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# Great, Golf is Just the Beginning At Scottsdale's Desert Mountain Club

Tucked into the lush Sonoran desert against a dramatic backdrop of mountains, and with stunning views of Scottsdale and metro Phoenix, is the world famous Desert Mountain, a residential golf and lifestyle community in north Scottsdale, Arizona.

Home to six award-winning Jack Nicklaus Signature Golf courses, Desert Mountain also provides diverse amenities that the entire family can enjoy.

Manager Robert Jones. Aside from golf, Jones noted that the event helps to raise funds for local charities, which received more than \$166,000 in 2012. For general ticket information, visit [www.schwabcup.com](http://www.schwabcup.com). The tournament returns to Cochise in 2016.

Among Desert Mountain's amenities is the Jim Flick Golf Performance Center, named for one of the greatest instructors of all time who was Desert Mountain's PGA Director

for luxury camping and information kiosks for the 15-mile wilderness trail system. The newest trail, Apache Skyline, is the longest of the six private trails and offers 50-mile views to the north and south. "This launches a new generation of outdoor recreational opportunities that expand Desert Mountain's lifestyle experience and adds a new dimension to an already impressive collection of amenities," said Jones.

Six architecturally-distinct clubhouses offer nine restaurants and grills under the direction of Executive Chef Michael Hoobler, who has extensive experience with upscale membership communities and high-profile resorts in the Phoenix area, including the Royal Palms and the Arizona Biltmore. From the Apache Clubhouse offering natural steaks aged onsite, and Constantino's at the Chiricahua Clubhouse offering a casual Italian menu, to the Spanish cantina that is the Arizona Grill at the Outlaw Clubhouse, there is something for every taste here.

The 25,000-square-foot Sonoran Clubhouse features the fitness center and spa and is the community hub for family activities. Cardiovascular and weight-training equipment, an aerobics room, personal training, fitness instruction and resort-style pools are offered. Situated on 10 acres at the Sonoran, the Desert Mountain Tennis Complex offers nine USTA-certified courts utilizing hard, clay and grass playing surfaces. Each court has its own pergola with misters and refrigerated bottled water for comfortable, year-round play. Also at the Sonoran is the Youth Activity Center with programmed activities and events for kids. A full line-up of scheduled events includes hourly play-time, junior tennis and golf clinics, popular daytime and evening events, themed youth camps, and family activities.

Desert Mountain Club offers market-based membership opportunities that do not require the purchase of property. These include an equity golf membership, equity lifestyle membership and an equity junior golf membership. For information, contact Director of Membership Sales Nicole Forbes at [nforbes@desertmt.com](mailto:nforbes@desertmt.com) or at 480-595-4318, or visit the website at [www.desertmountain.com](http://www.desertmountain.com).



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The Cochise course, once the host of The Tradition, a major event on the Champions Tour for 13 years, once again brings international attention to the club as the site of the 2014 Charles Schwab Cup Championship, the season-ending event of the Champions Tour scheduled October 29 to November 2, 2014. The event, which features the 30 top players on the tour's official money list, was first held at Desert Mountain in 2012. "We're all about great golf so it's fantastic to be back hosting the Charles Schwab Cup Championship," said Desert Mountain Club COO and General

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But great golf is only the beginning. There are many family amenities that help members achieve a work-life balance. In November 2014, Desert Mountain will hold the grand opening of The Ranch, an onsite facility featuring corrals and a horse barn, a "kiva," modeled from a Native American ceremonial space that will be utilized for nature presentations, a back country area

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## NOTES FROM GREG AND DAVE

It happens each year. As daylight begins to exit earlier each day, our golf swings begin to shine. We know we are talking to a golfer when he shares that autumn is golf's finest season. Soccer and football players fill their playing fields around parks and schoolyards, but the fairways of fall take us to our youth. Each round feels like we are stealing away from class and skipping to the playground.

The end of a season treats golfers with sensory overload. We have painted sunsets, the smell of moist grass clippings, and a cool breeze that neither helps or hurts our ball flight. Fall is bliss. Just before the trees burst with the reds, oranges, and yellows of October, the turf is the deepest shade of green. Suddenly, our local muni has striped fairways and contour lines that were not this prominent during the summer months. This is our shoulder season. Enjoy it.

Our games are finally coming together. We drive the ball straighter. Each swing with our irons results in crisp and pure contact. And each greenside



*"I bought the biggest, oversized clubs I could find, and I still suck."*

bunker is an opportunity to record another sandy. Life is good. Life is great when the pace of play is purposeful. And we must applaud our readers and Chicagoland golfers. Our informal observations are that we are playing golf at a more purposeful pace. This season, we seem to be placing our golf bags in our trunks a lot sooner. On average, we were finishing in less than five hours; moreover, it seems that the window was usually less than four and a half hours. Kudos to playing the correct tees and limiting those practice swings.

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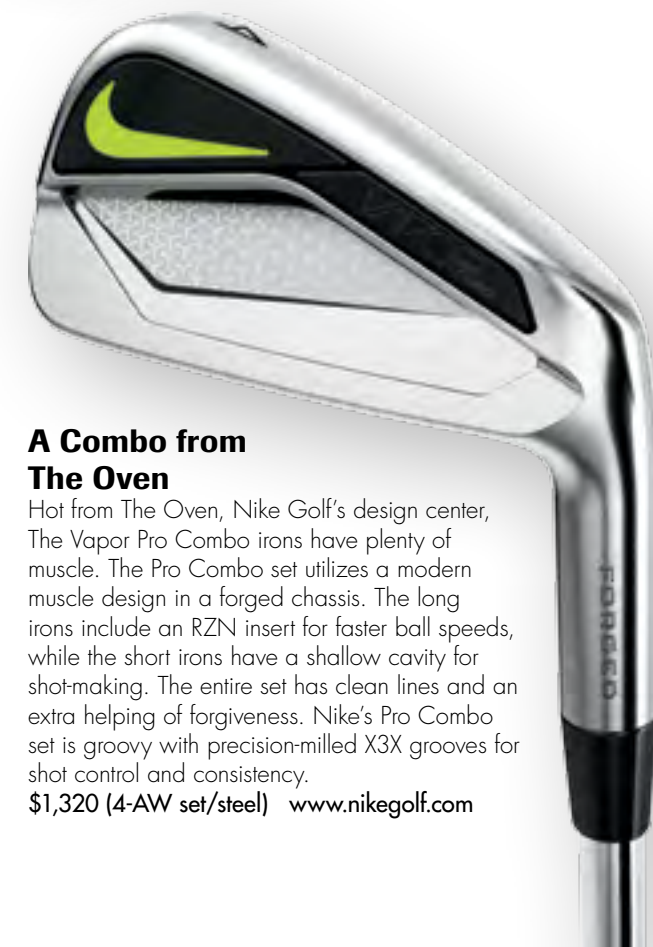
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# There's Only One Sweet Spot

If you take a close look at your game, you'll find that you make most of your two-foot putts, but begin to miss a significant number of putts somewhere between three and six feet from the hole. Everyone does.

There's a combination of things that lead to putting inaccuracy as you get farther from the hole. Where you aim your putter face and how firmly you stroke the putt are major factors. Then there's the break due to the slope, and the speed and quality of the green. But you know all this. After a few years of playing the game, your aim became instinctive, you developed the touch to create the proper energy in your stroke for good putt-speed control, and the knowledge of just how much your putts tend to break at the speeds you roll them became ingrained in your DNA.

The factor you may not be paying attention to, however, is the quality of your impact. The precise location of the strike on your putter face influences both the amount of energy transferred to the putt and its starting direction. There's only one small point on any putter face that's truly "sweet" — the point on the strike area that results in zero putter-head rotation and maximum energy transfer at contact.

To see if you're stroking putts on the sweet spot, place a piece of impact tape on the face of your putter and roll 30 different-length putts on the practice green. If your impact pattern is less than 3/8 inch in diameter and near your putter's sweet spot, that's good. If it's larger, or centered away from the sweet spot, you need to practice with a feedback device called the "Teacher" clip (visit pelzgolf.com) to train your putting stroke for solid impact. And I promise: groove a sweet-spot stroke and you'll see sweet putting results!



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# Stop the Scoop

“Scooping” has been an epidemic among golfers for centuries. Scooping, also called flipping, is when the club head arrives at the ball before the grip end of the ball, i.e., the club head flips ahead of the grip. This situation leads to every possible bad shot, fat, thin, etc. imaginable. Most golfers who suffer from this condition tend to believe they have a problem with their swing mechanics. More often than not, scooping and flipping are a result of your address position. You’re set up to scoop.

Every golf club is set up on a lean. The grip is ahead of the club head, the shaft leans towards the target. The most common reason for scooping happens as soon as the player addresses the ball and grips the club. If you grip the club with the club head touching the ground, it is easy to set up with your hands in line with the club head. In other words, your hands are in line with your zipper. This puts a cup or a bend in the left wrist, which in turn puts

the club head ahead of the grip. You are set up in a pre-scoop position.

Self Test: Address the ball and lift your arms and club until they are parallel to the ground. Make sure the shaft has its natural lean. To avoid the scoop-flip address, grip the club in the air with the grip ahead of the club head. Then simply bend forward. This will ensure your hands are in line with the inside of your left leg. Now you’re ready to go!



Correct set up and shaft lean



Grip the club in the air with hands in front of club head



Club head ahead of hands, pre-scoop position

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# Build For Next Season

As we enter fall many of us will be storing our golf clubs for another long, cold Midwest winter. But before you drift into your winter slumber take a moment and ask a few questions about your golf game:

Did your ball striking struggle as a round progressed?

Did your ball striking struggle as the season progressed?

Did you develop any pain or physical problems during this season?

These may be a sign that you do not have the stability to maintain a consistent swing. When golfers become fatigued, they compensate, leading to an inconsistent swing, poor scores, and possibly even injury. So the first step to a better golf game for next year could be an exercise program this off-season.

If you do not have much time to exercise, or have not performed exercises in the past,

try to do 30 minutes five days a week. If your time is limited, the best area to address is the core muscle groups, including the abdominals, back, hip, and leg muscles. In previous issues, several exercises were discussed that address the core muscles, and together make a good exercise program. Some of the exercises in those articles use inexpensive equipment if you want variety and a greater challenge, but they are not needed.

The plank exercise is great to strengthen the entire trunk (March 2013 issue). The exercise is performed face down propped up on your elbows and toes as you hold your trunk straight. Hold each repetition 10 seconds for 5 to 10 repetitions. As your strength increases, you can hold for longer periods up to 30 seconds. The side plank is another version of the exercise. Lay on your side propped up on an elbow and the side of your feet while keeping your trunk in a straight line.

## THE FITNESS EDGE

Brad Jourdan

Lunges are a great exercise for strengthening the legs and core muscles (April 2014 issue). To perform a lunge, stand with good posture, hold your abdominals tight, and step out with your knees in line with the toes. Lower down to about a 90-degree bend in the front knee and then step back. To emphasize the core muscles, further rotate your shoulders toward the front leg as you lunge. The same article demonstrates a walk-over push-up that will give anyone a challenge. Do a push-up and then when you return to the top, walk to the right four steps with your arms and then do another push up. Repeat to the left side performing five repetitions in each direction.

Standing rows are a great way to strengthen the upper back and shoulders in addition to the core muscles (May/June 2014 issue). Attach the band to a stable object and stand facing the band with your arms extended. Then pull the band back with both hands to your belt line as you squeeze your shoulder blades together for 10 repetitions. Add pull-ups to your routine and your back will be covered.

The following is a possible schedule, but depending on your current physical condition you may tolerate more or less.

### Days 1, 3 and 5:

Warm up with jogging, jumping jacks, or stretching for five minutes.

Lunges and lunges with a trunk twist: 10 to 20 repetitions.

Walk-over push-ups and regular push-ups: five to 20 repetitions.

Plank and side plank: five repetitions holding five to 30 seconds.

Standing rows and pull-ups: 10 to 20 repetitions.

### Days 2 and 4:

Cardiovascular exercise for 30 minutes and flexibility exercise.

All of the exercises in this article can be found at [www.GOLFChicagoMagazine.com](http://www.GOLFChicagoMagazine.com) in the archived issues if you are interested in more information and background. Take a few moments and look at some of the exercises highlighted in past editions; your golf game and general health may benefit. And while you are browsing through the previous issues, take time to look at the awesome courses highlighted to plan future golf outings.

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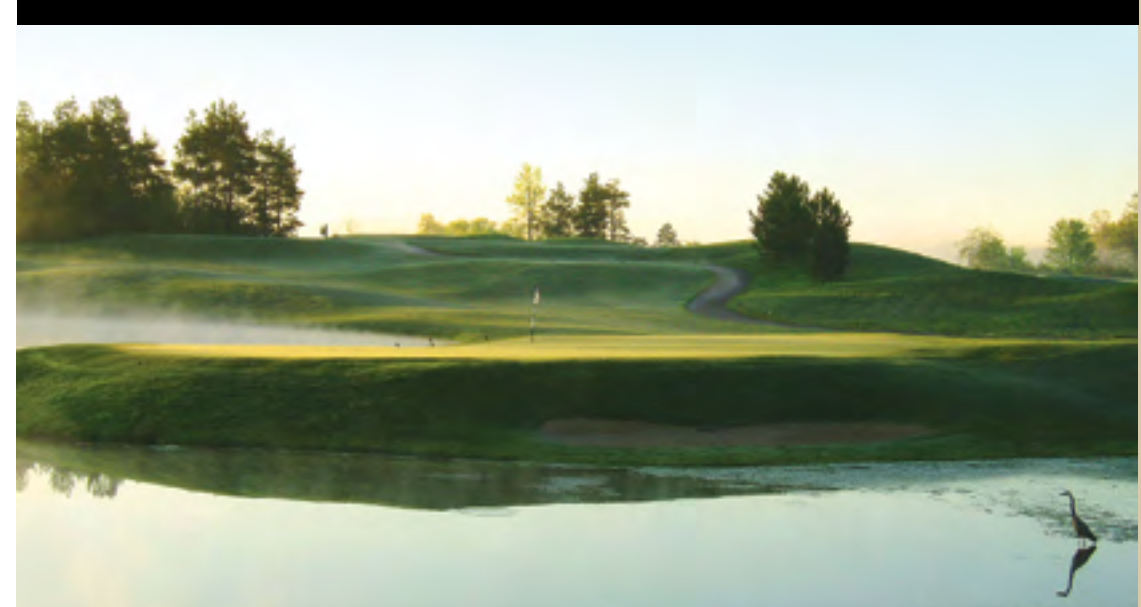
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The wine was fermented in stainless steel using all-natural yeasts, and then aged eight months in French oak. The high-altitude grapes produce a wine with a nose redolent of red fruits, generous blackberry and dried-cherry flavors, and good acidity.

