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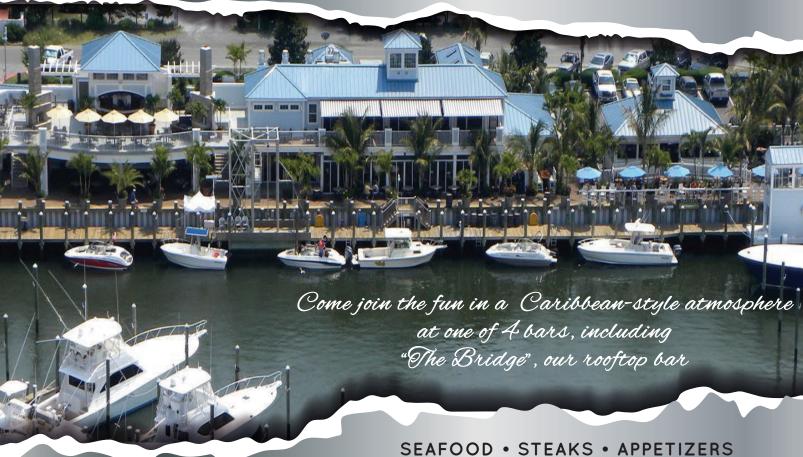


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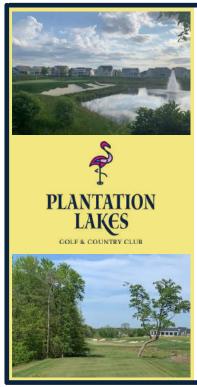


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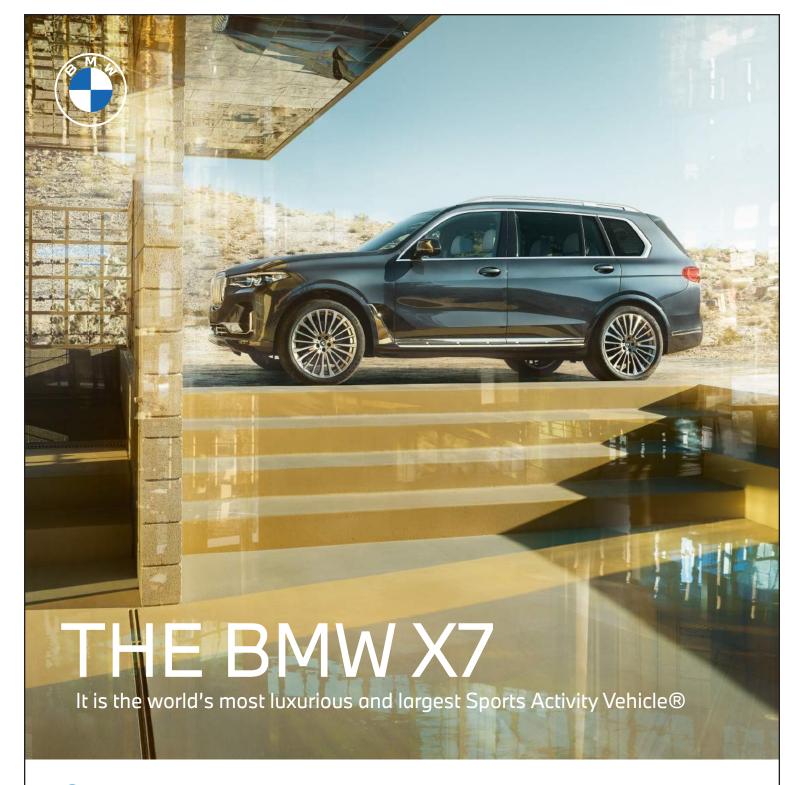






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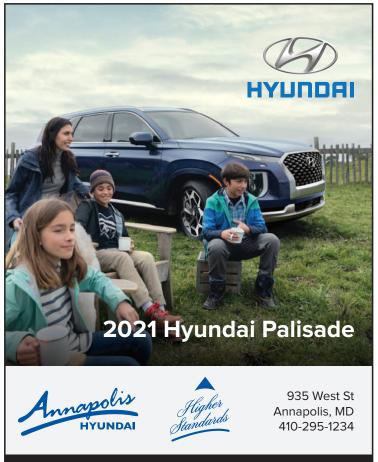




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HOW IMPORTANT IS THE OPENING SHOT?

