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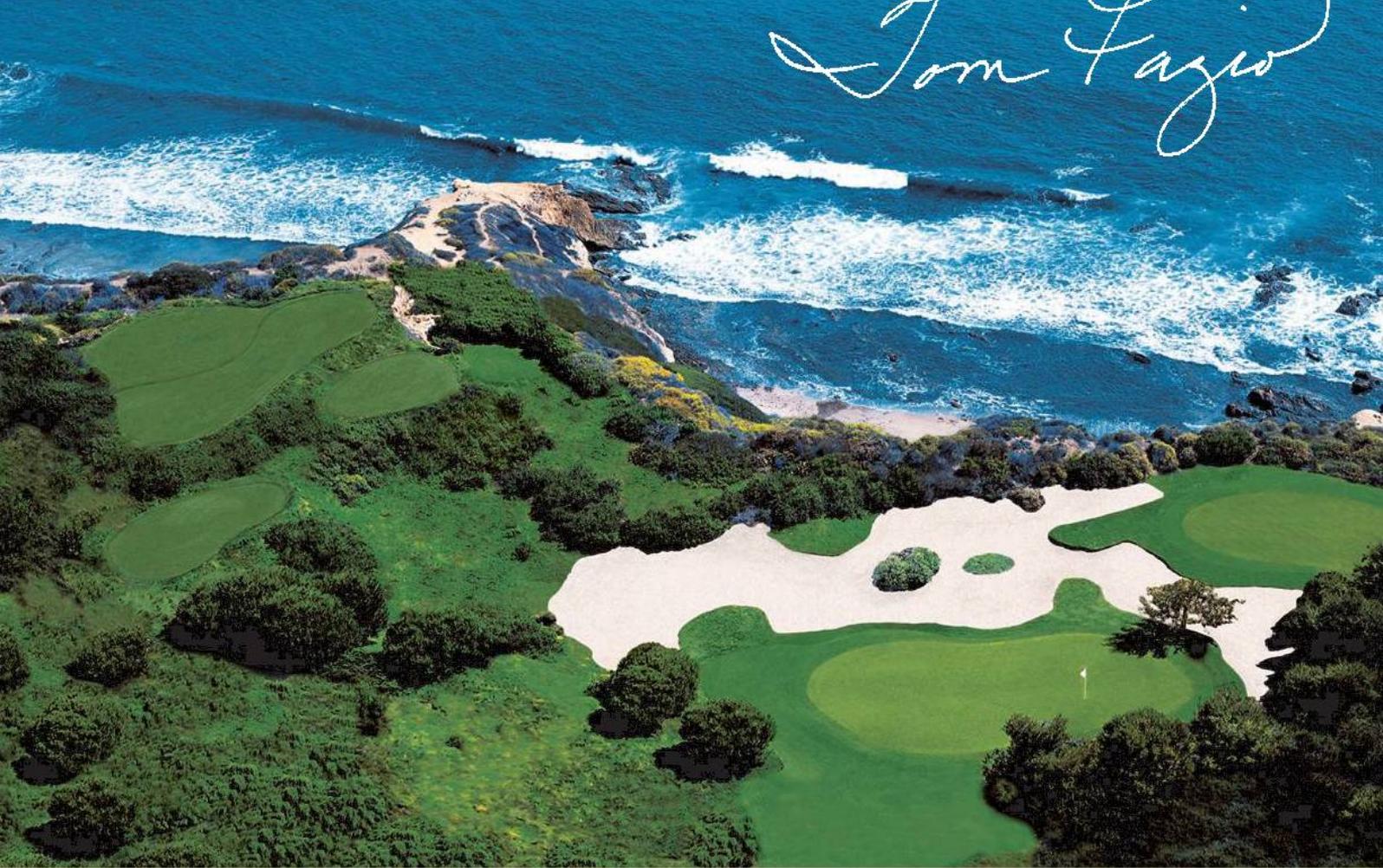
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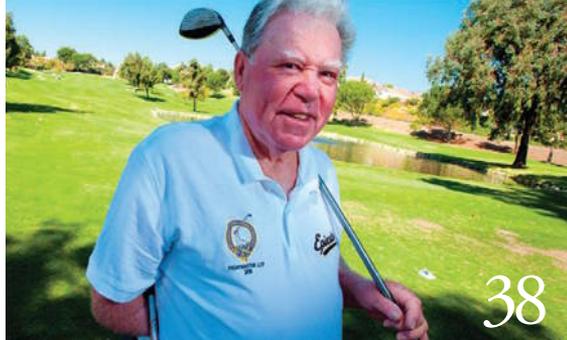


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2011 Member Outings Schedule is Out

The New Year is chock-full of new and return SCGA Member Outings venues, including some fun new formats as well. Among them, Journey at Pechanga (a couples event), Pelican Hill Golf Club, BIG-HORN Golf Club, Pauma Valley Country Club and more! Member Outings allow golfers exclusive access to some of the Southland's top private and high-end daily fee clubs at a reduced rate, and sites are constantly added — so be sure to visit

the Web site for the most current list.

Early Registration for SCGA Events and Championships

Sign-ups are beginning early this season for the SCGA's many 2011 championships. Starting in December, golfers can register for the SCGA Amateur, Amateur Net, PLGA, Foursomes, Parent-Junior, Senior Amateur and many other events for players of all levels. Additionally, the popular Desert and Summer Series will be returning, meaning



clubs and players can play in both gross and net flights and try their hand at an elusive SCGA title. Visit the

Tournaments section to register and view photos and coverage of past events.

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2011 Membership RENEWAL REMINDER

Don't miss out on club membership in 2011! Pay your membership dues directly to your golf club now to avoid interruption in your 2011 membership.

Check with your club membership chair or handicap chair regarding membership renewal information, which includes your SCGA membership.

Questions regarding the renewal process? Contact the SCGA Handicap and Membership department at membership@scga.org.

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President's Message

Meet the SCGA

I am humbled and honored to serve as your president of the Southern California Golf Association. The services our association provides to our member clubs, as well as our individual members, is beyond compare. OK, I'll admit it: I am a bit biased!

If you are one of the millions of people who can't live without their morning cup of premium coffee, you will spend more in a week on that coffee than you do for an entire year of SCGA dues. And we come with a few promises: We won't get spilled on you; burn your hand, mouth or tongue; and we won't leave you feeling let down a few hours later. The SCGA is here to feed your passion for the great game of golf.

There are five main areas that comprise the SCGA, all important and valuable aspects of your membership experience. Following is a brief overview of each, and you can learn more about these benefits at scga.org.

Access to the game: No matter your skill level, there is a playing opportunity for you. The SCGA staff runs 170 tournament days a year, including team, net and gross formats. We also administer the popular SCGA Member Outings program, which provides playing opportunities at high-end daily fee and private courses at a reduced rate.

Handicap Index: Track your improvement with a Handicap Index, or become the handicap chairman for your club by attending a Handicap Certification seminar. The SCGA also manages the installation and maintenance of the GHIN Handicap System in each club, ensuring your ability to post online and at the course. We also conduct new club orientations for both Affiliate Clubs and golf course facilities.

Course Rating: The SCGA measures the yardages of each course in Southern California and provides Course Ratings for every set of men's tees, to make Southland golf courses as accurate and enjoyable as possible.

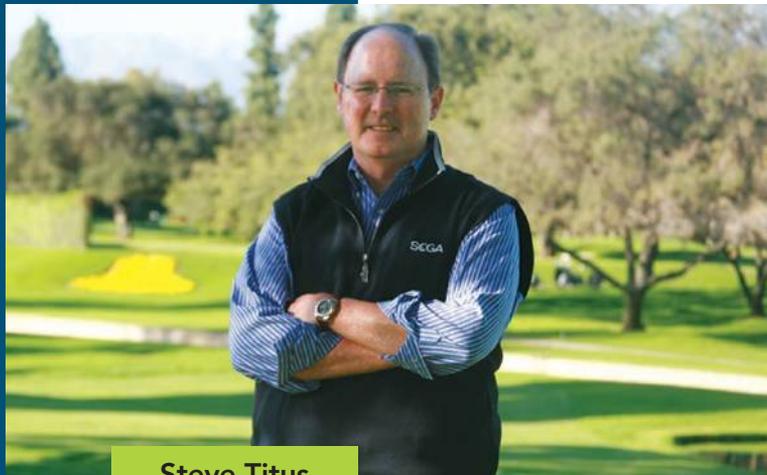
Club resources: The SCGA conducts club visitations; serves as the main contact for Amateur Status inquiries; and manages the SCGA Club Delegate program, the delegate acting as the liaison between the club and the SCGA.

News, stories and information: From the SCGA Web site to *FORE Magazine*, the SCGA keeps its members informed with entertaining stories and important news pertinent to your membership. We produce fun videos like the SCGA Rules Crew series; feature stories about golf travel, celebrities and green golf; and provide coverage and photos of SCGA events, all to broaden your knowledge of and exposure to the game.

Additionally, the SCGA is also home to the **SCGA Foundation**, which sponsors the education and character development of Southern California youth through golf.

Over the next five issues of *FORE Magazine*, I will highlight these main services in depth, as well as introduce the staff members responsible for delivering them. By the conclusion of my term as president, I hope all of you will agree that your SCGA annual dues of \$30, which are included within your club's membership fee, are well spent, just like that ever-important morning cup of coffee.

Now go out and play some golf. Our local golf courses need the business!



Steve Titus
President

Getting to Know: Your President, Steve Titus

City of residence: **Pasadena**

Club: **San Gabriel CC**

Profession: **Insurance Broker**

Family: **Wife Kim (of 29 years), daughter Brittney (23), son Drew (21) and two golden retrievers**

Volunteer: **Little League baseball coach; San Gabriel Green Committee Chairman**

Musician/band: **Sugarland**

First car: **1972 Toyota Corolla station wagon — aka "the puddle jumper"**

Favorite book: ***Golf Architecture* by Dr. Alister MacKenzie**

Guilty-pleasure food: **Hot fudge sundae**

Favorite non-golf item you own: **1970s-era Angels jersey autographed by Nolan Ryan**

Favorite Southland hotspot: **Angel Stadium of Anaheim**

Alternate profession: **TV commentator for either golf or baseball**

Favorite quote: **"Peace, quiet and nice chatter" — Don Titus, my father**

SCGA Past President Lee Corwin passes away

Lee Corwin, the 1972 SCGA President who was instrumental in the creation of *FORE Magazine*, passed away at age 91.

Corwin, a USC alumnus and Army veteran of World War II, was licensed as a stockbroker in the 1960s and would work as an investment broker and financial advisor, as well as a manager at several brokerage houses, until retirement.

Corwin was a passionate golfer and a member of Hillcrest Country Club for more than 50 years, where he served on the club's Board of Directors and was club champion in 1964. He was an avid tennis player as well. Corwin joined the SCGA Board in 1964 and during his tenure, served as the Public Relations Committee chairman, as well as a member of the Finance, Handicap and Course Rating Committees, before his election to SCGA President in 1972.

During Corwin's time on the SCGA Board, several milestones were noted, include the introduction of the SCGA



Electronic Handicap Service (1968), the publishing of *FORE Magazine* (1968), the grand opening of SCGA's current headquarters (1969), and the merger of the SCGA and the San Diego County Golf Association (1971). In an effort to bridge communications with the SCGA membership, Corwin spearheaded and organized the *FORE Magazine* concept and also arranged for Bing Crosby and family to appear on the cover of the Spring 1971 issue — the first time any magazine was permitted to use a Crosby family photo.

Volunteer at the Kia Classic and Northern Trust Open

The LPGA's **Kia Classic**, which will call Industry Hills Golf Club its home in 2011, is seeking volunteers for the March event. It is the first time since 2005 that the LPGA has been in the Los Angeles area.

The Kia Classic will be held March 21-27. Volunteers must be able to work three full days (minimum 4- to 5-hour shifts) and can request one of more than 20 volunteer committees on which to participate, including admissions, walking scorer, practice area, scoring tents and scoreboard. Volunteer packages cost \$60 and include a uniform polo shirt, hat, lanyard, drawstring backpack, credential for tournament grounds access, two additional weeklong tournament passes, logoed water bottle, commemorative lapel pin and all meals during shifts worked (a \$300 value).

For more information or to fill out the volunteer form, visit kiaclassic.com.

There are also volunteer opportunities available for the **Northern Trust Open**, Feb. 14-20 at Riviera Country Club in Pacific Palisades. Volunteers must be available to work two days and must purchase a volunteer package that includes two weeklong tournament passes, lunch during work days, apparel and an invitation to the volunteer party. Register at northern-trustvolunteers.pgatourhq.com.

2011 SCGA Board of Directors installed

Steve Titus of Pasadena, an insurance broker and member of San Gabriel CC, was elected president of the SCGA at its Annual Meeting in October. Titus succeeds John Rydell of Santa Barbara (La Cumbre CC and The Valley Club of Montecito).

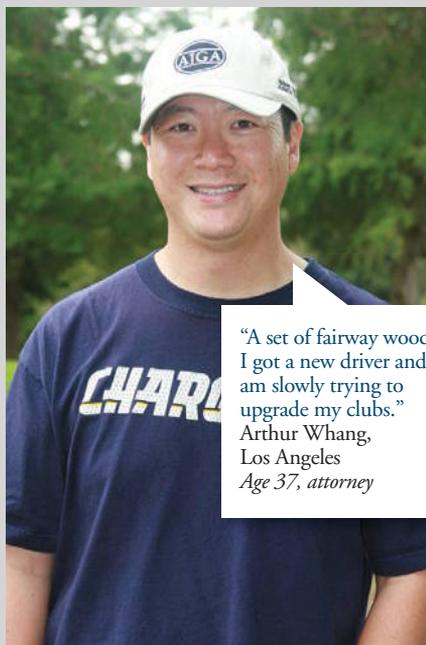
Also elected to the SCGA Executive Committee were Vice President Dennis Harwood of Corona Del Mar, Secretary Dr. Tom Lindgren of Indian Wells and Treasurer Ken Bien of Rancho Santa Fe.

Past SCGA and USGA President Jim Vernon of Pasadena was presented with the Lynn Smith Award at the Annual Meeting, the SCGA's highest honor for service given to amateur golf. SCGA Rules and Competitions committeeman Lynn McClung was given the Jim House Award for his volunteer service to the association.

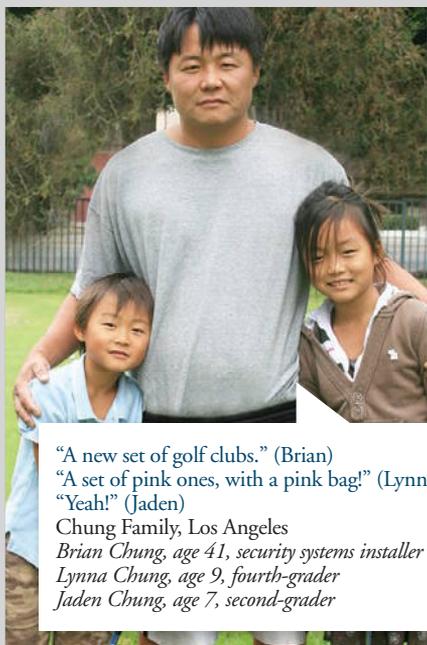
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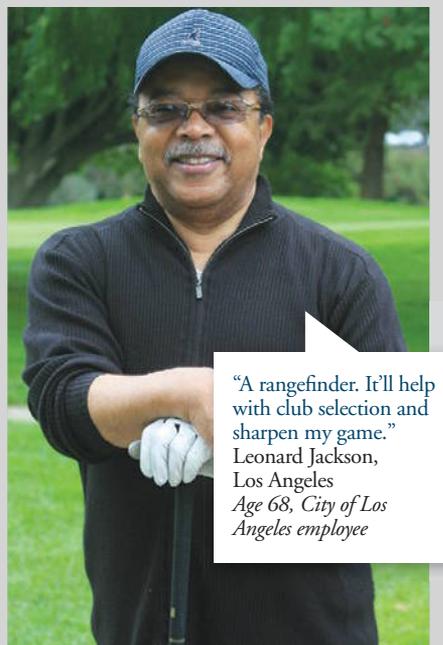
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“A set of fairway woods. I got a new driver and am slowly trying to upgrade my clubs.”
 Arthur Whang,
 Los Angeles
 Age 37, attorney

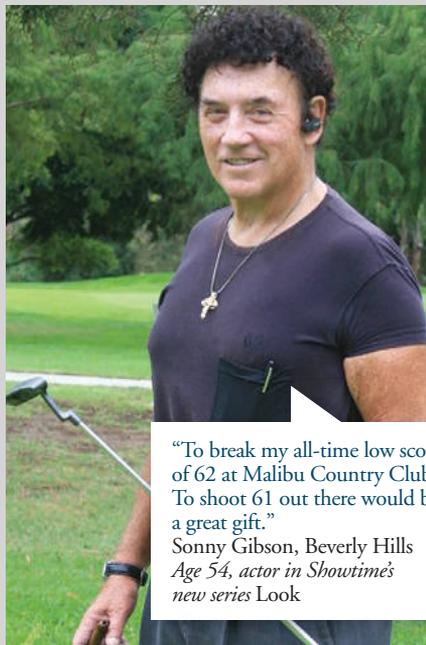


“A new set of golf clubs.” (Brian)
 “A set of pink ones, with a pink bag!” (Lynna)
 “Yeah!” (Jaden)
 Chung Family, Los Angeles
 Brian Chung, age 41, security systems installer
 Lynna Chung, age 9, fourth-grader
 Jaden Chung, age 7, second-grader

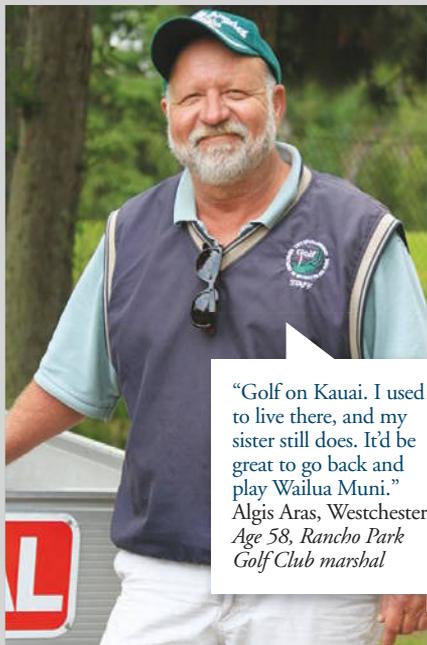


“A rangefinder. It’ll help with club selection and sharpen my game.”
 Leonard Jackson,
 Los Angeles
 Age 68, City of Los Angeles employee

The SCGA asks: What golf item is on your holiday wish list?



