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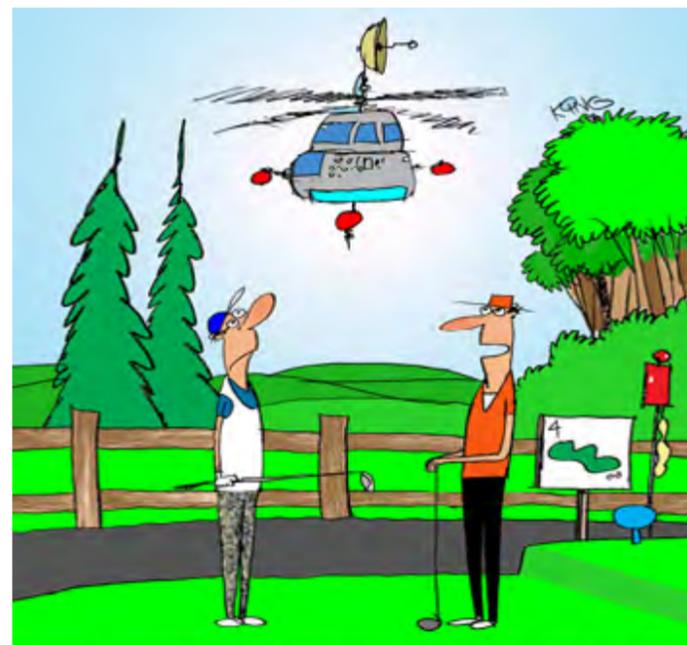
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NOTES FROM GREG AND DAVE

Let's face it. We all need a break from campaign season. The Open Championship provided one of the most exciting final rounds since Tommy Watson paced the field in 2009 at Turnberry in Scotland. However, this year's final round at the Open Championship, which starred Phil Mickelson and Henrik Stenson's birdie bonanza, had a news cycle shorter than George Stephanopoulos' inseam. Now that the Republican and Democratic conventions have concluded, the political circus will dominate the media until America settles on the lesser of two evils. Yep, we just crossed that line that separates our publication from the rest of the media's talking heads and journalistic scribblers.

Our recent on-course conversation swayed toward the chaos of this year's elections.



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We wanted to know which candidate would be more fun to golf with. While Donald Trump is well versed in all aspects of the game, we concluded that if he did not win the match (oh yes, you can bet that he needs a little action to maintain his interest), then it would be a back nine of excuses and complaints. Ever the multitasker, we

imagine Trump would be on his phone the entire round... probably tweeting.

Hilary Clinton, on the other hand, might be more fun. She probably would not care about her score, so she may relax and drop a few of her "Wild Bill" stories. 18 holes would be too much for her, mostly because playing golf and juggling a few smart phones would be exhausting. Happily, at the end of the round, all our bad holes would be deleted from the scorecard.

The winner? Neither. We will take Bernie Sanders for 18 holes. He will be entertaining, and he will insist that we play free because it is our God-given right. We also think that he would give us any putt inside of 15 feet. Now that is a revolution we can accept.

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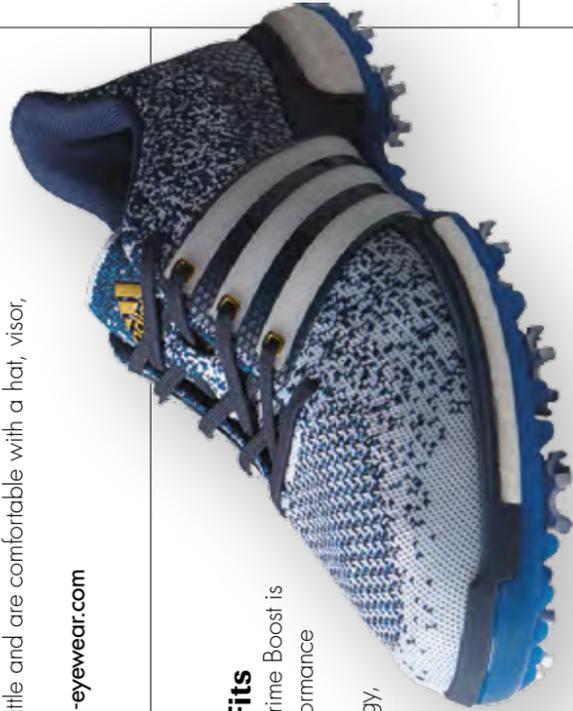


