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We spent a couple days interviewing players at last month's Senior PGA Championship in Benton Harbor. We were fishing for Ryder Cup quotes for GOLFChicago TV and we discovered an interesting commonality to most of the players' responses. The likes of Kenny Perry, Fred Funk, and Brad Faxon talked about playing for their country, but they also reflected about playing with a team. Team is what makes the Ryder Cup so compelling. These guys have been independent contractors for their salaries, yet they want to be a part of something bigger.

We are like-minded when it comes to team events. The most fun you can have on a golf course is playing in a scramble with three friends. In scramble events, there is no need to dish out strokes or police sandbaggers. Four friends each take a shot and try to post the lowest score. Of course, your team will inevitably lose to a few amoral rogue teams always entered in such competitions. But when you finish the round and hand in an honest scorecard, regardless of score, the team gets its greatest joy of the day reflecting on its birdies and blunders.

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"My back is killing me. Next year you guys can carry me."

"I thought -15 was the magic number."

"There is no way that punk beat my drive on the second hole."

"Let's stay for another round."

"When is this thing next year?"

So, when we talked about a series of scramble tournaments GOLFChicago will be hosting with

Golfsmith, Dave and I *insisted* that these tournaments be scrambles. We always hear that "better players" want to play their own ball. Our take is that "serious players" have their own events through the local amateur tours, the CDGA, and other golf associations. The reason scrambles are popular is that your team can have a "serious player"—a Tuesday night leaguer with a single digit handicap—playing together with the buddy next door who plays three rounds a year, along with the woman at the office who played golf in high school. Once the air horn blasts, that team begins a shared experience that is usually more fun than any stroke play event could hope for.

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# The GOLFChicago Interview

**B**utch Harmon has golf in his DNA. The son of 1948 Masters champion Claude Harmon, Butch has been involved with professional golf for over 40 years. Harmon has just released *Butch Harmon About Golf*; a two-DVD set that encompasses his tips and amazing instruction skills that have guided tens of thousands of golfers over the last two decades.

*GOLFChicago* caught up with Butch in recent weeks to talk about his life and times. We were delighted to discover that the same guy who instructs the top-ranked players in the world still appreciates spending time with Joe Public golfer.

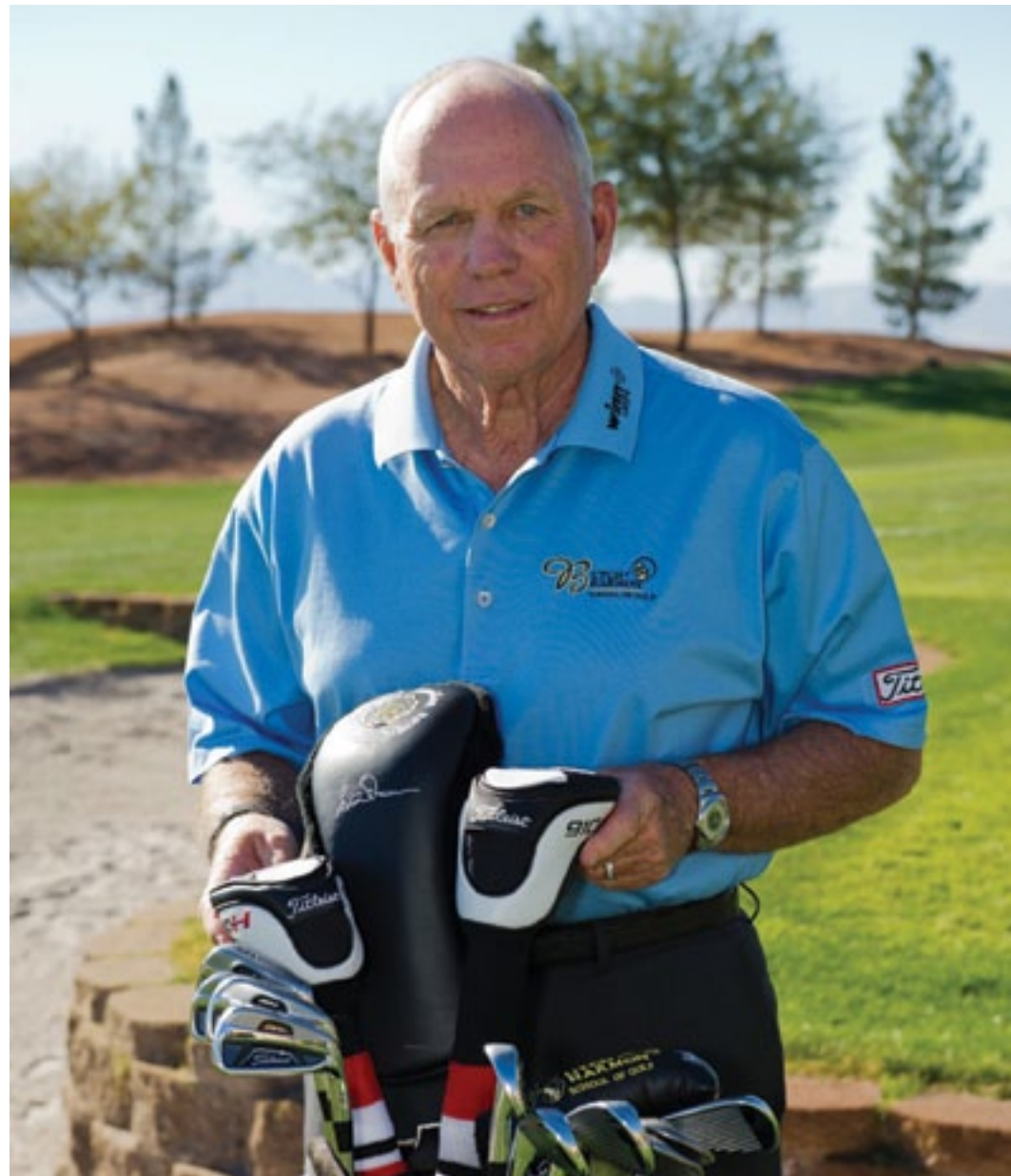
*GC: The new DVD, Butch Harmon About Golf, why now?*

BH: At 68 years old, I'm not sure I can go through another whole year of filming because it was pretty tedious. I think the title says everything. *Butch Harmon About Golf* is four hours totally about golf. There are 250 tips in it. We've got sections on women, seniors, and juniors. We've got all aspects of the game.

*GC: Tell us about the Good to Greatness chapter.*

BH: I have been fortunate to teach the best players in the world. Just about every one of them [I asked] was able to sit down and have a conversation with us about what we did and what I brought to the table. And what they got out of it.

## Butch Harmon About Golf



*GC: How does this relate to the recreational golfer?*

BH: I have learned as much from these great players as they have learned from me. I've had the opportunity to pick their brains. I wanted to share all those messages I have heard from these great players. Everybody relates me with just

teaching the best players in the world or with Tour players. That is not true. I spend most of my time with the average player. When I am done with you today, I'll spend about five hours at my academy giving lessons to regular golfers.



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# The Path to Saving Time

Now that the 2012 golf season is in full swing, let's address a couple of situations we will all encounter on the course this year:

## Relief from a Cart Path

To determine his nearest point of relief, the player will take the club he would have used if the path were not there (e.g., if he is 150 yards from the hole, he might use his 7-iron) to simulate the address position (stance, direction of play, and swing) for such a stroke. The nearest point of relief is the point of relief where the ball would lie for such a stroke that is the closest to the ball's original location and that avoids interference from the path, is not nearer the hole and is not in a hazard (bunker or water hazard) or on a putting green. Once the player determines this point, he will drop the original ball within one club-length of that point, not nearer the hole and not in a hazard or on a putting green. He may use any of his clubs to measure this one club-length (i.e., he may use his longest club). Therefore, the player may wind up using two different clubs for the entire procedure – one to deter-

mine the nearest point of relief and one to measure the one club-length dropping area.

## Playing a Provisional Ball

On a crowded course during the summer, no one likes to have to return to the tee to play another ball because his original tee shot wound up being lost. For the sole purpose of saving the time of walking back to play another ball, though, the Rules of Golf allow the player to play a provisional ball. There is, however, a specific procedure the player must follow to play a provisional ball. First, he may play a provisional ball if the original ball might be lost outside a water hazard or be out of bounds. As the water hazard Rule has its own additional relief options, the player may not play a provisional ball for the sole reason that his ball may be in a water hazard. If there is a chance that his original ball is in a water hazard but there is also the possibility that it may be lost outside the water hazard or that it may be out of bounds, he may play a provisional ball. Second, he must announce to his opponent or fellow-competitor that he is going to

play a provisional ball, and this announcement must be specific (e.g., he just about needs to say "provisional ball," as "I might not find that one so I'll play another" does not suffice). Third, as the purpose of the Rule is to save time, he must play the provisional ball before going forward to search for the original.

If the player plays a provisional ball and the original is in fact lost outside a water hazard or is out of bounds, he will continue with the provisional ball under penalty of stroke and distance (e.g., if the incident occurred with a tee shot, he lies 3 where the first stroke with the provisional ball came to rest).

