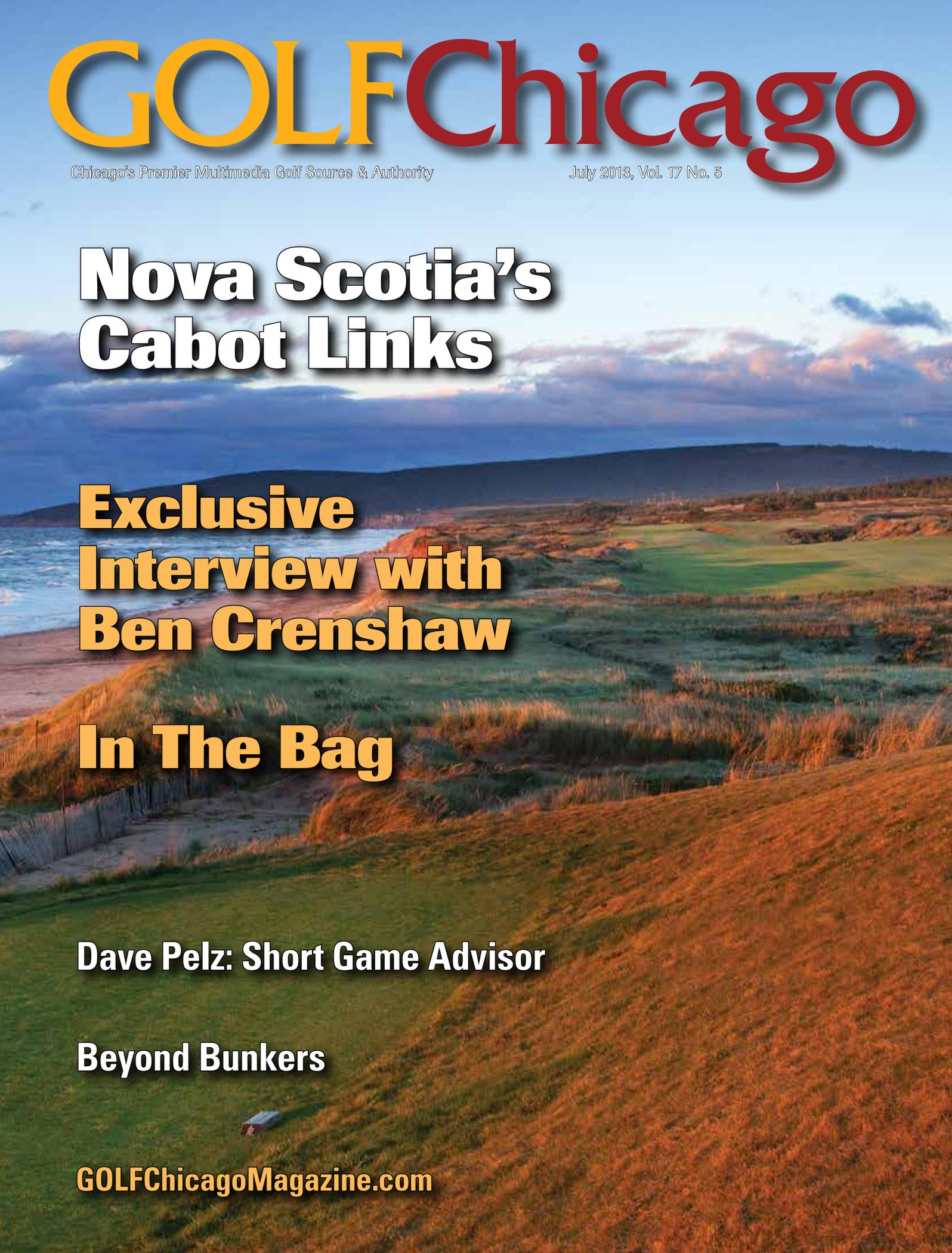


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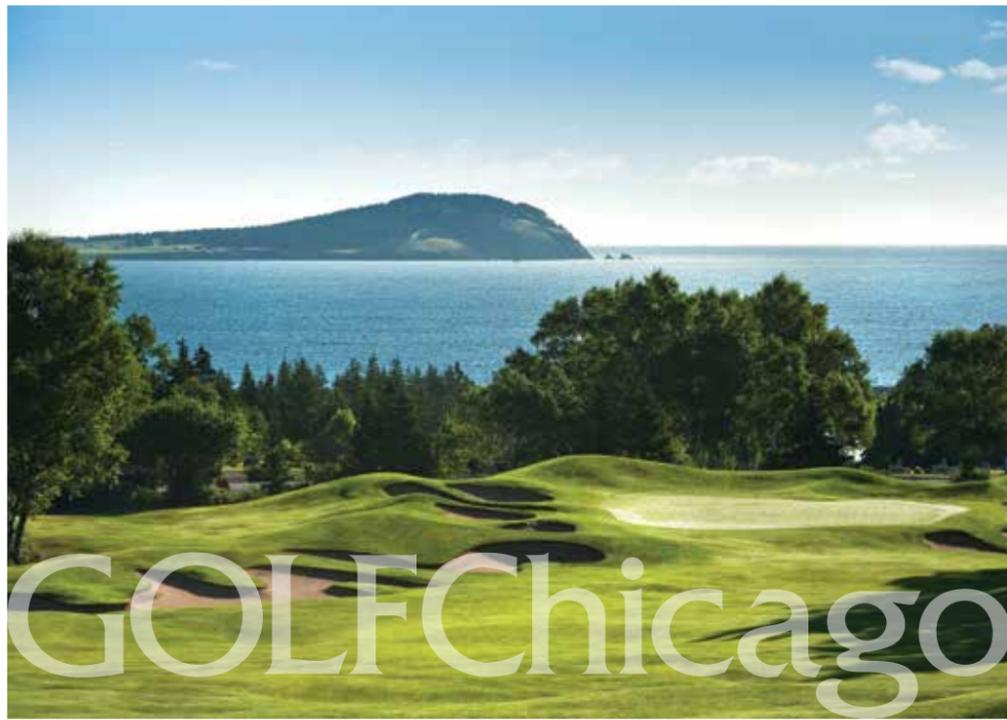
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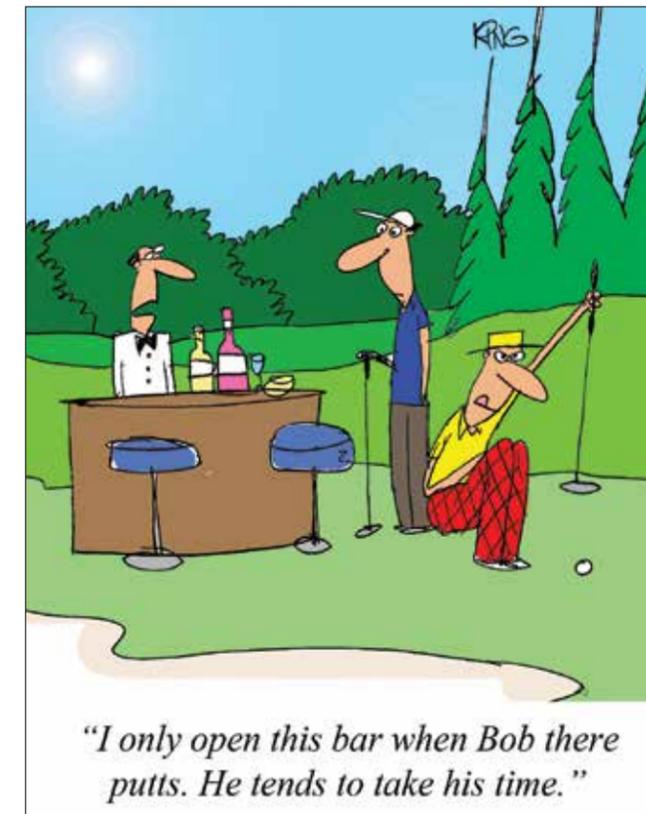
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Just a year ago we begged for relief from the drought of '12. Remember the extra roll your drives enjoyed on the baked, brown turf? Fast-forward to July of '13 and most of us are spending more time behind a mower in the backyard than on the fairways. It has been quite a turn around, but the payoff is that our Chicagoland golf courses, and your lawn, have never looked so green.

Unfortunately, many recreational golfers lack the time to enjoy these lush greens. The golf industry needs to accommodate this group of golfers. While golf's initiative programs like Kids Golf Foundation and The First Tee create an interest in the game for future golfers, the industry needs to increase the frequency of play from the present generation of recreational golfers. Along with the aforementioned yard care, however, most parents spend evenings scattered between soccer, baseball, and softball practice and games—not to mention

dance classes and hockey leagues. Our Beyond Bunkers writer, golf course architect Greg Martin, offers solutions to the industry to accommodate parents' busy lives and allow them to continue golfing as well. Although Martin is not a prophet, he speaks of parenting two active kids and recognizing this time dilemma even a decade ago.

Martin shared his several solutions to parents' busy schedules with GOLFChicago. Some courses are already reacting to the time



constraints that keep golfers off the course by making changes to the traditional round of golf. The Prairie Club in Nebraska's Sand Hills incorporated a 10-hole executive course into their resort's playing options. Bandon Dunes Resort, golf's new American Golf Mecca, has a par 3 course to compliment her four world-class, championship tracks. Island Hills in Centreville, Michigan, now offers a 12-hole course, two 7-hole courses, and a 5-hole beginner's course. And on a smaller scale, First Tee facilities in Hammond, Indiana, and suburban Fox Valley offer kids a few 'pitch and putt' holes to create an interest in the game.