“To break my all-time low score of 62 at Malibu Country Club. To shoot 61 out there would be a great gift.”
 Sonny Gibson, Beverly Hills
 Age 54, actor in Showtime’s new series Look



“Golf on Kauai. I used to live there, and my sister still does. It’d be great to go back and play Wailua Muni.”
 Algis Aras, Westchester
 Age 58, Rancho Park Golf Club marshal



“I just started playing recently, so a new black golf bag with stand — filled with new clubs, if someone wants to buy them for me.”
 Kristopher Connor,
 Los Angeles
 Age 31, architect

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Price: \$699 (steel shafts) and \$899 (graphite shafts)

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THE *Holiday* GIFT GUIDE

Ways to surprise your favorite golfer during the winter season



Ah, the holidays. A time for giving, sharing and, lest we forget, crafting those wish lists of all the golf gear we need. The holidays always bring out some unique golf products that can make us look better, play better and have a little golf fun off the course while we're at it.

This year's selection is no exception. **BY KATIE DENBO**

If the thought of playing golf barefoot is intriguing, but grass between your toes is not, **TRUE linkswear** golf shoes may be your solution. Developed by a company co-founded by PGA Tour player Ryan Moore, the shoe utilizes the anatomical features of the foot to provide natural stability during a swing, and a wide toe box so toes can move naturally. With a 2.5mm-thick sole, weighing in at only 11 ounces, and utilizing a memory-foam cushion and sock liner, you'll feel like you're wearing nothing at all.

Price: \$159

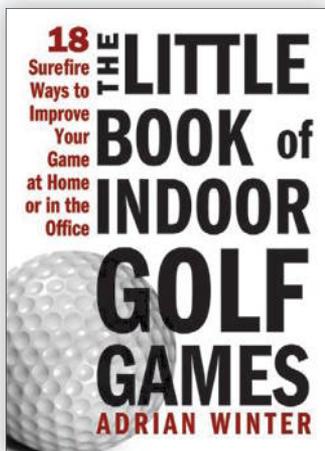
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Burton has long been known for its high-quality ski and snow gear, but the company has migrated from the slopes to the links with its new line of **Burton Golf** cart bags. Both men's and women's models comes in three designs and several colors and patterns, and are crafted out of ballistic nylon with leather accents. Each bag also features between six and 10 pockets, depending on the model, and comes with full-length individual club dividers. It's the perfect makeshift gift bag in which to give a new set of clubs.

Price: \$239.95 to \$279.95

(women's Sienna, left, and men's Executive pictured)

Info: burtongolf.com



Improving your putting is a great way to lower your golf score, and practice putting doesn't have to be limited to a grass green. **The Little Book of Indoor Golf Games: 18 Surefire Ways to Improve Your Game at Home or in the Office** provides 18 fun indoor putting drills that require little more than a putter, some balls, tees and a line of string — ideal for wet winter months when you can't get outdoors, or when you feel like procrastinating at the office.

Price: \$10.99

Info: sourcebooks.com



**Tornado
Collection**



**Hurricane
Collection**

Sunice has introduced its 2011 line of golf performance outerwear, designed to keep you dry and comfortable in less-than-optimal conditions. The men's Hurricane Collection (the Ultimate V3 Gore-Tex jacket is pictured) is stretchier and lighter-weight and even includes an in-pocket ball cleaner, while the women's Tornado Collection (like the Catherine FlexVent Full-Stretch Waterproof jacket seen here) offers super-quiet and breathable laminate and a four-year waterproof guarantee. Several other colors and styles are available to fit any golfer on your holiday list.

Price: Varies

(women's \$180 pictured, men's \$500 pictured)

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of his primary desires is making sure all of the resort's restaurants offer dishes that reflect the Southern California lifestyle, using only the freshest ingredients — most of them grown or caught within close proximity to the resort.

One of La Costa's most versatile eateries is Legends Bistro. Located just above La Costa's famous 18th hole, Legends is a family-friendly restaurant offering breakfast, lunch and dinner service.

Boasting chic décor and a contemporary menu of comfort foods, Legends features a wine bar, indoor and outdoor patio seating, and a private room. Natural materials and earth tones are used throughout the inner portion of the restaurant, creating a soothing atmosphere. Outdoor seating offers panoramic views of the golf course by day and a crackling fireplace by night.

The Legends menu is a mix of modernized classics. Diners find favorites with a taste from every corner of the world, including Peking Duck Eggrolls with Blueberry Plum Sauce and Butternut Squash Ravioli with Browned Butter. More domestic fare includes homemade pastas, pot roast, Steak Herb Crusted Chicken and even pizza.

As for Legends' most popular dishes, Wiegand said guests continually come back for the Vegetable Risotto, Indian Curry, and the Roasted Garlic and Rosemary Free-Range Chicken.

Some of the best bargains at Legends are its three-course dinner specials, offered every Wednesday through Sunday. Each night, like Prime Rib Friday, features a different main course. Every Thursday is Lobster Night, on which for \$38 diners get a choice of salad, a fresh 1¼-pound Maine lobster and a dessert.

"One guest might be looking for prime rib, but another might want something simpler like a pizza or a burger," Wiegand said. "We've designed the menu at Legends to accommodate everyone. And we have a great happy hour, with a full menu of great appetizers. It's a very diverse menu."

When La Costa Resort and Spa originally opened in 1965, it quickly became a playground for Southern California's most well-known celebrities and athletes. Forty-five years later, La Costa is still attracting some of the area's most influential clientele, but it also has become a haven for families and couples looking for a place to relax and recharge their batteries.

BY BOB
BUTTIITA

Whether you're there for a round of golf on its well-known championship golf course or enjoying a family vacation or romantic getaway, La Costa offers a variety of dining experiences that are sure to enhance your visit.

La Costa's executive chef, Hans Wiegand, said one

Desserts are divine and come in a size worth sharing with the whole family. Favorites include S'mores Pot Pie — a warm chocolate crust pie, complete with roasted marshmallows on top — and a root beer float served tableside.

For younger guests, Legends offers a children's menu filled with kids' classics such as macaroni and cheese, chicken tenders, and cheeseburgers.

But Wiegand has also included some healthier-type dishes for kids, like the Rice Bowl with Grilled Chicken, designed to show little ones that healthful food can, indeed, taste good.

In recent years, La Costa has gone green in an effort to be good citizens of the environment and the planet. Earlier this year, La Costa was rewarded for its conservation efforts by earning elite certification from Green Seal, which provides science-based environmental certification standards across a wide range of industries. La Costa is the 17th certified hotel in California — and the only certified hotel in San Diego.

In keeping with the resort's green efforts, Wiegand has changed the menu to be more sustainable.



THE DETAILS

Location: La Costa Resort & Spa, Carlsbad

Golf: The North, South and combo Tournament of Champions Courses, designed by Joe Lee and Dick Wilson

Must-see: The golf course views from Legends' patio — enough to entice players into another round

Hours: Open daily for breakfast, lunch and dinner

Information: lacosta.com, (800) 854-5000

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“Fish like Chilean sea bass and ahi are overfished, so we’re substituting them with fish that are sustainable,” Wiegand said.

And in a related effort to reduce, reuse and recycle, La Costa has one of the first kitchens in San Diego to install the eCorect Food Waste Decomposition System, which dehydrates food waste to produce soil suitable for landscaping use on the golf course and around the hotel. These compost machines handle 182,000 pounds of food scraps per year.

“Everyone at La Costa realizes how important it is to do what we can for the environment,” Wiegand said.

While Legends has a lot to offer guests of all ages, there are plenty of other dining choices at the resort. BlueFire Grill is La Costa Resort's signature restaurant and the centerpiece of the resort's main area, with an outdoor patio featuring fire pits and custom fountains that allows diners to enjoy the perfect San Diego weather.

Patrons of BlueFire Grill are treated to flavorful, innovative fare that takes full advantage of Southern California's fresh seafood and seasonal vegetables. A full range of savory meats and inspiring pasta dishes is also featured. Live music on the plaza or in the lounge each Thursday, Friday and Saturday night creates a festive atmosphere for diners. And during summer months, the restaurant hosts “La Costa Nites,” a weekly lineup of stellar live entertainment.

Other resort eateries include the Lobby Lounge, which offers a full bar, a complete menu of appetizers, and a large selection of wines and cocktails. The Splash Poolside Bar & Café features grilled foods, wraps, salads and other light fare, served poolside. The Garden Poolside Bar & Café is geared toward a more adult experience, with a menu of specialty drinks and grilled and fresh foods. And the resort's Spa Café offers a variety of lifestyle cuisine, juices and smoothies in the spa courtyard's tranquil setting. Organic wines and champagne are also available.

So whether you're wrapping up a day on the golf course or just enjoying the resort's relaxing atmosphere with the family, one of La Costa's diverse establishments is sure to have whatever you may have a craving for. As Chef Wiegand puts it, “We feel we have something for everyone.”

Gloves OFF

LOS ANGELES KINGS CENTER BRAD RICHARDSON'S GOLF ADDICTION

Brad Richardson isn't a Canadian hockey player who took up golf when he made it to the NHL. The 25-year-old center for the Los Angeles Kings played golf every day, all day during summers in Stirling, Ontario, where his family had a cottage. His parents, Jan and Jim, would drop Richardson and his brother, Curtis, off at the course there just about every morning and pick them up in the afternoon. They would play 18 or 36 holes every day with a group of about 10 juniors, and they loved playing matches. Richardson once owned a 1 or 2 handicap, and he now plays to a 5. But despite his hectic professional schedule, he still makes an effort to keep up his game. Frequently, after Kings practices in El Segundo, Richardson and a couple of his teammates will hit a bucket of balls at The Lakes at El Segundo.

How did you get to be a good golfer growing up in Canada? Winters there are brutal.

It's pretty tough, but I would do a little putting. In winter, hockey starts and you put the golf clubs in the shed or garage for the winter and set up for hockey. Basically, golf is a summer thing. Now I'm fortunate that in California I can do a little in the winter, too.

You spent so much time on the golf course as a kid. Did you get in trouble on the course a lot?

We did a lot of stuff we probably shouldn't have done. You get to drive a golf cart around at 14, and we were probably too young and shouldn't have



ALEX RAUCH/LAKINGS.COM

been driving. I was once hit by a golf cart. I was walking and another guy was driving. He wasn't paying attention and whacked into the back of me at full speed. I had a pretty bad Charley horse. He clipped the side of my leg, and I hit the front of the golf cart and went off to the side. He got out to make sure I was OK.

What's your temperament like on the golf course?

I used to be a club thrower and breaker. I probably broke three or four or five clubs. Anytime something like that happened, my parents would give me a pretty stern talking-to. I would be grounded and wouldn't be able to play golf. I was playing with my mom once

BY JILL
PAINTER

and threw my club, and she made us walk off the course because we were brats. I'm not like that anymore. I enjoy golf a lot more now. I find that the older I am, the more relaxing it is.

What's your favorite course?

Sherwood Country Club (in Thousand Oaks). I was pretty close to a hole-in-one there (recently). Oh my God, you hold your breath. We know one of the members there, so we go up there once in a while. I just love it, and it's always in great condition. I haven't played with (Sherwood member and former L.A. King) Wayne Gretzky, but that'd be great. I've seen his house there.

Is there anything that happens on the golf course that makes you want to drop your gloves?

I get irritated at other people when I'm not playing great. Usually, it's a small thing that wouldn't normally get under my skin. I hate when people play really slow and spend lots of time looking for lost balls in trees. I don't like to be out there all day. And there's a new thing where people are wearing iPods. I saw that a couple of times this summer. Who wears an iPod playing golf? You're out there and you're supposed to hear the sounds of nature. I don't mind having fun with stuff like that in tournaments with an iPod or something for the group, though.

Hockey can be such a violent sport, which is completely different from golf. What does golf do for you?

Golf is a lot less stressful. No one is trying to take your head off when you're hitting a shot. But golf is all on you. You have no one to blame but yourself. It's different in that way. I always enjoyed team sports more than

individual sports. Golf is something that I find relaxing to just get out there and play.

What's your favorite golf snack?

I love my hotdog at the turn. It's tough, because I like to snack. I'm always hungry. Back home, the cart comes around with all the food, and every time it comes by I have to get something for sure, like a chocolate bar.

What club in your bag do you enjoy using the most?

All of my wedges. I've had them for a couple of years. I love them. I have Wilson clubs. There's a Wilson factory in Belleville, Ontario — my hometown — and they always hook me up with new sets of clubs every year. I have a set back home and here.

What course is on your bucket list?

I plan on getting to Pebble Beach and all those courses out there. I'm trying to put together a golf trip to Europe and play in Scotland and Ireland. Obviously, I'd love to play Augusta or Cypress Point or Pine Valley. That's a lot. I like to play a lot of golf. I'm trying to plan a trip with a group of guys like me and (teammate) Jarret (Stoll). It's just tough to plan something.

Who's in your dream foursome?

I'd have to say Tiger Woods. I'd love to play with him. I've heard John Daly is awesome to play with. I've read some stuff about him and watched his show on the Golf Channel and he seems like a great guy who would be fun to play with. I've always wanted to play with Wayne Gretzky. He was my favorite player growing up. It's just nice to play with any of my friends or my dad and brother and mom, too. ♣



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NIKE GOLF DESIGNER
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Heating THINGS UP

BY TED JOHNSON



When not at “The Oven,” otherwise known as Nike Golf’s research and development center in Fort Worth, Texas, Tom Stites likes to travel in search of new ways to design and improve golf technology. As Nike’s chief club designer, Stites looks for wisdom wherever he can get it, including nontraditional golf facilities like the Battelle Institute in Columbus, Ohio, a think tank that does about 70 percent of its work for the U.S. Department of Defense (and the place where Iron Byron, the famed mechanical golf testing machine, was developed). Stites even visits toy conventions in an effort to find new shapes or materials that could help golfers enjoy the game a little more.

FORE Magazine caught up with Stites recently to talk with him about the latest developments in club design.

You earned recognition more than two decades ago for designing the Hogan Apex irons, the legacy of which still resonates with better golfers today. That meant working with Ben Hogan, the greatest ballstriker of all, the man who said the answers have to be found by “digging it out of the dirt.” How did the experience affect your design philosophy?

This was in 1986, and I was intimate with the products from a testing aspect. But Mr. Hogan believed you built a club the same way you built a house, from the ground up. The sole of the club is its foundation, and to make good clubs you had to understand how the club at impact went through the turf and the dirt. Today, the playing conditions are much better and you can put more bounce into the clubs, but even the modern models are inspired by what happens when they go through the dirt. The profiles of the original Apex models, the way

the hosels blended down into the leading edge, drew back to the classic MacGregors, and even further back to the East Coast of Scotland. But the Apex was a little different — more blunt — with a high toe with almost a point.

That sounds so unique. Is that something that can come out of a CAD design on a computer?

It's still an art form in that area, the flow of the shaft into the hosel and then into the leading edge. For all the CAD work, it's still free-form. If someone sets out a bunch of clubs, I can tell which ones were designed on a computer. It still comes down to a file, two hands and a vise. You work on it, shape it, and then put it on the ground and see how it looks. It even gets into which eye is dominant, but we make clubs that fit the eyes of our pros, and we sell them around the world.

Most amateurs fear blade irons. What can you tell them?

Here's a little secret: Everyone can play a blade 8-iron. There's so much backspin imparted on the ball, just about everyone can produce good shots. But for the mid and long irons, recreational players need a little bit of forgiveness, because most mid-handicappers miss the ball by about a quarter of an inch. Higher handicappers miss it by more than that, so the clubs they need are completely different.

