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JUNE

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4TH @ **DEER RUN** DAN KENNEY
5TH @ **OCEAN RESORTS** WOR-WIC COMMUNITY COLLEGE
6TH @ **CLEARVIEW AT HORNS POINT** DPGA INVITATIONAL
6TH @ **WILD QUAIL** DPGA CC INVITATIONAL
6TH @ **DEER RUN**
PARENT PROJECT MUSCULAR DYSTROPHY
6TH @ **OCEAN PINES**
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8TH @ **GLEN RIDDLE**
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9TH @ **QUEENSTOWN HARBOUR** FREE JR GOLF CLINIC AGES 9&10
9TH @ **SHAWNEE**
MISGA DIVISION 1&3 QUALIFIER FOR ABCD PRESIDENTS CUP
11TH @ **QUEENSTOWN HARBOUR**
FREE JR GOLF CLINIC AGES 11-15
11TH @ **EASTERN SHORE CC**
MISGA DIVISION 5 QUALIFIER FOR ABCD PRESIDENTS CUP
11TH @ **THE PENINSULA**
CHILDREN'S BEACH HOUSE 12PM
12TH @ **NUTTERS CROSSING** SALISBURY SUNRISE ROTARY 1PM
13TH @ **QUEENSTOWN HARBOR** GOLF GALAXY TOURNEY
13TH @ **NUTTERS CROSSING** PARKSIDE RAMS 9AM
13TH & 14TH @ **WINTER QUARTERS** DPGA INVITATIONAL
15TH @ **REHOBOTH COUNTRY CLUB** DPGA JUNIOR TOURNAMENT
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AT SUSSEX PINES
20TH @ **NASSAWANGO**
EASTERN SHORE GOLF MAGAZINE '09 TOUR ON THE SHORE
20TH @ **OCEAN PINES**
MARINE CORPS OUTING 9AM SHOTGUN
22ND-24TH @ **CRIPPLE CREEK**
DELEWARE STATE WOMEN'S AMATEUR
22-26TH @ **BLUE HERON** KIDS GOLF CAMP AGES 7-10
25TH @ **WILD QUAIL**
US KIDS QUALIFIER
27TH @ **HUNTERS OAK** (GOLF GALAXY TOURNEY)
29TH @ **NASSAWANGO**
DPGA JR. TOURNAMENT
29TH 7/1 @ **CRIPPLE CREEK**
DELEWARE STATE MEN'S AMATEUR
29TH - 7/3 @ **EAGLES LANDING**
1:30 - 6:00 GOLF CAMP (BOYS & GIRLS AGES 7-16) \$120 OC RESIDENT
29TH - JULY 1ST @ **BLUE HERON** KIDS GOLF CAMP

JULY

1ST @ **CRIPPLE CREEK**
DAY 3 DELAWARE STATE MEN'S AMATEUR
2ND @ **SUSSEX PINES**
MISGA DIVISION 1&3 QUALIFIER FOR 2 MAN BEST BALL
5TH @ **NASSAWANGO**
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6TH-10TH **BLUE HERON** KIDS GOLF CAMP AGE 11-14
7TH @ **OCEAN CITY GOLF CLUB** DPGA JR. CHAMPIONSHIP
11TH @ **SEAFORD CC** DPGA INVITATIONAL
13TH @ **NASSAWANGO** DPGA PRO JR.
13TH - 17TH @ **EAGLES LANDING**
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13TH - 17TH @ **BLUE HERON**
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16TH @ **CRIPPLE CREEK**
PROGRESS FOR PROSTATE CANCER
18TH @ **CAMBRIDGE HYATT**
EASTERN SHORE GOLF MAGAZINE '09 TOUR ON THE SHORE
18TH & 19TH @ **NASSAWANGO**
TAPAN INVITATIONAL
19TH @ **QUEENSTOWN HARBOR**
GOLF GALAXY TOURNEY
20TH @ **CHESTER RIVER CC**
DPGA JR. TOURNAMENT
20TH-23RD @ **NASSAWANGO**
WORCESTER COUNTY KIDS GOLF CAMP
25TH & 26TH @ **EASTERN SHORE YACHT & CC**
DPGA AMATEUR
27TH @ **WILD QUAIL**
DPGA JR. TOURNAMENT
27TH-31ST — **BLUE HERON**
KIDS GOLF CAMP — AGES 8-14
28TH & 30TH — **CHURCH HILL PARK**
JR GOLF CLINIC
29TH @ **OCEAN PINES**
DPGA JR. TOURNAMENT

AUGUST

1ST & 2ND @ **CAROLINE CC** DPGA INVITATIONAL
3RD-7TH — **BLUE HERON** HIGH SCHOOL GOLF CAMP AGES 13-17
4TH @ **SHAWNEE CC** DPGA JR. TOURNAMENT
6TH @ **NUTTERS CROSSING** — DPGA ROTARY JR. TOURNAMENT
6TH @ **NUTTERS CROSSING**
SALISBURY SUNRISE ROTARY-JR. 9AM
8TH @ **LINKS AT LIGHTHOUSE SOUND**
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29TH @ **WHISKEY CREEK** GOLF GALAXY TOURNEY

