



## My Tournament Results

### *US Open Local Qualifying*

77 6 over par  
Did not advance

### *Washington Open*

74-73-74 8 over par  
T 29th place

### *TaylorMade TP Classic*

74 2 over par  
T 10th

### *Oregon Open*

70-75-70 1 under par  
T 14th

### *PGA Professional National Championship*

76-75 8 over par  
Missed the cut

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## The Golf Fix

I was fortunate to be asked, by the PGA of America, to be a part of the television show "The Golf Fix" on Golf Channel at the PGA Professional National Championship. The show is hosted by Michael Breed, a PGA Professional from New York. His show is very popular and I often hear students ask my opinion on something they have heard on The Golf Fix.

Our taping was filmed on Sunday of tournament week prior to the Monday airing. I was asked to talk about hybrids...when to put them in your bag, why to put them in your bag, and how to hit them.

It was very easy to be a guest on the show as Michael makes it comfortable and walks you

Below is a picture of me "on set" with Michael Breed, host of The Golf Fix on Golf Channel.



through the various talking points. As you may know, Michael is quite energetic, and he actually had me talking more than I expected. It was a fun few minutes being a part of the show and if you missed the show, watch for a clip to be added to the Pro Golf Discount website soon.

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### **Teaching Hours at Pro Golf Discount**

Monday	OFF
Tuesday	11:00 — 7:00
Wednesday	11:00 — 7:00
Thursday	12:00 — 9:00
Friday	11:00 — 7:00
Saturday	9:00 — 3:00
Sunday	OFF

In this picture, Michael and I are talking about hybrids, why to hit them and how to hit them.



## My Upcoming Tournament Schedule

- July 15-17, 2011  
Rosauers Open  
Indian Canyon GC  
Spokane, WA
- August 22-24, 2011  
Northwest Open  
Wine Valley GC  
Walla Walla, WA
- September 20-22, 2011  
PNW PGA Section  
Championship  
Illahe Hills CC,  
Salem, OR

## Golf Instruction Tip:

On The Golf Fix episode I talked about why to have a hybrid and then how to hit them. I will recap that discussion.

First, hybrids are a GREAT replacement club for a "hard to hit" long iron. (3, 4, & 5 irons) You can also replace a fairway wood if the lofts are similar.

## How to hit Hybrids

If you replace a long iron, you want to swing the hybrid just as you would an iron in your bag. The ball position, forward shaft lean, and overall setup are all the same as your irons. The strike or impact should be similar to an iron when using a hybrid to replace an iron. Make sure you strike down on the

ball with forward shaft lean and you want to see a slight divot similar to your irons.

If the hybrid replaces a fairway wood, it should be played as such...more forward ball position, less forward shaft lean. The impact should be more a sweeping motion just like your fairway woods.