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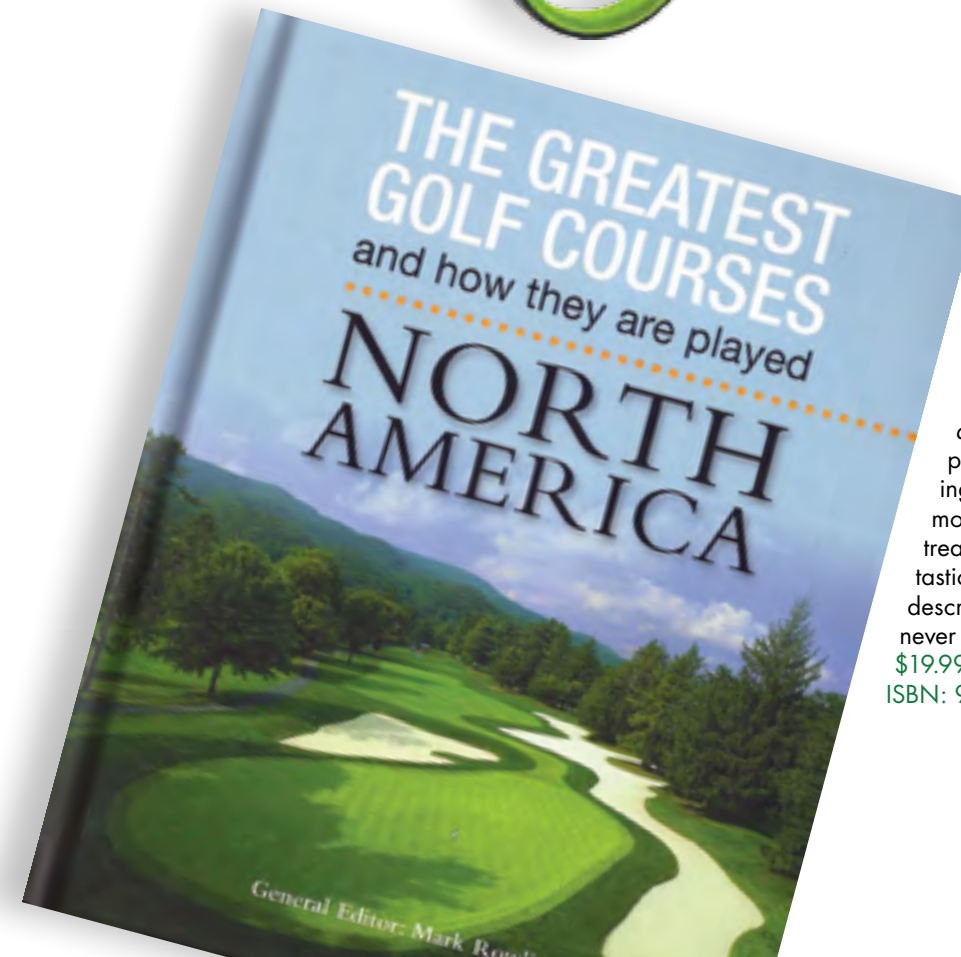
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**U**ndoubtedly, the baddest man on skates throughout 80s and 90s in our great city was Jeremy Roenick. JR is an American-born hockey player who cared about giving 110% every shift. He went out of his way to connect with Blackhawks fans, and paid more attention to them than anything that was ever written about him. His outspoken personality and ability to get the puck in the net made Roenick a fan favorite throughout his career in Chicago,

sion) he played with. Over the past few years a lot of people have become aware of the other sport J.R. excels at: golf. Now a fixture at the American Century Championship, Roenick showcases his scratch handicap to galleries in Lake Tahoe and shows people his game is no joke.

The championship, is packed with entertainment from Ray Romano's comedic bits to Charles Barkley's golf swing. The

Roenick. "It's probably my favorite weekend of the year. To be able to have that level of competition away from hockey is what drives me, and I need that. I will win the tournament one of these years, believe me!"

Don't expect to see J.R. on the driving range prepping for 2015 though. According to him, the best thing for his game is to be on the course. In comparison, it probably wouldn't have done him

never hit to it. He attributes that to the old saying, "You live by the sword, and you die by the sword."

"The biggest difference is that in hockey I couldn't wait to get on the ice and smash somebody's head in. With golf, I can't wait to hit some aggressive shots," said Roenick. "I am, however, pretty animated on the course. I swear a lot if I'm not playing well and I wear my emotions on my sleeve. I'm



## Blackhawk Down with Golf

By Todd Mrowice

The newest generation of Blackhawk fans might not be aware of the great teams that wore the Indian-head sweater in the '80s and '90s. Players like Ed Belfour, Chris Chelios, Brent Sutter, and Tony Amonte are among the brick and mortar that allowed hockey to stay relevant in a city smitten by a Bulls team winning championships in the same building.



which spanned from 1988 to 1996. Still today, number 27 jerseys can be seen at every 'Hawks game honoring a player who truly broke the mold of what a hockey player was supposed to be.

In his post-hockey career, Roenick has found several competitive avenues. He is now highly recognized for his commentary on NBC's coverage of the NHL. A position which he approaches with the same passion (and sometimes aggress-

other side of the tournament is stacked with competition, and Roenick continues to bring his 'A game.' This year he posted scores of 72, 69, and 76 to finish second (for the second year in a row). By the way, he tied with a professional golfer named Annika Sorenstam. She won a few tournaments in her day.

"This year was great, but frustrating because it was the second year that I had a legitimate shot at winning," said

much good to practice his slap shot in the locker room.

"I play about three times per week, but I never practice. My game doesn't benefit from pounding balls or putting for an hour," said Roenick.

If you've watched him play on TV you'll know that JR is a bit of a risk taker. He enjoys the aggressive line off the tee and has no idea where the "fat" of the green is because he's

not going to change my approach to any sport I play."

Roenick's passion for golf led him in a direction that he might have not even seen coming: being the owner of his own golf course. In 2009 the opportunity came to him to own Pembroke Country Club in Pembroke, Massachusetts. The course was one on which J.R. had grown up playing in his home state and had reached the point of foreclosure. Instead of letting the course



become another statistic in a tough economy, Roenick stepped in and with the right crew brought the track back to life.

“When I took over the course it needed a lot of work. My main focus was the tee boxes and the greens and now our greens are among the best in the area,” said Roenick. “It was a tough transition getting the course back to the condition it deserved, and once we got there we had to really work on

Greens is an upscale company that designs and builds artificial greens and chipping areas. The gallery on their website is enough to get you thinking, “Do we really need the garage?”

Aside from great hockey memories here in Chicago, Roenick also has a deep past revolving around golf in our area. In his early days with the Blackhawks he played a majority of his golf with teammate Doug Wilson at Butterfield Country Club,

Aside from his favorite courses, Jeremy Roenick will also never forget the great memories he has of our city and the time he spent here as a Blackhawk, in addition to the reception he continues to receive whenever NHL on NBC coverage is in Chicago.



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people to get them to come back.”

Roenick and his team accomplished what they had set out to do, as Friday through Monday Pembroke has full tee sheets. JR attributes that to reviving the course and charging a decent price for a layout that could warrant a higher green fee.

Aside from owning the real thing, Roenick also is a liaison for a company that brings you the next best thing. Celebrity

a course he still plays when he’s here, in addition to Butler National and Bob O’Link Golf Club.

“I love the golf in Chicago. I think per capita, Chicago has some of the best courses in the country,” said Roenick. “I used to play Medinah all the time with Denis Savard and Stank Mikita. I used to play Sunset Ridge Country Club with Michael Jordan. Just great memories of Chicago golf.”

“The bond that I built with Chicago from 1988 to ‘96 was at a time when the ‘Hawks needed a boost and someone to rally around. I am so thankful to have been that player. I played with as much passion as I did because those fans cheered for it.”

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# Really...How Come Your Life Isn't Like This?

## DESTINATIONS

Gary S. Benson

The man has been “living the dream” for most of his 66 years. A PGA Hall of Fame career highlighted by a record-setting U.S. Open win in 1973; eight PGA tour wins the following year. Finally, after winning a total of 25 times on tour, he then becomes one of the most famous TV golf analysts ever.

And now, after recently becoming the owner and “re-designer” of his own iconic golf course in Napa, California, (actually 36 holes), he has snagged the 2014 version of the PGA Tour’s Frys.com Championship, to be hosted by him on the North Course of his Silverado Country Club on October 6-12, 2014. The tournament will be the opening event of the 2014-2015 FedEx Cup season.

The man is John Laurence Miller, known to most of us golf fans as “Johnny.” And, if you’re going to San Francisco (song lyrics!), make note that his Silverado courses are open to public play. Keep in mind, however, you are required to stay at the resort as a resort guest for at least one night. Depending on the season, a one-night package can be had for as little as \$244, and you can get a free second round of golf on your day of arrival after 2 PM.

The story of Miller becoming the owner of Silverado has many back stories and sub-plots:

- He played Silverado as a kid, coming over from his hometown of San Francisco.
- A couple of his earliest PGA tour wins came on the Silverado North Course in what was then called the “Kaiser Invitational.”
- He raised his six children at Silverado, in a home located just off the 11th tee of the North Course.
- The original owner of the property where Silverado now stands was a U.S. Civil War general also named John Miller (no relation), but that’s a whole ‘nother story, for another time.

And now, Johnny Miller has brought his legacy at Silverado full circle, buying the place with a couple of partners in 2010 and spearheading a substantial redesign of the tournament North Course over the past few years.

“I can’t say I dreamed of owning it because the thought never entered my mind,” said the two-time major winner, who once lived in a home on the 11th hole. “But I sure thought about redesigning these courses about 4,000 times, probably as far

back as the early 1970s. I said we could do one course and show the world and the membership what the potential of these courses are, and breathe a little life into this iconic property.”

“My goal was to give the course a more clean and open look, to make it more pristine and frame things with the gorgeous old oaks, pines, and redwoods,” Miller explained. “We did this by adding some new strategic bunkers, eliminating 15 to 20 bunkers that I disliked, re-grassing the fairways with Kentucky bluegrass, and re-aligning some fairways. We also removed and trimmed up a lot of trees.”

“I’m a big believer in not having too many bunkers,” he said. “At Silverado at least, my bunkers are there for a real good reason. They change the hole and make you think. They are not decorative bunkers. They’re strategic.”

One of the big differences at the course when I played it earlier this year, compared to a few years ago, is the phenomenal condition and speed of the greens. With a lot of contour and slope, they are some of the nicest, fastest, and challenging this golf writer has

ever encountered. They are really fun—and sometimes maddening!

The course reminds me a bit of the mid-west’s Point O’Woods CC in Benton Harbor, Michigan, if you’ve seen that. Silverado was originally built at about the same time, in 1966, and was designed by Robert Trent Jones, Jr. Point O’Woods was designed by his father, Robert Trent Jones, Sr.

Miller has been involved in designing over 40 courses over the last 30-plus years. When he is hired to do the job, he typically makes course visits totaling 10 or 12 days during design and build-out. But for the Silverado North Course, he was on the site approximately 40 days total.

“When you own the place, and you’ve spent a good portion of your life thinking of how you could make it better, and you know it like the back of your hand, that makes it a whole different ball game,” Miller says. “I made every decision. If you hate it, you can blame me. If you love it, you can blame me. I may not be the world’s greatest course designer, but I do know this property, and with the budget we had, I knew I could do a better job than anybody because I knew every inch of this place.”

Tim Geesey, who Johnny hired as his original Director of Golf Operations in 2010, tells the story of how Johnny stood out on the 18th hole of the North Course for most of an entire day during his re-design phase, trying to figure out how to best route and bunker that finishing hole. Finally, Geesey went out to join Miller. To try to give him some stimulating advice, Geesey suggested a fairway bunker down the left side of the fairway. Miller instantly retorted, “Noooo, that wouldn’t be good.”

With new back tees designed and installed by Miller, Silverado now measures out at 7,226 yards from the tips and will be more than ready to challenge the PGA stars. The Frys.com Championship will open the 2014-2015 tour season with a full field of 144 players with a \$5 million purse and a \$900,000 first prize.

Miller has opined that the renovated North Course is “as hard as Pebble Beach,” and all golf fans know what Miller thinks of Pebble. It is a tough test.

“When the Tour pros play here from the back tees and no rough, with the greens running fast, I’d be surprised if anyone shot 12

or 13 under par for an event, which is strong for no rough,” says Miller. “This is a tough golf course. These greens are as tough as just about any at high speeds. I would probably have five three-putts a round.”

It seems a large part of Miller’s thinking about Silverado is leaving a legacy for his family. Greg Norman has his businesses, Arnold Palmer has Bay Hill, and Jack Nicklaus has Muirfield.

“One thing I learned from Greg Norman is that I wanted to create something that was family legacy, create a brand or have an iconic property like this where people in the family could work, or something that just goes on. That’s what a family business does, goes on for generations,” Miller said.

As the writer of this story, I wanted to bring it to Chicago-area readers because I feel Silverado is one of the best places to visit in the U.S, particularly for a winter getaway. Now, part of the attraction for me is that it is in Napa, California, and I love my fine wines, as well. But the whole package is tough to beat—two gorgeous golf courses, an iconic resort property, the Napa-Sonoma attractions and vineyards, and great year-round weather. There is also a 16,000 square-foot spa on property and ten swimming pools, for those looking for those amenities.

To be hanging out in Napa playing the North Course at Silverado is sublime. The rumors are that the tour wives are very excited about the Frys.com tourney and the opportunity to hang out in Napa.

Rates at the resort vary by season and demand, so it is best to check the website or to call the club, but I have seen two-day, two-night packages for as little as \$400 a person, which includes two-rounds of golf for two people—one round on each of the resort courses. Plus, free replays are included, so you could get in 72 holes each for that price.

If you really love the place, as I do, you can think about joining for \$40,000 to \$60,000 in initiation fees (depending on if you buy property) plus fairly typical country club fees for dues, food minimums, golf carts, and the like. I may do it one of these days! The place is a dream.



John Miller



Silverado North #18



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# SWEET HOME CHICAGO

## Chicago Spotlight

### Chicago Open to Tee Off At Cantigny Golf in October

The 100th anniversary of the launch of the Chicago Open will coincide with the 25th anniversary of Cantigny Golf October 5-7 when the Wheaton golf complex hosts what at one time was one of country's premier golf championships. Qualifying for the tournament occurred in August and September in Milwaukee, Metamora, Glen Ellyn, Benton Harbor, Michigan, and North Barrington.