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7TH @ **BEACH CLUB** — UMES FALL CLASSIC 1PM SHOTGUN
10TH @ **DEER RUN** — VFW
13TH @ **SEAFORD** — DPGA COUPLES TOURNAMENT
14TH @ **SALT POND** — MILLSBORO SENIORS
16TH @ **OCEAN CITY GOLF CLUB** — WORCESTER COUNTY VETERANS MEMORIAL TOURNEY
18TH @ **NUTTERS CROSSING** — YOUNG LIFE
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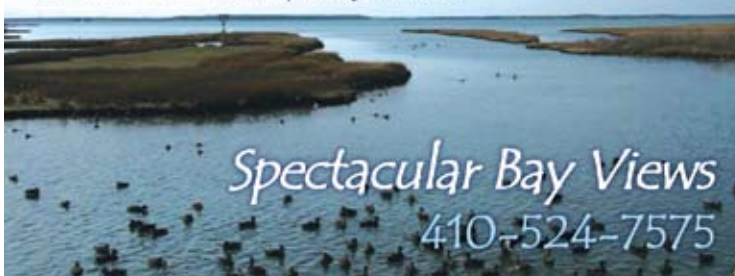
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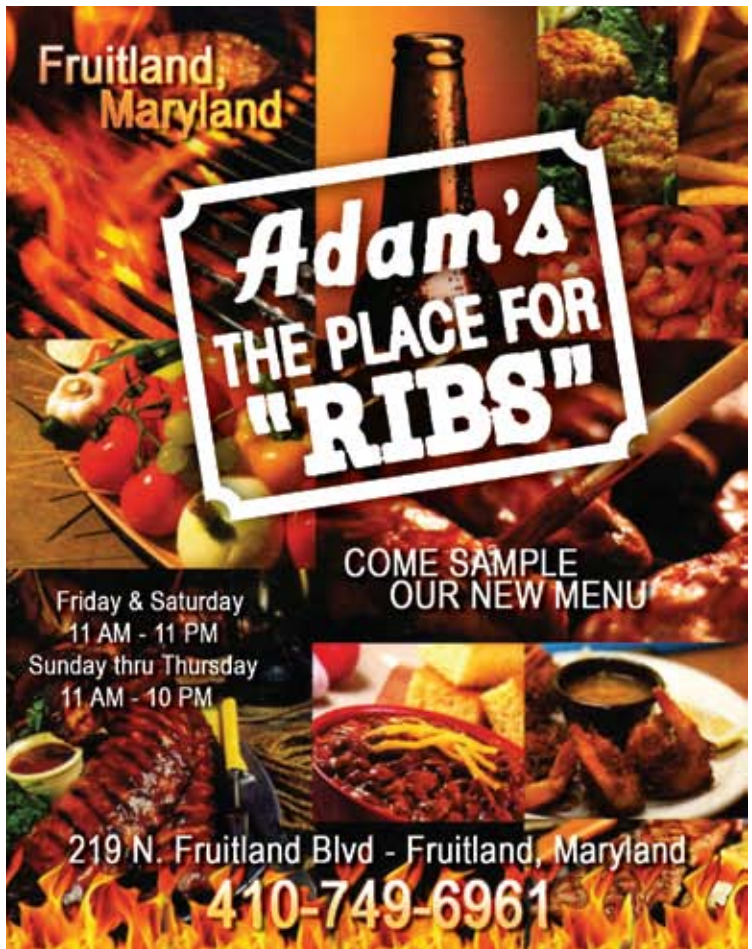
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**HAPPY
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NOW THAT THE "APRIL SHOWERS" HAVE PASSED, THE LOCAL COURSES ARE READY FOR PLAY. THERE IS SO MUCH TO LOOK FORWARD TO THIS '09 SEASON. FROM CHARITY TOURNAMENTS, JUNIOR CLINICS, MISGA EVENTS, DPGA TOURNEYS, '09 TOUR ON THE SHORE, ESGM CHAMPIONSHIPS, EWGA EVENTS, AND MUCH MORE. IN THIS PUBLICATION, YOU WILL FIND THE EASTERN SHORE'S TOP COURSES, EXCELLENT MEMBERSHIP OFFERS, LOCAL DISCOUNTS, AND OTHER FUN GOLF INFORMATION.

AS MOTHER'S AND FATHER'S DAY APPROACHES, REMEMBER TO BE THANKFUL FOR THOSE SPECIAL FAMILY MEMORIES. WE THANK THOSE THAT TOOK THE TIME TO MAIL IN THEIR SPECIAL MOTHER/CHILD AND FATHER/CHILD PHOTOS.


WE INVITE YOU TO VISIT OUR WEBSITE TO REVIEW THE 15 DAY FORECAST, HUNDREDS OF PHOTOS, GOLF COURSE LINKS, PAST ISSUES AND MUCH MORE AT WWW.ESGMAGAZINE.COM. SEE YOU AROUND THE GREENS. THANK YOU!

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Right from the start, the club was run by a committee. The house of shareholders and the clubhouse, kitchen, food and beverage was available to the membership. The greens committee worked with the grounds superintendent to be certain the membership and guests always had a well conditioned golf course to play. The golf committee worked with the golf pro in order to interest the membership in club tournament play. The budget and operating, membership and building and grounds committees were active in the business of running a young golf course business.

Everyone involved has done a very good job over the last fifty years and the club has grown into a thirty-six hole facility with one of the largest clubhouses on the shore. Many local charity tournaments are held at what is now known as Ocean City Golf Club. The stock of the club is now held by some of the same shareholders which bought into the original idea and many of the shares remains in the family of the original visionaries. Club stock is now held under the name of South Point Golf Holdings, Inc.

Lot development was a part of the original idea and at the present time eleven of the original one hundred twelve lots are owned by the club.

Ocean City Golf Club is poised to enter the next fifty years as the best local member golf facility which allows outside play on a fee basis. Our two courses have been upgraded recently. The Newport Bay course was completely renovated just prior to the turn of the century. The Seaside course upgrade was completed in 2008 including a new irrigation system and new tees. The character of the original Seaside course still remains as it was in 1959, is challenging and fun to play. Our member-guest has grown into what our peer of golf professionals agree is the best on the shore.

The same vision remains with the board of directors and committeemen today which existed back in 1959. Maintain a great member golf facility and attract non-members to play our golf courses on their visits to this great resort area. **■BY RICHARD HOLLAND, SR.**

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ST. PATRICK'S DAY TOURNAMENT



TIM



BRITTINGHAM

He sees the County-with open-juniors, and college students, and locals, and visitors from afar, all golfing, all interacting, all enjoying the County-owned municipal course like it was meant to be enjoyed when it was originally built two decades ago space money.

And over the last three years that Brittingham has been the Head Professional at the only golf course in Somerset County, Maryland, he has been doggedly pursuing his vision - and it shows. With the help of an enthusiastic Superintendent, the course is in great condition, finances are improving every year, and a new friendship with the UMES PGM program means new faces circulating through the course.

"My feeling is that in terms of money, anything that affects the condition of the golf course has to have the highest priority," Brittingham explained. "People come here to play golf, period. Dollar for dollar, Great Hope is the best value on the Delmarva Peninsula, hands down."

Indeed, Great Hope boasts a 7000-yard par-72 layout from the tips, and a great design by Dr. Michael Hurdzan, who also designed Eagle's Landing. The course has five sets of tees for players of all abilities.

Brittingham, 44, grew up in Pocomoke and was a high-school standout, going on the play (and win) at the college level for Division 1A Temple University, where his team played in the 1A Finals (like the Final Four in basketball) four straight years.

He returned home after college and worked at Nassawango and Eagle's Landing before accepting the Head Professional's job at Great Hope three years ago.

"I really want to see more juniors taking up the game. We have a great practice facility here and I'm going to be holding junior clinics throughout the summer. You know, we're a busy society. You can't just throw juniors on the golf course. People will get upset with you. So I'd like to teach kids how to play, and to respect the rules and etiquette, and to make sure they feel comfortable."

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The DPGA is now accepting applications for their 2009 scholarship program. Applications can be picked up at any DPGA golf club, from high school guidance counselors, or the DPGA website at <http://home.comcast.net/~dpga-golf/>. Preferential consideration will be given to candidates who are in financial need, are active golfers, and are majoring in or taking courses in a field related to golf, agronomy or agriculture. The deadline for submitting the application is June 1st. The applicant must be available for a personal interview with the DPGA scholarship committee in June.



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The DPGA obtains funds for their scholarship program through the sale of golf discount coupon books which were sold out this year and donations from individuals, businesses and proceeds from the golf tournaments they hold through out the year. If you are interested in making a donation or finding out more about the scholarship program, contact Jack Slaton at 410-749-6685.

