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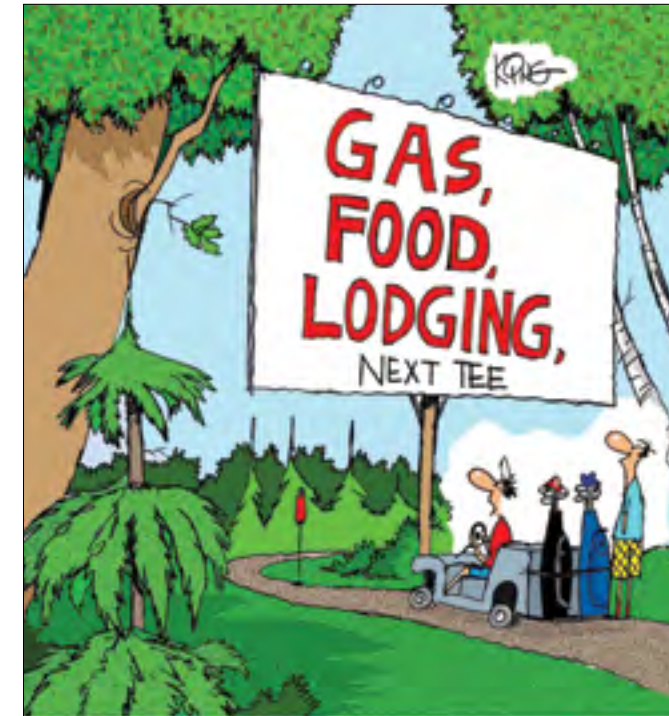
NOTES FROM GREG AND DAVE

For most of us, baseball season is over. The Cubs and the Sox have conceded their 2013 seasons (this could have been written in June), and they can focus on padding stats for future contracts. At least Cubs fans can look forward to a new Jumbotron screen, which will greatly enhance the experience at the game, yet promises little else. But hey, it could be worse...we could be Milwaukee Brewers fans.

Now we can focus on golf and football. We had the fortune of interviewing four of our Chicago Bears veterans the afternoon they reported to camp in Bourbonnais. After watching Robbie Gould, Patrick Mannelly, Adam Podlesh, and Roberto Garza play a few holes at Kankakee Country Club, it is obvious that football and golf are not strange bedfellows. Gould, Podlesh, and Mannelly are solid players with single-digit handicaps. However, Garza is fairly new to the game. The hulk-like offensive lineman is humble; he discussed consistency and grinding for par. Garza also mentioned his score was a reflection of his strategies for damage control. It shouldn't be too surprising that a guy who makes his living fighting in the trenches enjoys getting up and down more than driving the

ball 300+ yards. One observation about all four of these players on the course was their absolute attention to each shot. Whether it was an approach shot, greenside chip, or two-foot putt, each player appeared to understand the importance of every stroke. It's not surprising that these taskmasters are elite professional athletes. Go, Bears!

In addition to our chat with the gridiron gladiators, Mistwood Golf Club's unveiling of its new practice facilities is in this issue. Unlike the 1990s, when we joined GOLFChicago



"This has to be the longest course I've ever played!"

Magazine, the past five years have presented few sod-breaking projects that redefine public golf. We've had the openings of Bowes Creek CC and Highlands of Elgin; both quickly became nationally ranked municipal tracks. This summer Mistwood Golf Club has catapulted itself into the top tier of public golf courses across the country. Ray Hearn's course upgrades solidified Mistwood's position as one of the state's best tracks. Moreover, the opening of their Performance Center pushes the club into the stratosphere for public facilities. Be sure to schedule a tee time and see if you have enough game to escape one of the new sod-faced bunkers. If not, the Learning Center should be able to get you up and down.

Plenty of golf is left in the 2013 season! Leave us a note on our facebook page and let us know where you are teeing it up.

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Slide into More Distance

Due to be released in early August, the SLDR from TaylorMade promises to be the longest big stick they have ever produced. The leader in movable weight technology introduces a driver with a sliding-weight system that is easier to use than movable weight ports. The 20-gram weight slides from the toe or heel to promote a draw or fade. How much slide, or how little, depends on the golfer's needs.

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Performance Protection

Nike's Hyperadapt Storm-FIT jacket showed its mettle during last month's Irish Open. Playing through 35-mph wind gusts and heavy showers, Nike staffer Paul Casey utilized the Hyperadapt Storm-FIT jacket en route to victory.

In addition to providing protection from the wind and precipitation, the sweater-like stretch allows golfers to swing freely without the full swing noise (screech!) and restrictions that are associated with most raingear.

Testing was a key element to Hyperadapt Storm-FIT's attention to detail. The designers made critical adjustments that Nike's Tour staffers required to ensure this performance apparel meets the demands of the best players in the world.

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Heavenly Hybrid

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The XCG6 incorporates a heavier tungsten sole that affords a greater heel-to-toe weight ratio. This means more stability, a higher MOI, and more forgiveness. The maraging steel face is thinner and provides auditory feedback that lets you know that you just nailed it on the screws. If you are an auditory player, then a ball leaving the face of the XCG6 will be music to your ears. It will take just a few swings to realize that the XCG6 hybrid is your new go to club for long par 3s and approaches from 185- to 235-yards.

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The K-Grind Wedge: The wedge with the distinctive fluted sole has reinvigorated thousands of short games and delivered confident, high-spin exits from countless bunkers. But until now, it had only been available in 56 degrees of loft. Hearing enthusiastic calls from more and more golfers for more and more K, Miura responded.

Available now from Miura dealers are 52- and 60-degree K-Grinds in addition to the original 56-degree. The 52-degree K-Grind features a bounce of 7 degrees and the 60-degree has a bounce of 13 degrees. The original K-Grind in the 56-degree loft has a bounce of 12 degrees.

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Back in 1907, urban designer Daniel Burnham famously articulated his philosophy to “make no little plans.” One hundred and six years later, area golf course owner Jim McWethy appears to have fully embraced this decree as he continues to enhance and expand the offerings at his Mistwood Golf Club in Romeoville. After undertaking a \$6 million renovation project of the property’s 18-hole championship course that was unveiled last year, McWethy oversaw the construction of a 5,000-square-foot performance center that redefines the term “practice range.”

The year-round facility features a golfer’s virtual toy chest of amenities, including hitting bays, target greens, multiple practice putting greens, Trackman ball flight analysis, SAM Putt Lab, and Quintec ball-motion putting analysis, along with a club-fitting and repair shop. All of these offerings are served up in an elegantly appointed building featuring a full-service sports bar and snack shop.

Director of Golf Dan Phillips says that from the outset, the goal was to provide a unique learning experience for golfers. “We wanted our guests to have every option at their disposal for improving their games. They can come just to hit golf

balls if they like, but they can also consider taking a lesson or receive an analysis of their putting stroke or explore what clubs or golf balls work best for their individual swings.”

The huge practice area serves up 32 hitting stations, 11 of which are climate-controlled from the cement floors to the hitting mats for winter use. Two of these bays are ear-marked for instructional use by one of the club’s pros. This team consists of Phillips, head professional Visanu Tongwarin, Performance Center Director Mike Baldwin, Chris Ioriatti, and the recent addition of swing gurus John Platt and Dr. Jim Suttie. Platt, the 2011 Illinois PGA’s Teacher of the Year, and

Suttie, the acclaimed golf instructor who has worked with touring professionals for decades, join what has become one of the strongest teaching staffs in the country.

“We really like how everything turned out,” says McWethy. “The Performance Center has always been one of the foundations of our master plan for Mistwood Golf Club. After the renovation of the club, we considered building both the learning facility and a new clubhouse at the same time. But we prioritized the Performance Center. We wanted our guests to enjoy an experience above and beyond what [even] most private country clubs offer.”

Performance Center Unveiled at Mistwood Golf Club

By Neal Kotlarek
Photos by Brian Walters



Indeed, the complete overhaul of the property over the past two years has vaulted Mistwood Golf Club to new status as one of the midwest's premier golf complexes. Unveiled to great acclaim last June, the renovated golf course now features 19 sod-faced bunkers placed in devils places around the course. Combined with new bridges and stone embankments, the effect is an impeccably groomed layout that is as beautiful as it is challenging.

Michigan designer Ray Hearn (who also designed Yarrow Golf & Conference Resort featured in this issue) was provided the rare opportunity to re-work the origi-

nal golf course that he built in the late 1990s. "We listened to club members and guests who enjoyed the Scottish links-type feel of Mistwood. Those conversations led us to consider adding the sod-faced bunkers to enhance that experience. I'm pretty certain that anyone who liked the first version of the course will fall in love with the new version!"