And where do most people go wrong when buying irons?

Most people get fit at places where they don't hit off turf. And the retailers are going to get mad at me for this, but no one knows how to read a divot. It's almost impossible off a lie board, and mats can make you better than players really are. You look at the ball flight, and then you look at the divot. How deep? Was it an open or closed face, outside-in or inside-out? Ball flight and divots. Without them, you're still working blind, even with launch monitors.

Your new VR driver model emphasizes aerodynamics rather than, say, a larger hitting area or a hot face like other driver brands. Are we in the era of stale design innovation?

The rate of improvement might not be as steep as it was over the last 15 years, but as for the ability to

bring the head back on the path and square it through the impact zone — that part of the game is going to get better. It's not going to affect the best players, but it affects the way real people play golf. They have different angles of attack with different face angles, and we can make the trampoline effect of the face more forgiving. It won't be as dramatic as the move from small-headed to large-headed, but there's still hope.

Your VR line of drivers, including the Tour and the STR8-FIT models in traditional and square heads, have the Compression Channel — so why the emphasis on aerodynamics?

The head cuts through the air more efficiently. The Mercedes E Class design has been the most efficient in terms of aerodynamics for years. So we looked at the way they optimized efficiency, but you have to think of the club as it moves through the downswing. The generation of speed is more efficient; it's quiet in the air, and that means a pickup of a couple miles per hour at impact, and that means more distance. But it's all about the orientation of the club during the swing. Mr. Hogan sometimes would cut little channels into the toe of his persimmon drivers. When the club starts on the downswing, it's starting heel first. And as the hands drop down the fish are swimming over the dam at the bottom of the club, where our channel is. It makes for greater efficiency. And we also took some weight out of the hosel and put it in the head, so the club is a little heavier. And with it being a little faster, there's more energy going into the ball. It's a big head, but we paint it black to make it look smaller. It's little things like that which add up to a great club.

Does that same efficiency translate into the grooves on The Method putter?

In that line it's about efficiency once the ball gets on the ground. We found that more putters have 5 and 6 degrees of loft in the face — better to get the ball up and rolling atop the grass. But they also put backspin on the ball, lifting it at impact — and once it gets back on grass, the ball is skidding before it starts its forward roll. The polymetal grooves on The Method putters knock the spin off the ball. It comes off like a knuckleball, and then gets to the forward roll quicker for more velocity. It's a big deal for the pros. ♣

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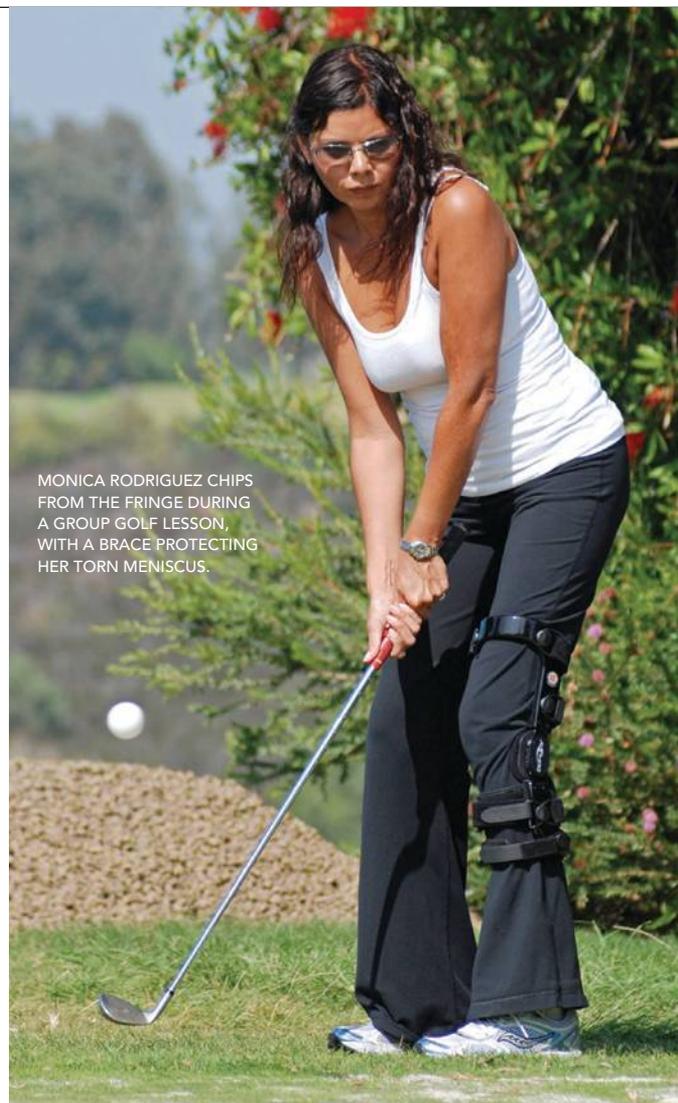
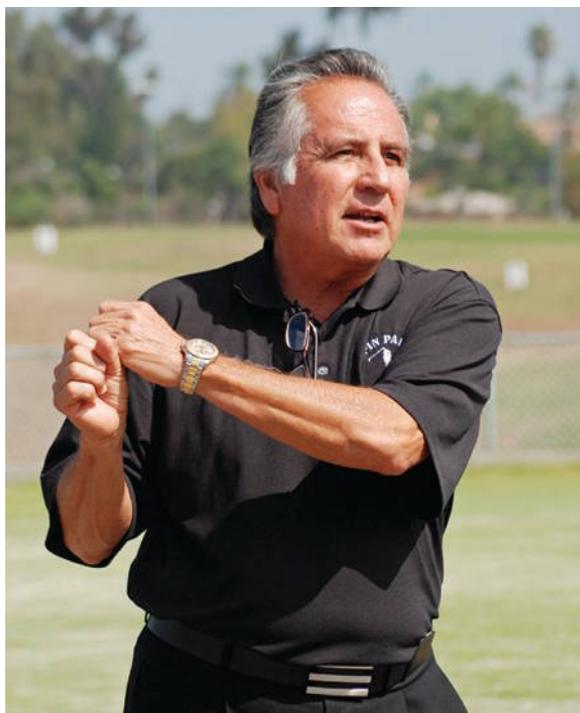
MILITARY VETERANS
FIND REHAB — AND HOPE —
THROUGH GOLF

in the moment that Davey Lind tosses his golf clubs into the trunk of his car, his life changes. He is not a double amputee veteran of the Iraq War. He is not the guy who faces limitations and adaptations in nearly everything he does. Most important, he is not *different*.

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TONY PEREZ
INSTRUCTS A GROUP
OF WOUNDED
VETERANS GATHERED
FOR A WEEKLY GOLF
LESSON AT BALBOA
PARK GOLF COURSE
IN SAN DIEGO.



MONICA RODRIGUEZ CHIPS FROM THE FRINGE DURING A GROUP GOLF LESSON, WITH A BRACE PROTECTING HER TORN MENISCUS.

In his car, on the way to the golf course, Lind is just another guy who can't wait to get out playing the game he loves.

"It's kind of hard to explain," Lind said. "When I step out on the golf course, I'm equal to everybody out there. If I make a good shot or I struggle, I'm not dealing with a whole lot of pity. I'm just another guy out there."

He is, and he isn't.

Lind, 39, suffered massive injuries on June 14, 2007, when the military vehicle in which he was riding ran over a roadside bomb in Iraq. The explosion happened directly beneath Lind, a Marine platoon leader, and his legs were so badly damaged that both had to be amputated.

Six months later, Lind was playing golf on his prosthetic legs. Three years later, he scores mostly in the 90s and inspires all those who get matched up with him on the course.



NAVY PETTY OFFICER SECOND CLASS JASON LEE PRACTICES CHIPPING. HE'S ALSO TRYING TO GET THE FEEL OF HIS NEW PROSTHETIC RIGHT LEG, WHICH HAS BETTER RANGE OF FLEXIBILITY IN THE KNEE JOINT.

Not everybody could do that.

"I'm told my attitude is motivational," Lind said. "I try to do what I can to set an example for people. This is the way I am, and this is how I deal with things."

Lind is a prime example of the success of Operation Game On, a program started in April 2008 by San Diegan Tony Perez. Perez is the father of PGA Tour player Pat Perez and Golf Channel *Big Break* winner Mike Perez.

He also is a Vietnam War veteran who wanted

to give back to warriors coming back from Iraq and Afghanistan who were suffering from life-changing injuries or post-traumatic stress disorder. According to U.S. government statistics, more than 1,000 American service members have lost at least one limb since September 2001. More than 250 have lost more than one limb.

Perez enlisted the support of TaylorMade Golf, which supplies clubs at a deep discount and hosts the challenged golfers at its headquarters in Carlsbad when they graduate. Renowned instructor Jim Flick regularly provides teaching lessons for the troops at TaylorMade.

"When I came back from Vietnam, there was a lot of adversity," Perez explained. "I didn't have any direction. I had no clue what to do. That's how some of these guys are.

"In my heart, I wanted to do something for them. Golf is a good avenue. It's the game of a lifetime. It inspires hope and confidence. It brings out the competitor in all of them."

Perez is a busy man. He founded Pin Pals, a nonprofit golf organization, and in 2006 started an after-school golf program, Schools to Links, for underprivileged children in San Diego's inner city and South Bay. And as an adjunct to Operation Game On, he started Little Heroes, which offers free golf lessons to the kids of military parents.

The programs are supported by TaylorMade, The Nice Guys of San Diego and American Golf Corporation, and Perez is always looking for more sponsors, of course.

In all, more than 300 kids have been served by Perez's efforts, and more than 50 troops have graduated from Operation Game On.

"Tony is fantastic," said Jake Keezlar, an Army sergeant first class and double amputee who went through the program at the beginning of 2010. He now plays golf two or three times a week and regularly shoots in the 90s.

"By him getting this program up and running, he has helped on a multitude of levels. This gets guys

back into the world. It gets them back competing with other soldiers.

“There’s a thing that happens when you come back with some of these injuries. It’s hard for you to be with a group of people out in public. By getting out on the golf course, you get to meet a lot of people and challenge yourself.”

Operation Game On has become one of the most popular recreational programs for troops undergoing rehabilitation at Balboa Naval Hospital. The class consists of an hour-long lesson per week for 10 weeks. Balboa Park Golf Course and Del Mar Golf Center host the lessons, and the instruction is provided by Balboa head pro Abner “AB” Nevarez.

On a recent afternoon at Balboa, Nevarez led the first session for five military members who had experienced various injuries. He tested skills such as balance and flexibility and then led them out to the putting surface, where he explained the basics of the stroke and how to read greens. In the coming weeks, he will take them up through the short game, eventually introducing full shots on the driving range.

“It’s been a very challenging experience,”

Nevarez, 43, said. “You want to challenge them and push their limits, let them know that they can do more than they probably think they can. But at the same time, you want them to be realistic in their expectations. Golf is a hard game for anybody.”

In the first session with Nevarez was Jason Lee, 35, a Navy engineer whose right leg was amputated in June because of poor circulation due to repetitive injuries.

A former runner and wrestler in his home state of Oregon, Lee didn’t play much golf in his younger years, though his dad enjoyed the game.

“I figured, why not? It’s not like golf used to be — an old man’s sport,” Lee, flashing a smile, said of why he joined Operation Game On. “I wanted to give this a chance, see what I can do. If nothing else, I learn a new skill and learn a new game. I’ve got to stay active.”

Interestingly, some of the veterans who are most hooked on golf now weren’t that interested in playing before their injuries. Both Keeslar, who resides at Camp Pendleton, and Lind, of Chino Hills, previously didn’t play more than a couple of times a year.



BALBOA PARK GC HEAD GOLF PROFESSIONAL AB NEVAREZ (RIGHT) CHECKS MICHAEL STENGL'S SHOULDER FLEXIBILITY BEFORE GETTING INTO A CHIPPING LESSON.



"YOU WANT TO CHALLENGE THEM AND PUSH THEIR LIMITS ... BUT AT THE SAME TIME, YOU WANT THEM TO BE REALISTIC IN THEIR EXPECTATIONS," SAID NEVAREZ, RIGHT. "GOLF IS A HARD GAME FOR ANYBODY."

And now?

"I knew I was taking the game too seriously when I didn't drink on the course anymore," Lind said with a laugh. "I don't see that changing anytime soon. I'm having too much fun right now."

"When I drive down the road, I think about hitting golf balls. I've literally had days when I finish on the 18th hole and want to go right back out there again."

Being an amputee golfer definitely has its challenges. Keeslar said the most difficult shots are from sidehill lies or when he has to maneuver his way into and out of a bunker. Both he and Lind have one leg that is amputated above the knee and the other below the knee.

On the other hand, Keeslar said his sometimes-wicked slice was cured when he lost his legs.

"It's not the preferred method of getting rid of it," he said with a chuckle. "When I first got back out, my balance wasn't great and I wasn't swinging as hard, so that took my slice away."

Keeslar said new playing partners now marvel when he hits a 250-yard drive straight down the middle of the fairway.

"I guess it can probably be a little intimidating," he said.

After a hole or two, Lind said, "Most people stop looking at you as an amputee and look at you as just another guy golfing."

Keeslar and Lind have each broken 90 once and are grinding hard to do it again.

"The more you progress, the better you want to get," Lind said. "Unfortunately, you have to feed the beast. The big deal now is that I'm completely addicted to the game. That's how things have changed for me."

Lind's joy on the course stands in stark contrast to how he felt immediately after he lost his legs. It's not that he wanted to die. He just didn't know if he wanted to live with the obvious limitations he would face.

"Once some of those things started to become more and more reality, I thought, 'This is not something I'm going to be able to do,'" he recalled.

"But it turned out, of course, that I can do things very effectively. What is the saying? 'Adversity introduces a man to himself.'"

By overcoming the challenges presented by his injuries, Lind won out — and so did golf. ♡

For more information on the Operation Game On program or other programs mentioned in this story, contact Tony Perez at pgapoptwo@cox.net or at (858) 832-1836.

BY TOM MACKIN

Scottsdale SECONDS

36-Hole Options Fill Desert Plate

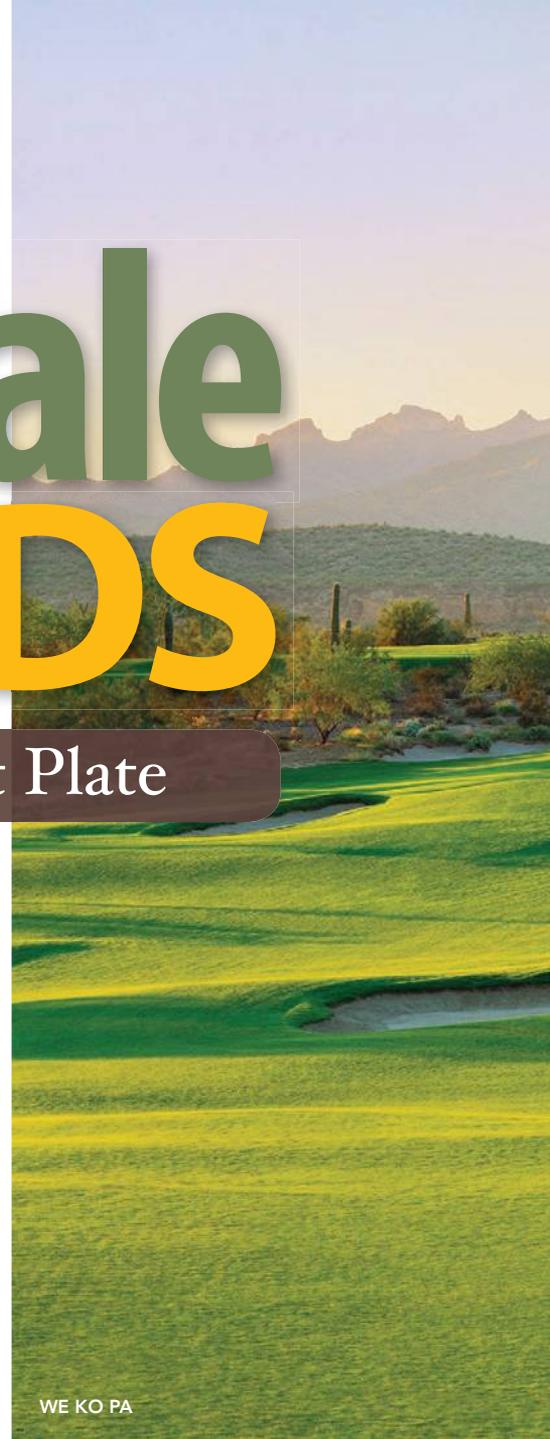
Sequels make me nervous. Rare is the follow-up that equals the original, especially with movies (see *Caddyshack II* for proof; or better yet, don't bother). That's not always the case with golf courses, though. Take Scottsdale for instance, where seven worthwhile 36-hole options await. Most of the younger siblings measure up well with the originals, and there's not a clunker in the bunch. Plus, if you play both 18s in a 36-hole set, you can save a few bucks — even in the pricey peak months of January through March. In the Valley of the Sun, going back for seconds never felt so good.

