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## Central Casting

Tetherow shines in the spotlight in Central Oregon

**WITH HONORS**  
PNGA inducts four into Hall of Fame

**OREGON AMATEUR MILESTONE**  
Championship marks 100th occurrence

**TWO OF A KIND**  
Region's casinos jump into golf business

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## Far away....so close

With the state of the economy putting some long distance golf trips on hold, now might be a good time to rediscover some local Northwest gems.

So, here's a reminder of what can be found in our own backyard, and what can be found "out there" somewhere in a fantasy backyard.

Sometimes we just gotta go.

The par-4 18th hole at Crown Isle



### CROWN ISLE RESORT – mid-island jewel

*I remember the ferry ride over to Vancouver Island, and then a drive up the coastline on the east side of the island. It seemed I was far away from everything. Then the township of Courtenay, where I was to play in a golf tournament at the Crown Isle Resort golf course.*

*And the course itself – one of the players I was paired with in the event dropped about a 70-footer for eagle on the par-5 first hole, which gave me the rest of the round to sit back and enjoy the surroundings. And I did – the wilderness scenery, the terrific Graham Cooke design, the wildlife, all tucked under the shadows of the massive Comox Glacier and the Beaufort Mountains.*

*I was really taken aback by the beauty of the place – it was so unexpected, after driving up the somewhat empty highway, to find such a mature and challenging layout, and see a large and comfortable marquee clubhouse (complete with classic car museum and cognac room) with the resort's Villas all right there for easy accommodations.*

*I remember it as being all so....ideal. My score that day was not memorable – it was the overall experience of the course that has brought me back there many times.*

*Easy to get to, easy to get into. Visit it virtually, yes, at [www.crownisle.com](http://www.crownisle.com), but make sure you get there in person as well.*

– Editor



### VISTA VALLARTA CLUB DE GOLF – headin' south of the border

*And for something completely non-Pacific Northwest, it's tough to top Puerto Vallarta as a travel destination with golf clubs in tow.*

*With several airlines offering flights from our neck of the woods daily and numerous beachfront hotels fitting any budget, in just a matter of a few hours you can be sitting in a beach chair with sunscreen on your nose, cool drink in hand and watching the dramatic sunset over Banderas Bay.*

*Life in the fast lane screeches to a halt as the sun drops behind the horizon and gives the curvature of the Earth a soft amber glow. Ahh... just another day in paradise.*

*In addition to just soaking up the sun, you can snorkel, sport-fish, wander open-air markets in the old town, and sample gastronomical delights. Puerto Vallarta has become famous as a haven for internationally known chefs who chose to ply*

*their trade in a tranquil locale. Two restaurants are not to be missed – Los Xitomates and Café des Artistes.*

*For golfers, Vista Vallarta Club de Golf offers 36 holes of heaven in the foothills of the Sierra Madres. We're talking championship-style golf – the club hosted the 2002 World Cup of Golf as well as a Champions Tour event in 2006.*

*Two legends designed the respective signature eighteens – Jack Nicklaus and Tom Weiskopf. You can't go wrong on either one as both are gems offering high caliber golf as well as breathtaking views. Plus, from that higher vista the sunset over Banderas Bay is even more spectacular.*

*It's all better than good in Puerto Vallarta. It's paradise.*

*Visit it virtually at [www.vistavallartagolf.com](http://www.vistavallartagolf.com).*

– David Wood

## New event on Vancouver Island

The Inaugural Vancouver Island Golf Trail Open has been set for August 8 at Canada's newest Nicklaus course, the Valley course at the Westin Bear Mountain Resort. The tournament includes dinner and auction. The event will be a Two-Man Better-Ball format.

Some of the prizes feature the Re/Max Million Dollar Hole-in-One. Thirty-six people will have a shot at an \$85,000 Mercedes convertible. One lucky person will have a shot at \$1million. A Grand Prize will also be given away – a six-night six-round trip for two on the Vancouver Island Golf Trail.

Each year the tournament will move to various locations along the Vancouver Island Golf Trail. Proceeds of the event will go to Habitat for Humanity.

The entry is \$199 per player. Weekend packages with two nights accommodation, two rounds of golf (the tournament round and a round at Olympic View), and dinner on Saturday starts at \$399 per person.

Visit [www.golfvancouverisland.ca](http://www.golfvancouverisland.ca) or call 888-465-3239 to register.

### HASTIE NOW AT VICTORIA'S HIGHLAND PACIFIC

Victoria's newest public golf facility, Highland Pacific Golf, has appointed Doug Hastie as Director of Golf/General Manager.

Hastie was selected

Teacher of the Year by the BCPGA for 2007, and served as Head Pro at Point Roberts G&CC and Westwood Plateau Academy, and was the youngest Head Pro in Canada at the National Golf Club of Canada.



### SMITH MOVES TO FAIRMONT HOT SPRINGS

Fairmont Hot Springs Resort, located in the Kootenays in southeastern BC, has signed Peter Smith as their new director of golf operations. He will be responsible for golf operations at Fairmont's two championship courses, Mountainside and Riverside Golf Courses, and its nine-hole Creekside Golf Course.

"I'm very happy to have the opportunity to stay in the Columbia Valley," Smith says.

For the last 10 years he has been director of golf for Greywolf at Panorama and has also been the head professional and managed The Springs Golf and Country Club in Radium, B.C. He was named Golf Professional of the Year by the BCPGA in 2005.



## 2009 BCGA CHAMPIONSHIP COURSES



BC Men's Mid-Amateur, June 9-11  
ROSSLAND TRAIL CC, TRAIL, BRITISH COLUMBIA



BC Women's Amateur & Mid-Amateur, June 30 – July 3  
CANOE CREEK GC, SALMON ARM, BRITISH COLUMBIA

