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PGA professional Tam Bronkey, left, conducts a lesson with Rolf Armstrong at Bend Golf Club.

# Upping your game

*Area professionals offer tips to help you improve on the golf course*

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**A**sk any of Central Oregon's seasoned professionals or golf course employees and they will tell you they are thrilled by the number of new faces they are seeing on a day-to-day basis.

The scene plays out readily on the area's driving ranges and practice greens. The cast of characters includes diehard grinders, women and children that are new to the game, and the young couple that's trying

to learn the game together. The sight is yet another sign that golf is no longer a game reserved for just the elite. Instead, it's become an outdoor activity that everyone can enjoy.

While the boost in interest is

a positive sign, the advice that is passed back and forth is not always the best. Just ask Nate Kitt, area PGA professional and founder of the Modern Golf Club.

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