



# “On Course with the DJGA”

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## News from the DJGA...

As the end of the 2013 golf season approaches there will be plenty of opportunities to help keep your golf game sharp for the upcoming 2014 season! Fore Seasons Center offers a year round facility that allows you to hit golf balls, with everything from your pitching wedge to your driver! With a ‘NEW’ short game challenge offered with three different target flags that range from 25 to 70 yards this is also a great opportunity to sharpening your short game! The facility also offers a putting green with 18 holes to keep your putter hot, going into next year. Come on out and experience the Fore Seasons Center and all it has to offer.

Also new for the 2014 DJGA and WDJT tournaments is that all Juniors must have a USGA Handicap in order to participate. As Juniors, 17 and under they are offered for FREE! To learn more about how to get your junior registered for one, please email me at [mikeherzog@pga.com](mailto:mikeherzog@pga.com).

Fairways and Birdies,  
Michael Herzog, PGA  
DJGA & WDJT Tournament Coordinator.

## DJGA James Maher Scholarship Winner!

Congratulation to Rachel Jahner, of Dickinson, ND for becoming the first recipient of the James Maher Memorial Scholarship. Rachel will be awarded \$1,000 to a college of here choice. Congratulations Rachel!

Visit [www.djga.org/james-maher-memorial-golf-tournament](http://www.djga.org/james-maher-memorial-golf-tournament) to learn more about the life of James Maher.

## What’s in the BAG...

Ever wonder what’s in a PGA/LPGA Tour players golf bag? Some carry multiple drivers, four wedges and even two putters. Did you know that the USGA recommends that you carry no more then 14 clubs in your golf bag. If you wanted to play with 14 putters you could!

Go to <http://www.golfdigest.com/golf-equipment/whats-in-my-bag> to see what's in these current players bag!



## DJGA Course of the Month

Congrats to Bev Cross for naming correctly the Course of the Month for October. The course and the hole was #5 at Hawktree Golf Club.

Can you name the course and the hole for November? Send your answer to our Facebook Page and the winner will be announced in the December issue of the DJGA Newsletter.



## The experimental nature of golf

Tim Doppler, Golf Professional - Riverwood Golf Course

Over the past two decades of teaching golf to a wide variety of players, I have seen some very interesting theories and experiments that people have come to lessons trying to validate. One of the more prevalent has been the position of the golf ball in their stance. If we look at where the golf ball is being played by the majority of tour professionals on a flat lie with a normal golf shot being played, we would see the golf ball’s position forward of their center line (belt buckle) by at least one inch and greater. It is true! Hall of Famer, Greg Norman played the golf ball off of his left heel with every full swing club in his bag. Tiger Woods – 80 PGA Tour victories – plays the golf ball forward from the pitching wedge – under his left eye – to the driver – directly on the left heel a distance of 2 inches maximum. The position of the golf ball relative to your front foot and back foot has a tremendous impact on the way you will move your body and how the club face works into impact with the ball.

As you take your golf game into the 4-Seasons Golf Dome at Pebble Creek, take a look in one of the teaching mirrors and check your golf ball position in your stance. The two biggest reasons for a ‘more forward’ golf ball position are: 1. To allow the clubface more time and space to move into impact at a square angle to the target line. 2. To allow the body to unwind on a very centered rotational axis that has been initiated by the lower body rotating first in the forward swing (downswing).

If you give it a try and find yourself pulling the golf ball to the left (for right handed players) you have to continue to rotate your lower body fully through the golf swing to keep the club on the proper path through impact. Golf ball position is not something that should change drastically through a round of golf or throughout a season. It is one of the absolutes that must be managed in a very consistent and repetitive manner. Too many players will begin to experiment and find themselves in other worlds of movement and swing issues that stem from the simpler ones such as the position of the golf ball.

## A peak into the December’s issue...

- ...Golf Tip from Jordan Berglund
- ...DJGA Dome Tour schedule
- ...2014 Coupon book news

