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By Greg Crawford, CSNNW.com Golf Insider, @wchoops

Golf Page---Sure hope you like the new golf page when you come to Crawford's Clubhouse. This is a major commitment by CSNNW.com to bring you the best golf news and information of anyone around. I want to thank Kevin Berry and his staff at CSNNW for making this happen and would love your feedback, so feel free to email me with any comments or suggestions, as I know you will.

Also, we are going to be writing Crawford's Clubhouse year around, so that is really exciting, as readers you will never be without golf 52 weeks out of the year. Of course we will be continuing with David Ogrin's golf tips every Thursday, Jim Gibbons on golf rules each Monday and I am presently working with some skilled medical people to bring you some great advice on how to make you hopefully an injury free golfer and have the best health and wellness possible.

This is the "Clubhouse" as well, so any discussions are welcome in our comment section. Golfers are as an opinionated group as you will find in sports, so that is why you are more than free to spout off and vent right here about anything in the game of golf.

Glaze Meadow---Golf in the Pacific Northwest is so underrated per both the wonderful golf courses and also compared to the rest of the country, in price. Check it out sometime. What is a large part of the greatness of Oregon golf is Central Oregon. If you are planning a golfing trip, Central Oregon is a can't miss. The closest Central Oregon resort is Black Butte Ranch, which has been a special place for 40 years. It now has become even more special with the 3.75 million renovation of its Glaze Meadow Golf Course.&nbsp;

Of course I am a softy for views &nbsp;and lots of action around the course when I am golfing and Black Butte Ranch has always passed my test. With the renovation of Glaze Meadow it is frosting on the cake.

The renovation included the rebuilding of all greens, tee boxes and bunkers. For skilled golfers, the course can now play up to 7,000 yards, but with the new tee boxes, there is plenty of places for golfers of all skill levels to have a completely enjoyable round.

You also will be playing golf courses at Black Butte Ranch that are prepared by golf course superintendent Phil Lagao, who was just named the Oregon Golf Course Superintendents Association--- Superintendent of the Year.

Having been in the golf business for 42 years, I do not recommend places unless I think you will totally enjoy them, all the way from entering the parking lot to playing your round. Glaze Meadow is a special place and can't miss play for everyone visiting Central Oregon. For more info, please visit blackbutteranch.com

Golf Tips---David Ogrin is the director of instruction at Three Crowns Golf Course in Caspar, Wyoming and is kind enough to give us a great golf tip every Thursday in Crawford's Clubhouse. "David, in golf why do some golfers tee the ball up on left hand side of the tee

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markers, some on the right and some in the middle, especially you see this with pro golfers. What dictates where you tee the ball up and how important is it?" Thanks, Roger--Medford, Oregon.

"Great question Roger and good catch on your part. In general on the TOUR, a player who goes to the left of the tee box is curving his shot right to left. A player who goes to the right of the tee box is curving his shot left to right. A player in the middle is hitting it straight.&nbsp; There are exceptions, but that is generally the why. Now for a right handed golfer, who hits it pretty good, but almost always fades it, teeing it just inside the right tee marker gives you the best angle to hit the fairway. Similar strategies are used in billiards and bowling. A corner pocket is bigger shooting across the table. To pick up a ten pin in bowling, you always stand far to the left. Remember, angles in all sports are big and there you have three game tips in one." David Ogrin.

Charity---In the Monday edition of Crawford's Clubhouse, when I mentioned the Hair M golf tournament to benefit Special Olympics &nbsp;on August 27th, at legendary Columbia Edgewater, I failed to mention the contact info on how you can sign up to play. Here it is, phone 503 517-0570 and email &nbsp;[www.hairgrooming.com](mailto:www.hairgrooming.com) (<http://www.hairgrooming.com>)

Speaking of Special Olympics, several readers who live in Washington County, in Oregon have pointed out to me the great generosity of the owners at McKay Creek Golf and Driving Range. Owners Jane and John Redding, plus their son Jason who for years have thrown their support behind Special Olympics so that Special Olympic golfers can realize their dreams and participate in the great game of golf.

So big hats off to the Reddings for welcoming Special Olympics and readers get our there and thank them, nothing better than family owned public golf courses.

Birdiebits---Several readers have asked me how Gigi Stoll is doing with her golf this summer, after I wrote about her earlier this year. Of course Gigi is one of the top junior golfers in the United States and at 15 years old, has bright future ahead of her in the game of golf.

In checking with her father Mike, Gigi is just taking a little time off from golf right now to relax, travel a little and catch up with friends as all teenagers should do. After a busy summer, which included playing almost everyday, it is much deserved time off from golf.




One thing that is really great about golf right now is the competition professionally. It probably has never been better on the PGA, Champions, LPGA and WEB.com Tours. Any person teeing it &nbsp;up literally can win on any given week and it is not a fluke. Just check out how good these players are week in and week out, the best it has ever been.

Coming up Monday, we will recap the PGA, give you a preview of the Safeway Classic, with some information you might not have ever heard, a golf rules lesson from Jim Gibbons and always some surprises.&nbsp;

Thanks for reading and emails to [GregCrawford@csnnw.com](mailto:GregCrawford@csnnw.com) and twitter @wchoops

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