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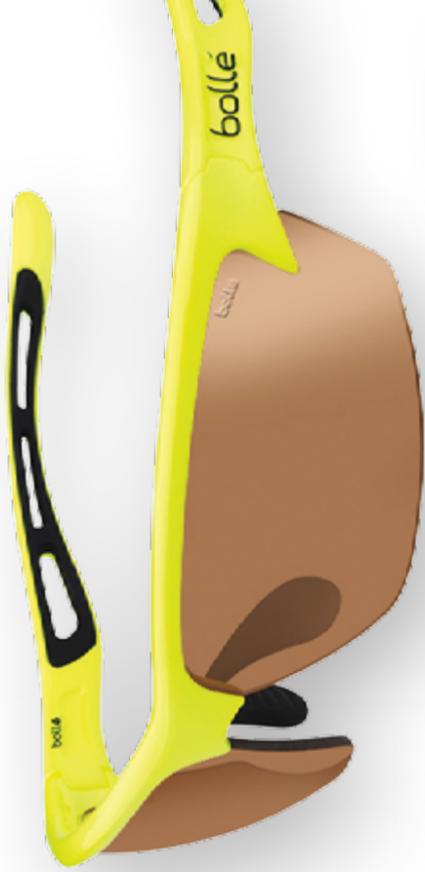
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Former TaylorMade Golf executive Sean Toulon has started up a new high-end putter company that stresses a see and feel premise. The company started out with twenty-five different prototypes with different shapes, materials, and face mill patterns in an effort to understand the relationship between sound and feel. In the end, they have created a unique Deep Diamond Mill face pattern milled from a solid block of soft 303 stainless steel that effectively channels the vibration of impact away from your ears to produce a slightly softer, yet still crisp, solid sound and incredible feel. There are five models to choose from named after various cities in the US: Madison (the Wisconsin capital is Toulon's hometown), San Diego, Rochester, Memphis, and San Francisco. \$399 - 500 www.toulondesign.com



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For example, take a 70-foot greenside chip, a shot that you probably face every round. With a small 6-iron swing, I can get the ball on the green with ease. Heck, I could do it blindfolded, and so could you! But if I worry only about the carry without also focusing on the roll, I'm liable to leave the ball well above the hole, or to roll it off the green.

Although too few players do it, reading the "ground" half of your short-game shot is critical. The funny thing is, if you were going to putt the ball from the same lie, you'd read it like you were in the Masters: you'd crouch, calculate how far left of the tier's edge you need to start it, then locate the precise spot where the ball would slow to a crawl, turn right, and roll toward the cup. Just because you're chipping doesn't mean you shouldn't read the shot like a putt, because it will spend most of its time rolling like a putt.

Great short-game players visualize every shot. Not part of the shot—all of it. Also, great players pay as much attention to the rollout on their chips and pitches as they do to their putts. The secret to getting it close? Focus on the second half of the shot.

How To Read Your Chips

I use this practice drill constantly for chips and short pitches. Before setup, walk to the hole while visualizing the ball's last 10 feet of roll, which is when the ball breaks the most. Lay your driver along the fall line, the line running from the high side of the hole to the low side. Why? This visual helps you judge the break—in this case, it's left to right. Next, choose a landing spot based on your image of the roll, and use the fall line as your guide. Then simply

chip the ball onto the green. If you hit your spot, the ball will roll close, much like a good lag putt.

Read the rollout on chips and pitches just like you do on putts. Let your driver reveal the fall line, helping you better visualize the break.



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If you want to optimize your distance, then it makes sense to know about what increases speed and force. Simply put, there are three major sources that contribute to maximizing distance. Understanding that 76% of speed in the golf swing comes from your wrists hinging and unhinging, 11% of speed is a result of the bending and unbending of the elbows, and the remaining force is generated through the body. This combination of speed

and force is what allows a player to optimize their distance.

When I refer to force, I am referring to centeredness of the hit and the compression of the golf ball (where the club head first touches the ground). Force is a product of lateral rotating motion (weight has shifted to the front foot). One of the biggest distance killers that I frequently witness is the attempt to create lag on the downswing by holding the

wrist angle. This concept typically decreases speed, prevents the body from getting forward, and alters the swing plane. To max out your distance, the strategy is clear. Do nothing to prevent your weight from shifting forward or anything to decrease your club head speed. Simply put, stay the same height through the entire swing, and let your elbows and wrists unhinge on the downswing as your weight transfers to the front leg.

