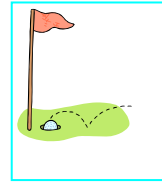


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TO: Potential MHS golf team players

RE: Summer golf opportunities – 2011

I have received many calls and email requesting recommendations for summer golf preparation before the high school season start August 8, 2011.

Tryouts will be August 8-9. First tournament is Aug 11th.

The following is information I have collected regarding what I believe can have a good effect during the summer for preparations for high school tryouts.

1. I do recommend that any new players (especially 9th graders) wanting to make the team, as well as veteran players participate in at least 2-3 summer tournaments. My goal is that players be involved in a competitive experience similar to what they will see if on the high school team. It provides excellent training and practicing for the management of the players' game, the mental game.

The Boulder County Optimist Junior Golf Challenge Tournament , Monday, May 6th at Ute Creek Golf Course – 8:00 AM - \$ 45 – High school ages 14-15 and 16-18 brackets. (Sign up form attached)

Colorado Junior Golf Association provides many tournaments throughout the summer, prices ranging fro \$ 45 - \$95 per tournament and by age groups. Check out www.cogolf.org/junior for more information.

2. Practice - Short game, short game, short game... Player who chip and putt 90-120 minutes a week on their short game lower their scores significantly when tryouts take place. Range is good, play is for fun. The player will use their short game clubs and putters 75% more than their drivers. This is the least expensive as players just need to chip in the back yard or go to course with a their own bucket of balls and work for 45 minutes at a time, 2-3 times per week.

3. **Lessons:** I do not endorse any program or swing instructor, but will share with you where former and current players have made successful improvements. Individual or group lessons help the true beginner as well as veteran players to learn the proper set up, grip, and swing style best suited for them.

Alternatives for Lesson/Clinics:

1. **Coal Creek Golf Course, Louisville:** offers junior individual lessons for \$70 per hour which can be split into 2 one-half hour lessons. They are Also open to group lessons. Contact David Clifton – 303-666-7888 or Perry Holmes, their PGA teaching professional (who may have a higher rate).
1. **Omni Interlocken Golf Club, Broomfield:** offers the PGA Tour Academy Junior Golf Camps with several different camp dates and prices. Full Day camps for a week are \$ 595, ½ day camps are \$ 295. Check this out at www.touracademycamps.com or call 877-611-1911 for more information.
3. **Leonard’s Golf – Erie:** This is an indoor instructional facility with video equipment and indoor nets. Many programs with prices that range from \$ 75-\$90 per individual lessons and semi-private lessons (2 or more) are \$35 per. Contact: 303-828-1400.
4. **Gold Crown Golf Association, Broomfield Eagle Trace:** This group offers a wide variety of golf tournaments, clinics, and lessons at their various sites. Check out www.goldcrownfoundation.com or call 303-463-6743, ask for Tom White or Brad Neher.

I hope this information can help parents help their players prepare for their high school golf experience. High School golf is very competitive and all players participate in tryouts and are of course compared to one another. Making the teams is far more than scoring, as knowledge of the game, golf etiquette, rules knowledge, learned skills, and potential ability are all taken into consideration before cuts are made. Again, players must attend tryouts Monday-Tuesday, August 8-9, 2011.

I am looking forward to meeting new and returning players at tryouts next school year.

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