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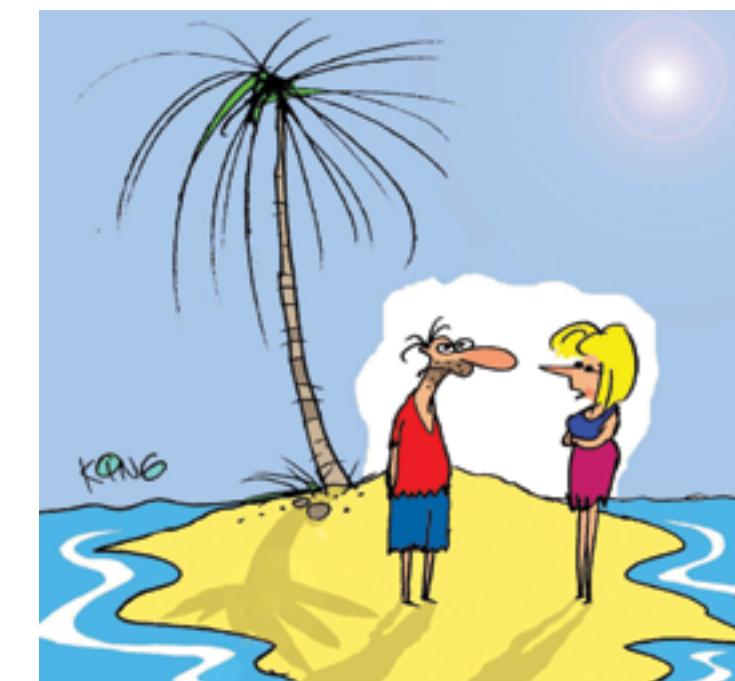
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NOTES FROM GREG AND DAVE

Where were you at? Mistwood Golf Club (Romeoville) played host to the 20th Illinois Women's Open during the last week of July. Last month's IWO was an unveiling of the award-winning renovation at Mistwood (get out there if you haven't played it). It was also the first professional win for the Lone Star state's Emily Collins. The Texan has Illinois roots (both her parents are from the Land of Lincoln) and as evidenced by her play, she could be playing on the LPGA Tour next season. The graceful, University of Oklahoma alum maintained a huge lead for the final two rounds and showed the field that her skill sets are primed for the next level. It was an impressive victory. In a few years, we expect to be raving about how we watched her play at Mistwood. Here is the thing about the IWO: most of the players are the top collegiate players, so the air is thick with the potential. Each year, there are likely a couple future LPGA stars in the field. Do yourself a favor and add the IWO to your summer 2015 plans.



"You had enough power in our cell phone to make one last call, and instead of getting us rescued, you cancel your tee-time?"

We tossed in a theme to our travel features this issue. It's a shore thing. We had three writers on the beaches of the Atlantic coast, each with a unique destination. Senior writer Neal Kotlarek shares a handful of gems along the Grand Strand of Myrtle Beach. Contributing writer Dave Silbar hit the boardwalk and the golf courses in Atlantic City.

Silbar reports that the 18 to 35 year old demographic is being courted by Jersey with a nightlife that only a college kid could keep pace with. And our off-the-beaten-path destination is at North Carolina's Outer Banks. Staffer Todd Mrowice and his bride enjoyed a slice of heaven along the wispy dunes.

Adding to our shore-packed edition, Bill Daniels reports on his tour of Sand Valley, Wisconsin, the latest Mike Keiser project. While Sand Valley will not open its first course for a couple of years, we are pleased to bring you a sneak peek. I was also nice to have Daniels, GOLFChicago's founder, back in the office and back on our pages.

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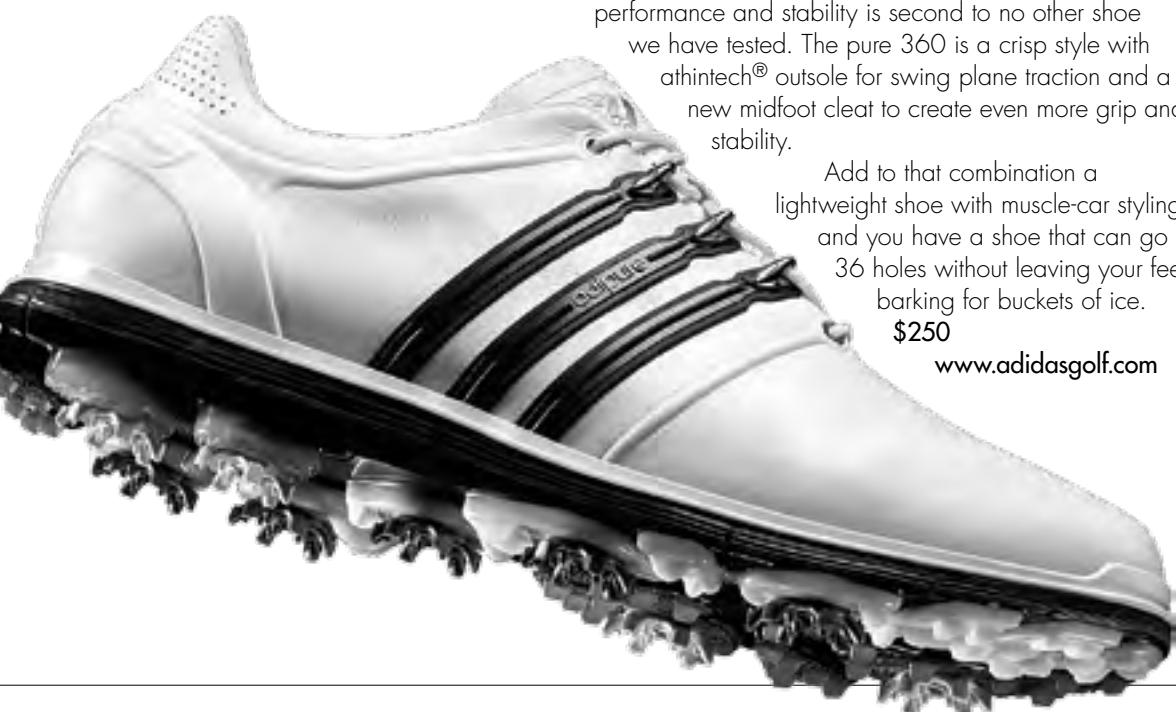


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Men are all guilty of wearing 'old blue' down to loose threads. A favorite golf shirt is tough to leave on a hanger. AUR's new Active™ and Aware™ fabrics in their Collection promise to become your next "old blue."

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The new pure360 footwear collection may be the most comfortable golf shoe from adidas. Out-of-the-box comfort without a break-in period is nice, but the performance and stability is second to no other shoe we have tested. The pure 360 is a crisp style with a thintech® outsole for swing plane traction and a new midfoot cleat to create even more grip and stability.

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Headcovers can be so blah. If you're tired of having your golf bag look like a billboard, then check out Stitch Golf. The company has found a way to create headcovers that look like they were cut from James Dean's jacket and Evel Knievel's cape. Available in solid colors and striped patterns, Stitch is also offering skull and crossbones designs and even crocodile leather. Rain and stain proof, these high quality headcovers can be seen classing up club heads on every major tour. If Frank Sinatra were still alive, then he'd have these on his clubs. Capish?

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Add Fluid to Your Swing

THE FITNESS EDGE

Brad Jourdan

Water conservation was a major theme of the 2014 U.S. Open at Pinehurst #2. The course was beautiful, but due to a program to reduce water usage, the landscape changed to natural shades of tan and slate. This trend in golf course maintenance leads to fast and firm turf, not to mention an eco-friendly footprint. Unfortunately, when your body is deprived of the water it requires, changes occur that do not have the positive results seen at Pinehurst.

Your body is about 65% water, and you need to maintain this level to perform optimally. When you do not give your body the fluid it requires, your overall health and athletic performance can be compromised due to dehydration. Fluid loss of one to three percent can have a negative impact on your body by causing symptoms such as fatigue, headaches, decreased ability to concentrate, and decreased endurance. If these symptoms occur, you are already significantly dehydrated and it will take time to restore normal fluid levels. If your fluid levels drop further, then more extreme symptoms may occur, including

cramps, heat exhaustion, vomiting, headaches, dizziness, and weakness.

The best way to deal with dehydration is to avoid becoming dehydrated. When you are thirsty, dehydration is already setting in and it will take several hours to recover. Proactively

drinking fluids is the best way to prevent

dehydration. During a round of golf you should

not lose much weight, if any. The advice given

for years was to drink six to eight eight-ounce

glasses a day. There is some discussion about the

accuracy of this, but it is a good start. Very few

people will need less, so if you are drinking this

amount and are still thirsty, then more fluid is

needed, but in small frequent amounts. You will

also need more fluid per day if it is hot, humid,

or you are more active, such as walking a golf

course in mid-summer.