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Incorrect start of downswing: holding wrist angle



Incorrect impact: holding wrist angle prevented moving to front leg



Correct start of downswing: moving forward, elbows and wrist unhinge



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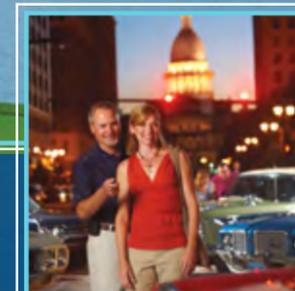
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Elgin's Terrific Twosome

PROFILES

Greg Jourdan

It was just a few years ago that *Golfweek* magazine ranked two of Elgin's public courses in the top 10 of their "Best Municipal Courses." The publication still has the Highlands of Elgin (#2) and Bowes Creek Country Club (#12) in their annual "Best Courses You Can Play" in Illinois. The lofty praise is justified—only Cog Hill's Dubsdread course ranks higher than the Highlands course.

Thriving in its seventh year, Bowes Creek Country Club continues to redefine the public golf experience. Mike Lehman, Director of Golf for Elgin's golf courses, shares, "It has been a great seven years. We were breaking even in our second year, so we know our Member For A Day concept is working well." The Member For A Day program offers exceptional value. Instead of paying for 18 holes and a cart, Bowes members are treated as if they have a full-time membership. The golf is unlimited, as is use of the practice facility. Lehman adds, "The best deals are on our websites. Our website's member deals beat most 18-hole green fees at other courses." The rack rate on Monday through Thursday is \$85, while weekends are never more than \$109. However, the course's online deals can be substantially lower—some as little as \$49. The Highlands course offers the same program, but with slightly lower rates.

Bowes Creek and the Highlands have grown in and produce ideal playing conditions. Lehman explains, "These are finished golf courses. We have some of the best turf conditions in Illinois. The greens are more responsive. The grass is more lush. That is what you will play on at both of our courses." He adds, "If you want the best conditions and have a day off, come here and play."

The Highlands of Elgin may have surprised a few of the national golf course raters, but from day one, it has produced volumes of praise from golfers of all playing abilities. Highlands head professional Jim Vogt feels that the course's designer, Art Schaupeter, realized the blending of form following function, "The layout is unique and enjoyable, while the conditioning of the course is always excellent. This is a fun and challenging course for all levels of players. Vogt adds, "The response from players is overwhelmingly positive."

The Highlands layout has a natural flow and requires players to balance shot-making skills with mental control. The quarry loop, four holes that surround a 14-acre lake, provides a perfect fidelity of risk/reward and patience. The two par 4s that border the lake summarize the course's strategy. Both holes are essentially cape holes where players can bite off as much as they can chew. However, short knockers can reach the fairway safely and keep the lake out of their line of play. This width off the tee is present throughout the course, which makes the game more enjoyable for players and provides numerous angles to approach the greens.

Chicagoland's golfers are pointing their compass needles to Elgin. While communi-

ties like Wheaton have established deep roots with high quality public golf, Elgin's twosome of Bowes Creek and The Highlands have integrated programs to keep players on the turf for the entire day. There is also a strong commitment to growing the game. Both tracks are user-friendly, with all the bells and whistles you would expect for the private side of club golf; however, junior golf is a priority in Elgin. This year saw the beginning of their Tiny Tots program, which introduces kids age four to six years old to the game. Their programs progress through high school to ensure kids have a place to play and learn the game.

With two nationally acclaimed courses, Bowes Creek Country Club and the Highlands of Elgin, Elgin has positioned the northwest

city as a destination for incredible golf. Lehman concludes, "Elgin has changed the face of golf, which has had a big impact on housing development here, and that is where the entire community grows around the game."

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Your High Sierra journey can include as much seat time as you please, especially with great golf spread across the region. There are over 44 golf courses within a scenic hour and a half drive of Reno. While it is unlikely that even the most ambitious traveler can play all the courses that are spread between Reno, Nevada, and Lake Tahoe, our play list includes our favorite hits that span the Sierra Nevada Mountains.

