

PUTTING

SHORT GAME

FULL SWING

FITNESS

MENTAL

PLAYING

EQUIPMENT



In the two plus years that I have been here at Colleton River, I can proudly say that the addition of the Golf Academy has complemented the golf program by offering a certification process that includes TPI Golf Fitness instructors, TrackMan launch monitor, club fittings, V1 and JC-Video analysis, and PGA Professionals that truly care about your golf game. The Academy's schedule this fall is a clear

indication of how far we have come in meeting our vision of *operating the finest teaching program for a club community in the U.S.A.* There are numerous ways you can take advantage of the programs which include weekly clinics, CRGA golf schools, skills test, junior golf camp, Winter Series Seminars, Academy days, demo days, and golf fitness classes.

By helping you "*Manage Your Golf Game,*" our CRGA Professionals will be reaching our goal of *creating a fun and productive learning experience for the Members and their guests.* Be sure to keep an eye on the Academy's website, golf calendar, or channel 9 TV for the latest schedule and happenings. As you read on, check out the TrackMan Tech Tip and The Golf Channel's instructor search for interesting reading. I hope you will join us this fall for a "Simply . . . exceptional" learning experience right here at Colleton River!

From the Putting Building Block of the CRGA: Green Reading

It is a statistical reality that most people miss their putts on the low side of the hole. It may be hard

to believe but missing on the low side of the hole is just as bad as leaving it short. If roughly 85% of amateurs and 65% of Golf Professionals miss on the low side, what is going on? My observation has been that most people see the break but don't start their putt high enough to get their ball to actually roll on the break. If this is the case, you either have to hit the ball very



hard to help it stay on the line or you hit your putt with the correct speed and end up on the low side of the hole. Here are some ideas on how to play more break:

- ◆ Stalk your putt using the five steps of green reading (circle around your putt).
- ◆ Pick an "apex" or high point that your ball will need to reach during its journey.
- ◆ Move your apex to the hole and triple it. Start your putt at this spot (called the "true break").
- ◆ Grain is real and must be considered into your read. The Nicklaus is more affected by grain than the Dye.

If you are not sure about these points then it will be a continual guessing game when you putt. The Academy uses a scientific approach to green reading that answers all of these question and more. There will be a CRGA Green Reading Clinic held October 27th from 9:00am to 12:00pm at the Nicklaus putting green. Sign up is in the Nicklaus Golf Shop or e-mail at golfacademy@colletonriverclub.com.



The Golf Channel Conducts National Instructor Search

The CRGA recently submitted an instructional video to the Golf Channel in hopes of bringing national attention to Colleton River. "**The Search for the Next Golf Channel Instructor**" will be held this fall with the four finalists determined in October and public voting for the winner to be held December 1st to December 15th. If you'd like to see my submission or vote, you can go to www.thegolfchannel.com and click on "Instructor" tab.



L to R: Derrick Garrou, Matt Stewart, Brett Heisler, David La Pour, Matt Lucchesi, Daryl Shipos, Logan Scott



TrackMan™ Tech Tip: *Hitting it further!*

Each newsletter will feature a technology tip from our TrackMan launch monitor library. Pictured below is the TrackMan launch monitor and Justin Padgen training the CRGA Professional Staff on how to use it. Here are some optimal statistics for hitting your driver further:



	CLUB SPEED		75 mph		85 mph		95 mph		105 mph
	BALL SPEED		111 mph		126 mph		141 mph		157 mph
	LAUNCH ANGLE		15.3 deg.		14 deg.		13.0 deg.		11.7 deg.
	SPIN RATE		1976 rpm		1964 rpm		1948 rpm		1810 rpm
	CARRY		156 yds.		189 yds.		223 yds.		254 yds.
	TOTAL DISTANCE		206 yds.		241 yds.		276 yds.		309 yds.

If you are interested in hitting your drive further, club fitting, golf club mapping (distances for each club), or combine skills tests, contact your Golf Academy instructor for an appointment today and change the way you look at golf!

Interested in a trip to Ireland in 2011?



Matt Stewart is working with Cork & Tee Travel, based out of Durham, NC who has put together a trip to the southwest coast of Ireland in the summer of 2011. The full trip itinerary will be finalized this fall and includes the best courses of the southwest coast of Ireland,

fly fishing excursions and whisky distillery tours. Please feel free to visit www.corkandtee.com for information or contact Matt at matts@colletonriverclub.com for more details.

CRGA Student Spotlight



Mary Jo Cubbin

The Colleton River Golf Academy would like to congratulate Mary Jo Cubbin as our Spotlight student. Mrs. Cubbin, the reigning fall Member/Member champion (Mrs. Brenner) has been a loyal Academy student who has diligently worked on her game.

We applaud her dedication and perseverance and wish her continued success!

COMING UP

CRGA SNEAK PEAK - OCTOBER, NOVEMBER, DECEMBER

Weekly CRGA Clinics: Lady Linksters every Thursday, 9:30am to 10:15am, \$10. CRGA Friday Clinic 11:00am at the Nicklaus range \$25. Check weekly e-mail blast or golf calendar for clinic subject.

- October 2nd** CRGA Practice Day, 1:00pm to 4:00pm, Nicklaus Range \$0.
- October 13th** CRGA Special Clinic "Playing Lesson with the Pro," 9:00am to 12:00pm, Nicklaus \$95.
- October 23rd** CRGA Demo Day, 11:00am to 4:00pm, Nicklaus Range \$0
- October 27th** CRGA Special Clinic "Green Reading," 9:00am to 12:00pm, Nicklaus Green \$95
- November 6th** CRGA Practice Day, 1:00pm to 4:00pm, Nicklaus Range \$0
- November 10th** CRGA Special Clinic "Playing Lesson with the Pro," 9:00am to 12:00pm, Dye \$95.
- November 22nd – 24th** Junior Golf Camp, 10:30am to 12:00pm, Nicklaus Range \$25/day
- December 4th** CRGA Practice Day, 1:00pm to 4:00pm, Nicklaus Range \$0
- December 8th** CRGA Full Swing Golf School, 9:00am to 4:00pm, Nicklaus Range \$395
- December 14th** CRGA Winter Series 5:00pm – 7:00pm Nicklaus Clubhouse Subject: Putting \$50

Please note that CRGA Golf Schools, Clinics, and Seminars usually require seven day advanced registration.

Lesson fees: \$65 to \$100 per hour depending on instructor and certification.