Because golf is a moderately strenuous activity, begin drinking fluids before your round. Two hours prior, drink 12 to 16 ounces of non-caffeinated and non-alcoholic fluids, as this will give your body a chance to absorb

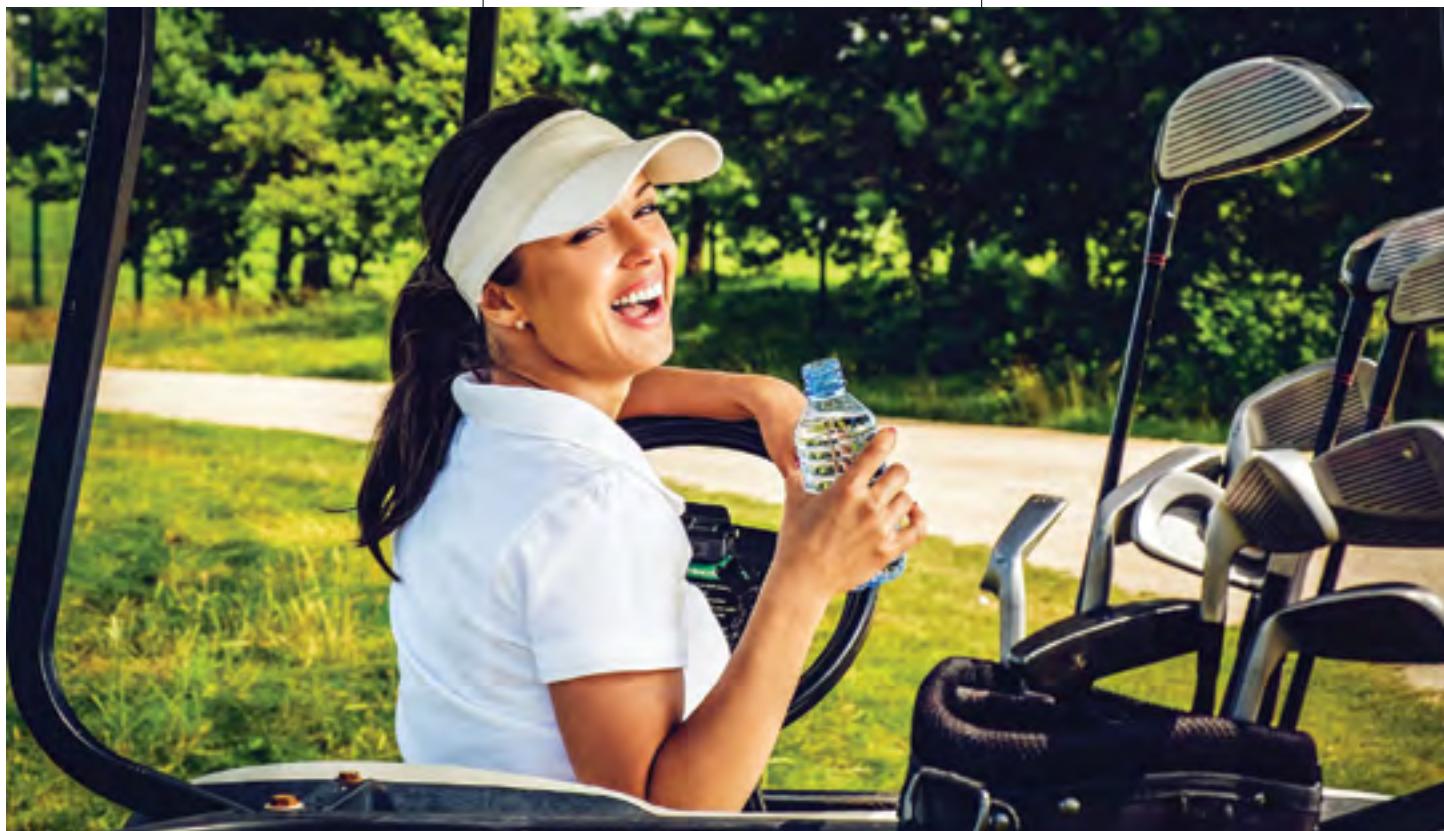
fluid. Then at the first tee open your first

bottle of water and sip regularly, finishing

it within the first four holes. Continue this through the round with the goal to drink about 64 ounces ($\frac{1}{2}$ gallon) by the end of the round. In general, water is adequate, but a sports drink during the round may be appropriate, especially on hotter days when you are sweating out electrolytes.

There are fluids that are not effective at hydrating, and these are typically caffeinated or alcoholic beverages. Coffee, dark sodas, beer, and cocktails will remove fluid from your body, thus increasing your chances of becoming dehydrated. Although they will quench your thirst, it is only temporary. If you choose to drink alcohol or caffeinated drinks, then be sure to add hydrating fluids during the round. But the best option would be to save the alcohol for the 19th hole as you drink responsibly and relive the glory of your round.

Most golfers prepare for a round of golf by hitting a few at the range to get their swing fluid for the first hole. But the best thing you may do for your game, especially during the hottest days of summer, is to add some fluid to your body. Golf well.



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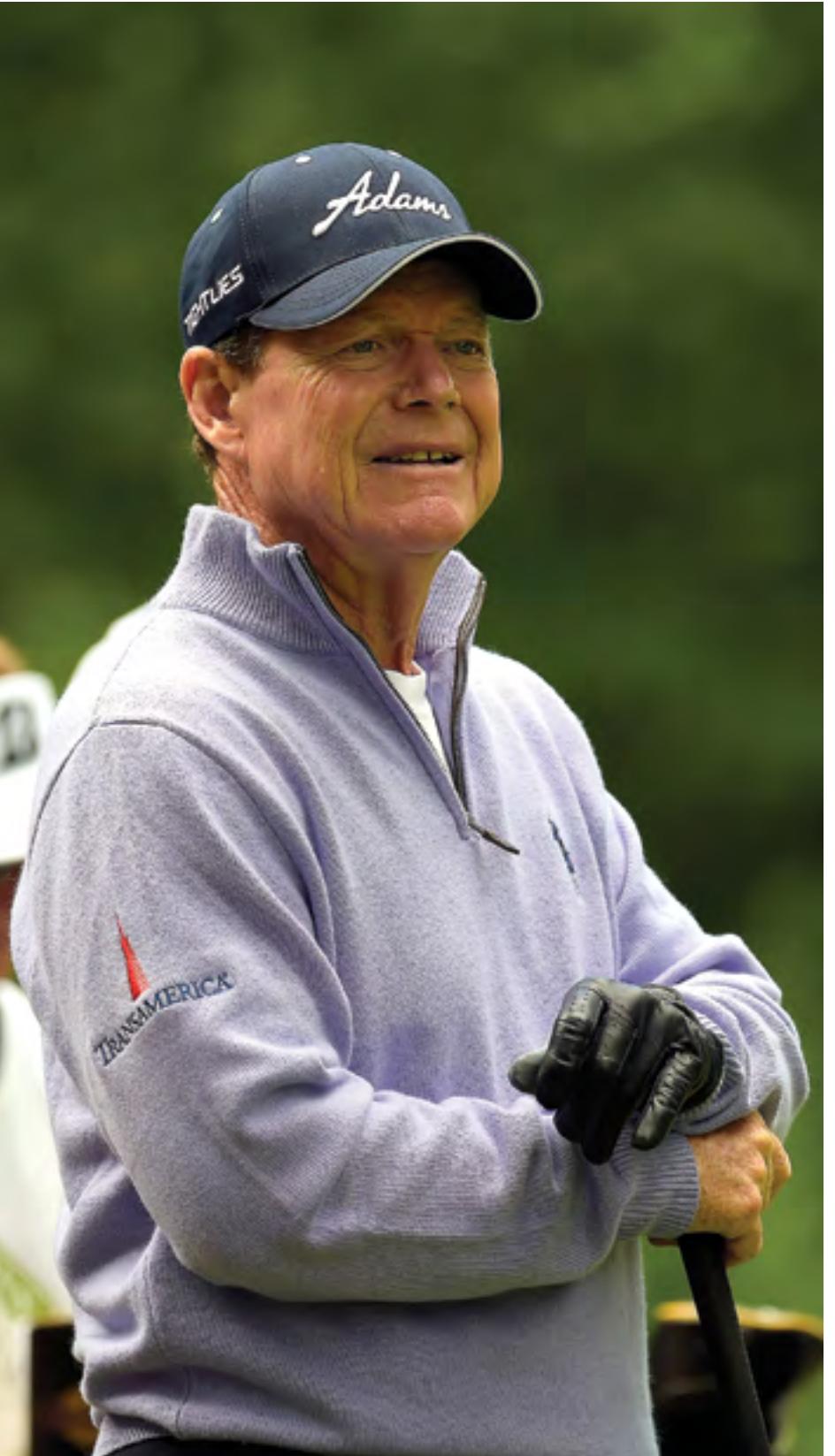
The GOLFChicago Interview

Eight-time major champion and one of America's greatest ambassadors for the game of golf, Tom Watson is a living institution for the game we love. With eyes fixed on bringing the cup home, the Kansas City, Missouri, native will captain the 2014 Ryder Cup team. GOLFChicago caught up with Tommy and shagged a few thoughts from one of the games' legends.