If you cannot find the time to play an 18-hole round, simply call a course and ask them about Family Twilight specials. There are courses gearing their programs toward families, which is a great start for increased family-time and more time on the course.

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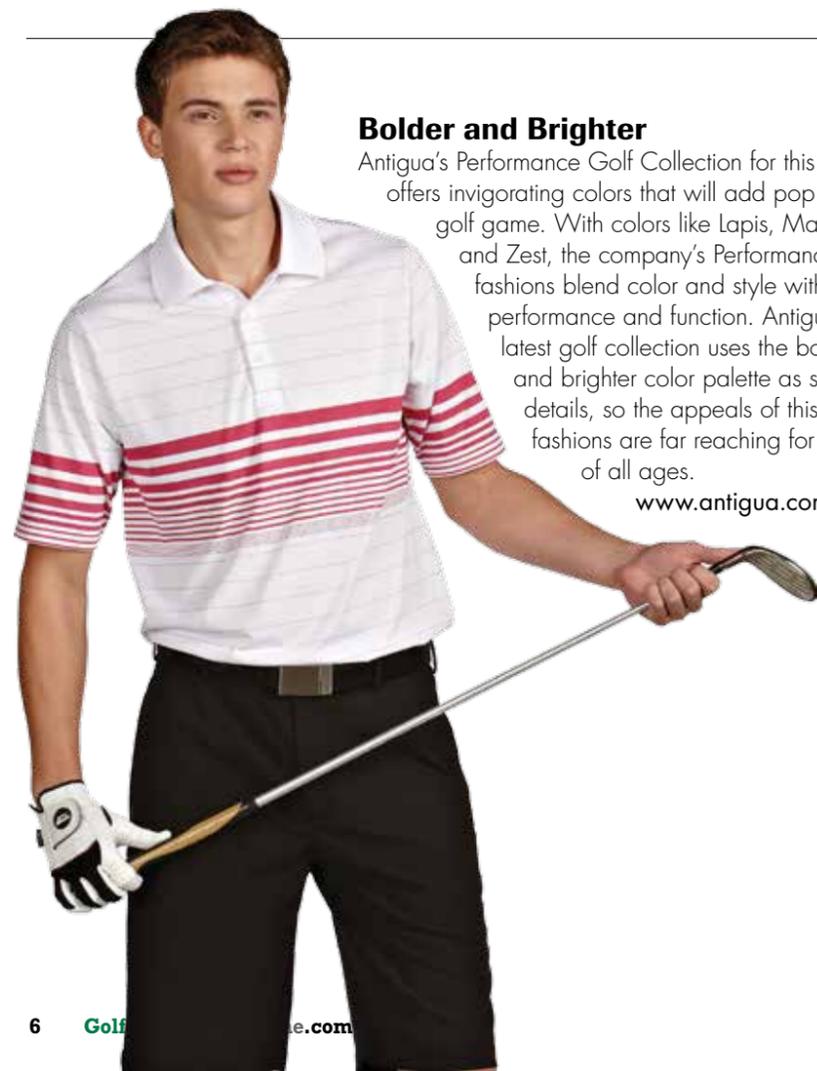




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this position, you won’t be able to generate sufficient power at impact and the spin needed to hold the green.

You’ll know you have this problem if your wedges feel very heavy at this point in your swing, as though a five-pound weight is hanging from the clubhead. If you don’t think your wedges could ever feel heavy, try holding one in this position for five minutes—your arms and wrists will be on fire, I assure you!

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Now wipe that visual from your mind and replace it with this. At the top of your three-quarter backswing, your left arm is still at 9:00, but your wrists are fully cocked and the club points to the sky. When you get to this position in your swing, you’ll notice how much lighter your wedges feel, as though a helium balloon is holding the clubhead up.

The next time you’re on the practice range, warm up by setting your wedge in

the “light” backswing position, with your left arm parallel to the ground and your wrists cocked so that the shaft points to the sky. Then, move into a “light” finish, this time with your right arm parallel to the ground and the clubhead hinged up. Close your eyes and swing slowly between these two light positions as your muscles warm up, feeling your swing as it moves from “light to light.” Your wedge success will skyrocket.



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# The Golfer's Elbow

**G**olfer's elbow is a common term used for an inflammatory condition called medial epicondylitis. It is a relatively common condition that can put a damper on any golf season. Medial epicondylitis involves a large tendon called the common flexor tendon. The common flexor tendon attaches to the muscles that flex the wrist and pronate the forearm. Although it is called golfer's elbow, many activities can cause this condition when stress is placed on the elbow, including throwing and racquet sports, shoveling, gardening, and hammering.

Periodically, medial epicondylitis is caused by a single incident such as wrapping your driver around a nearby tree, but repetitive stress during the golf swing is a more likely cause. The breakdown of the fibers in the common flexor tendon may cause symptoms such as pain, tenderness, heat, and occasional swelling at the inside of the elbow. The pain can move down the inside of the arm to the wrist, because the tendon attaches to the muscles in the forearm. Due to the close proximity of the ulnar nerve, tingling of the last two fingers may occur. Other conditions of the neck, shoulder, and wrist may also cause numbness or tingling and any such symptoms should be assessed by a physician.

Because golfer's elbow tends to be caused by repetitive movements, we have the ability to lessen the chance of onset. In addition to generating an effective swing, good flexibility of the forearm muscles is needed to tolerate the golf swing. Tight tissues cannot tolerate stress well. This leads to micro-trauma and tissue breakdown. To prevent tightness and improve flexibility there are two stretches of the wrist and forearm that should be performed prior to golfing. These should be repeated three times each, and held in the stretch position for 20 to 30 seconds.

The wrist flexor stretch involves the muscles that flex the wrist and fingers. Hold your arm in front of you with the elbow straight and palm towards the sky. Then pull down on the palm of your hand until you feel a light stretch in the muscles on the top (photo 1). Next, turn your palm towards the ground while keeping your elbow straight. Then pull down on the top of your hand until

you notice a light stretch on the top of the arm at the extensor muscles (photo 2). The improved flexibility along with warming up the tissues will decrease the chance of injury, but do not stretch to the point of pain or discomfort as this could cause injury. If you are currently experiencing symptoms the exercises should be performed two or three times a day followed by ice for 20

minutes. If your symptoms do not subside within one week, contact your physician.

These stretches have benefits beyond golf as many of us have careers, hobbies, or social media habits that require repetitive hand and forearm motions. Try incorporating them into your daily routine and exercise program. Your golf game will enjoy the benefits of a pain-free round.



Photo 1



Photo 2

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To see other tips on how you can **Fight the Bite** this summer, please visit [dupagehealth.org/ftb](http://dupagehealth.org/ftb).

# The GOLFCChicago Interview

**B**en Crenshaw is one of golf's greatest ambassadors and most beloved figures. Born in Austin, Texas, he grew up playing junior golf with fellow Texan Tom Kite. He won three NCAA Championships from 1971 to '73 before he turned professional. After winning a PGA Tour title in his first professional start, Gentle Ben would go on to record 29 other victories on various tours. Two of these victories include majors at the Masters in 1984 and 1995, and he finished second in both the British Open and PGA Championship in 1979.

His legacy will be cemented forever due to his successful captaincy of the 1999 U.S. Ryder Cup team which came from behind to beat the European team at The Country Club in Brookline, Massachusetts.

## Masterful Golf Course Designer and PGA Tour Legend Ben Crenshaw

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In 1986, Crenshaw partnered with Bill Coore to create Crenshaw & Coore—one of the world's premier golf design firms. The company's impressive portfolio includes award-winning projects at Sand Hills Golf Club in Mullen, Nebraska; Warren Golf Course at Notre Dame in South Bend; and Bandon Trails in Oregon. Crenshaw and Coore have also completed renovation work on Pinehurst No. 2 in preparation for next year's U.S. Women's Open and U.S. Men's Open.

Following are excerpts from an interview with Crenshaw prior to his appearance at the Encompass Championship at North Shore C.C. in late June:

**GOLFCChicago:** Tell us about some of your favorite memories here in Chicago outside of your 1992 Western Open victory.

**Ben Crenshaw:** I had the chance to meet Ernie Banks, Michael Jordan, and Scottie Pippen. I was also made a member of Chicago Golf Club in 1979—it's still one of my favorite places to play.

I lost a playoff to Larry Nelson at Butler National. It took one hole for him to knock me out. 1975 was my best chance to win the U.S. Open at Medinah C.C. I had an unbelievable week of scrambling...hitting beautiful shots through the trees. It would have been a miracle if I won that week, but I finished one shot out of a playoff.

**GC:** How do you want to be remembered after your last putt falls and you put your clubs away?

**Crenshaw:** You need to be half-way friendly to your competitors. You want to be genuine and you want to be a compatible person. I've been very thankful for the people I've met through golf. I was a proponent of the game.

**GC:** In regards to your design work, who are some of the other designers from whom you drew your inspiration?

**Crenshaw:** Donald Ross, A.W. Tillinghast, Dr. MacKenzie, Harry Colt, and Seth Raynor. I've never played a Raynor course that I haven't thoroughly enjoyed. Perry Maxwell is probably the most unsung architect of all time. He was great. He gave us Southern Hills and the back nine at Crystal Downs. I happened to grow up on a Maxwell design. It was his last project. He completed it in about 1949. I grew up on that course (Austin C.C., now known as Riverside G.C.) so I had an affinity for him.

**GC-** Where do you stand on the anchoring debate?

**Crenshaw:** I'm not rabidly opposed to it but ... it's just different. There are a lot of other problems that we need to address—the ball, the clubs ... there are a million things! Long putters are not a panacea; they just feel good to somebody. There are some camps that feel that it takes the skill out of putting. I don't know if it does or if it doesn't as I've never used one. I don't know if there is an advantage to them but the authorities were alarmed that young people started to use them. They start thinking about the future of the game that is played, so I can understand it. But I'm not violently opposed to it.

