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The secret to increasing participation and enjoyment in golf came to us from Shanty Creek Resort in northern Michigan. A simple adjustment to the way we look at a round of golf may be the idea that sends our industry back into the black. This season, Shanty Creek's Schuss Mountain course began a permanent program that utilizes an 8-inch cup, in addition to its traditional 4¼-inch cup, on every green. This initiative is part of the "Golf 2.0" campaign that Jack Nicklaus has been urging members of the PGA to adopt to restore fun, particularly for women and junior players, to the game.

The 8-inch cups appear to be the size of dinner plates and are positioned toward the back of each green. After Greg and his 8-year-old son Ben played just a few holes, both began a memorable round that will not

be forgotten. The usual problem for kids is that they reach the green and proceed to four-, five-, or even six-putt. For many beginners, the fun stops there. With the dinner plate-sized cups at Shanty Creek, par became a reality for Ben, which happened on the



fifth hole. Sure, they adjusted Ben's tees to executive length, but to reach a green in regulation and hit the bottom of the over-sized cup in just four strokes was pure joy for the youngster.

We challenge our Chicagoland courses to follow Shanty Creek's lead and take our favorite game to kids and beginners. Are you listening golf course decision-makers? Our pledge to leaders that install 8-inch cups on their courses is this: GOLFChicago Magazine will: 1) include your initiative in our Sweet Home Chicago department; 2) send the news to our facebook.com fans, and 3) create a new tab on our website celebrating courses that grow the game with 8-inch cups. All you need to do is dig out the kid-friendly cups and then send us a note announcing your commitment to making golf more fun for the next generation of avid golfers. Deal?

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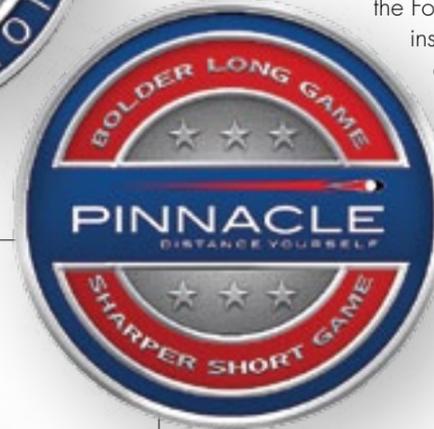


Mark of a Warrior

Since 2007, Labor Day weekend has been our sports annual Patriot Golf Day. These events are the flagship fundraisers for the Folds of Honor Foundation, a non-profit organization that provides post-secondary educational scholarships for the children and spouses of military men and women killed or disabled while serving in the United States Armed Forces.

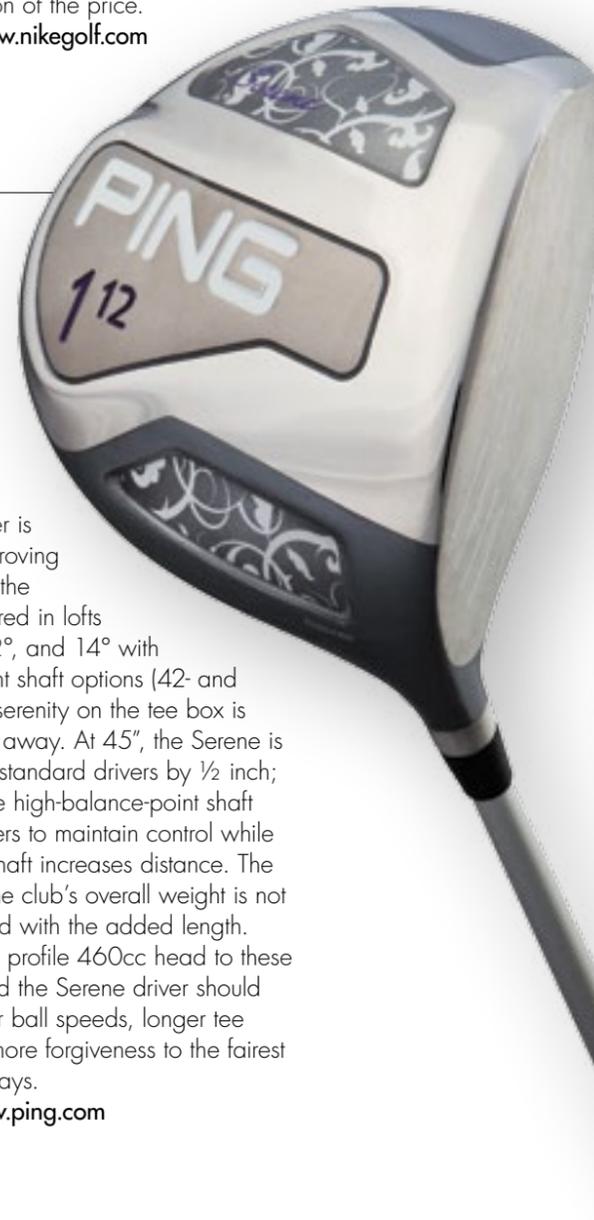
Pinnacle, one of the founding members of Patriot Golf Day, is releasing a limited edition Folds Of Honor Commemorative Coin, which pays tribute to the U.S. Military tradition of carrying a unique coin. Golfers who purchase a specially marked Pinnacle Gold 15-ball pack will receive the Folds of Honor Commemorative Coin included inside the packaging. For information on the Folds of Honor Foundation and Patriot Golf Day, visit www.foldsofhonor.org.

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Cape Cool

The influence of the Eastern shore and the classic fashion seen around Martha's Vineyard and Nantucket highlight Tommy Hilfiger's 2012 golf apparel. The Cape Cod collection captures the seaboard style of the Kennedys on holiday. Hilfiger's retro perspective is a fresh addition to any golfer's wardrobe; moreover, the Cape Cod collection is timeless and projects an air of taste and refinement on and off the course. www.tommyhilfiger.com



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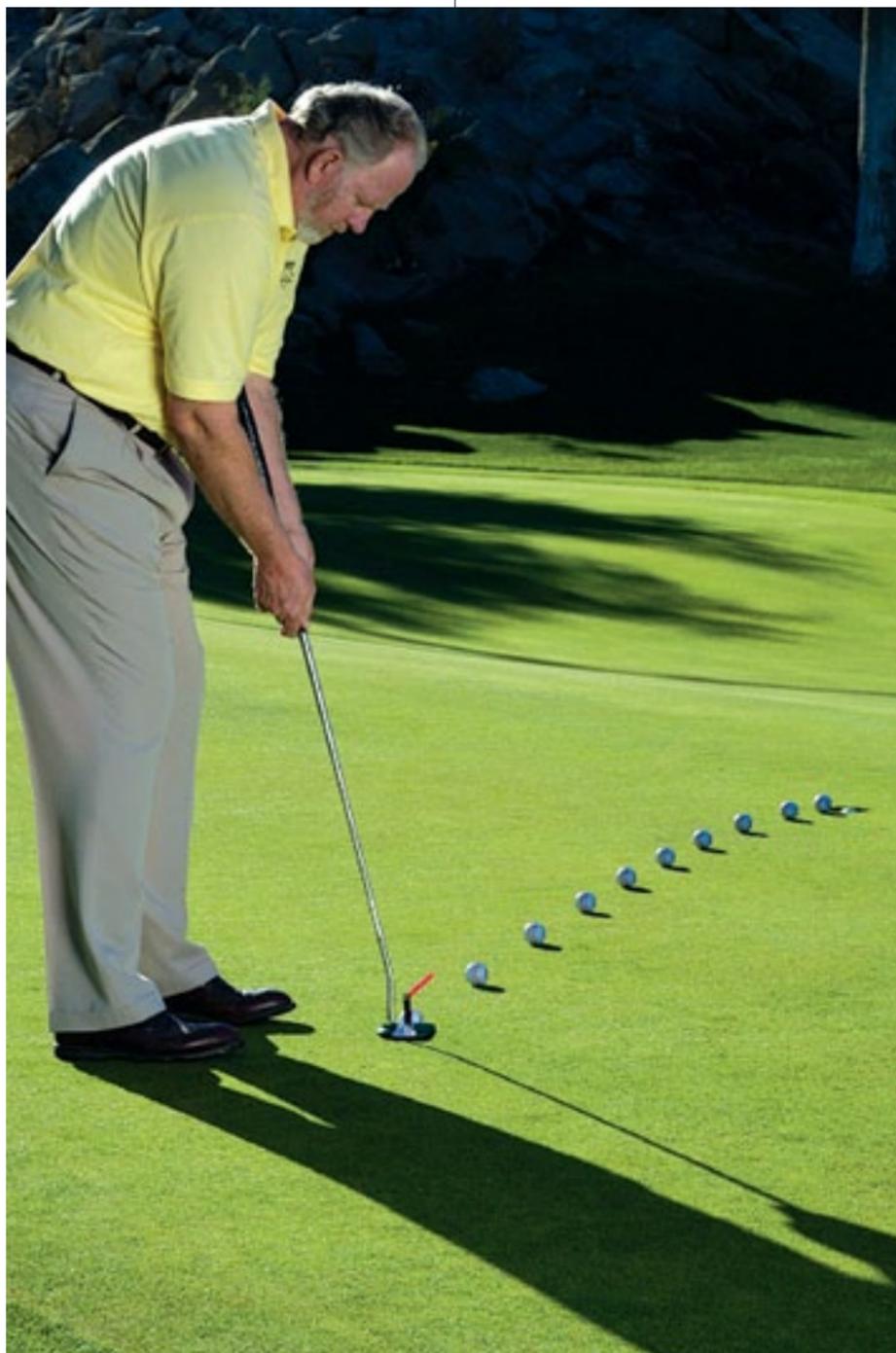


Practice With a Belly Putter to Assess Your Stroke

Drills using belly and long putters have long been a staple of the Dave Pelz Scoring Game Schools. These clubs do a great job of helping golfers identify

and correct two common and damaging errors: forearm rotation and wrist hinge.