TPC Scottsdale

Yes, it's true what you may have heard — the PGA Tour event played here on the Stadium Course since 1987 really is the biggest party on grass. Pony up just a bit more than \$300, and you can try a finishing stretch that includes a reachable-in-two par-5 15th; the famous par-3 16th; the drivable par-4 17th (where, in 2001, Andrew Magee carded the only ace on a par 4 in Tour history); and the closer, which features a fairway plaque denoting the resting place of the massive 359-yard drive crushed by 2008 winner J.B. Holmes. It's a blast.

And just across the street from the Stadium Course, there's another eminently playable layout that's almost as good. The Champions Course, revamped admirably in 2007, may lack the high profile of its counterpart, but it's a fun walk with a number of interesting risk/reward holes, plus five par 3s.

"The difference in style between the courses is that the Stadium is half desert and half parkland, while the Champions is high desert — meaning the fairways are contoured," says Bill Grove, general manager



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of TPC Scottsdale. “The playability at each is different. For the Stadium, it’s all about the short game around the greens. For the Champions, you need to drive well and avoid the bunkers, which can be very penalizing.”

And one more thing. The Champions costs less than half the price of the Stadium, with green fees ranging from \$75 to \$136. It gets even better, though: you can play both courses the same day, plus lunch at the Champions Grill (try the burger) in the TPC clubhouse, for \$99. The catch? That sweet deal is only offered during the steamy summer months. But for the less heat-tolerant, you can play both courses within five days of

each other all year long at discounted prices (from \$120 to \$320 for all 36 holes).

The AAA Five Diamond Fairmont Scottsdale, adjacent to the Stadium Course, has begun a second life in recent years with extensive renovations, including the addition of the Willow Stream Spa. Recover from a day on the links at the spa with a Golf Performance Treatment amongst mini-waterfalls, a fitness center and a rooftop pool. A second accommodations option just around the corner is XONA Resort Suites, which underwent a major renovation two years ago. The more low-key and spruced-up setting remains a favorite destination

Scottsdale

for golfers, with multiple pools and four-bedroom suites. **Info:** tpc.com/scottsdale

The Boulders Resort & Golden Door Spa

It's the North vs. the South here, but we're not talking about a modern Civil War. The two geographically named courses at this resort just north of Scottsdale have offered cool desert golf since 1984, with verdant green fairways splashed across a cactus-filled environment. Aptly named for the dazzling, 12-million-year-old rock outcroppings found throughout the property, the resort's 36 holes were crafted by Jay Morrish.

The back nine on the North Course, a par 72 at 6,959 yards, is the longer and tougher layout of the two, with multiple par 4s exceeding 420 yards. But it's the ninth hole, where you tee off amid the boulders, overlooking a lush desert landscape vista, that's the most memorable.

The slightly shorter but tighter South Course has the edge in overall visual appeal, most notably on the par-5 fifth, which plays across a wash and directly at one of the famed boulder piles behind the green.

"The key on the South Course is to play smart; you don't need to use driver every time," says Director of Golf and Club Operations Tom McCahan. "You do need a good short game, though, and the greens are very subtle." Near the tee on the par-3 seventh, check out Rosie's Rock, named for the original developer's wife, which teeters precariously on top of another boulder.

Keep in mind that every day, one course at The Boulders is reserved for member play, and the other for resort and public play. But you can take advantage of the Desert Challenge package, a discounted green fee of \$315 during peak season to play both courses over two days. And for a post-round refreshment, quench your thirst at the Four Peaks Grill & Taproom, a Tempe-based brewery that has opened a second outpost in North Scottsdale. **Info:** theboulders.com

JW Marriott Desert Ridge Resort & Spa

Between them, Arnold Palmer and Nick Faldo have won 13 majors and hundreds of other tournaments. But only here at the Wildfire Golf Club have they designed layouts adjacent to each other. The King arrived in 1997 with a par-72, 7,145-yard signature effort. This links-style design is longer and tighter off the tee than its counterpart, with plenty of undulation in the greens. The defining hole may well be the 17th, a 430-yard par 4 with a lake right of the green.

Faldo's course debuted in 2002 in conjunction with the massive 950-room hotel that overlooks it.

With more than 100 bunkers, many of them steep-faced, accuracy is essential. "The fairways are pretty generous, and the greens are large," says Director of Golf John Wright. "You really have to avoid the bunkers, though, since some are so deep you can't move the ball forward — and you might have to play sideways or even backwards." Your best chance for an eagle — or triple bogey, for that matter — usually comes on the well-bunkered 314-yard, par-4 16th. The putting surfaces on the Palmer course were re-grassed in 2008, and the Faldo course received the same treatment in 2009.

According to Wright, better players find the Palmer course more difficult. Playing both the same day during peak season will run you \$199 for the first round and \$139 for the second. After your outings are through, you can contemplate swing changes in the Zen Loft of the resort's Revive spa. **Info:** jwdesertridgemarriott.com

Grayhawk Golf Club

Grayhawk's Talon Course turned 16 in 2010, but the teenager and its younger partner — the Raptor Course — have matured far beyond their years. Combining the two stellar tracks with a cool vibe (rock music still oozes out of speakers hidden in rocks around the clubhouse and practice area), this North Scottsdale mainstay is a must-visit and must-play.

The Talon Course, a Gary Panks and David Graham design, retains a distinctive look and feel unique to its desert location. From railroad ties in multiple bunkers near the green on the 505-yard fifth, to a swinging bridge entry for the back tee (175 yards) on the picturesque par-3 11th, this par 72 is extremely playable. An island green on the 125-yard 17th is simply icing on the cake. "I recommend that first-timers play the Talon because of the great scenery," says Golf Professional Doug Hodge. "The Raptor is wider off the tee, but the green complexes are more difficult, and it's a tougher overall challenge."

Designed by Tom Fazio, the Raptor has hosted multiple professional events over the years, including the PGA Tour's Fry's.com Open as recently as 2009. Fairway bunkers often swallow up errant tee shots, while the putting surfaces require steady nerves to handle the big, swooping breaks. Grass collection areas around the greens are no picnic, either. It's all capped off by a killer 18th, a 521-yard par 5 with water all the way down the right.

In between rounds (for 36 holes in a day, you'll pay \$300 in peak season and \$90 during summer months), devour some corn chowder, prime rib sliders or a pretzel pastrami sandwich in Phil's Grill, the

clubhouse eatery named after Mr. Mickelson that features various memorabilia from his career. **Info:** grayhawkgolf.com

Troon North Golf Club

One of the most expensive two-play options (\$399 during peak season) in the area is also one of the best. And in 2007, Troon North actually got even better, thanks to a rerouting of the Monument Course (originally unveiled in 1990) and the Pinnacle Course



GRAYHAWK



WHISPER ROCK

LONNA TUCKER

(which debuted in 1995). That project essentially paired up the two back nines of each layout to create the new Pinnacle course, while the two original front nines were combined into a new Monument course, with the exception of a couple of holes.

“The course reconfiguration is something we contemplated in 1996 when we built the second course, the Pinnacle,” said course architect Tom Weiskopf, who worked with Jay Morrish on the Monument course and did the Pinnacle layout himself, upon completion of the project. “Both courses can now be played exactly as the land dictates.”

The facility that set a new standard for desert golf more than two decades ago has only gotten stronger since — the Pinnacle Course was named the Best Public Course in Arizona by *GOLF Magazine*, while the Monument was ranked fourth. Cap off your (hopefully) low rounds with dinner at the nearby Four Seasons. **Info:** troonnorthgolf.com

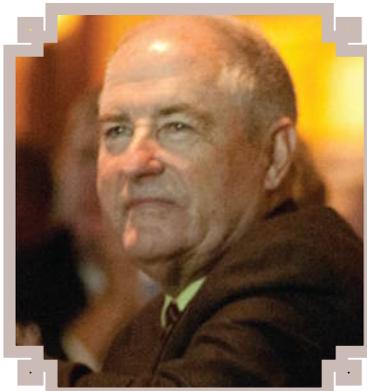
We Ko Pa Golf Club

My personal favorite desert 36 can be found here east of Scottsdale in Fountain Hills, on land owned by the Fort McDowell Yavapai Nation. Offering an excellent mix of scenery, challenge and shot options, the two-some here is a must-play. Scott Miller’s Angular Cholla Course came to life in December 2001, and the more open but no less demanding Saguaro Course, created by Ben Crenshaw and Bill Coore, debuted five years later. Even at \$320 in the peak season, you will get your money’s worth with these 36 stellar holes. If the putts are dropping, you can try and continue your luck in the casino at the Radisson Fort McDowell Resort right across the street. **Info:** wekopa.com

Whisper Rock Golf Club

What are generally thought of as the very best 36 holes in Scottsdale are also the hardest to get on. Whisper Rock Golf Club, part of a private residential community, has a membership roster full of low handicappers (and numerous PGA Tour pros) who get to enjoy two superb layouts. Phil Mickelson and Gary Stephenson’s Lower Course turns 10 years old next March, and the Tom Fazio-designed Upper Course opened in 2005. The former is considered a second-shot course, with two major desert washes coming into play on almost every hole. The small greens are full of contoured challenges as well. On the Upper, the picturesque back nine is right up against a mountain, and the entire course is a bit more generous than the Lower. Pull some strings to play either one if you can. **Info:** whisperrockgolf.com

THREE *for the* BOOKS



Southland golf legends **DAVE STOCKTON** and **AL GEIBERGER**, along with SCGA co-founder **JOSEPH SARTORI**, were inducted as the fourth class of the SCGA Hall of Fame in October. While they were chosen for their significance in Southern California golf, there is much more to the trio than just their golf lives.



AL GEIBERGER: MR. 59

BY LARRY BOHANNAN

One of the first things Al Geiberger did after moving to Southern California was win a championship.

It was 1954, and Geiberger, whose family had recently moved to Santa Barbara from Sacramento, led Santa Barbara High School to the CIF team championship. And over the next 50 years, the championships kept coming for Geiberger, both in Southern California and across the country.

A star as an amateur, a college player and certainly as a professional, Geiberger is best known as “Mr. 59,” the first golfer to fire a sub-60 round in a PGA Tour event. That feat came during the 1977 Danny Thomas Memphis Classic, but that single round has often overshadowed a career that has seen Geiberger succeed at every level of the game.

Geiberger grew up in Northern California, the son of school teacher parents. He jokes that he was born in Red Bluff because his hometown of Los Molinos, where his parents taught at the high school, wasn’t large enough to have its own hospital.

“I really learned my golf in Sacramento,” said Geiberger, who moved to the state capital at the age of 4. “Both my parents were not great golfers, but they really loved the game. I played a little nine-hole course in Sacramento, William Land Park. It’s still there. I must have played 10,000 rounds there, over and over. When my kids complain about playing the same course all the time, I say, ‘Wait a minute.’”

After winning the high school title at Santa Barbara (a teammate was future financial legend Charles Schwab), Geiberger played two years at Menlo College in Menlo Park, then returned to Southern California for two years to play at USC for head coach Stan Wood.

Geiberger’s 1959 SCGA Amateur title at Oakmont Country Club in Glendale, a championship he had also won in 1956 at Santa Ana Country Club, was part of a remarkable run of 11 wins or low amateur performances in a row for Geiberger in 1959. That streak includes being low amateur in the 1959 Southern California Open and being tied for fifth and low amateur honored in the Los Angeles Open at Rancho Park Golf Club.

“That’s when I decided maybe I could play on the Tour,” Geiberger said. “Maybe I could do that after college.”

The 1959 streak also included a second win in the Palm Springs Invitational at O’Donnell Golf Club.

“That used to be one of the biggest amateur events in Southern California,” Geiberger said. “Ken Venturi, Harvie Ward, Gene Littler, people like that played in it. I won it in 1958 and 1959.”

After graduating from USC in 1959, Geiberger did turn pro, and joined the Tour. His first win came in 1962, and again there was a Southern California connection. He won the 1962 Ontario Open Invitational at Whispering Lakes Golf Course in Ontario, earning \$3,500 by edging five players by a single shot.

Four years later, Geiberger stamped his name into golf history for the first time by winning the PGA Championship by an impressive four shots over second-place Dudley Wysong at fabled Firestone Country Club in Akron, Ohio. It turned out to be Geiberger’s only major title, but he posted 11 top-10 finishes in majors from 1963 to 1977. Geiberger was second in the U.S. Open twice, finishing behind Orville Moody in 1969 and Jerry Pate in 1976.

A year after his 1976 Open runner-up performance, Geiberger again made history that in many ways has

outlasted his 1966 PGA win. In the second round of the Danny Thomas Memphis Classic, starting on the 10th tee at Colonial Country Club, Geiberger crafted a round of 11 birdies and one eagle for a 13-under 59, the lowest score ever in an official Tour round. Geiberger says during the round he had an imaginary talk with his old USC coach, Wood, who had at times told Geiberger the golfer was a bit too conservative on the course.

"I said, 'Okay Stan, I'm going to go for it. If I screw this up, it's your fault,'" Geiberger recalled.

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In a bit of historical trivia, the man who kept Geiberger's score during the 59 round was Dave Stockton, who joins Geiberger in the 2010 SCGA Hall of Fame class.

"Dave and I are opposites, but a pair," Geiberger laughed during his induction. "It really makes it special to be inducted alongside Dave."

Geiberger went on to win the Memphis Classic that year, and two years later he won his 11th and final Tour title at the Colonial National Invitational in Fort Worth, Texas. But Geiberger's winning days were far from finished. In 1987 he turned 50 and won three times on the Senior PGA Tour. He would add seven more senior titles through 1996, including

back-to-back Senior Tournament of Champions titles at La Costa Resort in Carlsbad. He won the regular Tour's Tournament of Champions on the same course in 1975.

What most fans never knew was that the end of Geiberger's regular Tour career and his entire senior career was played after he had battled inflammatory bowel disease and undergone surgery in 1980 to remove much of his intestines. As a senior he played golf with a so-called appliance, which eliminates waste from his system, strapped to his body. Geiberger became an active supporter of and spokesperson for the Crohn's and Colitis Foundation of America, an education and research organization for the diseases.

Today Geiberger is the patriarch of a golfing family that includes son Brent, a two-time PGA Tour winner, and son John, the head coach at Pepperdine, which won the 1997 NCAA Division I team championship. All four of Geiberger's sons, including Bryan and Allen Jr., have played golf at College of the Desert in Palm Desert. After moving from the desert in the 1980s for stints in Solvang and Seattle, the Geiberger clan returned to the Coachella Valley in 2001.

But the winning hasn't stopped for Geiberger. In 2008, with partner Jimmy Powell, Geiberger won the Demaret Division for golfers 70 and over in the Legends of Golf. More than 50 years after that high school championship at Santa Barbara, Geiberger is still a champion of Southern California golf.

"After some time, you think everyone's forgotten about you," Geiberger said, "so it's nice to be remembered."

DAVE STOCKTON: CORPORATE KING

BY TED JOHNSON

In golf lingo, Dave Stockton's ball was "short and crooked," meaning he wasn't long or straight. That combination usually leads to a quick route to another line of work.

Considering his professional success, however, logic tells us Stockton was one of the game's best around the greens, especially with the putter.

Stockton was raised in the game by his father Gail, the first head pro at Arrowhead Country Club. Stockton started at age 3, walking adjacent fairways



STOCKTON (LEFT) WITH WIFE CATHY AND LONGTIME FRIEND TOM SELF, DURING THE SCGA HALL OF FAME INDUCTIOIN CEREMONY.



LIKE THEIR DAYS ON TOUR, STOCKTON (LEFT) AND GEIBERGER WERE INDUCTED SIDE BY SIDE INTO THE SCGA HALL OF FAME.

at Arrowhead with a 3-wood and a putter. His skills developed over time, as did his love of all sports. But after suffering a broken back at age 15, Stockton was left with golf, rather than basketball or baseball, as his best choice for a sports career.

Like his father, he enrolled at USC, winning the Pacific-8 golf championship, an honor his father had gained in his collegiate career.

Stockton admits that the choice of USC helped him, because, unlike other Trojan golfers, he could return home on weekends and work on his game with his father, his first teacher.

“It’s not as much about the winning,” Stockton said during his induction. “It’s about family, the people we meet and the places we go.”

Earning his first professional win at the Colonial Invitational in 1967, Stockton went on to 10 more PGA Tour victories, including the PGA Championship in 1970 and 1976. He added 14 more titles during his tenure on the Champions Tour, including the 1996 U.S. Senior Open.

Despite his lack of length off the tee, Stockton’s talent for getting “up and down” showed his tenacity on the course and earned him a reputation as a dangerous and gummy player. On every shot, he tried his hardest, whether it was to turn a 74 into a 73 or a 66

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— DAVE STOCKTON

into a 65. He never gave up, he said, and he liked the tough conditions.