If the player played a provisional ball and the original is not lost outside a water hazard and is not out of bounds, he must abandon the provisional ball and continue with the original ball. Even if the original ball is in a water hazard or is unplayable and he wants to take relief, the player may not continue with the provisional ball.

While both of the above situations are common and happen to all golfers, let's hope we do not need to use these Rules too often! 🏌️



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# The Heat is On Hot Springs Village, Arkansas

By Bobby Swofford

Just as the conquistadors discovered the medicinal waters of hot springs in Arkansas hundreds of years ago, people today are discovering the wonders that lie deep

within the central part of this state.

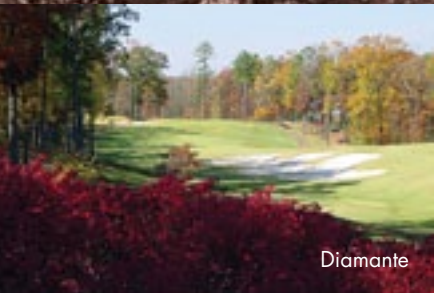
There doesn't appear to be much in the way of scenery on the drive across the foothills of the Ozark Mountains.

But look a little closer and you notice that a bevy of beautiful golf courses are nestled behind the shelter of trees and trails alongside the winding highway.





Granada GC



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Hot Springs Village, the largest gated community in the country, boasts eight courses all open to the public. Each is enjoyable, challenging, and picturesque. The courses range from beginner-friendly to some that will challenge single-digit to scratch handicappers. One of the unique aspects about the courses in Hot Springs Village is that each has a character distinctive from its counterparts. Moreover, there is not one hole of the 144 that looks like another across the complex.

*Golf Digest* and the *Arkansas Business Journal* have dubbed Isabella Golf Course the No. 1 course in Arkansas and it is easy to see why. The 27-hole facility features three picturesque nine-hole loops — Nina, Pinta, and the Santa Maria — that are spacious enough for the average golfer. But each loop

also provides intricacies to challenge grizzled veterans of the links. The greens are some of the best around and are a blend of L93 and Crenshaw Bent Grass.

Isabella is one of several courses available in the Village ranked in the top 10 in Arkansas by *Golf Digest*. Balboa Golf Course has been ranked as high as seventh on the list and is considered one of the favorite courses among village residents. Opening in 1987, Balboa Golf Course is one of the more established courses in Hot Springs Village and presents a collection of demanding par 3s. While Balboa GC is one of the more walker-friendly of the area's 10 courses, various sets of tees make it challenging for all takers. The combination of water hazards and bunkers require a strategic action plan if

you want to save par — or save a few sleeves of golf balls.

The newest course at the Village, Granada Golf Course, was completed in 2004. The Tom Clark designed course is nestled in the foothills of the Ouachita Mountains and offers one of the best views in all of Hot Springs. The panorama from the No. 10 tee affords a view of nearly the entire village. Five sets of tees offer something to every golfer, but only the finest players should attempt to tackle the arduous challenge coming from the 7,115 yards back tees. A level lie is hard to find, so shot placement is key, especially on the signature hole. The par-4 18th has a waterfall that flows from the clubhouse down past the green while undergoing a drastic elevation change.

Arkansas native John Daly opened Ponce De Leon Golf Course



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Isabella GC





in 1991 and the course quickly became a local favorite. It has been ranked as high as the No. 3 course in Arkansas. The course hosted qualifying rounds for the Nationwide Tour event for a three-year stretch.

The Spanish theme of courses with explorer namesakes begs golfers to discover a trio of user-friendly tracks. Magellan Golf Course may be one of the shorter courses available in the area, but that doesn't mean it's one of the easiest. Difficult greens are the property's best defense. A shot-maker's haven, Magellan GC levels the playing field for every member of your foursome. DeSoto Golf Course is the oldest course in Hot Springs Village but was renovated in 2001. DeSoto is enjoyable for the entire family. Cortez Golf Course boasts one of the most difficult holes in the Village. The par-4, No. 10 can play as long as 425 yards which makes players thankful to escape with a par.

Coronado Golf Course is the only executive length course in the Village but sets up perfectly for the family and beginners. If your primary pleasure is to be pampered in the spa, a quick round at Coronado GC is a perfect companion to a day of ease.

Hot Springs is no stranger to Chicagoans. Al Capone was a frequent guest to the retreat that is best known for its natural spas that reach up to 140 degrees. Attractions such as the three major lakes, as well as 11 more in the Hot Springs Village area made it an instant success. Historic hotels such as the Arlington were just one of the many reasons why Hot Springs attracted some of the 1930s' most infamous villains.

Illegal gaming was rampant as the Ozarks offered a safe and secluded getaway. Now gambling is legal at one of the biggest horse racing venues in the country. Oaklawn Park has been open since 1905 and is still going strong. The Arkansas Derby, a perennial mid-April warm-up for the Kentucky Derby, draws close to 100,000 racing enthusiasts.

Prices have never been more affordable in Hot Springs Village largely due to a newly implemented one-year membership. This membership is available for \$275 and allows you to play each of the open courses at members' prices, saving 65 percent a round, making it beneficial and affordable to visit the Village multiple times in a calendar year.

Plenty of rental properties are available for a vacation as well as

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Hot Springs Village has been a golf destination for a quarter century and looks to only get better as the calendar flips by. The golf courses, as well as the surrounding attractions, make the Village a must-play golf destination.

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*Lake Forest's Deerpath G.C.*

*By Neal Kotlarek*



Although Lake Forest is a relatively small city of 20,000, this idyllic North Shore community is acclaimed on many fronts. Headquarters of the Chicago Bears, and is the hometown of a long list of business titans, celebrities, and sports stars, including Marshall Field, Charles Walgreen III, Vince Vaughn, Keith Magnuson, and Chip Beck.

While golf courses rest across the sprawling prairies and namesake woodlands of Lake Forest, most of them are private country clubs, including Conway Farms which will host the BMW Championship September 9 – 15, 2013. The city's lone public 18-hole course is the delightful and impeccably manicured Deerpath Golf Course. Its relatively modest length is a bit deceiving, as many tree-lined fairways tighten holes considerably by calling for precision tee shots. Mature trees tower over many fairways and serve to isolate players from other groups on adjacent fairways.

Head golf professional Rick Wallrath is in his first year at the property and expresses his amazement on how different the course plays depending on the prevailing winds. "Our members love the course because of its mature trees and excellent conditioning," he says. "When

the winds come in, the course changes personality. You can play a par-4 in the morning and reach a green with a driver and a wedge and then play the same hole in the afternoon and struggle to reach the green with a long-iron."

Deerpath plays to 6,255 yards but as a par-70 course. Each of the par-3s are challenging tests as No. 5 stretches to 182 yards from the blue tees and No. 8 extends to 190 yards. On the back nine, the par-3s play to 200 yards and 190 yards, respectively.

By far and away the most challenging hole on the course is the 449-yard No. 6. This long par-4 is straight away, yet a winding creek tightens the tee shot area and two greenside bunkers protect the putting surface.

A pond in the shape of a monster footprint confronts the golfer on the 539-yard No. 12. Lay up short of this hazard and the result is a near-impossible long-iron or wood woven between two sand bunkers to reach the green in two. While an opening to the green exists to allow run-up shots to the green, the best way to birdie this hole is a lay-up second shot and a short-iron approach.

Along with a fine and challenging golf course, Deerpath provides instruction at its acclaimed golf academy run by Director of Instruction Richard Franklin.

A Flightscope and MORAD certified instructor, Franklin and his team provide custom instruction for the entire family, beginners to advance players. The academy also offers special three-week Junior Golf Camps from mid-June through mid-August. The group programs include a 6 to 1 student to instructor ratio and incorporate major emphasis on the short game with on-course daily instruction.

Deerpath has a busy summer hosting various tournaments this year, including a qualifier for the 63rd Illinois Open on June 7th, and the 37th Junior PGA Championships for girls and boys, June 20 – 21.

In 2012, Deerpath G.C. transitioned to a new operations team managed by KemperSports, the same group that oversees operations at courses, private clubs, and resorts across 28 states and Puerto Rico. As KemperSports continues to upgrade Deerpath's services and facilities, golfers should expect great things while strolling the tree-lined fairways of Lake Forest.

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# Tee It Up Ozark Style



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Arriving at Central Missouri's Lake of the Ozarks, visitors will look with wonderment at man's use of technology to dam the Osage River and create a recreational reservoir that has over 1,150 miles of coastline. Once the tee is in the ground and the turf begins to fly, golfers will be awed by the terrific courses that surround this serpentine lake.

While Osage National Golf Resort was not the first course at the lake, the 1990s golf boom's addition put the Lake of the Ozarks

on the map as a legitimate destination for golfers. Osage National has three distinct nine-hole loops. The Links, the Mountain, and the River courses are the only Arnold Palmer designs in the Show Me state.

The Mountain course traverses the Ozark hillsides and bluffs and is decidedly alpine golf. The opening three-hole stretch may be the best send-off sequence at the lake. The blue tees are as far back as most golfers will want to play Osage,

so the brave will need to carry a full cache of balls.