Although rotating your forearms through impact is a key part of hitting



Short
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Advisor



Dave Pelz



quality shots with your irons and woods, it's not good when putting. In addition to adding unwanted putter head speed, forearm rotation increases the chances of hitting putts off line. As for wrist hinge, too many golfers see it as a viable way to stroke putts. It works okay in practice, but when you're on the course and the pressure of making a putt is very real, your wrists go from loose to tense, robbing you of feel and the ability to control speed.

In either case, you should give belly putting a try, because it'll help your short putting. Just make sure to take three tips from a man who has "been there" for many such tests, and remember: the belly putter is not a panacea for all putts. You may struggle to get long putts close to the hole at first. If you're still not feeling it after practicing lag putts, commit to using two putters: the belly for short putts and a standard model for long ones. My research shows that putting is 43 percent of the average amateur's game, and you won't miss the long iron that the belly putter replaces.

Step 1: Build A Base

Make your stance three inches wider than normal. This will keep you body stable and prevent you from swaying.

Step 2: Use Your Grip

After tucking the butt of the grip into your belly, place your hands the same distance above the ground as you normally do with your regular putter, even if you putt with a left-hand-low grip. The key is to avoid the mistake of gripping the club at the top of the handle close to your belly. Just get comfortable and then take your hold.

Step 3: Anchor It In

Since it's common for golfers to stub their takeaway when first putting with a belly model, raise the putter head slightly off the ground by pulling the grip gently into your belly before you start your backstroke. Then match your stroke length to how far you need to roll the ball, and you'll be set to hole a lot more putts.

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C It's gotta be the shoes! **Nike Golf's NG Dunk Golf Shoes** are hip, urban, old school, and one of our hard court favorites from the 1980s. They are also one of the best walking golf shoes on the market. Forget about your dad's wing tipped cockroach crunchers; Dunks are soft leather and can go from the shoebox to the tee box without blisters or a break-in period. Available in many different colors, these skids are not just for the Twilight generation. With a wide foot bed, an effective cleat pattern, and the comfort of a basketball sneaker, even grandpa will join the urban ranks after trying these kicks. Courses may require a collared shirt, but Nike's Dunks fly under the dress code while allowing fashion rebels to keep their street cred on the links.
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D There is more to **Titleist's Velocity Golf Balls** than double digits. On the surface, the threesome in each sleeve is numbered with double digits (00, 11, 22, and 33), which is beyond cool if you are tired of the traditional, plain Jane numbers 1 through 4. However, under the cover, the Velocity is geared to produce super-fast ball speed, which equates to more distance. The core uses Titleist's LSX technology; this is the fastest core in *any* Titleist ball on the market. Velocity's NaZ2 ionomer cover blend is best described as firm. While the 'feel' of Velocity around the greens is harder than Pro-V1s and NXT Tour balls, it is not a range rock and will stop if you impart enough spin.
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The Heat Was On at the Open

The first word to describe this staging of the U.S. Women's Open Championship is HOT! The temperature was hot, the Korean players were hot, and the play of the eventual winner, Na Yeon Choi, was hot. Fortunately, none of the players matched their scores with the temperatures the first few days, which reached over 100 degrees. Kudos, though, to the fans, volunteers, and everyone associated with the Open, as everyone survived the triple digit temperatures.

Our American golfers contended, but faded over the weekend. By Sunday evening, our top finishers were Paula Creamer who tied for 7th place, and Cristie Kerr and Nicole Castrale who tied for 9th. 17-year-old phenom Lexi Thompson finished tied for 14th, while Brittany Lincicome and Vicky Hurst tied for 18th. Fan favorite Michelle Wie tied for 35th place, but showed some signs of gaining back her former prowess when she shot a 66 in the second round. Wie draws huge crowds at any tournament, and the Open was no exception. It would be a real asset for the LPGA Tour if Wie could get on a hot streak as she most certainly brings a full gallery of fans to each tournament.

Beat the Heat with Layers?

Why were so many players wearing long sleeves and socks in such stifling weather? I was asked this question by so many people I decided to look into it. It turns out that those long sleeves are actually sun guards or UV sleeves—they wick away sweat and have UV protection against the sun, which many of the players said actually cools them off and prevents them from getting too much sun. The sleeves and socks are usually a blend of polyester/spandex materials and are available through a variety of companies here and abroad. With so many players wearing them, including eventual champion Choi, I'd say they must have something up their sleeve! As for the long socks we often see Ai Miyazato and several others wearing, they are not only for sun protection. Some of them are also compression socks which keep leg muscles relaxed and helps avoid cramping in the excessive heat and long hours out on the course.

Cool Happenings at the Open

Lizette Salas of California is living the American Dream. As a daughter of Mexican immigrant parents, Salas' father, Ramon, began taking his daughter to where he worked at Azusa Greens Golf Club in California when an older son didn't want to play. He paid for lessons by doing handyman work around the club pro's home. Salas, a tour rookie, shared the first-round lead after shooting 69. Salas finished tied for 32nd and was followed every day by her family and over the weekend had another very famous golfer of Mexican descent in her gallery...Hall-of-Famer Nancy Lopez.

Cheyenne Woods—yes, she is the niece of Tiger Woods and this was her first Women's

Open. A recent Wake Forest graduate, Woods recently turned professional. She is showing great promise on the LPGA Tour; unfortunately, she missed the cut. We'll be seeing a lot more of Woods as she earns her stripes "inside the ropes."

Acts of Kindness

During the heat (literally) of the final round, Amy Yang, also a Korean native, picked up her sun umbrella and placed it over not only her head, but also that of her main competitor, Na Yeon Choi on several holes. A very sweet gesture that many other golfers wouldn't consider—aiding the competition. Yang finished in solo second place, but won over a lot of fans with her act of kindness.

Singing in the Van

During the shuttle bus ride from the Media Center out to the nearby parking lot and the driver asked me and the gentleman next to me where we were from...with three large format cameras strapped all over him, he said "Tokyo." When I asked him if he was covering Ai Miyazato (who is treated like a rock star in Japan and has a huge media crew following her at all tournaments), he said "yes." We were silent for a few seconds when an Aretha Franklin song came on the radio and he started belting it out and mock dancing to it and in the middle said "I love American music!" Spending my birthday covering the final round of a golf tournament and having

this fun guy from Tokyo sing as we departed the tournament was a great end to my week at the Open...way cool.

Hot News

2013 Solheim Cup Captain Meg Mallon has selected Dottie Pepper as Assistant Captain for 13th staging of event in Denver, Colorado. A brave move on the part of Mallon with the somewhat mixed history Pepper has with the Solheim Cup. As a player, Pepper was a stellar performer, and as a broadcaster she has been excellent except for the huge faux pas in the 2007 matches when she thought she was off the air and called out the US Team as "chokin' dogs." Ever apologetic, Pepper was forgiven by

many, although some still hold a bit of resentment. She bleeds red, white and blue, so blame it on Pepper's fiery personality and fierce patriotism when it comes to the Solheim Cup. It will be interesting to see how she handles herself and the duties as assistant captain next August. In another show of Dottie's "peppery" personality, network broadcaster Dan Hicks asked Pepper and Hall-of-Famer Annika Sorenstam, "What happens down the road if you, Dottie, and Annika end up as team captains?" Pepper immediately shouted, "Let me at 'em." Then she reached as if to choke Sorenstam, who at the same time had gently reached out and grabbed Pepper's arms. When the Solheim returns, hang onto your red, white, and blue hats!



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Second Annual 'World's Largest Golf Outing' For Heroes

Eight Chicago-area courses managed by Billy Casper Golf will host the second annual "World's Largest Golf Outing" to benefit Wounded Warrior Project™ (WWP) on Monday, August 13.

The simultaneous golf outing at more than 100 BCG-managed courses in 24 states is open to golfers of all abilities and does not require a USGA handicap.

Chicagoland courses participating are: Chick Evans Golf Course (Morton Grove), George Dunne National Golf Course (Oak Forest), Highland Woods Golf Course (Hoffman Estates), Indian Boundary Golf Course (Chicago), Orchard Valley Golf Course (Aurora), River Oaks Golf Course (Calumet City), Water's Edge Golf Club (Worth) and Whisper Creek Golf Club (Huntley Meadows).

Registration for the World's Largest Golf Outing is at www.worldslargestgolfouting.com.

The multifaceted mission of the Wounded Warrior Project is to honor and empower wounded warriors, to raise awareness, to enlist the public's aid for the needs of injured service members, to help injured servicemen and women aid and assist each other, and to provide unique, direct programs and services to meet their needs. WWP is a national, nonpartisan organization headquartered in Jacksonville, Florida. To get involved and learn more, visit www.woundedwarriorproject.org.