Off the course, sportswriters loved Stockton, who was always generous with his time. But tournament directors loved him even more. Stockton to this day says the most important day on the PGA Tour was Wednesday, and it was Wednesday and Thursday on the Champions Tour. Those are the pro-am days, and he always supported them well.

Stockton is called the “King of the Corporate Outing.” He did as many as 90 a year, especially with American Airlines, a relationship that he had for more than 40 years. It is a testament to Stockton’s character that he tried just as hard for a birdie with his Wednesday pro-am partner as he did for his own score on Thursday. And he competed just as hard in a corporate outing as in a tournament, and he did it out of respect for the people he had the opportunity to meet through golf.

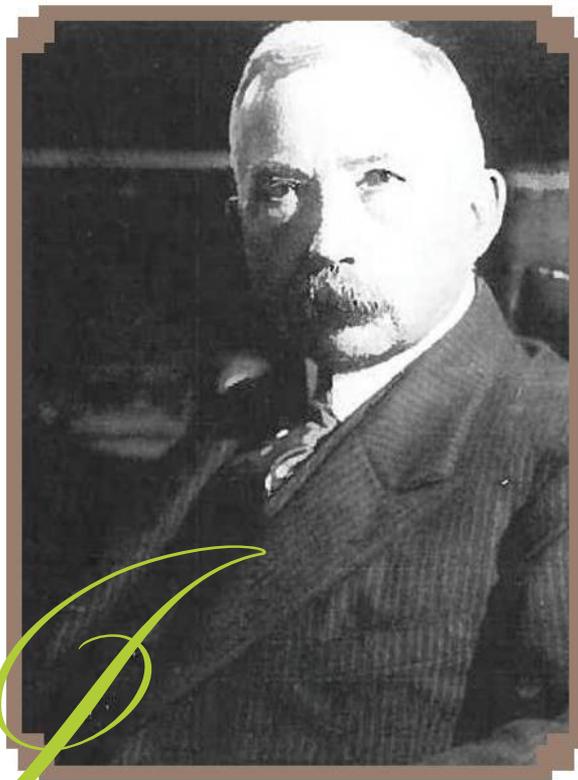
Among Stockton’s acquaintances was President Gerald Ford. In 1974, Stockton played with Ford in a pro-am. And that same year, after Stockton won the Sammy Davis Jr. Greater Hartford Open, he was the first golfer to get a congratulatory phone call from a president for winning a Tour event. Two years later, in 1976, President Ford gave Stockton, wife Cathy, and sons Dave Jr. and Ronnie a personal tour of the White House, near the Congressional Country Club, where Stockton went on to win his second PGA title.

Family has always been a vital element in Stockton’s life, and the Stockton pro presence peaked in March 1996, as Dave Sr. played in the Champions Tour’s FHP Health Care Classic, Dave Jr. in the PGA Tour’s Doral-Ryder Open, and Ronnie in the Nationwide Tour’s Inland Empire Open.

Stockton’s legacy extends beyond clutch putts and Tour wins, however. His unique insights into the short game as well as the mental approach to golf have been captured in books and DVDs, which he now sells through his Web site (davestockton.com).

Dave Sr. also serves as a putting coach to Phil Mickelson, J.B. Holmes and others, while Dave Jr. works as a teacher for Martin Laird and Adam Scott. Ronnie works with LPGA players such as Yani Tseng and Morgan Pressel.

“It’s come full circle,” Stockton said. “I’m very proud to be giving back what my father taught me in the 1950s to so many students, and alongside my sons.”



JOSEPH SARTORI: FOUNDING FATHER

BY JOHN JONES

For more than half a century, Joseph Francis Sartori played a major role in the development of Southern California with his pioneering vision for a sound financial footing in all aspects of the community. One of the original founders of the SCGA and The Los Angeles Country Club, Sartori was instrumental in building Southern California foundations in real estate, oil and gas, water, transportation, municipal bonds, banking legislation, golf, and philanthropy.

Nicknamed “Little Joe” for his small stature (5 feet, 5 inches), Sartori was a gifted athlete who considered a career in baseball before choosing law at Ann Arbor. In 1887, Sartori and his wife Margaret moved to Southern California after a long tour of the country looking for the best place to settle. In his first financial deal in

Monrovia, he secured an option on a farm for \$150 and sold it three days later for \$8,500. He knew he’d found his new home.

Sartori co-founded the First National Bank of Monrovia and became the town’s first treasurer. Within two years, the couple had moved to Los Angeles and organized Security Savings Bank. Sartori was a leading member of the major business syndicates of Southern California and was fully behind the Owens Valley Aqueduct and the development of the San Fernando Valley, of which he was part-owner.

Sartori is credited with starting the oil business in Southern California and organizing the Los Angeles City Gas Company. He also organized the group that built the Biltmore Hotel, which at the time was the largest hotel west of Chicago. His wife was one of the founders of the Friday Morning Club and the Assistance League, along with many other charities, and was a regent of the University of California. And Margaret and Joseph together were instrumental in bringing UCLA to Westwood. Sartori also founded the California Community Foundation in 1915, to which he left the majority of his estate.

In 2006, the California Community Foundation was a billion-dollar organization.

In 1897, Sartori founded what would become The Los Angeles Country Club with Conde Jones, Ed Tufts, Mark Severance and Hugh Vail. He wrote to friends, urging them to join, noting, “We need shovels and things to fix up the greens, so we’re obliged to charge you \$5.00 to enter our club.”

Sartori chaired the green committee and was credited with laying out the club’s second and third golf courses on Pico Boulevard, and the original course at Beverly with Ed Tufts.

Sartori was the new club’s first net champion in 1898 and became one of their original five “scratch” golfers. It was Sartori’s foresight that led to the purchase of the Pico and Western land, and later the Beverly land that secured the long-term financial stability of The Los Angeles Country Club and led to his title as its patron saint.

Sartori’s training as a lawyer led to his part in the founding of the SCGA in 1899. He wrote the original constitution and bylaws for the SCGA, and the first meeting was held in his office in downtown Los Angeles, where he was elected secretary. Sartori was later president of the SCGA from 1903 to 1904. He remained president of The Los Angeles Country Club from 1912 until his death in 1946. ♡

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You know, the no-frills everyman kind of golf where you change shoes in the parking lot, lug your bag to the clubhouse, stand in line at the starter's window and buy a hot dog from a shack at the turn.

Fancy locker rooms, girls in beverage carts and guys who clean your clubs after a round are nice perks that have cropped up at upscale daily-fee courses over the last decade or so, but there is a certain romantic charm that comes with the type of golf experience you get at the local municipal course.

The lack of pampering and absence of modern conveniences give muni golf that old-school feeling, like you're playing the same game they played a hundred years ago.

So while laser rangefinders, electric golf carts and online tee times are part and parcel of this day and age, sometimes you just want to strap your bag over your shoulder, get your name on the call sheet and get out on the course down the street.

The Municipal complex

BY PETER YOON

SANTA BARBARA GOLF CLUB

JANAKI WILKINSON



DESERT WILLOW GOLF RESORT

Here we look at some of the charms of municipal courses, and a few things you may not know them.

Affordable green fees

The biggest attraction to municipal golf courses is that they are much less expensive than upscale daily-fee and private courses.

These layouts are called municipal courses because they are owned by a government municipality — mostly cities and counties. At some point, voters had to approve the acquisition of these courses, and therefore most have stipulations to keep green fees affordable.

So while privately owned courses can charge well into the triple digits for a round, some very good municipal courses like Santa Anita Golf Course charge less than \$35 for a peak weekend tee time. Just about any muni will run less than \$45.

And chances are that there's a good muni somewhere near you. County- and city-owned courses cover the entire region served by the SCGA, from Santa Barbara to San Diego.

"One of the great strengths of munis is that they are affordable and accessible,"

said Craig Kessler, executive director of the Public Links Golf Association of Southern California. "And many of them are really good tracks. They are a great value, even in this economic downturn."

Giving back

Another reason to tee it up at munis is that by playing them, you are actually giving back to the community.

Green fees from golf courses are, of course, used to pay for course upkeep and maintenance, as well as other operating expenses. But there is almost always some left over, and those funds are profit for the cities and counties that own them.

That means part of the green fees from rounds played at most munis help pay for the upkeep at other parks and athletic fields and offset the costs of community sports programs in that municipality.

The County of Los Angeles, for instance, raises about \$16-17 million from munis — after operating expenses — and those extra funds go to the Parks and Recreation Department.

"When you're paying the green fee, you're helping to support local park systems at the same time," Kessler said.

Know thy neighbor

A round at the local muni can offer quite an intriguing cross-section of society. At Rancho Park Golf Club, for example, you could have a group of Hollywood heavyweights playing in front of you and some mechanics from the auto pool in the foursome behind. Play off the call sheet, and you might be paired with one of each.

"I love getting out among the people," said Dan Nakashima of Long Beach. "It's fascinating to learn about all the many people from different walks of life who are brought together by golf."

And unlike at private clubs, where certain members might get preferred tee times, all golfers are created equal at municipal golf courses.

"Muni golf is one of the great levelers," Kessler said. "It brings people from all kinds of communities and backgrounds and professions and social status together in one place. You can be surprised at who is in your group."

A variety of choices

Municipal golf in Southern California offers something for everyone.

Want to play an oceanfront championship layout? Head down to Torrey

A FEW TO CHOOSE FROM

There are dozens of municipal golf courses in Southern California, and more than likely, there's one near you.

Santa Barbara Golf Club, Santa Barbara (6,037 yards, par 70): This course is a true hidden gem of the Central Coast. It's well maintained and features ocean views from some holes and scenic mountain views all around. A wide variety of holes will challenge your game, and Mulligans, the clubhouse restaurant, is a local favorite. **Info:** santabarbaraca.gov

Coronado Municipal Golf Course, Coronado (6,590 yards, par 72): Some say this course is even more popular than Torrey Pines because of its waterfront location on Coronado Island, which offers beautiful views of the San Diego Bay and downtown. The course itself is pretty flat and wide open, but it's always in pristine condition. **Info:** golfcoronado.com

Olivas Links, Ventura (6,818 yards, par 72): Remodeled and redesigned into a links-style course in 2007, this gem is among the top munis in the nation. Deep bunkers and stiff coastal breezes give the course an Ireland feel. The fairways are mostly flat, but they require premium shot making to get in the right positions. Read about Olivas Links' green efforts on page 56. **Info:** olivaslinks.com

Rancho Park Golf Club, West Los Angeles (6,630 yards, par 71): This course is a true test of golf that will force you to use every club in the bag. It features elevation changes, some doglegs, long par-3s and a variety of par-4s. There's no water, but there are plenty of huge trees. The PGA Tour and Champions Tour once held tournaments here. **Info:** golf.lacity.org

Recreation Park Golf Course, Long Beach (6,360 yards, par 72): One in a long list of Southern California courses designed by William F. Bell, this layout has its share of drivable par-4s, but the highlights are the varied par-5s, which can play difficult or easy, depending on the wind. Big trees and difficult-to-read greens are the main defense. **Info:** americangolf.com

San Clemente Golf Course, San Clemente (6,435 yards, par 72): Located only a mile from the Pacific, this track offers ocean views on some holes — and at \$41 on weekends, it's among the best values around. It's a fairly open layout, with strategically placed trees, rolling fairways and elevation changes adding to the challenge. The newly renovated clubhouse features the fantastic Irons in the Fire restaurant. **Info:** sanclementegc.com

Santa Anita Golf Course, Arcadia (6,389 yards, par 71): The well-manicured, fast and undulating greens highlight this classic course, which opened in 1935. Lush fairways are lined with big trees, and some are quite narrow and hilly, but most are forgiving — and they are among the best maintained you'll find at a muni. **Info:** parks.lacounty.gov

Indian Wells Golf Resort, Indian Wells (Celebrity Course: 7,049, par 72; Players Course: 7,289 yards, Par 72): Indian Wells Golf Resort is arguably one of the most immaculate munis in the Southland. The property underwent a multimillion-dollar renovation a few years ago at the hands of Clive Clark (the Celebrity Course) and John Fought (the Players Course). Soon after the Celebrity Course hosted the LG Skins Game. **Info:** indianwellsgolfresort.com

Wilson Golf Course, Los Angeles (6,947 yards, par 72): The more popular of the two courses in scenic Griffith Park, Wilson is a long, tree-lined layout that will test all aspects of your game. It features subtle doglegs and some blind shots that require you to place your shots in the proper positions on the wide fairways. **Info:** golf.lacity.org

Torrey Pines South, San Diego (7,227 yards, par 72): The gold standard for municipal golf in Southern California and, arguably, in the nation, Torrey Pines South is set upon oceanfront cliffs and offers magnificent views of the Pacific. The course is among the most difficult around, with plenty of length and tricky greens. Not many munis can boast hosting a U.S. Open, but Torrey Pines can. **Info:** torreypinesgolfcourse.com

Honorable Mentions: Costa Mesa Golf Club, The Crossings at Carlsbad, Hansen Dam Golf Course, Los Verdes Golf Course, Mile Square Golf Course, Mountain Meadows Golf Course, Skylinks Golf Course, Soule Park Golf Club and Torrey Pines North.



TORREY PINES SOUTH



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Municipal courses serve the needs of golfers of all abilities — and best of all, anyone can play them. No membership is required, although most municipalities do charge a little more for nonresidents.

The best part of having so many choices is that you never have to worry about getting burnt out playing the same course over and over — and you won't have to break the bank to have access to that wide variety.

Getting a tee time

Tee times might not be one of the more appealing aspects of muni golf. Especially on weekends at popular municipal courses, tee times can be difficult to come by.

Players have been known to sleep in their cars in the parking lots at Torrey Pines and Los Verdes Golf Course in Rancho Palos Verdes just to get a time for the next weekend.

Others hit redial on their phones over and over in an attempt to get through to the automated phone reservation system, or wear out the refresh button on their Web browser to reserve times online.

But, oh, how it's worth it when you get that coveted 9 a.m. tee time for Saturday at Rancho Park.

"You feel like you've won the lottery or something," said Sam Richardson, a 12-handicap from Manhattan Beach. "It's

really a challenge to get the perfect tee time — and when you do, it's quite a thrill."

The caveats

Of course, muni golf isn't all a bed of roses. As noted above, it's not always easy to get a tee time — and even when you do, a round can take 5½ hours or more on busy weekend afternoons.

Also, because of the heavy play, course conditions tend to suffer a bit

when compared with upscale courses.

But those things tend to get overblown. Course crowding isn't really a problem if you can get out on a weekday morning, and it's amazing the kind of condition maintenance crews can drum up with modern technologies and grasses.

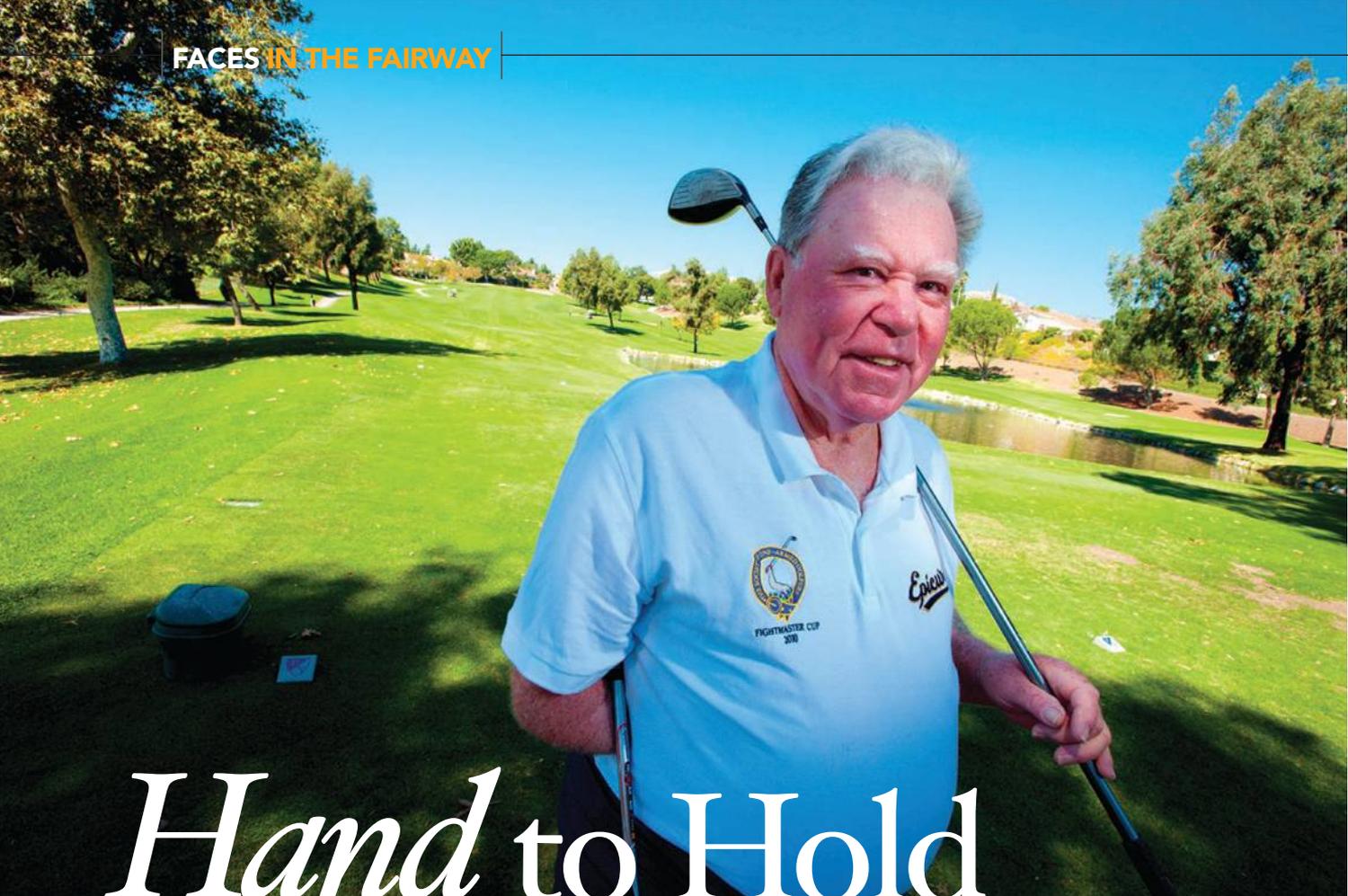
But even if you have to wait on the tee box for the green to clear, or your drive comes to rest in a patch of dead grass on the fairway, or your ball hits a bump while rolling on the green, you're still playing golf.