The first shot of a round provides a wide range of possibilities. It could be a thrilling moment embracing anticipatory joy. It can be a chilling moment of stress, anxiety and dread. Even the greatest of players step up to the first tee with mixed emotions and intentions. Some are decisive and precise in their preparation, others just go with the flow of the moment.



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Let's begin 2021 with historic lessons learned from great ones, past and present.

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Each had special first tee shot moments, that can help us as we move forward in the coming year.

ARNOLD PALMER "CHARGED" IN GOLF HISTORY ON THE FIRST HOLE OF THE FINAL ROUND OF THE 1960 US OPEN., AT CHERRY HILLS.

Battling with the passing and future colossus' of golf, Ben Hogan and Jack Nicklaus, Arnie attacked and enlisted an army of fans, by driving the first green, making a birdie and marching off to a final round 65 and victory by 2 strokes over Nicklaus. Many shots and decisions led to the final score, but the heroic drive on the opening hole was the keystone event. What is often overlooked in this dramatic moment, is that it was not impulsive, inspired, or creative. Arnie planned an attempted to drive the hole on every round. Birdies be damned, he was going for the eagles. Palmer actually played the hole over par for the week with scores of 6,5,4,3 totaling 2 over par. Had he played the first hole 4,4,4,4= even par, his margin of victory would have doubled.

IAN BAKER FINCH HIT ONE OF THE MOST MEMORABLE SHOTS IN GOLF HISTORY IN THE OPEN 1995 AT ST. ANDREWS.

This first tee at St Andrews is the widest in major championship venues. Maybe just the widest in golf, period. The first and 18th fairways are adjoining. There are no trees or hazards menacing. Long drivers must be alert to the Swilcan Burn crossing in front of the first green. But, it is easily avoided by club selection. Out of bounds left and right, but only the most errant shot, would reach such spots. But, in 1995 Ian Baker Finch, was thrown off balance by a sudden gust of wind, and hit his ball out of bounds to the left into the Russack's Marine Hotel. It was an unbelievably horrendous shot, for a player of lan's stature. In fact, of the all the rounds played on the Old Course, for hundreds of years, there may never have been another shot follow the path and come to rest in the abyss that engulfed Ian Baker-Finch on this day. What was to underscore the significance of this shot, was the devastation of its effect on lan's golf game. He never recovered. Returning to The Open at Royal Troon in 1997, Ian Baker Finch shot 92 in the first round, withdrew, and retired from competitive golf. The impact of this event actually haunted a number of other tour players. In a sport where their can be absolutely no doubt when executing a shot, Ian Baker Finch was a not so subtle reminder, that even among the best it can all go away in a fleeting moment.

AT CONGRESSIONAL CC, SAM SNEAD AND JULIUS BOROS PLAYED A TELEVISED SHELL WONDERFUL WORLD OF GOLF MATCH.

It is worth noting Boros was a two time US Open champion, the one major Snead never won. The match began with Snead driving 280 yards dead center of the fairway, pitching on with a short iron to 15 feet, and just missing his birdie as the ball hung on the rim of the cup. Boros, thrilled the hackers in the audience, by hitting a smothered hook, ground ball that barely reached the fairway. He followed with a 3 wood, but his shot iron pitch to the green,was considerably outside Snead's. Boros, solidified his reputation for being calm and unflappable, by rolling in the putt. After one hole the match was all square at even par!

FINALLY, IN THE 2001 OPEN AT ROYAL LYTHAM AND ST. ANNES. IAN WOOSMAN WAS TIED FOR THE LEAD AS HE STOOD ON THE FIRST TEE OF THE **FINAL ROUND.**

An unusual opening hole, Royal Lytham's first is a 206 par three. A former boxer, Woosnam was prepared to battle for the lead. A magnificent 5 iron shot stopped inches short of the cup. A tap in birdie. A new Open leader. But Woosnam was experimenting with two drivers before the round. Tragically, he left them both in the bag. When his caddie recognized the mistake, he took a penalty. The near ace birdie became a depressing bogey. Woosman bogeyed the next two holes, but came back with an eagle. Momentum recharged but too late.

COPING WITH CHALLENGE OF THE UNEXPECTED IS THE ESSENCE OF GOLF.