You don't hit anything on the backswing, so why rush it?—Doug Ford



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Amateur Wins State Women's Open

Two amateurs and a pro went head-to-head at the 18th Annual Phil Kolin Illinois Women's Open in July with Samantha Troyanovich of Grosse Pointe Shores, Michigan, emerging as the champion on the first extra hole. Troyanovich, an amateur and a recent graduate of Tulane University, sunk a three-and-a-half foot putt in the playoff to fend off fellow amateur Samantha Postillion of Burr Ridge and professional Lauren Mielbrechth of Gulf Stream, Florida.

Playing at the recently renovated Mistwood Golf Club in

Romeoville, the three all tied at one-under-par 215 during regulation play. Postillion, whose mother Kerry won this tournament three times, fired an impressive 3-under-par final round of 69 to reach the playoff. Finishing one stroke off the pace in regulation were Brittany Johnston of Akron, Ohio, and Ashley Armstrong (a) of Flossmoor. Armstrong, a Notre Dame sophomore, played in last month's U.S. Women's Open at Blackwolf Run, but failed to make the weekend cut.



Samantha Troyanovich
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The playoff, which started on the par-5 No. 3, ended quickly after both Postillion and Mielbrechth missed long birdie opportunities. Troyanovich put herself in position to secure her first victory by hitting a brilliant 20-yard chip shot near the hole. "I thought [the chip shot] was a conservative play that I could be aggressive with. I pictured my pitch shot and pulled it off and left myself a three-and-a-half footer."

Postillion, who carded five birdies and two bogies to tie for the round of the day, had fired rounds of 72 - 74 to put herself in position for the title. Second round leader Stephanie Miller (a) of Wauconda finished in a tie for 12th. 2006 and 2011 Illinois Women's Open champion Jenna Pearson fired 75-75-75=225 to finish tied for 13th.

A golf swing is a collection of corrected mistakes.

—Carol Mann

Golfers Set to Glow At Naperbrook Course in August

Two-person scramble teams will take on a modified version of Naperbrook Golf Course in the dark using glow balls on August 17th. Players 18 years or older are invited to take on a 7-hole course teeing off at 9 p.m. on a shotgun start. The \$75 per team entry fee includes a pre-game dinner, green fees, equipment rental, prizes, and beverages. Entries, which must be submitted by mail, fax, or in person to Naperbrook G.C. by Sunday, August 12, are limited to the first 36 teams (72 players). Due to safety concerns involved with night golf, the event is walking only. For more information, call the club at 630-378-4215.

Parent/Junior Glow Golf At Cantigny Golf in Wheaton

Parents and their children are invited to take part in a two-person scramble event to be played at night. A \$60 per team entry fee includes green fees for the 4-hole tournament along with a tee gift for every junior player; skills contest; glow-in-the-dark golf balls; glow-in-the-dark necklace and flashlight; buffet dinner; and refreshments around the practice green. This will be a walking-only tournament. Tee times run between 8:05 p.m. and 9:35 p.m. For registration information, call the Cantigny golf shop at 630-260-8197.



Classic Suburban Courses To Host First Cross Town Classic

Golfers are invited to play in the Inaugural Cross Town Classic—a unique four-person scramble event to be played Sunday, August 19, on a single day over two classic Chicago-area golf courses. The historic Downers Grove Golf Club 9-hole course (the first course west of the Alleghenies) will be played along with the 9-hole River Bend Golf Course in Lisle to complete an 18-hole tournament. Activities commence with a continental breakfast and registration from 7:00 - 8:00 a.m. at Downers Grove with a shotgun start at 8:00 a.m. Foursomes then travel to play their second nine holes at River Bend Golf Club in Lisle with a shotgun start at 12:00 p.m.. A BBQ cookout will be held in the tent following the tournament.

Entry fees are \$65 per golfer, minimum age 18. For more information and to schedule a tee time, call 630-963-1306.

Local Distributor Launches GolferAID Drink

Lifestyle Beverages in Elmhurst has introduced a beverage specially designed specifically to hydrate golfers. GolferAID is touted as an advanced functional beverage formulated with vitamins. The product does not contain high fructose corn syrup, caffeine, or any artificial ingredients. The beverage has a light citrus flavor, is 45 calories per 12 oz. serving and contains almost three grams of supplements designed to aid the golfer's body, mind, and spirit. Now available at many area golf clubs, the product is distributed exclusively through Lifestyle Beverages. For more information, call 630-941-7000.

In golf, driving is a game of free-swinging muscle control, while putting is something like performing eye surgery and using a bread knife for a scalpel.

—Tommy Bolt

Department of Corrections

In our July 2012 Sweet Home Chicago department, we incorrectly listed Scott Nei as a PGA Professional. Nei is not a member of that organization.

Points Well Taken

At the John Deere Classic, we tossed a few softballs at Pekin, Illinois, native D.A. Points.

GC: At this point in the PGA Tour season, is it more difficult to stay sharp physically or mentally?

DP: Probably mental because I put myself in a pretty decent position and one great week could get me in a really good position. I'm getting close. Physically you can take the right time off and doing your training all year you should still be ok."

GC: How will you spend the off-season?

DP: Drinking wine. [laughs] My wife and I like to visit Napa once a year and it's something we enjoy with our friends. It's a hobby.

GC: What can be done on the Tour about slow play?

DP: I don't know if there is anything you can do. Course set up is a big factor. We're playing for a lot of money, so if you get out there and start flailing away and start hitting shots and you're not thinking about them just to play faster...it's going to look ugly. It's kind of sad but that's the way it goes.

GC: What are your favorite memories of golf in Chicago?

DP: I got engaged at the Western Open so that's a big one. My first professional tournament was the Chicago Open at Beverly [Country Club] and Beverly is one of my favorite courses of all time. I also played a few years in the Radix Cup matches and that was cool to be a part of a team competition.



D.A. Points Photo: Greg Jourdan



Moët & Chandon Named Official Champagne of PGA

The PGA of America announced August 1 that Moët & Chandon has been named the official champagne of the PGA of America. Moët & Chandon is enhancing its rich heritage as an icon of victorious celebration and winning moments with this first foray in American golf, beginning with the Ryder Cup at Medinah Country Club.

The partnership links one of the world's premier champagne brands with one of the world's largest sports organizations. "We cannot envision a better addition to the many magical moments at our championships than Moët & Chandon," said PGA of America President Allen Wronowski.

Ludovic du Plessis, vice president of Moët & Chandon North America, echoed Wronowski's sentiments. "Through the magic of champagne," he said, "we look forward to creating unique and unforgettable 'Moët moments' with the PGA of America.

Parent-Child Tournament At Fox Bend August 19th

Parents and grandparents of children 17 and under are invited to participate in the 2012 Fox Bend Parent Child Tourney on Sunday, August 19th at 3 p.m. The event will be played in four age divisions. The formats are a 9-hole alternate shot for ages 10 – 17 with Callaway Scoring, while ages 7 – 9 will play alternate shots over four holes.

The \$50 entry fee for ages 10 – 17 includes green fees, cart, awards, and hot dogs. Those same amenities will be provided for ages 7 – 9 for a \$30 entry fee.

Registration deadline is Sunday, August 12 at 5 p.m. For more information, contact Fox Bend Golf Course through their website: www.foxbendgolfcourse.com.

Scodro Needs Five Extra Holes To Capture 63rd Illinois Open

Max Scodro of Chicago made par on the fifth playoff hole to defeat Eric Meierdierks of Wilmette to win the 63rd Illinois Open held at The Glen Club. A 2012 University of Notre Dame graduate, Scodro,



Max Scodro
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22, earned the title only one month after winning the Arizona Open. He took home a \$17,000 first place check along with the Illinois Open trophy.

Meierdierks led Scodro by one stroke heading into the par-5 18th hole of the 54-hole event. Playing conservatively, he laid up on his second shot, thus opening the door for Scodro to sink a 12-foot birdie putt to tie for the lead at 10-under-par. "I could have pulled that shot off probably," Meierdierks said afterwards. "But in that situation, he has to take it from me and push the playoff."



Eric Meierdierks
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In extra holes, the players traded birdies on Nos. 1 and each made par on Nos. 17 and 18. This score set the stage for sudden death following the initial three-hole aggregate playoff format.

Meierdierks nearly ended the tournament on the

fourth extra hole by lipping out a 10-foot putt for birdie. On the final hole, the 27-year-old Meierdierks missed a par putt from the fringe to provide Scodro the luxury of needing only a par to secure the victory.

Defending champion Philip Arouca finished at 6-under to tie for sixth place.

Bolingbrook Open to Tee Off August 18-19

Golfers across Chicagoland are invited to test their mettle along with their metal woods in a 36-hole stroke play championship held August 18-19 at the spectacular Bolingbrook Golf Club. The Bolingbrook Open will have four different divisions with both gross and net winners: Men's, Women's, Seniors' (60 years and older) and Juniors (17 and under). The men's division will include five flights based upon handicap.

For more information and official rules, visit the Bolingbrook Golf Club website at www.bolingbrookgolfclub.com.



