

# TEE FOR TUESDAY

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## Richdale turns in career-best result

Kelowna's Samantha Richdale shot a 1-over par 73 on Sunday to finish tied for 17th at the Jalapeno Duramed Futures Classic in McAllen, Texas.



Richdale

She started the 54-hole tournament with an even-par 72 and followed that with an impressive 4-under 68 on Saturday that left her six strokes off the lead. After two birdies on her first three holes in the final round, Richdale

was saddled with a double-bogey on No. 4, a 370-yard par 4.

It was an up-and-down final round, with five birdies, four bogeys and that double. Richdale ended the event 3 under, or 15 strokes off the pace set by American Vicky Hurst at 18-under 198 at Palm View Golf Course.

But the result was a career-best finish for the 23-year-old Richdale, an Illinois State University graduate. She earned US\$716 and, after four events, is 35th on the money list with \$2,529. The next stop on the Duramed Futures Tour is the El Paso Golf Classic starting on Friday.

## Phil Harison was there since the beginning

AUGUSTA, Ga. — Phil Harison, who introduced everyone from Ben Hogan to Jack Nicklaus to Tiger Woods during his 60 years as the starter on the first tee of the Masters, has died. He was 82.

He died Sunday of natural causes, Augusta National Golf Club said.

Harison was one of two people to attend every Masters since it began in 1934, and he became a familiar voice to

# To be, or Tobiano



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Elevation changes are obvious in an aerial view of the front nine, above, at Tobiano near Kamloops. Designer Thomas McBroom calls the first hole, below left, a "relatively gentle" 576-yard par 5. The fourth, middle below, is "maybe the most unique" hole McBroom has done. The Par-3 No. 12 offers a bail-out area.



## Kamloops ups the ante with help from designer Thomas McBroom

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Ask any veterinarian what tobiano means, and he'll tell you it's the colour pattern seen on "painted" horses of the American southwest.

Ask any golfer what Tobiano means, and she'll tell you it's the latest course designed to inspire, awe and frighten you — all at the same time — in the Thompson-Okanagan.

"I've said it many times, but Tobiano has to be the best site that I've seen in terms of that beauty and that drama," designer Thomas McBroom says. "With the mountains in the background and Kamloops Lake and the fissured landscape, it is literally as good as it gets."

Located 20 minutes west of downtown Kamloops, Tobiano's "soft opening" last year created something of a buzz in B.C.

### IF YOU GO ...

**Location:** 20 minutes west of Kamloops on the Trans Canada Highway  
**Phone:** 1-877-373-2218  
**E-mail:** info@tobiano.com  
**On the web:** www.tobianogolf.com  
**Green fees:** Peak season runs May 10 to Oct. 3. Book outside 7 days: \$180. Book inside 7 days: \$110. Same day/walk on: \$90. Twilight: \$80.  
**Yardage:** Four sets of tees (7,328, 6,835, 6,241, 5,289). Par-72.  
**What's to know:** After a soft opening last year, the Thomas McBroom design is now fully playable.

The public track is now fully operational, with construction all around.

When completed, the 18,000-acre site at Six Mile Ranch is expected to include 600 lakeview lots, 500 condos and 450 hotel rooms. Then you can add a 100-slip marina, 2.5-kilometres of boardwalk and an equestrian centre with access to 17,000 acres of back-country.

Lots are expected to range anywhere from \$250,000 to \$550,000, and you can learn more at tobianoliving.com.

There's plans for a beach and retail space, too, but the course will remain the focus.

It seems McBroom has simply gone through the ranching country (with 200 head of cattle still wandering near the course) and placed tee boxes and greens along the tops of hoodoos and in the sides of hills.

It has a rugged feel with strong winds blasting between the hillsides and along Kamloops Lake. But, at the same time, it's a resort course and four tee boxes reflect that. From the far tees (black, or iron) to the fronts (sage, or green), the course is manageable for beginners and challenging for seasoned players.

You just have to really think about what you're doing. There's no water on the course, but gullies will swallow an errant drive just as easily. It's all about elevation, so don't expect to walk. The GPS carts provided with your \$130 round help you navigate.

"It's very, very powerful. There is no place like it in Canada," says McBroom. "I don't know where you would find someplace so strong."

Here's highlights from the back tee:  
**No. 1: 576-yard par 5**

An open landing area is surrounded by gullies on the left and fescue on the right.

**No. 4: 505-yard par 4**

Give your driver a chance to prove itself with a long shot up the left side. A plateau green awaits your second.

**No. 7: 189-yard par 3**

As close to an "island green" as you can get in the badlands. The green is perched alone in a fissured gully.

**No. 8: 585-yard par 5**

A stunning hole from the box. You have to carry about 180 yards off the tee over a huge gully.

**No. 11: 419-yard par 4**

Avoid the bunkers along the right and set yourself up for an important second shot over a small gully.

**No. 16: 563-yard par 5**

After getting beat up on the other long holes, this is downhill and reachable in two (for some of you, anyway).

**No. 17: 178-yard par 3**

Yet another gully to carry, but a fun hole to play. Lots of bunkers and a swirling wind guard the green.