Past champions of the Chicago Open include golf legends Ben Hogan, Sam Snead, and Byron Nelson. Former world No. 1 player and Northwestern star Luke Donald won the event in 2000.

The 2014 event is being conducted for the second consecutive year by and for the benefit of the Illinois Junior Golf Association. Last year's Open drew a field of top amateur and professional golfers from 18 states and three countries. It served as a tune-up to the fall's PGA Tour Qualifying School completion. The event was won by Carlos Sainz, Jr., an Elgin native and former IJGA member. Sainz is today a fully-exempt player on the Web.com Tour. At press time, Sainz anticipated returning to defend his title.

"Our goal was to provide an opportunity for aspiring tour pros and top amateurs to compete at a high level as they make their way toward their ultimate goal of playing

on the PGA Tour," says Marty Schiene, immediate past president of the IJGA and former touring pro. "Playing in a competition with such a rich history can make the event that much more meaningful to the contestants."

Spectators are welcome to attend the tournament for a chance to witness history. IJGA is the second-largest junior golf program in the nation. It serves 2,800 golfers between 8 and 18 and manages more than 100 separate events throughout Illinois.

Host of the 2007 U.S. Amateur Championship and named "Best New Public Course in America" when it opened in 1989, Cantigny Golf is owned by the Chicago-based Robert R. McCormick Foundation and is managed by area sports management firm KemperSports. The 300-acre complex incorporates

27 holes of golf, a year-round golf academy and a 9-hole Youth Links.

For more information on the Chicago Open and Cantigny Golf, browse the Web at: [CantignyGolf.com](http://CantignyGolf.com).

### Foss Park: Where Everybody Knows Your Name

There was a single, simple formula that TV comedy series "Cheers" employed to such a huge success in the 1980s. All fans of the show yearned to hang out at a bar where, as the show's theme song warbled, "everybody knows your name." And by the time the series ended in 1993, we felt we knew characters like Cliff, Norm, Carla, Dr. Frazier Crane, and Sam Malone intimately.

A little over 20 years after "Cheers" went off the air, a golf version of that

show seems to take place seven days a week at Foss Park Golf Club in North Chicago. While players get their money's worth taking on the well-manicured 6,839-yard course, a newcomer quickly senses that regulars enter the clubhouse as much to enjoy bantering with the club's remarkably upbeat staff members as they do to buy green fees. Foss Park G.C. is as much about Gabe and Kimber and Mike as it is about the tight, tree-lined fairways that highlight the middle holes on both nines, or about the tough over-water par 3 that can make or break a round.

Opened in 1974, Foss Park is a great course to walk as the landmass is relatively flat and tees are located in close proximity to greens. While the lack of hills and valleys might reduce the layout's "wow" factor,

meticulous conditioning of fairways, greens, and sand bunkers has made the course a popular attraction for golfers who come here from Chicago, Waukegan, and as far away as Milwaukee.

No round at Foss Park is complete without a stop inside the clubhouse to enjoy a sandwich and beverage while watching a football game or a PGA Tour event in the sports themed café and bar area. On my last visit in early September, I was reminded again why so many golfers return to the property week after week. Children from a wedding reception held at the property's banquet hall had invaded the clubhouse after word got out that free popcorn had been freshly popped. Staff members happily took turns filling up cups and trays so each of the kids received an ample serving. "Here you go, young lady," said head professional and general manager Gabe Kaplan as he found time out of his busy schedule to help out behind the bar.

How does a golfer not return to a muni golf course where everybody wants to know your name?

For green fees, directions, and information on special events, visit [www.fossparkgolf.org](http://www.fossparkgolf.org).

## Down Memory Lane

### Venturi's Double

"I'm still the defending champion of the Chicago Open!"

Those words came from the happy voice of Ken Venturi back when the Western Open was still the Western Open, Cog Hill was the site, and CBS was the television outlet.

It was 1991, and the Western had shifted from Butler National to Cog Hill, which is around the corner from Gleneagles Country Club, the site of Venturi's back-to-back victories, two of the 14 wins in the World Golf Hall of Fame member's career.

He won the Gleneagles-Chicago Open in both 1958 and 1959, the only times it was staged. The McNulty family, which owned Gleneagles, then and now, saw an opening on the tournament calendar when George S. May canceled his All-American Open and World Championship double weekend at Tam O'Shanter. Suddenly, the richest weekend on the circuit was no more.

The McNultys stepped in with a \$50,000 purse, which in 1958 was among the largest of the season, and brought back the old Chicago Open name. (These days, the Illinois Junior Golf Association uses it for an October tournament at Cantigny.)

Venturi won both times. In 1991, the family threw a celebratory luncheon, honoring Venturi's achievements. The memories came flooding back.

Then and when it happened, he knew his success was not his alone. His first win at Gleneagles was his sixth on tour and fourth of the season, but Venturi hadn't won since Baton Rouge in the spring. At Gleneagles, he led wire-to-wire, navigating four days of vexing pin placements on the best 18 holes from the combined Red and White courses, his 8-under-par 272 beating Julius Boros and Jack Burke by a stroke despite a closing 2-over 72.

His help? A few motivational words from his wife Conni, who traveled the tour with him. "For three months I've been in a slump," he said at the award presentation, never mind that he was rarely out of the top 25 in 1958. "She told me today, 'You're never defeated until you quit.'"

That \$9,000 success was repeated in 1959, when the purse was boosted to \$57,000, and this time, Venturi had to come from behind. He was five strokes in arrears of Johnny Pott, in fourth place behind Bo Wininger and Arnold Palmer, entering the final round. Pott had opened with a record 63 and had closed strongly in the windy third round.

Venturi caught Pott on the front nine and took the lead on the only par 5 on the back nine, the 490-yard 13th. A driver and 4 iron put him 25 feet from the cup. Pott had already scrambled for par here, but Venturi sank his putt for an eagle 3, then birdied the 14th for the cushion that would allow him to post a 66 for 7-under 273 and withstand Pott's late rally. He was standing by the scorer's table when Pott looked at a 35-foot putt to tie at the last hole.

"I was more nervous on that shot than if I'd had to make the putt myself," Venturi told *Tribune* columnist Dave Condon after Pott's putt rolled past the hole. He then went to a telephone to call Conni in San Francisco. "This is the first big one that Conni hasn't seen me win. I'll tell her about it but I don't think I can explain."

—By Tim Cronin



Foss Park



**'Dark Side' of Maple Meadows To Be Revealed October 11th**

Even as the rest of the golf world seems fixated on making the game easier, Wood Dale's Maple Meadows G.C. is making it tougher—at least for one day. On October 11th, the DuPage County golf course will host a two-person event nicknamed The Rambo Scramble which features the courses tees pushed back to the tips and the pins placed in the least accessible positions of the greens. A \$130 entry fee (\$65 per player) buys green fees with cart, breakfast, putt-and-run lunch and prizes. The field will be limited to the first 60 teams to sign up. Entry forms with payment must be turned in on-line or in person no later than October 6th. For more information call 630-616-8424 or visit [www.DuPageGolf.com](http://www.DuPageGolf.com).

**Small Wins Big At 92nd Illinois PGA Championship**

Illinois golf coach and Mike Small added to his legendary status as a player in late August when he captured the state PGA Championship with three rounds of 67-67-66 at Stonewall Orchard in Grayslake. His final score tied Small's previous record of 200 set in 2010 at Olympia Field Country Club – South Course. Steve Orrick, head professional at Decatur Country Club, finished second with rounds of 69-70-66=205.



"It just feels good to be able to play good golf again," Small said following his victory. "I haven't played solid golf for a full tournament in a while so it's nice to play three good ones in a row."

While Small had a commanding five stroke lead going into the event's final round, Orrick took a run at him on the front nine with a score of five-under-par 31. He was unable to sustain that pace, however, as Small pulled away from Orrick and the rest of the pack to notch his 11th state PGA Championship title.

**Golf Channel's Papa Enjoyed Chicago Visit**

The Golf Channel's Bob Papa is a busy man. Along with his duties covering the Champions Tour in the booth next to Lanny Wadkins and John Mahaffey, Papa is the voice of the

New York Giants and of the New Jersey Nets. He took a few minutes away from announcing Tom Lehmann's thrilling victory at the Encompass Championship in July to talk about golf and his career.

"My most memorable moment covering the tour so far was watching Kenny Perry fire final rounds of 63-64 to win the Constellation Senior Players Championship in 2013," he said. "It was simply an impressive display of golf."

A caddy as a youngster growing up in New Jersey, Papa is currently a member at Baltusrol. He credits legendary New York sportscaster Marty Glickman with helping get his career on track. "Marty invited me into his home in New York, listened to my tapes and gave me great advice," he said.

Papa travels around the country representing the Colon Cancer Alliance, a not-for-profit organization that promotes early cancer awareness. "The best way to stop colon cancer is through early detection through screening," Papa said. "Two years ago, the FDA approved Prepopik—an oral preparation for colonoscopies that only requires consumption of 10 ounces instead of the full gallon required of traditional prep solutions." A colonoscopy is recommended every 10 years for adults over 50 years of age.

**Holmes Recognized as Illinois PGA Golf Professional of the Year**

Ravinia Green Country Club's Jim Holmes was named the 60th recipient of the Illinois PGA Golf Professional of the Year award—the highest annual honor bestowed by the Illinois PGA on a member pro.

Holmes, now in his 29th year as PGA head golf professional at the Riverwoods club, will be honored at the Illinois PGA Special Awards Ceremony on October 23rd at Medinah C.C. "I am completely overwhelmed being named the Illinois PGA Golf Professional of the Year," he said upon learning of the award. "It's a pretty impressive fraternity of Illinois PGA professionals on the list of former award winners. I'm honored and humbled to be mentioned in the same light as those gentlemen. To do something you love and are passionate about for over 30 years is very rewarding."

Other honorees at the awards ceremony include Palatine's Katie Dick who was named Assistant Golf Professional of the Year; Gary Pinns of Wheaton who was named Teacher of the Year, and Todd Sones of Vernon Hills who will receive the Horton Smith Award.

**Wounded Warrior Project Raises \$875,000 in 'World's Largest Outing'**

Billy Casper Golf's fourth "World's Largest Golf Outing" was played at more than 110 courses managed by the firm in 28 states on August 11th and raised more than \$875,000 for the Wounded Warrior Project. The annual fundraiser honors and empowers injured service men and women and their families through the fundraiser. Over 12,000 golfers participated in the event. Since

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# Bunker Mentality

Greg Martin

This is certain: bunker design, aesthetics, and strategy have evolved. Once just open pits with rugged edges and unkempt floors, bunkers are now the second most expensive and maintained feature on the golf course. Architecturally, bunkers are a key element on the golf course, help define the essence of a course's personality, and should offer beauty, challenge, and fairness. To create such bunkers, golfers should expect higher costs and slower play.

First, it must be noted that bunkers are hazards and no uncorrupted understanding of the game will ever consent to "fairness" within a hazard. Bunkers are hazards, and whether they are fair, or not, is beside the question.

As Alister Mackenzie, the iconic Golden Age architect, once said "It is the job of the golfer to avoid the bunker." For instance, the Road Hole bunker at St. Andrews is anything but fair, yet it is still considered one of the best, most important bunkers in golf.

Bunkers are not fair: bunkers are hazards that play an important role in how the golfer plays the hole, absorbs the hole's strategy, and absorbs the aesthetic of the design. The British term a bunker "proper," or not, based upon its relevance to play.

Most golf holes are better with bunkers, but not always, and more is not necessarily better. A once notorious hole in Myrtle Beach had 50 bunkers on a mid-length par

4. Thankfully, that has been revised and "only" offers about a dozen bunkers now. Many architects are reverting to a more rugged style, less manicured and less presumed maintenance cost. These are good options depending on the site, the clientele, and the maintenance operations.

"Renovation architects" argue the particulars of historic golf course architects and their styles. Clearly, some "Golden Age" architects had specific bunker proclivities, but more often than not, those "Golden" architects tended to have an approach and more general technique that would be adjusted depending on the client, market, and site conditions.

This is still true today.







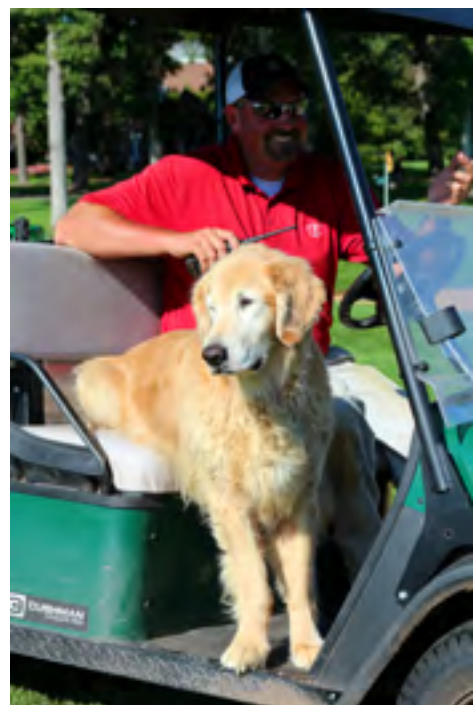
# Day in the Life

## Waking up the Course at Rich Harvest Farms

By Greg Jourdan

His office has been called Augusta North. When Jeff VerCautren pulls into his Sugar Grove “cubicle,” he knows that his efforts deserve comparisons to places like Augusta National. Rich Harvest Farms is on the bucket list for any golfer who has pursued the daunting task of playing America’s top 100 golf courses. For Chicagoland golfers, an experience at Rich Harvest is a feather in the cap and brag tag on their golf bag. If you have played a round at Jerry Rich’s masterpiece, then you have a story for the grandkids.

Jeff VerCautren, 38 years old, loves his office, which encompasses a 2,000 acre estate and also happens to be the site of one of the most exclusive golf clubs in the country. As superintendent of Rich Harvest Farms, VerCautren likens his job to that of a superintendent for a major league baseball team’s ballpark, “My team’s efforts are showcased each day. Our course must exceed



our members’ and their guests’ expectations.” VerCautren adds, “A day at a major league ballpark is a treat. A round of golf at Rich Harvest Farms is like giving fans a chance to play inside the ivy at Wrigley Field.”

The responsibilities of a superintendent at an elite private golf club are heavily weighted on reaction to things you cannot control. Elements like the force of Mother Nature, common turf disease, and the wrath of pestilence require experience and a proactive maintenance philosophy. “Mr. Rich provides my team with all the tools and resources to maintain one of the best golf courses in the world,” shares VerCautren, “There’s nothing better than hearing our members rave about how well the course is playing.”