The only thing you should force in a golf swing is the club back in the bag.—Byron Nelson

Weekly Events at Coyote Run GC

Weekly golf clinics are now being held at Coyote Run Golf Club in Homewood/Flossmoor on the city's south side. Topics include: hitting off the tee, getting out of the rough, chipping to the green, gauging speed and slope on the green, and making fewer putts. Fees for Thursday evening clinics are \$22.50 for non-residents and \$15 for residents. To reserve your spot call 708-957-8700 or visit the course online at www.coyoterungolf.com.

Nine and Wine Wednesdays

Who wants to cook on Wednesdays anyway? Enjoy a relaxing round of golf any Wednesday, then show your receipt afterwards for a complimentary bottle of wine with the purchase of two meals in Wiley's Grill. Remember, twilight golf rates begin at 2 p.m. in the summer.

Nine and Dine on Friday

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Shaft, Can You Dig It?

By Greg Jourdan

It requires just the right audience to initiate a discussion on golf shafts. The irony is that the more you learn about the function of these shafts, the less you want to talk about them. If I were to stand next to a group of golfers and state, "I think I'm fanning by balls because my shaft is too stiff," no less than a dozen punch lines would fill the air within seconds.

And, of course, where would a round of golf be without Michael Scott's gold standard for innuendo, "That's what she said!"

Much like root canals and automobile transmissions, questions about the golf shaft should be directed to a professional. If by chance you meet a self-professed golf shaft junkie and open the door for a discussion about shafts, prepare to enter golf's sixth ring of hell. You will suffer a one-sided conversation about a man's personal journey to find a shaft with the ideal torque-to-bend-point ratio. A journey, no doubt, that includes heroic tales of frequency matching and counter butt weighting. America, golf has a silent problem, and I do not think either presidential candidate will address it. I am also quite sure golf's governing bodies will not touch it with Adam Scott's broom handle. How can we make sense of the component that connects the grip to the clubhead? We need to begin a serious dialogue to understand the benefits of a proper shaft.

That's what she said...

Golfers Need Metaphors

The primary role of the golf shaft is to connect the clubhead to the grip. However, the shaft is much more important than a simple component. Craig Nichols, True Temper's manager on the PGA Tour, describes the function of the shaft with a common theme, "I like to think of the shaft as the engine of the club." The automobile metaphor will spark a debate among shaft experts and aficionados. Is it the engine, or the drive train, or the transmission? Or is the car's suspension a better comparison? Scott Garrison, another shaft expert who works on PGA Tour members' clubs week after week with the Las Vegas-based Golf On The Run mobile club repair center, suggests, "The shaft is the driving force of the golf club." Engine? Driving force? The guys that work on the sticks of the greatest players in the world think much of the shaft's role when millions of dollars are at stake. Golf is driven by the professional ranks, period. We want to play the Tour-proven clubs, dress like Luke Donald, and



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hit the same ball that Phil Mickelson does at Augusta National. But if we compare our swings to these guys, that would be like comparing a Prius to a Corvette. Or, it would be like walking into the office wearing Ricky Fowler's Sunday orange outfit. Laughable, no?

But let's ditch the metaphors. Mark Pekarek, Director of Americas at Shaftology Centers and owner of Green Grass Clubfitters in West Chicago, has been clubfitting for over 25 years. He'll tell you that clubfittings changed about eight years ago when interchangeable connectors enabled golfers to swing numerous shafts and experience each shaft. Pekarek believes the relationship between a golfer and the millions of data points before impact is a combination of factors. He describes the shaft's role this way: "You are the engine. You make the ball go." He adds, "The shaft is a concept. That is why it is difficult to quantify. It is a living, breathing thing that has a conversation with you. The shaft is an interface that connects you to the ball."

When we hit a golf ball, the correct shaft produces measurable results. You can measure it in yards. Swing analyzers will show data ranging from ball speed to spin rates. Teaching and clubfitting professionals can see how each component effects ball flight. Swing software technology is helpful. But Pekarek says, "With the right shaft, the golfer will feel it right down to his socks." The wrong shaft, on the other hand, will send some golfers to the tennis courts. Garrison sees it every week during PGA Tour pro-ams. "If the length, flex, and torque are for a guy with a 110 mph swing and you try to hit that club with a 90 mph swing ... man, bad things happen and the game can't be that much fun. These guys can't get the ball 20 feet off the deck." Golfers are a species that adapts, so to counter ill-fitting clubs we compensate by changing our golf swing. And those adjustments lead to bad things, man.

Get that Education

The correct combination of flex, bend point, torque, weight, and design can be a beautiful thing to a golf swing; however, with hundreds, if not thousands, of shaft options on the market, how can a golfer find the correct one? With individual shaft prices starting at the cost of a mocha latte and soaring into the amount of a house

payment, how can a recreational golfer make an educated purchase? Pekarek wants his profession and the manufacturers to step up their education initiatives. "We are racing down a hill with all these shaft options and new technologies," he warns, "and we need to slow down. We need to spend some time and money and educate golfers about shafts and bring them up to speed." He adds, "Equipment always comes back to the same thing. Golfers must remove the obstacles. They must do a little extra hard work and educate themselves." That process is overwhelming. But the information is out there and clubfitters like Pekarek welcome phone calls and e-messages. The clubfitting industry does not have a universal certification or licensing body, so the best way to reserve some couch time to talk about your sticks is to begin the conversation with other golfers. Find out where people have had great experiences and set up a consultation to learn how the correct shafts can change your game.

The Future of the Shaft

The evolution of the shaft has seen organic hickory replaced by rigid steel, then steel replaced by graphite. Both are now using technologies on par with rocket science. What is the next step in shaft evolution? Botox-enhanced tip stiffness? Garrison thinks the current trend for consumers is cosmetic, "Right now it is colors. I do seminars and consumers really like the wild colors and unusual designs. But the sky is the limit for shafts. We'll see more composites, and who knows what else companies like Oban and Matrix will put in their shafts?" Petarek feels materials and design could move toward therapeutic relief. "At the PGA Merchandise Show, you see more and more booths with magic bracelets and things you put on your body to take away the pain all of us carry from life's injuries. I think there will be more shafts for our injuries using those magic materials." This could lead to more boutique manufacturers and hundreds more options for golf shafts, which may become more confusing for golfers. The best advice is to educate yourself and try to stay current with offerings. Who knows, in a few years that old football injury, or an ornery back injured during a patio paver project, may find relief from a magical shaft that puts a smile on your face.

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From the Court to the Course

Any athlete will tell you that being an elite athlete in a sport takes hard work, dedication, and a true passion for their game. Many great athletes have dreams of excelling in other sports as well. Such is the case for WNBA Chicago Sky head coach Pokey Chatman and her assistant coach Christie Sides. Their basketball resumes span the globe and include accolades from their high school years to the professional ranks.

For Chatman, joining the Chicago Sky as GM and Head Coach in October of 2011 was the realization of her dream to lead a professional team in the U.S. A native of Louisiana, Chatman attended LSU where she was a point guard from 1987 to 1991. She was named All-SEC three times and set 20 school records. During the 2003–2004 season, Chatman was named head coach of the LSU Lady Tigers and garnered an incredible 47–3 in her first 50 games, the second-best starting record in women’s basketball history. A proven winner, Chatman is leading the Chicago Sky to a potential WNBA playoff spot this season. If the Sky makes it into the playoffs, it will be another historic first for Chatman and the team.

Sides joined the Chicago Sky after eight years of coaching experience at the collegiate, international, and professional levels. From 2004 to 2007, Sides joined Chatman as an assistant coach at LSU where the two led the team to three Final Fours and two SEC regular season titles.

Both women are proven winners on and off the court, but what happens when they take their games to the course? We found out in late July when I was fortunate to have an opportunity to hit the links with Pokey and Christie and talk about hoops and golf. I asked them about when they took up golf. Pokey shared, “I didn’t take up golf when I was young because I was too busy trying to find a basketball game. I didn’t start playing until I started coaching in college. The job led to it—a lot of golf scrambles and fundraisers, plus I wasn’t on the road as much. I got a lot of enjoyment out of it, as it is a different kind of challenge since it’s such an individual sport. I really love the camaraderie, being outdoors, meeting people, and it’s a valuable tool for fundraising and networking.”

Sides had a similar introduction to the game, “I started playing in 2002 when I got into college coaching. A fellow coach was getting some new clubs and gave me her old set of Callaways. I decided it was a game I needed to get into. When we’d go on recruiting trips, all the coaches would bring their clubs and try to sneak in nine holes when we had free time. So I got into the game then and I love it!” Chatman believes that if Christie wasn’t involved in professional basketball, she could be a pro golfer.

Sides proved herself on the course by making quite a few pars and blasted a drive 282 yards. She is tall, strong, and has a very

athletic build, which doesn’t always lead to a good golf swing, but in Sides’ case it enhances a natural talent for the game. With a little tweaking, some properly fit clubs and work on her short game, there is no doubt in my mind that she could go pro in golf, too.

Chatman also has great potential and the mindset that allows her to take on the challenge of golf in the same way she attacks basketball ... focus, setting goals, and scoring. When she encountered a rough lie behind a strand of trees, She opted for the risk rather than take her medicine and bunt it toward the fairway. Always choosing the route toward glory, Pokey took the riskiest route and snaked one through the trees with the ball landing about 70 yards from the green. Just like her coaching style, failure is never an option.