**GC-** Give us your thoughts on what you think is the easiest way to grow the game

**Crenshaw:** We've seen so many studies that show how people's time is so segmented with family activities. I'm very much a proponent of building courses that are only 6 or 9 holes. That's a great thing. Look back through the course of history. The first British Open was on a 12-hole golf course at Prestwick.

# The GOLFCChicago Interview

And the first U.S. Open was on a 9-hole course in Newport. The second one was at Shinnecock Hills which was a 12-hole course. Think about the amount of time you could get around the course and still have quality holes. I can cite several beautiful nine-hole complexes in New England and they are filled with great holes. To go out and play an extremely hard course is not people's idea of fun, I don't think. There's no question that the game is accessible to everyone. There are not many excuses for the public to go out and enjoy their golf, but it's how they do it. **GC:** *You are a short game master. What would you say would be the most beneficial aspect to practice on the greens?*

**Crenshaw:** I think you need to have a concept of how hard to hit it. I always thought that if you practiced longer putts first, that gives you an idea of the pace and speed. You can practice short putts later. There is no substitute for going out and hitting putts and to have it be lag conscience and get the ball up by the hole. That gives you a chance to access the speed and texture of the greens. My old teacher Harvey (Penick) used to say: Don't practice those short putts too much; practice some of them but be a realist. If you are practicing too many short five- to six-foot putts, then that means that you didn't hit that good of a first putt.

**GC:** *Is there more emphasis on the short game during the majors and the way the courses are set up?*

**Crenshaw:** It has to be because a sterner set-up is going to cause more people to miss more greens. You must put extreme importance on the short game. You need to hit good shots to create a sense of succession in your thinking on a positive note is threading those holes together and to do that the short game needs to be sharp. It gives you confidence going to the next hole.

**GC:** *What is your design philosophy when you and Bill Coore are provided a blank canvas?*

**Crenshaw:** We want people to enjoy their experience. We want them to think

about sequences of holes that are diverse. You need to mix in short holes with some medium ones and some long ones. We think that a great framework for building a course includes a short par 4 on either 9 in different complexions. Spread out the length of the par 4s first. Have four or five different par 3s that are directed to different points of the compass. Then you mix in your par 4s and in modern day, just a couple par 5s. Now you've got a good framework of holes that are different. And you reach more people that way.

**GC:** *Out of all your accomplishments, which one brings you the most joy?*

**Crenshaw:** It will always be that Masters for Harvey. In a very

sentimental way, he gave us our love of golf and our life—apart from our fathers, to have a teacher like that was one of the luckiest things that happened to Tom Kite and myself. He taught us to love the game and study it. After Tom and I buried him that week, I played some of my best golf for him and I won.

**GC:** *Give us about a memory of Ben Hogan.*

**Crenshaw:** Harvey was good friends with Hogan. I met him several times and spoke with him and watched him hit balls a few times. He was amazing, a very different human being. To watch him hit a ball was just magic. He hit it like a machine

and he asked no quarter of anybody, he was a tough man.

**GC:** *How much further can technology go and has it made the game more enjoyable?*

**Crenshaw:** That's the balance. From a professional standpoint, a consensus of all the people that you talk to say the ball is going too far. You have to temper that with people and their entertainment and enjoyment of the game. That's a very tough balance. None of us who love the game wants to mention bifurcation. But it may come to that. I think the discussion is [a] little more reviewable in these times because everybody wants to grow the game. A lot of people are struggling as to how to do that.



# Explore Hot Springs Village

## DESTINATIONS

Hot Springs Village, Arkansas, has been a golf destination since the community's inception, and the golf here just keeps getting better and better. Situated in the foothills of the Ouachita Mountains, Hot Springs Village has an idyllic setting with sweeping vistas, lush forest, pristine lakes, and some of the best golf courses in the state.

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, make it a vacation retreat for the entire family.

Before Big Al escaped to Hot Springs, 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.

The largest gated community in the country, Hot Springs Village boasts eight publicly accessible courses. Each is highly enjoyable, challenging, and picturesque. The courses range from beginner-friendly to some that will challenge the low handicappers. One of the unique aspects about these courses is that each has a distinctive flavor from its counterparts.

*Golf Digest* and the *Arkansas Business Journal* have dubbed Isabella Golf Course the No. 1 course in Arkansas. It is easy to see why. The 27-hole facility features three picturesque nine-hole loops—the Nina, the Pinta, and the Santa Maria—that provide great open fairways to accommodate even slightly errant tee shots. But each loop also provides intricacies to test your skills. The greens across the course are 'country club' perfect.

Isabella is one of several area courses highly-ranked by *Golf Digest*. Balboa Golf Course has been recognized among the state's top ten layouts and is considered a favorite among village residents. Opened in 1987, the course serves up a delightful collection of demanding par 3s. While Balboa GC is one of the more walker-friendly of the area's ten courses, various sets of tees make it challenging for all. The combination of water hazards and bunkers requires a strategic action plan if you want to save par or—at the least—save a sleeve of golf balls.

Granada Golf Course was completed in 2004. The Tom Clark-designed layout 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.

A level lie is hard to find, so shot placement is key. The architect saved the best for last as the signature hole is No. 18. This long par 4 features a waterfall that flows from the clubhouse past the green while undergoing a drastic elevation change.

Arkansas native John Daly opened Ponce De Leon Golf Course in 1991, the year he won the PGA Championship. It has been ranked as high as the No. 3 course in Arkansas. The course hosted qualifying rounds for the Nationwide Tour event over 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.

Prices have never been more affordable in Hot Springs Village largely in part to a newly implemented one-year membership. A 12-month membership is available for \$275 and allows golfers to play each of the open courses at member prices, saving as much as 65% per round, making it beneficial to visit the Village multiple times in a calendar year.

Plenty of rental properties are available for a vacation as well as those available for purchase.

Village Premier Vacation Rentals offers housing for any budget or group size. With more than 20 residential options to choose from, with prices ranging from less than \$100 up to \$225, this could be one of the nicest vacations homes you'll be likely to set foot in.

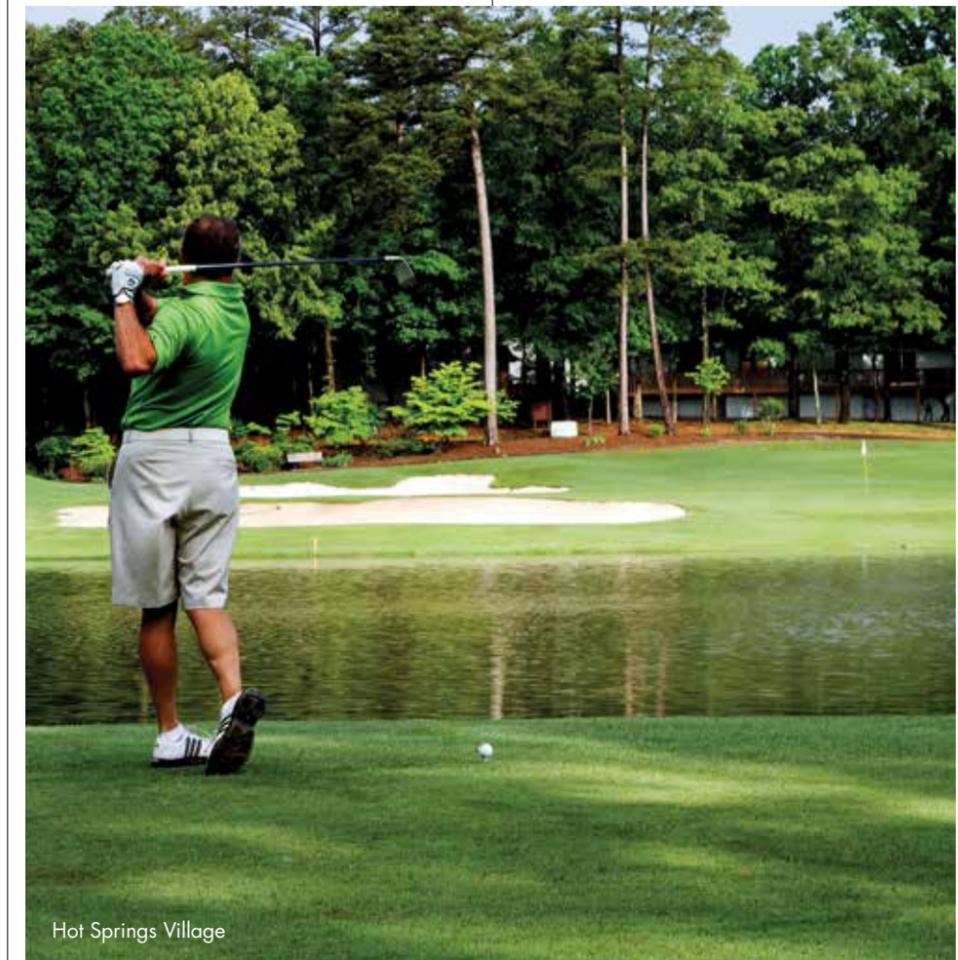
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Cortez Golf Course Hole 17



Granada Golf Course Hole 18



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# Old and New Scotland Merge at Nova Scotia's Cabot Links

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**N**ova Scotia is Latin for “New Scotland.” Chicago golf developer Mike Keiser surely drew inspiration from the name when he first laid eyes on the rugged Inverness shoreline located on the west coast of Cape Breton Island. In June, 2012, the golf world received its first glimpse of a course featuring sweeping sand dunes; views of the Gulf of St. Lawrence on most every hole; fast and firm fairway conditioning; and virtually treeless, naturally rolling terrain from the 1st tee to the 18th green. Add the coastal winds which can change direction at any time and you will find it difficult to distinguish between Old Scotland and the newer version. Welcome to Cabot Links, one of North America’s finest and most intriguing new golf destinations.