Tom Watson

With his eyes set on the Ryder Cup as its captain, Tom will have another chance for greatness across the big pond.

by Greg Jourdan and Dave Weretka



GOLFChicago: *The Ryder Cup is about patriotism and pressure. How have you dealt with the pressure of majors and championship golf?*

Tom Watson: I had to learn to deal with pressures. I failed at the U.S. Open at Winged Foot and then at Medinah in '74 and '75. The pressure is constantly there during the week of a major and it builds to the last round. It's easy to play with no pressure—you can freewheel it. Playing with pressure changes things a bit. Your breathing changes, it's much shallower. My actions get quicker. My steps get quicker. My process of thinking gets quicker while under pressure. I had to learn about these things and reflect upon them when I failed. Nothing teaches you like failure. Nothing! Bobby Jones said, "I didn't learn a darned thing in victory, I only learned from failure."

GC: *How will you coach when one of the world's greatest players loses his swing during the competition?*

TW: Jack Nicklaus was once asked if he ever tried to change his swing in the middle of the round. He replied, "All the time." Even on the back 9 of a major championship, he would make adjustments to his swing. That struck a relevant cord with me because I did the same thing. When we are out there playing and our feel changes a little bit here or there, we make adjustments. We know how to make adjustments because we practice. We know how to go to plan b or c to make the ball do what we want it to do.

GC: *As the next Ryder Cup captain, who (on the Tour) has impressed you the most?*

TW: Jimmy Walker thoroughly impresses me. I played a practice round with him at Augusta and he is a wonderful player. Fundamentally sound and hits the ball nine miles. He can work the ball both ways; he's a great putter and has very good touch around the greens. He's coming in from under the radar, but he can play.

GC: *On the PGA Tour, who had been the biggest surprise this year?*

TW: The most disheartening surprise is Tiger's injury. I want Tiger on the [Ryder Cup] team. I hope that he can recover from that injury and make it on the team and start playing well enough to get on the team.

GC: *What are your ideas to increase participation in golf?*

TW: I think it would be a great idea to increase the size of the hole—maybe double it. I played a Gene Sarazan course that had 8.5" cups and I didn't make any more putts, but it was fun. Put two flags on the greens—one with regulation sized cups and another

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A Walk in the Sand Valley

In November of 2013 Mike Keiser, impresario of the "if I build it, they will come," school of golf course creation, announced his latest project. That site, Sand Valley, was situated in central Wisconsin and met his non-negotiable requirement of being a site that was sand based. A lot has happened since then, and it all looks good.

When the project was first announced there was only one photo available to the media and public. It showed a bunch of scrub pine and a sandy road carved out by ATV enthusiasts. That image was a promise of things to come, but not much information for the hungry golf media.

Once the sale of the 1,500-acre former pine farm was completed, work began on taking down the red pines to reveal the sand beneath. Michael Keiser, Jr., the eldest son of Mike, Sr., and General Manager of Sand Valley,



BEYOND BUNKERS

Bill Daniels

offered me a peek with a simple, "Come on up," to see the newest sandbox-cum inland golf links. The next noise I heard was my backdoor slamming shut as I jogged to the car park.

The 4½ hour drive from Chicago only reveals flat Wisconsin land, a few fields here and there, and an occasional bog. Where's the sand? One turn off the state road to a county road and then another turn to barely marked road and boom! There is nothing but sand; it's like a kick in the head. Where did this come from? At this point our guide, Craig Haltom of Oliphant Golf Management, tells us that only high-wheeled four-wheel drive vehicles

can proceed any further. Haltom, a principal in Oliphant, is credited with finding the Sand Valley site (that's a story in itself) and is the construction manager. I gladly buckled into his all-wheel drive pick-up truck.

It took about a quarter mile to arrive at the site. Add a few more yards on foot and we are in the middle of something really spectacular. First, imagine acres and acres of red pines planted in neat orderly rows, as a pine farmer would do. Now imagine those trees are made to disappear and in its place are hundreds of acres of steeply rolling sand hills in every direction; some reach 100 feet in the air. The transformation from pine farm to incipient world-class golf course will be absolutely breathtaking. In taking another reference from *Field of Dreams*, a sand-struck golfer might ask, "is this heaven," and the response would be, "no it's Wisconsin." It's that good.

Bill Coore and Ben Crenshaw will be the architects of the first of four or five projected courses on the massive site. Their experience in sand is impeccable with their work at Sand Hills in Mullen, Nebraska, another previ-

ously unheralded sand site. That course is considered by *Golfweek* magazine as the best modern course in America (post 1960). Team Crenshaw-Coore also created Bandon Trails, the third course at Bandon Dunes, Oregon.

Keiser, Sr., generally a reticent guy, likens the Sand Valley courses to be a cross between Sand Hills and Pine Valley, which is usually the number one pre-1960 course in national rankings. Those comparisons raise the expectations for Sand Valley to the stratosphere, but Keiser's resume for courses leaves little doubt that golf visitors will be turning to the land of cheddar. Sand Valley is the most exciting initiative for American golf since his Bandon Dunes resort was unveiled. Sand Hills has some of the most dynamic and gnarly sand dunes in the country. Pine Valley, though also built on sand, is distinguished by the huge proportions of its fairways and greens. A golfer there feels like a speck in the universe. Now put those two values together and this is the vision of the Keisers. With a proposed green fee of \$120 to \$150 the lines to play could stretch all the way to Madison.

But wait, there's more. The plans include hiking trails, bird observation posts, and restoration of the natural plants pushed back by the intensive tree farming. So here comes the final *Field of Dreams* reference. Pay attention. In the movie there is a moment between Kevin Costner and James Earl Jones where they realize there is something big happening in the cosmos. They only exchange knowing glances. During my tour Michael, Jr. introduced me to a botanist named Jens. I jokingly asked if his full name was Jens Jensen, the famous landscape architect of much of Chicago's parks. He said yes. I said, "As in the famous Jens Jensen?" The response was, "He is my great-great grandfather." I turned to my companion and we only nodded to one another; there is something going on at Sand Valley that is very very powerful.

Michael Keiser, Jr. shared, "When I walk these dunes, I am awed by their scale and humbled by their beauty. With the guiding hand of Jens Jensen we will restore the ancient plant community, which thrived in these sandy dunes for thousands of years.

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DESTINATIONS

Neal Kotlarek with Dave Weretka

If there is a corner of heaven reserved for avid golfers, that destination most assuredly resembles Myrtle Beach. Championship golf courses built by the world's top architects stretch from one end of the Grand Strand to the other and come in all different lengths, styles, and flavors at shockingly affordable prices. Throw in temperatures that range from the 70s to the 80s from April through October and you have conclusive evidence why many tout the community as America's Golf Capital.

Most every facet of Myrtle Beach is defined by abundance. Over 100 golf courses stretch across a 60-mile region which plays host to 3.4 million rounds annually. Golf groups have more than 425 hotels to choose from and over 1400 restaurants to enjoy. When not golfing, sleeping, or eating, visitors can relax by miles of pearly white oceanside beaches that first made the city a haven for vacationers dating back to the early 1900s.

Real golfers, of course, like their sand soft, well-groomed, and preferably located on the other side of the flagstick. World-class designer Dan Maples was provided over 1,000 acres of pristine property on which to create three South Myrtle Beach favorites: The Witch, The Wizard, and Man O' War. He moved over one million cubic yards of earth to construct The Wizard, a 6,721-yard par-71 layout featuring surprisingly rugged topography, huge greens, and many surprises. While The Witch is considered a sister course to The Wizard, the 6,796-yard layout weaves through towering trees to tighten holes.

Water is the theme on the 6,967-yard Man O' War course which was built around, across and *in* a spectacular 100-acre lake. Two holes feature island greens while the entirety of the par-4 No. 9 is an island. According to Claude Pardue, CEO of Mystical Golf, which owns and operates all three of the aforementioned courses, The Witch was specifically designed to provide golfers with a unique experience. "The course is built in the middle of a 23,000-acre swamp," he says. "Players get to explore the swamp, see the alligators and the cypress forest. Each hole on the front nine is totally isolated and peaceful." Pardue adds that Mystical Golf's philosophy is a simple one: "We want our golfers to find our courses in

great shape, treat them with courtesy and friendship, and offer the best value for the money. We know we've been successful with this approach by the very fact that we have a ton of repeat business."

True Blue and Caledonia Golf and Fish Club were both designed by the late Michael Strantz. Each is impeccably maintained and provides majestic views of the Pawley Island

"low country." The former course was issued 4½ stars by *Golf Digest* and features sprawling sand bunkers, some of which require a staircase to exit. The latter is ranked among the top 30 public golf courses in America by *GOLF* magazine and boasts that it features 18 "signature holes." Built across a former rice plantation, the course is characterized by massive greens protected by ponds,

streams, and large sand bunkers. True Blue and Caledonia are two of the most heralded courses along the Grand Strand and they are an experience every golfer should enjoy.

