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Women's Golf



**GEORGE FOX
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**WOMEN'S GOLF
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Head Coach MaryJo McCloskey

Enthusiasm, Experience, and Excellence characterize Bruins' second year coach

Only three days after the spring 2006 announcement that it had added women's golf to its intercollegiate athletics program, George Fox University hired its first coach, MaryJo McCloskey, who had been the head coach of the Lewis & Clark women's golf program for eight years.

McCloskey's Pioneer teams placed second in the Northwest Conference championships for three consecutive seasons from 2003-05, missing the 2005 title by only seven strokes. Under her guidance, the Pioneers produced one NWC individual champion, two Fall Classic individual champions, one Academic All-American, and numerous All-Conference players. In 2002, she coached the NCAA Division III Freshman of the Year. She also has served for several years on the NCAA Division III Women's Golf Championship selection committee.

After playing four years of high school golf at St. Mary's Academy in Portland, she played in the collegiate ranks at the University of Oregon. She joined Lewis & Clark as an assistant golf coach in 1996, becoming head coach the following year.

McCloskey maintains a single-digit handicap, is a two-time club champion ('03 and '04) at The Oregon Golf Club in West Linn, and has competed in several amateur tournaments in the Pacific

Northwest, including the Oregon Amateur, the Oregon Coast Invitational, and the Pacific Northwest Amateur. She serves on the board of directors for the Children's Course, a non-profit golf course affiliated with the First Tee program, dedicated to providing golfing opportunities for underprivileged youth. She also worked for Peter Jacobsen's Fred Meyer Challenge golfing event for 12 years.

McCloskey has a bachelor's degree in marketing from the University of Oregon, and an MBA from the University of Portland. In addition to coaching, she works as a consultant in marketing, primarily helping small businesses with image development and printed materials for their customers, sales and advertising strategies, identifying target markets, and public relations. She and her husband Rick, also an avid golfer, reside in Tualatin.

"I'm very excited about the tremendous opportunity to build a women's golf program at George Fox," says McCloskey. "I believe golf

teaches many life skills, and it will be rewarding to combine it with the values that George Fox upholds and provide women student-athletes the chance to play and compete."



"We were pleased to be able to start our new women's golf program by bringing in a coach with the credentials of MaryJo," says George Fox Director of Athletics Craig Taylor. "We expect a bright future for the program here because of a person of her caliber."

The women's golf program was the first new sport at George Fox since men's and women's tennis were introduced in 1996. The team is in its second year, competing in the Northwest Conference and the NCAA Division III, with the two-year-old Chehalem Glenn Golf Course in Newberg as its home course.

Win with Integrity and Dream Big

by MaryJo McCloskey

Golf is often referred to as a "metaphor of life." Every day on the golf course is different – and golf, like life, requires integrity, discipline, maturity, courage, commitment, patience, compassion, a sense of humor, respect, decision-making skills, sportsmanship, visualization, risk taking, and more. You learn and practice life skills each time you step up to the tee.

My philosophy as the head women's golf coach is not only to help student-athletes learn how to play great golf at the collegiate level but also to help each of them understand their strengths and weaknesses to prepare them for life after college.

My job, as coach, is to see my student-athletes grow and develop as outstanding individuals both on and off the golf course.

Our golf program is built on three key concepts:

Integrity

Integrity is what makes the game of golf so great. Golf is a game of "honor." Integrity, honesty, and sportsmanship play an integral role in golf. We call our own "fouls" and help our opponents avoid them. We are not interested in winning if we cannot win within the rules and in a fair manner. As we strive to reach our goals on the course, integrity helps develop character and respect.

The famous professional golfer, Bobby Jones, explained it best when he said, "When you cheat in golf, the only person you're cheating is yourself." In golf, integrity is calling a penalty on yourself when it's warranted. We can't erase certain strokes just because we don't like the outcome. When you build integrity, it carries over into every aspect of your life. Calling a penalty on yourself in the real world is acknowledging when your actions are wrong and taking steps to correct them.

A famous sportswriter said, "When the one great scorer comes to mark by your name, he will mark not if you won or lost but how you played the game." This applies to all aspects of players' lives, and at the end of the day, it's not the score that counts – it's integrity and character that wins.

Passion and Commitment

Golf takes patience and hard work, and you must have passion for the game in order to play for our program. Golf takes a lot of self-motivation and dedication, so playing for the wrong reasons (for parents, for resume purposes, etc.) never works. Juggling athletics and academics can be overwhelming sometimes, but if the commitment is there, you can do both – and you can do both well. As a coach, I am committed to the golf program and to giving my best effort for each of our golf student-

athletes at GFU. What I ask and expect of our team members is that same type of commitment.

Relationships

In most arenas, golf is an individual sport. However, our George Fox program emphasizes "team" and not any one individual. Individuals will have significant opportunities for recognition, but the most important aspect is how team members encourage and support one another.

Overall, my goal as coach is to help my student-athletes have a positive and memorable athletic experience. Years from now, I want my players to look back and say, "I'm so glad I played collegiate golf. I know the lessons I learned on the course have helped me become a better person. I learned so much about myself, I built new relationships, and I had a great time. Those are memories that will last a lifetime."

My favorite passage that sums up what our program is about is from Ephesians 3:20: "Now glory be to God, who by his mighty power of work within us is able to do far more than we would ever dare to ask or even dream of – infinitely beyond our highest prayers, desires, thoughts or hopes."

With a program built on integrity, passion, commitment, and teamwork, all things are possible as we move forward.