The connections between Scotland and Nova Scotia are more than coincidental. Highland Scots started farms and settlements here in the early 1800s. Families and friends followed them to create a cozy community based upon fishing and agriculture. Coal was discovered here in the latter part of that century which attracted immigrants from across Europe and other parts of Canada.

The mining industry sustained Inverness with over 1,000 jobs until the early 1950s. When the mines were abandoned, town administrators sought out alternative businesses to sustain growth. The concept of a golf course traversing the seaside mining area was bandied about but never gained traction. Never, that is, until Mike Keiser entered the picture.

For those unfamiliar, Keiser is the golf world’s version of King Midas. Co-founder of Recycled Greeting Cards, Keiser turned his interests



Cabot Links Hole #2



Cabot Links Hole #4



Cabot Links Hole #8

to golf in the late 1980s with the construction of The Dunes Club in New Buffalo, Michigan—considered by many to be the finest 9-hole golf course in America. In the late 1990s, he launched Bandon Dunes on the Oregon coastline. Today, that world-class resort stretches to five golf courses with a nearby municipal course in development. Keiser is also an investor in the acclaimed Barnbougle Dunes in Tasmania.

Canadian golf tour operator Ben Cowan-Dewar stirred Keiser's interest in Cabot Links. The transplanted Toronto native studied the property and imagined its potential as a golf resort. "Much like Bandon," says Cowan-Dewar, who is today Keiser's partner at Cabot Links, "the links attributes were amazing. And, really, without Bandon Dunes, I would have done what a lot of other people thought of: 'This would be a great site for golf...' and kept going. But the success of Bandon Dunes in a place that wasn't a golf Mecca before it was built inspired me. This place has been on the consciousness of at least Canadians that a great golf course could be built here. It's pretty rewarding to see it done now."

The two entrepreneurs enlisted the services of acclaimed architect Rod Whitman whose solo projects include Wolf Creek Golf Resort and Blackhawk Golf Club in Alberta. Whitman's commitment to natural design won over the owners, who were involved in every stage of the development. The finished product was proclaimed by Keiser himself to be "as good as Bandon Dunes was in its first year."

To Cowan-Dewar, the course's positive impact on the local economy is even more gratifying than the outpouring of positive reviews everywhere from *The Wall Street*



Cabot Links Hole #14



Cabot Links Hole #16

**The view from the tee of the 1st hole underscores that the golfer is in for a unique links experience as one can count 14 flagsticks across the property.**



Cabot Links Lodge and Hole #18



Highland Links Photo: Chris Gallow



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*Journal to Golfweek to Golf Digest.* “There hasn’t been another major industry that’s replaced mining in the 1950s,” he says. “That’s why the community has been talking about building a golf course here as far back as 1969 so as to create jobs and put Inverness back on the map. The course has created 125-plus jobs since it opened. When you visit, you can see that there is a lot of pride from our staff to be part of this revival.”

Indeed, my caddie during my round was extremely enthusiastic and couldn’t help but reminisce about where on the property he and his friends would play hockey while growing up. He also pointed out parts of the course that served as coal mine entrances. Reminders of this mining heritage can also be found in the architecture used on the clubhouse and in the dining area.

Cabot Links is a walking-only course. To enjoy the full linksland experience, it is highly recommended that golfers use a caddie.

The view from the tee of the 1st hole underscores that the golfer is in for a unique links experience as one can count 14 flagsticks across the property. Off the tee, the course cascades down to the Gulf of St. Lawrence. Oceanside dunes can be found everywhere. Holes No. 10 and 11 run alongside a marina where fishing boats await dispatch. The latter hole runs alongside MacIsaac’s Pond which forms the entire left side of this dogleg. The green is, like most holes on the course, open in front to provide for shots to run up to the hole.

No. 14 is simple in calm winds and simply deadly when the winds are blowing. From a tee perched atop a large sand dune, the hole stretches to a mere 102 yards. The target is referenced as an “infinity green” as it rests above the blue

waters of the gulf. Which is another way of saying: hit past the flagstick here and your ball will end up some 20 feet below the putting surface. That said, play toward the green’s center to accept a par and enjoy the spectacular view.

The course’s final hole is appropriately difficult. A par 4 of 475 yards from the back tees, the hole can play much longer due to deep sand bunkers near the tee shot landing area and also in front of the green. Be advised to check the pin location before teeing off here as different angles open up this green to run-up shots.

“People draw comparisons to places that they’ve been,” says Cowan-Dewar. “I love the land. I love that it is reminiscent of Scotland but that it also has its own feel.”

The co-owner points out that visitors to Cabot Links can appreciate the connection between Old Scotland and New Scotland by enjoying the town during their stay. “The Gaelic people and the Glenora Distillery remind us of our heritage. But our culture here has a feel that is different and unique to Canada.”

Construction of a second course designed by Bill Coore and Ben Crenshaw has already begun on 600 acres of land a few miles north of Cabot Links. Tentatively called Cabot Cliffs, the course is earmarked to open in 2015.

While multiple rounds at Cabot Links are a must, adventuresome golfers should extend their stay and travel 90 minutes north of the resort to tour Cape Breton’s Highlands Links—a classic Stanley Thompson design ranked among the world’s top 100 golf courses. Built in 1941, the course has re-opened after undergoing two years of extensive renovations to improve turf conditions and restore greens back to their original shape. Working with

Parks Canada, golf architect Ian Andrew has enshrined Thompson’s design while enabling Highlands Links to handle more rounds during and following inclement weather.

The 5th hole, named MuckleMouth Meg, a loud-mouthed woman in Scottish lore, is a subtle three-shot dogleg where the Clyburn River threatens par along the right side of the fairway. On the back nine, the 15th hole is another three-shooter of note that has an interesting name. This par 5 is named Tattie Bogle after the area’s potato fields and the Scottish style of farming spuds. Be sure to swing out of your shoes and hit it long. A conservative tee ball and second shot could lead to a blind approach to the greensite.

The re-birth of Highlands Links is a grassroots effort of The Highlands Links Stanley Thompson Historical Society. This collective of golfers continues to raise funds and is currently hoping to add a Stanley Thompson monument on-site. A trip to Nova Scotia must include a day trip to the historic links at Highlands Links.

#### Getting Here

Still another parallel with Bandon Dunes is the remote destination of Cabot Links. From Chicago, most golfers will fly into Halifax and either rent a car or schedule pick-up service from the resort for the 3.5-hour drive to Inverness. Private planes can use a small airport in Port Hawkesbury.

#### Lodging

The 48-room Cabot Links Lodge was built from local woods and provides low-key luxury. The lodge sits a short walk from the 18th green and is in close proximity to the resort-run restaurant and bar.

For more information, visit [www.cabotlinks.com](http://www.cabotlinks.com) and [www.highlandlinks.com](http://www.highlandlinks.com).

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## Beck and Colleagues Launch Pro-Am Event at Rich Harvest Farms

PGA and Champions Tour star Chip Beck teed off at Rich Harvest Farms in Sugar Grove on June 24th to inaugurate "Chip Beck #59 Champions Tour Pro-Am" in support of the Kids Golf Foundation. The largest junior golf foundation in the state, the group offers and supports several golf programs and events designed to introduce children to the game. Since its inception in 1998, the Foundation has impacted the lives of over 150,000 youngsters.

Beck became only the second golfer in the history of the PGA Tour to shoot 59 in a tournament round. A three-time All-American in college, Beck won four times on the PGA Tour and was a three-time Ryder Cup participant. He joined the Champions Tour in 2006 and resides in Lake Forest.

"It means a lot for me to be involved in this event because it embodies the message of the Kids Golf Foundation, which I find very important," said Beck. "Bringing children to this great game will only help them in life and in all areas – school, friendships, etc. Golf truly does change people's lives."

Dates for the 2014 pro-am have not been finalized. For more information on the event or on the Kids Golf Foundation, visit the group's website: [www.kidsgolffoundation.org](http://www.kidsgolffoundation.org).

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## Legendary Dunes Club Hosts First Tee of Greater Chicago Event

Golf writer Dan Jenkins calls The Dunes Club in New Buffalo, Michigan, "the greatest 9-hole golf course in the country." *Golf Digest* and *Golfweek* perennially rank the course among America's top 100. Many have favorably compared this 100-member private club to Pine Valley Golf Club in New Jersey.

On Monday, July 29, The First Tee of Greater Chicago is offering the public an opportunity to experience the course that entrepreneur Mike Keiser opened in 1995. Called "A Day at the Dunes Club," the event includes a buffet breakfast, a 9 a.m. shotgun start, cocktails, heavy appetizers, and "lasting memories." Cost is \$2000 per foursome or \$500 per player. Proceeds will benefit The First Tee of Greater Chicago whose avowed mission is "to impact the lives of young people by providing educational programs that build character, instill life-enhancing values, and promote healthy choices through the game of golf."

Sign up online for the Day at the Dunes Club event: [www.thefirstteechicago.org](http://www.thefirstteechicago.org). Questions can be e-mailed to [billdaniels@me.com](mailto:billdaniels@me.com).

