB McDONALD, PGA



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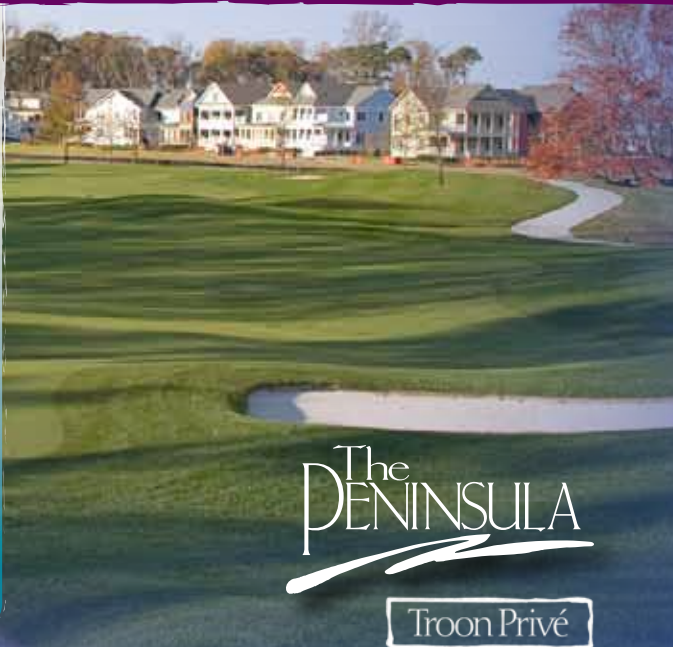
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## Semester Events

Another spring semester has begun and the mild winter has given the UMES PGA Golf Management students an opportunity to prepare their personal golf games for the spring and summer seasons. The relationship between the program, Nutters Crossing Golf Club and Great Hope Golf Course has allowed the students to keep their games in shape for semester events. The PGA Golf Management Student Association (PGMSA) has planned a Tournament Series that consists of six individual stroke play events with support from the local golf facilities. At the end of the academic year the PGMSA will award the Cropper Cup to the Player of the Year. To win the Player of the Year award, students earn points based on how they finish in the tournaments, similar to the FedEx Cup.

In **February** UMES is excited to host one of the best golf teachers in the Middle Atlantic PGA Section, Mr. Joe Plecker, PGA, from Baltimore Country Club. "Last year Joe was kind enough to host about 20 of our students at BCC. He showed us his indoor teaching facility and demonstrated FlightScope, which is a high tech launch monitor that allows the teacher to break down the golf swing in a qualitative and quantitative manner. This year Joe is coming to us and will speak to the Intro and Intermediate Teaching classes", said Chris Prosser, PGA, and Internship Coordinator at UMES.



Mr. Joe Plecker, PGA

On **March 8**, the PGA Golf Management Program will have another guest speaker on campus from GolfTEC. GolfTEC teaches 20% of all U.S. lessons annually and has given millions of lessons to over 200,000 clients. GolfTEC teaching philosophy is based on five factors of the proven path and the UMES students will hear about and discuss these five factors with GolfTEC experts. Prosser added, "We hope the students take away some fundamentals from these teachers and apply them to their own lessons."

**March 9-11**, 2012, UMES will send two eight man teams to Conway, SC and the home of Coastal Carolina University to compete with teams from other PGA Golf Management Programs at the Carolinas Cup. "This is a great opportunity for the students to travel, bond as classmates and future professionals, and network with their peers from other PGA Golf Management Programs based in the Carolinas. Some of our students aspire to work in the Carolinas after graduation and this is an avenue for them to lay the groundwork for future employment", said Prosser.

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**BY DERRICK BERZONSKI**

Okay, so this time I am at a loss for words. Those of you who know me are saying "yeah right". Hopefully the wonderful people at Eastern Shore Golf Magazine use a bigger print to fill the space for me here. The only thing I am going to say is stop by Ruddo's Golf in West Ocean City, Lewes DE or the new store in Fenwick Island, DE and try out the new clubs for 2012. You can demo any club and I am CONFIDENT that you will find a club you hit longer and straighter than what you have now. You've got a lot of choices like the new VRS line from Nike Golf, the Cobra/Puma AMP line of woods, RAZR Fit from Callaway Golf, Ping G20's and of course Taylormade's R11 S and Rocketballz. I have hit these clubs and I can tell you that I have picked up at least 15-20 yards over my current clubs. Read all the hot lists you want, watch all the commercials you need to and scour the internet for reviews. If you do one thing, take my word for it. Now since this article is short, I am going to go enjoy the best darn cupcake you can buy from Cupcakes in Bloom. Enjoy the extra distance. Seriously, stop in and try these clubs. And when I say stop in and try these clubs, I mean outside on a real practice range, not inside a box tucked in a corner of a big box. See you soon.