In order to get it right, VerCautren relies on his intimate knowledge of the course and his management experiences at TPC Prestancia in Sarasota, Florida, and



TPC Deere Run. Also, he gets by with a little help from his friends. VerCautren understands that what he sees at Rich Harvest is probably an issue at other area courses. “Superintendents are like a brotherhood. We network on social media sites like Facebook and Twitter to stay on top of current issues we are having. Whether it is bugs or turf disease, we post

pictures and pick each other’s brains to prevent or fix a problem.” He adds, “If Shane Richie at Orchard Valley, or Matt Sinatra at Schaumburg Golf Club, is having issues

with turf, then I need to ensure I am ready to combat what is heading my way.”

### 3:45am Rise and Shine

“I usually beat my alarm to the punch, then it is a big cup of coffee and a five minute commute to the shop. Bunker, my nine-year-old golden retriever, needs a nudge to wake up at this hour. He is the smart one.”



### 4:30am Planning and Communication

“I email our department managers about what the golf course and grounds crews have planned for the day. Before the sun rises, I meet with our assistant superintendents to prioritize duties. We set up and assign equipment for the operators.”

### 5:00am Game Plan with Assistant Superintendents

“Growing grass is only 10% of my job. We set up the daily job board and check equipment that was serviced. With a golf course staff that includes over 30 full-time positions, I am also a human resources manager. My staff includes

“Growing grass is only 10% of my job.”

four, full-time assistant superintendents, three mechanics, and 24 operators. We have over 100 members. Those individuals and their guests are my bosses; oddly, that is the fun part. They ask great questions and want to hear about our current projects.”

### 5:30am Game On!

“It is an impressive sight to see all the operators and equipment roll out of the shop to wake up the course. At this point of the morning, all of us are on a mission. I know that Bunker wishes he was asleep and at home with my wife and daughters.”

### 5:35am Cutting Cups with Bunker

“I cut all the cups. This is my favorite part of the day. I get to see the guys on their



# Mistwood Golf Club Breaks Ground

machines, look at the course from the top of our greens, and get my feet on all 18 holes of the course. I also take stimp readings to make sure our greens are rolling at PGA Tour speeds. We pride ourselves on the fact that we could host a professional event without a day's notice."

### 7:00am Coffee with Golf Staff

"I check in with the golf staff. We make sure that we are on the same page and coordinate our days. Bunker usually grabs a snack."



### 7:15am to 10:00am Back to Cups

"I usually meet with Mr. Rich on the course while I am cutting cups or meeting with the golf staff. Afterwards, I check the progress of the operators, spray the greens, and take notes."

### 10:00am to 11:30am The Office

"It isn't just about greens. Paperwork is just like the course. You need to stay on top of it. I complete daily purchase orders, return e-mails and phone calls, and meet with our general manager. Before I return to the course, I grab a quick lunch and call my assistants and interns."

### 11:30am to 3:30pm The Other Office

"After lunch, I begin my second tour of the course, work on projects, and meet with my



assistants and interns on the course. Every day I see and do different things. I go from greens keeper to plumber to electrician to operator. After finishing office manager and accountant duties behind the desk, working outside gives me my second wind. All superintendents are outside pets."

### 3:30pm to 4:30pm-ish Wrap it Up

"I meet with the assistants and we set up irrigation. When I return to the shop, I wrap up any calls or emails that are hanging and

end my day with another meeting with staff. Our mechanics usually have everything ready for the next day, so our team is ready to wake up the course tomorrow."

"In 12 hours, our team has taken care of an 18 hole golf course, six chipping greens, two full ranges, one organic garden, and everything green on a 2,000 acre estate. I have a 250-acre cubicle at Rich Harvest Farms and I couldn't ask for a better place to spend my time. Yeah, it's really special here."



Mistwood Golf Club in Romeoville has gone through a major face-lift over the last two seasons, which included a renovated golf course drawing national acclaim and a new Performance Center that was immediately proclaimed among the best in the country by *Golf Range* magazine.

Next on owner Jim McWethy's to-do list is a new clubhouse. Work, which began in August with the demolition of the previous building, is well underway and the new version, designed by Chicago-based Daniel Wohlfeil Design, is expected to open next June.

"It's going to be spectacular," said McWethy, who has owned the facility since 2003 after being one of the original investors when the course opened in 1998. "Almost nothing will be as innovative, creative, and attractive as this will be." The new facility will actually consist of two buildings that will have the same stone architecture and Scottish farmhouse theme as the Performance Center, which was also designed by Wohlfeil. Together, the three buildings and surrounding landscape will have the look and feel of a Scottish village.

One building will house a restaurant and banquet facility that will easily seat 250 to 300 diners. The restaurant, still unnamed, will be

separately branded. "We want a place where people who might not even be golfers can come and have a great meal," said McWethy. The other building will have two stories, the lower one housing a pro shop and locker rooms that will accommodate 80 to 100 players and the upper one used for staff offices with a special view of the entire course. The buildings will also share a large underground basement area used for storage and golf carts. Though he's consistently declined comment on the cost of his Mistwood projects, McWethy admitted, "it's obviously very significant."

Presently, Mistwood's biggest event is the Illinois Women's Open tourney where professionals and amateurs from the U.S. and around the world compete. Mistwood has also hosted Chicago District Golf Association and Illinois PGA major events. "We definitely want more," said McWethy. "We'd love to have more national amateur and professional events, for both men and women." McWethy admits that his extensive, expensive projects fly in the face of a difficult economic climate. "The economy has been struggling, and golf is an activity that is being challenged," he said. "But, it goes back to my fundamental belief that if you do a good job with every aspect

of it, there's still enough business out there. There's still a lot of people playing golf."

And many of them are likely to visit Mistwood. More have already come – and many from further distances – to experience the renovated course and spiffy Performance Center. The new clubhouse will only add to that, and McWethy expects Mistwood to eventually become a golf destination.

"You need to build a great golf course, which I think we've done, and we have a Performance Center without peer," he said. "The clubhouse facility is the third piece of the puzzle and I believe we will have one of the finest golf facilities in the Chicago area."

The course, originally designed by Michigan architect Ray Hearn, opened in 1998. Hearn returned to handle the renovation, which required the course to be closed for parts of 2012 and 2013. That inconvenience paid off when *Golf Digest* named Mistwood as one of its Best New Courses in 2013 and *Golf* magazine listed it as one of the Best Renovations You Can Play in January, 2014, and one of its top Renovations of the Year in the world six months later.

Follow the story from groundbreaking to final punch list at [www.mistwoodgc.com](http://www.mistwoodgc.com).





## On a Mission

Readers of this publication have become quite familiar with the outstanding golf experiences across all of Northern Michigan, including the likes of Treetops Resort in Gaylord; Shanty Creek Resort in Bellaire; and Crystal Mountain in Thompsonville. But wine-loving golf enthusiasts will be genuinely surprised and delighted to discover the quality and diversity that comes out of Old Mission Point Peninsula, a short drive from the bustling community of Traverse City.

Anyone who's assumed that California is the standard for spectacular wines from the U.S. may reconsider that classification following a visit to just a handful of the eight wineries that rest on Michigan's 45th parallel. Also known as Traverse City's Wine Trail, these fascinating and elegant vineyards have been producing outstanding dry whites, dry reds, cherry wines, and rosé wines for decades.

While Midwesterners' golf opportunities are limited to a scant seven months, the pursuit of a great Michigan vintage is year 'round. The best time to visit, perhaps, is near the end of the grape-growing season in late summer and early fall when vines are weighed down with ripe fruit. But the vineyards across the

peninsula schedule fun activities across all seasons. One of the biggest events held here is the "Mac & Cheese Bake-Off" on November 29, when America's favorite comfort food receives an upgrade at the hands of Northern Michigan chefs. Each dish is expertly paired with an Old Mission Peninsula wine. Tickets sell out almost immediately upon release. Many of these events are geared towards the entire family along with couples and groups.

I recently visited six of the peninsula's eight wineries:

**2 Lads** The northernmost winery on the peninsula produced a superb 2012 sparkling pinot grigio that can be paired with most any dish. The winery uses the traditional champagne method to make its sparkling wines, so that small, elegant bubbles are created right inside the bottle. For my taste, 2 Lads makes the best sparkling pinot grigio produced on the peninsula.

In a nod to the trendy, the 2013 Cabernet Franc Rosé is light and fun.

Chestnuts from trees on the property provide a complementary taste treat at wine tastings.

**Black Star Farms** Like the majority of the wineries on the peninsula, Black Star's best-selling varietal is the ever-popular Riesling.

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Their winemaking approach is much like the quintessential style of that grape found in Germany and Austria. The 45th parallel that encircles the globe midway between the equator and the North Pole provides the perfect growing climate for the Riesling grape.

Another Black Star Farms offering, the Arcturos Sur Lie Chardonnay provides the perfect taste balance between buttery and fruity.

**Bowers Harbor** Perhaps the most complex wines produced on the peninsula are found in the vineyards on Bowers Harbor. Although most of this region is renowned for its whites, a few standouts such as Bowers Harbor have been acclaimed for reds as well. The 2012 Cabernet Franc is excellent now, but will become fabulous in 10 to 12 years. The 2012 Langley red, kept in French-oak barrels for 18 months, is available in small quantities.

Conveniently, many of the Bowers Harbor wines can be found at Whole Foods across the Chicagoland area.

**Brys Estate Vineyard and Winery** Looking for an elegant and state-of-the-art tasting experience? The Brys Estate Vineyard is the place to find it. A newly-built deck overlooking the vineyards features delectable smoked gouda, prosciutto, and dry salami served on cheese and charcuterie boards. Wine enthusiasts will swoon inside the swank Brys Estate tasting room.

**Chanteau Chantal** Experience Bed and Breakfast at its best at this 65-acre estate overlooking East and West Grand Traverse Bay. Stunning views at morning's earliest light are complemented by soft-jazz sunset concerts. Chanteau Chantal is open year 'round for wine tasting and overnight stays.

**Chateau Grand Traverse** This spectacular vineyard, celebrating 40 years, today produces 1.32 million bottles of wine per year across its 120-acre estate. The property's best-selling wine is the Dry Riesling, which is complex and surprisingly affordable [\$13]. This wine won a Gold Medal from San Francisco and Riverside in 2013.

The 2013 Lot 49 Riesling is one of the most unique wines produced in the peninsula, and is made from hand-picked grapes. Only a few hundred cases are made annually.

# ARIZONA CHICAGO'S SOUTHWESTERN OASIS

Mention golf and the Sonoran desert, and players immediately envision a towering saguaro cactus reaching for the sunshine, while the desert floor painted in rich greens takes golfers on a step-stone journey. For Chicago's snowbirds, the mild winter season in Arizona is one of the reasons to own a traveling bag for your golf clubs.

This is *the* destination for golfers. Flights from Chicago's airports are usually direct, and that translates into an "off the tarmac" round soon after you sign for that rental car.

If you spend a little time on the practice green, you'll quickly discover that one of the fastest-growing states is filling with former Chicagoans that voted with their feet against snowplows and window-scraping and have relocated to the desert.

The golf courses of Arizona are not unlike the Sonoran Desert; despite a harsh climate, abundant wildlife and native plants thrive in this environment. As do the golf courses and resorts.

If you aren't attending a spring-training game, hiking around Tucson, or shopping in Scottsdale, an exciting round of golf is just minutes away.

You will find much more than bunkers and tee boxes while on holiday in Arizona. The desert has hundreds of species of living creatures that are not in the Midwest, including jaguars near Tucson. A snow-ball-season getaway to the painted deserts of Arizona should include a half-day Sonoran Desert Tour from Desert Wolf Tours. The excursions are truly unique in that guests (over the age of 18) do the driving in Tomcars, which were originally developed for use by the Israeli Defense Forces special operations units. Desert Wolf Tours owns a fleet of these vehicles that guests self-pilot during guided tours through the beautiful Sonoran Desert. Participants experience the Sonoran Desert up close, where they may see javalinas, desert mule deer, coyotes, rattlesnakes and more. Visit Desert Wolf Tours' website at [www.desertwolftours.com](http://www.desertwolftours.com).

Most PGA Tour fans are somewhat familiar with The Fairmont Scottsdale Princess thanks to its affiliation with the PGA Tour's Waste Management Phoenix Open. For one week each year, it is the epicenter of golf's "Greatest Show on Grass." However, for the other 51 weeks, the Fairmont Scottsdale Princess is known to sophisticated golf travelers as the ultimate desert oasis.

Whether you are looking to play a round, pamper yourself at a resort, play a PGA Tour course, or chase a white ball in a jaguar's backyard, Arizona golf provides a great escape from frostbite and flurries. Be sure to make this the year you soak in the warmth of Arizona.





# ENCHANTMENT RESORT AND SEVEN CANYONS

Surrounded by the towering red rock walls of Boynton Canyon in Sedona, Enchantment Resort combines the rugged grandeur of the Southwest with equal parts luxury and Native American culture. It's a hideaway like no other. All guest rooms and suites are within casitas that feature beautiful hardwood floors, regional décor and magnificent views. All accommodations have private decks, some offer kitchenettes and include kiva fireplaces. The

18-hole championship course, boasts of incredible scenery within 100,000 acres of pristine National Forest land and towering red rock canyons. Designed by Tom Weiskopf, this par-70 course is situated at 4,600 feet which delivers mild temperatures year-round. A challenging, rewarding layout, it measures 6,746 yards from the championship tees and has subtle contours and small greens, narrow landing areas and artfully placed bunkers, and

Mindful Golf Meditation, and Golf & the Law of Attraction which are designed to improve your game. To relax post-game, there's the Seven Canyons Champion (a winning combination of hydrotherapy, massage, and reflexology), the Competitor's Facial, Reflexology, and the Herbal Detox Poultice massage.

"We are excited to welcome Seven Canyons to Enchantment Group's portfolio of award-winning properties," said Mark Grenoble, President and CEO of Enchantment Group. "Ranked among the top residential courses in the country, Seven Canyons complements Enchantment Group's equally revered Enchantment Resort and Mii amo Spa."

The Resorts delicious cuisine at a choice of options, all with breathtaking views, is an added highlight at this canyon retreat. The signature restaurant, Che Ah Chi, features modern American cuisine using many Arizona-sourced ingredients. Tii Gavo features Southwestern-inspired fare, and View 180 offers small plates for sharing with wines by the glass and specialty cocktails.

Camp Coyote is Enchantment Resort's program designed to educate and entertain children ages 4 to 12. Trained counselors guide

camp-goers in exciting activities that explore the region's culture and natural environment. Highlights include nature walks, and Native American influenced arts and crafts including sand painting, beadwork, or weaving dream catchers.