## PwC Financial Literacy Week To Promote First Tee of Greater Chicago Program

Professional services firm PwC (formerly Price Waterhouse Coopers) has awarded a \$100,000 grant to The First Tee of Greater Chicago for the development of a Financial Literacy Summit for middle school and high school participants. "As part of PwC's commitment to youth education, we proudly support the mission of The First Tee of Greater Chicago and believe that education is the foundation for community development," said Jay Henderson, PwC Vice Chairman, Client Service. "Programs like The First Tee provide growth opportunities for youth, advance future leaders and further develop the growing population of quality professionals who can support the increasingly complex business issues in the marketplace."

The mission of The First Tee is to provide young people educational programs that build character and instill life-enhancing values through the game of golf.



## Johnson Leads Field Into John Deere Classic

A star-studded PGA Tour field heads to Silvis this month for the John Deere Classic July 8 – 14th. 156 players will play for a portion of the \$4.6 million purse at stake. Leading the charge will be 2012 champion Zach Johnson. At the June media day, Johnson was asked to re-create his dramatic 6-iron shot out of the bunker on No. 18 to secure his victory on the 2nd hole of a sudden-death playoff. While he was able to make the green on his attempt, Johnson was unable to put the ball 2" away from the cup as he did in 2012.

Other Tour players committed to the tournament include three-time Deere Classic champion Steve Stricker and 2010 British Open champion Louis Oosthuizen. "The John Deere Classic is very excited to welcome him back to TPC Deere Run," said tournament director Clair Peterson. "Not only is Louis a world-class player, he grew up on a farm and has the kind of emotional connection and loyalty to John Deere and its products that millions of farms around the world have experienced over the last 175 years."

Travel time to the tournament from Chicago is less than three hours due west on I-88. For ticket information and directions, visit the tournament's website at [www.johndeereclassic.com](http://www.johndeereclassic.com).



## Clubs to Cure Kids Fundraiser

In 2007, Tonya Harris established the Clubs to Cure Kids golf outing to celebrate her 25th anniversary as a survivor from childhood cancer. During the four years of her golf event, Harris has championed a grassroots golf outing that has raised over \$65,000 for Chicago's Ann & Robert H. Lurie Children's Memorial Hospital. This year's event will be held at Hughes Creek Golf Course (Elburn) on August 8th and will dedicate funds to Make-A-Wish Illinois to sponsor a wish for a child with a life-threatening medical condition. The August 8th event will also donate a portion of the proceeds to the Patient Emergency Fund at Lurie Children's Hospital, a resource for families in need of financial assistance while their child is receiving care at the renowned Chicago hospital.

Join the fun on the fairways and help Clubs to Cure Kids continue to provide hope to children and their families fighting cancer and other illnesses. The event includes a post-round pig roast, raffles, silent auctions, and exciting games on the course. The cost is \$125 per golfer, or \$40 for dinner-only guests. Clubs to Cure Kids offers sponsorship opportunities for businesses and individuals and welcomes donations for their raffles and auctions.

For more information, contact Tonya Harris at 630-330-6898 or email her at [tonya@clubstocurekids.org](mailto:tonya@clubstocurekids.org). Donations and items for the raffles and auctions may be sent to Clubs to Cure Kids, 2959 Adamson Drive, Geneva, IL 60134.

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## Highlands of Elgin Offers Junior Programs in July

The acclaimed Highlands of Elgin golf course will offer affordable golf clinics to youth golfers ages 7–18 during the week of July 15th. A highly popular weeklong instruction series designed for beginning and intermediate golfers, the program focuses on basic swing fundamentals and on-course etiquette. At the end of the sessions, participants apply their new skills to a “mock course” set up on the property. All sessions are scheduled July 15–19. Ages 7–9 classes go from 9 a.m. to 9:50 a.m.; ages 10–12 go from 10 a.m. to 10:50 a.m., and ages 13–18 go from 11 a.m. to 11:50 a.m.

Maximum number of participants per program is 25. For registration and more information, call the Highlands of Elgin at 847-931-5950.

## Three Area Notables To Enter Illinois Golf Hall of Fame

Illinois golf coach Mike Small heads the list of inductees slated to be enshrined in the Illinois Golf Hall of Fame on October 25th. Joining him are legendary former Sunset Ridge professional Bob Harris and PGA Tour star Jay Haas. The ceremony will take place at The Glen Club in Glenview which is also home to the Illinois Golf Hall of Fame exhibit.

Small's accomplishments as both a player and a golf coach are legendary. The most dominant player in Illinois PGA history, he captured the Illinois PGA Championship nine times and the Illinois Open Championship four times. His Fighting Illini team has won the last five Big Ten titles while this year's team finished as runner-up to Alabama in the NCAA finals.

Bob Harris is generally considered one of the greatest Illinois PGA professionals to play the game. He earned NCAA team and

individual championships when he was a sophomore and played in The Masters, the U.S. Open, and the PGA Championship. He won the Illinois PGA Match Play Championship six consecutive times between 1958 and 1963, the Illinois PGA Championship twice, and the Illinois Open Championship twice. He left his job as head professional at Sunset Ridge in 1975 but continued to teach in northern California. Harris, 84, now lives in Tucson, Arizona.

Haas, 59, grew up in Belleville, Illinois, and was the Illinois State High School champion his junior year at Belleville West High School in 1972. He attended Wake Forest University and was named to the NCAA All-American team four consecutive years. He turned professional in 1976 and won nine times on the PGA Tour. He competed in the Ryder Cup matches three times. Over the course of his PGA Tour career, he made 592 career cuts, a Tour record.

The Illinois Golf Hall of Fame was created in 1989 in an effort to recognize and honor those individuals who have contributed to the state's rich history and tradition of the game of golf.

## Maple Meadows East Offers Junior Discounts

Two fine golf courses in the DuPage Park District are being discounted this season with “family golf” rates at designated times. The Maple Meadows East Nine in Wood Dale and Green Meadows in Westmont feature forward tee options; a relaxed pace of play for new golfers; and rates as low as \$9 per golfer. The special rates require that at least one junior golfer (17 and under) be part of a group. Family golf times at Maple Meadows East are Saturdays and Sundays after 3 p.m. and Saturdays after 3 p.m. at Green Meadows.

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This season, Bolingbrook Golf Club added a first-of-its-kind service that provides their guests with an experience shared by the best players in professional golf. At the club's Golf Academy, The Cleveland Golf Tour Experience supplements their game-changing teaching center. The new fitting studio affords golfers the technology and expertise that PGA, LPGA, and Champions Tour players depend upon.

The experience begins with a comprehensive interview with certified Cleveland/

Srixon staff member Mark O'Mura. Before a player begins pounding balls on the range, he asks the player to evaluate his game. "I want to know where the player assesses his skill level to be," shares O'Mura. This initial consultation is followed by data from TrackMan, the industry's leading software technology for all things statistical in a golf swing. "TrackMan is a game-changer, but its not the only tool I use for fittings," O'Mura explains. "We are able to conduct our sessions out on the range." These real-world sessions are a key factor because hitting a golf ball from a mat and into a net will provide swing data, but watching ball flight in the virtual world doesn't provide the sensory experience of seeing, hearing, and feeling the difference fitted clubs can make to a golfer's swing outcomes.

Rick Nelson, Bolingbrook GC's head professional, is excited about the Cleveland Tour Experience at his club. "We are a team. Our instruction team works together, so we stop by fitting sessions to offer input. It is a unique experience." Nelson adds, "That is why we call it 'The Tour Experience.' Obviously, Trackman feedback is helpful, but watching your ball flight is real. Experiencing the changes as

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Bolingbrook GC's Carl Rabito, founder of Rabito Golf, summarizes the club's newest service, "The addition of the Cleveland laboratory will enable our teaching staff to further enhance our success. It gives all our guests at Bolingbrook Golf Club a chance to realize outcomes that will lead to lower scores." Rabito shared that it all begins with a repeatable swing, and once that is accomplished, "A properly fit club will produce predictable results."

The new laboratory offers single club fittings to wedge sets to an entire bag fit with custom Cleveland golf clubs. Equipped with the entire Cleveland club collection and the hottest shafts available, O'Mura is confident your PGA Tour experience will produce positive outcomes, "My expertise is in fitting golfers with state of the art equipment that will elevate their games. We have the skill set to help golfers of all abilities."

The Bolingbrook Range and Golf Academy's facilities are among the best in the Midwest and include a full range with grass hitting zones, practice golf holes, a Himalayan-style putting green, and the club's short-game practice area.

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### PGA Golf Fest Rocks At White Pines

Forty-five of Chicagoland's top PGA professionals were on hand to provide free lessons and insight at Golf Fest Chicago at White Pines Golf Course in Bensenville. Over 250 people attended the festivities that included seminars, personal instruction, club demos, putting competitions, and kids' special events. Highlights included Northwestern University's men's head coach Pat Goss providing a seminar on developing elite young players in the area. Representatives from many of the major equipment

manufacturers, including Tour Edge, TaylorMade, Wilson, and Nike were also on hand to show off their newest models and answer questions.

Lauren Moy, director of corporate partnerships for the Illinois Section, pronounced Golf Fest a great success. "We received great responses from both participants and the PGA professionals who attended," she said. "We are already talking about how to make this event even bigger and better next year."



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The Orchard Valley Golf Course first opened in 1993, (as well as the Orchards Restaurant and Orchards Grille), and is in the midst of their 20th anniversary celebrations.

Even after 20 years in operation, an ongoing frustration for Shaun Barnett, Food and Beverage Manager, is the widely-held mistaken perception that the food and golf operations are available for members only. Nothing could be further from the truth. Orchard Valley is owned by the Fox Valley Park District, and all facilities are open to the public. Management is handled by Billy Casper Golf, which operates 150 golf facilities coast to coast.