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# TOOLS OF THE TRADE BY STEVE MENZ

## RULES ARE MEANT TO BE AMENDED



As many of you know, the USGA releases an updated Rules of Golf every 4 years and 2012 is the next scheduled release. The USGA and the R&A did make three changes in the 2012-2015 rule book. Rule 18-2b Ball moving after address has added a new exception that exonerates a player who has had their ball move after they have addressed it if it is virtually certain that they did not cause it to move and it was moved by a gust of wind. There is no penalty AND the ball is played from the new position. We will just dub this the Rory Rule due to his ball being moved by the wind in last year's Open Championship. Rule 6-3a is the Starting Time Rule. Previously if a player was late for their tee time, they would be disqualified. Now if a player starts within 5 minutes of their tee time it is only a two stroke penalty. In match play it is loss of hole. We will call this the Furyk Rule due to his cell phone battery dying at the Barclays pro-am in 2010. Finally, Rule 13-4 allows a player to smooth sand or soil in a hazard at any time, including before playing from that hazard. Providing that the intent was in caring for the course and the action does not improve your stance, swing or line of play. This rule needed changing purely to

speed up play. This rule will be called the Cink Rule from the 2008 Zurich Classic where he hit it out of one bunker and it came to rest in another bunker some 200 yards away. His caddie raked the bunker before he hit the next shot and Cink was disqualified. There is one rule I was hoping they would amend this year. It involves the situation when you hit your ball down the middle of the fairway and it comes to rest in a divot. I get so frustrated when a good shot gets penalized by ending up in someone's old divot. It is called rub of the green and you must play it as it lies. I had hoped that the USGA would amend this rule but it looks like they dropped the ball (pun intended), when they did not amend this rule. I would like to see a universal rule in place to get relief from a ball coming to rest in a divot in the fairway. So for now, we will still be playing out of the old divots. Some clubs have divot filling parties, a group of members will head out to a few holes armed with sand bottles. Now add the beverage cart and offer a discounted dinner and you can turn this chore into a good time! No need to buy a new rule book this year, just remember the addendums. And please, leave the course better than the one you found.



BY STEVE MENZ

## YOU KNOW THE DRILL BY STEVE MENZ

### alignment fixes

Having troubles with proper alignment? Here is an easy way to get you aiming properly. Stand facing your target, like your zipper is facing right at the target. Turn your right foot 90 degrees and point it at the golf ball. Now follow with your left foot. Waggle until you find the proper ball position and Ta-Da, you are square to your target. I see most people struggle with alignment. To get a proper feel where your feet should be pointed, face your target and point your right arm at the target. Now make your left arm parallel to your right arm and look where it is pointing. This should give you a better understanding of how to fix your alignment. Now you know the drill!





# Tips

## FROM THE PRO!

### Let's Make PLANS!



This month I plan to teach you just how to keep your game in great shape over the winter and start out sharp when spring finally springs. Your average player has a slight tendency to get a little lazy over the frigid months, and come spring, their game is a mess. Don't let this happen to you.

During the holidays, it is impossible to get anything done between then and early January. Shopping, parties, lousy weather, family visits, hanging decorations, emergency room visits (cause some relative missed a step), or the fact that everyone within a block of your house has the stomach bug. Complete Chaos. During those crazy days, all you can do is pray for Santa to bring you an early spring and every game improvement club on the market!

Now after the Holidays is another story. It's a great opportunity to get a jump on that obnoxious 12 handicapper in your group that you'll do anything to beat. This is what we'll do...

**1** Let's create a game plan for the upcoming year. In other words...let's plan! Think about what your scores are. What do you want them to be? (hey, be realistic...if you're shooting in the 100's, think 90's not 60's!). Take it one year at a time. *Honestly, what can you MOST improve on to lower your scores? Ball striking? Accuracy? Consistency? Driving? Fairway shots? Chips and pitches? Sand shots? Putting? On-course performance? Everything? (Just a hint...most people want to drive it farther, but it's rarely a score improvement area).*

**2** If you haven't started a golf journal, do it now and write all the stuff above in it! We are making a list, and checkin' it twice, gonna find out if your golf game is naughty or nice! Seriously...write it down! Makes it more real, and you can be more honest on paper than in your head. (I know you want to drive it farther than Bubba, but really your short game smells like last year's fruit cake). What is that stuff anyway?