Longtime home of the Illinois Women's Open, the 7,028-yard course winds across pristine prairie land as well as over and around lakes, streams and wetlands. Along with the new bunkers, the par-5 No. 3 has been signifi-

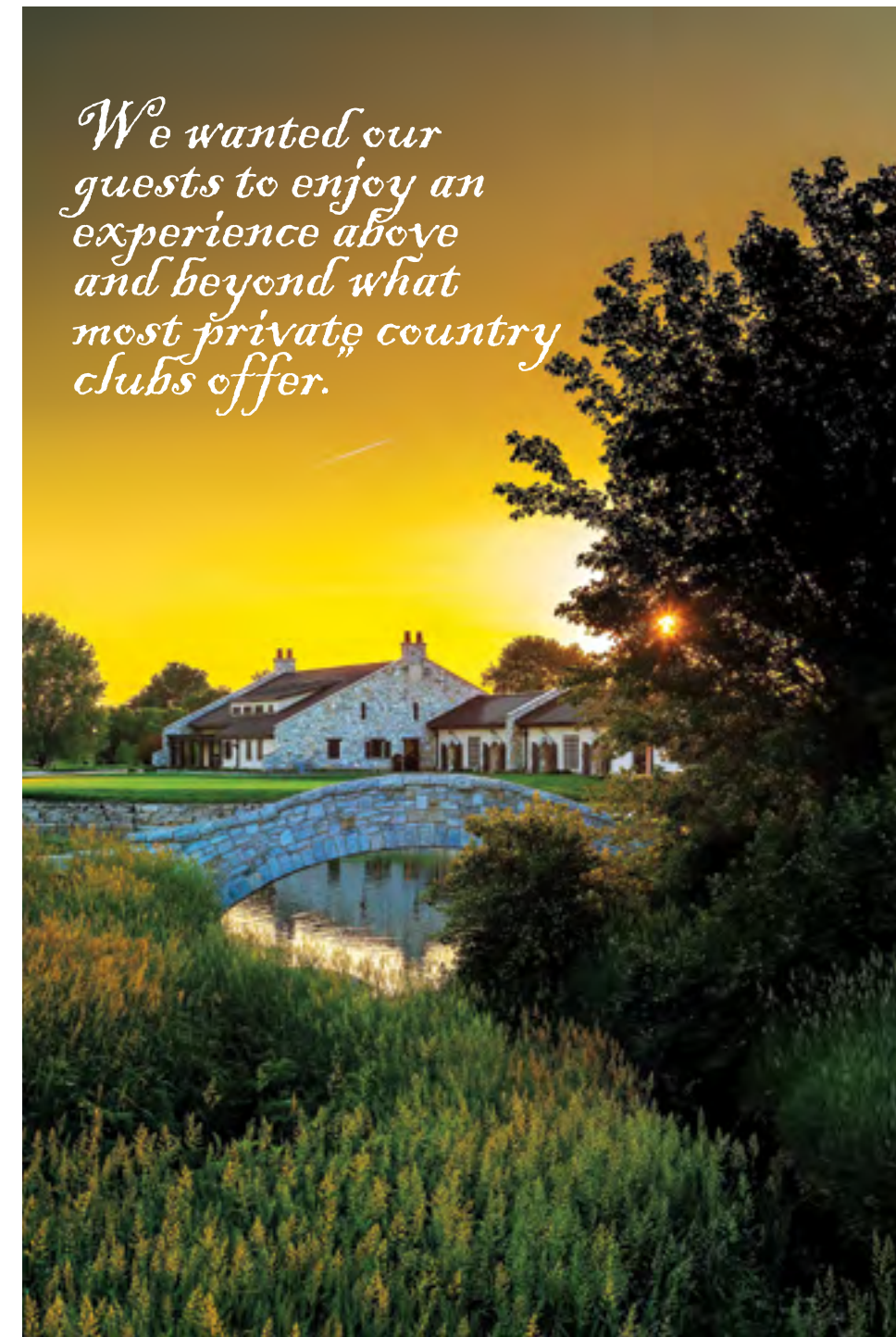
cantly altered. The green was relocated and the creek that was formerly in front of the green now snakes behind it.

The property's signature bunker lurks in front of No. 12. A relatively short par 4, the hole seems from the tee to offer up a birdie opportunity. But the short-iron approach shot must overcome a pit over 10 feet deep that calls upon its victims to hit a creative blast somewhere in the direction of a flagstick that can't be seen. If it's any consolation, the sand inside all of the Mistwood greenside bunkers was specially selected to prevent fried egg lies while promoting ease of extraction.

The third and final phase of Mistwood will be the construction of a 32,000 sq. ft. clubhouse featuring Scottish castle accents to complement the Scottish themes seen on the golf course and the performance center. The complex will include dining and banquet facilities among other amenities.

Golfers can only imagine what those amenities will include as it's apparent by now that Jim McWethy makes no little plans.

For tee times and more information on Mistwood Golf Club, visit the property's website at www.mistwoodgolf.net.



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Medalist Honors For Boys & Girls Club of Elgin

GROWING THE GAME

McKenzie Kramer

Sharon Garry enjoys spending time on the golf course. An easy swing accompanied by a strong focus makes her a natural. She even relaxes on the putting green in her favorite “golfer’s stance.” But it’s not every day that Garry gets the opportunity. In fact, before July, most of her friends at the Boys & Girls Club of Elgin had never stepped foot on a golf course.

The PGA of America and USGA began a partnership with the Boys & Girls Club of America in 2010. Hoping to implement a curriculum that would teach basic golf skills along with character and life lessons, five-week PGA Medalist courses for teens started around the country.

Thanks to the efforts made by Mike Lehman, Director of Golf Operations for City of Elgin, the program has been localized for 15 members of the Boys & Girls Club of Elgin this year.

Over the span of five weeks, the group, ages 11-17, visited all three Elgin courses—

Bowes Creek Country Club, The Highlands of Elgin, and Wing Park—to learn how to putt, chip, and swing as well as being educated on several lessons in life. Each week featured an overall theme, such as balance and control, acceptance, respect, honor, and moral code.

Bowes Creek Country Club teaching professionals John Esposito and Kurt McCullum worked alongside Lehman, who acts as Head Golf Professional at the club, to come up with themes that supported elements of golf as it relates to life and their own personal experiences.

“Not every community has a golf course with people who have such a passion to make this happen,” said Cathy Malkani, Chief Professional Officer for the Boys and Girls Club of Elgin. “The program has made golf more accessible and provides something the kids wouldn’t normally have an opportunity to do.”

During the second week of the program, Esposito was on the range teaching the teens about respect for not only the game, but for each

other. With engaging enthusiasm, Esposito, Lehman, and McCullum demonstrated the basics of putting and chipping and worked to explain golf etiquette. Esposito went on to explain the importance of staying out of trouble, and instead, staying involved in the game. He also urged the group to consider caddying. “Not only would it teach these youngsters discipline while growing their knowledge of the game, but it’s also a great way to earn a paycheck,” he says.

Although golf is an individual sport, the group displayed multiple signs of team effort during the five weeks of the program. Teen Director Sarah Cranmer says the program was a resounding success, and everyone participating was always encouraging of one another.

The Boys & Girls Club of Elgin is a non-profit organization that works to encourage healthy lifestyles, academic achievement, and good character for all of its members. With a current membership of more than 1,300, the club has developed several programs to enable

children and teens to be successful. From afterschool help, to leadership development, to sports and recreation, Boys & Girls Club of Elgin strives each day to provide members with life-enhancing courses. Partnership and partial funding from the City of Elgin has also made these programs possible. For more information on The Boys & Girls Club of Elgin, visit their website at www.boysand-girlsclubofelgin.org or call 847-608-5017. To reach the City of Elgin Park District, visit www.cityofelgin.org or call 847-931-6100.

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Entering her senior year at Larkin High School this fall, Taylor Unser constantly cheered on her friends and was quick to give helpful advice on the range. Unser first began attending the Boys & Girls club in middle school,

where she sought out homework help. Now 17, she has been named their “Youth of the Year” based on a positive attitude, personal development and involvement.

A new mentor joins the golfers each week after their lesson. Larry Sheffield, week number two’s interactive speaker, drove home the importance of maintaining goals and respecting the people you love. The Vice President of National Sales for Experian shared stories of growing up in Philadelphia, living with 17 siblings and working hard to make something of his life.

“Know who you are and where you’re going,” Sheffield advised. “But most of all, respect yourself.”

Sheffield, who has volunteered for BGCA in the past, was well-received by the teens. They shared their aspirations and plans for the future. Unser, who hopes to receive a scholarship to Southern Illinois University, shared her dream to be a sonographer, while other group members would like to pursue baking, teaching, and even golfing.

For Lehman and the City of Elgin as a whole, coming up with the Medalist program was only part of the equation. The other part was finding the right equipment, including age-appropriate golf clubs and golf shoes for all the kids.

Enter Tina Sernett, Founder of the Vernon Hills-based Sports Shed, a non-profit which collects new and gently used sports equipment for free distribution to organizations like the Boys and Girls Club of Elgin all across Chicagoland.

Not only did The Sports Shed come through with individual sets of clubs for each program participant, but it located enough pairs of golf shoes to fit the entire group. In fact, some of the Adidas and Foot Joys looked as if they came right out of the box.