■ BY RICK BISKER

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MISGA HONORS ED NEFF

Tuesday April 7th was opening day for the Nutters Crossing MISGA group which held a breakfast meeting and honored Ed Neff past Secretary/Treasurer. Ed was one of the original members of the Nutters MISGA group when the course joined MISGA in 1992. In 1995 he became Secretary/Treasurer of Nutters MISGA and he was responsible for setting up the yearly golf schedule with the

other Eastern Shore MISGA clubs which includes over 50 home and away events. He made sure all the bills were paid at the end of the day. As the years went on, Ed became the Division 5 Tournament Chairman, arranging for the Division Qualifier Tournaments to determine who would be eligible for the State ABCD Presidents Cup and Two Man Best Ball Tournaments. Ed retired at the end of last year due to the responsibilities he holds in the National Red Men's organization. It has taken at least three men accomplish what he was doing for our MISGA organization.

Ed was honored with a bench donated to Nutters Crossing Golf by the Nutters MISGA group with a plaque stating:

"Ed Neff, In recognition of his outstanding dedication in promoting MISGA golf at Nutters Crossing. From 1995-2008. Ed has served as Assistant Representative, in addition to Secretary/Treasurer. With the right attitude, we can only strive to achieve. May his future golf accuracy improve to match his bookkeeping skills." The bench has been placed at the ninth tee box.

■ BY RICK BISKER





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It was just thirteen years ago when Mrs. Nancy Dofflemeyer helped create the Eastern Shore Chapter of the Executive Women's Golf Association. During that time, she has dedicated a huge portion of her schedule to making her chapter one of the most respected and friendly golf organizations on the shore. What started with just thirty-six members in 1996, has grown to two hundred twenty-six and counting. Nancy says "the past five years, we have really exploded in numbers." Nancy was recently recognized for her tremendous efforts by being named "Chapter Development Specialist" by the EWGA to mentor five other chapters across the nation.

Nancy says, "Thanks to a lot of hard work from our members, the EWGA offers so much for local women from clinics with top pros, discounts at great local courses, and lasting friendships with other ladies." If you are new to the area or just love golf, this is the number one way to get comfortable around the greens!

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HIGH SCHOOL ALL-STARS MD VS. ENGLISH



On April 1st, 2009, Hunters Oak Golf Club hosted an English All-Star High School Golf Team. These young men travel the east coast of the U.S., playing great courses on a 3-week trip. The event is sponsored by The Blair Academy, a private boarding school in New Jersey.

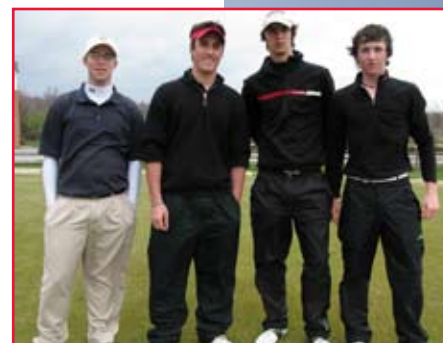
Their trip included visits to Pine Valley, Baltimore CC, Baltistol, Maidstone, Philadelphia CC, Caves Valley to just name a few. We ere honored to have them at Hunters Oak.

In the spirit of competition, Hunters Oak provided 8 Maryland All-Stars from the MIAA-A conference. Teams played (4) four-ball matches to decide a winner. Three players were from the Eastern Shore. Kris Wilcoxon, Drew Mlynarski and Nick Lapres. (All from Saints Peter & Paul). The five from the Western Shore included Andrew Layton (Mt. St. Joe), Ben Shields (Loyola), Josh Eure (South River), Ben Whitman (Boys Latin) and Will Guy (Boys Latin).

Final Score was 7 1/2 to 4 1/2 in favor of the Maryland team. All players thoroughly enjoyed their experience and friendships made. Eight players will visit England next summer in a return trip playing all the great courses in England. Tyler Horney (Saints Peter & Paul) of Hunters Oak made the English trip last year and played such courses Sunnysdale, Royal St. Georges and Woburn.

Special thanks to Steve Ford of Talbot CC for his sponsoring and planning the event.

■ BY BILL HORNEY



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BY JIM KRALL

TAKE THE HIGH SCHOOL GOLF ETIQUETTE CHALLENGE

Golf etiquette is one of the most important and highly stressed facets of high school golf. In fact, a player's level of etiquette speaks volumes about him or her not only as a golfer, but also as a person. The high school coaches in the Bayside Conference value sportsmanship and etiquette as the foundation of a successful program. After all, it is our job to help mold the young men and women into competitive players, but more importantly, into respectable gentlemen and ladies. Most experienced golfers know the differences between good and bad etiquette, but sometimes don't always go the extra yard. Take the test yourself and see if your etiquette is up to par.



PICKING UP TRASH LEFT ON THE COURSE.



Every golfer should respect the natural beauty of the golf course. The grounds crew works very hard to make the playing conditions ideal for an enjoyable round of golf. At the high school level, we are especially grateful for being the guests at many wonderful championship courses throughout the peninsula. Our players are encouraged to go the extra yard to pick up trash on the course, which not only makes them feel good about themselves, but it can also subconsciously affect their playing

partners in a positive manner. High school coaches stress to their players to be the better golfer and set an example for others to follow.

FIX MORE THAN JUST YOUR BALL MARK ON THE GREEN.



High school golfers should carry a ball mark tool or tee in their pocket to repair their own ball mark. We also train our players to fix two or three other ball marks in addition to their own. We certainly don't want them to slow up play by repairing the entire green; however, when playing partners see the effort made, it tends to bring out the best in them too. If everyone in the foursome was

accustomed to fixing more than one ball mark imagine the impact the group could make on the conditions of the greens. Now imagine if all the golfers on the course exhibited that same level of etiquette how gorgeous the greens would be.

RAKING BUNKERS THE CORRECT WAY.



Golfers should always enter the bunker at the lowest point closest to their ball. They should never climb down from the high side because it could cave in and that type of bunker damage is very hard to repair. After hitting a shot a player should rake sand towards themselves as they step backwards towards the same point of entry. Golfers should only rake enough sand to smooth out the impressions they made. We teach high school players to lay the rake down

outside the bunker with the handle positioned parallel to the fairway.

DO NOT MOVE AHEAD OF YOUR GROUP.



Pace of play is an important issue at the high school level because we play all matches in the afternoon and only have a few hours of daylight. We stress ready golf, however we also stress that players are NOT permitted to walk in front of their playing partners who have not hit their next shot. It's an extremely dangerous breach of etiquette. The golf ball can become a lethal projectile when least expected. Faster players have a tendency to ride or walk ahead of their playing partners in hopes to speed them up. Fortunately high school matches are scored by an official who

keeps the groups moving on time.

UPON HOLING OUT ANNOUNCE YOUR SCORE.

Announcing a score to playing partners retains the integrity of the player. An honest golfer has nothing to hide. Golfers who whisper under their breath or don't announce their score at all are usually subject to suspicion. Our high school players are conditioned to announce their score immediately after holing out. This also forces them to know exactly what they lay at all times.

BE CONSIDERATE WITH CELL PHONES.