Pokey Chatman and Christie Sides are two very accomplished and talented basketball players and coaches whose talent in one sport translates well to golf. Both ladies have intensity, guts, and a love of competition in their DNA. If they ever get enough free time, then they will surely be adding the coveted title of “golf nut” to their already impressive credentials.

Catch Pokey Chatman and Christie Sides as they lead the Chicago Sky towards the playoffs – all home games are played at the Allstate Arena and you can check out the game schedule at www.chicagosky.net.



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While some old-timers might balk at the idea of playing nine holes when the possibility of “squeezing 18 holes in” exists, many of us today place a priority on life over an afternoon at the club. It has become increasingly difficult to block out a five-hour round of golf in between work hours, your kids’ games, parent leader meetings, and garage clean-outs.

Thus, the options are reduced to four: Quit golf. Or join a private club. Or reduce your annual number of rounds to a handful. Or locate short, fun golf courses near your daily travel route.

Happily for the management staffs of the various 9-hole and executive courses across Chicagoland, more and more golfers are choosing option four. And golf course owners have responded to the demand by offering interesting, meticulously manicured layouts that compete in variety and quality with their 18-hole counterparts. Following are short reviews of some of the our great 9-hole courses.

Sydney R. Marovitz Golf Course

www.cpdgolf.com

312-742-7930

Squeezed in between Lake Shore Drive and the lake on the city’s northside, Sydney R. Marovitz G.C. will forever be referenced by locals as Waveland Golf Course—its original name until politicians decided to honor an obscure park commissioner. This delightful layout was designed in 1932 by Edward B. Dearie Jr. for the then-eye-popping sum of \$2 million. Green fees at the time were 25¢. Illinois governor Louis Emmerson was given the honor of hitting the first tee shot and was joined in the ribbon-cutting ceremonies by amateur champion Chick Evans.

Today, the course remains hugely popular with citydwellers who are treated to spectacular lake and skyline views along with a 3,240 yards of beautiful landscape that’s playfully been called “the poor man’s Pebble Beach.” Owned by the Chicago Park District and managed by Billy Casper Golf Management, the course’s conditioning has improved

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By
Neal Kotlarek
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Greg Jourdan

If you appreciate golf's history, then you will have a story for the water cooler.

dramatically since the days when some tees were literally turf mats positioned on asphalt ramps.

Glenview National 9 Golf Club

www.golfglenview.com
847-657-1637

Not too many years ago, this city just north of O'Hare International Airport collectively fretted over the loss of the Glenview Naval Air Station that had roosted there for 70 years. An amazing transformation took place on that site in 2001 with the opening of The Glen Club, an impeccable Tom Fazio-designed 195-acre championship course regarded by many as the finest layout in northeastern Illinois. At the same time, Rick Jacobsen designed Glenview National—a charming 2,048-yard par-31 course that may be the best maintained and most beautifully landscaped public 9-hole course in the state. Don't be fooled by the layout's modest length of 1,955 yards. The 360-yard par 4 No. 5 features four fairway bunkers that tighten the landing area and a huge greenside bunker that protects the massive putting surface which is also home to the No. 2 green.

The course's signature hole is the spectacular 150-yard No. 3 which demands a perfect tee shot over water and bunkers to a huge green.

Along with the course, the property features a great practice facility that offers individual and group lessons.



Boughton Ridge Golf Course

www.bolingbrookparks.org
630-739-4100

A family-friendly environment is just one of the appeals of the Bolingbrook Park Districts Boughton Ridge Golf Course. The par-32 layout has a taste of everything with 21 bunkers and the Lilly Cache Creek entering play on more than half the holes. The pace of play, like almost all of these nine holes, is less than two hours, which leaves plenty of time for a drink or a meal at Ashbury's at Boughton Ridge. This cozy eatery offers excellent appetizers; moreover, the dinner offerings are a delicious pub-style meal that are on par with most golf course restaurants. The entire experience at Boughton Ridge reflects the neighborhood charm that surrounds it.



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Downers Grove Golf Course

www.dgpc.org/golf/course
630-963-1306

This splendid layout is the remains of the original Chicago Golf Club established in 1892. When C.B. Macdonald's Chicago Golf membership purchased land in Wheaton, the original course was sold and went through a handful of owners over the following 75 years. Downers Grove's park district purchased the course in 1968 and thankfully has kept the nine remaining holes as close to their historic beginnings as possible. Downers Grove G.C. is one of the oldest courses in the nation, although renovations in 1976 and again in 1992 altered the original footprint. Mature trees line the rolling fairways and tower over much of the 3,200-yard layout.

If you appreciate golf's history, then you will have a story for the water cooler. Downers Grove G.C. has withstood the test of 100 years and still provides a mighty challenge to all golfers.

Indian Oaks Country Club

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Located next to Shabbona State Park, Indian Oaks C.C. is a traditional parkland course where the staff places a premium on lush conditions. The rolling terrain and mature hardwoods provide a diverse series of challenges. The opening holes at Indian Oaks are straightforward and easily negotiable without local knowledge, but the friendly handshake ends on the mischievously short fifth hole. This uphill par-4 is just 244 yards long and

is easily navigated with a mid-iron and wedge. That said, most golfers attack this reverse Redan green like a par-3, where a birdie can be captured.

Indian Oaks is off the beaten cart path, yet it earns your attention with quaint amenities and a truly wonderful playing experience.

Flagg Creek Golf Club

www.flaggcreekgolfcourse.org
708-246-3336

Once upon a time in the early 1920s, this rolling property in Countryside was home to Maple Crest Golf Club. In the mid-1950s, the Illinois Toll Authority needed part of the golf course for construction of I-294. Rather than cleave the course in half, owners ran the property as a 12-hole course. In the 1990s, designer Greg Martin was enlisted to reconfigure and rebrand the course. He proceeded to plow under all existing holes and thus, the splendid 9-hole Flagg Creek Golf Club was born.

The rolling and impeccably maintained layout plays to just over 2,500 yards from the blue tees and is popular for beginners and intermediate golfers. Best yet, you can get around Flagg Creek in less than an hour and a half.

River Bend Golf Club

www.riverbendgolfclub.org
630-968-1920

Just a short hop from Seven Bridges is the 3,500-yard River Bend Golf Club in Lisle. The course's routing makes walking a breeze and you'll see golfers ages 7 to 75 scattered throughout the course. Appropriately named, as only one hole (No. 4) is land-locked, the layout opened in 1993. It was designed by William J. Spear whose other works include Highland Woods G.C. in Hoffman Estates and Amana Colonies Golf Course in Iowa.

