

## It's Golf Show Time!

The North Coast Greater Washington Golf Show makes its annual stop at the Dulles Expo Center next weekend (Jan 23-25).



This is the biggest show of the year in our area and a must attend for those looking for deals on clubs, balls, travel packages and just about everything golf related.

You can test your talent in the challenging skills competitions, see amazing stage performances or take a free one-on-one golf lesson with a PGA professional.

The celebrity presentations include famous instructor Hank Haney. Hank has taught more than 200 touring professionals from the PGA, LPGA, Nationwide, Futures, European, Japanese, and Asian tours. His most recognizable students include that Tiger guy and two time Major winner Mark O'Meara.



Also, be sure to stop by the Waggle booth to say hi and check out our deals on the 2009 Waggle Golf Pass. We're located in the back middle area of the show.

Get all the show details at [www.northcoastgolfshows.com](http://www.northcoastgolfshows.com)

## Steelers Fan Party at Renditions



The Steeler tailgates at Renditions have been so successful they are doing it again this weekend. Get on your Black and Gold and head to Davidsonville, MD for the Steelers/Ravens AFC Championship game. Can Pittsburgh beat Baltimore 3 times this year? They say it's hard to beat a team 3 times in one season but since 1970 it has occurred in 11 of 18 opportunities. Lefty and Bogeyman from Waggle will be cheering for #12.

So this Sunday be sure to head to Renditions for their 1pm shotgun start and enjoy the Steeler party for the Steeler/Ravens game after the round for only \$59.99. Get all the food and drink you can eat from their fan menu featuring Pittsburgh favorites like Primanti sandwiches, The O hot dogs and Iron City beer. The menu also includes all you can eat and drink steamed shrimp, sliders, wings, and chips and salsa. Don't want to golf? Just stop by for the party for only \$29.99. Reservations not required but are encouraged, call 410-798-9798 for details.



Renditions Golf Course - Davidsonville, MD - [www.renditionsgolf.com](http://www.renditionsgolf.com)

## This Week on Tour

- **PGA TOUR**  
SONY OPEN IN HAWAII  
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HONOLULU, HI  
JANUARY 15 - 18
- **CHAMPIONS TOUR**  
WENDY'S CHAMPIONS SKINS  
GAME  
ROYAL KANAPAIL GC  
MAUI, HI  
JANUARY 17 - 18
- **NATIONWIDE TOUR**  
OFF
- **LPGA**  
OFF

### Book Review by C. Hofmann

#### Ben Hogan's Secret – Bob Thomas



As the players came down the stretch of the 1950 US Open, Life Magazine photographer Hy Peskin snapped perhaps the most famous golf photo ever as Ben Hogan stroked a 1 iron to Merion's 18th green. The surreal moment captured by Peskin showing Hogan's ball in flight ahead of his picture perfect follow through speaks volumes of golf's most intriguing and enigmatic player as he displays perfection while revealing nothing. It's truly a magical moment and serves fittingly as the backdrop for this wonderful book in which Bob Thomas provides a unique account of golf's greatest mystery – Ben Hogan's Secret.

I have to say that this was a difficult review to write and it shouldn't have been. But, as is often the case, the more I enjoy a book, the harder it is for me to write about it. And folks, I really enjoyed this one. Rather than being just another history book about Hogan that guesses at what his secret might have been, Thomas took the approach of weaving a novel around the actual events in Hogan's life. Through clever dialog and character development, he portrays Hogan as a shy and reserved person who gains confidence through his interactions with the people he allowed to get close. People such as his mother, his wife Valerie, and Bobby Jones are shown as confidants to Hogan who help him overcome his own obstacles through hard work, sacrifice, and never settling for failure. Together they enable Hogan to understand what he must do in order to become a champion and to realize the true secret of the game.

For the true Hogan fan, this is a great read in that it provides a behind the scenes look into the Hogan life that you always wanted to believe existed. Contrary to the cold and aloof person typically associated with Hogan, Bob Thomas portrays Hogan as a big hearted, honest, hardworking man who cared dearly for everyone he knew. It's a great story that I highly recommend and know you'll enjoy. To get a copy, visit the author's web site at [www.hoganbook.com](http://www.hoganbook.com) where you can order a signed and numbered author's special edition. And while you're there, take a few minutes to look around... there's a lot there to like.

But getting back to this book, what actually was Ben Hogan's secret? Hogan claimed he gave us everything through his writings and illustrations, but the world has always believed he held something back. Sam Snead wrote that Hogan's secret was in the right wrist through and beyond impact. Hogan's practice caddy Jody Vasquez claimed it was in the position of the right knee on the back swing. Biographer James Dodson concluded that it was simply in the dirt, and that you, like Hogan had to dig it out for yourself. Others have claimed that there was no secret – Hogan just wanted you to think there was. So, what was it? Sorry... with apologies to both Ayce and Bogeyman, you're going to have read this little gem yourself – I'm not telling.

### Seems Odd That...

...the economy is in turmoil and talks abound of an auto industry bailout, yet three of the first five PGA events are sponsored by the members of the auto industry. Sure, I realize they were booked long ago for commitments through 2012 in some cases, but seems odd.

...the very capable delivery service Fed Ex (which is the "official delivery vendor" of the Waggle Pro Shop) can do its job with millions of packages with such precision, yet put that name on a sports venture and what do you get: Fed Ex Cup with all the excitement and clarity of a mud puddle, Fed Ex stadium where NFL fans are treated to one of the most expensive and least rewarding viewing expenses in the league, and the Fed Ex BCS system, need I say more, but seems odd. -Ayce

### The 2009 Waggle Golf Pass is Available!



The 2009 Waggle Golf Pass (previously the US Golf Pass) is on sale now.