**3** Create a plan of action to improve and reach your specific goals. If your ball striking stinks, you may consider getting a range membership somewhere (Deer Run perhaps), and committing to more range practice. If your short game is miserable, than find a convenient facility where you can practice a variety of short game shots. If it's that you just can't get it done on the course, create a practice routine that is more like simulated play. Whatever it is, I guarantee that specifying it, writing it down, and attacking it in a planned way will be successful! Stop being haphazard...notice you can't say haphazard without "hazard"...how many of those did you visit last season?

**4** Get a good instructor that you communicate well with...even if you only see them once a year. My suggestion is that if you want to improve, and you don't like to take lessons, see an instructor once a year in early spring. Use the professional to help you create your perfect golf improvement plan!

If you do like to take lessons, sit down with your instructor and create your plan as a team. We want to create a season long game plan that will maximize your chances of success...or you could do like the holidays and just try to survive the mayhem! (And I don't mean Hunter!)





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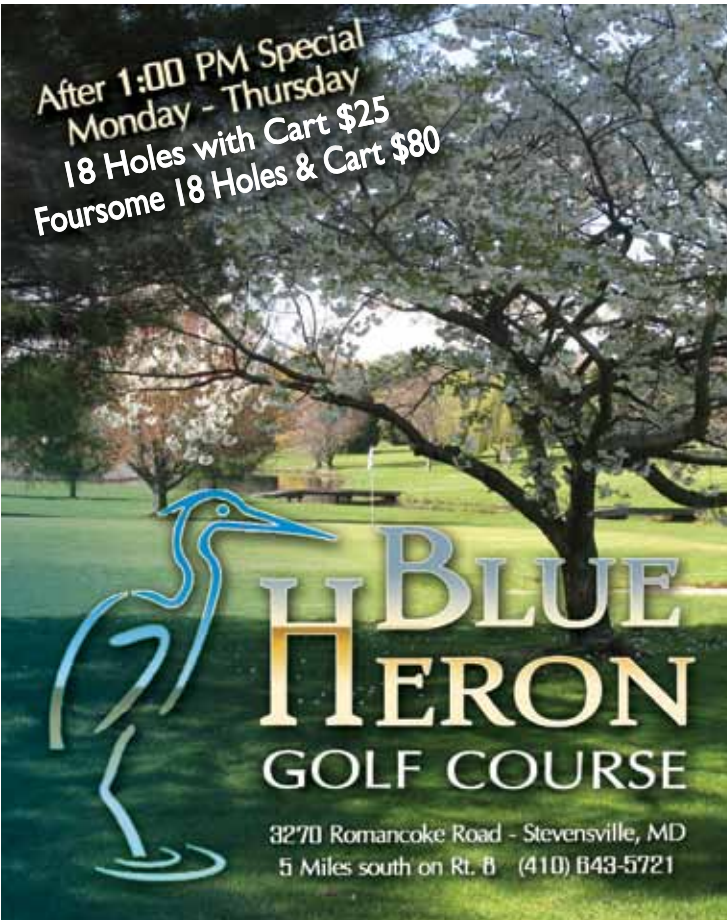
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See the bunkers like channel markers, guiding you to safe passage throughout the course. Don’t fear them; use them to spot the best shot to play off the tee and into the green. The clues to design on the first hole, apply to most of the remaining holes. Once you recognize the design challenge then choose to eliminate it with club selection and shot shape. This process of decision making and choice keeps you on the path to par even if you hit a less than perfect shot. It is the essence of the game. It begins on the first hole. This season commit to making good initial decisions, play from tees that test your judgment and skill as much as your power, and build a foundation for a better golf game.