The River course at Osage National runs along the Osage River and is a long, grueling test, especially from the teeing ground. With water hazards looming on every hole, the River loop is not a pushover and will frustrate a loose swing. A big miss from the tee or fairway will teach you about Ozark punishment, which is deserved and inescapable. While the Mountain offers the best opening sequence at the lake, the

River course concludes brilliantly with a 581-yard, par-5. Even after two great shots and a short-iron left to reach the prize, par is not a safe bet until the ball is resting on the green, which is between massive, intimidating bunkers. The River course's final hole is a great finish to a day of Ozark golf, and one that will leave golfers second-guessing their strategy or swanking their efforts on this marathon three-shooter.

For resort golf with some of the best lake views, tackle Tan-Tar-A Golf Resort's Hidden

Lakes course, a nine holer that levels the playing field for short hitters. Although it lacks length at just 3,015 yards, the sporty layout is fun and requires precise shot making to score well, but even rusty swings will enjoy the challenge to create shots. The big brother course at Tan-Tar-A is The Oaks. The 18-hole layout plays on fast and firm turf. While relaxation and recreation are the cornerstones at Tan-Tar-A Resort, skill and confidence are the keys to playing well at both her courses.

South of Osage Beach in Camdenton, Old Kinderhook Golf Club is Tom Weiskopf's design that is annually rated as one of the top five courses in the Show Me State. Old Kinderhook earns this praise with course conditioning that would shame most country clubs, and a layout that tickles the gray matter with risk/reward opportunities and multiple lines of play. When you need some room to pound the driver, you'll find it, but Weiskopf's masterpiece is at its best on the par-4s. These

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two-shooters are stretched and short, devious and delightful. One of the gems is short and sassy, playing well under 340-yards from the tee. Hole 6 will not be strong-armed with a driver, but can be finessed with mid-iron or hybrid. Hole 6, a 306-yard dogleg right with a perched green, is a chance to show your shot-making skills, or display greenside prowess. The short side bunker is as intimidating as any pot bunker you'll play, but it isn't impossible to show your mettle here as the sultan of silica. Old Kinderhook is a treat, so over-indulge with a 36-hole day; this is a course I'd love to play every day.

Lake of the Ozarks is a recreation reservoir for boating and fishing, but if a mid-summer's shower delays your game, don't forget to sample the underworld in the Ozarks. Bridal Cave (526 Bridal Cave Road) is just minutes from Old Kinderhook and is one of the richest collections of stalactites, stalagmites, and geological formations in the country. Still raining? Grab the kids and try splashing something besides a Pro-V1 by hitting Tan-Tar-A Resorts's Timber Falls Indoor Waterpark. It is loaded with sprinklers, slides, and pools, but the lazy river may be the key to balance your chi for the next round.

The best arctic treats are at Randy's Frozen Custard on highway 54 in Osage Beach. Just look for the long line of couples and families and trust there is a reason the front of the stand looks like a DMV line. The Ozark Turtle is Randy's specialty. Remember that you'll be heading back to Chicagoland and there is no guilt when it comes to overindulgence at the Lake of the Ozarks.

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## The Full Swing



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# Swinging Gate

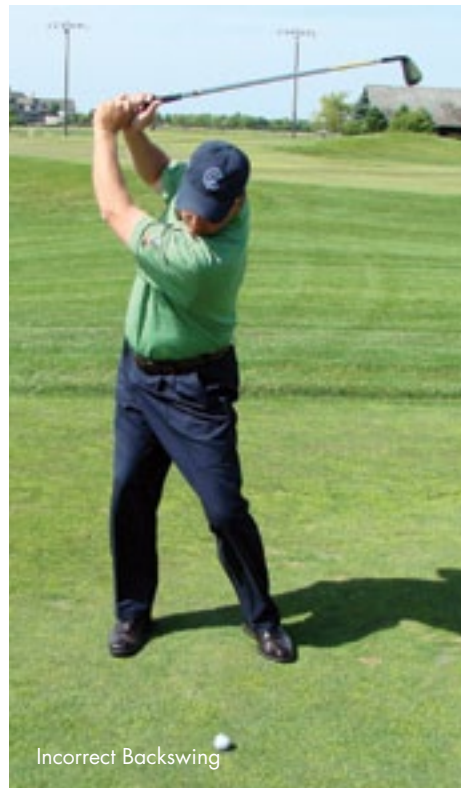
Two of the most common problems in the golf swing occur when the player comes out of the address posture and the player stands up at the top of the backswing or at impact. If the player has correctly addressed the ball, then his spine will be tilted forward with his chest facing ground at a 45-degree angle. This posture must be maintained from the start of the swing through impact.

To maintain this 45-degree angle through the backswing, the swing must begin with the right shoulder so that the shoulders will turn perpendicular to the spine. This will eliminate the tendency to sway or slide away from the golf ball, which ruins the player's posture. Sways and slides are created when the left shoulder dips toward the ground in the backswing.

On the downswing, to maintain the proper 45-degree tilt, the left shoulder opens until it returns to its original starting position at impact. Many players start their downswing by driving their left shoulder toward the sky, forcing their right shoulder toward the ground. This also ruins their posture.

In order to promote the integrity of the setup, try to think of your upper torso as a tilted swinging gate. At the start of the backswing, the player's shoulders start turning just as a gate would swing open. At the top of the backswing, the player's chest will still be facing the ground. To start the downswing, the player's shoulders must start to close just as a swinging gate would. At impact, again the player's chest will be facing down. This is where a lot of swing flaws occur. A lot of players get too tall (straighten and lift their shoulders and chest) through impact. This encourages the loss of the 45-degree hip hinge at address. In order to compress and make solid contact with the ball, it is very important to maintain one's posture to impact. The tilted swinging gate illustrates how the upper body moves in the golf swing, allowing the player to ensure correct posture throughout the swing.

During your next session on the practice range, think about the swinging gate during your swing. I think you'll see positive results when you begin to open and shut the gate at the proper spine angle.



Incorrect Backswing



Incorrect Impact



Correct Backswing



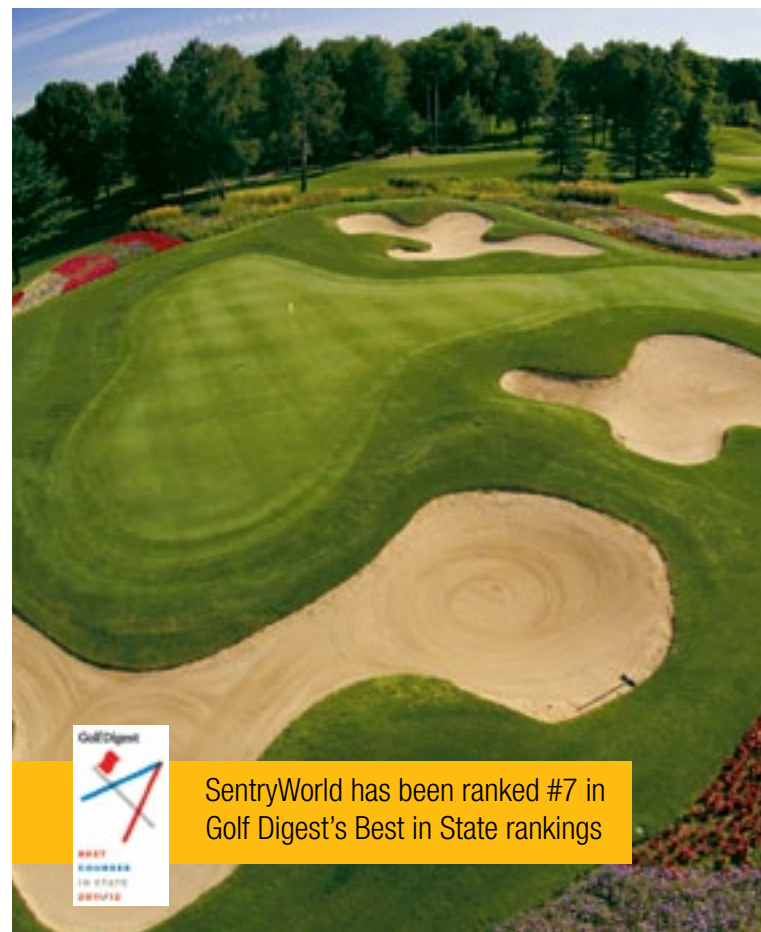
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# Grip It Right, Then Rip It

**A**lmost every lesson I teach begins with an intense look at how the player addresses the golf ball. The way in which a player places their hands on the grip is big in determining the quality of shots they can achieve. A lot is made about *how* a good ball striker grips the club, but not often is it noted *where* they grip the club. Your typical amateur takes the grip while the clubhead is lying on the ground [photo 1], not only encouraging the club to run through the palm of the hands, but often affecting the posture while they investigate the work they've done. The bad posture then limits the body motion, while the grip doesn't allow any

wrist action, often leading to a bend in the left elbow while the player searches for alternate ways to get the club to the top of the swing [photo2]. When you watch the professionals during the next telecast, take note of where the club is in relation to their body when they first mold their hands to the grip. You will find that a vast majority of the players do this while they are walking into the shot [photo 3]. This allows a player to easily get the grip running through the fingers, and matching each other, which ultimately leads to proper wrist action in the swing, the main ingredient to that effortless power we all admire [photo 4].