The 2009 pass has more deals and more weekend offers than 2008.

The 2009 Waggle Golf Pass has over 160 offers from 7 states in the Mid-Atlantic. One book is good for all the states and offers. You can save money all season long on greens fees, range balls, lessons, club fittings and pro shop items when you use the Waggle Golf Pass.

Go Now to [www.waglegolfpass.com](http://www.waglegolfpass.com)

### PGA TOUR by the Numbers...

The 2009 Tour kicks off with 43 members who are in their 20's. Twenty of these youngsters have already won on Tour, and ten of them have multiple victories. Try to guess the ten, and then check your guesses with the actual names posted below.

BTW, ten is also the magic number in that of the 28 rookies on Tour, only ten have never teed it up in a PGA Tour event. The ten newbies are: Tyler Aldridge, Matt Bettencourt, Kris Blanks, Matthew Borchert, Marc Leishman, James Nitties, James Oh, Brendon Todd, Brian Vranesh and Gary Woodland. How many of them have you heard of? One of the newcomers has a distinction already—his height. Brian Vranesh ties Mr. Delsing as the tallest player at 6'5".

OK, here's the 10, how'd you do? Aaron Baddeley (2 wins), Sergio Garcia (7), J.B. Holmes (2), Charles Howell III (2), Trevor Immelman (2), Anthony Kim (2), Sean O'Hair (2), Adam Scott (6), D.J. Trahan (2) and Camilo Villegas (2).

### Texas Hold'em at Lake Presidential



This winter on Tuesday nights gather at Lake Presidential for Texas Hold 'Em Poker in the Grille. \$20 Buy In - Tournament Style - Nightly Prizes Paid in Gift Cards. Weekly winners can qualify for the "Final Table" with a special Grand Prize in March. Drinks and bar menu available during poker as well as our 50" TVs for the nightly sporting events. Come have some fun, meet some new people, bring your friends, and enjoy great food and drinks!

With his victory on Tuesday, Jan. 13 at Lake Presidential's First Texas Hold 'Em Poker Night, Aarohi Ambardekar won the first seat at the "Finals Table" on March 17. Mike Ghannam was the runner-up on opening night.

The next Poker Night will be held Wednesday, Jan. 21 due to an Inaugural Ball being held at Lake Presidential Tuesday, Jan. 20. Call 301-627-8577 to reserve your seat.

### Donate and Save at Blue Ridge Shadows



Enjoy the following off-season rates now through March 1, 2009 at Blue Ridge Shadows in Front Royal, VA...

\$40 Weekends, \$30 after 12pm and \$30 weekdays anytime. To receive this great rate, bring in a donation of non-perishable, healthy canned, boxed or bagged food for them to donate to local area food banks. Call 866.631.9661 to book your reservation. Thanks to your generosity, they've donated over 5,000 pounds of food since Thanksgiving to local area food banks. This is a great program that helps locals in need and saves you a few \$\$ on golf.

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#### Greater Washington Golf Show

January 23 - 25, 2009 at the Dulles Expo Center in Chantilly, VA. Don't miss the DC area's biggest golf expo. A 3-day golf extravaganza featuring deals on golf equipment and travel and a wide array of golf-related exhibits and displays, stage presentation and ball-striking activities, designed to entertain and educate the golf enthusiast. For more info, visit [www.northcoastgolfshows.com](http://www.northcoastgolfshows.com)

#### 1/31/2009 - Super Bowl Shotgun at Pendleton

Make plans for Pendleton's Superbowl Shotgun on Saturday, January 31, 2009 at 11am. \$40 per person; 2 man teams; 6 holes captains choice, 6 holes best ball, 6 holes alternate shot; enjoy a "Man Food Football Buffet"; first five teams to sign up get a covered cart. 1st place - Pair of Foot Joy Pro Team Logo Shoes and 4 other places will be determined that day (ANY PLACE CAN WIN). We'll have Mulligans 2 for \$5.00. Call (804) 448-4727 to register.

#### 2/1/2009 - Super Bowl Tourney at Cannon Ridge

Tee it up SB Sunday, February 1, 2009 at a 1:00 p.m. shotgun at Cannon Ridge. Format: 4-player Scratch Shamble. \$50 per player (\$35 for Members), players must sign up as a team. Entry fee includes golf, food and some great prizes! ENTRY DEADLINE: 5pm January 24th, 2009. Teams may sign-up online at [www.golfcannonridge.com](http://www.golfcannonridge.com)

#### 2/1/2009 - Gauntlet Superbowl Extravaganza

Head to The Gauntlet in Fredericksburg, VA on Superbowl Sunday for a 12 noon shotgun. \$49 gets you golf and the buffet starting at 5pm. There will be long drive and closest to pin contest as well as a Superbowl pool and guess the MVP contest. Hang out and relax during the game that starts at 6pm. Call Brian at 540-752-0963 for details and ask about their unique Superbowl scramble format.

#### 2/1/2009 - Superbowl 43 Scramble at Old Hickory

11am shotgun on Sun Feb 1. Four person scramble with football stableford scoring. \$75 includes refreshments during play, awards banquet and prizes. Contact Josh at 703-580-9000 x2224 to sign up.

#### Quote of the Week

"The correct swing plane is the key."

-Hank Haney