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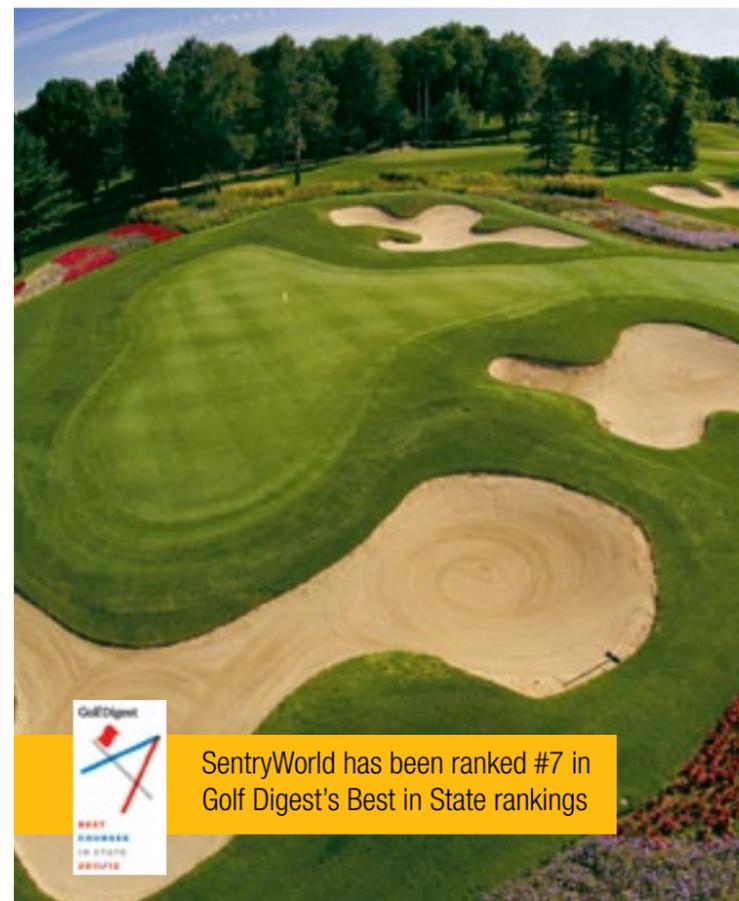
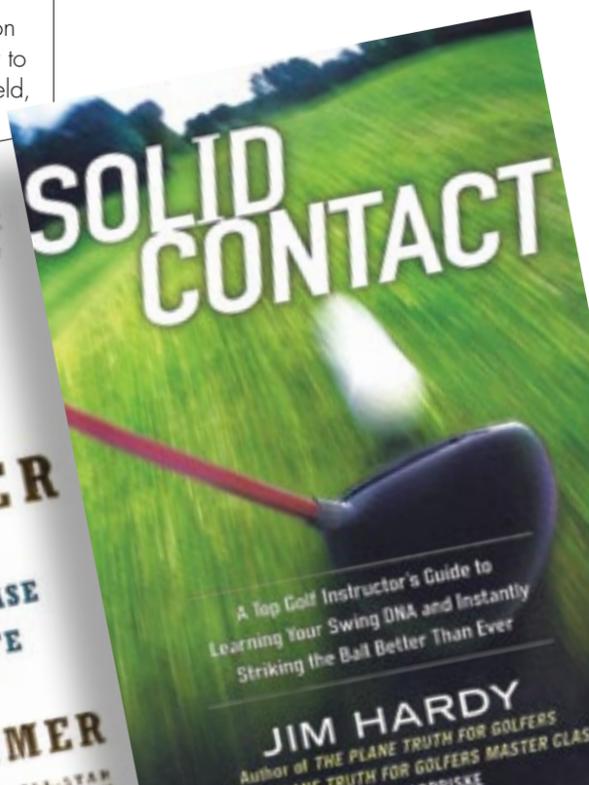
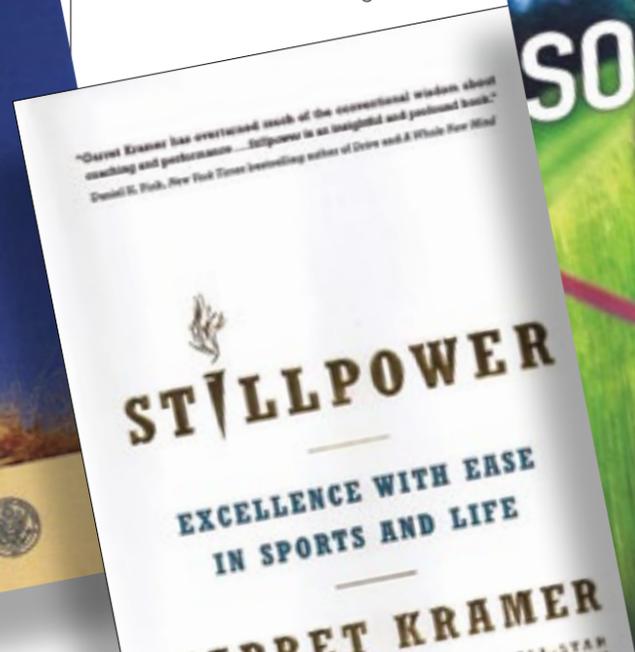
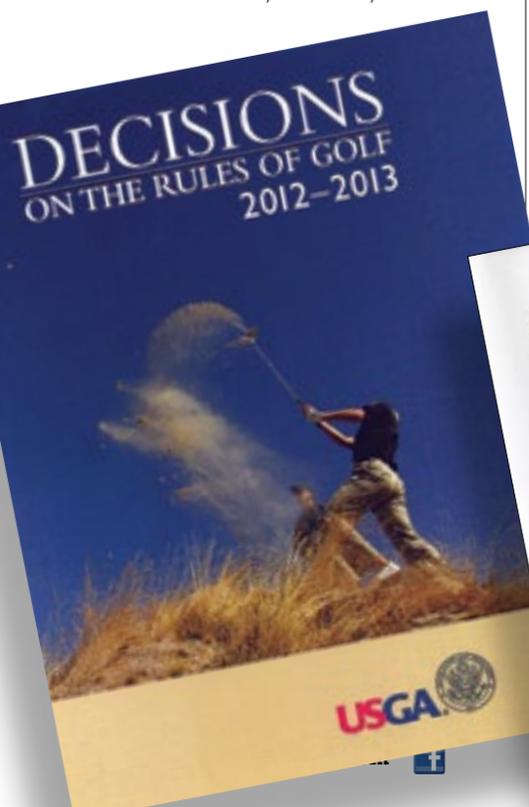
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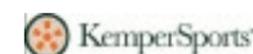
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Motor to Michigan's Second City

When Chicago golfers think of Michigan, their first thought might be those popular and award-winning northern Michigan resort destinations that offer a multitude of premier courses designed by the giants of the game.

It is true that some of the best golf courses in the country are located in the region, but with a little research and less driving time you can find some other destinations in Michigan that offer wonderful options for a trip.

Consider Grand Rapids, Michigan, where we recently indulged in an impressive three-day golf-buddy trip.

Located just three hours from the Loop, Grand Rapids, the second largest city in the state, is home to the Amway/Alticor Company, and was the childhood home and is the final resting place of former president Gerald R. Ford. The area also boasts some wonderful championship golf courses.

Our journey began in the heart of downtown. If you are looking to combine some great golf with sizzling city life, then Grand Rapids is definitely worth a visit. We stayed at the popular Amway Grand Plaza. With its iconic glass tower structure, it is one of the top hotel destinations in the Midwest and a long-time fixture in the downtown area. It opened in 1913 and was remodeled in 1981 by the Amway Corporation. The hotel is the epicenter of a popular area of dining, shopping, and nightlife. One of the most popular gathering places is the "B.O.B.," where we found a one-stop shop for dining and entertainment.

Our first golf experience was Pilgrim's Run, a wonderful Mike Devries design that took a unique path in its design. Owners Robert and Judy Van Kampen entrusted six of their employees from their company in Grand Haven to build three holes each, under the supervision of Kris Shumaker and Devries. Numbers were pulled from a hat, and each worked with the design pros on their three holes. The course has a modern feel, which Devries is noted for creating.

From Pilgrim's Run, we headed slightly northeast of Grand Rapids to Tullymore

Resort, located in Stanwood. Tullymore, which has been under new ownership in recent years, has been investing and developing the resort to a world-class level. In addition to the award-winning Jim Engh design at Tullymore (*Golf Digest* Top 100, 2010) and the Jerry Matthews designed St. Ives, the owners have developed a new high-end lodge, perfect for groups like ours or small corporate retreats.

Our first round was at St. Ives, the original resort located down the road near the Canadian Lakes areas. The St. Ives golf course, designed by Michigan's own Jerry Matthews who has crafted hundreds of courses in the state, features wonderful rolling hills, wide fairways, and elevated greens, which proved to be a challenge for all of us. The concluding sequence, holes 14-18, is one of the most spectacular finishes we have experienced. The holes wind around a beautiful lake that is secluded, peaceful, and challenging. Let's just say we donated our fair share of golf balls.

Complementing the St. Ives course, Tullymore, and its nationally acclaimed Jim Engh design, has elevated the resort to national level. The Tullymore course, inspired by a village in Ireland, features eye-catching mounding of the fairways with clearly visible approaches. Five sets of tees allow golfers of all levels to have a great experience. Tullymore bridges over and winds around stunning wetlands of color and contrast. The strongest feature of the course is the unique mogul-shaped bunkers that designer Jim Engh created.

Bring all 14 of your clubs. You will need them. Bring some extra golf balls. You may need them. The place has hazards aplenty, though Engh carved the course very fairly through them. Even when he pinches you, like on the right side of the opening hole, he allows bail out room left. The long par 3s have huge greens. The short par 4s are also memorable, especially hole nine with the bunker aptly named Patrick's Purgatory.

It will take more trips back to determine a favorite hole. The use of trees and natural grasses to frame the holes and the views



Tullymore Resort

from the naturally-placed tees and greens make for a tremendous visual experience. It's simply stunning, and it never lets up.

Our final golf adventure took us back into the city of Grand Rapids to play the Rees Jones-designed Thousand Oaks Golf Club, which is elevated above all other area golf experiences. Jones, who is known as the "Open Doctor" for his many years of service to the

USGA for course renovation work for the U.S. Open, designed a player-friendly experience on a piece of property that looked more like northern Michigan than southern Michigan.

Each hole is totally isolated from the next, separated by hardwood forest and stretches of wetlands. There is a significant amount of elevation on the course with many raised tees, as well as the green sites offering challenging

shots and club selections. Complementing the great golf was the equally impressive clubhouse where we concluded our golf junket with fine food and atmosphere.