Enjoy the opening shot. Remember it is just one of many approach shots, you will make. You have not made a score until you hole out. Greg Norman was second to Bob Tway(PGA) and Larry Mize (Master's). Jack Nicklaus was runner up to Tom Watson (US Open). The common attribute for the victors Tway, Mize, Watson was making improbable, once in a lifetime pitches into the hole for birdies. In the bleak mid winter, work on your putting, practice your correct grip, set up and swing a club each day just to get the sense of tempo, balance and swing path. For the opening shot, on openina day, make a confident swing to start your day. If it is less than your best it matters not, for you always have another shot. Whether the outcome is better or worse, a round in the making, is not determined by the first shot taken.



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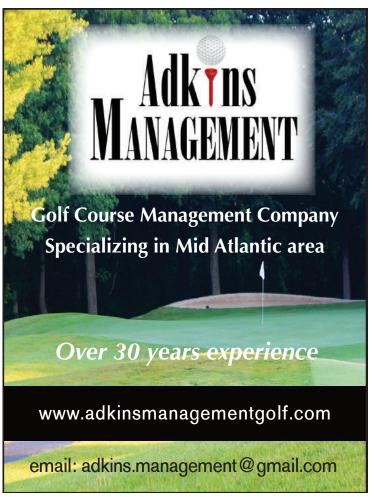
BY STEVE MENZ



"DEAD SOLID PERFECT"

"Dead Solid Perfect" is a hard to find golf movie from the late 80's starring Randy Quaid. I remember liking it when I was younger but don't remember much more about it and it is dang near impossible to find. But the title came to mind when I was thinking about this drill. Keeping your head steady when you putt is paramount. Did you know that many golfers have a tendency to follow the putter with their eyes when they hit a putt. This can cause a little head movement and make you not strike the putt solid. Simply focus on a spot about 5 or 6 inches in front of the ball and wait for the putter head to pass through it when you hit your putt. This will make your head stay steady through the stroke and help you to hit it dead solid perfect.

Now you know the drill!







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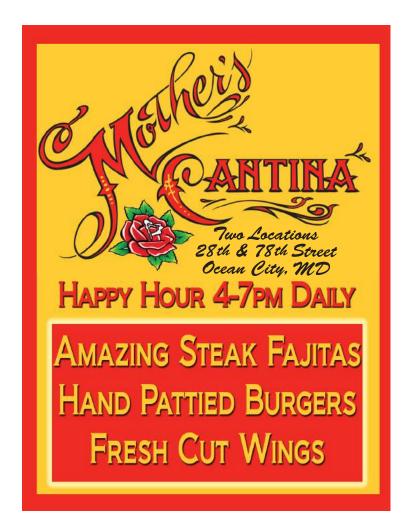


GOLF QUOTE

"THE MOST IMPORTANT SHOT IN GOLF IS THE NEXT ONE."

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"A LAG PUTT"

They're inevitable, the dreaded long putt. You think, "I'd just be happy to get this down in two!" Chances of holing this monster are slim and next to none. "So you're saying there's a chance?" More importantly, you definitely don't want to three putt this bad boy. Here are four things you can do to master the long "lag" putt. In your set up you should stand a little taller. This will help you to make a longer stroke. Second, you should lighten your wrists. Most of the time we are putting shorter putts we tend to strengthen our lead wrist so the putter face stays very square. Releasing a little bit of that tension will help you get better feel. Ahh feel, what an important thing when putting. Players tend to struggle trying to figure out how hard to hit a putt on longer putts. Feel becomes very important. Just how do you go about figuring

the feel or speed you should hit the putt? I got a tip from a great golfer about 40 years ago that has stuck to me to this day. His advice works for putts of all lengths but it especially helps on these circus putts. He said simply, "Walk halfway to the hole, imagine the speed you need from there then double it!" If you can wrap your head around that sentence, you will master these monsters. The fourth key to conquering the 40 footers is to practice your 4 footers. If you are confident over the short putt it takes all the pressure of the long putts. So stand a little taller, loosen the wrists, get the speed from half way and double it then practice the four footers. Keep these things in mind the next time you go out you'll not have to worry about three putts and you will master the lag!



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Understanding left-brain activity is associated with verbal and analytical functioning while the right-brain is associated with visual and spatial processing, the lesson can be applied to the links.

As we become better golfers, we rely less on mental chatter. We no longer need to talk ourselves through a shot or guestion our mechanics. We gain confidence through successful experiences and grow increasingly capable of focusing attention where it is needed.