## At the Leadbetter Academy

Matthew Hilton

Good habits like these can be viewed as preventative medicine for the golf game. You can try to fix the grip and the posture individually all you want, but it will be much easier to look to the root problem of both: poor fundamentals in the pre-shot routine.

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Photo 1



Photo 3



Photo 2

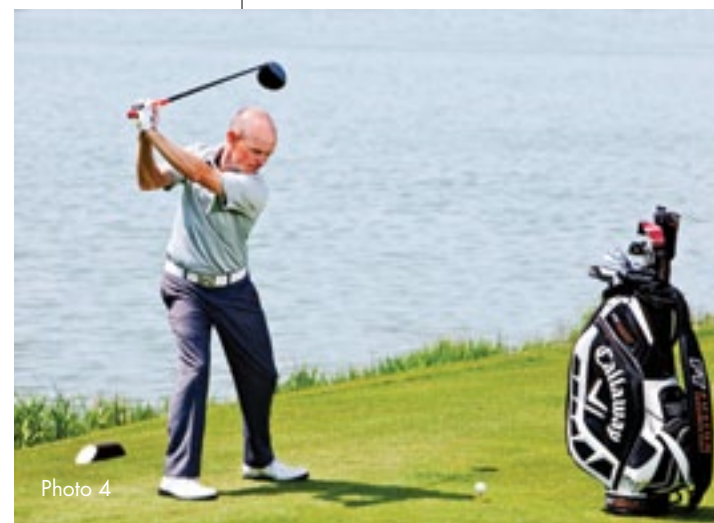


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# Draw the Ball

**M**any players we work with want to know how to draw their golf ball on command. No doubt it would be fun for a lot of players to be able to aim to the center of a green and draw the ball to a left pin.

If a player wants to be able to control their golf ball, the first key is to swing the club on plane. Keeping it simple, swinging on plane means the shaft of the club is pointing at the golf ball during the swing once it hinges up and then again as it swings down.

There are two basic keys to swinging the club on plane. The first is to set up in proper posture, tilted forward from the hips with the arms hanging under the body, knees flexed, and weight favoring the balls of the feet. The second is to grip the club so that the club can be hinged properly during the backswing.

Once a player has relatively good command of their swing plane, they can then learn to work their golf ball with some control.

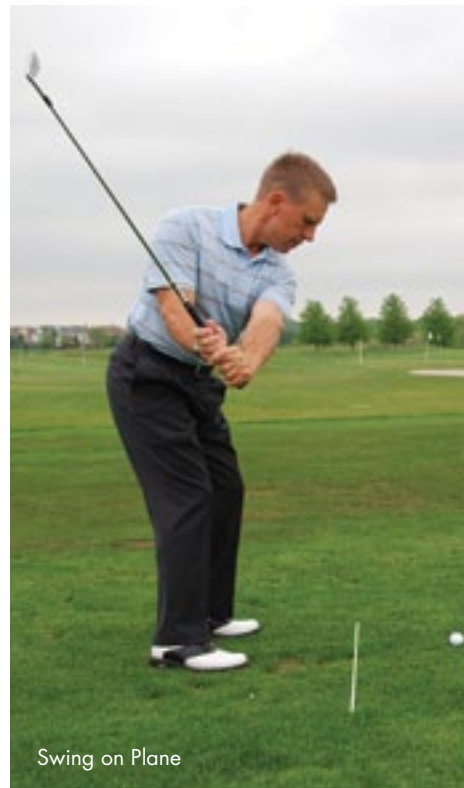
As always, great shots start in the set up. To hit a draw, set up with the ball back, and pull the right (trail) foot back, closing the stance to the target line. However, it is important to keep the shoulders square. Additionally, some players will close their clubface slightly or strengthen their grip. As a teacher, I have taught that with 6-iron down to wedges, it helps to close the face and strengthen the grip. 5-iron through hybrids only need a slightly stronger grip with no adjustment to the clubface. Fairway woods and driver need no adjustment in grip or clubface; only stance and ball position. The reason the player has to work harder to curve the ball with the shorter clubs is that more loft imparts back spin while clubs with less loft impart side spin.

Once a player has set up properly, the feel of the draw is to let the club release more than normal. Some players exaggerate the release by feeling the right forearm roll over the left more abruptly than normal. Others will just focus on closing the toe of the clubface over just before impact.

My advice to players is to experiment with this shot on the range in practice before ever trying them when it matters on the course. It's always good advice to play shots on the course you know how to hit and that you have practiced.



Proper Setup and Posture



Swing on Plane



Draw Setup



Draw Grip

## GOLFChicago Interview

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*GC: What do you hope golfers take away from this DVD?*

BH: I hope they take away something that will make them a better golfer. The average player never practices what they are bad at. They practice what they are good at.

*GC: At age 68, you have seen the best golfers of five generations.*

BH: Because of my age and family, I have been around the greatest players who have ever played this game. I personally have seen just about every great player with the exception of [Bobby] Jones and [Walter] Hagen. Basic fundamentals never change. Grip, posture, ball position, and alignment stay the same. I don't care what era you are talking about. Basic fundamentals are basic fundamentals. I talk about that a lot in the first chapters of *About Golf*.


*GC: What have you learned from the average player?*


BH: What I have learned from the average player is that strange swings work, or strange swings don't work. Our dad taught all four of us boys to have an open mind. You can't think that you know it all. There isn't any one way to do anything. If you look at the Hall of Fame, the Hall of Fame is full of a lot of very strange golf swings. Why are they in the Hall of Fame? Because they worked!

*GC: Take us inside your brain, what do you see at the range of a PGA Tour event?*

BH: You can pretty much walk up and down the practice tee and tell who the guys work with just by their swings. You can see the stack and tilt guys doing their stuff. You can see Leadbetter's people doing their stuff. Sean Foley's guys doing his stuff. But when you look at my guys, they are all different. My belief is to never change what you do naturally and just do it better.

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*GC: What are your thoughts on Luke Donald's swing?*

BH: For a guy who has been so consistent these last 18 months, he did it very strangely. He is not the longest hitter. He's not a very accurate driver, which is surprising.

*GC: How has the game changed for regular, non-Tour golfers?*

BH: The game has changed completely. Equipment has changed

the game. Agronomy of golf courses has changed the game. Conditioning and flexibility are so much more important. The way we teach has to change. The way I teach has changed. Teaching has evolved. More people are teaching systems. I don't believe in that. I don't think you can teach everybody the same way. There are two ways to look at it. You can teach golf to people, or you can teach people to golf. We teach people to play golf.

# SWEET HOME CHICAGO

## Stricker Seeks Historic Win at John Deere Classic

Former University of Illinois star Steve Stricker will attempt to become only the fifth player in PGA Tour history to win the same tournament four times when he tees off at the John Deere Classic July 12-15. The 45-year-old Wisconsinite will attempt to join legends Tom Morris, Jr.; Walter Hagen, Gene Sarazen and Tiger Woods to achieve this amazing feat.

"We are very excited at the prospect of witnessing Steve make history and join a very elite group of golfers should he win his fourth straight John Deere Classic," said tournament director Clair Peterson. "Steve has been the top-ranked American player in the world for some time now and has been a tremendous supporter of the tournament. His quest to win four in a row will bring international attention and credibility to our event."

The tournament is expected to draw many of the world's top pros who have heaped praise on the TPC Deere Run golf course in Silvis, Illinois. One of only ten TPC courses open to the public, TPC at Deere Run was designed by D.A. Weibring and Chris Gray. The layout is perennially ranked among the country's top 60 public courses in America by *Golfweek* magazine.

For tickets and more information on the John Deere Classic, visit the tournament website: [www.johndeereclassic.com](http://www.johndeereclassic.com)

"How has retirement affected my golf game? A lot more people beat me now."

—Dwight David Eisenhower



Photo: Jared Nowak / Illinois PGA

## Malm Comes From Behind To Win State PGA Match Play Title

Curtis Malm of St. Charles Country Club won five of the last six holes to beat Rich Dukelow of Cantigny 2-up to become the 61st Illinois PGA Match Play champion at Kemper Lakes Golf Club in Kildeer. Dukelow took an early lead in the final match, and was 3-up by three with six holes to play when Malm began his charge.

"Match play at Kemper Lakes is always a ride," Malm said. "I love this place. It's a great championship golf course."

Malm outlasted a field of 116 state professionals to win the title. Playing five matches in three days, he took down two previous State PGA Match Play champions as well as the 2011 Match Play runner-up to earn the title.



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## Former WGA President Leaves Behind Legacy of Service to Golf

Don Johnson touched the lives of thousands of young men and women during his long and illustrious tenure as president and CEO of the Western Golf Association/Evans Scholars Foundation. Recognition of Johnson's contributions to the Chicago golf scene came from his colleagues and peers following his death on May 24th at age 77.