“Our goal is for these teens to feel valued and empowered with the quality sports equipment we provide,” explains Sernett. “We know these opportunities to engage and learn sports skills can impact their lives for many years to come.”



John Esposito encourages a new golfer



Mike Lehman teaching proper setup position



Mike Lehman shares the keys to the takeaway



Hidden Treasure Abounds at Yarrow Golf

DESTINATIONS

Neal Kotlarek

Golfers heading northeast from Chicago into the State of Michigan have some tough choices to make. Stay along the lake-side and you can tee it up at the magnificent Harbor Shores in Benton Harbor or the dunes wonderland of Hawkshead G.C. in South Haven. Head further inland and you can experience amazingly diverse courses across Grand Rapids headlined by the Rees Jones-designed Thousand Oaks G.C. and the Bill Newcomb-designed Golf Club at Thornapple Pointe. Or just point the car further north and you're bound to run into one of a handful of spectacular golf resorts including Shanty Creek Resort in Bellaire, Crystal Mountain in Thompsonville, and Treetops in Gaylord.

The most amazing aspect of the Wolverine State is that wherever you go, there is destined to be a high-quality golf experience along the way.

My travels through southeast Michigan in June took me to the tranquil village of Augusta, population 885. While located only a few miles away from I-94 and the city of Battle Creek, Yarrow Golf & Conference Resort easily meets anyone's definition of a "hidden treasure" as one would hardly expect a golf course the intersection of 48th Street and Luce Road, much less a thriving resort. It is precisely this understated elegance, on the other hand, that makes a visit to the property such an outstanding experience.

"Our first-time guests are always astonished at the quality of the golf course and the beauty of our property," says Tim Moskalik, president of the resort. "But we think that our location is a positive as there are few if any distractions here. I truly believe that Yarrow is one of the most naturally beautiful settings in all of Michigan."

The centerpiece of this 45-room hotel complex is a stunning 7,005-yard 18-hole course designed by celebrated Michigan architect Ray Hearn. According to local legend, Hearn's vision in constructing the course was aided the year before construction began by a huge storm which swept across the forested land. When the downed trees were cleared, a number of natural sites for golf holes appeared. "In all of my years in the business," Hearn says, "Yarrow is the

most spectacular inland setting for a golf course that I have seen. The wetlands, rolling terrain, vegetation and rock outcroppings are just absolutely spectacular."

Beyond the natural wonders of the property, the course is impeccably manicured from tee to fairway to undulating green.

Virtually all of the attributes Hearn cited are in full view on the course's first hole, a thrilling par 5 that begins high above the property and descends into a valley before rising again at the multi-tiered putting surface. While this hole stretches to an imposing 588 yards from the back tees, it plays to 438 yards from the front tees. The wide variance between tees is on display on every hole across the property, thus allowing players the opportunity to select a course length that suits their mood and/or ability level.

The entire layout is a virtual fireworks display of scenic and challenging holes. The 145-yard No. 2 is a postcard-perfect dynamic par 3 over fescue and sand bunkers. The dogleg left 407-yard No. 5 is known as a "cape hole," as a lake lines the entire left side. The closer you play to the water, the shorter the approach shot to the green. Conversely, of course, the further right you steer your tee shot, the safer you are but the longer your ensuing approach shot.

The finishing hole is a long and intimidating par 4 calling for a long driver over a marsh to reach a heavily protected green. Beyond the hazards in front of you, woods protect both the far left and far right sides of the fairway.

A round at Yarrow isn't complete without lunch or a cold beverage on the deck overlooking the 18th green. "Most of the groups who play golf at the resort watch their colleagues come in the final hole from this spot," says Moskalik. "The deck provides a great view of the 18th hole along with a wonderful panorama of the property."

Yarrow is named after indigenous colorful plants commonly used in herbal remedies. Chicagoans looking to escape from the crowds, noise, and traffic are apt to find a cure for their ills at Yarrow Golf and Conference Resort.

For more information on Yarrow, visit the resort's website: www.yarrowgolf.com.



The GOLFCChicago Interview

As the Chicago Bears enter the 2013 season, the team has a new coaching staff and high expectations. GOLFCChicago caught up with four Bears on the eve of training camp in Bourbonnais. While their full time gigs take precedence over golf, Bear veterans Patrick Mannelly, Robbie Gould, Roberto Garza, and Adam Podlesh got game through the green. GOLFCChicago joined Chicago's gridiron golfers on the practice range and for a few holes of balls and sticks at Kankakee Country Club.

Monsters of the Fairways

Garza, Gould, Mannelly, and Podlesh take it to the green at Kankakee Country Club

by Greg Jourdan



Robbie Gould

Roberto Garza



Adam Podlesh

Patrick Mannelly

GOLFCChicago: *When did you pick up the game?*

Mannelly: I played a little bit as a kid. My grandfather was big into the game, but I was busy playing other sports. My rookie year I started playing with our quarterback Chris Chandler. I played with him as much as I could. He's a great player, and I learned a lot from him. Over the last 15 years, I have become a golf-lover.

Garza: I didn't start playing until I came to Chicago. I am getting better playing with these guys. I'm having fun and want to find the time to get better.

Podlesh: I started playing when I was about four. I remember when my dad got the TaylorMade Ti Bubble2s, and I couldn't believe how big the head was. Now the clubs we're hitting dwarf those clubs.

Gould: I was around 12 or 13. My brother and I would get dropped off at the course in the morning and picked up at night. We played every day.

GC: *What is the best golf advice you have been given?*

Mannelly: Here is a funny story. Michael McCaskey was talking to quarterback Chris Chandler about golf and Michael, a huge golfer, was asking him all kinds of questions about the game. Chris says, "It's simple: see ball, hit ball." On days when I am struggling, I simplify the game and go back to "see ball, hit ball." This is a game of fundamentals like grip, plane, and tempo. Honestly, that is the best advice I have heard, so I relax and just take a swing.

GC: *What is the strength of your golf game?*

Mannelly: I try to stay in the fairway. My short game is my best part of the game. I just try to get it around the green and make par. I don't hit it as

long as Robbie and Adam: these guys kill me by 30 or 40 yards.

Gould: He has graphite shafts in his irons. [laughs]

Mannelly: Yeah, right! And I carry six woods like Jim McMahon. [laughs]

Garza: I like to get up and down for pars. I am not as good as these guys, so I scramble for my pars. When I play, I want to do well. I just don't have the time to play much right now, but I really enjoy golfing.

Gould: I'm not playing a whole lot, but I am actually playing pretty well. I'm looking forward to playing with these guys and having some fun.

GC: *Do you enjoy preparing and practicing golf?*

Mannelly: I do. I enjoy hitting balls at the range. I am a member at Ivanhoe Country Club, and I'll go there and hit balls. I'm back home in an hour and a half. I can relax on the range. I do take a lesson every now and then. It's time to get serious because I have whittled my handicap down to 3.0, and I want to get better.

Gould: I work on everything: driving, chipping, and putting. I enjoy the range.

Podlesh: I'm not working on anything right now. I've been getting ready for my full time job. [laughs]

GC: *Who is the best golfer on the team?*

Mannelly: Adam Podlesh. I try to play him straight up, but I keep losing money.

GC: *What is the typical game you guys play?*

Mannelly: We play a Scotch game and match play.

Garza: They give me six strokes a hole [laughing], and that is on a good day. We have fun, and if you are stuck with me, it could be a long day.

The GOLFCChicago Interview

Gould: We don't play for a lot of money. It is about being competitive and trying to beat your teammates. Just like training camp.

GC: *How much golf do you play during the NFL season?*

Mannelly: It is limited once the season starts—maybe on our off day or Fridays I can get a few holes in.

Gould: I play Mondays and Tuesdays until it gets cold. Golf in September and October is great in Chicago.

GC: *Is there a relationship between your current job and playing golf?*

Mannelly: My position is a repetitive job like the golf swing. You need to key in on technique and practice. Then you have to execute. Like golfers, long snappers need to trust their technique. The mental part is to trust your technique; the physical part is executing it.

Gould: Golf and kicking is the same swing plane and same mentality. You are not trying to kill the ball on the golf course, just hit a nice, easy shot in there. Once I learned that on the golf course, and kicking, I became a better player. In Chicago, the wind is a major factor for both sports. You gotta be mentally tough. You gotta forget about your last bad kick just like you need to forget about the last bad golf shot.

Podlesh: I think there is a big correlation between the two sports, especially for guys like Robbie and I. Before a kick or golf shot you want to try to keep your heart rate low and relax. You have to keep your nerves in check. What I do to keep my 'swing' on the football field is a lot like a pro golfer. Direction, distance, hang time, trajectory, and tempo with my punting

are very consistent with that of a golfer.

GC: *What is your favorite golf memory?*

Mannelly: I had three holes in ones in one year. Two of them were in a span of 12 days. The next season I tore my ACL, so I don't want any more holes in one.