At the high school level we don't allow cell phones to be used at all. If



a player is caught using their phone during play they are disqualified. Most of us have that certain friend who talks excessively on the phone throughout the entire round. It's an annoyance but we just shrug our shoulders and chalk it up to the same old pathetic excuse, "It's the 21st Century – what am I supposed to do?" Try not to be

'that guy' who is a distraction to everyone, or you may find yourself getting less invites.

REPLACE FAIRWAY DIVOTS OR FILL WITH SAND.

High school players walk at all matches and practices. Therefore, they are instructed to replace all divots whenever possible since sand is not available to them.

LAY THE FLAG STICK DOWN OFF THE GREEN.



Too often golfers pull the flagstick out of the hole and allow it to slam onto the green leaving behind ruts and impressions that may interfere with the next groups putting line. Placing the flagstick off the green or gently laying it down shows excellent etiquette and

respect for others.

CLEAN THE TRASH OUT OF YOUR GOLF CART.



High school players are not permitted to ride, so this tip on etiquette directly applies to everyone else who does. Even if a golfer is tipping a cart attendant, it's just plain discourteous to leave behind a golf cart full of trash. As always, your actions will become contagious to your playing partners. In just a few seconds a courteous golfer can try to leave the cart as clean as possible. If we all take the time to go the extra yard, the golfing experience will become more enjoyable with every round.

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It has certainly been an enjoyable first year of directing the inaugural cohort of the PGA Golf Management Program at UMES. It wasn't long ago when people thought this day could never happen. Through the hard work and dedication of the 20 students currently enrolled in the program, they are ready for a relaxing summer break. One problem; once they complete final exams, they go off to start their first cooperative internship! Most of the students are staying fairly local this year, between Virginia, Baltimore, and right here on the Eastern Shore. They will gain valuable experience

and complete hours of Work Experience Activities that are required by the PGA of America. The goal is to build on this first internship and hopefully branch out over the next three years to cover every aspect of the golf industry. This will help prepare the students for entry into the golf industry as full fledge PGA Members.

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finishes and various bounce and loft angles. Callaway received feedback from its tour players to develop a more versatile wedge. The X Forged wedge features a tight angle on the leading edge and "mack daddy" grooves for high spin. The Bobby Jones Pelz Wedge features a wear resistant face insert for high spin and durability. Still undecided, swing into Ruddo's Golf in West OC or Rehoboth to pick the right wedge for your game.

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Miss Kimberly Ruark-Mihaly has earned her stripes and respects by working her way up the ladder. Growing up she learned the values of hard work, dedication and commitment from her father. When her father opened Nutters Crossing eighteen years ago, Kim, still in high school, was right there in the trenches.

Like the PGA requirements to learn all aspects of the game, Kim did just that working as a pro shop attendant, starter, bag drop and even as a cart girl.

After graduation from Salisbury in 1995 with a Public Relations degree, she started managing the food and beverage operation at Nutters Crossing. When Rum Point Seaside Golf Links, designed by PB and Pete Dye, opened in 1997, Kim became the pro shop manager and took over the marketing needs. Along with its great design and Kim’s young, new and fresh ideas, Rum Point quickly became a “must play” and still is today.

After helping her father successfully open two golf courses, it was time for a third. In 2000 when the Links at Lighthouse Sound Golf Course and Restaurant opened, Kim was there again coordinating weddings, banquets and handling numerous other responsibilities.

Kim has succeeded in all of her positions and continues to face challenges on a daily basis that she handles with dignity and a keen sense of professionalism.

Kim recently recognized her greatest accomplishment and welcomed the arrival of her first child with husband, Eric Mihaly. The couple is enjoying their baby girl, Betsey. If Betsey is anything like her mother, we will see her in about sixteen years, working alongside Mom, learning the ropes.

When asked what motivates her, she replied “When I see a tee sheet that has openings on it. When I see that; I know there is more to be done.” With her aggressive work ethic, Ruark Golf will continue to prosper as a premier golf industry leader here in our Eastern Shore golf world.

■ BY RAY TARANTO



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- 4) CHASE BROCKSTEDT
(KINGS CREEK)
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- 8) D SCALLION
(OCEAN PINES)

'09 TOUR ON THE SHORE ROUND ONE *re-cap!*



FLIGHT B

- 1) RONNIE HUDSON
(DEER RUN)
- 2) MIKE DELOVICH
(DEER RUN)
- 3) S. STARK (DEER RUN)
- 4) RUSTY THOMAS
(DEER RUN)
- 5) STEVE MORTON
(DEER RUN)
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- 5) JIM KRALL (EAGLES LANDING)
- 6) DAVID DONAHUE (QUEENSTOWN)
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- 8) JIM REBEL (EAGLES LANDING)



FLIGHT D

- 1) WAYNE BOWDEN (OCEAN CITY)
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- 3) MIKE SHEELER (OCEAN PINES)
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Carl & Josh Freeman are looking down from the heavens with pride filled smiles as they watch over their strong leader following in their footsteps and leading by example. Carl M Freeman companies recently celebrated their 60th anniversary. A tremendous amount of effort, for greater than thirty years, was spent on improving lifestyles here on the Eastern Shore. Freeman companies are huge supporters of Sussex County, Delaware and her surrounding areas. The success of The Sea Colony in Bethany and Bear Trap Dunes has forever secured their legacy here on the shore.

In 1982, Mr. Freeman's son Joshua M Freeman joined the companies after serving, just as his father did, in the US Army. After working side by side with his dad for ten years, he became the President of the companies. Under Josh's leadership, the companies experienced tremendous growth and prosperity. Just over two years ago, the company and it's family of employees and friends, suffered the untimely and tragic loss of Josh. The past two years have been Josh's wife Michelle's toughest days.

Through the tears and sadness, Michelle has grown in to a very strong and inspirational leader for the prestigious companies. Michelle has kept her three children focused on their lives. In fact, her eldest son, Nick a senior at Landon High, was just accepted to Georgetown University. Michelle says, "I love watching all of Nick's lacrosse games. I wouldn't miss them for anything in the world." The coach may say that I'm the crazy lady cheering in the stands." Michelle also stays busy with her other two children; Ben, 7 and Juliana, 5. "We have really been there for each other." She is also a minority owner of the Washington Capitals and Wizards. When asked how she does it all, Michelle replied "I'm like a circus entertainer, the one spinning the twelve plates trying to keep them all spinning. I have great friends, employees, and I keep in mind Josh's philosophies of life."

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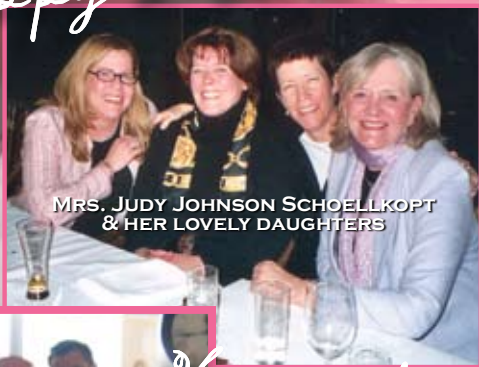


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She wanted a home at the beach... he wanted a home on the golf course. They both wanted a great investment. When Aubre and Ed Duncan began their search for a second home, they could only dream of what was to come. Aubre and Ed lived in Wilmington, Delaware where Aubre had an art gallery. After eight years of searching for the perfect location. The Village at Bear Trap Dunes made their dreams a reality.