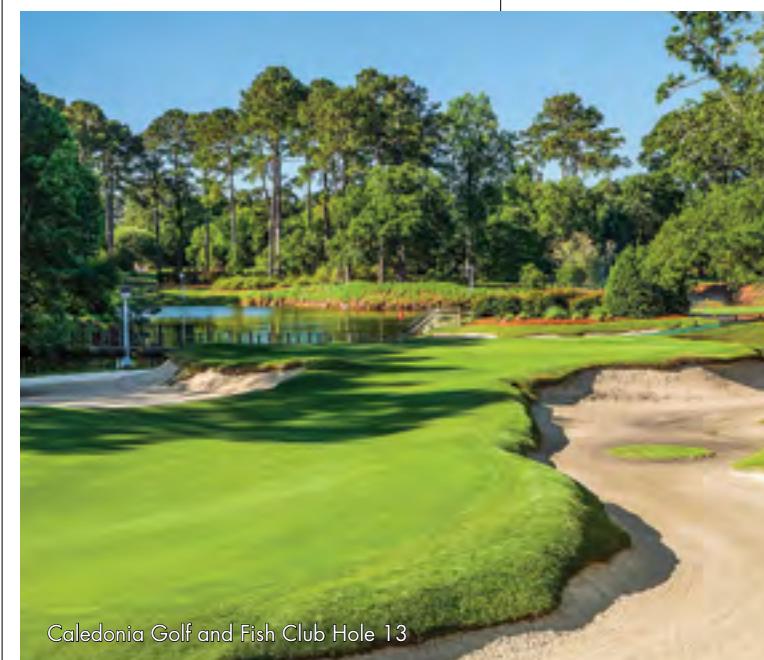
Few resorts in the country can name drop like Barefoot Resort & Golf. Tour superstars Davis Love III and Greg Norman designed two of the property's four courses, while iconic designers Pete Dye and Tom Fazio designed

the other two. Listed on the scorecard as 7,200 yards, the Norman Course actually plays far shorter as the Great White Shark allows players to bump-and-run shots up to most greens. The Love Course serves up wide open fairways along with recreated ruins of an old plantation home resting alongside holes 3 through 7. Oaks, pines, sand, and natural areas teeming with native grasses are featured across the Fazio Course, which plays to 6,834 yards. The Pete Dye Course was recognized as the 2013 'Course of the Year' by the Myrtle Beach Golf Course Owners Association. The layout features many of the Indiana architects' signature flourishes, including diabolical pit bunkers around some greens.

Along with golf, the 2,300-acre Barefoot Resort has two luxury clubhouses featuring fine dining along with luxury villa accommodations. Stay and Play Package deals provide golf and replays at discounted rates.

The Myrtle Beach experience isn't complete without taking in at least some of the Grand Strand's nightlife. Dining options range from great beef at Rioz Brazilian Steakhouse to fine seafood at Bimini's Oyster Bar and Seafood Café. As one can imagine, sports bars are everywhere along the main drag and provide micro brews and specialty beers.

Myrtle Beach is not only America's Golf Capital; it is also home of the Golf Package Deal. Access to virtually every golf course in the Grand Strand is available through one of the packages put together by various travel groups affiliated with the golf courses. The Mystical Golf Package serves up golf at aforementioned Witch, Wizard, and Man O' War courses, along with accommodations along the ocean. For pricing and information, call 843-282-2977, visit www.mysticalgolf.com, or www.golfholiday.com.



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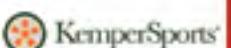
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Going Coastal in Carolina: The Outer Banks Experience By Todd Mrowice

For the seasoned golf-destination enthusiast, it can be difficult to decide where your travel bag should land next. The “been there, done that” mentality takes over, and soon you find yourself wondering if there is anything out there that can provide the “Wow” factor. We should all be so lucky to be in this position, right?

If the road less traveled is what you are in search of, then hop on a flight to Norfolk, Virginia. That road is 168 South, which will lead you to The Outer Banks of North Carolina. The Outer Banks is the perfect hybrid of a small coastal town, world-class golf courses, fresh seafood, and attractions for families and ladies’/guys’ trips alike. Locals and seasonal residents are fully aware of how pristine their sliver of the U.S. is. After all, most of them were visitors at one point.



Your 90-minute trek to the coast isn't on a busy interstate; instead, you'll enjoy a Route-66-esque drive filled with attractions, sights, and a pit stop for Carolina barbecue. You'd be doing yourself a favor by stopping once you see the chubby cartoon guy donning an apron. You will have arrived at Currituck BBQ Company (www.currituckbbq.com), ensuring yourself that you're far from the Midwest. The father-son establishment boasts some of the best ribs, chicken, and brisket you'll ever have. Don't skip the homemade cobbler!

After adding some extra weight to your vehicle, make your way to rest and relaxation at Sanderling Resort (www.sanderling-resort.com) in Duck, North Carolina. The resort provides guests with everything they will want. Choose from five different types of rooms or suites, as well as five different vacation homes available for larger groups. Sanderling Resort is pressed against the Atlantic Ocean and has picturesque beaches waiting for you to lose track of time. Start your day at The Lifesaving Station for breakfast (ask for the pancake of the day) and end it with upscale food and spirits at Kimball's Kitchen. The Sanderling Resort should be your top choice

when looking for accommodations in The Outer Banks.

Dining in the town of Duck is led by The Blue Point (www.thebluepoint.com), where a spectacular view is second only to their jumbo lump crab cakes (locally caught, of course). Duck also offers Dicks Donuts, the best dessert experience of your life. They are made to order, hot donuts. (Think Homer Simpson's euphoria).

Even with all of these great experiences in The Outer Banks, you'll eventually find yourself at a golf course. A short ride to Corolla will bring you to The Currituck Club (www.clubcorp.com/Clubs/The-Currituck-Club), a Rees Jones design recognized by *Golf* magazine as one of the “10 Best New Places You Can Play” upon opening, and by *Golf Digest* as one of the “Top 25 Courses in North Carolina.” Jones brings together a challenging layout while also making the 6,885-yard track playable for all handicaps. Water or hazard comes into play on 15 holes and constantly changing winds can be friend or foe. It'd be best to take advantage of the manageable par 3s and 4s because The Currituck Club has par 5s measuring 541, 532, 578, and 523 yards. You should hope that the Outer Banks winds play friendly on those stiff challenges.

After golf, Corolla offers its own great collection of food and sights. North Banks Restaurant and Raw Bar (www.north-banks.com) is tops for dining with lunch and dinner menus featuring seafood that is out of this world. The Whalehead Club and Corolla Lighthouse are great for learning about local history as they have been part of The Outer Banks fabric since 1922. Corolla might be best known for its population of wild horses. Descendants of Spanish colonial mustangs, visitors have several options for tours to see the horses, which have resided in the area for over five centuries.

Another short drive, to Nags Head, is recommended for one of the most unique golf experiences in The Outer Banks. Nags Head Golf Links (www.clubcorp.com/Clubs/Nags-Head-Golf-Links) brings Scotland to the east coast with a links-style layout designed by Bob Moore. Upon first glance at the scorecard, you'll wonder why the championship tees total only 6,126 yards. About four hours later you'll understand why *Golf Digest* called Nags Head "the longest 6,126 yards you'll ever play." If you have confidence in your 3-wood you might be tempted to leave your driver in the car for this round. Long hitters have zero advantage at

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Sanderling Resort



Currituck Club Hole 15



Kilmallic Golf Club



Kilmallic Golf Club



Sanderling Resort



A golf trip to The Outer Banks is not complete until you've teed up at Kilmallic Golf Club. A Tom Steele design that opened in 2002, Kilmallic is set on 605 acres of wetlands and forest and is both challenging and visually stunning.

A Shore Thing

Atlantic City is a Golfer's Playground

By Dave Silbar

So it appears the place that made Snooki a household name isn't so bad after all. And come to think of it, if the opportunity is ever offered, I can even be persuaded to tee it up with Pauly D for golf on the Shore.