"Don enjoyed a lifelong love of, and respect for, the game of golf," said John Kaczowski, current WGA/ESF president and CEO. "He was dedicated to giving back to the game through his work and our scholarships and championships."

Barry Cronin, who worked with Johnson to promote numerous BMW and Western Open championships, stated that Johnson's work will be remembered long into the future. "Four thousand caddies received their college educations as Evans Scholars during Don's tenure at the association," Cronin said. "Thus, his impact on the Chicago community will be felt for generations."

Johnson's interest in golf began as a youth when he caddied at Meadowbrook Country Club in Wisconsin. After graduating from UW-Madison in 1961, he practiced law in Madison for the next 26 years and became a member of Nakoma Golf Club. He was elected to the club's board of directors in the mid-70s and became a WSGA director in 1979. Johnson was named director of the Western Golf Association in 1984 and became its president in 1988.

He is survived by his wife, Jane, a son and two daughters along with four grandchildren. A memorial service is planned for early June. Memorials honoring Mr. Johnson may be made to the Evans Scholars Foundation, [www.wgaesf.org](http://www.wgaesf.org)

## Harrigan Ousts Russell To Capture State Senior Match Play Title

PGA Life Member Mike Harrigan only needed 12 holes to best Terry Russell 7 and 6 in the Illinois Senior Match Play Championship at Shore Acres May 31st. Braving temperatures in the mid-40s, Harrigan took his first lead on No.4 and never looked back. Harrigan won five consecutive holes on Nos. 7 – 11 to stretch his lead in the final match to 7-up. Both players made two-foot par putts on No. 12 to finish the event.

"I'm just thrilled to win the Senior Match Play Championship," Harrigan said afterwards. "It means a great deal to win any tournament, let alone a major championship."

Harrigan was playing in his third competition in as many weeks, having previously played in the PGA Match Play Championship, the Senior PGA Championship at Harbor Shores in Michigan, and then in this event.

He had made his way to the final match against Russell, PGA head golf professional at Bryn Mawr C.C., by beating defending champion Jim Sobb of Ivanhoe Club 1-up. Russell had bested Ken Mine of Glencoe Golf Club 2 and 1 for the right to challenge Harrigan.



Photo: Mike Schoaf / Illinois PGA



Carlton Fisk at the 2011 CSC Outing



### Cancer Support Center Outing with Carlton Fisk

The Cancer Support Center (CSC) hosts its 21st Golf Outing and Tribute Dinner in memory of Steve Fallick, at Flossmoor Country Club on July 15 and 16. The outing will feature Hall of Famer Carlton Fisk, who will compete against participants on the par 3, seventh hole.

Join The Cancer Support Center for its dinner kickoff on Sunday, July 15, 2012, from 6:00 p.m. to 10:00 p.m. On Monday, July 16th, enjoy golf with Carlton Fisk, baseball Hall of Famer, from 10:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. at Flossmoor Country Club, 1441 Western Avenue, Flossmoor. Golf registration begins at 11:00 a.m., followed by complimentary lunch and a Shotgun start at noon. Individual tickets for golf are \$275. Foursomes, which include the Sunday dinner, start at \$1,300. Event features include pictures with Carlton Fisk, silent auction prizes, raffles, games, and an opportunity to win a signed Carlton Fisk jersey.

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**I guess there is nothing that will get your mind off everything like golf will. I have never been depressed enough to take up the game, but they say you can get so sore at yourself that you forget to hate your enemies.** --Will Rogers

### "Get Golf Ready" Series Set to Go This Summer

Golf courses across the Chicago area are offering a unique, fast, fun and affordable golf instruction series this summer. The "Get Golf Ready" program consists of five 90-minute lessons designed to make beginner golfers comfortable on the course while developing basic skills. Prices for the program start at \$99 and vary by facility. The lessons are provided by PGA professionals and have a retail value of over \$600.

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Visit the program's website for class schedules: [www.GetGolfReady.com](http://www.GetGolfReady.com).

**"The least thing upset him on the links. He missed short putts because of the uproar of the butterflies in the adjoining meadows."**

**—P G Wodehouse**

### Taste of The First Tee Event To Feature Stricker, Wilson, Donald

Three of the world's top ranked professionals will host the Fourth Annual Taste of the First Tee wine tasting to benefit The First Tee of Greater Chicago on Wednesday, June 20th. Held at Northern Trust's headquarters in downtown 5:45 – 9 p.m., the party will be hosted by Luke Donald, currently ranked #1 in the world, Steve Stricker (#6), and Mark Wilson (#29).

The benefit will feature samples of the Luke Donald Collection of wines, as well as other selections from the Terlato Wine Group. A live and silent auction will run in tandem with the tasting and will include signed sports memorabilia and spectacular golf packages.

An evening presentation will feature a Q&A format with Donald, Stricker, and Wilson. Three PGA Tour stars will discuss their careers and their perspectives on the upcoming 39th Ryder Cup matches to be held at Medinah Country Club in September.

General admission seating and sponsorships remain available at press time. Both can be purchased through The First Tee of Great Chicago's website: [www.thefirstteegreaterchicago.org](http://www.thefirstteegreaterchicago.org) or call 773-800-1244.

**"I'm getting so old, I don't even buy green bananas anymore."** —Chi Chi Rodriguez

### Chicago Park District Expands 'Kids Play Free' Program

The six golf courses of the Chicago Park District have expanded their popular "Kids Play Free" golf program. Launched in 2009, the program is now offered seven days a week this year at Chicago Park District courses. Designed for busy families to spend time together, "Kids Play Free" is an opportunity for golfer parents to affordably introduce the game to their children. "Chicago Park District is committed to increasing the number of junior golfers enjoying this wonderful game," says Michael Kelly, General Superintendent and CEO of Chicago Park District. Each junior golfer (age five to 17) plays free with each paying adult at Jackson Park, Sydney R. Marovitz, South Shore, Robert A. Black, Columbus Park, and Marquette Park.

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### Family Weekend Golf Series at Wheaton's Cantigny

Cantigny will inaugurate its Family Golf Weekend June 8th through Sunday, June 10th. The event is open to golfers of all skill levels and also to non-golfers seeking an introduction to the game. "We are focused on bringing more people to this great game," says Patrick Lynch, Cantigny head golf professional. This special weekend program, along with our "Welcome to Golf" clinic series will provide an easy way to enter the game and keep the process fun."

The program is geared to ages 5 and up. Among the events scheduled are golf specials on Cantigny's championship course and its Youth Links; complimentary instructional clinics; parent/junior "golf & grill;" and the introduction of two new on-course programs that promote family play. The complete event schedule is posted on the club's website: [www.CantignyGolf.com](http://www.CantignyGolf.com)

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The Bolingbrook Sports Dome was formerly known as "Ditka's Sports Dome," named after the legendary Chicago Bears player and coach. Opened in 2003, the 62,000-square-foot facility is undergoing a complete facelift and won't be open until October when a haunted house is installed there. Soon after Halloween ends, the two-tier heated range will reopen to golfers and feature 48 hitting stations, two putting greens, a chipping area, and a practice sand bunker.

McQ's, the remodeled restaurant portion of the dome, re-opened to excellent reviews. The previous version has been transformed into a tastefully decorated sports bar featuring barbeque food. The menu was developed by Mistwood G.C. chef James Shamet, whose resume includes catering to celebrities such as Oprah Winfrey and the Rolling Stones.

"This is really an exciting time for us," said McWethy. "We are providing a state-of-the-art facility for golfers and for those in the community."

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### Bittersweet Golf Club

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875 Almond Road  
Gurnee, IL 60031  
[www.bittersweetgolf.com](http://www.bittersweetgolf.com)

In Season Rates:  
Monday - Friday  
Early Bird: 6 - 8 am:  
\$35 with a cart and range balls  
Prime: 8 am - 2:30pm:  
\$39 including cart  
Twilight: \$29 with cart  
Jr./Sr. Rates: Yes  
Banquets/Outings:  
Up to 144 Players

Weekend and Holidays  
5 - 10 am:  
\$59 Cart, \$49 Walking  
10 am - 12 pm:  
\$49 Cart, \$39 Walking  
12 - 2:30 pm  
\$39 Cart, \$29 Walking  
After 2:30:  
\$29 Cart, \$24 Walking

18 Championship Golf Holes  
Par 72 Yardage:  
4952 - 6751  
Rating/Slope  
70.0/121 - 73.3/135  
Premier Practice Facility  
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Lighted grass tee driving range

Named best golf course by the readers of the Daily Herald in 2010, Bittersweet Golf Club is a challenging and scenic 18-hole golf facility conveniently located in Gurnee, Illinois, with easy access to the toll way (I-94 and Eden's Expressway). Bittersweet offers the public 18 holes of challenging golf and an excellent practice facility with lighted driving range with natural grass tees.