For meetings and gatherings of 10 to 400 the Meeting Village comprises more than 13,000 square feet of indoor meeting space, including 11 function rooms, an expansive executive board room, three ballrooms with patios and floor-to-ceiling windows, and versatile smaller function spaces. An additional 20,000 sq. ft. of outdoor venue space offers dramatic scenery and starry skies.

There are a number of specials and packages available at the property – including two that include golf as part of the experience:

**Spa and Golf Package**  
This package includes a luxurious guest room at Enchantment Resort, breakfast each morning, a 60-minute spa service at Mii amo, and one round of golf at Seven Canyons, the private Tom Weiskopf-designed golf course each day you stay.

**Fairway Getaway Package**  
Enjoy exclusive access to Seven Canyons golf course, designed by Tom Weiskopf, during your stay at Enchantment Resort in a luxurious guestroom, breakfast each morning and one round of golf with each night's stay.

Please visit [enchantmentresort.com](http://enchantmentresort.com) for more information or call 855-923-7261.

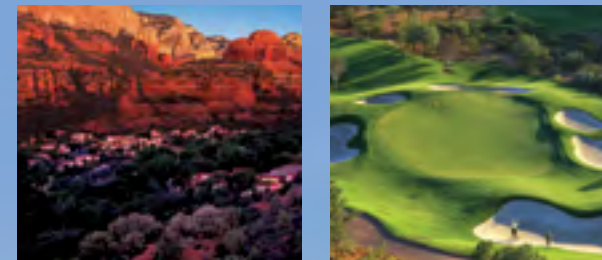


experience is complete in every way; choose from more than 100 activities a week including hiking, mountain biking, tennis and swimming. Enjoy dining at a variety of distinctive restaurants, all amid glorious settings. Experience Mii amo, a destination spa at Enchantment which has recently be named #2 in the World by the readers of *Travel + Leisure*, where life-enhancing treatments leave you feeling nurtured and restored.

Adjacent Seven Canyons, Enchantment's exclusive water features. Seven Canyons has been acclaimed as one of America's 50 Greatest Golf Retreats by *Golf Digest* and is consistently ranked as one of the best. Enchantment guests can enjoy "Member for a Day" privileges with access to the Performance Center and complimentary club transfers and storage. Resort guests may also enjoy "Seven Treatments for Seven Canyons Golfers," a new collection of treatments designed by Mii amo, that include Yoga for Golfers,

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At Wildfire Golf Club, Faldo Championship and Palmer Signature courses are sure to challenge golfers

of every level and thrill with their rugged desert setting.

The par-71 Faldo Championship Course was designed by three-time Masters and three-time British Open champ Nick Faldo. Carved into the Sonoran desert, the Faldo Course features a total of 6,846 yards, generous fairways, and

ample landing areas for the not-so-straight and narrow golf swing, keeping golfers out of the surrounding desert flora. Designed with the help of Schmidt-Curley Golf Course Design, the course affords stunning views of the McDowell Mountains,

Camelback Mountain and Piestewa Peak.

The 7,145-yard, par-72 Palmer Signature Course, designed by Arnold Palmer, features generous fairways and large, undulating bent grass greens. The vast 151-acre layout meanders through picturesque arroyos with centuries-old saguaro cactus. Five different tee markers allow guests to test their game and improve their range.

In addition, Wildfire Golf Club features the finest in practice facilities, including an all-grass driving range, putting and chipping greens, a green-side practice bunker, and state-of-the-art GPS in all golf carts.

Four acres of turquoise pools, including a meandering

lazy river, 89-foot water slide, and interactive dancing fountains for little ones will delight families looking to relax. The grand Wildfire pool, topped by glowing fire at night, is the resort's largest pool and serves as a beacon in the center of the shimmering waterways.

With an abundance of eateries to choose from, guests will find that JW Marriott Desert Ridge Resort & Spa has redefined resort dining. From elegant Italian cuisine in Tuscany to steaks and seafood at Meritage Steakhouse, southwest American fare at stonegrill, handcrafted small plates and cocktails at twenty6 lounge, and gourmet poolside fare at Just a Splash, the dining options are varied for pleasing the entire family.

The world-class Revive Spa offers a diverse menu of spa experiences that incorporate beautiful, tranquil settings and indigenous flora into signature treatments where ancient rituals join cutting-edge techniques. Guests will enjoy the dramatic Sanctuary swimming pool lined with rows of towering palms and relaxing in private cabanas.

Treatments run the gamut from Swedish massages and facials to such innovative body treatments as the Turquoise Blue Sage Body Ritual, which uses the energies of indigenous turquoise gemstones to offer a deeply relaxing experience for the body and soul.

In addition to spa services, a spacious, fully-equipped indoor fitness club offers strength training, cardiovascular workouts and classes such as yoga, Tai Chi and Pilates.

Enterprising shoppers will want to visit nearby malls including Desert Ridge Marketplace and High Street. The beautiful open-air malls allow guests to experience Arizona's spectacular year-round climate with everything from boutiques to special bargains.

The Sonoran desert provides plenty of walking and hiking trails that are bursting with exploration opportunities.

Pinnacle Peak and its 150-acre park offer trail signs to describe the flora, fauna, geology and cultural history of the area. Camelback, named for its camel-shaped rock formation, provides moderate to challenging hiking trails within its 75.8-acre park.

Hikers who appreciate the desert scenery will also want to visit the resort's Desert Botanical Garden. With more than 20,000 plants and cacti, the garden features a one-third-mile Discovery Trail.

Those in search of a little culture will enjoy a visit to Taliesin West in nearby Scottsdale. The former winter home of Frank Lloyd Wright, this architectural masterpiece showcases the famed architect's ability to blend buildings and natural environments.

Arizona is rich in Native American heritage and the Heard Museum's world-renowned Native American art and artifact collection is the best place to see, hear, and touch your way to the past.

For more information about the Unlimited Golf Package, call 480-293-5000 or visit [jwdesertridge.com](http://jwdesertridge.com).



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# RANCHO MAÑANA GOLF CLUB

An Experience that Truly Represents the Uniqueness of Golf in the Arizona Desert

Rancho Mañana Golf Club, located in the high Sonoran Desert in historic Cave Creek, Arizona, boasts some of the state's most breathtaking views and challenging holes of golf. Situated along an original Pony Express stop and U.S. Cavalry watering hole, Rancho Mañana Golf Club has continually ranked among *Golf Digest's* "Places

views. Nowhere else in the Valley of the Sun can a golfer simultaneously view picturesque images of Camelback Mountain, Mummy Mountain, Squaw Peak, Black Mountain, South Mountain, and the dramatic Tonto National Forest, with its distinctive Elephant Butte.

Golfers then begin to meander back towards the site of a

unspoiled desert terrain, Rancho Mañana is well known for its fairness and playability for golfers of all abilities. Built in the late 1980s, the course has had time to mature, and a few key renovations throughout its history have improved it with age. The recently renovated bunkers provide just the right amount of

challenge without creating undue stress caused by shoulder-deep traps sometimes encountered in the game.

It's easy to see why the course has won so many accolades, including making the list of "America's Top 50 Courses for Women" by *Golf Digest* in 2010. Most holes don't have extensively long forced carries from the tees and the

same is true for nearly all the greens that are accepting of low bouncing shots hit short of the green. The course was also selected as being in the top 10 courses in Arizona by *Ranking Arizona Magazine* during the same year.

The 19th hole is usually of equal importance to the golf course itself for any golf experience, and the Tonto Bar and Grill is only a few short steps away and captures the rustic desert ambiance of years gone by with hand-carved beams of the historic ranch ceiling still in place. With two dining areas inside and a covered patio overlooking the

11th green, the facility certainly provides a cozy spot to relax after an enjoyable day on the links.

In addition to offering cold beverages, great care is taken to ensure the menu is second to none and that it fully embraces the local flavors of the southwest. Chef Eric Flatt and his staff also aim to preserve Arizona's heritage through our cuisine and by sharing the stories of our property's past. They fuse Southwestern and Native American ingredients and present them in a warm, welcoming atmosphere rich in Arizona lore. Many areas of the restaurant feature historic photos of the property from the years as one of Arizona's most successful dude ranches in the 1940s.

The restaurant has also received numerous awards and accolades, including being honored by *PHOENIX Magazine* in their list of the valley's Top 100 Restaurants, and a continuous honor from *Wine Spectator Magazine* due to the extensive wine selections that are available.

Rancho Mañana is an experience that truly represents the uniqueness of golf in the Arizona Desert. For tee times, call Rancho Mañana Golf Club at 480-488-0398 or visit [www.ranchoமானana.com](http://www.ranchoமானana.com). For restaurant reservations/information, call Tonto Bar & Grill at 480-488-0698.

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To Play" and is regarded as "One of Arizona's Most Scenic Golf Courses." Convenient to most Scottsdale and Phoenix resorts and hotels, the course has become a valley favorite of visitors from around the country due to its unique beauty and native surroundings.

From the first hole, the front nine takes golfers through the Town of Cave Creek's name sake, Cave Creek Wash, one of the last remaining riparian areas in the state. Each subsequent hole ventures upward to higher elevations, where one can witness some of the state's most breathtaking

once-thriving, western dude ranch—now the clubhouse and restaurant facilities, with their original, rustic structures. From there, Rancho Mañana's back nine allows one to encounter a slightly different experience, as golfers work their way around a lush oasis of water-guarded holes with 360 degrees of unobstructed mountain views, where Mother Nature's vast array of wildlife can be found, including the likes of bobcats, roadrunners, rabbits, and mule deer.

Although the par 70 layout features dramatic elevation changes and acres of



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# STAY AND PLAY AT CHANDLER, ARIZONA'S NEWLY-RENOVATED CROWNE PLAZA® SAN MARCOS GOLF RESORT

Featuring remarkable championship golf, world-class amenities, superb hotel accommodations, and upscale dining, Interwest Capital's historic Crowne Plaza® San Marcos Golf Resort in Chandler, Arizona, offers visitors a foursome of reasons to stay and play.

Built in 1912 by Chandler founder Dr. Alexander J.

space and outstanding guest service have made it one of the region's most desirable locations for group outings, tournaments, business seminars, association meetings, and other special events.

The resort is better than ever following a multi-million-dollar restoration project spearheaded by leading golf course management company

have been re-shaped and re-designed, with new sand added and drainage installed in each bunker to ensure premium playing conditions year-round; and the entire property has been re-landscaped with spectacular indigenous flora and fauna to enhance the esthetics. The result is a strategically-diverse and visually stunning layout that

club's spectacular clubhouse facility is being completely re-designed, with an expected completion date of October 31. As was the case with the golf course, great care is being taken to preserve the historic elegance and charm of the clubhouse while adding state-of-the-art conveniences and amenities. Clubhouse facilities include a world-class golf shop, bar and grill, and a variety of lounges and banquet venues. Other amenities include an expansive golf practice facility, an ideal locale for perfecting every aspect of players' games.

A variety of new membership options have recently been unveiled for local golfers and frequent travelers, along with an array of attractively-priced stay and play packages featuring nightly accommodations at the Crowne Plaza San Marcos Golf Resort, breakfast for two, and one round of golf per person per night, starting at just \$229 a night. Rates are based on double occupancy on a space-available basis. Managed by HRI Lodging (HRIL), the resort features 248 rooms and more than 35,000 square feet of flexible meeting and event space. Amenities include delicious on-site dining, an outdoor pool, a 24-hour business center, tennis courts, and a fitness center.

The Crowne Plaza® San Marcos Golf Resort is located at 1 N. San Marcos Place in Chandler. For tee time reservations, to book a stay and play package, or for more information on tournaments and events, please call (800) 528-8071 or visit [www.sanmarcosresort.com](http://www.sanmarcosresort.com).

Chandler as the centerpiece to a master planned community, the Mission Revival-style San Marcos Resort is renowned for offering the state's first grass golf course. In stark contrast to most traditional desert target golf courses, the par-72, 6640-yard San Marcos Golf Course features lush, salt cedar and palm tree-lined fairways, undulating manicured greens, sparkling water features and an abundance of indigenous flora and fauna. Its stunning beauty and superb playability have attracted numerous presidents, dignitaries, and celebrities over the years, while its abundance of accompanying banquet

Touchstone Golf, designed to modernize and significantly elevate the golf course and clubhouse amenities while preserving the unique character and charm of the original property. To bring the already-spectacular championship golf course up to today's standards, a state-of-the-art new irrigation system and pump station have been installed to create five-star conditions and promote more efficient water use; a number of holes have been lengthened to make the course more challenging from the back tees; the majority of the tee box complexes have been enlarged and re-designed to improve playability; all 44 bunkers

offers an enjoyable challenge for golfers of all playing abilities. The finishing touches are currently underway, with the "new and improved" golf course scheduled for completion by November 1, 2014. "The Crowne Plaza® San Marcos Golf Resort has a storied history as one of the state's oldest and most treasured recreational amenities, and with Touchstone Golf's help, we plan to continue providing hotel guests, daily fee golfers and semi-private members with superlative golf, dining and event experiences," said Interwest Capital Senior Asset Manager Brandon Wolsic. Complementing the golf course renovations, the

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# SCOTTSDALE RANKED AMONG NATION'S PREMIER GOLF DESTINATIONS

One can imagine that a number of fellow soldiers thought U.S. Army Chaplain Winfield Scott had misplaced his marbles when he purchased 640 acres of Arizona property back in 1888. Even if the asking price of \$3.50 per acre seemed reasonable, the land was located in the Sonoran Desert where the primary residents at the time were lizards, scorpions, and diamondback rattlesnakes.

Six years later, the town of Scottsdale was named after its founder. By 1910, railroad-roadbed contractor William J. Murphy sized up the potential to make the budding community into a tourist destination. He proceeded to build an elegant resort named the Ingleside Club. In a true stroke of genius, Murphy determined that golf would be one of the amenities offered at the property. Following Murphy's death, his son Ralph relocated part of the resort and built a full-sized grass golf course to replace his father's sand course. Parts of that course continue to exist almost 100 years later at what is now called Arizona Country Club.

If only Winfield Scott and the two Murphys were around today to witness the results of their visionary efforts. Scottsdale is now home to 250,000 residents and nearly 200 golf courses. Many Chicagoans, of course, have witnessed the evolution of Scottsdale into a premier golf destination as generations have flocked to the area as either a second residence or as a winter getaway. Since the golf boom, they have been treated to celebrated designs by Coore/Crenshaw, Tom Weiskopf, Pete Dye, Jack

Nicklaus and Rees Jones. Most national golf magazines place at least six of the area's layouts on their list of top 100 public golf courses in the nation.