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Gary Marshall's golf swing is smooth like a pendulum. It's golf's version of perfection.

As a left-handed golfer, Marshall is in the minority. But that's not the most unique thing about him. Unlike most southpaws, he swings with just his left arm.

Marshall, who once played to a 4 handicap, is a one-armed golfer. His swing is natural and gifted and true.

Marshall was born without part of his right arm. He started hitting golf balls on the Oregon farm where he grew up when he was just 4, and he started playing on golf courses a few years later.

"I have to give all the credit to my parents," Marshall said. "My dad always told me, 'the golf club has no idea how many hands have got a hold of it.'"

Marshall played golf for nearly five decades before he learned that there was an association for one-armed golfers like him. Now he's the president

of The Society of One-Armed Golfers (SOAG), recently inducted in a ceremony in Scotland over the summer, where he was presented a chain made up of links with all of the past presidents' names.

The 69-year-old Marshall — no relation to director Gary Marshall — is excited about bringing awareness of and recruiting members to the organization, which was formed in 1932.

"The main thing is to try to help people rehabilitate through golf, people who have lost a limb or use of one hand through accident or war or whatever," Marshall said. "It gives them an opportunity to learn that even though they may have had some bad luck, their life isn't over. They can still have a very active and fulfilling life if they want to pursue it, and we help them do that."

Marshall has been a member at Porter Valley Country Club for the past 20 years. He's retired from a boat store business that specialized in sonar

BY JILL PAINTER

equipment, but he's so busy that the "retirement" designation doesn't really fit. In addition to his SOAG duties and playing golf regularly, Marshall is also the handicap chairperson for the SCGA and tournament chairman for Porter Valley.

And now he's charged with finding folks like himself (formerly) who don't know about SOAG. The organization currently has 200 members, the youngest a teenager. Altogether, there have been about 1,000 members in the group's history. Marshall has been a SOAG member for 15 years and is the first American president of the organization, which has its headquarters in Scotland.

"It's quite an honor," Marshall said. "They're a fairly long-standing society. They have a long tradition. Even though they have members from all over the world, it takes a lot for someone out of that area to become president."

Marshall found out about the organization in 1993 while playing golf in San Diego with a member of an amputee golf association. After seeing Marshall execute a shot over some trees, the gentleman told him he should play in the World Open One-Armed Championship. Marshall has played in the event since 1995 and has never failed to make the round of 16 match play format. He's never won the event, either.

"You have to be lucky and physically fit. I'm neither one," Marshall laughed.

Golf plays a major role in Marshall's life. If he's not playing golf, he's probably on a golf vacation.

He and his wife, Mary, who live in Canoga Park, have taken many trips to distant golf destinations. They celebrated their 50th anniversary in May with a golf trip to Scotland.

"We love it," Marshall said. "We have hundreds of people we could stay with if we wanted to take a trip to Australia, Indonesia, Sweden, Germany, Scotland or Ireland."

Every other year, Marshall plays in the one-armed golfers' version of The Ryder Cup a couple of weeks before the professionals take up the challenge. SOAG and the North American One-Armed Golf Association — a relatively new organization — played in the FightMaster Cup in September at the St. Pierre Hotel and Country Club in Wales.

Marshall proudly wears a polo shirt with the FightMaster Cup logo, and it's quite a conversation starter.



TOM MENDOZA

"We want to show the world we can play this game, too," Marshall said.

There's no American SOAG team — Marshall was the only American playing in the event for his organization — so this year he was part of the winning European team. An ironic twist perhaps, but Marshall didn't mind.

He has more important things to worry about, like reaching out to someone who has recently lost a limb. He realizes, however, that the marketing campaign to attract one-armed golfers to his group isn't working as it should.

"Unfortunately, that's the weak link," Marshall

"MY DAD ALWAYS TOLD ME, 'THE GOLF CLUB HAS NO IDEA HOW MANY HANDS HAVE GOT A HOLD OF IT,'" SAID MARSHALL, WHO WAS BORN WITHOUT PART OF HIS RIGHT ARM.



MARSHALL, FRONT CENTER, WAS ELECTED PRESIDENT OF SOAG IN A CEREMONY IN SCOTLAND OVER THE SUMMER. HE'S THE ORGANIZATION'S FIRST AMERICAN PRESIDENT.

said. "It's almost all word-of-mouth. We have a Web site. Our organizational skills aren't very good, but we have the FightMaster Cup, which helps people become aware.

"There are a lot of people who think their life is going to end, and our message is that no matter your disability, your life isn't over."

Golf gave Marshall a great way to meet friends and enjoy the outdoors. Finding a left-handed golf club for him proved difficult in the 1940s, but his dad eventually found some for sale at JCPenney's. His parents were instrumental in boosting his confidence and providing him an outlet to try new things (he played football, baseball and other sports as well).

"My mom told me I could do anything I wanted, and to not let anybody tell me I couldn't," Marshall said. "If I didn't know how to do something, I had to figure out how to do it."

Now, he's much more accustomed to the perception of some who may think he can't do certain things on a golf course. He deals with those situa-

tions by bringing his A-game to the golf course.

Once, Marshall drove a businessman to Porter Valley for a round of golf. The man apologized in advance of the round: he said he didn't want to be rude, but he'd still have to beat Marshall, even with his disability. Marshall proudly won that match — by nine strokes — and a little money, too.

The man told Marshall that he had learned an important lesson: a golfer doesn't need two arms to play good golf.

Marshall turns 70 in January, and when asked what he'll do to celebrate, he said: "Nothing."

"It's just a number. My game isn't as strong as it used to be," Marshall said. "I recognize it as being part of the aging process. My handicap is 11 now. It's not good enough to compete with the best one-armed golfers. There's no question I've lost strength and flexibility, and my hand-eye coordination is not that good. But I still enjoy the game and play at a high quality."

And he enjoys helping other one-armed people discover that they can play, too. ♣

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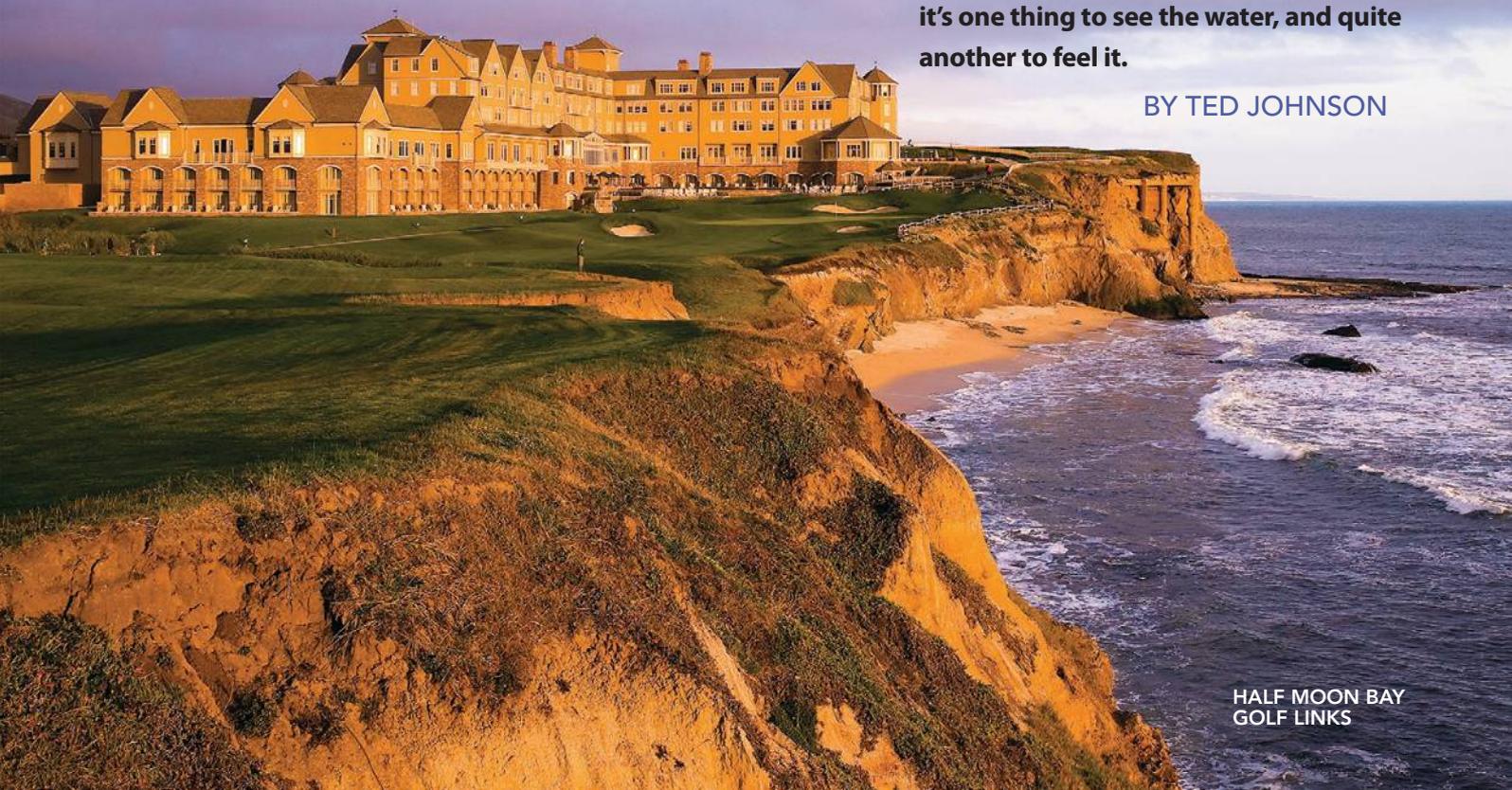


Golf & sea

NORTHERN CALIFORNIA'S COASTAL COURSES OFFER VISUAL DRAMA AND SALT SPRAY

Few places in the world bring together sea and golf like Northern California's picturesque coastline. Oh, some areas can claim that courses like Bandon Dunes in Oregon or Old Head in Ireland offer more visual drama, but they still don't have the magic and ocean proximity that Pebble Beach, Half Moon Bay and other notable layouts do. Others sit high up on bluffs overlooking the water — but it's one thing to see the water, and quite another to feel it.

BY TED JOHNSON



HALF MOON BAY
GOLF LINKS

BLAKE MARVIN



PEBBLE BEACH GOLF LINKS

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Perhaps the last three holes at the Cabo Del Sol course in Cabo San Lucas offer something similar to Pebble Beach's proximity to the Pacific. But the sea at Cabo Del Sol tends to be calm, so for the golfer who wants the most out of the experience, one key element — the crashing of the waves — is conspicuously missing there. Along those lines, Northern California offers more golf experiences near the ocean than just about any region outside Scotland, Ireland or Wales. Much like in those locales, the high bluffs and craggy Northern California coastline create dramatic settings and stunning panoramas.

In the span of just under 240 miles, golfers can hit eight of Northern California's most interesting seaside properties. Don't forget your camera, because you'll want to capture the memories of these coastal gems, whether you're teeing it up for a round or just taking a leisurely stroll along the cart paths.

Pebble Beach Golf Links

Location: Del Monte Forest, Pebble Beach

Visuals: Unparalleled

Golf: There's a reason why Pebble Beach is on the bucket list of most golfers, and evokes such passionate emotion both from those who have played it and those who hope to. It has hosted U.S. Opens, PGA Tour championships and State Amateurs. Players can watch it on TV, then test the course for themselves. Its history, combined with its panoramas, make Pebble difficult to top. From Holes 4 through 10, few courses combine such dramatic beauty and challenging golf — years ago, Jack Nicklaus called the approach shot to the eighth green the greatest second shot in golf. Nos. 9

and 10 may be even harder, and after that the famous 17th and 18th become nearly anticlimactic.

When winter storms roll into Northern California, giant waves pummel the rocks surrounding Pebble Beach's idyllic seventh green and inundate the retaining wall guarding the 18th hole. Golfers lining up their putts or looking over their final approach shots can find themselves not above but in the waves — or at least under a drenching salt spray. That's Pebble Beach — ground, wind and water — all the basic elements of golf.

Pacific Proximity: It's possible to get hit by large waves there.

Info: pebblebeach.com

Spyglass Hill Golf Course

Location: Del Monte Forest, Pebble Beach

Visuals: Awesome on Holes 1 through 4, and then the course returns inland

Golf: It's been said by so many, it's almost a cliché: "I liked it better than Pebble." Designer Robert Trent Jones said the par-4 fourth hole is his favorite; this from a man who redesigned Oakland Hills and Augusta National. Spyglass is really two courses — the first five holes are links-like through the dunes, and then it becomes a West Coast version of Augusta as it winds through the cypress trees.

Pacific Proximity: The views from the second green and the third tee show the Monterey coastline in its glory. Look south over Monterey Peninsula Country Club and glimpse parts of the Cypress Point Club.

Info: pebblebeach.com





The Links at Spanish Bay

Location: Del Monte Forest, Pebble Beach

Visuals: The first green and second tee overlook the nearby beach, and then the course heads inland through dunes, where you get more views on Holes 7 and 8

Golf: Designer Robert Trent Jones II loves links golf, and he gets it right. A great links resort course — not too penal, and unique and beautiful. Large dunes line several holes and are deemed out of play by wooden fences, allowing for penalty-free drops (which make for happy golfers). On the par-4 ninth, the right-side dune is the boundary for Monterey Peninsula Country Club's Dunes course. The best comes on Hole 13, a par 5 that descends toward the beach. You finish among the dunes and natural grasses, the air redolent of salt and sea. Get a later tee time for spectacular sunsets and to catch the bagpiper in action — it's a truly memorable experience.

Pacific Proximity: Holes 14, 15 and 16 are separated by a trail and natural grasses from the beach.

Info: pebblebeach.com

Pacific Grove Golf Links

Location: Just outside the gates of the Del Monte Forest in Pacific Grove, west of Monterey

Visuals: Views of the coastline and even the Santa Cruz headlands can be seen on the par-5 14th

Golf: Some call this the “poor man's Pebble Beach,”

and with rates under \$40, it's hard to find such value anywhere else. The short front nine, designed by two-time United States Amateur Champion H. Chandler Egan, plays through the trees. The back nine, however, designed in the 1960s by Jack Neville — of Pebble Beach fame — opens up on the dunes and plays like southwest Scotland, harboring views of Monterey Bay, the Pacific and Point Pinos Lighthouse that are similar to those of its gated neighbors. Pacific Grove ranks as one of the most memorable municipal courses in the country, as well as for area locals.

Pacific Proximity: Views only, but they're still captivating.

Info: pggolfinks.com

Bayonet and Black Horse Golf Club

Location: In Seaside, a few miles north of Pebble Beach

Visuals: Water views on several holes, most notably the famed 18th on Bayonet

Golf: Bayonet and Black Horse completed a \$13 million renovation in 2008 that not only combined the two courses to create two new layouts, but also opened up several of the holes to views. Gene Bates added visual impact and distinct bunkering to Bayonet, located at what used to be the old Fort Ord, finishing with the showcase uphill par-4 18th, which comes complete with an unobstructed view of the water. The Black Horse layout is a very different experience from its sister course, with the par-3 15th hole offering panoramas of the water and city. Bates' bunkering on this course is jagged and unique to Bayonet's more classic style, and both courses offer superior conditions, which keep golfers coming back. The layouts have enticed the pro golf circuit as well: Bayonet and Black Horse recently hosted the Frys.com Open Monday Qualifier, as well as the second round of PGA Tour Qualifying School in mid-November.

Pacific Proximity: Less than a mile, as the bird flies.