Edgewood Tahoe (www.edgewoodtahoe.com), the most popular resort in the area, hosts the annual American Century Championship, which is the best celebrity golf

tournament in the country. The 7,555-yard George Fazio course highlights the magical panorama that is South Tahoe. Lake Tahoe, America's largest alpine lake, is visible on 14 holes, while the snow-capped peaks rise above the tree lines throughout your round. In North Tahoe, on the Nevada side, Incline Village Golf Courses offers two great tracks on the north shore of the lake. The Championship and Mountain courses (www.golfincline.com) utilize every foot of elevation to present a blend of beauty and challenge for all players. On the lake's south side is Genoa Ranch Golf Club and Resort (www.genoalakes.com), which is on the Nevada side of Lake Tahoe. The Lakes and Ranch courses are scenic and challenging. Our favorite course is the Ranch, but both must be played during your sunshine sabbatical.

Our favorite town on this mountain range is Truckee. In addition to a cozy mountaintop setting with top-notch food and entertainment, Truckee delivers a fantastic variety of lodging options, from historic inns and cabins to ultra-chic boutique hotels. Old Greenwood ([\[oldgreenwoodgolf.com\]\(http://oldgreenwoodgolf.com\)\) is a Jack Nicklaus-designed course that many regard as one of his best layouts for recreational golfers. Better players will need plenty of grit to score on the Four Pine tees \(140 slope\); however, if you play it forward on the Two Pine tees \(128 slope\) at 6,457 yards, then you will have a platform to experience success and an enjoyable round in the High Sierras. Schaffer's Mill Golf & Lake Club \(\[www.schaffersmill.com\]\(http://www.schaffersmill.com\)\), is one of the area's finest private courses, but does offer visitors options to play. Most Mondays are open for guest play, and the club has a reciprocal program with other private clubs. Schaffer's Mill is worth the extra effort to secure a tee time.](http://www.</p></div><div data-bbox=)

On the country club side of the Sierra Nevada range, Montreux Golf & Country Club (www.montreuxgolf.com) and Clear Creek Tahoe Golf Club (www.clearcreektahoe.com) are family-centered clubs that are primarily second clubs for most members. Montreux is just over 15 minutes from the Reno Tahoe International Airport and is a four-season club in the desert highlands. The premier

attraction at Montreux is their Jack Nicklaus-designed golf course. At Clear Creek Tahoe, the masterful Coore & Crenshaw golf course is the centerpiece of a club that *Forbes* regarded as one of the country's best values for a private club membership. The course at Clear Creek is a throwback to golf's golden age of design. Coore & Crenshaw were as mindful toward maintaining the integrity of the site and they were to creating a golf course that will sustain a player's interest for repeated play.

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From the exciting nightlife in Reno to the quiet pine-scented breezes around Lake Tahoe, an elevated experience awaits your foursome. While already one of the most popular destinations for people on the left coast, more and more Chicagoans are discovering Tahoe each year. For more information, visit www.mytahoevacation.com to begin planning your trip.

Sunshine Daydreams in the High Sierras



SWEET HOME CHICAGO

Spotlight

Bolingbrook Golf Club

I play most of my golf at public courses. I park my own car when I arrive, unload my own clubs, and have an actual tee time. I'm never "Mr. Mrowice," nobody knows my name, and my clubs are usually dirty when I load them back in the trunk of my car. I'm certainly not complaining though. I enjoy my golf life out there with the majority of you folks.

Then comes the coveted invitation. The reason you still do business with that old client. The ultimate goal after chatting up your aunt's fifth husband at Thanksgiving. "You are cordially invited to attend (insert name) Country Club." And this is where I throw my modesty out the window. For those of you who have yet to experience the private life, let me tell you, it's pretty darn sweet. Pristine course conditions, lavish clubhouses, and snacks in places you've never seen snacks before.

If monthly dues and member-guest outings aren't on your obtainable list though, not to worry. Bolingbrook Golf Club offers guests what many public courses cannot—a pampered experience. Since opening in 2002, Bolingbrook has grown into a must-play, quite literally. If you haven't visited the south suburban gem in over a decade, then you'll be in love with how the course has matured.

GOLFChicago caught-up with Bolingbrook Golf Club's new head professional, Rimmy Dunlop, to discuss blurring the

public/private golf line.

GOLFChicago: You came from a private club in your previous position; how have you carried that over to Bolingbrook?

Rimmy Dunlop: I was at Oak Park Country Club; I was actually born and raised in Oak Park. It was really important to me to maintain my level of a private club feel at Bolingbrook. What certainly helps is the fact that our course and facilities are unlike anything else you'll find at a public course in our area.