GOLFChicago recently visited the Restaurant for dinner, and we chose to sit in the main dining room because of the oppressive heat. The room is quite comfy, with good chairs, carpeting, and a tan and brown color scheme. Although the menus for the Restaurant and [more casual] Grille vary somewhat, Barnett assured us that either menu is always available in both venues, as well as on the newly expanded patio.

Since my wife and I are both primarily wine drinkers, we opted for that libation over the beer which is much more popular at Orchard this time of year. I was disappointed that there is no wine list, and the generic wine offerings were served in clunky stemware. Happily, the wine itself was nonetheless above average for no-name selections.

I opened with an order of two Crab Cakes served with remoulade sauce [\$11.95]. They had the look and texture more of salmon patties, but were still tasty and nicely spicy. The remoulade was served on the side, but the cakes had plenty built in. My wife went with the Chicken Quesadilla with grilled onion, mushrooms, and Jack cheese. Although we both enjoyed the quesadilla, I suggest you skip

the less than impressive olive-drab quacamole that accompanied it.

We then moved on to the Chef's Soup Du Jour (housemade daily) [\$3.95 cup / \$4.95 bowl], which was Cream of Potato on our visit. I found the soup to be understated but satisfying, and it was improved by adding a generous dash of pepper.

Next came the Caesar Salad [\$8.95], crisp romaine lettuce tossed in Caesar dressing and topped with grated parmesan cheese and house-made croutons. My wife was particularly impressed by the fresh greens, which were mostly leaves instead of the stems other operations try to foist on the unsuspecting. I also liked the croutons; I usually avoid them because they are almost always nothing but little bread rocks. Making them in-house is a small but telling detail. Although the Caesar dressing is only one of two dressings not made in-house, it complemented the salad nicely.

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Stephen Hawk

For her entrée, my wife selected the Barbeque Burger [\$11.95], an 8-ounce patty topped with onion straws, bacon, cheddar cheese, and Sweet Baby Ray's barbecue sauce. The burger was correctly cooked to order, and wasn't overwhelmed by too much barbecue sauce. As good as the burger was though, it played second fiddle to the french fries. Jimmy, our server, told us the fries are dipped in a secret coating and then fried. When pressed for the secret, he demurred. It is so secret in fact, that although he didn't say it, I'm sure he was thinking, "I could tell you, but then I would have to kill you." Whatever the trick is, the fries are crunchy, non-greasy, and delicious.

I went with the Chicken Marsala [\$17.95], two chicken breasts pounded thin, then sautéed in marsala wine and topped with mushrooms and onions. The chicken was very tender, and the generous portion was surprisingly rich, so some came home with

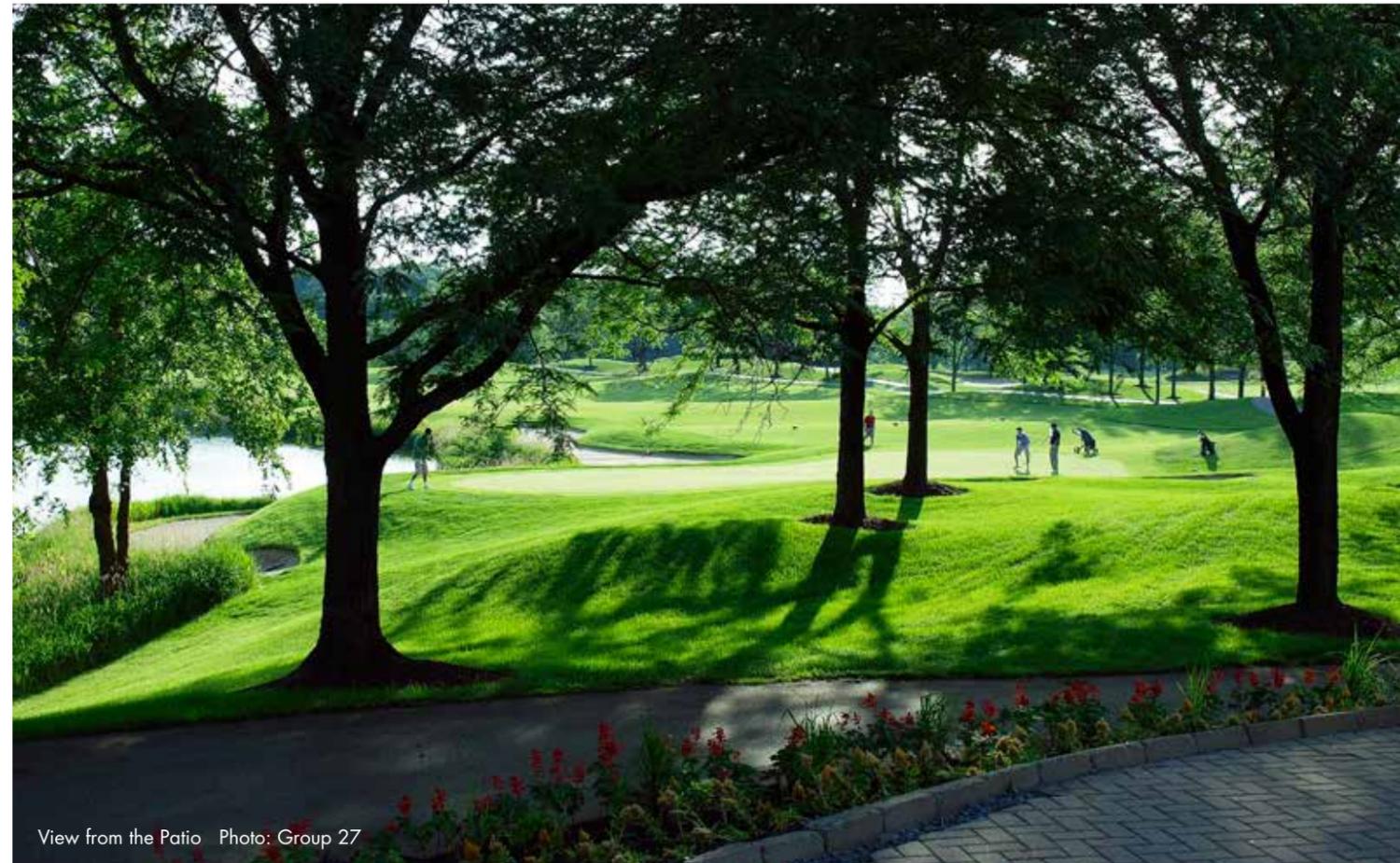
me. The only disappointment was that the sauce was not as reduced as I prefer. The accompanying green beans were crisp-tender and bright green, as they should be.

We passed on dessert, but the Black Forest Gateau [\$5.95] and White Chocolate Torte [\$5.95] both seemed appealing.

The kitchen is helmed by chef Fidel Uruza, who has been with Orchard for nine years. Uruza is entirely self-taught, moving up in his career from dishwasher as a teenager to executive chef today.

Just to be contrary, Fish Fries are on Wednesday at Orchard (except during Lent). For 15 years, an Oktoberfest menu has been offered, and will be again this year. Special buffets are usually served on event days such as Mother's Day, Easter, and Valentine's Day.

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# Anchoring: What Exactly Will the New Rule Mean?

In May the R&A and United States Golf Association confirmed that the proposed rule that bans “anchoring” will in fact be adopted. As there still seems to be some confusion on the pending change, let’s break it down and look at each piece.

*What is the rule change?*

A new section will be added to Rule 14-1 and will read as follows:

## 14-1b Anchoring the Club

In making a stroke, the player must not anchor the club, either “directly” or by use of an “anchor point.”

**Note 1:** The club is anchored “directly” when the player intentionally holds the club or a gripping hand in contact with any part of his body, except that the player may hold the club or a gripping hand against a hand or forearm.

**Note 2:** An “anchor point” exists when the player intentionally holds a forearm in

contact with any part of his body to establish a gripping hand as a stable point around which the other hand may swing the club.

*When will the new rule take effect?*

January 1, 2016. Therefore, players may continue to use an anchored stroke through December 31, 2015.

*Are players who have used an anchored stroke and/or will continue to use an anchored stroke “cheaters”?*

Emphatically no. Such players are playing by the current Rules of Golf and cannot be faulted in any way for doing what the Rules allow.

*Why is the issue so contentious?*

There are two reasons: (1) it is a matter of opinion whether an anchored stroke should continue to be considered an appropriate stroke allowed by the Rules of Golf and (2) the anchored stroke has been fairly prevalent, especially at the professional

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By John Morrisett

level, since the 1980s (i.e., “Why make the change now?”)

*What would happen if the PGA Tour decides not to enforce this change in 2016?*

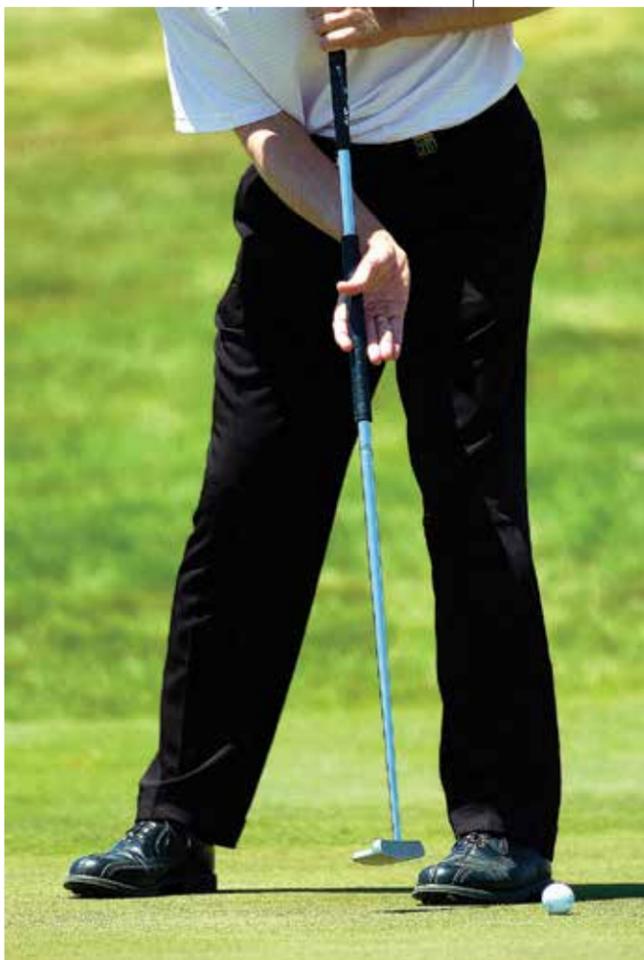
The PGA Tour events that year would not be considered to have been played in accordance with the Rules of Golf. To some, such a fact and its implications are huge.