Info: bayonetblackhorse.com

Half Moon Bay Golf Links

Location: Just south of the small beach town of Half Moon Bay, about 20 miles west of San Francisco International Airport

Visuals: There are two distinct courses that run next to The Ritz-Carlton Half Moon Bay: The Old Course, designed by Arnold Palmer and Francis Duane, and the Ocean Course, built by Arthur Hills. Few places in the world offer such a dramatic hole as the 18th at the Old Course — a par 4 that hugs the bluffs, with waves



JULIO RODRIGUEZ



THE LINKS AT BODEGA HARBOUR

crashing below, its green tucked near the backside of the beautiful hotel. Better yet, the tee at the Ocean Course's 16th offers an astonishing panorama of the headlands north, with the stately Ritz resting like a luxurious outpost overlooking the water. After a round, grab a cup of hot cocoa or a cocktail and sit by the firepits, tiered to look out over the course and Pacific for a magnificent sunset.

Golf: The first 16-and-a-half holes of the Old Course play very much like a classic country club, before the dramatic setting of the 17th green and 18th hole. The Ocean Course, which opened just more than a decade ago and has hosted the LPGA's Samsung World Championship, might be Hills' best work: A true links course on the bluffs that gives you Scotland without the long flight.

Proximity: A misstep on the right side at No. 18 on the Old Course or to the left of the Ocean Course's par-3 17th will send you tumbling to the beach below.

Info: halfmoonbaygolf.com

The Links at Bodega Harbour

Location: On the bluffs overlooking Bodega Bay, about 60 miles north of San Francisco

Visuals: At least 14 holes offer wide views of Bodega Bay

Golf: This is Jones II's attempt to make a links-style course atop hills, and as would come from that challenge, it can be rather quirky and fun — especially the par-5 fifth. The up-and-down movement of the land negates the bounce-and-roll of links-style of play but

also treats golfers to favorable bounces on errant shots. There are few flat lies on the front nine, but the back offers reprieve, with some of the most scenic holes coming in the finishing stretch. Holes 16 through 18 rest on flat land near the marsh and even include stairways to the sand.

Pacific Proximity: Two miles, but it feels closer.

Info: bodegaharbourgolf.com

The Sea Ranch Golf Links

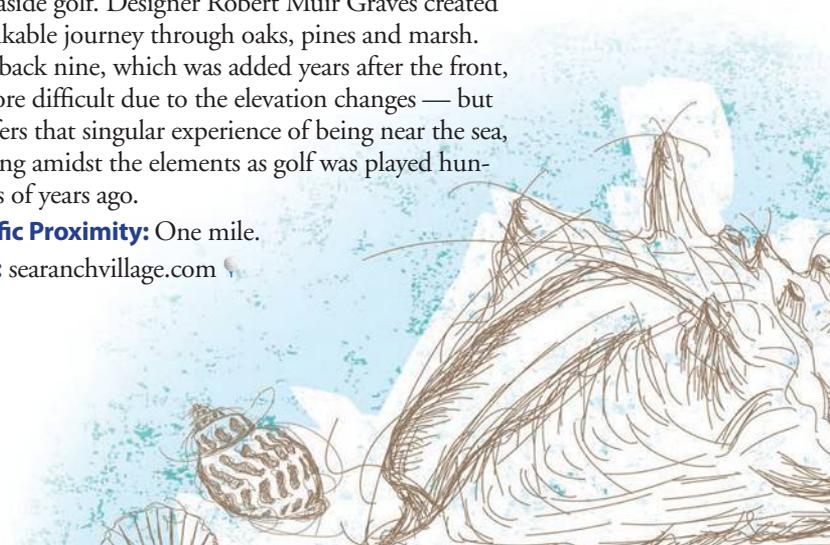
Location: South of the famous Sea Ranch resort near Gualala, about 90 miles north of San Francisco

Visuals: From the green of the par-3 eighth, you can see the Pacific, and more glimpses come on the back nine, which rests on the east side of Highway 1

Golf: Gualala and Sea Ranch are proud of their rustic, naturalist approach, and this course is a real gem for those who prefer an understated but challenging round of seaside golf. Designer Robert Muir Graves created a walkable journey through oaks, pines and marsh. The back nine, which was added years after the front, is more difficult due to the elevation changes — but it offers that singular experience of being near the sea, playing amidst the elements as golf was played hundreds of years ago.

Pacific Proximity: One mile.

Info: searanchvillage.com



**SCGA FOUNDATION
SCHOLAR ROBERTO ROSAS'
JOURNEY, FROM MOVING
TO THE U.S. TO ENTERING
COLUMBIA UNIVERSITY**



An American Dream

When Roberto Rosas discusses his childhood, he does so with the confidence and maturity of a man full of wisdom that only comes from years of living.

ROSAS (CENTER) WITH HOWARD WRIGHT (SON OF PRO KIDS FOUNDER ERNIE WRIGHT, LEFT) AND RYDER CUP CAPTAIN COREY PAVIN (RIGHT). ROSAS SPOKE TO U.S. CONGRESS IN APRIL ABOUT HOW GOLF HAS CHANGED HIS LIFE.

Rosas has given interviews before. He has been on the news; addressed large audiences; and hobnobbed with some of the golf world's biggest names, like recent Ryder Cup captain Corey Pavin and Champions Tour player Mark O'Meara. He's played as an amateur in a professional golf event, and walked the fairways of Cypress Point Club and Pebble Beach Golf Links. He was even invited to Congress to discuss golf and the role it has played in the path of his life. He's humble about it all, but his voice radiates with pride.

While these experiences are impressive in their own right, one might be surprised to learn that Rosas is only 19 years old, and at just shy of his second decade on earth, the San Diego resident has experienced more in his relatively few years than many people will ever go through in their entire lives. Rosas credits golf for guiding him along the way.

"The game of golf has opened the gates of everything to me," Rosas says. "It transformed me into the person I am today."

BY KATIE DENBO

FRUITS OF LABOR

Rosas today is a freshman at Columbia University in New York City, an enthusiastic economics major — not because he loves math, but for all the opportuni-

ties the world of econ has to offer. "I consider myself a people person," he explains from his cell phone on campus, "and I think the business environment suits me. It's my plan at this point." He's the first in his family to go to college.

On weekends, Rosas balances schoolwork with a part-time job in the pro shop at Pelham Country Club, a classic property in Westchester County that dates back to 1908 and "doesn't even have a credit card machine," he laughs. In a couple months Rosas, who sports a 0.9 Handicap Index, will try to walk on to Columbia's golf team.

Rosas is a product of Pro Kids Golf Academy in San Diego, an SCGA Foundation-supported program that is headquartered at City Heights' Colina Park Golf Course. Late NFL player Ernie Wright founded Pro Kids in 1994 with the desire both to teach disadvantaged youth the life lessons he learned from golf, and to motivate them to excel in school. For Rosas and thousands of other youth, the program set him on the path to fulfill his dreams.

Rosas credits much of his success in the Pro Kids program, and becoming the avid golfer he is currently, to Assistant Pro Rick Johnson. "We would have long talks about life, school and social life in general, and his competitiveness pushed me and instilled the passion in me to take everything one step further," remembers Rosas. "He was only 25 when we met, but

he really took me under his wing and became essentially a big brother, or even a father to me.”

Rosas gave back to Pro Kids as a volunteer and mentor, while maintaining a 4.35 grade point average at Francis Parker School. His accomplishments earned him an SCGA Foundation Scholarship, and he spoke at one of the Foundation’s recent G.A.M.E. Day events at Lakeside Golf Club about his experience with the Scholarship program.

“Applying for the SCGA Foundation Scholarship afforded me the opportunity to pay for college,” he says. “I cannot verbalize how much weight has been lifted off my shoulders by realizing that once I get out of college, I will be able to worry just about a job, and not about paying back loans.”

In this picture of current-day success, however, few would probably guess that only nine years ago, Rosas didn’t speak a word of English — nor had he ever picked up a golf club. Rosas was just a young boy in the border town of Tecate, Mexico, whose mother, Maria Rodriguez, had moved to Kansas when Rosas was 7 to take a job as a live-in caretaker. He stayed in Mexico and was raised by his five older siblings, living in at least 10 homes over a five-year span. Money was tight, and the educational goals of his brothers and sisters had been pushed to the back burner in order for them to take factory jobs to support one another. The thought that he, too, would likely have to forego his own education weighed heavily on Rosas, even as an elementary school student.

In 2001, however, his life would change forever. Rodriguez and her husband — Rosas’ stepfather — had an opportunity to bring Rosas to the U.S., thanks to a job she had taken in San Diego. He was partway through fifth grade in Mexico, he says, but had to repeat the grade at his new school. His residency paperwork also began to process.

It was seemingly the start of great things to come.

BIG TRANSITIONS

As a fifth-grader now living in the U.S., Rosas recognized the struggle ahead of him if he didn’t learn English.

“I decided to take it upon myself to learn the language when I got here,” Rosas remembers. “We lived in La Mesa with one of my mom’s patients, who was in his 80s. He and I used to talk, and I’d pick up the language that way. I also would imitate my friends at school.

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“I was fortunate enough that within a year, I was fluent in English.”

Another stroke of good fortune came in 2005, when a speaker from Pro Kids visited Rosas’ school, Mann Middle School, an institution with which Pro Kids holds a partnership. Although he’d never played the game before, Rosas became hooked upon hearing that it was golf and it was free.

“Once I was there, the reality was that I always wanted to play,” Rosas laughs. “I got hooked, playing 2 to 4 hours some days.”

The first time Rosas ever touched a computer was in the learning center at Pro Kids, and he took advantage of the mentoring and educational opportunities the program provides. He made a diverse group of friends and “I really felt a sense of belonging when I was there,” he says. The golf at Pro Kids, he explains, is really a path to learning greater life skills, and in the first class he took there, he learned how to properly introduce himself and shake hands with someone.

“The skills they taught us, especially with being self-confident, really helped me grow as a person,” Rosas says.

Foundation Program and Development Manager Kate Kennedy worked at Pro Kids when Rosas was taking part. Kennedy says that during Rosas’ time in the program, she saw him learn the virtues of patience, fortitude and trust, which ultimately developed into the strength and determination he needed to achieve his goals.

“I watched him serve as a leader and mentor in his community in San Diego, and am very proud to see him represent the SCGA Foundation as a 2010 scholar,” Kennedy says. “He will make a great impact wherever he places his time, energy and attention.”



SAN DIEGO'S CBS 8 RECENTLY INTERVIEWED ROSAS ON HIS PRO KIDS EXPERIENCE.

Through a partnership with San Diego's elite Francis Parker School, Pro Kids was instrumental in helping Rosas secure tuition assistance worth \$80,000 for him to attend. As a freshman, he made the varsity golf team as the team's sixth man and also played football and soccer, all while earning straight A's. His studies and golf only continued to improve, despite the fact that Rosas had to move around as his mother took on new patients. At one point, when there wasn't room in the home of his mother's current employer, he even had to live with his best friend.

In 2009, Rosas helped his team to the San Diego Section championship title, where he earned the distinction of League Player of the Year.

"I was number one on the golf team for my junior and senior year," Rosas says. "I was MVP and team captain in my junior year. That was a great year that I worked really hard for."

He applied — and was accepted — to the University of San Diego, UC Berkeley, USC, Georgetown and Notre Dame, and maintains a good sense of humor about not being accepted to UCLA and Stanford ("My friends would joke that you either get into USC or UCLA — none of us got into both"). He proudly keeps his Columbia acceptance letter as a reminder of his perseverance.

"It's an honor to be accepted there, and I appreciate every day of it," Rosas says. "At first I thought I wanted to stay in California, but I'm so much enjoying my time in New York."

It is the perfect ending to a rather tumultuous upbringing. However, there was an interesting twist to Rosas' remarkable story that didn't see resolution until January 2010.

Thanks to canceled immigration paperwork, Rosas was an undocumented resident for seven years.

PUTTING TOGETHER THE PIECES

"In my early years here, I was scared to death because I didn't have the completed paperwork," Rosas remembers. "I didn't know what was going to happen. It was one of those things that was in the back of my mind."



Rosas' mother was now a U.S. resident, having gained her citizenship in 2009, and his stepfather held dual citizenship in both the U.S. and Mexico. But although Rosas' stepfather had begun the paperwork in 2001 to gain Rosas U.S. residency upon the boy's move to San Diego, he canceled the process in 2003 upon divorcing from Rosas' mother.

"We were so close to being complete," Rosas remembers. "We were literally a meeting and a handshake away from finalizing it. Then it was gone."

So during the formative years when golf had changed his life and he had worked so hard to get into one of San Diego's top private college prep schools and then earn a place at the prestigious Ivy League Columbia, Rosas wasn't yet, in fact, a U.S. resident. During those

years of instability, he also wasn't able to see his family in Mexico.

"Having no status obviously added a bunch of problems to applying to schools," Rosas says. "But I finally received residency and a sense of security in January. It was a relief to finally have that process complete."

It also meant he was able to complete one more milestone that he missed out on a couple of years before: getting a driver's license. "I couldn't apply for one before," he laughs, "so I went and did it the first opportunity I had."

SHARING HIS STORY

Rosas took a trip to Capitol Hill in April to share his story of golf, life and The First Tee with the U.S. Congress. It was an experience that he calls "an amazing opportunity." He spoke to the legislators about everything from growing up in Mexico to his struggles once he arrived here. Most important, he shared with them the happy ending he's reached, his future plans, and how he couldn't have realized his dreams without Pro Kids and The First Tee.

"Pro Kids completely turned my life around," he says, "and has done the same for many others."

It's been an enlightening journey for Rosas, and one that he surely doesn't take for granted.



The SCGA Foundation Scholarship Program helps youth continue their education in college or vocational school. This year, \$45,000 was distributed to 16 students for tuition, room and board, and educational supplies.

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DATE	COURSE	LOCATION
12/4	Desert Willow Golf Resort	Palm Desert
12/5	Indian Canyons Golf Resort	Palm Springs
12/13	MountainGate Country Club	Los Angeles

2011 EVENTS

DATE	COURSE	LOCATION
1/10	Wood Ranch Golf Club	Simi Valley
1/31	Saticoy Country Club	Somis
2/14	Journey at Pechanga	Temecula
2/28	Pelican Hill Golf Club (Ocean South Course)	Newport Coast
3/7	Dove Canyon Country Club	Dove Canyon
3/14	Woodland Hills Country Club	Woodland Hills
3/28	Bear Creek Golf Club	Murrieta
4/4	Friendly Hills Country Club	Whittier
4/11	Spanish Hills Country Club	Camarillo
4/18	Vellano Country Club	Chino Hills
5/9	Victoria Club	Riverside
5/16-17	BIGHORN Golf Club (Mountain and Canyons Courses)	Palm Desert
5/24	Stone Eagle Golf Club	Palm Desert
6/9-12	Bob Hope Golf Trail (La Quinta CC, Indian Wells CC, PGA West Stadium and SilverRock Resort)	Coachella Valley
6/14	Pelican Hill Golf Club (Ocean North Course)	Newport Coast
7/11	Red Hill Country Club	Rancho Cucamonga
7/15	Barona Creek Golf Club	Lakeside
8/15	Pelican Hill Golf Club (Ocean South Course)	Newport Coast
8/22	Marbella Country Club	San Juan Capistrano
9/26	Glendora Country Club	Glendora
10/7-10	Central Coast Tour (Monarch Dunes GC, Santa Maria CC and San Luis Obispo CC)	Central Coast
11/7	El Niguel Country Club	Laguna Niguel
11/14	Pauma Valley Country Club	Pauma Valley
12/8	Monarch Beach Golf Links	Dana Point

The Rules of Golf Quiz



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1. Which of the following, if played, is a wrong ball?

- A. A substituted ball that was put into play (and played) without virtual certainty that the original ball was lost in a water hazard.
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- C. A provisional ball played from a point nearer the hole than where the original is likely to be.
- D. A ball that the player dropped and intended to play as a provisional, but never announced it as such.

2. After his third stroke, Gary marked and lifted his ball from the putting green, cleaned it and replaced it at its original location. Prior to removing his ball marker, but well after the ball was placed at rest, a gust of wind picked up and moved Gary's ball one foot farther from the hole. Gary retrieved his ball and replaced it at its original location. He then lifted his ball marker and holed the putt. What is Gary's score for the hole?

- A. 4.
- B. 5.
- C. 6.
- D. 7.

3. Fran's ball came to rest at the top of a tall palm tree. She sees a ball but is unable to identify that ball atop the tree as hers. How may Fran proceed?

- A. Fran may deem the ball she sees unplayable and drop a ball within two club lengths of a spot on the ground directly beneath that ball in the palm tree.
- B. Fran may shake the palm tree in order to "knock her ball loose." If her ball falls from the tree to the ground, there is no penalty provided she then announces she'll take an unplayable lie from its new position.
- C. Fran may drop a ball directly behind the palm tree, keeping the tree between the hole and the spot on which she drops.
- D. None of the above.

4. During the SCGA Amateur Championship, an event that adopts the Local Rule permitting the use of Distance-Measuring Devices (DMD), Robert used his DMD on the third hole but made sure to turn off its Slope and wind calculating functions before using it. What is the ruling?