Their realtor suggested they take a look at an upcoming community just 3 miles from the beach that would eventually boast 27 holes of golf. Upon arrival, the sales staff at Bear Trap undoubtedly convinced Ed that this was what they had been searching for. He instantly

decided that they should get in on one of the first town homes to be built. In 2000, The Duncans moved into their new town home. What was going to be a place for retirement became the place they loved to call home. In 2003, they sold their town home and upgraded to a single family home with more space including room for an art studio.

The Duncans couldn't have been happier until taking a walk just thirteen months later to find that the last three lots at Bear Trap were being released for sale. One of those lots sits on the tee box of Kodiak #4. Upon inquiring, the Duncans were told that they would have to "sit" on the lot overnight until the sales team arrived

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at 9am the next morning. That's just what they did on that cold December night! Due to the frigid weather, The Bear Trap sales staff arranged for them to stay on the floor in an unfinished model next to the sales office. Bear Trap friends helped out by delivering an air mattress and other necessities to get them through the night. Now building home #3 homes at Bear Trap, they knew exactly what they wanted and built it to suit their every need and to accommodate the many friends that like to gather with them. They moved into their beautiful home in 2005. When asked why Bear Trap? Aubre replied "We love the sense of community. We have made friends for life." Ed added that "It's a wonderful community with a broad range of people socializing, golfing and enjoying life."

Ed Duncan has been enjoying the game of golf for over thirty years. The Sr.VP & New Business Development for Mannington flooring, he has had the privilege of playing

many great courses around the world. Some of his favorites are Pine Valley, Pebble Beach, True North in Scottsdale, Bally Bunion in Ireland, and the one that takes the cake; The Challenge at Manele in Hawaii with ocean views from each of its 18 holes. Ed's future golf plans include St Andrews in Scotland and a trip to New Zealand. Ed's favorite golf moment is from the course in his own backyard; watching his lovely wife, Aubre sink a hole in one on June 30, 2008 on the Par 3 Kodiak #8.

Aubre, an accomplished artist, is just as vibrant as her watercolor masterpieces. A 27 handicap, she has fallen in love with the game after just three years of playing. The home also features a first floor art studio where Aubre's visions are transformed into amazing works of art. You can visit Aubre and view her work at The Gallery on Central Avenue at 10 Central Avenue in Ocean View, Delaware. You'll know you've found a new friend the minute that you meet her.

It's not hard to see why friends enjoy the gathering place the Duncan home has become. It is warm, inviting and beautifully decorated with a coastal flare. Aubre's watercolors bring the walls to life and the view of the greens beckon you to the course from every window. The home features their master bedroom, three guest suites and an upper level men's retreat that's sure to please. Ed's friends enjoy hanging out and watching golf on the big screen and an occasional game of Tiger Woods Golf on Wii. Many thanks to Aubre and Ed for graciously welcoming us.

Interested in seeing more of the Duncan home? It will be on the 18th Annual Beach & Cottage Tour July 22 & 23 to benefit the Friends of the South Coastal Library. Tickets are \$30. You may reserve tickets online at www.foscil.com. See ten exceptional homes in the South Coastal Delaware area on the tour.



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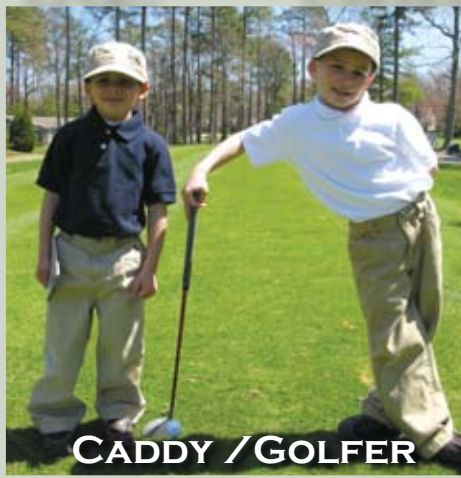
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In the last article we examined Pilates as it relates to improvement of your golf game. This time I want to discuss sports specific training. Simply put, this just means certain sports use muscles that are unique to the motions and power required for that sport. While good general conditioning is necessary for any sport, there really is no "one size fits all" for individual sports training. As an example, last year a major university set up a program to try to see if they could condition a diverse group to run the Boston Marathon. One of the participants was a pro football linebacker, who said, "My muscle skills are centered around the ability to run 10 or 20 yards as fast as I can until I get to the ball carrier and knock him down". Obviously a different type of training and muscle conditioning was required to run/walk 26 plus miles. It took the better part of a year in his off time, but he eventually did it.

Now let's look at golf, and more specifically the golf swing. As you all know, the secret of distance in hitting the golf ball is club head speed. This is generated by the proper training and utilization of about 22 separate muscles. The components of the golf swing are the back swing, the downswing and the follow through. The back swing is where the muscles are stretched and coiled; when they uncoil in the downswing, club head speed and power are produced. I will briefly go through the muscle groups involved in the downswing, the most important of these motions; a good trainer should know these muscles and how to properly strengthen them.

The first group to be called into action is the lateral rotators of the hips. The best known of these are the gluteal muscles; there are several others. Next the spine must begin lateral rotation, using the spinal rotators and the abdominal obliques. Next, the arm muscles come into play; the pectoralis major and the latissimus dorsi are well known, as is the main extensor of the forearm, the triceps. Along with these muscles, activation of the wrist muscles, the flexors and extensors, occurs. In a general way, these muscle groups are responsible for club head speed.

Now, what is the best way to increase their contractility and strength? Here opinions vary. Some advocate training with basic resistance training, using standard weights or machines isotonicly to improve the power of these muscles through a full range of motion. Others feel that incorporating isometric exercises is important. To clarify these terms, in isotonic exercise the muscles contract to move the involved body part through a full range of motion, such as doing a pushup from the floor until the arms are fully extended. If you stopped the pushup halfway through and held that position without moving for several seconds, you would be stimulating the muscles isometrically. Probably the overall best idea is to use both methods in a golf training program. Again, proper advice from a certified trainer who has experience in these techniques is paramount.

Persons with disabilities or impairments such as arthritis or other limiting problems will need specialized handling, but most of these can be worked around. As always, check the credentials and training of someone who purports to know the best way to accomplish these goals.

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Mike started playing golf with his dad at the age of five. By seven he was working at the local golf course. Mike had aspirations of becoming a golf course superintendent and majored in Agronomy at the University of Maryland College Park. He spent some time at the beginning of his career at TPC Avenel and Eisenhower GC. Mike eventually found his way to the Eastern Shore and worked at Talbot CC. From there he landed at Hog Neck GC and has been there for the better part of ten years.