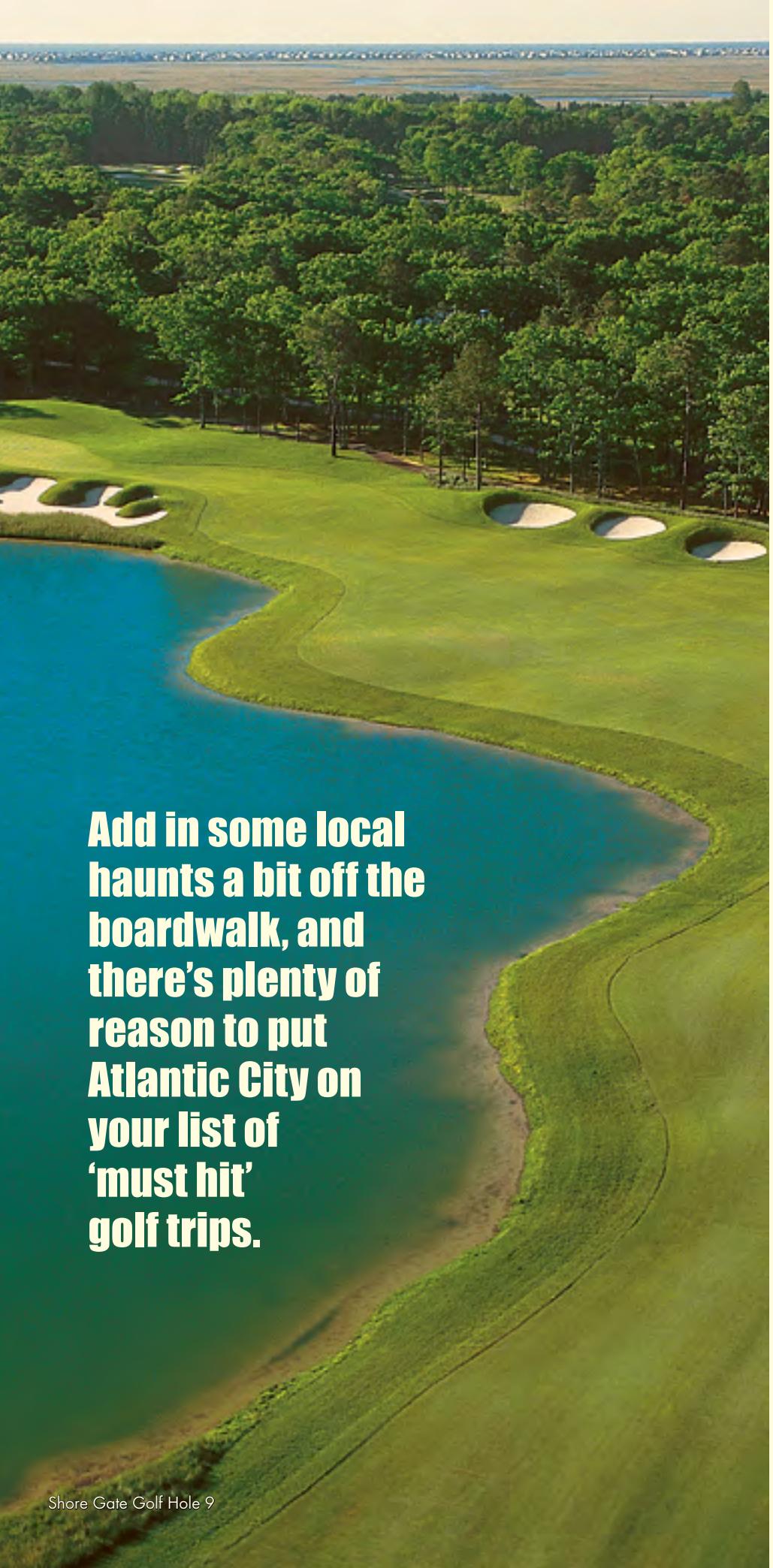
You'll need to excuse the giddiness, but a spring golf trip to Atlantic City seemed a unique way to start the season after our Polar Vortex of a winter. And for all the glitz and glimmer of the high-rise gambling casinos that light up the night across this unique Atlantic Ocean-side destination, there's another side to Atlantic City — a daylight version beyond the reimagined world-famous boardwalk and beaches.

Sprawled across its tranquil surroundings are no less than 20 artfully-crafted and well-maintained golf courses of all makes and varieties. These layouts range from links style to parkland style to classic gems to out-of-control modern marvels. You can start your journey by visiting www.PlayACCGolf.com.

Earlier this year, United Airlines added daily non-stop service from O'Hare to the destination referred to by locals simply as AC, making it a snap to get to the Jersey Shore. Once there, a 20-minute ride will get you from AC International Airport to the famed boardwalk and its towering casinos. It also takes roughly the same amount of time to get to as many as 20 area golf courses.

My five rounds in four days provided great golf, fine accommodations via Caesar's Resort and Casino, and food worthy of a return trip. Add in some local haunts a bit off the boardwalk, and there's plenty of reason to put Atlantic City on your list of 'must hit' golf trips.





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Shore Gate Golf Hole 9

Among the best at the AC, Shore Gate Golf Club (www.Shoregategolf.com) is an impressive championship 18-hole layout that is well-bunkered and beautifully tree-lined. Incredible views are in abundance, and it was difficult to find a hole that I didn't want to play again.

This beauty is located in the heart of Cape May County, about a 30-minute drive from Atlantic City. Shore Gate opened in 2002 to rave reviews and has maintained its first-rate standards ever since. It is the only golf course at the Jersey Shore to have been named to both *Golf Digest* and *Golf* magazine's list of best new public golf courses nationally. In addition, it is repeatedly ranked by *Golf Digest* among the top 20 public courses in New Jersey. *GOLFChicago* whole-heartedly agrees.

Moving along, as host of the LPGA's Shop Rite Classic, SeaView Golf Resort offers 36 holes, including the Donald Ross-designed Bay Course and more traditional Pines course. The Bay plays along the ocean with sweeping views of Atlantic City and plenty of wind. Celebrating its 100th anniversary in 2014, SeaView's Bay Course is a sporty resort layout where the greens are boss. In true Ross style, precise approach shots are required in order to keep the ball near the pin and oftentimes on the putting surface, period.

Our first taste of AC golf, Atlantic City Country Club, drips with history and more than 120 bunkers. The once private-turned-public Atlantic City CC was built in 1897 and is famous for being where the term "birdie" first originated. The original bell, which would ring to remind golfers that the last trolley was about to leave for Atlantic City in the early 1900s, is one of the first things you see when pulling up to the bag drop.

Everything about ACCC brings you back to golf's golden age, from the various stately dining rooms to its legendary locker room with historic golf artwork lining the walls (our favorite was the photo of Jackie Gleason riding in a three-wheeled golf car with a 30-year-old Sam Snead).

One of our favorite and more unique AC golf offerings is Renault Winery Resort and Golf Club (www.thevineyardsnj.com), with a scenic (and fun) 18-hole championship course, which features a selection of signature holes playing alongside (and oftentimes over) its vineyards. From both a playability and drinkability standpoint, we give this club a hearty thumbs up.

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Shore Gate Golf Hole 2

Visualize Better to Putt Better

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Dave Pelz

Great putters aren't born. They're made. Putting is a learned skill, not a strand of DNA with which you are blessed. True, some learn to putt faster and better than others, but it's a skill that anyone can acquire. You're not destined to continue missing putts that you know you should make.

One way to speed up your learning is by watching. As with other tasks that require precision, I've found (and proven) that golfers usually stroke the ball better if they see someone else roll the same putt first, especially on breaking putts. The benefit comes from the knowledge gained by watching an "example" roll and seeing the actual speed and break that the putt requires.

If you don't believe me, stroke every putt twice for an entire round. Make your first attempt on each green a "trial-putt," then roll a second ball from the same spot. It won't take you many holes to realize how much easier it is to determine the correct aim and speed when you're allowed a practice attempt.

Of course, you can't play like this during actual rounds, but the concept is useful. Before stroking any putt, give yourself a "free visual" of how it will roll. Actually "see" the ball come off the putter's face and roll into the hole with perfect speed on the appropriate path given the break—just like a practice putt.

Here's how to do it:

Step 1

Walk behind the hole, look back at the ball and imagine the putt's roll. Is it uphill or downhill? See it roll toward you, and see exactly how it falls into the hole. Start drawing the path you expect the ball to take in your mind's eye.

Step 2

Walk to a spot behind the ball, keeping your imagination in high gear. Visualize the putt's starting line and its break into the cup. Run this mental video in real time, getting a feel for the curvature of the putt's track and speed.

Step 3

Once you see the putt-track clearly, move sideways until your eyes [and body] are facing the starting line that you pictured in Step 2. Make several practice strokes while visualizing the putt.

Step 4

The moment you feel that the energy of your practice stroke matches the speed you'll need, step in and make your stroke. Don't delay or think about mechanics. Simply roll the ball like it's a second-chance putt.



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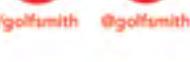
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Stop Hitting It Fat

THE FULL SWING



Carl Rabito

A 'fat shot' occurs when the club head hits the ground behind the golf ball; in other words, the lowest part of the swing circle is bottoming out in the wrong place. Hitting the ball fat is usually a product of changing height during your swing. You're getting shorter through impact, leading to a deep, fat divot. Changing height through the downswing can be hard to feel because it usually comes from the right shoulder dipping, lowering excessively



THE FULL SWING

Tom Watson

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with an 8½" hole. I think that would be fun. I'm not too sure about FootGolf. I don't think that translates into getting golfers. The thing that we need to understand is that we are now competing with the time that people are taking with their smartphones. We are in communication wherever we go. Do we have enough time to play golf? That's the question that needs to be addressed. How much time can we spend playing golf? We need to be focusing on shortened versions of the game of golf. People will still enjoy the game.

GC: Your DVD series has helped a lot of golfers; what advice do you have for recreational golfers looking to build a better swing?

TW: I believe that you can learn a lot more about the golf swing from watching from the rear-view point of the golfer than you can from the front end of the golfer. Looking at the footwork—seeing how the left knee collapses toward the ball and the right knee collapses in toward the ball on the downswing. The golf swing starts with the hands and arms and the downswing starts with the feet. If you don't have your feet in the right position going back, then you can't have them in the right position going down.

GC: What advice do you have for recreational golfers and their golf clubs?