- A. Any type of DMD is permitted when the Local Rule is in effect.
- B. There is no penalty since these functions were turned off.
- C. Robert incurs a two-stroke penalty each time he uses the device.
- D. Robert is disqualified.

5. Matt's ball came to rest in a horseshoe-shaped bunker surrounding the 17th green. Matt proceeded to blade his bunker shot over

the green, ultimately coming to rest in a different portion of the same bunker. Upset with himself, Matt slammed his club into the sand where he just made a stroke. He then fetched a nearby rake and smoothed this disturbed area of the bunker. Matt's next stroke had the exact same result — this time, his ball came to rest in the area he had previously raked. How would you rule?

- A. Matt does not incur a penalty, but could probably benefit from a few lessons out of the bunker.
- B. Matt incurs a two-stroke penalty.
- C. Matt incurs four penalty strokes.
- D. Rule 13-4 only applies prior to the player's first stroke from a bunker.

6. Bim and Jeff are partners in a Four-Ball stroke play competition. On the eighth hole, Bim's ball comes to rest 2 feet below the hole. Jeff is chipping from above the hole and asks Bim to leave his ball on the putting green so he (Jeff) can use the ball as a back-stop. Bim acknowledges the request, does not mark his ball, and Jeff hits the chip shot. What is the ruling?

- A. Jeff incurs a two-stroke penalty for making the request.
- B. Bim will incur a two-stroke penalty only if Jeff's ball actually collides with Bim's.
- C. The side is penalized two strokes.
- D. Jeff and Bim should be disqualified from the competition.

7. David's ball is embedded in ground in a water hazard. Which of the following is a valid option?

- A. Take an unplayable lie, dropping within two club lengths of where the ball lies.
- B. Lift the ball and drop it, without penalty, as near as possible to the pitch mark.
- C. Proceed under stroke and distance.
- D. Drop another ball behind this spot, keeping the pitch mark between the hole and the spot on which the second ball is dropped.

8. On the ninth hole, Mike's ball came to rest in a greenside bunker. It took Mike three strokes to extricate his ball from the bunker onto the putting green, where he proceeded to one-putt. Noticing a backup on the 10th tee, Mike decided to make a practice stroke from that same greenside bunker — this time successfully hitting his ball onto the green on his first try.

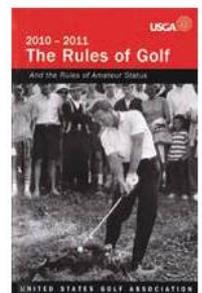
- A. Since this greenside bunker is located near the putting green of the hole last played, there is no penalty for such practice.
- B. As long as Mike isn't unduly delaying play, there is no penalty.
- C. Mike incurs a two-stroke penalty.
- D. As long as Mike's ball doesn't come to rest in a bunker on the 10th hole, he is not penalized.

9. Which of the following actions results in a one-stroke penalty?

- A. Marking and lifting your opponent's ball from the putting green without his authority.
- B. Knocking your ball off the tee prior to making your first stroke.
- C. Kicking your ball while searching for it in an encircled area of Ground Under Repair.
- D. Moving your partner's buried ball while searching for it in a bunker.

10. Bruce's third shot came to rest 10 feet from the hole. While lining up his par putt, Bruce handed his ball — a Titleist 4 — to his caddie. After cleaning the ball, the caddie mistakenly gave Bruce a different ball — a Titleist 5. Additionally, Bruce failed to replace the ball next to his marker, but instead placed it 3 inches closer to the hole. Bruce sank the putt. His score for the hole is:

- A. 5.
- B. 6.
- C. 7.
- D. 8.



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The Handicap Index *Hot List*

The SCGA receives a multitude of emails and phone calls dealing with a wide range of handicap-related topics. Below are some of the most common inquiries, and where appropriate, the corresponding section in *The USGA Handicap System* is identified as a reference to find more detailed information on the topic.

What is the role of the member? Section 1-1

You, as a golfer, are responsible for posting every acceptable round for peer review; trying to make the best score you can, at each hole, in every round you play, regardless of where the round is played; and follow all policies and procedures set forth by the SCGA and your golf club.

How long do I have to post my score? Section 5-2

Scores are to be posted immediately following the round at the course being played in order to be accessible for peer review.

Can I post when outside of Southern California?

If you are traveling outside of Southern California, you can post the score locally on the posting computer if the club is part of the GHIN network. Look for the word GHIN in the bottom right-hand corner of the posting screen. If you do not see GHIN, then you either need to post online or bring the score back to Southern California for posting.

How do I post an away score?

You may post a score at a golf course that was not the particular course played for the round you're posting. When posting, simply select *Other* when the screen for tees played comes up. If the round was played outside of Southern California, select *Other* again, and you will be prompted to enter the Course and Slope Ratings manually, along with the name of the course played.

What score do I post when picking up? Section 4-1

If you start a hole but do not complete it, you need

to post your most likely score. The most likely score is the number of strokes already taken, plus (in the player's best judgment) the number of strokes the player would need to complete the hole more than half the time.

What about posting when using a mulligan? Section 4-2

If you play a hole other than under *The Rules of Golf*, the score to record is par plus any handicap strokes you are entitled to receive on the hole based on your Course Handicap.

What do I post if I don't complete all 18 holes? Section 4-2

You still need to record a score for posting purposes if you have completed at least 13 holes. For any remaining holes not played, for handicap purposes, you will record a score of par plus any handicap strokes you are entitled to receive on the hole. If seven to 12 holes are completed, post the nine-hole score.

Do I post nine-hole scores? Section 5-2

Nine-hole scores must be posted for handicap purposes. All courses have a set of Course and Slope Ratings for each nine holes. Be sure to post your score to the correct front-nine or back-nine tee rating.

How do I combine nine-hole scores? Section 5-2

Once you have posted two nine-hole scores (meeting the date eligibility), the system will automatically combine the two (in the order received) into an 18-hole score. The score will be identified with the letter C for game type. The 18-hole Course Rating will be the sum of the two nine-hole ratings, and the



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18-hole Slope Rating will be the average of the two nine-hole ratings.

Where can I post online? Section 5-2

If your club has authorized online score posting, you may record your scores at scga.org.

What are Unacceptable Scores?

Section 5-1

Not all scores are postable. Here are a few examples of when you cannot post a score: when there is no Course or Slope Rating available, when you have completed fewer than seven holes, when you are playing a round in an area that is observing an inactive season, or when the course is less than 3,000 yards for 18 holes.

What if I have a score correction?

Once a score has been posted, you need to contact your golf club in order to have the score corrected or removed. The SCGA does not perform score correction requests directly from individual members.

How is an Index calculated? Section 10-2

The Handicap Index is based on your lowest 10 handicap differentials, not necessarily your lowest 10 scores. If your score file contains 20 rounds at the revision, the Index will be calculated by averaging your lowest 10 handicap differentials and then multiplying by 96 percent (Bonus for Excellence).

What is the Maximum Handicap Index?

The maximum Handicap Index for a male is 36.4, and 40.4 for a female.

What is a Reduced Handicap Index?

Section 10-3

If you have the letter R after your Handicap Index,

it means your Index has been reduced due to exceptional tournament scores. This is an automatic part of the Index calculation for all golfers when they have two or more tournament rounds that are 3.0 below their calculated Index at the revision.

Tell me about ESC. Section 4-3

Equitable Stroke Control (ESC) needs to be used on all scores posted for handicap purposes. The maximum number allotted under ESC is based on your Course Handicap, which may change at each golf course and/or tees you are playing. Always convert your Index to a Course Handicap based on the Slope Rating of the tees played.

EQUITABLE STROKE CONTROL			
18-Hole Course Handicap	Maximum Score to Post		
	Par 3	Par 4	Par 5
9 or less	5	6	7
10-19	7	7	7
20-29	8	8	8
30-39	9	9	9
40+	10	10	10
9-Hole Course Handicap	Maximum Score to Post		
	Par 3	Par 4	Par 5
4 or less	5	6	7
5-9	7	7	7
10-14	8	8	8
15-19	9	9	9
20+	10	10	10

What if we're all playing from different tees? Section 3-5

If players are competing against one another but playing from different tees, or men and women are playing from the same tees, an additional adjustment needs to be made to the players' Course Handicap. The player competing from the higher Course Rating will add additional strokes to his or her Course Handicap equal to the difference in the two Course Ratings.



Have a burning handicap question? Visit the Handicap section on scga.org, or email handicap@scga.org.

CALENDAR

2011 SCGA CHAMPIONSHIPS

REGISTRATION FOR SCGA EVENTS BEGINS IN DECEMBER; VISIT SCGA.ORG FOR THE MOST CURRENT DATES, SITES, HANDICAP REQUIREMENTS AND MORE!

CHAMPIONSHIP	DATE	SITE
NET EVENTS		
Amateur Net Championship	April 18-19	Industry Hills GC
George Collup Coronado Classic <i>Formerly the PLGA George Collup Coronado Classic</i>	April 30-May 1	Coronado Municipal GC
Desert and Summer Series	April-October	Various
Parent-Junior Championship	July TBD	TBD
JC Cunningham Senior Net Championship <i>Formerly the PLGA JC Cunningham Senior Championship</i>	TBD	TBD
Affiliate Team Championship	Aug. 15-16	La Purisima GC
Senior Four-Ball Net Championship	September TBD	TBD
Super Senior Championship	Nov. 28-29	Dove Canyon CC
Ken Smith Desert Classic <i>Formerly the PLGA Ken Smith Desert Classic</i>	Dec. 3-4	The Golf Club at Terra Lago
GROSS EVENTS		
Foursomes Championship	March 7-8	La Purisima GC
Public Links Championship <i>Formerly the PLGA Amateur Championship</i>	March 25-27	Brookside GC
Mid-Amateur Championship	April 4-5	Mesa Verde CC
Senior Championship	June 13-14	Victoria Club
California State Amateur Championship	June 20-25	The Olympic Club
Amateur Championship	July 8-10	San Gabriel CC
Match Play & Senior Match Play Championships	Aug. 8-10	TBD
Four-Ball Championship	Fall TBD	TBD
Senior Four-Ball Championship	Nov. 9-10	The Ranch Course at the Alisal
CGA Senior Amateur Championship	November TBD	TBD
CLUB EVENTS		
<i>Note: Entries for these championships are submitted by each SCGA member club; there are restrictions on the number of entries a club may have.</i>		
Desert Team Championship	April 25-26	Indian Wells GR
Team Play Competition		
Thursday Finals	April 29	Indian Wells GR (Celebrity Course)
Saturday Finals	April 30	Indian Wells GR (Players Course)
Four-Ball Net Championship	Oct. 3-4	Oak Creek GC
Tournament of Club Champions		
Gross Flight	Dec. 5	Newport Beach CC
Net Flights	Dec. 12	TBD
Senior Tournament of Club Champions		
Gross Flight	Dec. 5	SeaCliff CC
Net Flights	Dec. 12	TBD

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Rules Quiz Answers:

1. B — Def. Ball in Play; Def. Wrong Ball; Def. Substituted Ball
2. C — Dec. 18-2a/7
3. D — Dec. 28/1; Dec. 18-2a/27
4. D — Dec. 14-3/0.5
5. B — Dec. 13-4/35; Dec. 13-4/36; Dec. 13-4/38. The two-stroke penalty is for touching the ground in the same bunker in which the ball still lies. There is no additional penalty when the ball returns to the smoothed area.
6. D — Rule 22-1; Dec. 22/6
7. C — Rule 25-2; Rule 26-1a; Rule 28
8. C — Rule 7-2.
9. A — Rule 18-3b; Dec. 20-1/2
10. B — Dec. 15-2/3; Rule 15-2 (Exception); Rule 20-7c (Note 3). If a player makes a stroke from a wrong place, there is no additional penalty for substituting a ball when not permitted to do so.

Marsh, Larsen named Players of the Year

Kevin Marsh of Henderson, Nev., and Brad Larsen of Oceanside were respectively named SCGA Player of the Year and Senior Player of the Year for the 2010 tournament season. The duo was honored at the SCGA Annual Meeting.

Marsh, a two-time SCGA Amateur champion, amassed points as the 2009 SCGA Four-Ball champion (with George Downing), 2010 SCGA Four-somes champion (with Joe Sanders), fifth place at the 2010 SCGA Mid-Amateur, semifinalist at the 99th California State Amateur Championship and 2010 SCGA Match Play Championship, and third place at the 111th SCGA Amateur Championship. Marsh also made several strong showings in USGA championships.

Larsen won his first SCGA championship in 1995, the SCGA Mid-Amateur Championship, and 15 years

later re-emerged as the 2010 SCGA Senior Amateur champion when he won the 33rd playing of the event at Santa Ana CC. In doing so, he became the first person in SCGA history to win both the SCGA Mid-Amateur and Senior Amateur. Larsen capped off a standout summer season by winning the 3rd SCGA Senior Match Play Championship at Sandpiper GC, becoming the second consecutive player to win both the SCGA Senior and Senior Match Play events. Larsen also advanced to the match play portion of the U.S. Senior Amateur Championship in October.

Three teams co-champion Four-Ball Net

Walteria Business Men's Club's Ed Shiba and Tommy Stevenson II (62-68), Ranch Maria GC's Justin Burton and David Zavala (63-67), and father and son duo Jeff and Earl Restine (62-68) of Cottonwood at Rancho San Diego all conquered



wet conditions at Tijeras Creek GC to co-champion the 31st SCGA Four-Ball Net Championship at net 14-under 130.

Walteria and Cottonwood went wire-to-wire in the two-person better-ball event. "You can't beat winning an event with your father," said Jeff Restine. "It's a rewarding experience."

Hogarth makes U.S. Mid-Am finals

Multiple SCGA champion and current Mid-Amateur champion Tim Hogarth of Northridge advanced to the finals of the U.S. Mid Amateur Championship at New York's Atlantic GC, before falling to defending champion Nathan Smith of Pennsylvania 7 and 5. It is the furthest Hogarth has advanced in the event. Info: usga.org





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OLIVAS LINKS' RENOVATIONS RESULT
IN ENVIRONMENTAL BENEFITS

BY BOB BUTTITTA
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When Olivas Links in Ventura reopened in May 2007 after an 18-month, \$9.5 million renovation, golfers were not only greeted with a better and more challenging golf course, but one that is also much more environmentally sensitive to the needs of today's world.

When the old course was leveled, it left Arizona-based architect Forrest Richardson with a blank canvas on which to create a new masterpiece.

At Richardson's suggestion, Olivas Links was changed into a links-style golf course. The change not only made the course more fun to play, it also helped reduce water and pesticide usage at the facility, along with helping to create wetlands teeming with wildlife.

The switch to a links-style course led city officials to switch the turf at Olivas to Seashore Paspalum as well. Matt Mulvany, director of agronomy at both Olivas Links and its sister property, Buenaventura Golf Course, said the variety of Paspalum they selected was Sea Isle 1, which has a high tolerance to salt.

That was significant, since Olivas Links uses recycled water that is extremely high in sodium and bicarbonates. Due to Paspalum's ability to handle longer intervals between irrigation cycles and to tolerate higher sodium levels, Mulvany and his staff have been able to keep the turf at Olivas Links healthy and dense.

"We are a links-style course, so we like to keep the course dry and lean, which can be challenging on the coast," Mulvany said. "Paspalum has a fibrous deep-root system that allows it to handle those 'dry-downs,' and it can handle the increased salt concentrations that comes with droughty conditions."

Another huge asset was the installation of a computer-controlled irrigation system, which has resulted in a 20 percent reduction in water usage.

"We installed a state-of-the-art Toro irrigation system that allows us to control every sprinkler individually from a central computer," Mulvany said. "Being able to micromanage irrigation output based on soil type and slope is ideal."

"We also use wetting agents to maximize water infiltration and minimize runoff. It's injected into our water system directly almost year-round. This, coupled with our cultural programs like quarterly venting, allows us to get the most water we can in the ground and to our root system."

The new irrigation strategies also limit the release of nitrates that come from fertilizer use and seep into groundwater.

Another part of the conservation plan involved converting 40 acres of maintained turfgrass on the old property to naturalized areas on the new course. With the help of Golfauna, a company that specializes in creating native golf and wildlife habitats, new areas with California native grasses were created. Aside from being basically maintenance-free, these areas serve as wildlife habitats, providing a home to numerous bird species and other fauna like coyotes, squirrels and rabbits.

"We do our best to minimize disturbance and traffic in these naturalized areas," Mulvany said. "These environmental stewardship efforts are helping us in our goals to achieve Audubon certification."

They recently received Level 1 certification in an environmental program called Green to a Tee, a KemperSports (which manages Olivas Links) initiative that is extremely detailed in resource and energy management. There are four levels of recognition in the program.

"Each level demands an increased commitment to environmental stewardship at the golf course," Mulvany said. "We are very proud to be part of this KemperSports program and are eagerly working on Level 2." ●



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Clockwise below: Whirlwind Golf Club at Wild Horse Pass, Chandler; Troon North Golf Club, Scottsdale; StoneRidge Golf Course, Prescott Valley; The Westin Kierland Resort & Spa, Scottsdale.

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