*What about this talk of bifurcation? Why not let the PGA Tour play by its own rules?*

The most common complaint of the Rules of Golf is that they are too complicated. Introducing a second set of rules to the golf world would be a step in exactly the opposite direction.

*If people can’t learn one set of rules, can we really expect them to learn two codes?*

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# Golf with a Smaller Footprint

## BEYOND BUNKERS

Greg Martin

In the past 20 years, golf has gravitated to the 'high-end' market addressing only the slimmest segment of customers—the frequent, low handicap golfer with disposable income. Bloated development costs, more extensive irrigation, and substantial maintenance budgets have compromised golf's viability at a time when golfers have less discretionary income and more choices as to where to spend it. Golf development is recoiling because golf spending has nar-



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rowed, not expanded, because the average and higher handicap golfing population has been marginalized and the widest available target audience has found alternatives. The bottom line: golfers are finding bargains and spending money at courses that provide value.

Golf course design has been complicit with this non-sustainable trend. Design has not provided for growth and there is now a widening gap between golf enthusiasts and the willing, but average golfer. It is not hard to understand the reason for this market contraction. Some municipalities, park districts, and some thoughtful golf course owners understand this 'market gap' and are producing or planning facilities geared to seniors, juniors, and beginning golfers.

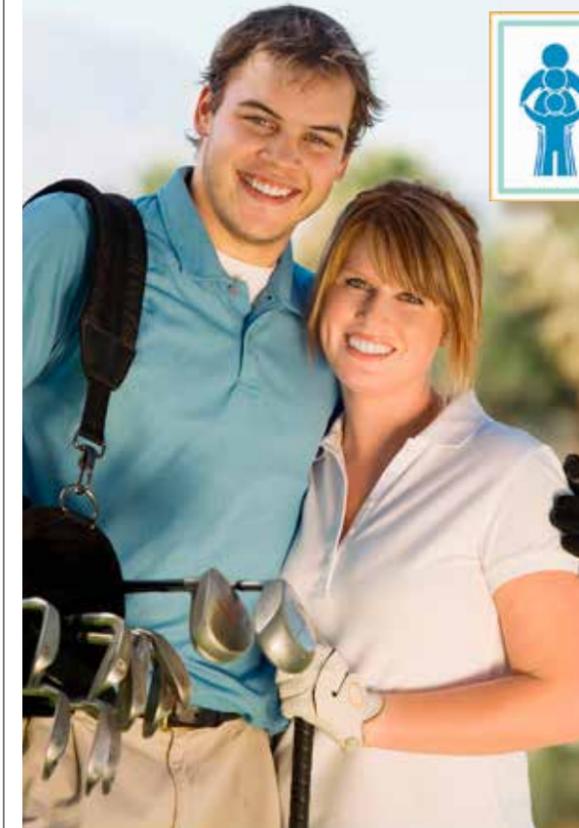
Where is golf development headed? Golf is heading toward a market correction, toward a better economic model, and toward sustainability.

It is no secret that shorter golf courses are more economically viable than tournament or championship facilities. To make golf sustainable we must start with a smaller footprint. Property size, the length of the golf course, maintenance, and operations costs must be reduced. Courses designed to accommodate golfers, of all skill levels, of every age and ability will help this ailing industry. Shorter courses, like par 3 golf courses and executive courses, provide a breeding-ground for novice and high-handicap golfers to practice, play, and improve that leads to higher play rates and, ultimately, more fees. That is a subscription to sustainable golf.

It is estimated that a golf course at 7,500 yards will cost at least 60% more to build and operate than a course that is 6,500 yards. Is this significant? Yes, when you consider that the target customer for a 7,500-yard golf course is limited to golfers with handicaps lower than 10. While these are golfers that have a high rate of play, they make up only 10% of the golfing population.

Golf has pushed marketing, products, and aesthetics to inspire golfers to spend more. But little has been done to make sure the golfer is playing more, or that the golfing population is growing. Golf can be sustainable, but the industry must support options.

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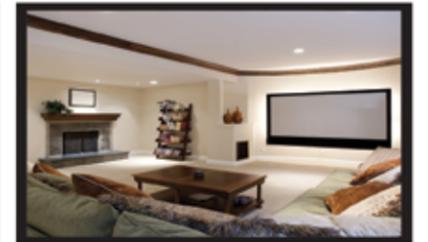
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# Chicago Sky Rookie Sensation

Whether she's on a basketball court or out on the golf course, Elena Delle Donne attracts attention with her physical presence. At 6'5" tall, she's already head and shoulders above many of the people she encounters. However, when you get the chance to speak to her and learn more about her, you realize she also has a big heart beating inside that trim, athletic body. Competitive and agile, sweet and tough, Delle Donne is a truly gifted hoopster who also happens to like playing golf.

During her rookie season with WNBA's Chicago Sky, Delle Donne has already proven she's a prolific scorer, blocker, and rebounder. Chicago Sky fans and media alike have taken to her like she was a native of the Windy City. Kids and adults come to the games garbed in #11 Delle Donne tees and jerseys and when her name is announced the crowd goes wild. The hysteria is justified because this rookie plays like a seasoned veteran often outplaying her more experienced teammates and rivals by a wide margin.

For Delle Donne, golf is a respite from the craziness she's been living for the last

five years. She was one of the "three to see" collegiate players this past season and was touted as one of the hottest players in women's college hoops. Delle Donne became the fifth leading scorer in NCAA history playing for the University of Delaware and took a team that had never been ranked in the Top 25 to No. 7. Described as a one-woman winning team for Delaware, she is already being relied upon by her new team as a clutch player who can score, block shots, and play nearly any position on the court ... a dream come true for Head Coach Pokey Chatman and staff.

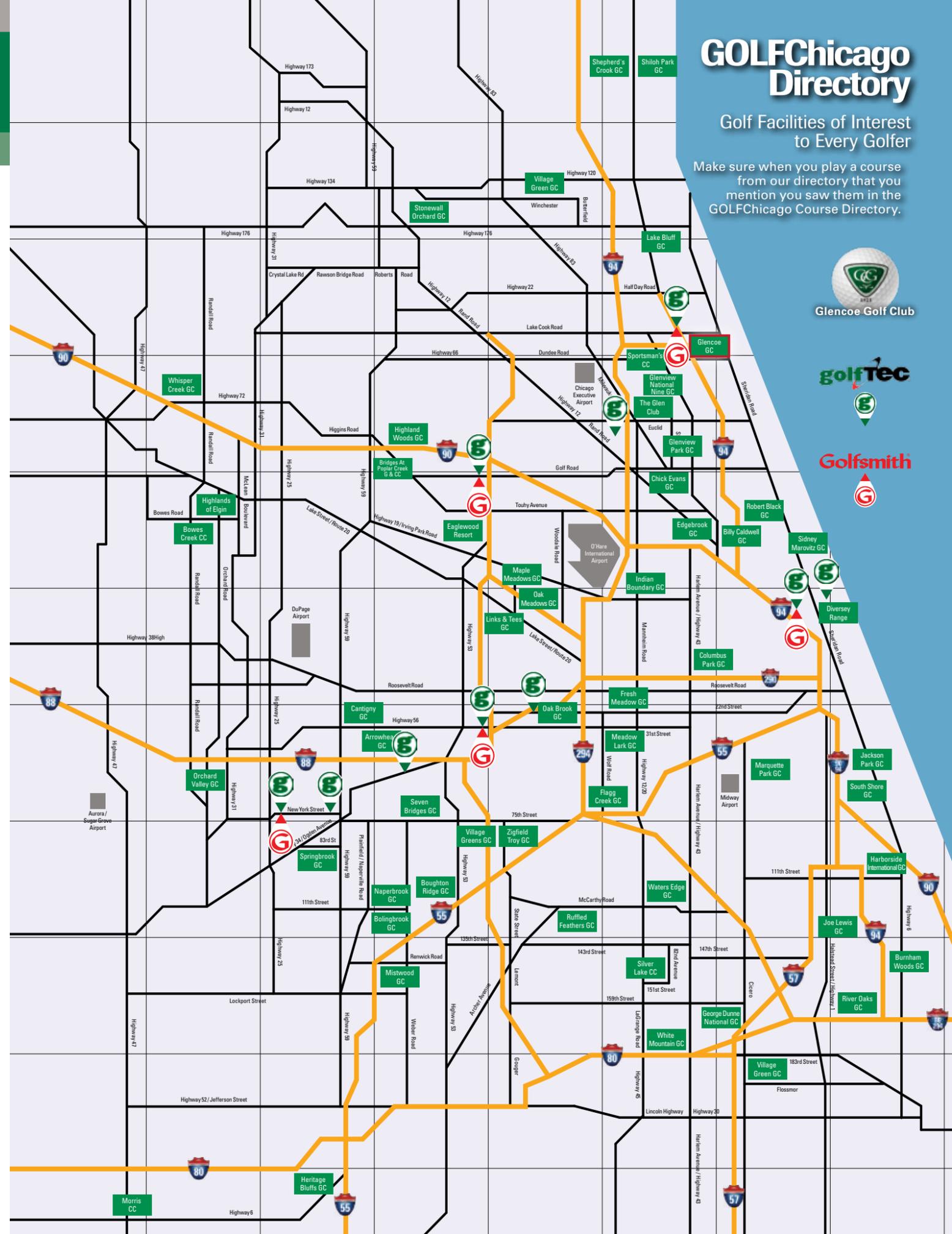
Now that Delle Donne has settled into her new adopted home of Chicago, she has high hopes of actually having more time on her hands for golf. It was tough for her to find the time during her college years with classes, practices, games, and all the media attention she received. She even turned down a very lucrative contract to play in China after the WNBA season ends so she could have more time with her family, including her older sister, Lizzie, who was born deaf and blind and has cerebral palsy. Delle Donne has a very strong bond with her sister and even though Lizzie can't communicate

## SHE GOT GAME

Sherri Warren

beyond some hand signals, you could see and literally feel their love every time Elena bent over and talked to and hugged Lizzie before many of Delaware's home games.