While both Dustin Johnson and I will have an active right-brain before our identical 12-footers on 17, as he approaches the putt his leftbrain is quiet, solely focusing on space and distance. During my approach, I am reviewing the steps of my routine, a mentally verbal and analytical process that increases left-brain activity. We have a limited ability to attend to a task, so Dustin sticks it, and until I SHORE UP my game, I wonder!

THE MORAL: SHHHHH!

For more information on The Effects of Play on Performance and other studies, Contact: golfnews@easternshoregolf.net

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LPGA EASTERN SHORE



KICK-OFF! SAVE THE DATE!

The LPGA Amateur Golf Association of Eastern Shore MD/DE will be holding its annual season "Kick Off" event at Bear Trap Dunes on April 18, 2021. The event includes lunch, golf and/or golf clinics for ladies with a variety of golf skills from beginners to advanced play. Our chapter offers a variety of leagues encompassing every skill level.

Come join us to learn about the game of golf and connect with other women. Registration information will be on our website soon so please be sure to check back soon. Registration will end April 9th. You may also refer to our Facebook page and be sure to check your email for further communication on our Kick- Off event for 2021!

Hessage from Bonnie Patrick

PRESIDENT, LPGA AMATEUR GOLF ASSOCIATION EASTERN SHORE MD/DE

Happy New Year from the LPGA Amateur Golf Association. We look forward to continuing our programs in 2021. Some programs will be modified due to the pandemic situation. Hopefully, a governmental vaccine procedure will enable us to resume most of our programs. We will have an April "Kick Off" event on April 18th at Bear Trap Dunes. Following this opening event, we will open registration for leagues. We offer at least 10 leagues to meet every golf skill level. Our volunteer captains, co-captains and board members look forward to meeting new members as well as welcoming back former members. Until we meet, on the links, take care and please stay safe.

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Langston Frazier, Contributing Writer – Eastern Shore Golf Magazine & Dr. Christopher J. Prosser, PGA, CHE, CMAA – Lecturer and Internship Coordinator UMES PGA Golf Management Program





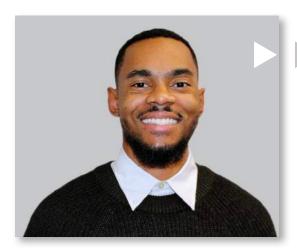
PGA LEAD was created to identify, mentor and progress PGA Members from diverse backgrounds along a guided path to volunteer leadership roles in the Association at the Chapter, Section and National levels. Integrating a multitude of dimensions of difference into our leadership ranks helps position the Association for success for decades to come. The ultimate goal of PGA LEAD is to establish a deep bench of diverse PGA Members who are prepared to ascend to and through the volunteer leadership ranks of the Association. PGA LEAD also assists in developing PGA Members who desire to serve and make an impact on nonprofit boards within the communities where they work and live. Cohorts are comprised of 15 emerging leaders within the association selected on an annual based."



PGA LEAD Cohort V feat. Jon Seward, PGA (Front Row - Left) and RJ Sheppard, PGA (Front Row - 3rd from the Right)

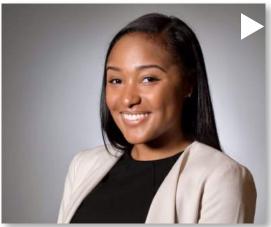
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Three UMES alumni were tapped to join Cohort VI, announced in late December 2020 by the PGA of America.



Demarkis Cooper, PGA, MBA

is a class of 2018 graduate of UMES. While at UMES, Demarkis was a member of the men's golf team. He's currently the Operations Manager/Brand Strategist at City Swing based in Washington, D.C.



Jasmin Cunningham, PGA

is a class of 2018 of UMES. At UMES, she made various stops at Columbia Country Club, Grandfather Golf and Country Club, Titleist, PGA of America as well as the First Tee. Jasmin was also a member of the Maryland Eastern Shore Hawks women's golf team during its inaugural season. Cunningham was eighth African American female ever to be elected into PGA of America membership. Jasmin, in late 2020, returned to Titleist HQ to join the team as an Associate Account Representative in Massachusetts.