In addition to those featured here, the Scottsdale Golf Group, manages a number of the area's top properties. The Group's other public offerings include Painted Mountain and Hillcrest. Private clubs they manage include Red Mountain Ranch, Corte Bella, and River Crossing.

## Legend Trail Golf Club

Known across the country as the "Open Doctor" for his renovation work on championship layouts, Rees Jones placed his full design talents on display in the construction of this breathtaking property which opened in 1995. Located in North Scottsdale, Legend Trail Golf Club offers slightly cooler temperatures due to the elevation changes, while TifEagle ultra-dwarf greens provide a pure roll and an amiable challenge that seems to capture a bit of Scottsdale's Old West spirit. Legend Trail Golf Club is a challenging and fair test situated within a scenic, natural Arizona desert environment

Ranked today as one of *GOLF* magazine's top 100 courses in the U.S., the 6,845-yard layout flows across the desert floor serving up both breathtaking vistas and challenging holes. While fairways are wide to allow players to swing from their heels on certain tees, most every hole calls for shots over or around foreboding desert land laced with cacti and indigenous plants.

Jones shares, "Players visiting Scottsdale's Legend Trail will encounter a golf facility

created to provide a fair and enjoyable experience for the average and beginning golfer, yet also capable of presenting a formidable test for the game's more accomplished players."

Those looking to prime their swings for the winter golf season need to schedule a visit to the property's John Jacobs Golf School. The program features five hours of instruction, complimentary lunch, and a tee time of your choice following the lesson. The property's new Legend Trail Loyalty Program offers spectacular golf at a one-of-a-kind location.

## Orange Tree Golf Club

Long before golf courses across the desert were designed with grueling challenges over long stretches of wastelands, this property set the standard for beauty and playability with 110 acres of tree-lined turf. Designed in 1957 by Johnny Bula, the layout has received multiple renovations over the years and just opened a deluxe driving range to accommodate both golfers and students attending the John Jacobs Golf School.

New in 2014, Orange Tree Golf Club has expanded its practice facilities with more than 40,000 square feet of hitting area and short game areas. These upgrades make the practice facility one of the area's premier practice ranges. Also new are the remodeled banquet areas for larger golf tournaments, weddings, and mitzvahs.

Located in the heart of Scottsdale, the iconic Orange Tree course is an exceptionally conditioned, traditionally-designed resort layout that will challenge players of all

skill levels. An enjoyable round is assured with strategically placed lakes and sand bunkers guarding fairways and gently sloping greens. The par-72 layout stretches to 6,762 yards from the back tees and is made tighter by the aforementioned trees. Huge bunkers guard many landing areas and greensides. Beware of the short par-3 No. 15 which features sand bunkers in front of the putting surface as well as on both sides. A birdie here will make your day—if not your entire trip—memorable.

## Scottsdale Golf Group

Legend Trail Golf Club and Orange Tree Golf Club are just two of the 'must play' golf courses represented by the Scottsdale Golf Group, known to deliver the ultimate in branded golf experiences for corporate clients and discerning golf customers. Under the guidance of golf industry expert Shelby Futch, Scottsdale Golf Group has grown from the undisputed leader in golf instruction to become a master of club operations, management, and consumer marketing services as well.

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with wild abandon while experiencing both the beauty of the tranquil surroundings and pure golf at its finest.

A true testament to its greatness, Ak-Chin Southern Dunes Golf Club has proudly played host to numerous major tournaments and events since its celebrated opening in 2002, serving as an annual U.S. Open qualifying site, several top collegiate Men's and Women's golf tournaments, and home of early-stage PGA Tour Q-School tournaments. And while the tips – which stretch the course to more than 7,500 yards –

expertly prepared menu items. From house-smoked pork and brisket to specialty burgers and salads, there is something to please every palate. Dinner menu options are sophisticated, yet approachable, with the focus always on providing a peaceful and enjoyable experience for guests. When the weather is perfect, and it predictably always is, the Arroyo Grille patio is the perfect place to take in the remarkable desert sky sunset with the green expanse of the golf course center-stage.

Ak-Chin Southern Dunes Golf Club's distinctive clubhouse and Arroyo Grille provide exquisite indoor and outdoor spaces perfect for intimate weddings, events, and meetings. The banquet room can also comfortably accommodate groups up to 150; and talented event and wedding planners are on site to help execute the perfect gathering at any price point. With corporate and charity golf outings on the rise, Ak-Chin Southern Dunes continues to offer competitive rates and packages. Stay & Play Packages are available year round with neighboring hotels, including Harrah's Ak-Chin Casino & Resort, just minutes from the golf course. Ak-Chin Southern Dunes has also recently partnered with sister Troon properties Whirlwind Golf Club and Ocotillo Golf Club and designed the Southern Swing Package. This is the ideal package for golfers looking to play three prestigious, high-ranking, but uniquely distinct public golf courses in the Greater Phoenix area.

A recent two million dollar golf course enhancement project has transformed Ak-Chin Southern Dunes into a more player-friendly venue while maintaining the integrity of the game at this championship-level course. The main focus of this enhancement was to repair and restore bunkers, with each receiving new drainage, liner, and sand. The second stage of the project was the creation of a new six-hole short course located on the practice facility. "#miniDunes" is one-of-a-kind, and the first course named with a hashtag. The focus of #miniDunes will be to grow the game of golf by incorporating clinics, social media interaction, and most important, a fun environment for all ages and ability levels. Yardages on #miniDunes range from 50 to 100 yards in length.

For more fun and excitement off the course, the nearby Harrah's Ak-Chin Casino Resort boasts the perfect complement to Ak-Chin Southern Dunes' incredible golf experience with its unique blend of first-class gaming and amazing amenities, which include an idyllic courtyard with an exotic swimming pool, swim-up bar and 300 plush and newly remodeled guest rooms. The UltraStar Multitainment Center at Ak-Chin Circle is another option for entertainment after that round of golf. Amenities at the Multitainment Center include a movie theater, bowling alley, and arcade.



plete practice facilities with an extensive six hole short-game area, practice putting green and dual-ended practice tee. On-site PGA professionals are available for custom club fitting as well as individual and group lessons and clinics.

Created by golf course architect Brian Curley with help of major championship winner Fred Couples, Ak-Chin Southern Dunes' creative routing, native grasses and rugged, unbridled landforms pay tribute to the game's great links-land courses while also offering a pleasant departure from Arizona's prevailing desert golf architecture. With no homes or development on or around the golf course, Ak-Chin Southern Dunes allows golfers room to swing

have challenged some of the most skilled players in golf, Ak-Chin Southern Dunes' five sets of tees still provide novices with both a unique challenge and an unforgettable day of golf. Simply stated, Ak-Chin Southern Dunes doesn't just offer desert golf; it presents golfers of all skill levels and abilities with the very best of championship golf in the desert. Arroyo Grille caps off the club's exceptional amenities by providing a laid-back dining experience with a sweeping view of the Estrella Mountains to the west. No reservations required, guests and players are welcomed in to the Grille to enjoy the views while discussing their game over cold beer or one of the



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# WELCOME TO TPC SCOTTSDALE

Nestled in the Sonoran Desert just outside of Scottsdale, Arizona, the PGA Tour's TPC Scottsdale offers championship golf with panoramic views of the natural terrain and stunning McDowell Mountains. Home of the largest-attended tournament in professional golf, the Waste Management Phoenix Open, TPC Scottsdale is a masterful blend of challenge and playability.

TPC Scottsdale's Stadium Course and Clubhouse on April 1, 2014. Completed by the original and famed architect, Tom Weiskopf, the project included the relocation of four greens, resurfacing of all greens, reshaping and regrassing of all tee complexes, relocation and reshaping of all bunker complexes, replacement of cart paths, and re-landscaping of desert areas.

The Clubhouse renovation, under the direction of architect Allen & Philp, includes additional locker room and meeting space, and interior upgrades to the entire facility. Construction of both the clubhouse and golf course should be completed by November, well in advance of the 2015 Waste Management Phoenix Open, with the Grand Re-Opening scheduled for Friday, November 14, 2014.

In addition to the improved course conditions, the renovation has secured TPC Scottsdale's place as one of the finest golf clubs in one of the world's top golf destinations.

"The renovation project of TPC Scottsdale's Stadium Course and Clubhouse has helped re-position the Club as a premiere resort destination not only in the Phoenix/Scottsdale market, but in the country," said Brad Williams, General Manager and Regional Director of Operations for TPC Scottsdale. "Under the direction of Tom Weiskopf, with funding provided by the City of Scottsdale, the Stadium Course will offer a more visually appealing and strategically demanding experience to resort guests and TOUR players alike. The renovated Clubhouse will provide a casual and contemporary place to shop, dine, drink, or soak up the history of TPC Scottsdale and the Phoenix Open."

### Sibling Rivalry Has its Benefits

Rivaling its famous sister in both beauty and playability, the Randy Heckenkemper-designed Champions Course

offers a true desert golf experience. Recognized as one of the top courses in the area, the Champions Course boasts more than 7,100 yards of undulating fairways, pristine greens and challenging bunkers. Considered a "hidden gem" by locals, the par-71 course features five par 3s and a diverse variety of par 4s and par 5s creating a thrill for golfers of all skill levels. Soon after opening, the course hosted the first stage of Q-School for the PGA Tour, along with the final stage of Q-School for the Champions Tour in 2009, and will continue to host every other year.

### Championship Golf is Just the Beginning

The PGA Tour's TPC Network of premier properties sets the industry standard for outstanding golf, superb amenities and unmatched personalized service. The Club's two award-winning layouts are complemented by a world-class golf shop, celebrated eatery The Grill, beautifully appointed locker rooms, and more.

### Play, Stay, Rejuvenate

Luxurious accommodations are available at the adjacent AAA Five-Diamond Fairmont Scottsdale Princess Resort, offering spacious, beautifully appointed guestrooms and suites, award-winning restaurants, an exclusive golf concierge service, five pools, seven tennis courts, a full-service fitness center, expansive banquet and meeting facilities, and Willow Stream Spa, ranked by Conde Nast Traveler one of the "Top 10 Best Spas in North America."



TPC Scottsdale features two championship courses to enjoy – the world famous Stadium Course and the stunning Champions Course. Host of the Waste Management Phoenix Open, TPC Scottsdale's renowned Stadium Course was created by renowned architects Tom Weiskopf and Jay Morrish who were directed by then PGA Tour Commissioner Deane Beman to build a similar stadium design like that at TPC Sawgrass – allowing all spectators a perfect view of the tournament.

Several holes will look completely new from their original design. The result will be a course that's more aesthetically pleasing to resort guests and strategically more challenging to PGA Tour players during the Waste Management Phoenix Open.

Said Tom Weiskopf of the course renovations, "I am looking forward to getting the feedback from the players that compete in the 2015 Waste Management Phoenix Open, as well as the resort guests that have the opportunity to play the course after it reopens in November, 2014 and into the future. This was a great opportunity for me and for my company and I feel confident the end results to this project will ultimately be viewed as a huge success."

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# HIGH DEFINITION GOLF AT VERRADO GOLF CLUB

Over ten years ago, DMB, Inc. unveiled what has become, the wildly successful master planned community of Verrado. Set on just over 8,800 acres once used as the Caterpillar proving grounds, DMB, Inc gave carte blanche to Tom Lehman and John Fought toward creating what is now one of Phoenix's premier golf destinations.

Shortly after debuting in January, 2004, *GolfWeek* awarded the Verrado Golf Club with "America's Best

tips, Verrado plays to nearly 7,300 yards giving even the most accomplished player a thrilling test of golf. However, course architects Fought and Lehman created the course with generous landing areas and five sets of tee boxes ensuring players of all abilities a legitimate chance at par.

Claiming all holes are worthy of the ever popular "signature hole" Verrado is without only one, instead choosing to highlight four of the best.

If you like downhill par 3s,

to adjust for the slope off of the White Tanks.

If you had to pick just one, hole #13 a short par 4 dead uphill, would be the one. Only 310 yards sounds like a walk in the park, but not here. Hit a middle iron off the tee and error long on your approach shot for the best chance at par. With only two possible pin placements, this tiny green slopes back to front on both tiers. Good luck!

Everyone loves a great finishing hole, and this par 4,

Grille on a lively Friday night, or having a family gathering in the dining room, you'll be treated like one of the family at the Verrado Grille. With menu items ranging from Center Cut Filet Mignon to the Chopped Summer Salad, most will find something delicious to fit their palate.

The Verrado Golf Club has a reputation for hosting some of the best golf tournaments in the Valley. The Gateway/All American Pro Tour puts the Verrado Golf Club on



2005 – Top 40 New Golf Courses." Many accolades have since followed, including Golf magazine's "Top 10 New Golf Courses you can Play," *Golf Digest's* Power Rankings, and most recently *GolfWeek's* 2014 Best Courses you can Play ranking of #9 of the 25 best in Arizona.

With 18 championship holes, the golf course features a dramatic mountainside setting with massive rock outcroppings, large desert washes, picturesque box canyons, and dramatic elevation changes. The course also offers magnificent views of the nearby White Tank Mountains and the Phoenix skyline. From the

hole #3 is for you. At 222 yards, perched well above the green, this tee box offers great views of the surrounding valley. Play to the middle of the green and walk away satisfied with par. Notable fall offs on this green would be the deep bowl on the right side leading to a difficult pitch back onto the green.

At 477 yards, hole #8 is a par 4 with the #1 handicap title attached. This long, demanding hole requires a tee shot hit just right of the massive rock outcropping in order to successfully reach the fairway. Once safely on the fairway most will find they are faced with a long iron into a well protected green. Although a fairly easy green to read, make sure

495-yard hole just might be the best in Arizona! Playing downhill and downwind this hole provides a great view of the clubhouse, and the entire valley beyond. After successfully navigating the fairway bunkers, one is faced with another downhill shot to a well protected green.

With so many great holes, course conditions to compliment each of them, and service to make them all unforgettable, what else could you ask for? Well, the dining at Verrado Grille is equally impressive, whether enjoying dinner on the patio while watching a beautiful sunset, hanging out with friends listening to live music in the

their schedule every year, and sometimes twice. Additionally, Verrado hosts the Banner Thunderbird tournament, the Buckeye Valley Chamber, The Aqua Fria Foundation, Walmart, Westmarc and many other top charity fundraisers.

Heading into 2015 and beyond, the Verrado Golf Club will continue to top the list of great courses in Phoenix. And there are more big things coming! The developer who brought it all to life, DMB, Inc. will have the grand opening of Verrado's newest district, Victory, in January of 2015. Victory will be the coolest new 55-and-older community to hit Arizona in years! Check it out at [www.verrado.com](http://www.verrado.com).