I don't think a 60° [wedge] should be in the bag of a lot of amateurs. It takes a lot of skill to hit it the right distance, so I think that is a club that shouldn't be in their bags. What should be in their bags are hybrids. I have two hybrids in my bag right now and I'm going to be a super senior here pretty quick. I'll probably have four to five hybrids in there soon. Over the years, I have not seen a consistent problem that they have. I do notice that when they drive the ball that they don't have enough loft on their driver to allow them to hit the ball up in the air. I always hit the ball really high in the air. My reverse C—it really got me under the ball at impact. It's a great way to hit a driver. You have to hit the ball on the upswing with the driver. That's not a question there! It launches the ball with less spin and goes through the air better.

GC: What are your favorite Chicago memories?

TW: The 30th and 40th anniversary of [my] Western Open [victories]. I won't make it up to the Encompass this year. The courses are too long for me. I'm getting shorter and shorter and the courses are longer and longer. I can't do that. 40 years ago was my first win up there at Butler National. Everybody remembers their first win. It's just like your first kiss—it's an unforgettable moment and I remember it like it was yesterday.

Going Coastal in Carolina

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Nags Head as several of the par 4s can be split between a pair of iron shots. The course also has five par 3s. None of these one-shooters is more challenging than the 221-yard 15th hole, which is one of nine holes that are situated on the waters of the Roanoke Sound. Stop in at the golf shop and purchase a yardage book prior to your round. It will save you some confusion and probably a couple of shiny Pro V1s.

If your significant other prefers shopping bags to golf bags, then there is the Tanger Outlets just down the street from Nags Head Golf Links. Nags Head also has an unforgettable food stop with the Blue Moon Beach Grill. The Shrimp "Not a Burger" just might be the best thing between two slices of ciabatta bread ever.

A golf trip to The Outer Banks is not complete until you've teed it up at Kilmarlic Golf Club. A Tom Steele design that opened in 2002, Kilmarlic (www.kilmarlicgolfclub.com) is set on 605 acres of wetlands and forest and is both challenging and visually stunning. The course maxes out at 6,550 yards from the tips and has hosted the North Carolina Open twice. There is just under a 300-yard difference between the front and back nine; this is due to the back nine having a trio of both par 3s and par 5s. The entire course presents obstacles from large oak and pine trees to approach shots heavily guarded by water and deep traps.

There is no better way to enjoy your Kilmarlic Golf Club experience than staying in the course's golf cottage. Complete with a full kitchen and four private bedrooms, the Clubhouse Cottage sleeps up to eight people. A pool table in the living room along with a large flat-screen television makes this cottage more of a "man cave" than anything else. Except this man cave is only a few steps away from the first tee.

The Outer Banks has many scenic beaches, good eats, and exceptional golf courses. The most notable attraction though can be found in Kill Devil Hills, North Carolina, at the Wright Brothers National Memorial. The exact location where Orville and Wilbur taught the world to fly in December of 1903 is on display along with a towering monument. A visit to the memorial will leave you with plenty of memories, even amid all of the golf and food.

The Outer Banks of North Carolina provides visitors with so much more than just a great golf experience. It's a great life experience. A place you can go with your buddies, your wife, your kids, or your clients. Far removed from the "been there, done that."

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A Shore Thing

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Regardless of your performance, a great meal with outstanding wine selections is right across the street from this surprisingly entertaining Edward Shearon layout. The Vineyard course at Renault measures 7,200 yards from the tips with five sets of tees for enjoyment by all. Generous fairways and strategically placed bunkers provide the perfect balance of forgiveness and challenge. Especially memorable is the par-4, 7th hole with a dogleg right where you play your tee shot over the actual vineyards to a well-bunkered green.

With all the glitz and glamour that AC has to offer, there's one place that is the exact polar opposite and happened to provide one of the best experiences of the entire trip. The Irish Pub and Hotel, located just steps from the Boardwalk, mixes old New Orleans architecture with the feeling of being smack dab in the middle of Dublin. Budd Schulberg, Academy Award winning screenwriter of *On the Waterfront*, summed this place up when he said: "I would like to spend my last hours on earth at the Irish Pub."

An average, but most affordable-in-AC-menu is flanked by way above average atmosphere and service. Hailed by many as 'America's Greatest Pub,' The Irish Pub features a beautiful Victorian Inn with rooms starting at just \$25 per night. Granted, the rooms are small and not what you'd find at, say, Caesar's. But then again, this isn't Caesar's.

The Pub's history dates back to the 19th century and the place has survived hurricanes, prohibition, two world wars and everything in between. A speakeasy back in the days of prohibition, this is probably the best taste of the old Atlantic City experience depicted in the popular HBO series *Boardwalk Empire*. The hotel and lounge was Joe DiMaggio's hangout following his Yankee playing days, and provides a look back to a bygone era of classic, southern-inspired elegance.

Factoid: situated on St. James Place and the boardwalk, The Irish Pub has been identified with the game of Monopoly, and the red hotels used in the game are based on the Pub's architecture.

Visit www.PlayACGolf.com for a full list of golf and side action to place your bets. Daily non-stop service from O'Hare to Atlantic City is available on both United Airlines and Spirit Airways. With gaming, the famed boardwalk, and all things Jersey, Atlantic City is one-stop shopping for a great golf experience. There are also plenty of distractions that have made this destination an American institution for respite and excitement.

SWEET HOME CHICAGO

Chicago Spotlight

OU Grad Races To First Professional Victory At IWO

The 20th Phil Kosin Illinois Women's Open may not have provided exciting drama during its final round on July 30th, but our women's state championship did introduce the world to 22 year-old Emily Collins. Collins rolled her way to her first professional victory by a margin of nine shots. Collins, who turned professional this summer after finishing a solid career at the University of Oklahoma, began the final round double bogey-bogey and her playing partner, Michigan State graduate Allyssa Ferrell, went birdie-birdie at Mistwood Golf Club in Romeoville. Collins' first swing put her in a bad spot, and she three-putted the first hole. Suddenly that big lead was gone, and Collins seemed vulnerable.

"I was a little bit nervous having such a big lead," she said, "but I tried not to think about it." Collins added, "A solid birdie on the third hole and four more after that steadied her nerves, and she had a seven-shot lead at the turn, an eight-stroke advantage after No. 12 and a whopping 10-shot cushion before her last bogey at No. 17.

Other than Ferrell, none of the other 31 finalists put pressure on Collins and her nine-shot edge was an IWO record. Her 54-hole score of 212 was 4-under par and it earned her a \$5,000 payday and honorary membership to Mistwood.

Ashley Armstrong, a Notre Dame golfer from Flossmoor, was the top Chicago area player. She finished in a four-way tie for second with Ferrell, who, like Collins, is preparing for LPGA Q-school; and amateurs Lisabeth Brooks, from Waunakee, Wisconsin, and Amber Schuldt, a University of Illinois golfer from Sterling, Illinois. Brooks matched Collins' 1-under 71 in the final round. Only a 70, by Naperville high school phenom Bing Singhsumalee, bettered Brooks' scorecard for Wednesday's round. Collins was runner-up in the Texas Women's Open, her

only other pro start, before winning at Mistwood. She's in the qualifying round for the LPGA's new Meijer Classic in Grand Rapids, Michigan. When she's done in that event she'll focus on next month's Q-school. Though she attended college in Oklahoma and lives in the Dallas suburb of Colleyville, Texas, Collins has some Illinois connections. Her mother is from Bloomington and her father is from DeKalb. Both attended Illinois State, and Collins' caddie, Tony Costello, is a family friend who lives 20 minutes from Mistwood.

"I looked at other tournaments I could play

in, and thought the Illinois Women's Open would be a good one," said Collins. "It worked out the best. I loved the course and it was cool that my parents were from here."

The continued success of the Phil Kosin Illinois Women's Open at Mistwood has had an impressive run for the independent event. LPGA Tour veteran Nicole Jeray, who won the first two IWO tournaments, reflected on the growth of the event, "The tournament is so much more than it was the first two years. It is longer and each year it gets better and better. It is so much fun to play here."



2014 IWO Champion Emily Collins

Down Memory Lane

It's Not a Major Anymore

Entering the 1964 Western Open, Juan "Chi Chi" Rodriguez was known as the golfer who, when he got on a hot streak, was considered by some a hot dog.

If the 28-year-old Puerto Rican made a long putt for a birdie, he might throw his hat over the hole to keep it there, or wield his putter like a sword and engage in a duel with an imaginary foe. Galleries loved it. Some fellow competitors did not, especially that routine, which he eventually abandoned.

But all stood in admiration when Rodriguez put together four rounds in the 60s at Tam O'Shanter to capture the Western with an aggregate score of 16-under-par 268, a record for Tam by a stroke — Byron Nelson had held it — and matching the all-time Western Open mark. And he needed every saved stroke, for right behind him at 269 was the defending champion, Arnold Palmer, whose huge galleries were with the King all the way. (Jack Nicklaus tied for third.)