Tiana J.C. Jones, PGA

is class of 2017 graduate of UMES. Jones has an extensive playing career which includes playing for S.C. State, multiple wins in Ohio, she also is a five-time winner of the PGA WORKS Collegiate Championship! Her passion for golf instruction has led her around the country including stops at Green Hill Yacht and Country Club, Bandon Dunes, Independence Golf Club, Glenn Riddle Golf Club, and The Broadmoor. She was the seventh African American female ever to be elected into PGA of America member. Tiana is currently the Director of Instruction at Topgolf Cleveland in Ohio.

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Other UMES PGM alumni in the PGA LEAD program included Jon Seward, PGA and RJ Sheppard, PGA, are both in Cohort V.

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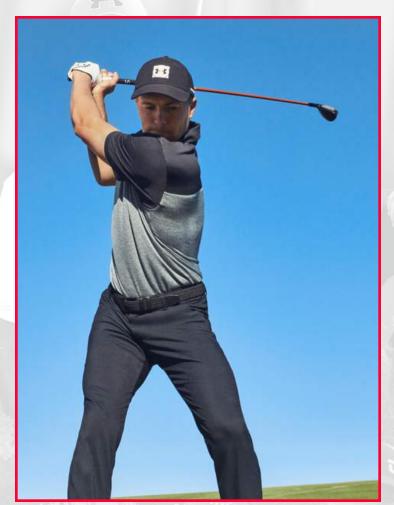


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*The Spring 2021 League Summer National Championship will be held at Walt Disney World's Golf Courses July 16-18th 2021.



JUNIOR TOUR PLAYER PROFILE KOLE KOHUT

Kole Kohut, 15, is a freshman at Stephen Decatur High School in Berlin, Maryland. He was introduced to the wonderful game of golf at the age of only two. For his birthday one year, he got his first set of Lil' Tikes golf clubs. For years he followed his Dad on the course just "hitting some balls." It was then that his parents saw his potential and love for the game. He loved going to golf camp and golf lessons. He always wanted to play and improve. The love of the game has continued on for several years. He enjoys playing rounds with family, friends, and his Junior Tour buddies. Kole's favorite course to play locally is at Plantation Lakes, in nearby Delaware, and our home course of River Run Golf Club. Kole's favorite golf trip was playing in Orlando, Florida for the Junior Tour Nationals this past summer. His lowest score thus far is a 71 even par. In his spare time, he enjoys watching golf on television and playing baseball. One of his highlights of his life was watching Justin Thomas and Ricky Fowler golf in person at the Honda Classic in Florida a couple years ago. Kole loves the Junior Tour because it offers competitive action and fun. both He aspires to play golf and hopes in and out of college to be a Golf Pro one day. He has learned a lot of valuable lessons through the game of golf: patience, practice, perseverance and to be mentally tough.













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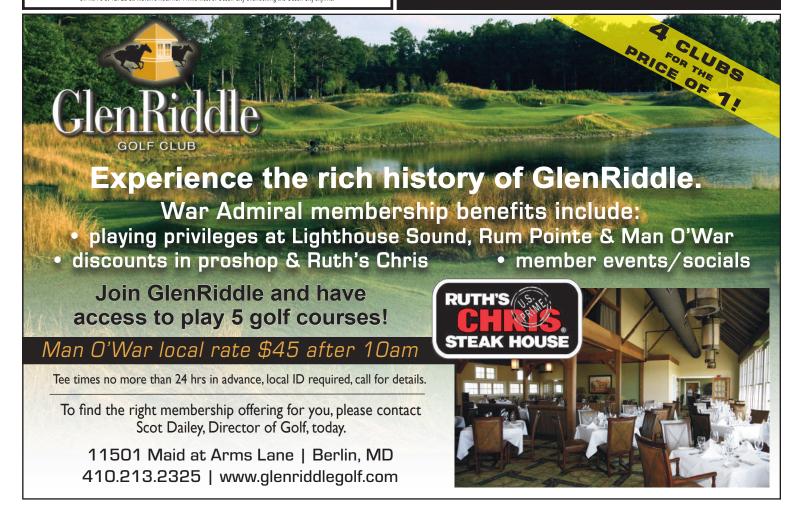
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Hole #15 / 6 iron 135 yards



SUE MCNAMARA

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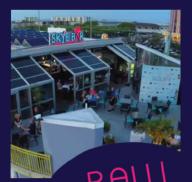
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By Rob McDonald

There's been a couple of times in my career where I've worked with a golfer that was too deliberate in their play. Sometimes so slow that other people wouldn't play with them anymore. They would take too long to go over their calculations and then add practice swings. Then, after the shot take more practice swings or just stand there in disbelief at the outcome.