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800-484-3264  
262-284-7075  
3121 County Road I  
Saukville, WI 53080  
[www.GolfTheBog.com](http://www.GolfTheBog.com)

18 Holes: Par 72  
Yardage: 5100 - 7200  
Top Course Rating: 75.3  
Slope: 143

Seasonal Rates:  
\$55 - \$95  
Carts: \$15  
(view website specials)

- Arnold Palmer Design
- Ranked in the Top 10 Best Overall Golf Courses in Wisconsin by *Golf Digest*
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- 297 acres of wetlands, woods, rolling hills, and wildlife habitat.
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- Full Amenities
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### Bolingbrook Golf Club

630-771-9400  
2001 Rodeo Drive  
Bolingbrook, IL 60490  
[www.bolingbrookgolfclub.com](http://www.bolingbrookgolfclub.com)

18 holes  
Yardage: 7104 - 4931  
Rating/Slope  
73.8/135 - 68.2/116

Mon - Th: \$98, includes cart with GPS and range balls  
Fri - Sun: \$110, includes cart with GPS and range balls  
Jr./Sr. Rates: Yes  
Twilight Rates: Yes  
Practice Facilities: Yes  
Banquet/Outings: Yes

Located just forty minutes southwest of Chicago, Bolingbrook Golf Club combines the elements of a world-class facility and championship golf. Bolingbrook Golf Club features an Arthur Hills and Steve Forrest designed championship golf course, an exceptional practice facility with a learning academy, state-of-the-art GPS-equipped golf carts, and a 76,000 square foot clubhouse with men's and women's locker rooms, lounges, two full-service restaurants, and full banquet facilities. Memberships are available.

Bolingbrook Golf Club was named #28 in the 2010 *Golf World* Readers' Choice Awards for best public course in the country, named to the 2009 *Golfweek* Best Courses You Can Play list, and received 4½ stars from *Golf Digest*.



### Bowes Creek Country Club

847-214-5880  
1250 Bowes Creek Boulevard  
Elgin, Illinois 60124  
[www.bowescreekcountryclub.com](http://www.bowescreekcountryclub.com)

18 Championship Golf Holes  
Yardage: 6794 - 4756  
Rating/Slope:  
73.2/142 - 68.1/121

Member for a Day Rates allows unlimited play for the day  
Mon - Th: \$79 / golf, cart, and range  
Fri - Sun: \$98 / golf, cart, and range  
Jr./Sr. Rates: Yes  
Practice Facility: Yes  
Twilight Rates: Yes  
Banquet/Outings: Yes

Here at Bowes Creek Country Club, our patrons are not treated like an everyday customer. You can buy a membership for the year or you can pay to be a Member for a Day! Instead of standard green fees, we offer a daily membership. The Member for a Day Fee will allow you to play unlimited golf with cart and allow you full use of the practice facility. There will be no limit to the amount of golf you want to play that day because you are... Member for that Day!  
A Rick Jacobson Designed golf course, it is everything you want in a golf course. "We tried to give the course a rustic look and used big, sweeping bunkers with fingers of grass drifting into the sand and fescue grasses as lips on the bunker faces," Jacobson said.



### Cantigny Golf

630-668-8463  
27w270 Mack Road  
Wheaton, IL 60189  
[www.cantignygolf.com](http://www.cantignygolf.com)

27 holes  
Yardage per 18:  
7,055 - 5,183  
Rating/Slope:  
74.2/140 - 70.4/122

Mon - Th: \$85 walking  
Fri - Sun: \$95 walking  
Cart: \$20 (7 days)  
Caddie:  
\$20 per person plus tip  
Jr./Sr. Rates: Yes  
Twilight rates: No  
Practice Facility: Yes  
Banquet/Outings: Yes

Cantigny was named "Best New Public Course in America" by *Golf Digest* in 1989, and since then has been a "Top 100 Public Course." It has hosted numerous championships, including three Illinois State Amateurs and the 2007 U.S. Amateur Public Links. Designed on spectacular terrain by Roger Packard, the course's beauty will take your breath away. The impressive Cantigny Golf Academy opened in 2008, and junior golfers thrive at the 9-hole Cantigny Youth Links.

Great golf and excellent food go together at Cantigny. As an incentive to sample the cuisine, golfers in 2012 will receive a \$10 voucher good for same-day redemption at Fareways Grill inside the clubhouse. You'll get a voucher when you play 18 holes at the regular rate during non-peak times—Monday through Thursday all day and Saturday/Sunday afternoons.



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**Columbus Park – 9 Holes**  
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6700 S. Kedzie Avenue

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7059 South Shore Drive

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### Flossmoor Country Club

708.798.4700  
1441 Western Avenue  
Flossmoor, IL 60422  
[www.flossmoorcc.org](http://www.flossmoorcc.org)

"South Chicago's Premier Private Golf Club"  
Founded 1899

Golf Course Architect  
Herbert J. Tweedie, 1899  
Redesigned by:  
Raymond Hearn, 2009

Yardage, Rating/Slope  
7136, 75.5/144  
6764, 73.7/138  
6437, 72.2/134  
6112, 70.6/130  
5503, 72.9/133

- Member Amenities
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Flossmoor Country Club provides golfing enjoyment, competition and family entertainment in the south suburbs of Chicago. In 1899, Flossmoor Country Club was founded and is now one of the oldest existing clubs in the Midwest and home to a classic style, world-class golf course. With rich history and traditions, the "Flossmoor Experience" emanates through various member golf tournaments and social events culminating in the finest club experience Chicago has to offer.



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11599 31st St

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### The Glen Club

847-724-7272  
2901 West Lake Ave.  
Glenview, IL 60026  
[www.theglenclub.com](http://www.theglenclub.com)

Offering a unique blend of membership and daily fee play.

2012 Green Fees range from \$105 - \$185. General public may reserve starting times seven days in advance. Practice range is included in green fee. Carts: \$24 Caddies are available upon request.

Renowned golf course architect Tom Fazio brilliantly transformed the once-flat runways of the Glenview Naval Air station into a nationally acclaimed 18-hole layout, featuring dramatic elevation changes, meandering lakes, and running streams. Following its debut in 2001, The Glen Club was thrust into the national spotlight earning recognition from *Golf Magazine*, *Golf Digest* and *Sports Illustrated*. The Glen Club has hosted numerous professional and elite amateur events and is the home course for Northwestern University's men's and women's golf teams.

- A *Golf Magazine* Top 100 You Can Play in the United States.
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### Glencoe Golf Club

847-835 -0250  
621 Westley Road  
Glencoe, IL 60022  
[www.glencoeclub.com](http://www.glencoeclub.com)

Par 72 | Yardage: 6,539  
Rating / Slope  
Blue: 71.6/130  
White: 70.3/127  
Red: 72.8/127

Weekday Fees  
Early bird: \$30.00  
Prime: \$ 41.00  
Twilight: \$ 28.00  
Super Twilight: \$ 23.00  
Weekend Fees  
Prime: \$ 49.00  
Twilight: \$ 32.00  
Super Twilight: \$ 23.00

- Sr./Jr. Discounts
- Grass Tee Range
- Outings Available

The Glencoe Golf Club, known for excellent course conditions and lightning-fast greens, is a great escape from the sights and sounds of the city, located only 20 minutes north of Chicago, just off the Edens Expressway.

The Golf Academy will now be featuring two of the area's best players to share their formula for success through private lessons, clinics, and summer camps. Bill Sakas and Travis Johns have both competed with impressive results in the professional ranks and bring that knowledge to their teaching. Learn the basics or improve your competitive edge with experienced instructors who back up their knowledge with tournament golf experience.



### Glenview Park Golf Club

847-724-0250  
800 Shermer Road  
Glenview, IL 60025  
[www.golfglenview.com](http://www.golfglenview.com)

18 holes  
Par 70  
Yardage: 6,133

Mon - Th: 18 holes \$39  
Mon - Th Twilight:  
9 holes \$24  
Mon - Th: Super Twilight:  
(after 5 pm) \$20  
Fri - Sun: \$48  
Fri - Sun Twilight:  
9 holes \$30  
Fri - Sun/Holidays Super  
Twilight:  
(after 5 pm) \$20  
Cart Fees:  
9 holes \$10/rider  
18 holes \$16/rider  
Twilight \$13/rider  
Tee Time Specials  
available at [www.golfglenview.com](http://www.golfglenview.com)

Experience pure golfing enjoyment at the Glenview Park Golf Club. Beautifully landscaped with an extensive variety of trees, shrubs, and flowers, this 18-hole, 6,133-yard, par-70 course features a choice of three bent grass tee boxes on every hole. The Glenview Park Golf Club offers the amenities of a private club but is open to the public and close to home. Since 1955, when the Glenview Park District purchased the Chesterfield Golf Course and began operating it as the Glenview Park Golf Club, the course has been continually upgraded and improved to add to your golfing enjoyment.



