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Shackamaxon Pro Discusses Techniques for Good Chipping

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When it comes to scoring on days that you don't have your "A" game, your chipping is extremely important. There is a way to hit three different chip shots with one type of technique. The clubs you will need are your 7-iron, pitching wedge and sand wedge.

The way to execute these shots is simple. It is very important you set up to the shot correctly. Try to set up to the golf ball as if you were going to putt. This means that you should have your eyes over the ball and the shaft of the club is almost vertical. If this is difficult because of the length of the club, choke down on the grip. After you are comfortable in your setup, shift your weight to your left side. Now make your putting stroke. As you swing the club your weight should stay on your left side, this will enable you to brush the grass around your golf ball. Brushing the grass around your golf ball will make it go into the

air and not be skulled over the green.

Finally, this type of shot should be used from a good lie not when the ball is in the thick rough. Also, once you have practiced this shot, experiment with the different clubs. With the 7-iron, the ball will not be in the air for a long time but it will roll quite a bit. With the pitching wedge, the ball will be in the air as much as it will roll on the ground. And with the sand wedge, the ball will be in the air for a long time and will not roll much. These shots could be used in different situations, giving you more than one option when it comes to chipping.

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WTA Men's Singles Tennis Ladder Told:

The WTA Men's Singles Tennis Ladder season will get under way on May 1. Last year's playoff winners were Gary Wasserman in the A division and Alejandro Vollbrechthausen in the B division. The match requirement for playoff qualification has been lowered to five this year due to the renovations at Tamaques Park.

Any questions can be e-mailed to Richard Pardo, ladder coordinator, at rspardo531@msn.com. Applications can be found at the WTA website <http://westfieldnj.com/wta/index.html> and can be mailed, along with membership dues, to the Westfield Tennis Association P.O. Box 125, Westfield NJ 07091.

- 2004 Final Standings:**
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|----------------------|--------------------------------|
| 1. Robert Errazo | 19. A. Cohen |
| 2. Gary Wasserman | 20. Andrew Ross |
| 3. Mike Gonnella | 21. David Fero |
| 4. Tuyen Diep | 22. Q. Kapadia |
| 5. Rich Pardo | 23. Steve Kreutzer |
| 6. Jon Eisenberg | 24. Mike McCrea |
| 7. Weldon Chin | 25. Jon Walker |
| 8. Melvin Diep | B. Anderson* |
| 9. Paul Moum | Tom Bigosinski* |
| 10. Vollbrechthausen | Vince Camuto* |
| 11. Michael McGlynn | Chris Conley* |
| 12. Steve Satkin | Joe Donnolo* |
| 13. Stuart Gruskin | Adam Krell* |
| 14. Michael Manders | Ethan Krell* |
| 15. Alex Winnicker | Jeremy Krell* |
| 16. Chris Wendel | Todd Krell* |
| 17. Ross Errazo | Steve Parker* |
| 18. Michel Morin | Dewey Rainville* |
| | * Denotes new members for 2005 |

WTA Men's Masters Singles Ladder Told:

The standings of the Westfield Tennis Association Men's Masters singles at the start of this season are listed based mainly on end of year standings from last year. The ladder season starts on May 1 with the first reporting period ending May 22. The ladder coordinator is Mike McGlynn and matches should be reported to mike987654@comcast.net or to Mike by phone.

Don Dohm will be out to defend his championship from the 2004 season. Court time will be a problem this year due to the work being done to renovate the Tamaques courts, which has half of the public courts in town.

1. Don Dohm
2. Chris Wendel
3. Mike McGlynn
4. Bob Kolesik
5. Hank Koehler
6. Joe Donnolo
7. Jon Eisenberg
8. Dewey Rainville
9. Len Cereface
10. John Dalton
11. George Sincov
12. David Armstrong
13. Henry Williams

WF Gymnasts to Compete At Jr. Olympic Nationals

Westfield High School senior John Sawicki will be traveling to Houston, Tex., for the Men's Junior Olympic Gymnastics competition on May 3-7. Other Westfield qualifiers were juniors Thomas O'Brien and Mark Boyle and sophomores Mike Freundlich, Aaron Zavaro and Eric Brandman. Level 9 competitors Andrew Gialanella and Paul Rizkalla, Jr. from Sargent's Elite Gymnastics in Westfield qualified for their first Nationals.

All the boys qualified for Nationals by scoring at least a minimum all-around of 42 at the Region 7 competition held at West Point on April 8-9. Sawicki's all-around was 50.05. The boys compete on all six events: floor, pommel horse, rings, high bar, parallel bars and vault.

Sawicki began gymnastics at the age of five and has qualified for six Junior Olympics. In March, Sawicki, the 2000 state champ on rings, placed third all-around in the state tournament and tied for first on high bar. He has also been honored at Nationals as an Academic All American for three years.

Sawicki, who will attend the University of Michigan in the fall, said, "Gymnastics has been such a big part of my life for so long I want to continue in college. This sport has helped me develop discipline and determination."

O'Brien placed second in the states behind Ralph Rosso of Morganville who won USA's in 2003.

WTA Membership Registration Available

The Westfield Tennis Association extends an invitation to all residents to apply for 2005 membership. Membership offers players tennis lessons, tennis ladders (ladies' and men's singles and doubles, mixed doubles etc.), and bi-annual socials as well as other activities.

An application form can be downloaded from the website: www.westfieldnj.com/wta. The cost of membership is \$20 and the form with a check made payable to WTA should be mailed to: WTA, P.O. Box 125, Westfield, NJ 07091. Tennis ladder competition begins May 1 and continues through Labor Day with standings published every two weeks in The Westfield Leader and weekly on the WTA website.

WTA Women's Double Tennis Ladder Told:

The WTA's season begins May 1. If you are interested in joining the Women's Doubles ladder, please e-mail: kdmedia@webtv.net

- 2004 FINAL RESULTS:**
1. Bender/Abramowitz
 2. Purdy/Hewett
 3. Morin/Vollbrechthausen
 4. Galasso-Perez-Santalla
 5. Goberger/Wirtshafter
 6. Sotung/Weisman
 7. Erlich/Lupescu
 8. Zoidis/Fraser
 9. Day/Kacmarsky
 10. Jacabello/Brotman
 11. Fleder/Healey
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HEADING TO NATIONALS...John Sawicki, a Westfield High School senior will be traveling to Houston, Texas, for the Men's Junior Olympic Gymnastics competition on May 3-7.



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