Mike made the jump from golf course maintenance to the pro shop and became a member of the PGA of America in 1996 largely in part to his interest in the game of golf and being able to engage people and effect lives through golf. Mike enjoys giving back to the community and is a big supporter of junior golf. Mike is starting a six week junior program in June that consists of 200 youngsters learning the game.

In his spare time, this father of three is also a Magician. He makes himself available to do magic shows. As for the future of the "MagicMan", he takes it as it comes. Mike's main concern is to take care of his customers and be willing to understand and make the necessary adjustments to stay competitive and keep Hog Neck as one of the best for the next 30 years.

For more information on the Junior Program at Hog Neck, please call Mike at 410-822-6079.

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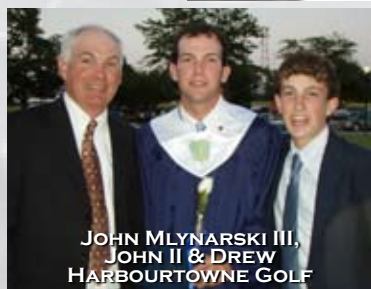
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GOLF AND THE ENVIRONMENT EAGLE'S LANDING GOLF COURSE

A lot has been said about the relationship of golf courses, their management and the environment, almost to the point of sensory overload. Oftentimes it can be hard to distinguish what might just be marketing hyperbole and what are in fact the true impacts of golf course management to the environment. Who are we to believe? Do we, as golfers really care? How does this affect my golf game? These are good questions. As a golf course superintendent with over 25 years of experience in all facets of the industry, I would like to ask you, for the good of the game, to think about those questions some time soon. Try to become more aware and educated about your surroundings while on the course. I think in time, you will develop a new appreciation of the golf course and it's stewardship by those who manage it.

Audubon International, a leading advocate of environmental stewardship for the golf course industry states, "when properly sited, designed, constructed, and managed, golf courses can be an environmental asset to a community. By their very nature, golf courses can provide significant open space and opportunities to provide needed wildlife habitat in increasingly urbanized communities across North America. With nearly 80% of all of the 15,000-plus golf courses in the United States located in urban or suburban areas, opportunities abound for golf courses to provide



ecosystem services such as storm water retention, runoff filtration, urban wildlife habitat, wildlife corridors, heat island effect reduction, etc." They went on to include "like most other businesses, golf courses must also work to address the environmental challenges of water use, water quality, habitat and biodiversity loss, chemical use, waste, energy use, etc." It is hard to argue particularly in the urban setting, golf courses, as a land use, are better than most if not all other uses.

Here at Eagles Landing Golf Course in West Ocean City, Maryland a Certified Audubon Cooperative Sanctuary, we have a very diverse ecosystem. I truly believe the golf course has improved the land particularly in the areas of plant and animal habitat, stormwater management, biodiversity and economic impact to the area over the previous uses of poultry production and farming. Eagle's Landing has been recognized several times for its environmental stewardship by the Golf Course Superintendent's Association of America (GCSAA), Audubon International, USGA and other industry leaders. We have even partnered with county and state agencies to create guidelines for the development of environmentally sound golf course construction and maintenance practices. As golf course management professionals, superintendents seek out resources in the industry to help us in this effort. Audubon International "works with golf courses to help them provide habitat for a variety of wildlife species and preserve our rich natural heritage by protecting existing habitats and landscaping primarily with native plants. Collaborative projects between members and local resource agencies or wildlife organizations are encouraged. The result is tens of thousands of acres of natural habitats and hundreds of species of birds, mammals, fish, amphibians, reptiles, and other wildlife conserved on golf courses across North America and, increasingly, around the world."

A lot more can be learned by visiting the GCSAA's Environmental Institute for Golf at www.eifg.org, Audubon International on the web at www.golfandenvironment.org, the GCSAA at www.gcsaa.org and coming soon your own Eastern Shore Association of Golf Course Superintendents at www.esagcs.org. Drop us a line or visit your friendly golf course superintendent at your local links next time out, to learn more about golf and the environment.

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In 1999, that's exactly what Chris Adkins and his now-famous friend and partner, 2004 Senior British Open champion Pete Oakley, decided to do when they bought a piece of land in Milton, Delaware and designed their first golf course, The Rookery.

"I started out in farming," explained Adkins. "But I met Pete when I took a job at Shawnee Country Club in Milford, where Pete was the pro. We became friends and promised each other that if either of us ever got into something big, we'd involve the other. I had left Shawnee and opened my own fertilizer business when I got this piece of land, but I called him up and said, 'Pete, it's time.' He didn't hesitate."

The course took just 11 months to build (honest) and now ten years

later it sees 34,000 rounds a year from a combination of a strong local base and throngs of summer beach-goers.

Oakley, though touring on the European Senior Tour, is still a part-owner of the course, and Adkins is also the General Manager and Course Superintendent, the only superintendent the course has ever had.

Adkins describes The Rookery as a classic risk/reward layout, but also very open to promote a quick 3 1/2 hour pace of play, with large greens and plenty of water. Fairways, tees and greens are bentgrass, while the rough is blue fescue blend.

Adkins said that Oakley's surprise win at the 2004 Senior British Open was incredible to watch, and also, "very, very good for business. You can't imagine the publicity we've gotten from that win."

Off the course Adkins said he enjoys spending time with his wife, Glenda, two children, Jason, 24, and Jaclyn, 22, and saltwater fishing. Adkins also own a restaurant in Rehoboth Beach called Blue, which serves "contemporary seafood." The Rookery is located in Milton, DE. 9 Miles north of Rehoboth Beach. The phone number is 302-226-1000.

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GOLF TRADITION *Runs Deep at UMES*



Dr. Harry Hoffer, Director of the PhD Program in Organizational Leadership at the University of Maryland Eastern Shore has lived two separate lives entangled with education and golf. This past PGA Tour Player now educates and directs PhD hopefuls. His love of golf runs deep and has been reignited by the addition of the PGA Golf Management Program at UMES. The PGA Golf Management staff relies on Harry's experience and sees him as a mentor when mixing education and golf.

Harry's grandparents came to America as immigrants of Austria and Germany. To make money and put food on the table, Harry's father, George and his brothers caddied at Cedar Rocks GC in Wheeling, WV in the late 1920's. This was the start of golf in the Hoffer household. George Hoffer cleaned clubs and worked his way up the golf business ladder and eventually became an Assistant Professional. George became an Amateur Champion in West Virginia and after turning professional won a combined 11 West Virginia PGA and Open Titles. In 1950, when Harry was eight years old, George became the Head Professional at Spring Valley in Huntington, WV. During this time George became friends with another West Virginia native, Sam Snead. George competed in the 1953 US Open at Oakmont, became the Head Professional at Sleepy Hollow in Hurricane, WV and also became the first golf coach at Marshall.