So, I would invite them to join me for a round in the early evening and tell them I have one rule. We have limited daylight so we must play fast. We pull up to the ball. Do a quick calculation on the club needed, hit the shot and go! No practice swings. No over-thinking the shot. Guess what? They played better.

We "play" other sports. We react to a ball or person in motion. A short stop in baseball has trained in the double play sequence so much, that when a hot grounder comes to him, he reacts from the training. He doesn't have to worry about every aspect of the throwing motion. In golf, we have to engage the "play" aspect as well. Yes, it is good to have a swing thought or two but, they should be rhythm cues that you have trained in slow motion.

The functional golf swing is a sequencing of your muscle groups in a manner which delivers the club head to the ball. If you train the sequencing of motion slowly, you gain awareness of what is moving and when it is moving along with the flow of pressure within your feet. This awareness is important, especially the flow of pressure within your feet because we are driving this motion with our connection to the ground. If you are out of balance, you will be out of sequence. If you are out of sequence, you will be out of balance. They are intertwined. This slow motion training will enable you to gain that awareness. Once you have that you can begin doing it in a smooth, flowing rhythm. As you get more familiar with the sequencing and flow of pressure in your feet to that rhythm, you can then take that on the course and let the "playing" begin. The "playing" is creating the motion you've trained and letting go of the possible outcomes. Letting go of thinking about every moving part of your body.

So remember, while golf is a thinking game, we still have to "play" it!

















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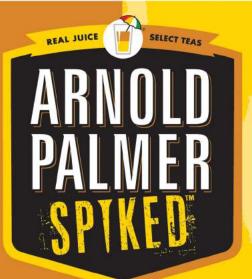






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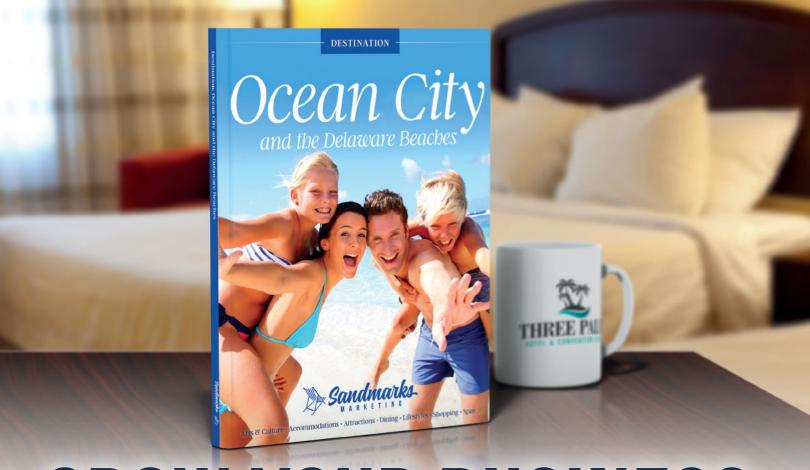












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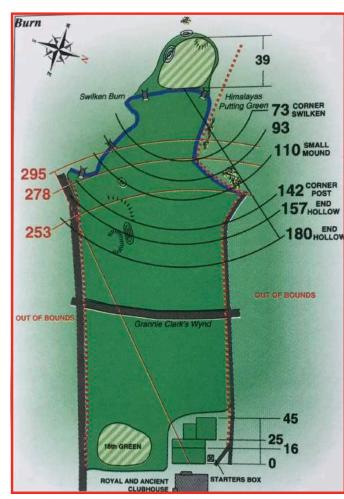
YOU STAND ON THE FIRST TEE.

The possibilities of a joyous day are before you. You are about to embark on a great adventure. Then the great temptress of golf appeals to your true nature. Who are you? How good do you play? Now is the time to prove it? What will your friends say?

In the beginning, was the "First Hole", at St Andrews. In the days of the "feathery" it was a par five. It took a good player two shots and a pitch over the Swilcan Burn to reach the green. Later the gutta-percha ball could be hit far enough to reach the green in two. Albeit, the second shot was demanding and risky. Today, most tournament players chose an iron and a pitch. Even though long hitters could reach it in one, the risks of a such an attempt constrain such temptations. The Old First Hole landing area is 150 yards wide. The challenges are to play the prevailing wind, place the ball in a spot providing the best distance and angle to the pin. There are multiple choices. The second shot is uncomplicated just avoid the Swilcan Burn. The emphasis is on judgement, self awareness and conviction.

