

# WSU's Palouse Ridge offers game day golf packages

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Golf and football on the same day? It doesn't get any better than that.

Palouse Ridge, the heralded new championship golf course on the Washington State University campus is offering Cougar Football game day packages to kick off its fall debut to the public. The golf course celebrated



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WSU's Palouse Ridge opened Labor Day weekend.

a formal grand opening over Labor Day weekend in Pullman.

Cougar football fans can now enjoy a round of golf in the morning, followed by a short walk across campus to newly renovated Martin Stadium to take in an afternoon game. On home game days, Palouse Ridge will host an 8 a.m. shotgun start. The \$119 golf package includes an 18 hole round, power cart, a sleeve of Palouse Ridge logoed Nike golf balls, bag tag and towel, plus lunch provided by the new clubhouse restaurant, Banyan's on the Ridge. WSU Alumni Association members can participate at a \$109 fee.

Designed by renowned Tacoma golf architect John Harbottle, Palouse Ridge is already garnering rave reviews from golf media members. Many consider Palouse Ridge to be equal to Harbottle's other famous area design, the Gold Mountain Olympic View course in Bremerton. Numerous Harbottle projects have made the top ten lists of "Best New U.S. Courses" in recent years. "I'd definitely place Palouse Ridge among the top five public golf courses in the state," notes Tom Cade, editor of *Pacific Northwest Golfer* magazine.

The 7,305-yard layout boasts five sets of tee boxes on each hole to accommodate the high handicapper and challenge the best of players. Standardized USGA course ratings announced just last week designated a 75.9 to par rating with a slope of 140, which makes the track among the most difficult in the state from the back (crimson) tees. The regular (grey) tees have the course at 6,172 yards with rating/slope at 70.2/126. The golf course is nestled on an expansive 315-acre parcel of land that takes advantage of the gorgeous rolling hills views of the Palouse. A new 7,000 square-foot clubhouse and Banyan's Restaurant are perched at the crest of the property with panoramic perspectives of both the WSU campus and the surrounding natural rural landscape.

Game day golf packages are set for Sept. 6 (WSU vs. Cal), Sept. 20 (WSU vs. Portland State), Sept. 27 (WSU vs. Oregon), Oct. 18 (WSU vs. USC), and Nov. 8 (WSU vs. Arizona). Weather permitting, the WSU vs. UW Apple Cup match up, Nov. 22, could be added. Space is limited, sign up early. Contact Palouse Ridge at (509) 335-4342 for further information or visit [www.palouseridge.com](http://www.palouseridge.com).