Like so many All-American Opens and World Championships in Tam's heyday, it came down to the course's back nine. He was a stroke behind Palmer at the turn, but four birdies, combined with Palmer's lipped-out birdie attempt at the 16th and a bogey at the 17th, set the stage for the last. That's where Chi Chi, shortsided in a greenside bunker, plopped his bunker shot four feet from the cup and knocked it in for the saving par that earned him the record-tying first prize of \$11,000.

"I thought I was going to hole out from the trap," Rodriguez said. "It was the longest four-foot putt I ever saw in my life." Rodriguez won seven other times on the regular tour, but the Western was his biggest triumph, for the Western Open's aura still placed the championship well above the run-of-the-mill tournaments sponsored by brewers, casinos, and widget manufacturers. Years later, he still kidded about it.

"Before I won the Western Open, it was considered a major championship," Chi Chi quipped. "Then I won and they said it wasn't a major anymore."

—By Tim Cronin

GOLFChicago Wire

Lake Forest's Hopfinger Captures 65th Illinois Open at The Glen Club

Brad Hopfinger of Lake Forest edged Travis Johns of Oswego to claim the title and the \$13,500 winner's check in the 65th Illinois Open played July 21 - 23rd. Hopfinger's six-under-par score of 210 held up after Johns bogeyed the final two holes of the tournament. Hopfinger, 25, was formerly an all-Big Ten golfer at Iowa and plays most of his tournament golf on the PGA Latin-American Tour. Johns is a teaching professional at Medinah C.C.

The final round of the tournament was played in fierce winds gusting to nearly 30 mph. Those conditions challenged competitors across the field with only Hopfinger, Michael Davan of Hoopeston, and Michael Smith of Chicago the only players to best par for the day, with no player besting 70. Four-time Illinois Open champion and Illinois golf coach Mike Small shot 8-over-par 80 over the final round.

65th Illinois Championship, The Glen Club Glenview

7,166 yards, par 72	
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2. Travis Johns, Oswego	211
3. Michael Davan, Hoopeston	212
4. Kyle English, Bloomington	214
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"The renovation work was necessary to improve the course's irrigation," said Adam Kwiatkoski prior to the ribbon-cutting ceremonies marking the re-opening, noting that the work will also serve to reduce maintenance costs at the 6,363-yard publicly accessible course.

Cog Hill To Host First Annual FGA Outing in September

Circle your calendar for September 15th as a day to give back to the community and the game of golf. The Freedom

Golf Association will host its annual fundraising golf outing on the #2 Ravines Course at Cog Hill in Lemont. Festivities include a 1 p.m. shotgun start followed by dinner, auction, and live music. \$150 per golfer includes green fees.

Based in Burr Ridge, the FGA is dedicated to serving special needs individuals by growing their golf expertise. Participants learn golf from professional adaptive coaches and are taught how to use specialized single-rider carts and adaptive golf equipment.

For sign-up and more information, visit the FGA's website www.fgagolf.org.

Staben House Outing At Midlane Resort

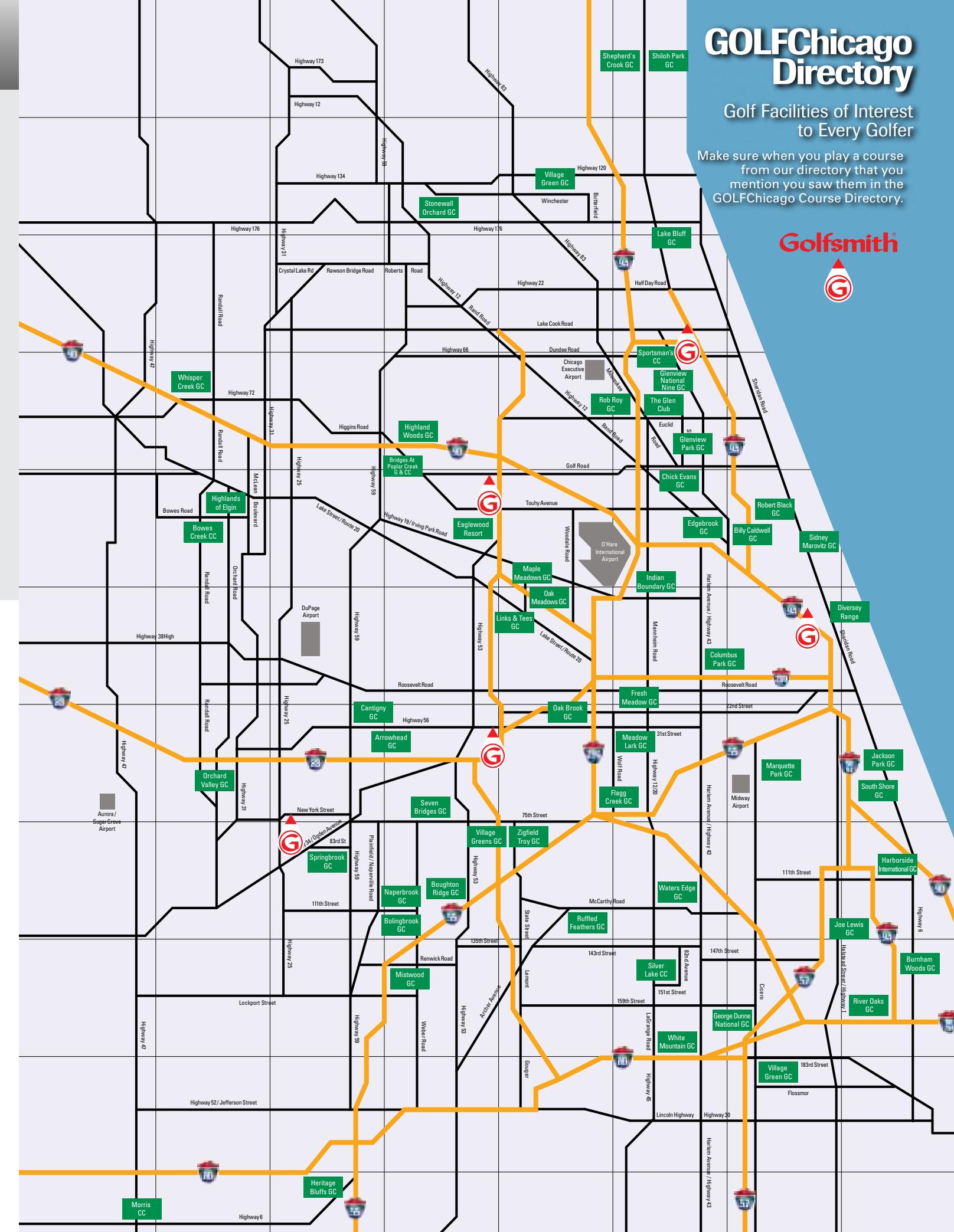
Former Chicago Bear Desmond Clark will be guest golfer and keynote speaker at the 10th Annual Staben House and Eddie Washington Center Golf Outing on August 22nd at Midlane Golf Resort

in Wadsworth. A noon shotgun start will lead to dinner and awards at 5 p.m. Over the past 20 years, Staben House and the Eddie Washington Center have assisted over 3,000 women, children, and others in need by providing case management, life skills, child care, job skills, shelter, and tools necessary to transition to permanent housing.

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Roderique Wins Coveted Straw Hat At Zigfield Troy Open

Twenty-seven-year-old Greg Roderique fired rounds of 51 - 50 = 101 to earn the coveted straw hat in June's annual Zigfield Troy Open in Woodridge. His 7-under-par on the par 3 course set a tournament record formerly held by Andy Roderique, Greg's older brother. Finishing second was last year's winner, Robert Knoll.



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630-739-4100
Bolingbrook, IL 60440

Coyote Run Golf Course

708-957-8700
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Flossmoor IL 60422

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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
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Cart Fee: \$16
Jr./Sr. Rates: Yes
Twilight Rates: Yes
Banquets/Outings: Yes

Flagg Creek Golf Course

708-246-3336
6939 S. Wolf Road
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Cart Fee: \$16

Jr./Sr. Rates: Yes

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Fox Bend Golf Course

630-554-3939
3516 Route 34
Oswego, IL 60543
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Par 72

Yardage: 6,890 – 5,325
Weekday: \$38 walk
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Weekend:

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Jr./Sr. Rates: Yes

Twilight Rates: Yes

Banquets/Outings: Yes

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630-810-5330
18 W 201 West 63rd Street
Westmont, IL 60559

DuPageGolf.com

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: Yes

Banquets/Outings: Yes

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630-378-4215
22204 W. Hassett Boulevard
Plainfield, IL 60585
golfnaperville.org

Par 72

Yardage: 6677
Weekday: \$39.50
Weekend: \$49.50

Mid-day Rates: Yes
Jr./Sr. Rates: Yes
Super Twilight Rates: Yes

Banquets/Outings: Yes

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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: \$41.50
Weekend: \$51.50

Mid-day Rates: Yes
Jr./Sr. Rates: Yes
Super Twilight Rates: Yes

Banquets/Outings: Yes

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Woodridge, IL 60517

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630-616-8424
272 Addison Rd.
Wood Dale, 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