Her love for the game of golf came from her father, Ernie, who played collegiate golf at Columbia. She recalled being around 8 years old and even though she enjoyed trying to drive the golf ball, her favorite thing at that time was to drive the cart. Eventually her love for the game grew on its own and she still cherishes the times when she can tee it up with Dad and her brother, Gene. When asked who her favorite foursome would be if she could choose anyone on earth, she replied "my Dad, my brother Gene, and Tiger Woods." Delle Donne comes from a tight-knit family and fortunate for all of us in Chicago, her family has encouraged her to spread her wings and fly Sky high into our adoptive arms. So the next time you're on the golf course and happen to be one of the lucky ones to see Elena Delle Donne teeing it up, or you're at the Allstate Arena cheering on our newest "family" member, remember that #11 on the Chicago Sky is no longer one of the "three to see," she is the *one* to see.





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Par 72  
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Addison, IL 60101  
[DuPageGolf.com](http://DuPageGolf.com)

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Weekday: \$32 walk \$49 ride  
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[sentryworld.com](http://sentryworld.com)

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Twilight Rates: Yes  
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# The Rhone Ranger

Maison M. Chapoutier, is a winery and négociant business located in Tain-l'Hermitage in the Rhône region in southeastern France. (*Négociant* is the French term for a wine merchant who assembles the produce of smaller growers and winemakers and sells the result under its own name.) Chapoutier produces wine from appellations across the Rhône region, in a wide spectrum of varietals, styles, and price points. The house has holdings in Portugal and Australia, as well.

Polydor Chapoutier established the business in 1879, and it has remained family-owned ever since. Yet despite its long history, by the late 1970s the winery was languishing, the wines weren't selling, and the firm was in danger of bankruptcy.

In 1990, at age 26, Michel Chapoutier took control, after studying oenology in both France and California. In the intervening years he has transformed the winery into one of the leading Rhône Valley producers. He combines the traditional and the modern, being an early advocate of organic and biodynamic winemaking. He pruned back the vineyards and boldly reduced yields from 2.6 tons per acre to 1.8 tons per acre for both red and white wines. Industrial chemicals, fertilizers, and sprays were eliminated. Grapes are now harvested by hand and only natural yeasts are used to produce unfiltered wines.

Critic Robert Parker has called Chapoutier "one of the most influential wine personalities of the last 20 years."

Chapoutier's wine labels are distinctive because of their inclusion of Braille writing on all labels since 1996. The information presented in Braille includes the producer, the vintage, the vineyard, the region, and the color of the wine.

**2012 Belleruche Rosé \$14**  
 I profiled a rosé from California last month, and I'm happy to include this one from France now. The wine is a fruit-forward blend of Grenache, Cinsault, and Syrah, with a brilliant copper-salmon color. The nose is predominantly aromas of strawberries. On the palette, expect hints of cream soda and grapefruit (yeah, it does work). There is plenty of zippy acidity, as well. Drink now, as this is an ideal summer sipper.

Give this wine a try with a Tomato and Onion Tart, Smoked Shellfish Quesadillas with Fresh Corn Salsa, or Shrimp Kabobs with Lemons and Bay Leaves. ●●●●●

**2011 Belleruche Rouge \$15**  
 Like most European wines, this lean, fruit-recessive selection is 'food' wine, made to drink at the dinner table, not with a pre-meal chat.

Belleruche Rouge is a blend of 60% Grenache and 40% Syrah, and was fermented and aged in vats. It is dark garnet red in the glass, with a subtle nose where no dominant aroma jumps out. The palette has an earthy quality, and features tastes of Morello cherries and black tea. The tannins offer plenty of support, but the finish is rather short.

Enjoy this wine with Wild Mushroom Soup with Blue Cheese Toasts, Beef Stew with Turnips, or Cassoulet. ●●●●

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Shellback Silver is distinguished by its suggestion of vanilla and tropical fruit. The Silver has a silky mouthfeel and medium finish. Shellback Spiced builds on that vanilla-accented base with the addition of cinnamon, ginger, clove, nutmeg, cassia, and allspice. The Spiced is then treated to a minimum of 12 months in used-once bourbon barrels, for an even rounder mouthfeel and lingering finish.

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# Excitement Runs at the Deere

There was a time, not that long ago actually, that the annual PGA Tour stop out in the Quad Cities was nothing more than a quaint, wholly Midwestern event that had its share of moments in the sun. Tiger Woods played the Quad Cities Classic in his third start as a professional and seemed poised to win, until Ed Fiori spoiled the narrative.

Before that, future PGA Tour commissioner Deane Beman won the Quad Cities Open (twice), Roger Maltbie won the Ed McMahon-Jaycees Quad Cities Open, Payne Stewart won the Miller High Life QCO, and Curt Byrum won the Hardee's Golf Classic.

Quincy native and Illinois State alumnus D.A. Weibring won three incarnations of the tournament during his career, then designed the TPC at Deere Run, which became home for the John Deere Classic in 2000.

Since then the event has only grown in stature and has now turned into a must-see event for those not only in Illinois, but across the country. And, it's becoming a must-play event for the Tour's best.

"I think this tournament is gaining traction on a yearly basis," three-time champion Steve Stricker said. "You know, it's a difficult time in the year for guys to commit to come and play, but nine times out of 10 when I ask a person if they're not playing here, they wish they could be here, and more times it's getting to be where guys are coming here. They love playing here, they love the tournament."

John Deere's sponsorship, which began in 1999, and TPC at Deere Run started the ball rolling. Then tournament director Clair Peterson drop kicked it down the mountain.

After Vijay Singh's victory in 2003, the tournament was moved to just before the British Open. Being six time zones away from Europe killed the tournament's chances at landing top names, so Peterson got creative.

The tournament welcomed Michelle Wie in 2005 and 2006 on a sponsor's exemption. Then, when the Western Open became the BMW Championship—a limited-field FedEx Cup playoff event moved to the fall—the JDC took up the mantle of inviting up-and-coming amateurs and young professionals into the field.

Players like Kyle Stanley, Luke Guthrie and Jordan Spieth all cut their teeth early at the JDC.

Things took off, literally, in 2008 with the decision to rent a charter 767 jet affectionately dubbed "Air Deere" to transport players overnight from Moline to the location of the British Open. The tourna-

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Insights on the PGA Tour



Jim Owczarski

ment went from getting less than 10 British Open contestants to nearly two dozen on an annual basis.

Despite his direct involvement in making the tournament an attractive destination and lining up the private jet, Peterson—always humble—will tell you the community, the volunteers, and of course the players are what make the JDC must-see.

He's not wrong, as the tournament has had its share of thrilling moments over the last decade.

In 2004 former Illinois Open champion Mark Hensby toppled an unknown Englishman named John Morgan in a raucous, sudden-death playoff in the gloaming.

There was the Wie experience, and then things really took off in 2008 when Kenny Perry won the tournament in his quest to make the United States Ryder Cup team, which they eventually won in September at Valhalla Golf Club in Kentucky.

"This really springboarded me right into the Ryder Cup," Perry remembered a year later. "I had a goal, I had a plan. Here I am at 48 years old, and I'm trying to create what to me was the ultimate golf experience I ever had in my life. I needed to get back there. I needed to somehow rewrite the history books and change the chapter in my life. You don't get a mulligan too many times in your life. You don't get that opportunity to go back."

The next year, fan favorite and University of Illinois alumnus Steve Stricker brought Wisconsin and Illinois together with his first victory there, starting an incredible run of three straight victories.

But this wasn't Tiger Woods just blowing away the field. You had Paul Goydos shooting a 59 in 2010 during the morning of the first round, only to see Stricker drop a 60 in the afternoon.

Then, in 2011 Stricker capped his run with an incredible bunker shot on the 18th hole and then sinking a 25-foot putt off the back fringe to beat Stanley.

Last year, Iowa native and longtime JDC board member Zach Johnson won his personal "fifth major" in a sudden-death playoff, hitting his own memorable shot out of that bunker on the 18th hole, where he tapped in for the victory.

"I love being a part of this tournament," Johnson said in June. "My family loves being a part of it. I love participating in it. We kind of rally behind the week and have somewhat of a small family reunion. Although I am still working, [I]make that very apparent to them. But it's fun.

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