Gould: Playing in the American Century Outing. This was my fourth year, and it is really cool to meet some of the celebrities. I finished 15th, and I beat Brian Urlacher. I was pretty pumped to beat him.

Garza: Whenever I get to play with these guys. Right?

GC: *What golf destination do you want to visit?*

Mannelly: We go to a great place called Bakers Bay in the Bahamas. I really want to go to Bandon Dunes and

head over to Great Britain. I'd like to try links golf.

Garza: I like being on the water, so Pebble Beach would be a great trip. I haven't played there yet. I'd like to play overseas in the UK and drive the ball 400 yards. It looks like fun over there.

Gould: Bandon Dunes for sure. I'd like to play at Pinehurst and Erin Hills, too. They are all great places, and each of them has its own interesting characteristics.

Podlesh: We have been talking about getting up to Kohler [Wisconsin] and playing those courses. That would be a fun trip.

GC: *What are your favorite Chicago courses?*

Mannelly: Butler National is my favorite by far. Sunset Ridge is another good one. And, of course, I really like

Chicago Golf. Ivanhoe Country Club is my home course, so it is in there too.

Garza: Conway Farms—I play it a lot with Olin [Kreutz]. It is a great course. You have to stay out of the tall stuff, or it'll eat you up.

Gould: I play out of Rich Harvest Farms and The Grove in Long Grove; both are great! Right now Rich Harvest is in the best shape that I have ever seen it.

Podlesh: I recently joined Royal Melbourne in Long Grove—I'm a big fan of that course. I enjoy playing with Robbie and Pat at Ivanhoe. I am a big fan of Stonewall Orchard. Whenever I get to play at Medinah, it is always a treat. I want to get out at Butler National, Bob O'Link, and Chicago Golf.

GC: *It is the eve before camp begins. What are your goals for the season?*

Gould: I want to get started. We have

a new head coach and coaching staff. I have been thinking about how special this season could be for the team. There is a lot to be excited about with this veteran group.

Garza: I am looking forward to getting back to work with Coach [Marc]Trestman and Coach [Aaron] Kromer. We did well in OTAs [Organized Team Activities], and now it is time to put everything together and score more points. As an offensive unit, we need to put more points on the board this season. If teams give us the pass, we'll pass. If they give us the run, we'll do it on the ground. Our new offense will adapt to what is across from us.

Mannelly: I want to get into the playoffs and win. It's that simple. We have a new coaching staff, a new system, and a lot of talent. I want to win in the playoffs.



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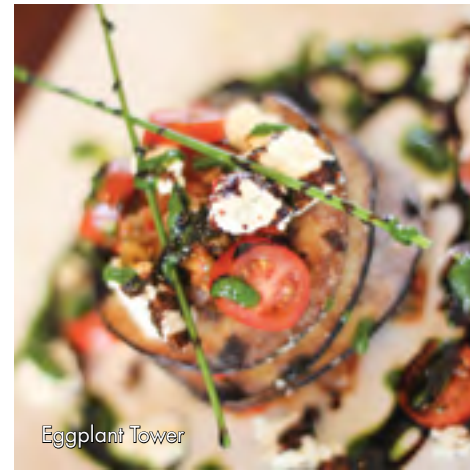
Let's start with the chef. 24 years ago, Chicago native Alan Pirhofer quit his day job and went to the Alsace and Paris regions of France to learn how to cook. Upon his return, he apprenticed under Chef Francis Leroux at Café Du Midi in Chicago. He continued to hone his skills at such top Chicago restaurants as Brasserie Jo, The Club at Symphony Center, the Carlucci chain, Carlos in Highwood, and Trio in Evanston where he had the opportunity to research and design specials with chefs Rick Tramonto and Gale Gand. He was most recently Executive Chef at the critically acclaimed Erba where he maintained an on-site herb garden, reflecting his focus on fresh, quality ingredients. He joined Arrowhead Restaurant and Bar in the winter of 2008, when he immediately set out to transform the food operation into the upscale restaurant it is today.

Although the dining room (featuring a decor of warm woods, fieldstone, a fireplace, and those white tablecloths) looked inviting, my wife Nancy and I visited on a perfect summer evening, so we opted to dine on the spacious patio overlooking the 18th hole.

Our expert server, Dan (a military veteran and culinary school graduate) quickly delivered the wine I ordered, Chilcas Reserva from the Maule Valley in Chile [\$34]. This refreshing wine features notes of mango and papaya balanced with nicely integrated oak. This is but one selection on Arrowhead's extensive wine list; even the house wine [Canyon Road Winery] is identified, a rare occurrence at many restaurants. There is also a wide variety of craft beers offered by the bottle or on draft,

as well as beer 'flights,' which I have not seen before. And, the bar offers full liquor service.

We started the meal with Holy Guacamole and Salsa [\$6]. The pleasantly zippy guacamole, the chips, and the roasted tomato salsa are all made inhouse. Next came the Eggplant Tower [\$8], a stack of eggplant chips, chilled ratatouille [a traditional French Provençal mix of stewed vegetables), Boursin cheese, and aged balsamic vinegar. Rendering the eggplant as chips was brilliant; the flavor was there without the flaccid texture. We also sampled Billy's Bruschetta [\$6], fresh mozzarella, diced tomato, red onion, garlic, basil, olive oil, and balsamic vinegar served on crostini. The fresh tomato and balsamic gave the bruschetta a nicely sweet undertone. Alan treated us to skillfully grilled Scallop with Snap Pea Coulis (a form of thick sauce made from puréed and strained vegetables or fruits), chanterelle mushrooms, and fennel pollen. This wonderful dish is not currently on the menu, but



Eggplant Tower



Shrimp BLT

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Stephen Hawk

may appear in the future. Our final appetizer was Seared Tuna [\$12], barely, but perfectly, seared tuna coated in black and white sesame seeds with a soy-ginger dipping sauce, wasabi aioli (a traditional Provençal sauce made of garlic, olive oil, lemon juice, and egg yolks), Asian slaw, and wonton crisps. If you've been curious about trying (nearly) raw fish, this is a great place to start.

After all that deliciousness, to cleanse our palates we shared the Arrowhead Garden [\$7] salad, composed of 'gathered' lettuces, grape tomatoes, red onion, shaved carrots, and housemade balsamic vinaigrette. If you enjoy iceberg lettuce, be sure to try the cleverly named Pitching Wedge [\$11].

For my entrée, I selected the Tropical Mahi [\$20], grilled mahi mahi with mango salsa, passion fruit vinaigrette, and grilled asparagus. The sweet salsa was the ideal compliment to the savory fish. Nancy went with a special



Tropical Mahi



Cajun Ribeye

of Pan Roasted Idaho Rainbow Trout [\$18], sautéed and served with heirloom tomato-cucumber relish, feta cheese, and garlicky spinach. Sadly, the spinach was oversalted to the point of being inedible, the one and only misstep of the entire meal.

If you're not in the mood for upscale after a round, Arrowhead offers plenty of casual options as well. Choose from a variety of burgers, tacos, and sandwiches, as well as specialty nachos (like: Irish Nachos made with handcrafted potato chips, corned beef, green onion, tomato horseradish sauce, and cheddar cheese), fries, tater tots, and even mac & cheese. Daily lunch and dinner specials are also available, and breakfast is served on Saturdays and Sundays from 9 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. Arrowhead hosts about 100 weddings per year, and does a brisk business in golf outings.

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Elgin's Sainz Cards First Canadian Tour Victory

Carlos Sainz, Jr. fired a final round of 68 at Pine Ridge G.C. in late July to win The Players Cup, an annual PGA Tour – Canada event. The 25-year-old Sainz finished at 17-under-par for the week and made birdie on four of his last six holes to edge out Nathan Tyler by a stroke.

The win earned Sainz, Jr. a check for \$27,000 and placed him fourth on the Order of

Merit—a mere \$179.67 short of third place for the season which would have earned him an exemption for the RBC Canadian Open. Instead, the Mississippi State graduate headed to The Glen Club to play in the following day's opening round of the Illinois Open. He would go on to tie for first in that event, losing in a playoff to Joe Kinney.

Tom Dreesen Classic at Bolingbrook G.C. Aug. 23rd

Legendary comedian Tom Dreesen is scheduled to come to Bolingbrook G.C. on August 23rd to host his annual Tom Dreesen Celebrity Golf Classic. A 12:45 shotgun start at the championship course will lead to a day full of fun and surprises. The \$625 individual sponsorship fee (or \$2500 per foursome) includes green fees, lunch, gifts, prizes, celebrity interaction, dinner, entertainment,



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KitchenAid Extends Sponsorship Contract with Senior Championship

KitchenAid, a manufacturer of some of America's best-known brands of premium kitchen appliances, has extended its presenting sponsorship of the Senior PGA Championship through 2018. The 75th Senior PGA Championship presented by KitchenAid will be held May 22-25, 2014, at Harbor Shores in Benton Harbor, Michigan, with return visits to the Southwest Michigan site in 2016 and 2018. The Championship sites and dates for 2015 and 2017 are scheduled to be announced at a later date.

