

Golf Mentor Program at GolfDC

Here's an idea we love... Sometimes it can be intimidating/overwhelming/frustrating (take your pick) for new golfers just learning this great game. Well, GolfDC now has a program to help ease new golfers into the game.



This year try the Playing Partner Golf Mentor Program at East Potomac and Rock Creek Golf Courses. New golfers are paired with experienced volunteer golfers who mentor in rules, etiquette and playing tips. It's for anyone who wants to learn about "the little things" that make golf more fun. Sessions are held weekdays and weekends, and it only costs a greens fee.

And they are looking for Program mentors who are available on Wednesdays, Fridays or Sundays. Mentors receive a free greens fee while playing with a new golfer.

To sign up for the Playing Partner Mentor Program as a new golfer or as a mentor call East Potomac Golf Course at (202) 554-7660 or Rock Creek Golf Course at (202) 882-7332.

Rounds 4 Research

Rounds4Research is an auction for rounds of golf in the Carolinas, Georgia, Virginia and Texas sponsored by those states Golf Course Superintendents. For Virginia rounds the proceeds benefit the VGCSA Research Fund, which is working on a "Best Management Practices" program for Virginia Golf Courses.



Rounds4Research.com has topped 650 courses and runs April 7-21! Golfers can bid on over 80 great courses in Virginia, as well as courses in those other states. Among the great courses you can bid on are The Cascades at The Homestead, Robert Trent Jones GC, Primland, The Greenbrier, Golden Horseshoe GC, Princess Anne CC, Wintergreen Resort and many more!

Check it out at www.rounds4research.com

Save \$10 on the 2010 Waggle Golf Pass



Since the golf show at the Expo center fell victim to the blizzard, we are extending the special show price of \$30 (that's \$10 off the regular price) until the end of April.

To order your pass visit wagglegolfpass.com and use coupon code **SHOW10**.

This Week on Tour

- **PGA TOUR**
MASTERS TOURNAMENT
AUGUSTA NATIONAL GC
AUGUSTA, GA
APRIL 8 - 11
- **CHAMPIONS TOUR**
OFF
- **NATIONWIDE TOUR**
OFF
- **LPGA**
OFF

The Masters - Add it to Your Bucket List

Thanks to Bogeyman's mother who got practice round tickets in the lottery, Ayce was at Augusta National on Monday morning to watch one of his favorite golfers, Fred Couples, tee off with some other guy who has been out of the game (golf that is) for a while. With Bogeyman manning Waggle HQ, I had the tough job of again going to the holy grail of golf. I always say that if you have ever gambled, then you must go to Las Vegas. My golf corollary is that all golfers must go to the Masters at least once in their lives. Words cannot describe the feeling you get upon entering the most beautiful and historic course imaginable. One Waggle friend who went this year for the first time had gotten many doses from me about the grandeur of the setting. So, upon running into her on the first hole I had to ask "did I overstate the beauty?" She replied "not at all."



These random observations are offered instead of an attempt to do IT justice...

The tournament is the most controlled environment that most of us have ever seen, save as newborns in the maternity ward. Everything is near perfect: food and drink are sold at low prices with an efficiency that would make McDonald's envious; as if things were not good enough already, on course computer terminals invite customer satisfaction surveys for immediate feedback; video cameras cover every inch of the property except the insides of the rest rooms; no phones are allowed so a giant Masters green wall of phones invites patrons (that what everyone calls us) to make free calls to all our friends; you are likely to be wished a good day at least a dozen times by the locals who staff everything with great pride; the phrase heard most often uttered by newbies "it's so hilly"; get your souvenirs on the way out so you do not have to lug them around, that gift shop is amazing; promise yourself you will come back, I did and I did!