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360 S. Waukegan  
Suite B-2  
224-330-4020

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353 N. River Road  
847-299-5431

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2020 Butterfield Road  
630-932-4653

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4302 E. New York Street  
630-723-5215

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Suite 401  
630-579-9390

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Suite 101B  
630-396-2020

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18 Championship Golf Holes  
Yardage: 6510 - 5568  
Rating/Slope:  
71.6/128 - 66.8/116

Mon - Fri:  
\$35 walk / \$54 ride  
Weekends / Holidays:  
\$43 walk / \$62 ride  
Jr./Sr. Rates: Weekdays  
Only  
Practice Facility: Yes  
Twilight Rates: Yes  
Banquet/Outings: Yes

The new quarry nine and the original nine holes flow over beautiful rolling terrain, creating a diverse collection of holes. The new nine holes reclaim an old stone quarry, and are routed to take maximum advantage of the unique and dramatic landforms that were left behind. Four holes hug the top of the bluff thirty to forty feet above the water, providing golfers with incredible views and numerous shot options on each hole.

The prairie-style clubhouse with stunning golf course views is now open. The clubhouse features event rooms with expansive ceilings, full-scale food and beverage operations, locker rooms, and an expanded golf shop. The facility also features a lighted practice facility offering bent grass tees, 30 hitting stations, short game area, and a 9,000 sq. ft. putting green.



### Harborside International G.C.

312-782-7837  
11001 S. Doty Ave. East,  
Chicago, IL 60628  
[www.harborsideinternational.com](http://www.harborsideinternational.com)  
[harborside3@aol.com](mailto:harborside3@aol.com)

36 holes  
**Port Course**  
Yardage: 7,164 - 5,164  
Rating/Slope:  
75.1/132 - 70.4/123  
**Starboard Course**  
Yardage 7,166 - 5,110  
Rating/Slope:  
75.0/132 - 70.5/120

Mon - Thu: \$82 includes cart & range balls  
Fri - Sun: \$95 includes cart & range balls  
Twilight Rates: Yes  
Practice Facilities: Yes,  
57-acre  
Banquet/Outings: Yes,  
Phil Stefani's

Located just 16 minutes from Downtown Chicago, directly on I-94, Harborside is the home of the PORT & STARBOARD Courses designed by Dick Nugent in the links tradition of windswept Scottish and Irish seaside courses. Ranked by *Golfweek's* 2010 "Best Courses You Can Play" Starboard #11 & Port #12 in Illinois and also the host of the Champions Tour in 2002. Amenities include a 24,000 sq. ft. Prairie Style Clubhouse with food and banquets by the Phil Stefani Restaurant Group and a 57-acre practice facility. Harborside is truly "Chicago's Course."



### Lake Bluff Golf Club

847-234-6771  
355 W Washington Ave  
Lake Bluff, IL 60044  
[www.lakebluffgolfclub.com](http://www.lakebluffgolfclub.com)  
[proshop@lakebluffgolfclub.com](mailto:proshop@lakebluffgolfclub.com)

18 holes  
Yardage: 6589 - 4969  
Rating/Slope:  
71.3/124 - 67.0/114

Mon - Fri: \$39 walking  
Sat - Sun: \$49 walking  
Cart fees:  
\$18 (Mon - Sun)  
Jr./Sr. Rates: Yes  
Twilight Rates: Yes  
Practice facilities: Yes  
Banquet/Outings: Yes

Lake Bluff Golf Club was established in 1968 and in its 44-year history the course has become a "must-play" destination for golfers. Located on the scenic North Shore of Chicago, the golf course is one of only a few public facilities offering private club caliber amenities.

Lake Bluff Golf Club takes pride in the conditioning and playability of the course with features such as a million dollar state-of-the-art irrigation system. The professionally stocked Pro Shop and the Village Grill, which serves delicious food and a wide selection of beverages, are a couple of the superior amenities available to guests of the club.

Tee times specials are available exclusively through the club's website.





### Mistwood Golf Club

815-254-3333  
1700 W. Renwick Rd.  
Romeoville, IL 60446  
[www.mistwoodgolf.net](http://www.mistwoodgolf.net)  
[info@mistwoodgolf.net](mailto:info@mistwoodgolf.net)

Yardage: 6,768 - 5,231  
Rating/Slope:  
72.2/137 - 69.8/126

Mon - Th: \$35 - \$41 walking  
Fri - Sun: \$42 - \$61 walking  
Cart Fee: \$18  
Jr./Sr. Rates: Yes  
Twilight Rates: Yes  
Practice Facilities: Yes  
Banquet/Outings: Yes  
PGA Pro: Visanu Tongwarin

Home of the Illinois  
Women's Open  
Rated 4½ stars by *Golf Digest*

Centered around a beautiful 67-acre lake, Mistwood is designed to challenge and reward golfers of every level. From the moment you arrive at Mistwood you will relish a classic golf experience including impeccable split fairways, highly-manicured and terraced greens, and an expert and attentive staff. Designed by Ray Hearn, Mistwood hosts the prestigious Illinois Women's Open and proudly features the five best finishing holes in the state. Other amenities include an 18-acre practice facility, a full-service pro shop, golf instruction, and a spectacular restaurant offering a versatile menu.

Driving Directions to Club: Exit I-55 at Weber Rd and proceed south 4 miles to Renwick Rd. Turn right. Club is one mile on the right. Only 40 minutes from downtown!



### Orchard Valley Golf Course

630-907-0500  
2411 West Illinois Avenue  
Aurora, IL 60506  
[www.orchardvalleygolf.com](http://www.orchardvalleygolf.com)

6th Best Public Course in Illinois by *GOLF Magazine*

One of Chicagoland's best public courses, *Golf Digest* ranks Orchard Valley 4½ Stars! A true championship layout featuring wetlands, lakes, roughs, water hazards, waterfalls, and more.

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### Seven Bridges Golf Club

630-964-7777  
One Mulligan Dr.  
Woodridge, IL 60517  
[www.sevenbridges.com](http://www.sevenbridges.com)

18 holes  
Yardage: 7111- 5262  
Rating/Slope:  
74.6/144 - 68.5/130

Spring Rates: \$42 - \$75  
Summer Rates: \$48 - \$107  
All Rates include golf cart equipped with GPS  
Jr./Sr. Rates: Yes  
Twilight Rates: Yes  
Practice Facilities: Yes  
Putting and Chipping Green & Hitting Bay  
Banquet/Outings: Yes

Seven Bridges Golf Club, conveniently located in Woodridge, Illinois, enjoys a reputation for being one of the most innovative golf courses in the market. Depending on tee placement, Seven Bridges provides a setting in which golfers of all levels have to rely on their own guile to make the right shot-making decisions. A scenic, perfectly-groomed course, this Dick Nugent design has matured and grown into its well deserved reputation as a challenging yet rewarding test of your game.

Seven Bridges has been awarded 4 stars by *Golf Digest* and is the former host of the Michael Jordan Celebrity Golf Classic.

Seven Bridges offers a variety of programs to suit your golfing needs:

- Golf Pass Program
- Twilight Club
- Permanent Tee Times
- Corporate Memberships



### Stonewall Orchard

847-740-4890  
25675 W Highway 60  
Grayslake, IL 60030-9629  
[www.stonewallorchard.com](http://www.stonewallorchard.com)  
[info@StonewallOrchard.com](mailto:info@StonewallOrchard.com)

18 holes  
Yardage: 7074 - 5375.  
Rating/Slope:  
74.7/148 - 71.7/130

Mon - Th: \$70 walking  
Fri - Sun: \$77 walking  
Cart fees:  
\$14 (Mon - Th)  
\$18 (Fri - Sun)  
Jr./Sr. Rates: Yes  
Twilight Rates: Yes  
Practice Facilities: Yes  
Banquet/Outings: Yes

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Yardage: 6692  
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Twilight Rates: Yes  
Banquets/Outings: Yes  
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Flossmoor IL 60422  
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Par 71  
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Weekend: \$60 w/cart  
Jr./Sr. Rates: Yes, \$31 w/ cart, Mon.-Thu. only  
Twilight Rates: Yes  
Banquets/Outings: Yes

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[www.eaglewoodresort.com](http://www.eaglewoodresort.com)  
Par 72  
Yardage 6,015 - 5,410 yds.  
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Twilight Rates: Yes  
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Yardage: 2493 - 1865  
Weekday: \$18 (res. rate)  
Weekend: \$20 (res. rate)  
Cart Fee: \$16  
Jr./Sr. Rates: Yes  
Twilight Rates: Yes  
Banquets/Outings: Yes

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\$16 walk / \$24 ride  
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West 18 - Par 70  
Yardage: 6,438 - 5,339 yds.  
Weekday: \$27 walk / \$44  
ride  
Weekend: \$35 walk / \$52  
ride  
\*Frequent specials on  
course website  
East 9 - Par 34  
Yardage: 2,815 - 2,427 yds.  
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Twilight Rates: Yes  
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Yardage: 6677  
Weekday: \$38  
Weekend: \$48  
Jr./Sr. Rates: Yes  
Twilight Rates: Yes  
Banquets/Outings: Yes

### **Oak Brook Golf Club**

630-368-6400  
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Yardage 6541 - 5341 yds  
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Jr./Sr. Rates: Yes  
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Weekday: \$32 walk / \$49 ride  
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Naperville, IL 60564  
[www.springbrookgolfcourse.org](http://www.springbrookgolfcourse.org)  
Par 72  
Yardage: 6,896  
Weekday: \$40.00  
Weekend: \$50.00  
Jr./Sr. Rates: Yes  
Twilight Rates: Yes  
Banquets/Outings: Yes