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Harbor Shores is anchored by a Jack Nicklaus Signature golf course and the two supporting cities of Benton Harbor and St. Joseph. Currently, a \$114 million hotel, marina, and residential real estate parcel is being developed, with the hotel set to open in advance of the 2014 senior event.

Anyone who watches golf on television would enjoy watching the grass grow on greens. —Andy Rooney

and fundraising. This fun-filled event supports the Illinois Fatherhood Initiative which supports the mission of connecting children and fathers.

For sign-up and more information, visit the organization's website: www.ifidreesengolfclassic.org.

Jordan Speith, Local Charities Big Winners at 2013 Deere Classic

A star was born last month when Jordan Speith defeated two players in a playoff to earn the 2013 John Deere Classic along with a check for \$828,000. A shoe-in for PGA Tour rookie of the year, the 19-year-old outlasted David Hearn and 2012 champion Zach Johnson on the fifth hole of the playoff. Beyond his earnings, the former two-time U.S. Junior Amateur champion became eligible for the 2013 British Open (where he tied for 44th) and secured his status for the 2014-15 PGA Tour season.



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The tournament, which was played over the pristine grounds of the TPC at Deere Run Course in Silvis, Illinois, featured dynamic play from two of the gallery's favorites—three-time champion Steve Stricker and local favorite Johnson. While Stricker faltered early in the final round to fall off the pace, it appeared that Johnson was headed for his second consecutive win until a bogey on the 72nd hole opened the door for Hearn and Speith. Upon holing a two-foot par putt to win the tournament, Speith became the first teenager to win a PGA Tour event in 82 years and one of only four teenagers to win a tour event since 1900.

Still another winner of the event were approximately 500 local and regional charities who are beneficiaries of the tournament's "Birdies for Charity" campaign. This year, 2,142 birdies were recorded over the course of the event. This total is projected to bring in over \$6 million for the charities. The John Deere Corporation underwrites the administrative costs for these organizations, thus ensuring that 100% of the proceeds of the campaign are dedicated to the charities.

Final dollar amounts earned by the Birdies for Charity program will be announced no later than October.

Dunes Event Raises Over \$35K for The First Tee

On Monday, July 29, forty eight golfers had the rare opportunity to play the fabled Dunes Club, in New Buffalo, Michigan, while raising over \$35,000 in support of The First Tee of Greater Chicago. The First Tee is a youth development agency whose mission is to impact the lives of young people by providing educational programs that build character through the game of golf.



The Dunes is ranked as the best nine-hole golf course in America and also ranks high on many top 100 lists with 18-hole courses. One unique feature of this wooded dunes layout course on Lake Michigan's shores is that it is a 'walking only' course, so GOLFChicago sponsored caddies for the day. The event closed with a whiskey tasting reception sponsored by RBS Citizens and hosted by The Journeyman Distillery of nearby Three Oaks, Michigan. Many of the golfers agreed that after playing the demanding Dunes that a 'wee dram' of superb whiskey was a fitting end to the day.

For all the golfers who supported the event it really was a perfect 'two-fer': Playing a true 'bucket list' course while supporting Chicagoland children in The First Tee programs.

For more information about The First Tee of Greater Chicago, and what other amazing courses they are providing the public to play, go to www.TheFirstTeeGreaterChicago.org.

Barrington's Ciskowski Clinches 87th Western Junior Title

Heather Ciskowski of Barrington defeated Kelsey Murphy of Plymouth, Michigan, to win the 87th Women's Western 87th Junior Championship Finals held at Iowa's Dubuque Country Club on the second playoff hole. The historic match play tournament featured four outstanding semifinalists, including last year's junior champion Fai Khamborn of Thailand. While Khamborn was being defeated by Murphy, Ciskowski bested Bing Singhsumalee of Naperville to earn a trip to the finals.

Murphy had been three holes up through 12 holes in the finals before Ciskowski fought back. The match was square at 16 and stayed even until Ciskowski won the first playoff hole.

In the First Flight division, Melissa VanSistine of Caledonia, Illinois, defeated Kelsey MacDougall of Canton, Michigan, 2 and 1 to gain that title.



Jock, from the Golf Bullpen

DOWN MEMORY LANE

Tim Cronin



Photo courtesy of Flossmoor Country Club

Jock Hutchison hoped to play in the Third PGA Championship, held in August of 1920 at Flossmoor Country Club. Unfortunately for Jock, then the head pro at the Glen View Club, he was on the outside looking in on the eve of the PGA, even though he'd won the Western Open within the previous month. He had fallen just short in sectional qualifying for the PGA.

Then good fortune smiled on him in the form of Arthur Clarkson and George Fotheringham withdrawing, and he grabbed a spot in the field. The 26-year-old native of

St. Andrews made the most of it. Hutchison knocked off Eddie Loos, Laurie Ayton, Louis Tellier, and Harry Hampton in succession to advance to the 36-hole final.

His foe on a rain-soaked course: Atlanta's J. Douglas Edgar, the favorite. Hutchison built a four-up lead with eight holes remaining, but Edgar won three of the next five holes. Jock was one-up standing on Flossmoor's 16th tee, and hooked his tee shot on the top edge of a bunker. His swing would have to clear the bunker's high lip, carry 200 yards, and hold onto the elevated green.

He had a brassie in his hand and reconsidered. He grabbed a mashie, then went back to the brassie. *Thwack!* Hutchison's shot went like an arrow for the green, clearing the famed "jail" bunker, and settled on the green. Hutchison's shot rattled Edgar, who bogeyed and was two-down, with two to play. Edgar won the 17th by stymieing Jock, but they halved the last and Hutchison, who had lost in the final of the inaugural PGA in 1916, was able to raise the Wanamaker Trophy, the first alternate to do so.

Chicago Open Offers Chance To Join Snead, Hogan, and Nelson

Area professional and accomplished amateur golfers with a handicap index of 10.0 or less have additional opportunities to qualify for this year's Chicago Open, October 7-9, at Cantigny Golf in Wheaton.

Players may qualify at the following sites:

- Tuesday, September 3
 - Brown Deer Park GC
 - Milwaukee, Wisconsin
- Monday, September 16
 - Flossmoor Country Club
 - Flossmoor, Illinois
- Monday, September 23
 - Country Club of Old Vincennes
 - Vincennes, Indiana
- Monday, September 23
 - Lake Michigan Hills Golf Club
 - Benton Harbor, Michigan
- Thursday, September 26
 - Makray Memorial Golf Club
 - North Barrington, Illinois

Fees for any of these events are \$250 for professionals and \$100 for amateurs with an additional \$200 fee for successful qualifiers. Players may compete in one qualifier and also in the "second chance qualifier" at Makray Memorial Golf Club, which will be open to first-and-second attempt qualifiers.

The championship is being conducted for the first time since 2001 by and for the benefit of the Illinois Junior Golf Association. Former champions of the Chicago Open include such golf icons as Sam Snead, Ben Hogan, and Byron Nelson. PGA Tour star and recent World No. 1 golfer Luke Donald, a Chicago-area resident, won the event in 2000 as an amateur playing for Northwestern University.

"In reviving the Chicago Open, our goal is to provide an opportunity for aspiring tour pros and top amateurs to compete at a high level as they make their way toward their ultimate goal of playing on the PGA Tour," said Marty Schiene, president of the Illinois Junior Golf Association and a former touring pro. "Playing in a competition with such a rich history can make the event that much more meaningful to the contestants." Admission is free.

Registration for any of the qualifying events is available through the tournament's website: www.thechicagoopen.com.

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Simply stated, anytime a player pulls their hands into (towards) their body on

the downswing before impact, they are going to have an outside-in swing path which is a shot that is pulled to the left. Because the player is aiming too far to the right of the target, they must create this path to get the ball to go towards the target, which causes an incorrect exit point.

Straight shots occur when the club head stays on the target line for 8 to 10 inches past impact on the intended line of flight. To accomplish that, the club shaft must line up

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with the center of your left (front) leg just past impact. That is an indication of the correct exit point of the swing and it is impossible to do it if the players' hands pull into their body prior to impact.

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Tour players know that the toughest conditions for scoring are when the wind is blowing. As the breeze kicks up, elite golfers must assess, estimate, and play for the effects of wind on every swing. This includes short-game shots and putts.

Amateurs, on the other hand, seem to adjust for the wind only when it's blowing hard toward obvious trouble. Even then, they often fail to consider how it affects wedge shots. You know this is you if you've ever looked up and seen what should have been an easy sand wedge into the green track toward the pin but fall short into a bunker. It happens both in severe wind and in pleasant, seven mph breezes.

In my work with more than 200 PGA and LPGA Tour pros over the years, I've measured wedge distances in cross-, tail- and headwinds at various speeds. I continue to assess the effects of wind in my own backyard, the proximity of which allows me to chart precisely how wind can help or hurt short shots.

