

Range Finder



This time we're not talking about the kind that measures yardage, but the ball-beater type. Finding a good range will become very important in the next few weeks as the area golf season goes into the local version of hibernation. A recent Waggle effort to update data on ranges noted that several have closed over the past few years, so a call to the Golf Range Association of America was in order. Seems that in 2001 there were 2,805 standalone ranges in America. But that number has dwindled to only 1,466 such businesses listing driving range as their primary line of business. Currently the association says that approximately 50 ranges close annually and 50 open up, if you believe them! The term 'alternative facilities' used now encompasses executive courses, par 3s, miniature golf, and batting cages as other revenue sources for the old traditional ball striking fields. This was an effort to capitalize on the popularity of golf (more Tiger effect) within the industry. It also meant that many revenue producing ranges were perhaps less likely to succumb to development (though hardly a guarantee) as did the hugely popular Fair Oaks facility in Fairfax which closed in the past year. Some of the Waggle favorites include Hilltop in Alexandria, VA, East Potomac Park in DC and Olney Golf Park in Olney, MD. See ya there to keep the rust off your swing.

And Speaking of Winter Golf...

We'll try and keep you posted of the best Winter deals here in the area. To start check out these two offers.

Renditions Winter Punch Card

For only \$49.99 + tax you get your 1st round free. Then every 3rd round is free after that. Includes golf cart but not range balls. You'll also get 20% off all regularly priced merchandise. The Punch Card is valid between November 26, 2007 & March 20, 2008. Renditions will provide you your punch card @ time of purchase. You may purchase anytime before November 26th, however, the winter rates and program do not start until November 26th. For more details call (410) 798-9798.

Cross Creek Off-Season Golf Coaching Program

- 8 Private Golf Lessons
- 6 Coached Practice Sessions
- 1 Nine-Hole Playing Lesson
- Individual Game-Improvement Plan
- Instruction Summary Sheets
- Access to HEATED range in Laurel

ALL FOR ONLY \$395 (Save \$100) Offer Valid til Dec. 31, 2007 (Coaching sessions may be given through April 31, 2008). Call 301-595-8901 for info.

This Week on Tour

PGA TOUR

NOVEMBER 12-13

WENDY'S 3 TOUR CHALLENGE

LAKE LAS VEGAS RESORT

HENDERSON, NEVADA

- CHAMPIONS TOUR - OFF

- NATIONWIDE TOUR - OFF

- LPGA

NOVEMBER 8-11

THE MITCHELL COMPANY LPGA

TOURNAMENT OF CHAMPIONS

RTJ GOLF TRAIL, MAGNOLIA

GROVE, THE CROSSINGS

MOBILE, ALABAMA



Congrats to Jim Thorpe



Jim Thorpe has been a favorite of Waggle for several years. He is always enjoyable to speak with when he visits Baltimore for the Senior circuit. Thorpe loves a wager and is as free with his gambling advice as he is with the easy smile. In 2004 Ayce played a hole with Thorpe and put him on the phone to provide betting tips to Bogeyman who was in Vegas for the Super Bowl (his advice is suspect - he said take Carolina straight up). Proving that you can play fast and play well, Jim Thorpe completed his first round last week at the Charles Schwab Cup Championship in two hours and 35 minutes. His 64 was good for the first round lead. By winning the season finale, he extended his string of

consecutive years with a win on the Champions Tour to eight. His unorthodox swing inspires hope in all of us with the less than perfect move.

Local Golf Specials

Blue Ridge Shadows Golf Club - Front Royal, VA (expires 11/14/2007)

Play November 1-14, receive a free green fee. Book a starting time and play anytime (excluding twilight) between November 1 and 14 and you'll receive a 'Boomerang' green fee, valid anytime from November 1 through March 31, 2008. There are no restrictions on the Boomerang. Make a reservation and bring the voucher with you, then pay a \$25 cart/range fee. Sorry, this offer can't be combined with any other offer. Call 866.631.9661 to book your reservation.

Carroll Valley Golf Resort - Fairfield, PA (expires 11/17/2007)

Right now through November 17th we're offering the Value Season Rate (cart included): \$30 Weekday and \$40 Weekends. Call 800-548-8504 to make your reservations.

Maryland National Golf Club - Middletown, MD (expires 11/30/2007)

NOVEMBER GOLF SPECIAL - SAVE \$10 per player anytime before 1:00 PM Monday - Friday (Not Valid on 11-12-07). For tee times and details call 301-371-0000.