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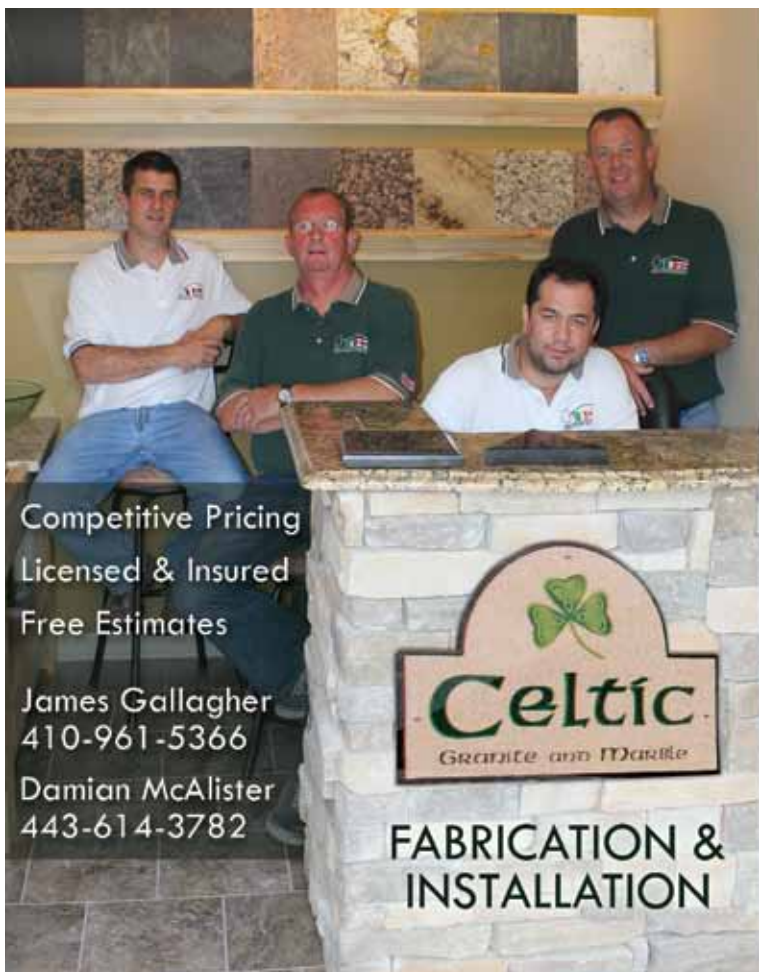
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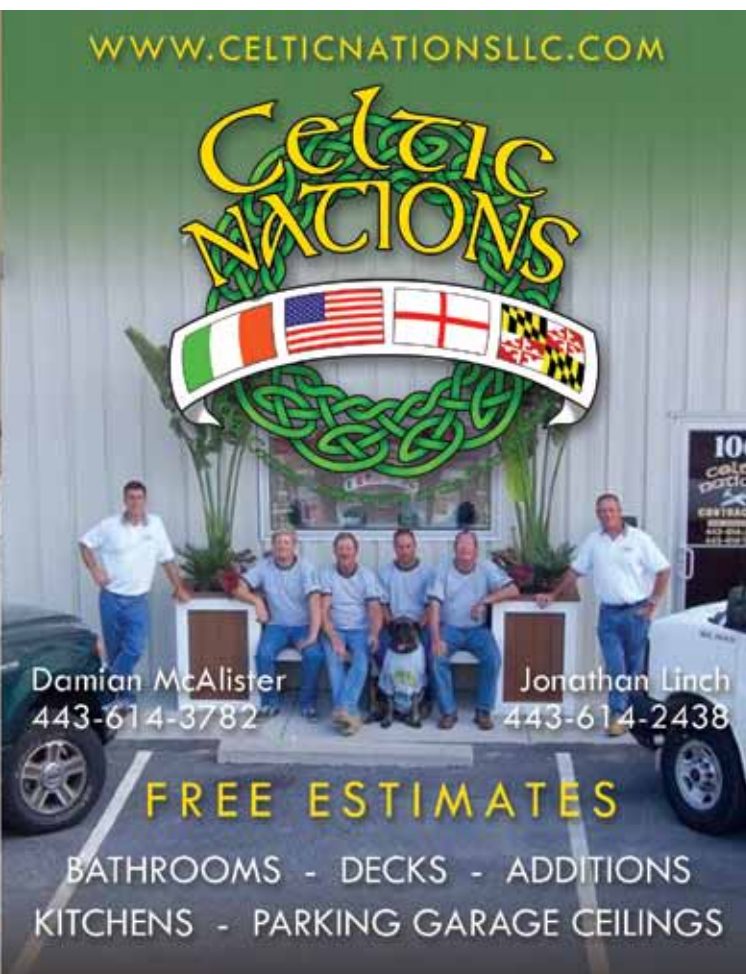
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**HANDICAP** 12 **AT WHAT AGE DID YOU START PLAYING GOLF?** 25