Although wind is a challenge, you can use it to your advantage—but only if you know how to deal with it. The trick is to minimize shot height and spin rate. Here are a few ways to strategize on breezy days when hitting short-game shots into the green.

Playing Downwind

Position the ball way back in your stance, close the clubface, and hit the shot crisply. This will produce a penetrating shot with ample backspin. The ball will fly lower—minimizing the wind effect—while still stopping short of any trouble behind the green.

Playing into the Wind

Try hitting this shot with a pitching wedge, 9- or 8-iron with an easy swing. This will produce a lower ball flight with minimal backspin, both of which will minimize the wind effect. The resulting shot will land short of the green, release, and then roll up and onto the putting surface. This is a much more predictable play than hitting a high-trajectory, high-spinning shot at the pin.

Playing in a Crosswind

The important thing to remember here is that the ball will turn with the wind the whole way, including after it hits the ground. It's the last

bounce and roll that often surprises golfers, sending what are normally well-played shots far away from the pin.

I play most of my golf near my home in Austin, Texas. The wind can really kick

up here, and I pride myself on my ability to adjust for it. You will, too, if you take the above advice to heart, and at least accept the fact that wind affects all shots, not just the long ones.



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Local Teen To Compete in First Tee Open in September

Jason Mathus, a student at Lindblom Math and Science Academy, was selected by a national panel of judges to compete in the 2013 Nature Valley First Tee Open at Pebble Beach September 27-29. A 6-handicapper, Mathus will join 90 other participants from The First Tee chapters at the event. He earned the right to compete by beating out 150 other applicants. Mathus previously has participated in the IHSA State Finals and attended the 2011 Ryder Cup Junior Academy Camp.



"While Jason's golf resume is impressive, it's his character that most impresses me," said Cole Hyland, Program Director of The First Tee of Greater Chicago. "Jason lives The First Tee Nine Core Values on a daily basis and we have talked extensively on honesty, integrity, and perseverance to name a few."

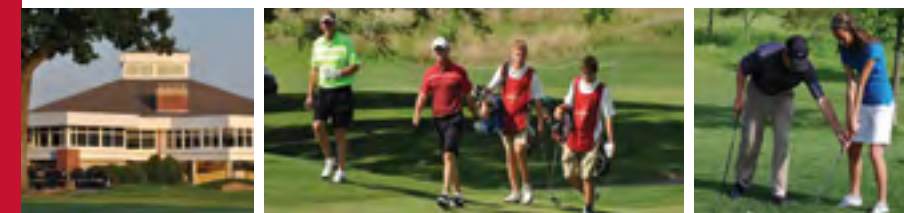
Mathus and fellow The First Tee participants will be teamed with 81 Champions Tour players and 162 amateurs as they compete for the pro-junior title at Pebble Beach Golf Links and Del Monte Golf Course. Play will be conducted on Pebble Beach Golf Links and Del Monte Golf Course on Friday and Saturday, and the final round will be played at Pebble Beach on Sunday.

Antioch's Kinney Rides Rollercoaster To Capture 64th Illinois Open Title

The twists and turns of tournament golf were all on display in late July when Joe Kinney captured the 64th Illinois Open. After posting a score of 5-under par for the tournament played at Glenview's Glen Club,

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Be Like Miguel

If you watched The Open Championship last month, then you may have seen the warm up routine of 49-year-old Miguel Angel Jimenez. The routine is a bit peculiar, yet it demonstrated utilizing dynamic flexibility as a warm up for a round of golf. Dynamic flexibility exercise involves using active movement through full motions to improve flexibility. Dynamic flexibility exercise improves tissue elasticity in addition to muscle control and limits the risk of injury, along with improving performance. Hip, pelvis, and trunk rotation are essential for a productive golf swing and an effective warm up routine should address these areas. The following exercises address the muscles of the hip, the pelvis, and the trunk. The only equipment you need is a bench or golf club.

For the first exercise, place the bottom of one foot on a bench with your hips and knees bent to approximately 90 degrees and

arms crossed. Then rotate your trunk and shoulders as you would during your swing, starting with the backswing (figure 1) and then move through the full swing (figure 2). Once you have performed 10 to 20 repetitions perform the exercise again with the other leg up. A light stretch should be felt in the back and the hips with an emphasis on the gluteal region of the elevated leg.

The next exercise addresses the flexors and extensors of the hip and trunk. Lift one leg up in a marching motion (figure 3). Next reach back so that the leg is straight and extended as far as you can comfortably reach (figure 4). Bring the leg up to the marching position again and repeat 10 to 20 times with each leg. If you have problems with balance you may need to use a bench or club for balance. For an added stretch try reaching overhead with one or both arms as you extend the leg back.

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The hamstrings are important to stretch, especially for walking golfers. Once you have completed the first two exercises, it's time to stretch your hamstrings. Place your heel on the bench with your leg straight. Your hips should be squared to the bench because the tendency is to allow the opposite hip to rotate back, minimizing the effectiveness of the stretch. Then lean forward at the hips until a gentle stretch is felt in the hamstrings. Make sure not to round your back during this stretch to avoid stressing the lumbar spine. Add a dynamic component by rotating your foot side to side slowly while holding a light stretch.

Golfers do not need hips that move like John Travolta in "Saturday Night Fever," but you cannot be as stiff as a wallflower at middle school dance. So instead of watching the group in front of you look for errant balls in the rough, channel your inner Miguel Angel Jimenez and warm up before your round.

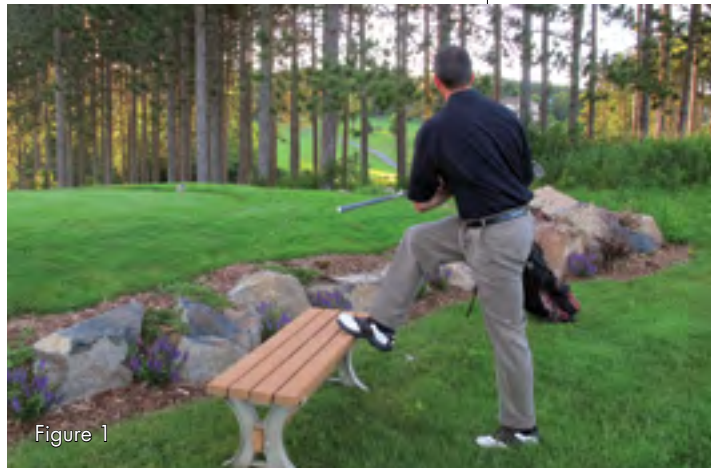


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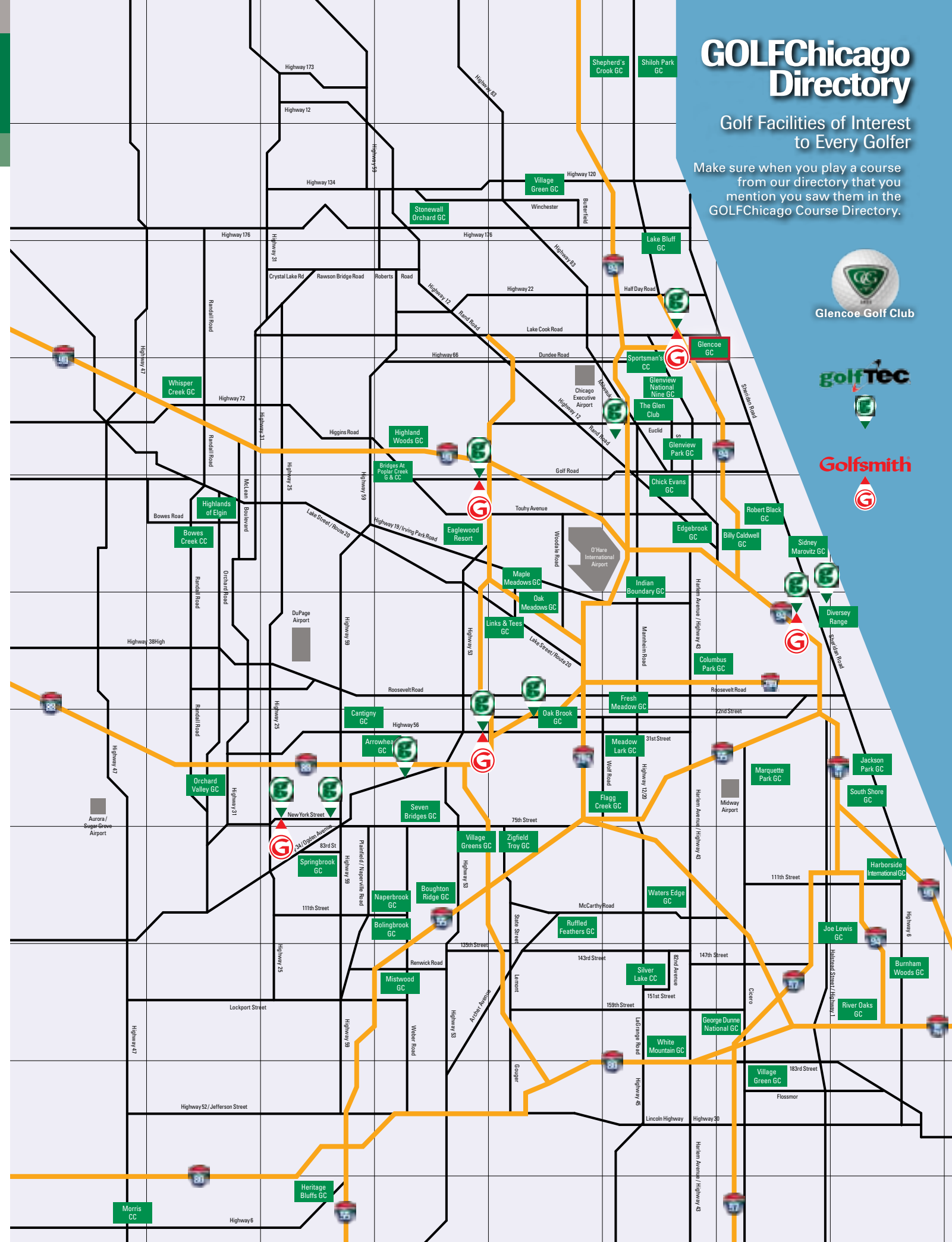
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Figure 3