With that kind of pedigree, it is obvious to see how young Harry eventually became a tour player. As a junior, Harry won numerous amateur titles in the Tri-State Area consisting of Ohio, Kentucky, and West Virginia. In 1960, Harry captured the individual and team state High School championships. He was offered 38 major college scholarships, including every school in the Big Ten Conference. His heart was with Notre Dame, who did offer, but Harry decided to play golf for Marshall University. In 1962, Marshall won the Mid-American Conference as a team and finished tenth in the nation at the NCAA

Championships at Duke University. Harry was the only MAC member to qualify for individual play. The NCAA Championship in those days consisted of two team rounds with the low 32 players qualifying for the individual match play format. Harry made it to the third round of match play. In 1963, he qualified for the US Amateur and again made it to the third round of match play.

In 1967, Harry qualified for the US Open by beating Dow Finsterwald, Masters Champion, in a playoff to get in the Open. The Open that year was played at Baltusrol in New Jersey. Harry flew in the weekend before the Open and played a few solid practice rounds. On the Monday before the Open, Harry decided to fly back to school and take his final exams for his Masters Degree. He flew back to Baltusrol on Wednesday night ready to go for the first round on Thursday. Harry admits this is one of the biggest mistakes he made in golf. To his credit, he figured that this Open would be the first of many. Admittedly Harry was in culture shock. When he arrived at the course on Thursday, he sees Palmer, Player, and Nicklaus. Harry said, "I stood there behind the ropes watching these guys practice putting, forgetting that I was aloud. I said to myself, Yea, I qualified for this." He went on to shoot 80, 81 and missed the cut.

Harry played full time on the PGA Tour from 1968-1971. He was married with three kids at the time. "It was difficult just to survive. It was different back then; I had to pay my own insurance, money was scarce, and I had a six month old child that had lived in 15 different states." Harry decided that his golf career had to be secondary.

Harry made decisions that would change his life. He enrolled in the PhD Program at Antioch University in Ohio. After graduating, Harry entrenched himself into Secondary Education and over a 15 year span was the Superintendent of Schools in Ohio, West Virginia, and Delaware. Harry then came to UMES in 2002 with the challenge of building the Organizational Leadership PhD Program. Seven years later the program is going strong.

Harry still has golf in his blood. He makes occasional appearances at Pro-Ams and Celebrity Golf Tournaments. He also coaches a local High School golf team. Although Harry is kept very busy with his PhD students, he always makes time to talk golf, pass on his experiences, and help the people of UMES. Harry Hoffer is undoubtedly a rare find.

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Our first move is called the "back swing". And that is exactly what we're going to do. Swing the club head "back"! Not IN! Not OUT! & Not UP! Just BACK! Get the club head moving back as if you were trying to hand the club to someone standing a ways behind you...reach back. Your body should stay fairly centered over the golf ball during this part, though a little backward movement of the body is O.K. Less is better. Also, keep your eyes on the ball (both eyes). This will keep you from moving your head excessively.

As you swing the club head back, keep your forward arm (left for righties and right for lefties) as straight as possible and allow your forward shoulder to begin to turn under your chin. This is why we set up tall with our chin high...your chin must be up off your chest in order to allow your shoulder to turn underneath it. Give the back swing a little momentum and it will carry the club back...then up and over your back shoulder. Your forward arm should stay straightish while your back arm folds under the club to support it. When to stop the back swing? What a question!!! When you run out of flexibility, your head will begin to move, your forward arm will begin to bend, and you will begin to lose your posture. Just before all this starts to happen is the perfect time to stop. For most people, short and simple is best. Too much movement on the back swing creates complications that have to be overcome in order to hit the golf ball with any consistency. Short, simple, and powerful. Power does not come from a long, sloppy back swing...it comes from a solid efficient setting of the back swing.

At the top of the back swing, your shoulders should have turned ~80 to 90 degrees around your head, your forward arm should be straightish and your back arm bent ~90 degrees with the elbow pointing down at the ground, your feet should still be solid on the ground with most of your weight on your back foot, your knees should be apart, and your head should be just about where it started. The club is now SET directly over your back shoulder in a great position to one day attack the golf ball (tune in next time). Hopefully you don't have to think about all this, most of it happens naturally...if you allow the club to swing BACKWARD!

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BROCK BOLAND



There is a long-standing joke among pro football players that kickers make the best golfers – implying, of course, that they practice more on the driving range than on the gridiron.

Ocean Pines Golf Course Assistant Professional, Brock Boland, 25, explains it a little bit differently.

"Actually, the mechanics are the same in the two motions," explained the ex-pro kicker. "You make power with the same muscles, and in kicking, just like in golf, you have to keep your leg on-plane."

Boland, 25, said he first picked up a golf club at the age of 9, but added that he didn't really begin playing seriously until about four years ago. That's because all his time was spent honing his kicking skills, first for Salisbury University, then for the Canadian Football League's Saskatchewan Rough Riders and the San Jose Saber Cats.

Then he tore a quad.

"So that was pretty much it for kicking," he said. Luckily, what takes most people a lifetime took Boland almost

no time at all, and he became a professional golfer a year later, after passing the PGA's Player Ability Test by shooting 75-76 at Maple Dale in Dover, Delaware.

In fact he said the highlight of his golfing career was making a birdie on the par-5 18th hole at Maple Dale to pass the PAT on the number.

"I did it when I had to," he said. "That was a great feeling."

An even greater feeling, he said, than his double-eagle on a 540-yard par-5 in Myrtle Beach. "I can't even remember the name of the course! We walked up and found the ball in the hole."

Boland is engaged to be married to his fiancée, Emily Ewald, a teacher at Crisfield High School.

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■ BY JEFF DEAN

TOOLS OF THE TRADE

This article is intended to educate the reader on the clubs that local professionals are using. Other golf magazines show you what Professional golfers are playing. Many of their clubs are not available to the playing public. The rest of the clubs are tweaked daily in tour vans. I want you to know what great local players are using that is also available to you. It will also show the importance of having your clubs fit to your abilities and how it will heighten your game.

"LET'S DO LAUNCH!"

Circa 1984, after a few years working and playing at my local club north of rural Pittsburgh, the game had taken a significant hold on me. I still fondly remember the feeling of hitting my 43 and a 1/4", 150cc persimmon Titleist driver "on the screws" literally. The clubface had screws holding the insert into the face. The sound and feel was unbelievable. I had a friend that just bought a metal headed driver. The size and shape was similar to the wooden driver. I was curious and couldn't wait to hit it. It sounded like I was sitting in the bleachers at a little league baseball game. It looked ridiculous. I was sure it was a fad. But then, after a longer than usual walk down the fairway I knew days of a wooden driver were quickly behind me. Twenty-five years later, I am resigned to the fact that I would hit a toaster tied to a stick if you told me the ball would come off hotter. Inflation and technology have hit the metal driver hard. Drivers have been the most sought after market ever since. They have pushed the limits in all the categories. Maximum size is 460cc's, that is more than 3 times the size I learned how to hit. Co-efficient of Resistance, (COR -.083) face thickness. This stat was the springboard to the huge leap in distance. One big name company even had many drivers recalled in the 2000-2001 seasons because the too thin face was non-conforming. Now (MOI) moment of inertia is the next big thing to stop the face from twisting during impact. Supposedly letting you hit the ball straighter than ever. Now that these limits have been set, manufacturers are now lengthening the driver slowly. Today new drivers are likely to be closer to 46" then the 45" players have been used to for the last 20 years. More important is the launch and spin created by the impact of the driver. Finding a local PGA Professional with a launch monitor is your key to hitting your best drives. Each persons preferred launch angle and spin is slightly different. Launch angles are controlled by a couple of factors. One factor is the actual loft of the club and the second is the kick point on the shaft. The spin is controlled by the amount of firmness or torque of your shaft. Please see your local Professionals and have them find the best driver suited for your game.