Walking past Magnolia lane was a sad sight. John Daly parks his RV across from the course and sells shirts, hats, and pictures with himself like some carnival barker. From watching his show "Being John Daly" on the Golf Channel we have a sense for the struggles he faces. But, the reality of his fall from prominence strikes hard as you leave and see him shuffling through tee shirts on a hot Georgia afternoon. Inside the gates celebrity watching takes on a more

Hollywood tone as you brush shoulders with scores of pro athletes, actors, comedians, and all sorts of famous folks who just like you are admiring the course and the skill of the participants. Everyone outside the ropes finds themselves "fair game" for conversation in the great golf melting pot that is the patron gallery at Augusta National. This year marks the 80th anniversary of Bobby Jones' Grand Slam. This year is also the first time in 54 years that one of the big three, Palmer, Player, and Nicklaus, are not playing. Between them they have won nearly one quarter of the Masters played over those years. Certainly one record stands worth noting above most others. This is the first time since the first Masters in 1934 that Dr. Ed Bailey has not been in attendance. After attending his first event as a teen, Ed Bailey has been at every single Masters since. This year he may have his best view ever. Ed passed away quietly in January at age 94. **-AYCE**



Be sure to listen for Lefty and the Waggle Minute
on the Double Bogey Blues Show
Every Monday from 3-4 PM on FOX Sports 1370 AM
www.doublebogeyblues.com



Saturday Clinics at Lake Presidential



Join Lake Presidential Head Pro Nathan Presnal, PGA, for hour long group lessons each Saturday.

A different aspect of the game will be addressed each week in a group setting, with individualized attention to improvements for each golfer, based on their ability, experience and goals. Nathan will also share insights from his upcoming book, "Find the Center."

This week... Learn to stripe your driver down the middle of the fairway!
Saturday, April 10 from 2:30-3:30 p.m. Cost is \$25/golfer.

All levels of experience welcome and advance registration is suggested. Contact the golf shop to sign-up at 301-627-8577.

Upcoming Local Events

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4/12/2010 - Kick Off to Spring at Timbers at Troy

Monday, April 12, 2010 @ 8:30 a.m. is the Timbers at Troy Kick Off to Spring 4-Player Scramble. This event is open to all players and skill levels. Only \$69.00 per-player for Greens Fee & Cart Fee, Range Balls, Coffee & Donuts, Grilled Hamburger & Hot Dog Cookout Buffet, Prizes for 1st, 2nd & 3 Place and CTP & Long Drive Contests. Call the Pro-Shop at 410-313-4653 to reserve your team today.

4/17/2010 - Spring Two-Person Best Ball at Reston National

Saturday, April 17th - 10:30 AM Start. 2-Person Teams - Best Ball Format. \$150 per team. Includes golf, range, lunch, contests, and prizes. Call the Golf Shop at 703-620-9333 to sign-up.

4/20/2010 - 7th Annual Hilltop Golf Club Charity Outing

The stage has been set for another exciting charity outing at Hilltop Golf Club. Join in the fun and support Good Shepherd Housing and United Community Ministries with a day of golf. For your convenience there will be both morning and afternoon start times. The event will be held on April 20th, 2010. For more info, visit

www.hilltopgolfoutings.com

4/24/2010 - 4th Annual Kelly Jo Dowd Breast Cancer Golf Tournament

The 4th Annual Kelly Jo Dowd Breast Cancer Golf Tournament will be held on April 24, 2010, at the Courses of Andrews, Andrews Air Force Base, MD with a 2:00 PM shotgun start. Cost is \$90.00 per person which includes, green fees, cart, range balls, beverages on the course, and dinner after the tournament. All monies raised are donated to the Kelly Jo Dowd Breast Cancer Foundation to help find a cure for this terrible disease. Please contact Rick Yager, 301-752-0122 or email gby2@aol.com.

4/30/2010 - Wakefield HS Booster Club & Education Foundation Golf Tournament

The 3rd Annual Wakefield High School Booster Club & Education Foundation Golf Tournament is scheduled for Friday April 30th at Fairfax National in Centreville, VA. Individual Golfer is \$100 or a Foursome is only \$380. Fee includes; Greens Fee, Cart, Driving Range balls, a box lunch and dinner following the golf. For more info, visit www.golfdigestplanner.com/14423-Wakefield_Booster_Alumni_Golf_Tourney

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Quote of the Week

"I must admit the name was born of a touch of immodesty."

-Bobby Jones, the creator of the Masters