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Peaks to the northeast and Red Mountain to the south, or the McDowell Mountains to the west.”

Throughout one’s round, you are greeted with all sorts of amazing light displays, as the shadows that are cast by the interplay of sun and moun-

par-4, a dogleg left. However, balance is provided by holes such as number 1, a drive and pitch-type hole, and by the 15th, which is drivable under the right conditions.”

The Cholla Course features an ideal blend of doglegs and straightaway holes, a mix of

all-important art form of tying the entrances to the greens into the greens themselves. The majority of the greens are open in front to allow for run-up shots. It is the subtle pitch and roll of the terrain on the approach to the greens that give each hole much of its unique playing characteristics.

Stretching 6,912 yards from the tips and playing to a par 71, Saguaro has been featured in numerous golf publications including Golfweek, which currently ranks it as the #1 public access course in Arizona. In addition, GOLF magazine named Saguaro one of the “Top 10 Best New Courses You Can Play” in the United States in 2007 and it currently sits at #41 on GOLF’s list of “Top 100 Courses You Can Play.”

“This piece of land has some very interesting natural movement to it,” said Crenshaw of the Saguaro course. “I think this golf course is pretty unique for the desert. People are asked to play different shots and find solutions to new challenges when playing this course.”

We-Ko-Pa’s two courses, Cholla and Saguaro, have much in common – both are meticulously maintained, both have received high praise from the golf media and consumers alike, and both offer a tranquil golf experience free of houses and roads, thus preserving the unobstructed mountain views of the Sonoran Desert. Or, more succinctly put, We-Ko-Pa is “Arizona’s ultimate golf experience.”



with every hole framed by Southwestern flora? We-Ko-Pa Golf Club, located just minutes from Scottsdale, is that special place you’re thinking of.

Since December 2001, all talk of We-Ko-Pa’s Cholla Course has revolved around the gifts that nature has bestowed and rightly so. Located on the Fort McDowell Yavapai Nation, We-Ko-Pa is blessed with jaw-dropping mountain vistas in every direction. In fact, “We-Ko-Pa” is the Yavapai pronunciation for “Four Peaks Mountain,” a rugged rock formation that looms imposingly to the northeast.

“In terms of desert scenery, the breadth of the views out here has no equal,” says We-Ko-Pa General Manager Matt Barr. “At any point in the round, you can look up and see a distinctive natural landmark, such as the Four

Peaks Mountain. As the tains approach the artistic. At sunset, the colors and textures approach the surreal.

We-Ko-Pa’s Cholla Course is the handiwork of architect Scott Miller. So spectacular are the views on the Cholla Course that the sound, strategic playing value of the holes that Miller designed could possibly get overlooked. Your first trip around will convince you otherwise. The variety in the routing and pacing of the holes will keep all levels of golfers entertained from opening tee shot to final tap-in.

“The variety that the Cholla Course provides is remarkable,” says Barr. “The teeth of the course are its collection of par 4s. We’ve got a number of holes that will demand the biggest and best from scratch players, such as the fourth, which runs about 470 yards and the sixth which checks in around 435 to 440. Number 16 is another stout

slender and ample fairways, and a balance of benign and rugged green complexes. The long and strong will challenge all of Cholla’s 7,225 yards, but well-spaced multiple tee boxes allow every type of player to enjoy the course, especially from the friendly front tees, which measure 5,289 yards.

The noted golf course architectural team of Bill Coore and Ben Crenshaw designed We-Ko-Pa’s second 18, the award-winning Saguaro Golf Course. Open since December 2006, Saguaro has design elements not commonly found in the desert Southwest. Saguaro is much like the older more traditional courses found on the east coast, where greens are close to tees and the course follows the natural movement of the land making walking easy and enjoyable.

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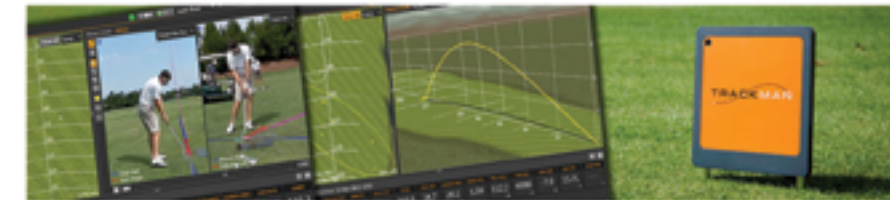
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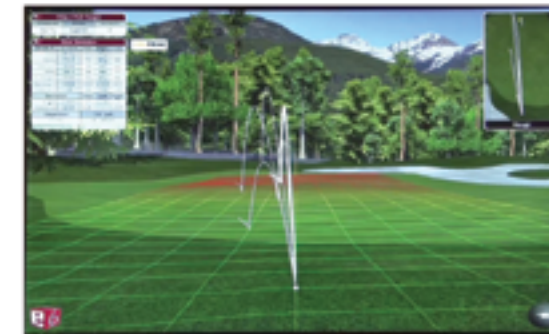


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its inception, the project has contributed more than \$2 million through a portion of contestants' entry fees, contests and donations.

## Moore Leaves Behind Long Legacy Of Assisting Evans Scholars

James E. Moore was appropriately named. His August death at age 73 reminded those he helped of his commitment to providing area caddies with more opportunities and more funding for tuition and housing supported by the Evans Scholars Foundation. Moore worked with the foundation in various capacities for over 47 years. During that time, thousands of caddies were beneficiaries of one of the country's most remarkable youth programs. He succumbed to pancreatic cancer at his home in north suburban Green Oaks.

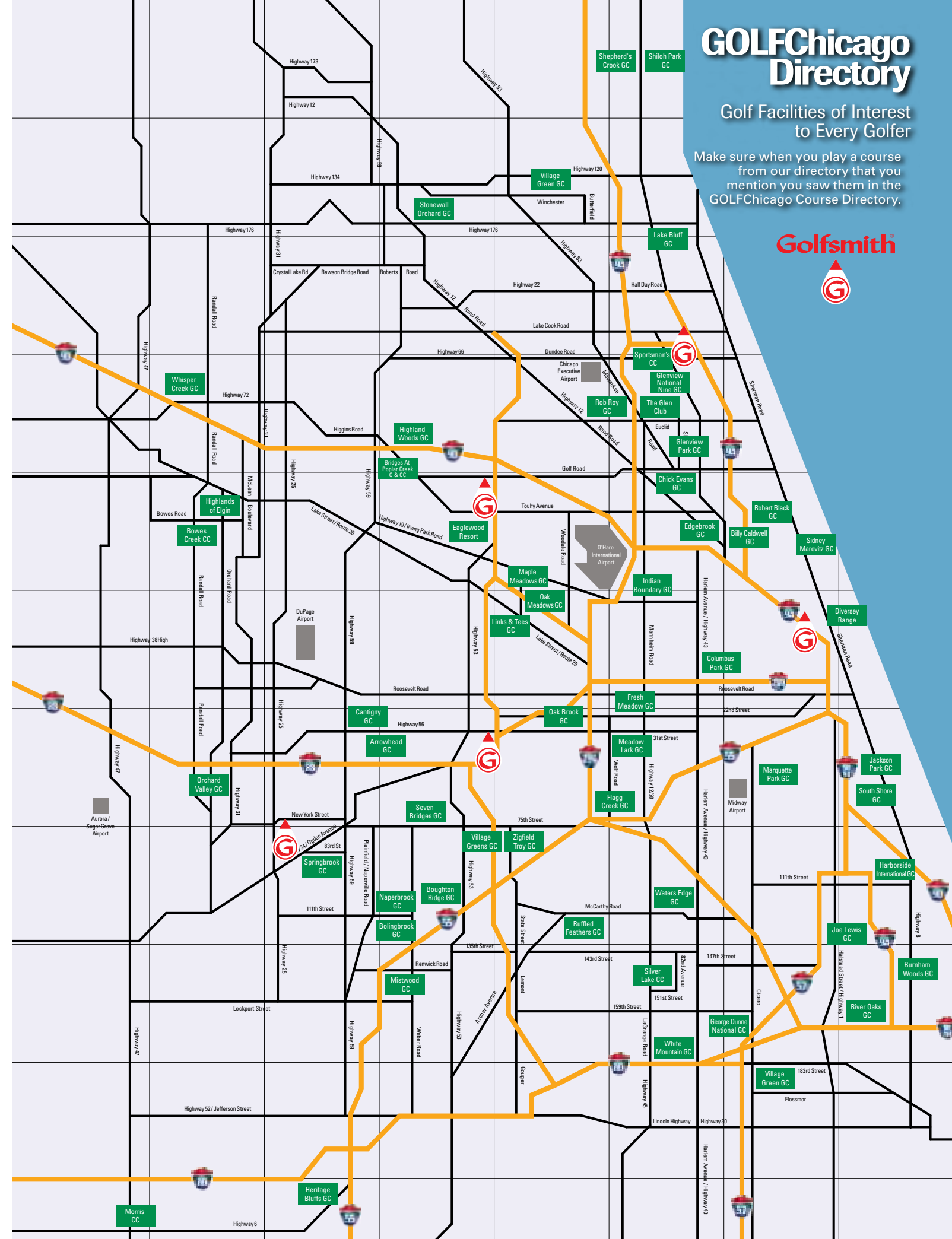
Moore was the educational director of the Evans Scholars Program from 1989 to 2008. Since 2008, he was the organization's chief fundraiser. During his tenure, the Evans program grew from 600 students in college and 1,000 alumni to 870 in school and almost 10,000 alumni.

## Topgolf in Naperville

Chicagoland will open its second Topgolf facility in Naperville in the spring of 2015. Topgolf has confirmed it will develop a three-level, 65,000-square-foot flagship location in Naperville. The new Topgolf Naperville will be located at the northwest corner of Interstate 88 and Route 59.

"The Topgolf team is extremely excited to join the Naperville community," said Topgolf Real Estate Director Zach Shor. "Naperville was a natural fit for Topgolf. The city is focused on providing great amenities to its residents and is known for being a great place to do business. Naperville is also consistently recognized as a top place to live with outstanding demographics. Our location at I-88 and Route 59 is ideal because it will provide easy access for Chicagoland residents from all four directions." Shor estimates that 450,000 will visit during TopGolf Naperville's first year.

You can follow Topgolf Naperville's progress at [topgolf.com](http://topgolf.com), on Facebook, and @topgolfchicago on Twitter and Instagram.



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### Arrowhead

630-653-5800  
26W151 Butterfield Rd.  
Wheaton, IL 60189  
[arrowheadgolfclub.org](http://arrowheadgolfclub.org)

Arrowhead Golf Club is recognized for its beautifully maintained course and inviting atmosphere.

Arrowhead is a public course which offers impeccable golfing conditions at affordable rates on three separate par 72 18-hole layouts surrounded by forest preserve. Players are enjoying new bunker renovations and enhancements to the West, East and South Courses. The practice area includes a lighted driving range, putting green and chipping green. Group and individual golf lessons available.



### Bolingbrook Golf Club

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

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

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



### Bowes Creek Country Club

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

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### Cantigny Golf

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

Designed by Roger Packard, Cantigny is both challenging and breathtakingly scenic. As part of its 25th anniversary celebration in 2014, Cantigny will host the Illinois State Amateur Championship for the fourth time.

The Cantigny Golf Academy is a prime practice and learning center. Junior golfers thrive at the 9-hole Cantigny Youth Links.

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847-299-5431

Downers Grove 60515  
630-932-4653

Fox Valley 60505  
630-723-5215

Naperville 60563  
630-579-9390

Oakbrook Terrace 60181  
630-396-2020

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847-517-1845

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847-327-0605



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Elgin, IL 60123  
[highlandsofelgin.com](http://highlandsofelgin.com)

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### Harborside International G.C.

312-782-7837  
11001 S. Doty Ave. East,  
Chicago, IL 60628  
[harborsidegolf.com](http://harborsidegolf.com)

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- Indian Boundary: 18 Holes
- Joe Louis: 18 Holes
- Meadowlark: 9 Holes
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### The Glen Club

847-724-7272  
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Glenview, IL 60026  
[theglenclub.com](http://theglenclub.com)

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### Lake Bluff Golf Club

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

Located on the scenic North Shore of Chicago, Lake Bluff Golf Club offers a beautiful and challenging layout in a traditional parkland setting. Lake Bluff Golf Club takes great pride in the immaculately conditioned bent grass fairways and greens. The club anxiously awaits hosting the 42nd Annual Lake County Amateur this Fall 27 and 28.



### Mistwood Golf Club

815-254-3333  
1700 W. Renwick Rd.  
Romeoville, IL 60446  
[www.mistwoodgc.com](http://www.mistwoodgc.com)

Mistwood Golf Club, with its recent multi-million dollar renovations and new state of the art golf-learning center, has become one of the premier golf experiences in the Chicagoland area. Mistwood, host of the Illinois Women's Open, features new Scottish style stacked sod-wall bunkers, which are not something seen in traditional American golf. Other amenities include a full-service pro shop, golf instruction, and wonderful dining.

- *Golf Magazine's* "2013 Best U.S. Renovation You Can Play"
- Golf Range Association of America "2013 Top 50 Golf Ranges"



### Orchard Valley Golf Course

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

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

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

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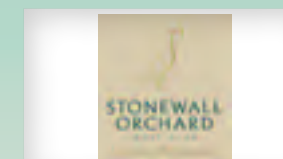
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### Rob Roy Golf Course

505 E Camp McDonald Rd  
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847-253-4544  
[www.robroygc.com](http://www.robroygc.com)

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### Stonewall Orchard

25675 W Highway 60  
Grayslake, IL 60030  
847-740-4890  
[stonewallorchard.com](http://stonewallorchard.com)

Cutting through hundred-year old oak and pine trees, Stonewall Orchard Golf Club has quickly become one of Chicago's most prolific public golf courses.

Since opening in 1999, The Arthur Hills-designed gem located in northwest suburban Grayslake has served as Final Stage Qualifying site for the U.S. Open and currently sits on rotation with Olympia Fields and Medinah Country Club as host site for the Illinois PGA Section Championship held every Fall.

To learn more, visit [stonewallorchard.com](http://stonewallorchard.com) or call 847-740-4890.