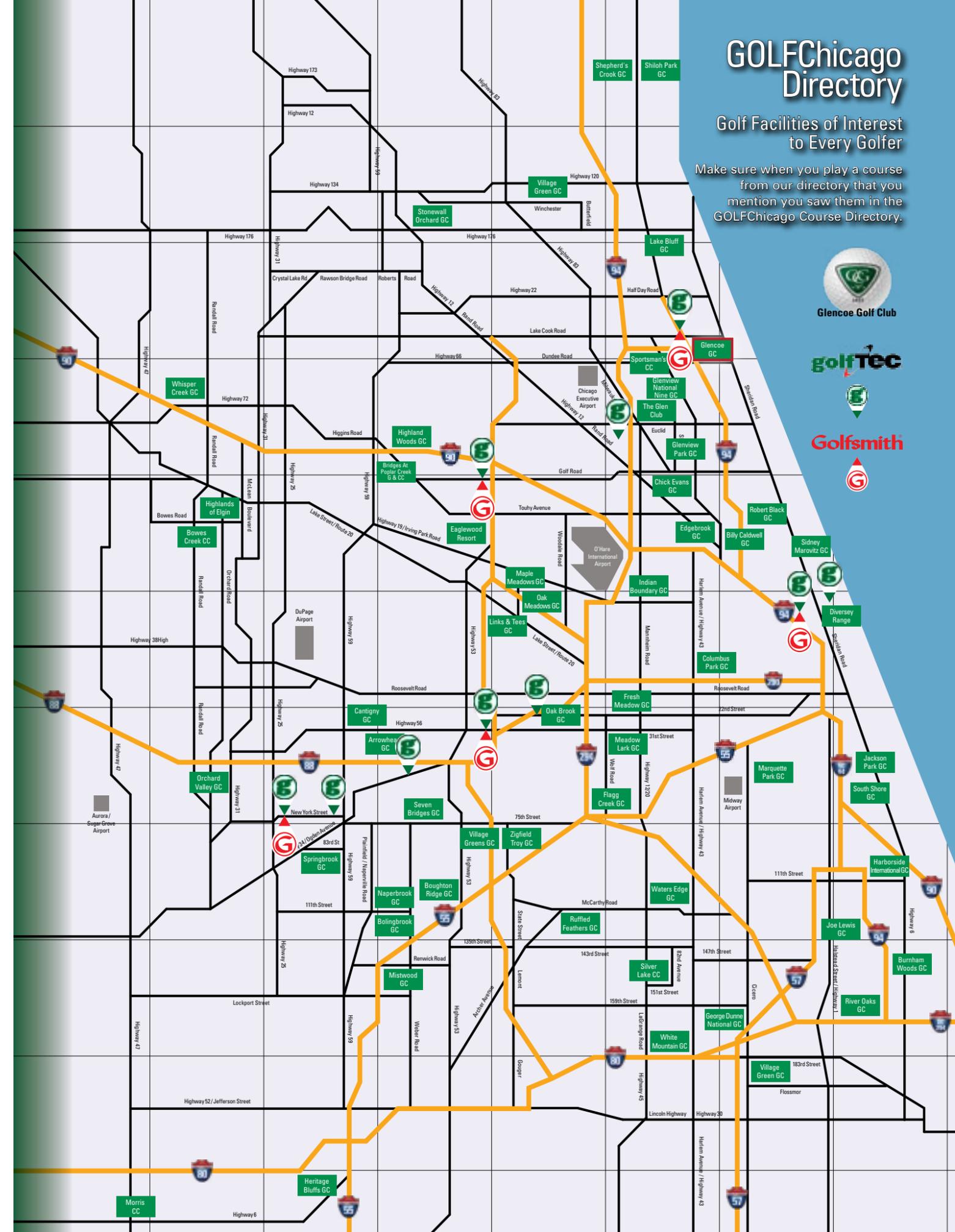
Golf trips to Michigan are always special, and there are even more options than most realize. Give the Grand Rapids area a shot, or several. For more information about pure Michigan golf, visit www.michigan.org.



St. Ives Resort



Thousand Oaks Golf Club





Bittersweet Golf Club

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875 Almond Road
Gurnee, IL 60031
www.bittersweetgolf.com

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

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

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

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



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262-284-7075
3121 County Road I
Saukville, WI 53080
www.GolfTheBog.com

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

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

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

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2001 Rodeo Drive
Bolingbrook, IL 60490
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18 holes
Yardage: 7104 - 4931
Rating/Slope
73.8/135 - 68.2/116

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

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

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



Bowes Creek Country Club

847-214-5880
1250 Bowes Creek Boulevard
Elgin, Illinois 60124
www.bowescreekcountryclub.com

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

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

Here at Bowes Creek Country Club, our patrons are not treated like an everyday customer. You can buy a membership for the year or you can pay to be a Member for a Day! Instead of standard green fees, we offer a daily membership. The Member for a Day Fee will allow you to play unlimited golf with cart and allow you full use of the practice facility. There will be no limit to the amount of golf you want to play that day because you are... Member for that Day!

A Rick Jacobson Designed golf course, it is everything you want in a golf course. "We tried to give the course a rustic look and used big, sweeping bunkers with fingers of grass drifting into the sand and fescue grasses as lips on the bunker faces," Jacobson said.



Cantigny Golf

630-668-8463
27w270 Mack Road
Wheaton, IL 60189
www.cantignygolf.com

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

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

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

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



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Flossmoor, IL 60422
www.flossmoorcc.org

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

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

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

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Glencoe Golf Club

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621 Westley Road
Glencoe, IL 60022
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Par 72 | Yardage: 6,539
Rating / Slope
Blue: 71.6/130
White: 70.3/127
Red: 72.8/127

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

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

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

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



Glenview Park Golf Club

847-724-0250
800 Shermer Road
Glenview, IL 60025
www.golfglenview.com

18 holes
Par 70
Yardage: 6,133

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

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



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Rating/Slope:
71.6/128 - 66.8/116

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

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

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



Harborside International G.C.

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www.harborsideinternational.com
harborside3@aol.com

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

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

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



Lake Bluff Golf Club

847-234-6771
355 W Washington Ave
Lake Bluff, IL 60044
www.lakebluffgolfclub.com
proshop@lakebluffgolfclub.com

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

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

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

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

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





Mistwood Golf Club

815-254-3333
1700 W. Renwick Rd.
Romeoville, IL 60446
www.mistwoodgolf.net
info@mistwoodgolf.net

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

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

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

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



Orchard Valley Golf Course

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Seven Bridges Golf Club

630-964-7777
One Mulligan Dr.
Woodridge, IL 60517
www.sevenbridges.com

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

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

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

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

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

- Golf Pass Program
- Twilight Club
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Stonewall Orchard

847-740-4890
25675 W Highway 60
Grayslake, IL 60030-9629
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info@StonewallOrchard.com

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

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

A Final Stage Qualifying site for the 2009 U.S. Open and host of the Illinois Section PGA Championship, the Arthur Hills-designed Stonewall Orchard Golf Club features 65,000 mature pine and oak trees, rolling fairways, tranquil wetlands and native wildlife across 18 brilliant holes. Consistently ranked as one the top courses in Illinois, Stonewall Orchard's pure greens and perfectly manicured fairways make this a must-play for Chicago's golf aficionados.



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Coming to Roost in Bolingbrook

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Welcome to the inaugural column of Golf Nosh. In this and future issues, we will be visiting and reviewing dining establishments around the Chicagoland area, most with a golf tie-in. There will be a particular emphasis on restaurants associated with golf courses, to help you know what food and beverages are available when you wander from your home turf.

The Nest is the in-house food-service operation at Bolingbrook Golf Club. The unusual name is related to the presidential/eagle theme featured throughout the club, the large bronze eagle sculpture promi-

nently seen behind the bar, and a similarly named restaurant in Palm Springs which is a favorite of long-term Bolingbrook mayor Roger Claar.

The Nest is located on the lower level of the clubhouse (important to know on your first visit), and looks out at the 1st and 10th tees, as well as the clock tower. The room itself is warm and inviting, with plenty of dark wood and fieldstone. My wife and I opted to dine on the patio, since we were there on one of the few nights this summer that was nice enough to go al fresco.

We were placed in the capable hands of our server Gloria, who was pleasant and attentive, without being obtrusive. We started with Buffalo-style Breaded Calamari [\$10.95], fried calamari rings served with blue cheese dressing and lemon. They were a bright orange color, and only moderately spicy if you went easy on the hot sauce. My wife liked that they were “not too bready,” but

I felt they could have been a bit crisper. We also tried the Southwest Eggrolls [\$10.95], crispy eggrolls filled with chicken, cheese, beans, and southwest spices over house-made black bean relish with ranch dressing. This was a tasty twist on an old menu standby.

Next came the Tortilla Soup [\$3.95], the house specialty. This thick, red soup is house-made, not too spicy (although I’m not afraid of plenty of spice), vegan, and thoroughly delicious. The wife had the serviceable House Salad [\$3.95].

For the entree, I selected the Grilled Mahi Mahi [\$17.95], an eight-ounce filet served with mango salsa. The fish was perfectly grilled, but proved to be rather too mild following our zippy starters, an error entirely my own. I paired it with Garlic Mashed Potatoes [\$2.95], a generous portion of yukon gold potatoes, but with no discernible garlic. The wife chose more wisely with her Cajun Scallops [\$17.95]. These yummy large sea scallops were dusted with cajun spices and served over sautéed spinach. She also selected the Au-gratin Potatoes [\$3.95], a heaping pile of hash browns smothered in cheese and butter. Tasty and satisfying. (The soup, salad, and sides were included in the entree price.)

Our wine was the Pine Ridge Chenin Blanc / Viognier [\$36] from California. This easy-drinking white features tropical and fruity flavors of citrus, apple, and peach, with just a hint of sweetness. It paired wonderfully with our seafood.

Chef Brad Elston has been in charge of the cuisine at Bolingbrook GC since its opening in 2002, an unusual longevity which no doubt contributes to the quality here.

In addition to our substantial fare, The Nest also offers salads, sliders, burgers, sandwiches, pasta, pizza, and, of course, steaks and desserts. Breakfast is served every day in season and on Saturdays and Sundays year round. A fish fry is offered during Lent, there are special menus for major holidays, and the clubhouse is a favorite for wedding dinners, serving 130 events annually on average.