■ BY STEVE MENZ

I also asked if these Professionals had anything unconventional in their golf bag. Troy replied, "I always seem to take a picnic with me as I am a grazer. Rain gear and umbrella is a must, it's a Seattle thing; I'll teach and play in any weather. Rules book; seems like an anomaly these days." Chris has the normal garb in his bag! Thanks to these guys for sharing! If you want more golf club info you can contact them:

I have polled many local Pros to see what tools they are using. Here are a couple players that know all about launch!



Name
Troy Flateau, PGA
Club Affiliation
The Peninsula Golf & CC
Driver
Titleist 909D2 9.5* Aldila Voodoo Stiff 45"
Fairway Woods
909F2 15* and 18* Diamana Blue Board
Hybrid(s)
None
Irons
Titleist AP2 (3-PW)
Iron Specs
SG300, +1/4", 1* Flat
Wedges
Titleist Vokey SM 54* and 60*
Wedge Bounce
8* and 4* respectively
Putter
Titleist Scotty Cameron
Studio Select Newport Mid-Slant
Putter Specs.
34", 2* flat
Putting Style
Conventional
Fav Ball
ProV1x
Fav Sharpie
Red, It's the only positive color in golf!
GPS, Laser or lay of the land?
All of the above
Mark my ball with a... Wompum
Years playing golf 18 years



Name
Chris Wisler
Club Affiliation
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Driver
Nike Dymo 8.5*
UST Pro Force Extra Stiff 45"
Fairway Woods
Ping G2 13* UST Pro Force Extra Stiff
Hybrid(s)
Ping G2 18* zz65 Shaft
Irons
Nike VR Split back 4-6iron,
Nike VR Blades 7-Pw
Iron Specs
S400 Steel, 2* Upright
Wedges
Nike VR 52*, 54*, 60*
Wedge Bounce
8All 6* of bounce
Putter
Titleist Squareback
Putter Specs.
34", 1* flat
Putting Style
Cross handed, Winn pistol grip
Fav Ball Nike Tour D
Fav Sharpie Black
GPS, Laser or lay of the land?
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WHEN ASKED TO SAY WHEN HE FIRST STARTED PLAYING GOLF, 71-YEAR OLD STUART SCOTT LAUGHED. "OH BOY. 100 YEARS AGO?"

The reason it probably feels so long is because Scott, who works as a club fitter and club maker at Deer Run Golf Course in Berlin, has packed about three lifetimes into his years, including 35 years as a principal in the Worcester County school system, 40 years service in the Army National Guard, 50 years of marriage to his lovely wife, Ruth, and four years now with a private pilot's license.

"I actually started golfing in 1969 at Fort Mead," he said. "We were at summer camp and on the weekends some of the men in my unit would play golf. I bought a starter set at the PX. A lot of the guys were in college, and very good golfers, so I learned pretty quickly."

Scott himself has a Bachelors in Education from Salisbury State University (now Salisbury University) and a Masters in Education from Nova Southeastern University in Fort Lauderdale, Fla.

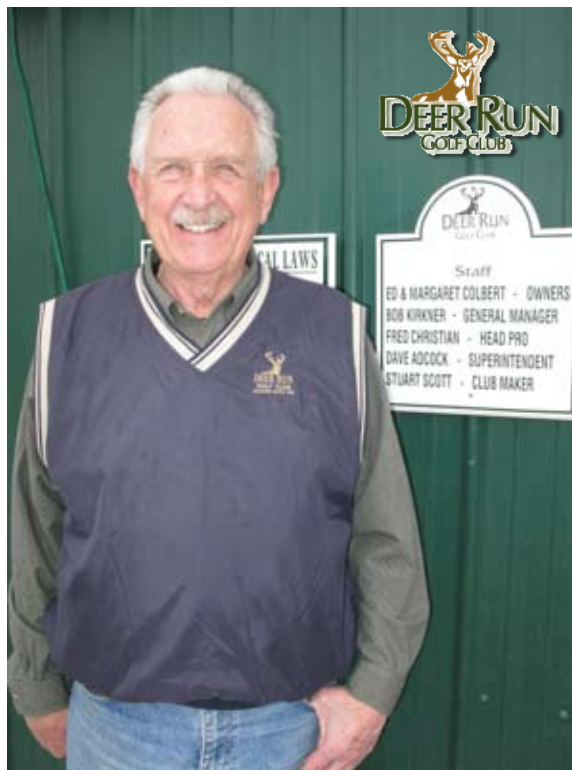
In January of 2000, Scott attended a weeklong instructor's class at the Professional Golfing Teachers Association (PGTA) and became a certified instructor. He now does custom fitting and club making, as well as lessons, out of his shop at Deer Run.

"The most important thing I learned about golf instruction is that everybody is different. We'd all like to be Tiger, and that's great to aspire to, but we are individuals with individual swings. As a teacher you have to be able to adjust your lessons to players' swings, and help them get to their potential. And it's important to remember that golf is fun."

While Scott said he works closely with several brand name club manufacturers, he said his fitting process will allow golfers to select the right clubs no matter what brand they choose. "I don't charge for the fitting," he said. "I figure if a person has a good experience with the fitting, maybe they'll buy their clubs from me."

Stuart Scott can be reached through Deer Run Golf Course at 410-639-0060 or www.golfdeerrun.com. The course is located at 8804 Logtown Road, Berlin, MD.

Stuart Scott



By Jeff Dean

SHORE UP! WITH THE GAME COACH

CARSON LOVETT, MA, SPORT PSYCHOLOGY

In sports and competition there exists an optimal state of performance typically referred to as "The Zone". During this period of psycho-physiological efficiency athletes perform at or near the peak of their potential. This ideal and complex frame of mind has been researched from numerous perspectives yielding inconclusive results. The many athletes of various abilities that have experienced the phenomenon have reported most of what we know about being in "The Zone". These similar characteristics were noted: No fear, no analysis, narrowed focus, effortlessness, personal control and a slowing of time.

We have been able to recognize when we are in "The Zone" but trying to get there on demand has been virtually impossible, and likely unwise. Of all the athletes interviewed, none reported being able to enter "The Zone" - they just found themselves there. And many stated that upon revelation, they were unexpectedly and quickly out of "The Zone". It is relative to driving your car and slipping into a daydream of golfing in Bermuda. Your subconscious is able to steer you safely until your conscious realizes what is happening and then you jerk the wheel. In the athletic zone, we perform with greater efficiency when guided by our subconscious. Thinking causes tangible processes in the brain that alter neuromuscular activation and motor performance.

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