### **Village Greens**

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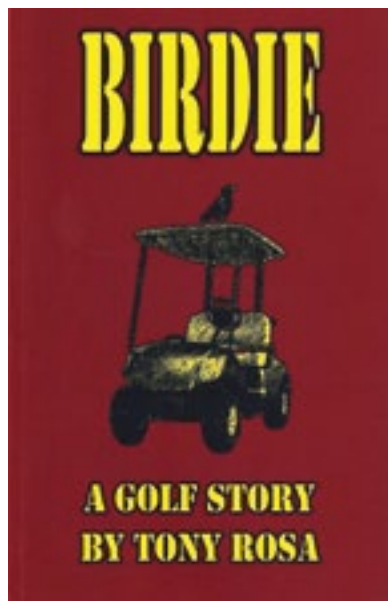
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134 pages  
ISBN: 978-0-9828225-5-5  
Jackpot Press

When the golf industry talks about growing the game, rarely do they attempt to connect with teenagers, especially kids with behavioral issues. You may not know of Tony Rosa's efforts, but each of his novels is more likely to be read by teens than what is currently on your golf shelf. Rosa creates real characters that encounter reality on the links, not a ghostly sage that spins a midlife complex back on track.

Rosa's award winning *The School Boy* is a must read for all junior golfers, not to mention an enjoy-

able read for reflective 40-somethings. His latest effort, *Birdie*, is a 'coming of age' sequel about Mark Crowe. Crowe, the cigarette puffing thug from *The School Boy*, has 25 weeks to clean up his act. He has a court-ordered community service project to complete, or his adult years could begin in a correctional facility.

In *Birdie*, readers will not discover a mature and enlightened Crowe. The story's protagonist is only slightly more likeable, but Rosa provides a perspective from his home life. The enlightenment comes from Vic Adano, a blind golfer that sees farther than most people with 20/20 vision. Crowe's court-ordered service is to caddie for Adano. The blind golfer facilitates a karmic journey for Crowe, but struggles to crack the punk's rough, yet porous shell. *Birdie* is a real life struggle for two generations trying to connect. Golf proves to be the catalyst for change.

## A Vino You Can't Refuse

Although the address is officially in Maple Park, Illinois, Acquaviva Winery and Bistro is on a very rural stretch of Illinois Route 38. The faux-Italianate building incongruently appears, mirage-like, as you approach.

As a child, owner Vito Brandonisio would visit his grandfather's small vineyard in Acquaviva delle Fonti in Bari, Italy. The lessons and memories formed there carried through to adulthood as he became an amateur winemaker.

In 2002, Brandonisio fulfilled a lifelong dream of having his own wine estate, when he purchased 40 acres in Maple Park, naming it Acquaviva in honor of his homeland and his grandfather. Determined to produce his wines from indigenous local grapes, here he planted such hardy Midwest varietals as Prairie Star, Brianna, Chardonel, Marechal Fosh, and Frontenac, types largely unknown even to seasoned wine connoisseurs.

By 2007, it was time to build a winery to make use of the maturing grape vines. This 20,000 square foot facility is to the north across Route 38 from the estate acreage, and in addition to the winery itself (housed on the subgrade level), it includes a tasting room, the bistro, a retail market, and private party facilities. Tours are available by reservation; a fee of \$10 to \$30 is charged, depending on tour selected.

Acquaviva encapsulates the American experience. Brandonisio is Italian, of course, his grapes are American, and his current winemaker, Sergio Benavides, is Chilean.

2011 Brianna \$23  
Personally, I'm not a fan of sweet wines with the dinner entrée. However, I realize many others don't share my position (white zinfandel, anyone?). This Brianna is almost completely colorless in the glass. The nose features scents of peach and honeysuckle. It is indeed sweet, with flavors of pineapple, peach, and a hint of apricots.

Although not a true dessert wine, Brianna can convincingly fill in as one. This would pair nicely with Sweet Pastry Fritters, Almond Cake, or Mixed Berry Pizza.

2010 Don Giuseppe \$25  
This red blend is made entirely of Illinois grapes, although the varieties are not speci-

fied. It is surprisingly grapey on the nose, but fear not, this is no Concord.

This wine was barrel-aged for twelve months. The color is dense purple, and it has good legs. On the palette, it is quite approachable and well-balanced, with understated tannins that add just enough structure. The dominant flavors are dark berries, cedar, and a hint of black pepper, not unlike a Zinfandel, although there is none in the blend.

For dinner, go classic with Spaghetti and Meatballs, Chicken Cacciatore, or try Braised Pork Chops with Tomatoes, Cream, and Porcini Mushrooms.

Your questions, comments, and suggestions about this column, wines, or spirits are always welcome. Feel free to drop me an email at [leo849@mchsi.com](mailto:leo849@mchsi.com).



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# On Appearance, Kevin Streelman Has Made It

The Winfield native has gone from Wheaton Warrenville South High School and the links of Arrowhead Golf Club and Cantigny Golf to the world's biggest stage in golf, from the mini tours to one of the centerpieces of a catchy marketing campaign.

In his career through the HP Byron Nelson Championship, Streelman has 34 top 25s, 17 top 10s and three third-place finishes. He's earned nearly \$6 million on Tour. He's a go-to guy for local and national media on all topics, from the nuts and bolts of the game and equipment to opinions on the Tour, and about Chicago golf in general. Yet he's not satisfied.

He has given himself a "B" for his 2011 season, in which he finished 72nd on the PGA Tour money list. But, he didn't feel he was in contention to win enough. So, the 33-year-old set some new goals, and created a new plan for himself in 2012. "I have worked harder than I ever have this off-season, both in the gym and in my short game, my putting – and my full game as well – but just having really dedicated, purposeful practice," he said. "I'm in the best shape I've ever been in my life."

Streelman focused especially on his core, spending two hours a day, four days a week shaping up. "My trainer and my coach were working together to put a program in place that I stuck to all off-season, really three months straight, and everything I did had a distinct purpose," he said. "It was a combination of a lot of core strength and leg strength and a lot of stretching and flexibility improvements as well. So I have seen a huge difference in ball speed and distance."

So far, he is seeing that work pay off. Through the Nelson, he has recorded two top 10 finishes and four top 25s, nearly halfway toward his totals in all of 2011. Along with wanting to improve his stats and his play, Streelman has also made it known he wants to play his way onto Davis Love III's Ryder Cup team at Medinah Country Club in September. It would be a literal home game for Streelman, and he has been preparing just as hard mentally for the challenge as physically.

Someone he's leaned on has been Tom Lehman, a former Ryder Cup captain and a major champion on both the PGA Tour and Champions Tour. "He's been an incredible friend," Streelman said of the 53-year-old Lehman. "To have someone in my phone who I can call to ask about what it's like to lead a major or what it's like to go into the final round of a Ryder Cup, he's actually done that, he's done those things. It's a huge difference. He's very inspirational to me. That's the type of person he is. When he sat me down and told

me that you can get these things and this is what you need to do day to day to get there and I've been doing it. I'm just going to continue to do what I've been doing and sticking to my plan and let those results fall on their own."

## Patel Earns Canadian Tour Card

Northwestern University alumnus Ravi Patel has become the latest of the state's native sons to venture into professional golf, earning his Canadian Tour card in the spring and beginning his rookie season on the tour in June.

It's the first step in his professional career, and Patel is going forward under the direction of instructor Peter Kostis. Patel moved out to Arizona full time in the fall of 2011 to work more closely with Kostis, although their relationship formally began about two years ago.

"I made some pretty big changes when I first saw him, but none of that stuff really materialized into what I would call true improvement until I moved here and started working with him regularly so we could build on things," said Patel, who grew up in Naperville. "I had to start from scratch. My swing was very home-made and I had all these crazy compensations and I had to work really hard just to get some fundamentals – and they're not even there yet. But I really started getting a lot of progress and tangible improvement since this fall."

The next step for Patel will be revamping his body to fully take advantage of Kostis' teaching, which he will do under the direction of Cory Puyear of P.U.R.E. Golf in Montgomery, who has worked with Luke Donald and Mark Wilson. Patel said he'll also work with Ben Shear of Athletic Edge in New Jersey, who has also trained Donald as well as Rory Sabbatini.

"I have some physical limitations," Patel said. "I'm probably going to have to adjust my practice to where I do a lot more stuff focused on my body and maybe take away a little bit from how many balls I'm beating out there. If it's not going to be going to the right goal, then there's no need to do it until I fix my body. It'll be an interesting balance this summer."

Patel, who is on staff with TaylorMade and is sponsored by the Raven Golf Club at Verrado in Phoenix, knows he still has a lot of work to do before achieving his ultimate goal of making the PGA Tour, but is looking forward to the challenge ahead.

"It's just pure excitement [more] than anything else," he said. "I'm trending in the right direction, and I'll always be OK with that."

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