Mountain View Golf Club - Fairfield, PA (expires 11/17/2007)

Right now through November 17th we're offering the Value Season Rate (cart included): \$25 Weekday and \$35 Weekends. Call (717) 642-5848 to book your tee time.

The Manor Golf Club - Farmville, VA (expires 11/30/2007)

Weekday Foursome Special - 7 days a week (AND we're throwing in lunch)! A foursome plays for just \$120.00 plus tax and we'll also buy each one in the group a jumbo hot dog, chips, and a fountain soda. Lunch is on us. And you did read correctly the special is now every day of the week. Please call and schedule your tee-time now and be sure to mention the special. Not valid with any other offer or promotion. Call 434-392-2244 for tee times.

Golfers Get Good Mileage...

Who says we're not conservation conscious? A recent study found the average golfer walks about 900 miles a year. Another study found golfers drink, on average, 22 gallons of beer a year. That means, on average, golfers get about 41 miles to the gallon. We're very fuel efficient!



Upcoming Local Events

11/10/2007 - End of Season Golf Clinic at Pleasant Valley

Learn how to keep your swing in shape through the winter at our End of Season Golf Clinic with Max Snowden and John Benkovich on Saturday, November 10th at Pleasant Valley Golf Course from 1pm-3pm. Cost is \$50 or bring 2 friends to the clinic and you pay only \$25. Call Max at 937.269.6623 to sign up.

11/11/2007 - Cobb's Creek Golf Club Superintendents Revenge

Sunday, November 11 9:00 AM Shotgun. Format – 4 Person Scramble (Pick your own team). Includes – Golf with Cart, Lunch and Prizes. Cost - \$45.00 per player. Sign up today - call 215-877-8707.

11/11/2007 - LastMinuteGolfer Shamble at Blue Ridge Shadows

Sunday, November 11, 2007 at Blue Ridge Shadow. Cost includes: Golf, cart, taxes, range balls and your chance at more than a thousand \$\$ in prizes. The format is a 2-person shamble. There will be Long Drive, Closest to the Pin and some other contests that we'll make up. Tons of raffle prizes, golf shop merchandise, LastMinute-Golfer merchandise, passes for FREE golf and lots more. For more info, visit www.lastminutegolfer.com/washingtondc

11/15/2007 - Francis Scott Key Golf Club Auction

Want to own your own golf course? Francis Scott Key in Finksburg, MD is up for auction. Place your bid Thursday November 15th at 10am at the course. For more info, visit www.hilda-allen.com

11/17/2007 - Blue Ridge Shadows Turkey Shoot

Blue Ridge Shadows Golf Club is hosting a golf tournament on Saturday, November 17 to benefit the Lord Fairfax Chapter of the Blue Ridge Area Food Bank Network. The tournament entry fee for each 4-person team is \$120 plus four frozen turkeys. The turkeys will be distributed to needy families in the Northern Shenandoah Valley area during the Thanksgiving and Christmas holidays. Call Angela Williams at 866.631.9661 for entry information. For more info, visit www.blueridgeshadows.com

11/17/2007 - Reston National Turkey Shoot

Come to Reston National Golf Course on Saturday, November 17th for a 9am Shotgun, 4 - Person Scramble. The cost is \$80 and includes green fee, cart fee, food, prizes and a Free turkey! The registration deadline is Thursday, November 15th. Sign up in the Pro Shop or call 703-620-9333.

11/18/2007 - Turkey Shoot Captain's Choice Scramble

Sunday November 18th, 2007 at Goose Creek Golf Club in Leesburg, VA. The 10:00 A.M. shotgun start is a 4-Man captain's choice scramble. There will be closest to the pin contests on all par 3's and longest drive contests on holes #5 & #11. The cost is \$50.00 and includes: tournament entry fee, prizes, lunch, and a turkey to go! Contact the golf shop to sign up your team at 703-729-2500.



Save \$\$ at courses in
VA, MD, DC, DE, PA
www.usgolfpass.com

Quote of the Week

"I have a tip that will take five strokes off anyone's game. It's called an eraser."

-Arnold Palmer



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Christmas Gift Ideas Only 46 Shopping Days Left

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Waggle.com ^{pro}shop Deals of the Week



Great Deals on Rounds of Golf in our Pro Shop.

Order a round and we'll send you a voucher
to play at that course.

Courses include...

- Westfields Golf Club - Clifton, VA
- Lee's Hill - Fredericksburg, VA
- Compass Pointe - Pasadena, MD
- The Wetlands - Aberdeen, MD

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