Figure 4



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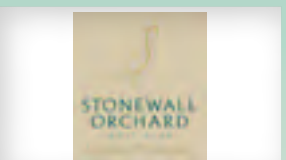
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Bolingbrook

Coyote Run Golf Course
708-957-8700
800 Kedzie
Flossmoor IL 60422
coyoterungolf.com

Par 71
Yardage: 6,478
Weekday: \$50 w/cart
Weekend: \$60 w/cart
Jr./Sr. Rates: Yes, \$31 w/cart, Mon.-Thu. only
Twilight Rates: Yes
Banquets/Outings: Yes

Eaglewood Resort and Spa
630-773-3510
1401 Nordic Rd.
Itasca, IL 60143
eaglewoodresort.com

Par 72
Yardage 6,015 - 5,410 yds.
Weekday: \$39.00 w/cart (Spring Rate)
Weekend: \$45.00 w/cart (Spring Rate)
Jr./Sr. Rates: Yes
Twilight Rates: Yes
Banquets/Outings: Yes

The First Tee of Aurora & Fox Valley
630-499-0680
1001 Hill Avenue
Aurora, IL 60505
thefirstteeaurora.org

The First Tee of Greater Chicago
773-885-8258
2901 W. Lake Avenue, Suite A
Glenview, IL 60025
thefirstteegreaterchicago.org

Flagg Creek Golf Course
708-246-3336
6939 S. Wolf Road
Countryside, IL 60525
flaggcreekgolfcourse.org

Par 33
Yardage: 2493 – 1865
Weekday: \$14 (resident) \$18 (non res.)
Weekend: \$16 (resident) \$20 (non res.)
Cart Fee: \$16
Jr./Sr. Rates: Yes
Twilight Rates: Yes
Banquets/Outings: Yes

Fox Bend Golf Course
630-554-3939
3516 Route 34
Oswego, IL 60543
foxbendgolfcourse.com

Par 72
Yardage: 6,890 – 5,325
Weekday: \$38 walk \$54 ride
Weekend: \$43 walk \$59 ride
Jr./Sr. Rates: Yes
Twilight Rates: Yes
Banquets/Outings: Yes
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Grand Geneva Resort and Spa
262-248-8811
Lake Geneva, WI 53147

Green Meadows Golf Club
630-810-5330
18 W 201 West 63rd Street
Westmont, IL 60559
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Par 30
Yardage: 1,888 - 1,545 yds.
Weekday: \$14 walk \$22 ride
Weekend: \$16 walk \$24 ride
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Discount Program: Yes
Jr./Sr. Rates: Yes
Twilight Rates: No
Banquets/Outings: No

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Golf Changes Kids' Lives
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P.O. Box 610
Sugar Grove, IL 60554
kidsgolffoundation.org

Links & Tees Golf Facility
630-458-2660
Addison, IL
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addisonparks.org

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Maple Meadows Golf Club
630-616-8424
272 Addison Rd.
Wood Dale, IL 60191
DUPAGEGOLF.COM

West 18 - Par 70
Yardage: 6,438 - 5,339 yds.
Weekday: \$32 walk \$49 ride
Weekend: \$41 walk \$58 ride
*Frequent specials on course website

East 9 – Par 34
Yardage: 2,815 - 2,427 yds.
Rate: \$16 walk / \$25 ride
Discount Program: Yes
Jr./Sr. Rates: Yes
Twilight Rates: Yes
Banquets/Outings: Yes

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Golf Course Architecture and Design
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Suite 201
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mdpltd.com

Naperbrook Golf Course
630-378-4215
22204 W. Hassert Boulevard
Plainfield, IL 60585
golfnaperville.org

Par 72
Yardage: 6677
Weekday: \$38
Weekend: \$48
Jr./Sr. Rates: Yes
Twilight Rates: Yes
Banquets/Outings: Yes

Oak Brook Golf Club
630-368-6400
2606 York Road
Oak Brook, IL 60523
oak-brook.org/recreation

Par 72
Yardage 6541 - 5341 yds
Weekday: \$67.50 w/cart
Weekend: \$71.50 w/cart
Jr./Sr. Rates: Yes
Twilight Rates: Yes
Banquets/Outings: Yes

Oak Meadows Golf Club
630-595-0071
900 N. Wood Dale Road
Addison, IL 60101
DUPAGEGOLF.COM

Par 71
Yardage: 6,718 - 5,628 yds.
Weekday: \$32 walk \$49 ride
Weekend: \$41 walk \$58 ride
*Frequent specials on course website
Discount Program: Yes
Jr./Sr. Rates: Yes
Twilight Rates: Yes
Banquets/Outings: No

Course Managers:

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Weekend: \$41 walk \$58 ride
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Discount Program: Yes
Jr./Sr. Rates: Yes
Twilight Rates: Yes
Banquets/Outings: No

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shepherdcrook.org

Shiloh Park
847-746-5500
23rd and Bethesda Blvd.
Zion, IL 60099
shilohparkgolf.com

Springbrook Golf Course
630-848-5060
2220 W. 83rd Street
Naperville, IL 60564
golfnaperville.org

Par 72
Yardage: 6,896
Weekday: \$40
Weekend: \$50
Jr./Sr. Rates: Yes
Twilight Rates: Yes
Banquets/Outings: Yes

Village Greens
630-985-3610
Woodridge

Western Golf Association / Evans Scholars Foundation
westerngolfassociation.com

White Pines Dome
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Kinney had to watch the leaderboard and Michael Davan in particular who stood at 7-under par with three holes to play. A bogey by Davan of Hoopston on No. 17 still kept him with a one-stroke lead going into the par-5 final hole. Following a perfect drive, the winner of the 2012 CDGA Amateur Championship only needed a par to win or a bogey to ensure a playoff with Kinney. Uncertain of his position on the leaderboard, Davan attempted a 256-yard approach to reach the green in two. The 3-wood shot sliced into the lake running alongside the hole. The ensuing double-bogey by Davan placed Kinney in a three-way tie for the lead.

Kinney, 26, of Antioch, outlasted amateur Dustin Korte and Carlos Sainz Jr. (fresh off his first PGA Tour Canada win) in a three-hole, total stroke playoff carding 12 vs. 14 and 17, respectively. The title was the first of Kinney's professional career. "The Illinois Open means the world to me," said Kinney during the trophy presentation. "I mark it on my calendar as 'do not miss.' This is a first-class golf tournament and as good as it gets."



Administered by the Illinois PGA since 1950, the Illinois Open has historical roots dating back to 1922. The state championship of golf is a 54-hole competition contested over three days to determine the finest player in the state of Illinois. The tournament is open to professionals and amateurs with a handicap

of 10 or less who reside within the state of Illinois. Qualifying events conducted throughout the month of June finalized the championship field to the top 156 players. Presenting sponsors of the 64th Illinois Open Championship included Athletico, E-Z-GO, KemperSports, and Wilson Staff.

Fisk to Host CSC Outing at Flossmoor C.C.

The Cancer Support Center (CSC) hosts its 22nd annual golf Outing in memory of Steve Fallick, at Flossmoor Country Club on September 13th. The outing features baseball Hall of Famer Carlton Fisk, who will compete against participants on a par-3 hole.

Registration begins at 11:00 a.m. followed by complimentary lunch and a shotgun start at noon. Individual tickets for golf and dinner are \$325. Foursomes, which include a ticket to an Oktoberfest-themed dinner, start at \$1,300. Dinner features live music by Die Musikmeisters German Band with auction prizes, raffles, and games also offered.

The Cancer Support Center provides programs at no charge for anyone affected by cancer in more than 70 South Chicago communities. Twenty-two years ago, a young mother and widow named Jenny started this golf outing in memory of her husband, Steve Fallick, who died from cancer.