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

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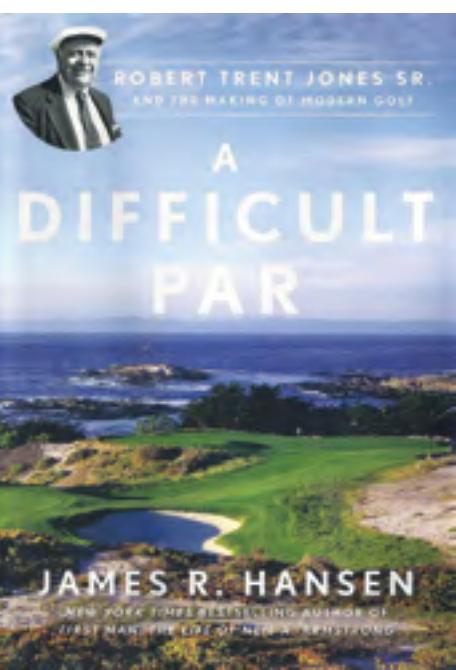
A Difficult Par: Robert Trent Jones Sr. and the Making of Modern Golf
By James R. Hansen
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www.adifficultpar.com

The career of Robert Trent Jones, Sr., is the most prolific of any golf course architect in the modern era of golf. Over a 70-year career, Jones, Sr. is credited with over 400 designs or redesigns of golf courses in 43 U.S. states and 27 countries. In all likelihood, that number will never be matched. However, his career was not handed to him on a silver platter.

A British immigrant and son of a tradesman, Jones epitomizes and surpasses the American Dream. *A Difficult Par* is a thoroughly researched biography that is heavily based in primary documents. Historian James R. Hansen's efforts provide the definitive account

of not only Jones' golf career, but they also peel back the experiences of Jones' childhood and personal life that led him to greatness. "My research uncovered over 400 love letters between 1930 and 1935 by Trent Jones to his eventual wife," shared Hansen. It was during those professionally barren years that the soul of a golf course architect is revealed. Hansen reveals the painful beginnings of a career in which there was not a beaten path to follow. Jones, for example, created his own study program at Cornell University.

In *A Difficult Par*, Hansen establishes the grit of a man driven to build logical, thought-provoking golf courses. Perhaps the most interesting chapters recall how Jones pursued federal projects during the depression. It was during these lean years that a reflective Jones built his legacy. And with *A Difficult Par*, Hansen has preserved a man's impact on the game of golf.



ON THE SHELF

Between the Covers

The CIA's California Headquarters

ON THE CORKSCREWS

Stephen Hawk

Cresta Blanca. Inglenook. Roma. Italian Swiss Colony. Christian Brothers. These are just a few of the pioneering and once-popular twentieth-century California wineries that are now long gone.

From 1950 to 1989, the Christian Brothers produced their wines in the Greystone Cellars building, which was built in 1889 in St. Helena, California, and placed on the National Register of Historic Places in 1978. In 1993, an earthquake-damaged Greystone was sold to The Culinary Institute of America, an independent, not-for-profit college offering bachelor's and associate degrees in culinary arts, baking, and pastry arts, as well as certificate programs in culinary arts and professional wine studies. After \$15 million in upgrades and renovations, in 1995 the CIA reopened Greystone as their California branch campus; the primary campus is in Hyde Park, New York.

The Christian Brothers' winemaker was Brother Timothy, who was instrumental in creating the California wine industry as we know it today, and had a career spanning more than 50 years. Among his many interests, he was an avid collector of corkscrews, and his collection is on permanent loan to The CIA at Greystone, and the inspiration for the Greystone Cellars wine labels.

Greystone Cellars wines are actually produced by the neighboring Markham Vineyards, under the direction of winemaker Kimberlee Nicholls, but that's a story for another time. A portion of the proceeds from the sale of Greystone Cellars wines benefit The CIA at Greystone.

2011 Greystone Chardonnay \$12 With no ambition of being an estate wine, the grapes for this blend traveled west from Lodi and north from Santa Barbara. The trucks were filled with 77% Chardonnay and 23% Chenin Blanc.

The wine presents itself in the glass with a light straw color. The nose features mango and lemon. These tropical markers continue in the taste, complemented with guava, lively acidity, and a somewhat contradictory creamy mouthfeel. The finish is short but smooth.

Try this summer sipper with Black Bean and Avocado Crostini, Prosciutto and Summer Melon Salad, or Grilled Swordfish with Peppered Pasta.

2011 Greystone Cabernet Sauvignon \$12 Right now is the perfect time to serve this easy-going, unpretentious Cabernet.

It starts out on the nose with understated aromas of vanilla and cream soda. The visual clues are a garnet color and delicate legs. The wine features flavors of tart cherry and blackberries, with a hint of pepper. On the palate, it is quite smooth, almost lush, but with a short, simple finish. Particularly this time of year, give this wine about 30 minutes in the frige before serving.

The technical details are: blend is 76% Cabernet Sauvignon, with the remainder Barbera, Malbec, Grenache, and Tempranillo. Aged in 26% new French and American oak. 30,000 cases were made.

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Jim Owczarski

Accessibility and Viability.

They are two words the game of golf is struggling with here in the second decade of the 21st Century. While some barriers are falling, such as the male-only policies at high-profile private clubs like Augusta National, some have yet to be completely toppled—the Royal & Ancient Golf Club of St. Andrews is still mulling over admitting women, but plenty of famous European courses remain men-only.

On a local level, the game is trying to open itself up to newer audiences. Larger holes are being used in some places. Nine-hole rounds and faster play are being encouraged and accentuated. Courses are trying to get you out (and get you to come back) by offering an assortment of discounts. A public player can even get into some private clubs for a round if you dig around the internet enough.

This effort leads into the viability question. Because golf is time consuming, and all parts of playing it are rather expensive (and depending where you try to go, it remains exclusionary), the powers that be are worried about its long-term sustainability.

While water consumption and environmental issues play a large role in the game's viability going forward, we'll save that conversation for another time. But the USGA, PGA, LPGA, and R&A can take a look at the most recent U.S. Women's Open at Pinehurst No. 2 and the Ricoh Women's British Open at Royal Birkdale as ways to foster accessibility and viability.

The USGA's decision to host its women's national championship the week after the men's was extraordinarily ambitious and worked out in the end—the reason it was such a draw is that unlike any other major sport in the country, women can play on the same field as the men.

Now, it wasn't the first time the U.S. Women's Open was held on the same course that hosted a men's U.S. Open. But it was the first of note since Paula Creamer won the 2010 USWO at Oakmont Country Club. And the reason Michelle Wie's and Creamer's victories will forever resonate among the casual golf audience is because of where they won—not just that they won.

Mo Martin won the Women's British Open a few days before press time with an eagle on the 18th hole at Royal Birkdale, which will host the men's 2017 Open Championship and has crowned Padraig Harrington, Arnold Palmer, Lee Trevino, Tom Watson, and Johnny Miller in its Open history. Stacy Lewis' 2013 British Open title came at the Old Course at St. Andrews. Lorena Ochoa won there in 2007. Many can remember those events, even if you're not inherently invested in the women's game.

For some reason, the course where a golf tournament is played means as much—perhaps more—than the players competing on it. Maybe it's because, even with renovations and restorations, the course's lifeline lasts far longer than any champion who conquers it over four days. Maybe it's because such great champions are determined at places like Pebble Beach, Medinah, and the Winged Foot.

So the game's governing bodies should begin to cycle moveable women's majors onto some of these iconic "men's" courses. I'd love to see Wie take on Pebble Beach for a USWO. I'd love to see Na Yeon Choi come up the 18th at Medinah with a chance to win the KPMG PGA Championship in a few years.

And if some of those old guard clubs in Europe (hello, Muirfield) won't allow for women members, or a women's Open, then the R&A should wave its driver and say, 'no more men's Opens for you!'

Now, I know a counterpoint would be to say hey, if you're talking about accessibility, why limit the game's greatest championships to a select few golf courses—which are often private—rather than spread the wealth? I get that. But unlike other sports, even the weekend warrior understands what winning at Carnoustie or Congressional means, and so do the players: special events should be held at special places.

This is also a way for those governing bodies to break down the last walls of sexism. It's a power they have, and they should wield it heavy-handedly.

Is it pie-in-the-sky to think that having U.S. Women's Opens at Olympia Fields, or Shinnecock Hills Golf Club, or LPGA Championships at Oak Hill Country Club, or Medinah will draw more women into the game? Probably. But I know that men know those places. I know that men will watch a tournament—even a women's event—if it's played on a familiar track. Will their interest in a women's event catch their wife's or daughter's attention? I dunno. Maybe. Maybe not. Heck, if you're not going to play the game, maybe you're still captivated enough to buy a ticket to watch it. But at the very least, such a simple change in scheduling can't hurt the effort to get more people interested in the game and keep it growing amongst this country's largest segment of the population.

At press time, the R&A made the historic decision to allow a "postal vote" regarding allowing female members. The club has always limited its votes to those members who were present, but on this issue the club's nearly 2,400 global members can weigh in without heading to Scotland. The result of the vote will be announced September 18.

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