**HOW OFTEN DO YOU PLAY?** As often as I can

**HOW MANY HOLE-IN-ONES HAVE YOU HAD?** 1

**DID GOLF COME NATURALLY, DID YOUR PARENTS/GRANDPARENTS GET YOU INVOLVED WHEN YOU WERE REAL YOUNG?** I am always learning

- it's part of the game. My Grandfather was a course Pro and he passed when I was young but it put tears in my Grandmother eyes when I told her I played so I haven't stopped yet.

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**WHAT IS THE TOUGHEST ASPECT OF GOLF TO TEACH YOUNG PLAYERS?** Patience

**WHAT HAS BEEN THE MOST REWARDING MEMORY OF COACHING THUS FAR?** I have two....#1 I gave a putting tip to one of the Stephen Decatur State qualifiers and on his first hole in a match he made a long putt. #2 The team gave me a framed team picture and they each wrote a message around the border thanking me.

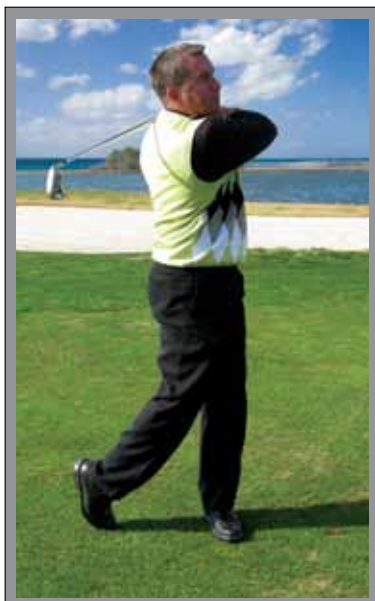
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# Practice... You LOVE It or You HATE It!

As Allen Iverson so eloquently said, "I'm talking about practice! That's right practice". It amazes me how much time some people can spend on the range hitting balls. Probably



because I have the attention span of a 2- year-old when it comes to practicing and hitting golf balls. I would almost rather spend the day shopping with my better half than torture myself at the range for hours at a time. It is my experience that you are either a golfer who loves to practice or one who loathes it. There is little gray area here. I know if I want to be a better player that I should spend more time working on my game. But

the truth is, I just don't care about improving enough to put in more hours on the range. Don't get me wrong I love golf as much as the next guy but the thought of spending hours practicing never has excited me much. It's kind of strange too because I grew up playing all kinds of sports and always looked forward to practice. With golf it has always been different for me. Maybe that's why I'm stuck in mediocrity or it could be that I'm just not very talented. Whatever the reason I'm happy with the way things are for now! Although every now and then I have to spend some time on the range with one of my PGA buddies to save my sanity. I also know that spending time on the range can hurt your game if you continue to practice bad swings and don't receive proper instruction. I have seen many golfers spend hours on the range with no professional help and continue to repeat bad swings and completely destroy their game. So my advice would be if you don't like to practice don't do it! But if you do make sure your time on the range is spent practicing the proper fundamentals otherwise you're just wasting your time and effort!

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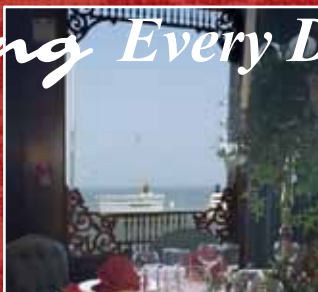


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## On The Range

The wrapper is a beautiful deep leathery brown with a slight, oily shine to it. It has a very nice woody pre-light aroma.

## Front Nine

This cigar starts out very smooth and somewhat mild for a full-bodied smoke, which I find pleasing for a golf course cigar. The flavors start to kick in soon though. The woody aroma continues as hickory notes begin to build by the halfway point.

## Back Nine

As we head to the finish, the tobacco is really showing its earthy tones as the hickory is fully engaged with some spice and pepper starting to make an appearance. The draw is very smooth and consistent all the way through to the end.

The 601, while it has a slight kick to it, there isn't as much as most full-bodied cigars. This makes for an excellent choice for the golf course. I was enjoying it so much that I didn't consider it finished until it burned down to my fingertips!

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