Deceptive challenge is the hallmark of opening holes. The design goal is to provide an easy path to bogey, a reasonable chance for par, yet a challenge to make birdie. Design should expedite play on the first and let the player warm up. Double bogey dragons, and torturous minefields of dread, can wait for later in the round. The opening hole is a test more of judgement than physical skill.

Better players understand that golf is a test of distance control and angles. A good design encourages good choices. I frames the simplicity of the game if you pay attention.





The Links at Lighthouse Sound offers one of the best designed opening holes on the Eastern Shore. It offers choices. It is a test of judgment that begins with selecting which tee to play from. Let's play the hole from an aerial view in the attached diagram.

The obvious major features are a large steep faced bunker on the left side of the fairway, and a sprawling waste area all along the right side. These are not traps to be feared, rather clues to good decisions. The design is superb because there is some risk and reward in every alternative.

Let's choose to play from the middle tees. The overall length of the hole is 332 yards. The typical prevailing wind in the spring and summer months is southwest, so you will be playing into a head wind, so you will add 10 yards to distance calculations. The bunker is your "choice clue". You want fly past it or land short of it. You may end up perfectly centered in the narrower neck of the fairway between the bunker and the waste area. If so, all will say great shot. You will know it was not your goal.

A 200 yard tee shot will eliminate landing in the bunker and provide the widest margin or fairway to avoid the waste area. In fact, you can aim directly at or slightly right of the bunker, especially if you tend to fade or push you shots. This will leave an approach of 130-140 yards. If you choose to carry the bunker realize it will take a drive that carries 230 yards. With the head wind you will need a drive to carry 240. The reward for such a shot is a wide landing area and a downhill slope and a short pitch to the green. However, a big drive offline will create a challenging pitch from uneven lies in the rough whether right or left.

What is the reward of the 65 yard pitch vs. the 130 approach? It may seem significant, until you see the green and identify the pin position. The green is large disguising significant slopes from right to left and from the center of the green to the back. The reality is that "pin seeking" almost requires bringing the large steep faced bunker guarding the right side of the green into play. In addition any putt from the right side of the green will be downhill and difficult to judge the speed since it is your first putt of the day. A chip from the edge or putt that is front center of the green is likely to get you a par. The green complex design neutralizes or at least diminishes the value of the bold drive an short pitch.

The real question is what is fun for you? If the answer is go for it, attack the hole, birdies or bust. Then play your preference. However, consider playing from one tee closer. Give yourself the chance to make the bold shot successfully, with a good effort, not just you lifetime best. If you think your drives carry 250, plan for them to carry 225. The designer knows and exploits the players optimism and tendency to overate performance potential. The designer knows even the best of the best do not make every shot their best.

The apparent simplicities of opening holes are subtle challenges. Back to The Old Course. Fifty years ago Doug Sanders missed a two foot putt on the final hole at the Old Course. Instead of victory, he tied with Jack Nicklaus and lost in a playoff. It was a depressing moment for all who saw it. What is rarely told, is that on the first hole, Sander's followed a perfect drive, with a pitch that fell short, into the burn. The result a double bogey. If he parred "the Burn", the missed two footer on the 18th would have not mattered. In the same Open, PGA tour player Tom Shaw, reached green in two. He boldly charged his birdie putt and rolled it into the Swilcan Burn. Simple, subtle, seductive, beware the temptations and challenges of the opening hole.









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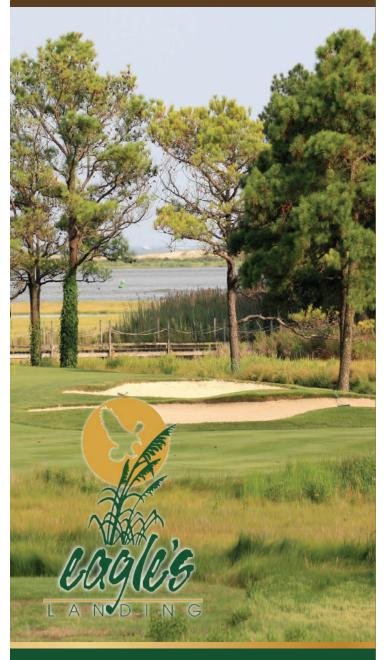


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