Village Greens Cited For Discount 9-Hole Initiative

In 2009, Village Greens of Woodridge Golf Course general manager Brandon Evans put out an e-blast promoting a unique "\$9.99 9-hole club" special. The promotion was created to fill up available openings. By 2010, the promotion caught on and the club had 850 players signed on as members. Today, nearly 1,700 golfers receive invitations via e-mail three times weekly to take advantage of this program.

The rest of the golf industry has taken notice of this campaign which brought Village Greens additional revenue of \$40,000 in each of the past two years. Evans and the club's campaign were recently recognized by *Golf Digest* in its "Time For Nine" initiative. Other courses around the country with similar programs include Chambers Bay in Washington and Island Hills in Centreville, Michigan.

I Cook with Wine; Sometimes I Even Add It to the Food

If you're a film buff as well as a wine fancier, you may remember Lompoc [correctly pronounced Lom-poke], California, as the locale of W.C. Field's *The Bank Dick* (although the movie was entirely shot on the studio's back lot). Lompoc can be translated as "Land of Many Lakes," and is also known today as the Valley of Flowers, as this rich area is the nation's most prolific flower-seed producing region.

Lompoc is also home to Sanford Winery, the first such operation in Santa Barbara wine country, established in 1971. From the very beginning, Sanford has sourced its Pinot Noirs and Chardonnays from the Santa Rita Hills, which was designated an AVA in 2001. The area owes its magic to an unusual east-west mountain valley that runs from the vineyards to the Pacific Ocean. This passage allows a meteorological ebb-and-flow of air temperature between the mountains and the sea that is ideal for cool-climate varieties.

The winery itself is located at Rancho La Rinconada. It was completed in 2001 and was inspired by traditional California mission architecture. The walls are constructed of adobe blocks handmade on site. The insulating quality of this material makes it ideal for a winery. With adobe walls thirty inches thick, there is no need for either heating or air conditioning. The cellar interior is 55° to 65° year-round with no energy use.

The winery uses a unique and gentle system to move wine through the facility: a gravity racking system. Four 3600-gallon wine tanks are positioned on hydraulic lifts. The winery crew can move a 14-ton tank of wine below ground or 20 feet in the air. The crew then uses gravity to move wine from tank to barrel (or bottling) without disruptive pumping and agitation of the wine.

2010 Sta. Rita Hills Chardonnay \$28 This wine was exclusively sourced from Sanford's two estate vineyards and was fermented in both 60-gallon French oak barrels and stainless steel tanks.

The color is pale gold, with a delicate, ambiguous nose. This makes the intensity of this racy wine on the palate all the more surprising; plenty of bright citrus and pineapple notes supported by "just enough" oak, a bit of floral character, and a dollop of acidity.

I suggest you pair this Chard with Chicken Breast with Artichokes and Mustard Sauce, Smoked Turkey and Roasted Red Pepper Sandwiches, or Seared Scallops with Fiery Fruit Salsa. ■■■■■

2010 Sta. Rita Hills Pinot Noir \$42 Like the Chardonnay, this wine was exclusively sourced from Sanford's two estate vineyards. It was then fermented in open-top stainless steel tanks, and finished in French oak barrels for 10 months.

The wine is ruby in the glass, with a nose of tart cherry and orange rind. The dominant cherry notes continue on to the palate; they are complemented by bright acidity and delicate tannins. In keeping with this wine's subtlety, the body is light and the finish is rather short.

Serve this wine with Sauteed Duck Breast with Pinot Noir Sauce (just don't squander *this* Pinot Noir on the sauce), or Salmon en Papillote. ■■■■■



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Partida Tequila is one of only a few remaining authentic estate-produced and estate-bottled tequilas, made in the heart of Mexico's historic Tequila region.

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Partida Blanco [\$40] goes directly to the bottle from the still. It features aromas of grilled pineapple and plums. The taste continues the pineapple, plus toasted coconut, and black pepper. Finishes with agave and fresh herbs.

Partida Reposado [\$45] is aged for six months, making for a pale golden color and a taste with hints of spicy oak and vanilla. The medium body has cocoa and dried cherry notes. Finishes with a long mineral fade. Great vitality and balance, and my favorite of the three.

Partida Añejo [\$50] sees 18 months in barrel (rare even among premium brands). It is golden amber in color, with aromas of almonds, dried cherries, and spices. The dryish medium body delivers soft honey, delicate herbs, cocoa, and clove. Finishes with a touch of wood and toffee.

For the extremely well-heeled, Partida Elegante Extra Añejo [\$300] is also available.

It would be criminal to slam any of these tequilas as shots (although you can do that if you insist). Savoring them in a brandy snifter would be far more appropriate. *Arriba! Andalay!*



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Last But Not Least

The littlest of little brothers will have his moment in the sun August 8-11 in Rochester, New York, when the year's fourth major—the PGA Championship—captures the world of golf's attention at Oak Hill Country Club. When people rate the majors—fans, media, or players who haven't won it—the PGA usually ranks fourth on the list in terms of being their favorite major, or the most important major, or the one that carries the greatest weight.

What's interesting, though, is the PGA Championship represents the backbone of the game itself—the PGA Professionals around the world—personally, I rate it only behind our national championship as the most important major in this country.

Yes, The Masters is third-rate to me.

The PGA Championship began as a match-play championship in 1916 and converted to stroke play in 1958. Its list of champions is just as impressive as the other three—and it has a deeper history than The Masters, which started 18 years later—but people like to remember the “fluky” one-time winners of the PGA more than the other three, which is unfair. But that's not why the PGA Championship is important.

It's important because of the role the organization plays in our lives as golfers. We're all touched by the PGA of America. They give us lessons, run pro shops, coordinate charity outings and leagues, and keep the game growing day-to-day.

I'll admit it: I'm a little biased. I don't hold a PGA card, but I've covered the IPGA for a decade. I've seen the members of the IPGA play up close. University of Illinois head men's coach Mike Small and Curtis Malm (St. Charles C.C.) have played on tours. Travis Johns (Medinah C.C.) and Frank Hohenadel (Midlothian C.C.) can play with anyone.

But members of the IPGA also saved my golfing life. Seriously. Through the ingenious PGA Free Lesson Month I met Matt Romer, now the head pro at Eagle Ridge Resort and Spa in Galena, and he suggested that the self-taught, 12-to-6, all arms swing I had would not only keep me from improving, but further damage two partially torn rotator cuffs and keep me off the course sooner rather than later.

He started a process of flattening out my swing and using my whole body that Wally Hynes, the general manager and head pro at Cress Creek Country Club in Naperville, expanded upon. I dropped from a 30-plus handicap newbie to breaking 80. They changed my swing, saved my shoulders and a previously damaged knee, and taught me how to play the game.

They educated me as a journalist who covers the sport as well, as did Lou Solarte, the Director of Golf

Instruction at White Eagle Country Club in Naperville and Chad Johansen, the head pro at Blackberry Oaks Golf Course in Bristol.

Countless other IPGA professionals impacted not only me, but friends, family, and colleagues since I picked up the game. I see it every day I pull into a club, public or private.

What's unfortunate is that the PGA Championship is open to just 20 PGA Professionals who earned their way in through their national championship. Small will be representing the IPGA and his organization at Oak Hill, teeing it up again in the championship for the ninth time. This event, run by professionals, for professionals, shouldn't have to defer to the 130th ranked players on the PGA and European Tours.

The argument is that it's a major, so the best touring pro's should be playing in it. But, you won't convince me that the likes of Raphael Jacquelin (No. 107 at press time), Kim Hyung-sung (No. 113), Michael Putnam (No. 122), Felipe Aguiar (No. 134), or Roberto Castro (No. 136) “deserve” to be there more than the PGA pro's who finished 21-25, or even down to the top 30, in the PGA Professional National Championship.

No one's watching the PGA for those touring professionals, and they have about as much of a chance of winning as the club pro.

But it shouldn't be about that. Not at the PGA.

The organization kind of gets that, too.

Why else create the “PGA Championship Pick the Hole Location Challenge by Jack Nicklaus?” It's where fans voted on one of four hole locations (picked by PGA of America chief championships officer Kerry Haigh) to be played Sunday on the 181-yard par-3 15th (Nicklaus picked that hole. He won the 1980 PGA Championship at Oak Hill.)

The PGA knows all about growing the game, and getting people involved—and such interaction does exactly that.

It was a way to get people invested in the championship, in the game. And if they felt that such a poll wouldn't “cheapen” this event, then how would letting in more of its members?

It's a major, and should be revered as such, but The Masters has a limited, invitation-only field that includes amateurs and foreign players who have no business competing other than to “grow the game” around the globe. You could say the same about the two opens, which allows any professional or amateur to play their way in—regardless of background.

Well, those guys are only growing the game symbolically. PGA professionals are actually on the ground doing it. They should have the opportunity to be represented more fully in their championship.

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