### Water's Edge Golf Course

7205 West 115th Street  
Worth, IL 60482  
708-671-1032  
[watersedgegolf.com](http://watersedgegolf.com)

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### Whisper Creek Golf Course

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Huntley, IL 60142  
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[whispercreekgolf.com](http://whispercreekgolf.com)

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### White Mountain Golf Park

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630-766-0304 500 W Jefferson Ave  
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[whitepinesgolf.com](http://whitepinesgolf.com)

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**Arlington Lake Golf Club**  
847-577-3030  
Arlington Heights, IL 60005

**Blackberry Oaks**  
630-553-7170  
Bristol, IL 60512  
[blackberryoaks.com](http://blackberryoaks.com)

**Bonnie Brook GC**  
847-360-4735  
2800 N. Lewis Ave.  
Waukegan, IL 60087  
[waukegangolf.org](http://waukegangolf.org)

**Boughton Ridge**  
630-739-4100  
Bolingbrook, IL 60440

**Coyote Run Golf Course**  
708-957-8700  
800 Kedzie  
Flossmoor IL 60422  
[coyoterungolf.com](http://coyoterungolf.com)

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

**Eaglewood Resort and Spa**  
630-773-3510  
1401 Nordic Rd.  
Itasca, IL 60143  
[eaglewoodresort.com](http://eaglewoodresort.com)

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

**The First Tee of Aurora & Fox Valley**  
630-499-0680  
1001 Hill Avenue  
Aurora, IL 60505  
[thefirstteeaurora.org](http://thefirstteeaurora.org)

**The First Tee of Greater Chicago**  
773-885-8258  
2901 W. Lake Avenue, Suite A  
Glenview, IL 60025  
[thefirstteegreaterchicago.org](http://thefirstteegreaterchicago.org)

**Flagg Creek Golf Course**  
708-246-3336  
6939 S. Wolf Road  
Countryside, IL 60525  
[flaggcreekgolfcourse.org](http://flaggcreekgolfcourse.org)

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

**Fox Bend Golf Course**  
630-554-3939  
3516 Route 34  
Oswego, IL 60543  
[foxbendgolfcourse.com](http://foxbendgolfcourse.com)

Par 72  
Yardage: 6,890 – 5,325  
Weekday: \$38 walk  
\$54 ride  
Weekend: \$43 walk  
\$59 ride  
Jr./Sr. Rates: Yes  
Twilight Rates: Yes  
Banquets/Outings: Yes  
Resident rates available

**Grand Geneva Resort and Spa**  
262-248-8811  
Lake Geneva, WI 53147

**Green Meadows Golf Club**  
630-810-5330  
18 W 201 West 63rd Street  
Westmont, IL 60559  
[DuPageGolf.com](http://DuPageGolf.com)

Par 30  
Yardage: 1,888 - 1,545 yds.  
Weekday: \$14 walk  
\$22 ride  
Weekend: \$16 walk  
\$24 ride  
\*Frequent specials on course website  
Discount Program: Yes  
Jr./Sr. Rates: Yes  
Twilight Rates: No  
Banquets/Outings: No

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**Indian Oaks Country Club**  
815-824-2282  
Shabbona, IL 60550  
9 Holes  
3,379 yards  
[indianoaksc.com](http://indianoaksc.com)

**Kids Golf Foundation of Illinois**  
Golf Changes Kids' Lives  
630-466-0913  
P.O. Box 610  
Sugar Grove, IL 60554  
[kidsgolffoundation.org](http://kidsgolffoundation.org)

**Links & Tees Golf Facility**  
630-458-2660  
Addison, IL 60101  
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[addisonparks.org](http://addisonparks.org)

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### Maple Meadows Golf Club

630-616-8424  
272 Addison Rd.  
Wood Dale, IL 60191  
[DuPageGolf.com](http://DuPageGolf.com)

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

\*Frequent specials on course website

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

**Martin Design Partnership, Ltd.**  
Golf Course Architecture and Design  
630-482-2532  
335 N. River Street  
Suite 201  
Batavia, IL 60510  
[mdpltd.com](http://mdpltd.com)

**Naperbrook Golf Course**  
630-378-4215  
22204 W. Hassert Boulevard  
Plainfield, IL 60585  
[golfnaperville.org](http://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

**Oak Brook Golf Club**  
630-368-6400  
2606 York Road  
Oak Brook, IL 60523  
[oak-brook.org/recreation](http://oak-brook.org/recreation)

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

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### Oak Meadows Golf Club

630-595-0071  
900 N. Wood Dale Road  
Addison, IL 60101  
[DuPageGolf.com](http://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

**Sentry World**  
866-479-6753  
Stevens Point, WI 54481  
18 holes  
Par 72  
6,951 yards  
[sentryworld.com](http://sentryworld.com)

**Shepherd's Crook**  
847-872-2080  
351 N. Green Bay Rd.  
Zion, IL 60099  
[shepherdsbrook.org](http://shepherdsbrook.org)

**Shiloh Park**  
847-746-5500  
23rd and Bethesda Blvd.  
Zion, IL 60099  
[shilohparkgolf.com](http://shilohparkgolf.com)

**Springbrook Golf Course**  
630-848-5060  
2220 W. 83rd Street  
Naperville, IL 60564  
[golfnaperville.org](http://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

**Village Greens**  
630-985-3610  
Woodridge, IL 60517

**Western Golf Association / Evans Scholars Foundation**  
[westerngolfassociation.com](http://westerngolfassociation.com)

**White Pines Dome**  
630-776-0304, ext. 5  
Bensenville, IL 60106  
[whitepinesdome.com](http://whitepinesdome.com)

**Zigfield Troy Par 3**  
630-985-9860  
1535 W. 75th Street  
Woodridge, IL 60517



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# Reading with a Purpose

The President's Caddy  
By Tony Rosa  
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jackpotpress@gmail.com

**“Y**ou never know what rewards await around the corner.”

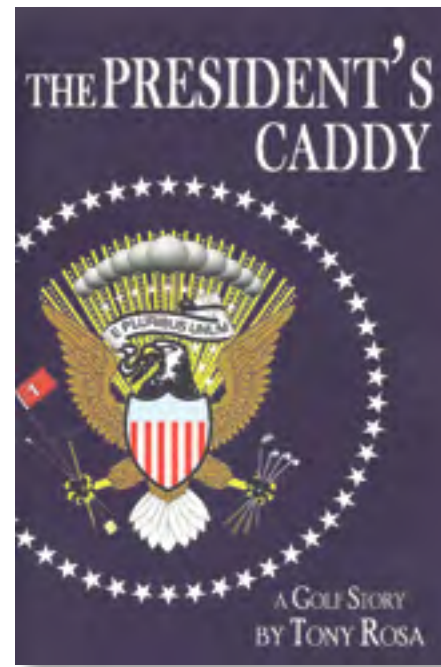
Tony Rosa did not want to write another teen novel. Convinced he had nothing more to say about golf, Rosa swore that *Birdie* was his last effort for young readers. Which, had his proclamation held true, would have been a shame after his efforts with *Two for Tee*, *The Schoolboy*, and *Birdie*. Rosa's realistic fiction, intermingled life lessons with golf and teenage angst, takes readers beyond golf analogies to believable conflicts. His stories may not be well known among golf literature aficionados, but they should be.

Rosa's latest effort, *The President's Caddy*, is part fiction and part autobiography. Rosa admits that it is, “Kind of an oxymoron isn't it?” He did caddy for President Gerald Ford in 1978, and there are a few parallel events in *The President's Caddy*. Rosa's protagonist is a sixteen-year-old caddy who continues to learn a few of life's lessons the hard way. The genius of Rosa is that his characters do not lean on mystical encounters or journeys of self-awareness. The plot is how, by sheer luck, a teenager can land a gig carrying the president's golf bag after committing a ‘Big Goof’ and falling on his face.

*The President's Caddy* is an engaging tale that teaches that soft skills will carry a young man far in life. For the sake of young readers, let's hope Rosa continues to write for teenagers and provide realistic heroes who are accountable for their actions and prepared for success.

## ON THE SHELF

Between the Covers



# A Bastion in Beaune

**B**eaune, France, may be the wine capital of the Côte D'Or, if not all of Burgundy. It is home to important vineyards, as well as influential wine merchants, or *négociants*.

One of the oldest of these is Domaine Chanson, founded in 1750. Chanson's holdings comprise some of Burgundy's most coveted vineyards (over 94 acres, 17 in white, the rest in red), including 10 Premier Crus and one Grand Cru.

In 1777, Chanson bought the cellars they still occupy today. To store the 100,000 bottles then in inventory, in 1794 they acquired the large round Bastion de l'Oratoire. The bastion is a massive 15th-century fortress and an internationally celebrated icon of Burgundy.

Chanson still vinifies and cellars its wines in the bastion as it has for over 200 years. The 30-foot-thick walls of this ancient fortress make it ideal for winemaking. While the ground floor (the coolest) serves as a vinothèque or “vintage wine library,” vinification and cask-aging take place on the second and third floors.

The bastion holds Chanson's approximately 3,000 barrels of wine. The proportions of new oak are roughly 25% for whites and 30 to 35% for the reds.

“The temperature of the bastion never varies,” explains Chanson general manager Gilles de Courcel. “It is ideal for cold maceration of the bunches. In the springtime, we might open one of the cellar doors to allow the warm air in. We never accelerate malolactic fermentation. We allow it to occur spontaneously and naturally. We use only the best cuvées and we never hurry the process. This is how we maintain the freshness, purity, and fragrance of the wines.”

2010 Clos des Mouches \$95  
This chardonnay is classified as a Premier Cru, Burgundy's second highest ranking. The grapes came from a mere 4.9 acres of difficult soil mixed with limestone, clay, and silica.

Although this pale gold wine spent 14 months in French oak, both on the nose and palate the wood is delicate and restrained. Aromas and tastes of citrus fruit predominate, with a hint of spice on the long finish. This is a white that needs to breathe for at least 30 minutes.

The generous acidity makes this an excellent food wine. Fish Filets Poached in White Wine

and a Julienen of Vegetables, Fresh Shucked Oysters, or Chicken Fricassee would all pair well. ■■■■■

2010 Clos Des Fèves \$95  
*Clos* loosely translates as “enclosed vineyard.” Clos des Fèves is a rare ‘monopole’ Premier Cru vineyard, where the entire vineyard is owned by a single grower. This 9.4-acre site is one of the highest in Beaune, with an unforgiving soil of clay and limestone.

This Pinot Noir is a transparent ruby in the glass, with aromas of blackberry and plum. After an hour in the air, the wine comes alive with the flavors of the fruit (although as the French prefer, not fruit-forward) and the elegant tannins. The finish is quite long for a Pinot Noir. Excellent now, this wine will probably be better in five years.

This wine calls for classic dishes such as Steak au Poivre, Boeuf Bourguignon, Cassoulet, or Rôti de Porc Grand' Mère. ■■■■■

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# Tour Notes and Reflections

## FROM THE FRINGE

Insights on the PGA Tour



Jim Owczarski

What a year it's been in the world of pro golf. The inaugural "wraparound" PGA Tour season that began last October finally, mercifully, concluded on August 17 at the Wyndham Championship, ending a strange regular season on the PGA Tour.

An astounding 34 different men won tournaments this year, and none with the last name of Woods or Mickelson. Only six players won multiple times, with Rory McIlroy saving everyone a headache in Player of the Year voting by capturing two majors.

On the women's side, Michelle Wie "finally" won a major at the ripe old age of 24, giving American women victories in three of the four major championships played by press time. The last time three different American women won majors in a year? You have to go back to 1997 with Betsy King (Kraft Nabisco), Christa Johnson (LPGA Championship), and Colleen Walker (du Maurier Classic).

Let's take a look at how those with deep Chicagoland ties fared:

Wilson Golf celebrated its 100th anniversary in 2014, with Winfield-native Kevin Streelman marking the centennial with a record-breaking victory at the Travelers Championship earlier in the year.

The victory catapulted Streelman to one of his best seasons on the PGA Tour. At press time he's the 43rd-ranked player in the world, and entered the FedEx Cup Playoffs at No. 39 (through the Wyndham Championship).

He told *GOLFChicago* last year he saved his first Masters invitation and the note from Arnold Palmer congratulating him on his first victory, but I wanted to know what happened to the sticks he used to set a PGA Tour record seven-straight birdies back in June.

Did he retire some wedges, or put 'em in a glass case?

"You know, we had a charity coming up in Raleigh [North Carolina] and I was going to put my tour bag up that I used for the win, and get it signed by a bunch of pro's, and I was like, oh, I think I might hold on to it," Streelman said with a laugh. "Certain things like that—I might hold on to the irons and the bag I used for that record. It's something I won't forget."

### Around the Tours

Streelman's win highlighted the year for Chicago-area players in an unusually pedestrian season by the group. The University of Illinois contingent had an OK season as a whole. Two-time tour winner D.A. Points contended early at the Wyndham and finished a season-best tied for 18th, but struggled for most of the season. In his fourth season as a pro, Scott Langley was

also atop that Wyndham leaderboard before finishing 12th. He only had one top 10 in the year, but advanced into the playoffs.

In his third year as a touring pro, Luke Guthrie finished with two top 10s and also made the playoffs. Finally, the Illinois Godfather—Steve Stricker—flirted with another major at the PGA Championship and secured a vice captaincy at the Ryder Cup under Tom Watson.

Former world No. 1 Luke Donald had a very quiet year, missing cuts at The Masters and U.S. Open and not factoring into the equation at the British Open and PGA Championship. He finished second at the RBC Heritage back in April.

Elmhurst's Mark Wilson, a five-time winner on the Tour, struggled in the 2013-14 wraparound season, missing 16 cuts in 25 events with his best finish coming in May at the Wells Fargo Championship (tie 24).

Venturing farther north, former Western Open champ and Madison, Wisconsin, native Jerry Kelly enjoyed a bounceback year, getting into the FedEx Cup playoffs with two third-place finishes and four top 10s.

The locals fared better on the Champions Tour, with Hinsdale's Jeff Sluman leading the way with a victory at the Big Cedar Lodge Legends of Golf in June, and six other top 10 finishes to rank fifth in the Charles Schwab Cup ranking at press time. Berwyn native Gary Hallberg continued his good play with a top 10 and two top 25s as well.

I remember, clearly, the 2009 Solheim Cup at Rich Harvest Farms in Sugar Grove. The United States beat Europe 16-12 behind a controversial captain's pick named Michelle Wie, and it sticks with me to this day because of the incredible golf and experience, one that the Ryder Cup at Medinah could only match (yes, match, not surpass).

I think about it as Rich Harvest is gearing up to host another women's team event, the International Crown, in 2016. Spain won the inaugural event this July in Maryland beating Sweden by four. The U.S. finished a distant sixth.

The result matters little. What matters is that this entire event can be traced back to Jerry Rich's desire to bring the LPGA back to his course, back to the Chicagoland area and Illinois.

In an era of major golf leaving Chicago, we're again gearing up for something big. More than that, though, the creation of this much-needed global event could be the crowning achievement for Rich, who has long been a benefactor of the Western Golf Association and amateur golf.

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