Fly over to The Nest next time you’re in Bolingbrook. You won’t be disappointed.

Golden Bear Meets the Golden State

Even among non-players, two names in golf are widely recognized: Arnold Palmer and Jack Nicklaus, aka the Golden Bear. Nicklaus has been a wine collector for many years, but only recently decided to pursue the production of wines carrying his name, although he had been urged to do so for quite some time.

Since Nicklaus obviously knows a lot more about golf than making fine wine, after five years pondering and researching a possible wine project, he decided to partner with Terlato Wines International for support and assistance in his wine program. The Terlato family was a natural fit. Scion Bill Terlato is a member and former club champion at the Nicklaus-run Bear’s Club in Jupiter, Florida, and the Terlato empire includes extensive vineyard holdings in northern California. Nicklaus was particularly impressed by the Terlato-owned Chimney Rock and Rutherford Hill wineries in the heart of Napa Valley during an early visit as the joint venture was being established.

Nicklaus selected from barrel the wines for his signature label. They are crafted by the Terlato winemaking team, with day-to-day winemaking being handled by Marisa Taylor-Huffaker. The fruit is sourced primarily from vineyards in the famous Rutherford and Stags Leap District appellations of Napa.

2011 Private Reserve White \$35
This proprietary white blend is “based on sauvignon blanc,” with no further information available. It was barrel fermented, with a portion of the wine in French oak, and the balance fermented in stainless steel barriques.

It is pale gold, bordering on colorless. The nose features stone fruit, particularly peach, and green apple. The taste is surprisingly delicate, with a hint of grapefruit. The mouthfeel is nicely textured.

With only 541 cases made, distribution is limited, and, frankly, the price reflects exclusivity more than taste.

Pair this up with Clams Steamed in Sauvignon Blanc with Apples, Shallots, and Chervil, or Linguine with Halibut, Tomato-Basil Purée, Squash, and Garlic.

2009 Cabernet Sauvignon \$46
This cabernet shows garnet in the glass, with a somewhat lighter density than one might expect. The nose features red fruit (i.e. cherry and raspberry), with hints of dark chocolate.

The taste follows through with suggestions of dark stone fruit, toasted spices, and cedar, although the fruit is rather recessive. The flavor is balanced by well-structured tannins which deliver a medium finish. If you normally prefer merlot, I suggest you give this medium-bodied cabernet sauvignon a try.

Serve this wine with Pizza with Pesto, Tomatoes, and Fresh Mozzarella, Grilled Pork Tenderloin with Merlot and Molasses, or Fried Chicken with Buttermilk and Cornmeal Crust.

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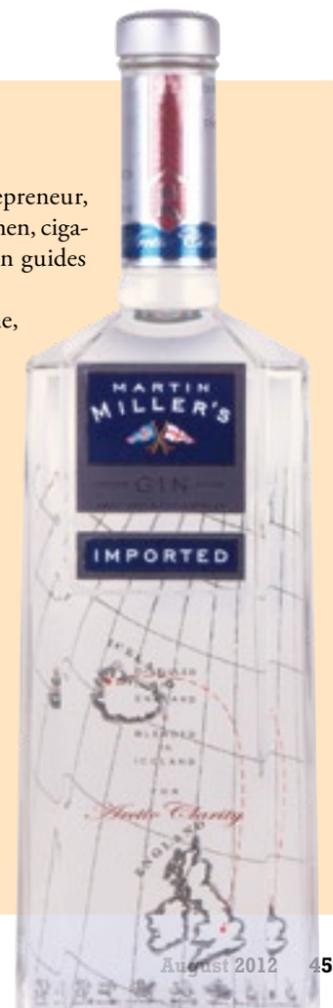
Martin Miller is an English multi-millionaire, entrepreneur, connoisseur, and self-described enthusiast of “leggy women, cigarettes, and gin.” The restless Miller built his fortune on guides to antiques, investing, and real estate ventures.

In 1999, he decided to expand into spirits. At the time, premium vodkas were being introduced at a prolific rate, while gin languished. Determined to recify that, Miller introduced the eponymous Martin Miller’s Gin.

Miller’s is batch distilled, like malt whiskey, in a 100-year-old still named Angela. The recipe features the requisite juniper, plus lemon, lime, and Seville orange peel, coriander, licorice, cinnamon, cassia, and nutmeg. After distillation, the cask-strength spirit is shipped to Iceland, where it is cut with water from the local glaciers.

The Miller’s Gin flavor profile is in the traditional English style. First comes the green pine of the juniper, quickly followed by the citrus component. The finish is smooth, with just a hint of the sweetness found in superior gins.

Miller’s is offered as an 80 proof bottling for \$30, as well as a 90.4 proof “Westbourne Strength” for \$35.





No Small Feat for Illini Coach

One of the reasons for the lack of free time—and why he’s just as busy this year despite the lack of tournament play—is that all the work he has put in as the head mens golf coach is paying off.

On paper, 2012 has been one of Mike Small’s more laid back summers. After playing 12 times on the PGA Tour the last two summers, Small only has one on the schedule this year—the PGA Championship August 9-12 at The Ocean Course on the Kiawah Island Golf Resort in South Carolina. It will mark Small’s eighth PGA Championship and 11th major appearance overall.

“That’s a big deal to us and that’s our major,” Small said of the PGA Championship. “It’s fun to go there and play with the best. The first goal is to make the cut and then it’s to finish as high as I can. I’d like to have a good, solid tournament and being low club professional is a big deal.”

The schedule break, at least playing-wise, came because Small finished fourth in the PGA Professional National Championship at the Bayonet and Black Horse Golf Courses in Seaside, California, on June 24-27. The last two years, Small won the championship to earn exemptions into PGA Tour stops.

“I’m not playing as much,” he said. “I’m going to scale back a little bit. I need to slow down and work on my game a little bit. I haven’t really practiced my game or worked on it the last couple years.”

One of the reasons for the lack of free time—and why he’s just as busy this year despite the lack of tournament play—is that all the work he has put in as the University of Illinois’ head mens golf coach is paying off. The Illini have now won four consecutive Big Ten championships, and Small has coached NCAA individual champions in Scott Langley (2010) and Thomas Pieters (2012), as well as 2012 Big Ten Player of the Year Luke Guthrie. Illinois is also one of just six programs to advance to the NCAA Championships for five straight years, including a fifth place finish in 2011.

It’s been quite a climb since he took over the program in 2000, and he’s found staying at the top of the college game has had its share of challenges as he’s had to go head-to-head with the nation’s premier Southern and Western schools for players, while maintaining a level of excellence in conference.

“I don’t know if it’s harder—it’s more stressful. There are expectations now,” Small said. “What that shows is we’re building a program and not just good teams. The goals we made 10 years ago have come through the last four or five [years].”

“You want to compete against those teams and you want to recruit with them, but you can’t lose perspective or sight of what got you there either, and we recruit Midwestern kids that work at it. To go after the top kids in California or Florida is difficult. Even though we’ve had success, there’s a perception of golf in the north that we’re trying to break.”

Outside of the PPNC, the only other major tournament Small participated in was the Illinois Open, which returned to The Glen Club July 16-18 after a four-year stint at Hawthorn Woods Country Club. It was a homecoming of sorts for Small, who won all four of his Illinois Opens titles at the Tom Fazio designed layout. After an opening round 69, Small struggled over his last two rounds with scores of 73 and 75 to tie for 26th.

“Disappointing. That’s my worst finish ever in that thing,” he said. “I’ve been competitive most of the time but the last couple times I haven’t been, which has been disappointing. I need to come back and regroup and get back during the PGA.”

From the U.S. Women’s Open

Illinois was represented in early July by amateur Ashley Armstrong, a University of Notre Dame sophomore from Flossmoor, and LPGA Tour rookie Jane Rah. Both golfers missed the cut, but the homecoming for Rah was memorable.

Rah, an Aurora native who moved to California at the age of 10, drove up from the Walmart NW Arkansas Championship in Rogers, Arkansas, with her mother. The pair swung up I-94 and stopped by the JoongBoo Market in Chicago for some authentic Korean food before making their way to Blackwolf Run in Kohler, Wisconsin, for her second U.S. Open.

The 21-year-old then had an unexpected guest join her during a practice round—world No. 1 Yani Tseng. The affable Tseng then floored Rah with a memory from seven years ago: She remembered playing with Rah in an amateur tournament—the Arizona Silver Belle Golf Championship.

“We’re standing on 17 tee and we’re just talking and she’s like yeah, I remember you,” Rah said with a smile. “I was like how do you remember me? She said she didn’t play many events in the States before turning pro. I was shocked. I totally remembered but I had no idea she remembered.”

Rah missed the cut, shooting 80 and 88, but she was able to get an up-close look at how the world’s best player prepared for a major championship.

“It was shocking to just see the frenzy that followed her,” Rah said. “Then we had Annika Sorenstam come up on a couple holes and I was like ‘This is what it’s like.’ It was good to see up close and that’s definitely the position I would love to be in one day. I’m glad I got to play with her. It does help that she’s a longer hitter so she does play a different golf course than me, but the confidence in herself—not cocky, but she knows she can do it—that’s definitely what I would like to do.”

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