Excellence in Academics and Athletics

The Northwest Conference and NCAA Division III Experience

National Collegiate Athletic Association Division III

Colleges and universities in the National Collegiate Athletic Association (NCAA) Division III place their highest priority on the overall quality of the educational experience and on the successful completion of all students' academic programs.



Division III institutions seek to establish and maintain an environment in which a student-athlete's athletics activities are conducted as an integral part of their educational experience.

Division III consists of more than 400 institutions, making it the largest division in the NCAA. All Division III institutions award no athletically related financial aid to any students. Division III sponsors 13 national championships in men's sports, 14 in women's, and eight national collegiate championships that are combined with other divisions.

George Fox University has been a member of the NCAA since 1995 when – along with the other institutions in the Northwest Conference – it elected to transfer its membership from the National Association of Intercollegiate Athletics (NAIA).



The Northwest Conference

The nine colleges and universities in the Northwest Conference are known for their academics and athletics.

The conference is building a reputation as one of the most competitive NCAA Division III alliances in the country. In the academic arena, every Northwest Conference institution has been ranked by *U.S. News & World Report* as a top-tier school in its category.

Formed in 1926, the conference is one of the oldest athletic alliances in the western United States. Its nine members are all private colleges or universities located in Oregon or Washington.

George Fox left the Cascade Collegiate Conference to join the Northwest Conference in 1995,

shortly before the Northwest Conference shifted national affiliation from the NAIA to the NCAA.

Leaving behind years of success at the NAIA level, the conference embraced the move as one that would foster equity, sportsmanship, and genuine concern for the student-athlete in all endeavors of competition.



- George Fox University, Newberg, Ore.
- Lewis & Clark College, Portland, Ore.
- Linfield College, McMinnville, Ore.
- Pacific University, Forest Grove, Ore.
- Pacific Lutheran University, Tacoma, Wash.
- University of Puget Sound, Tacoma, Wash.
- Whitman College, Walla Walla, Wash.
- Whitworth College, Spokane, Wash.
- Willamette University, Salem, Ore.

George Fox University

A matter of mind and spirit

George Fox University is a Christian university of the humanities, sciences, and professional studies. Nearly 3,200 students – including 1,600 traditional undergraduates – attend classes at the Newberg campus and at teaching

study tour led by professors. Past trips have gone to every continent but Antarctica.

George Fox University was established in 1885 by Quaker settlers as Friends Pacific Academy. Herbert Hoover, the 31st president of the United States, attended the academy

before it became a college in 1891. The George Fox name honors the founder of the Friends (Quaker) church.

George Fox offers bachelor's degrees in more than 40 majors, degree-completion programs for working adults, a seminary, and 16 master's and doctoral degrees.



sites in Oregon and Idaho. The George Fox faculty includes a former U.S. Senator, the 2000 Oregon Professor of the Year, and three Fulbright Scholars.

With a student-to-faculty ratio of 12-to-1, George Fox offers personal attention to each student. Every incoming freshman is provided a laptop computer to use and keep upon graduation. Students also can take advantage of the university's study-abroad program. George Fox pays transportation costs for a three-week overseas



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CHEHALEM GLENN GOLF COURSE

Chehalem Glenn Golf Course in Newberg, Ore., which opened in the summer of 2005, is the home course of George Fox University's newest athletic programs – women's golf, which began play in the fall of 2006, and men's golf, which begins in 2007.

Under the supervision of the Chehalem Parks and Recreation District, Chehalem Glenn was a project 13 years in its planning and production. The course is located five minutes from campus at the foot of Parrett Mountain and features an 18-hole, par 72, 5,800-yard course (the second nine opened in August 2007). There is also a large practice range facility, and a new chipping and pitching practice area will be opening in spring 2008. Long-range plans call for an additional nine holes.

Chehalem Glenn offers beautiful vistas of Parrett Mountain to the east and Mt. Chehalem to the north. The course features gently rolling hills and spacious fairways with challenging sand traps and extensive wetlands that cross or border several holes.

In addition to Chehalem Glenn, the teams have access to a full-service, covered and lighted driving range, Tualatin Island Greens, which is located 15 minutes away.

The first college tournament held at Chehalem Glenn was the George Fox Women's Invitational on Oct. 1, 2006.

INTERCOLLEGIATE ATHLETICS

are an important part of George Fox University, home to one of the Northwest's most successful small-college sports programs. Winning programs, of course, are accompanied by a proper balance between academics and athletics. At George Fox University, student-athletes compete for conference and national titles at a Christ-centered university where professors and coaches help them grow in mind, body, and spirit. Intercollegiate athletics competition provides for practical application of what is learned in the classroom and at practice.



THE UNIVERSITY fields teams in 15 varsity sports, eight for women (golf, volleyball, soccer, cross country, basketball, softball, tennis, and track and field) and seven for men (soccer, cross country, basketball, baseball, golf, tennis, and track and field). More than 15 percent of George Fox's traditional undergraduate students participate in these sports. Their records over the years serve as shining testimonies to the administration's conviction that an institution can play for the glory of God, follow the rules and ethics of its governing organizations, and be successful on the fields and courts of competition at the same time.

At George Fox, the values of athletics are integrated with the goals of Christian higher education in a process that includes:

- Physical conditioning
- Managing emotions
- Courage
- Teamwork
- Cooperation
- Graciousness in winning and losing



Consider the growing legacy:

- George Fox has earned national, district, or conference titles 21 times during the last decade.
- George Fox athletes have earned more than 300 All-America and All-America Scholar-Athlete honors.
- Seven of the 13 coaches on staff have been named Coach of the Year at various levels a total of 27 times.
- George Fox coaches have held their positions for an average of 10 years, and together have accumulated more than 1,500 collegiate wins.