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SHORT GAME

FULL SWING

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Winter Golf

Taken from: *The Playing Building Block of the Colleton River Golf Academy*

This winter is a great time to brush up on your golf game and work on adjustments that you may have put off during a busy golf season. Just because the grass on the courses become dormant doesn't mean you should (see tip below). The game of golf never seems to rest so in keeping with our vision of *operating the finest teaching program for a club community in the U.S.A.*, the Colleton River Golf Academy has created several ways to keep your game up to par. The Winter Series Seminar Program, based on the seven building blocks, is a great way to improve on your fundamentals and overall confidence with any aspect of the game. The nine week Skills Test Program (our version of Big Break) starting in March will again be offered in order to continue our goal of *creating a fun and productive learning experience for Members and their guests*. The CRGA Academy Day (offered the first Saturday of each month), weekly clinics such as the Lady Linksters, Ladies Only Clinic, Saturday Open Clinic, and our flagship CRGA Golf Schools are great ways to consistently work on your game. Our CRGA Certified Instructors are also available for private and group lessons all of which can be booked online on ForeTees.

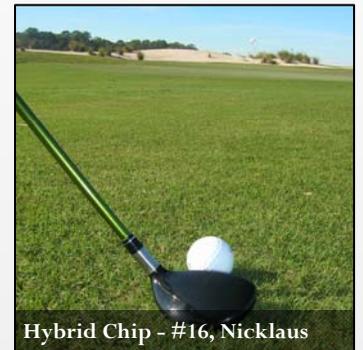
In our effort to help you "*Manage Your Golf Game*", we encourage you to continue to take advantage of these winter time instructional offerings so you will be ready for spring.

Adjust your golf game to the season you are in

During the winter or "grass dormant" time of year, the Colleton River Golf Academy suggests adjusting your golf game to suit the conditions. As the weather gets cooler and

the days become shorter, the grass on the course stops growing. Consequently, the rough is not as thick and the fairways are thin (also known as tight). The wiser player will recognize these conditions during the dormant season (Dec-Feb) and adjust their game accordingly. One of the suggestions we have is to chip with a hybrid club. Because there is not as much grass around the green, this chip shot,

played with a hybrid, can get you good results. We suggest using a club between 21 and 26 degrees, play the ball in the middle or slightly back in your stance, and stand close to the ball gripping down on the club. The motion is a



Hybrid Chip - #16, Nicklaus

one-turn back and a two-turn through using no wrists! This is a high percentage shot that will roll a lot so take some time practicing it and don't be afraid to land it short of the green and let it roll onto the green. If you need any assistance with this shot or other parts of your game, contact one of our CRGA Instructors. Good luck with it!

Colleton River Golf Academy students dominate fall tournaments

This fall we would like to congratulate both men and women Academy students for the success they experienced in the **Mixed Couples' Club Championship** (net & gross champs, top six finishes in flight 1 and top two finishes in flight 2), **Club Championship** (15 out of 19 flight winners and runners-up), and **Member-Member** tournament (overall champs and 24 out of 30 winners and runners-up). They all did a great job working on their golf games. On behalf of the Academy's Instructors, congratulations on your hard work and keep up the good work!

Lady Linksters on a roll

Following on the coattails of the Colleton River Women's Golf Association is the 9-holer ladies group called the Lady Linksters. Made up of golfers of all ability, the Linksters share the common desire of better golf and better friendships. The clinics, which run concurrently with the CRWGA on Thursday's from 9:30 to 10:15, are a great way get into the swing of things and have some fun. A 9-hole round is available after the clinic and lunch following if desired. Sign up by calling the Golf Shop or send David an e-mail at davidl@colletonriverclub.com to get on the mailing list.



(Picture left to right) Jeanie Larson, Elaine Buroker, Beverly Gackenbach, Merrelyn Rogers, David La Pour, Mary Falvo, Marilyn Vanderpool, Mieke Jongen, Joanne Smith, Samantha Boyd, Peggy Corey

Skills Test Week

The CRGA ran a successful string of nine different skills tests in the fall and will run the program again starting this spring (March). For those of you who missed out, the skills tests range from putting to full swing and last for one week. The winner each week gets a \$20 gift certificate in the Golf Shop. The goal is not only to have fun with your practice sessions but to improve on the specific skill of the week. If you need help with the skill shot be sure to ask an Academy Instructor. For more information pick up a skills test sheet in the Golf Shop and be sure to look for the "Skills Test" sign on the Nicklaus Range.



Skills Test Sign



Skills Test Scoring Rings

Coming up:

- ◇ January 12th Winter Series "The Short Game" – How to chip, pitch, and hit winner sand shots.
- ◇ January 19th Winter Series "Golf Fitness" – Physical fitness & full swing with TPI Certified Instructor, Matt Lucchesi.
- ◇ February 2nd Winter Series "The Full Swing" – The latest in golf instruction with David La Pour.
- ◇ February 10th CRGA Borland Short Game Golf School 9 am – 12 pm.
- ◇ February 16th Winter Series "Course Management and the Art of Golf" – Work on your mental game.
- ◇ March 2nd Winter Series Special Guest Speaker – TBA
- ◇ March 10th CRGA Full Swing Golf School 9 am – 4 pm.

CRGA Student Spotlight

Throughout the year, the Academy will occasionally get a new golfer—not new to Colleton River but new to the game of golf. George Schuster is one of these Members. Last spring, Dr. Schuster started his golfing journey and has become our spotlight student because of his desire to learn something new and his perseverance. After six months of weekly



Dr. George Schuster

lessons and practice he played with the Director of Instruction, David La Pour, on the Borland Course for the first time and shot a legitimate 35! Although score was not the main goal for Dr. Schuster, the pars that he had offset the "others" to make it a great experience. We applaud his dedication and perseverance in working on his golf game and welcome him to this great game of golf!