GC: In your opinion, why does Bolingbrook stand out from other public courses?

RD: I don't think there is a better experience in Illinois. From the moment you walk in to our clubhouse, you feel like a member. We have a full-service locker room, tees/towels/water on every cart (which bears your name), lemonade on the first tee, and a friendly staff that will remember you. You are a member for the day and we do not cut corners.

GC: You have an interesting structure for your tee times and play.

RD: Our goal isn't to get as many rounds as possible on a given day. We don't "stack" tee times. We actually open at 7:00 am, so we have some extra time to do maintenance in the morning so that our guests are experiencing the course in the best possible shape, like a private club.

GC: Bolingbrook has caught the eye of local personalities, correct?

RD: Yes. We get a lot of current and former Chicago athletes out to the course. A lot of Chicago Bears players, Bo Jackson hosts his charitable outing with us, and we have guys from the Chicago Fire out frequently. Not to mention Bolingbrook Mayor Roger Claar.

GC: Give us your overview of the golf course.

RD: We have five sets of tees ranging from 5,000 - 7,100 yards. The course for the most part is very inviting and spread out, especially off the tees. There is a lot of water in play though. All of our greens are elevated and they can be really slick. The big thing at Bolingbrook though is the wind. If it's not blowing, the course is there for the taking. If it is blowing— it's a completely different course and it makes your round much more challenging.

GC: Your clubhouse, aside from being massive, is top-notch. How big of a part does that play in your "private club experience."



RD: We have everything inside. Our pro shop is full service with top brands at competitive prices. You can get yourself a locker for the day and get ready before your round, freshen up afterwards. We also have The Nest Bar & Grill here, which is as good as any clubhouse restaurant you'll find. They have a lot of drink specials, Wingsday Wednesday, and a patio if you'd like to close out the evening outside.

With so many fantastic golf facilities packed into the greater Chicagoland area it takes a lot to stand out. Clearly, Bolingbrook Golf Club is all about making a memorable experience for your buck. So do yourself a favor and don't just book a tee time, book a day.

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Elgin Golfers Win Both Illinois Opens

It might have been a first. In the space of a week, golfers registering from the same city won both the Illinois Women's Open and the Illinois Open.

First, Illinois senior Stephanie Miller powered her way through the field to win the 22nd Phil Kosit Illinois Women's Open at Mistwood Golf Club. Miller, who starred at Stevenson High school in Lincolnshire, but now lives in Elgin,

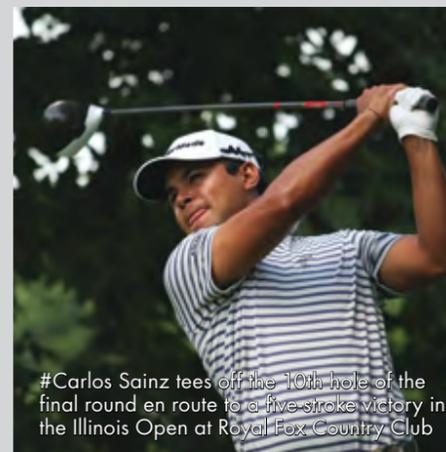


#Winner Stephanie Miller eyes her tee shot on the final hole of the Illinois Women's Open at Mistwood Golf Club

scored three straight 69s for 9-under-par 207 a three-stroke victory over fellow amateur Kelly Grassel. For Miller, it was a huge improvement on her 2012 appearance, when she led after two days and stumbled to an 80 in the final round. This time, Miller played 43 straight holes without a bogey, which helped pull her away from Wisconsin senior Brooke Ferrell of Edgerton, Wisconsin, whose waterlogged quadruple-bogey 9 on Mistwood's 15th hole sank her hopes.

"It's a good boost of confidence, beating the girls I play with in college and will see after college," Miller said. "And it's good to know I can shoot three consecutive under-par scores. I hadn't done that before."

Elgin's Carlos Sainz Jr. likewise rocked the house known as Royal Fox Country Club in winning the Illinois Open by five strokes via a record score of 17-under 197. He opened with a 67 at Royal Hawk, then posted back-to-back 65s at Royal Fox to beat Christian Heavens



#Carlos Sainz tees off the 10th hole of the final round en route to a five-stroke victory in the Illinois Open at Royal Fox Country Club

of downstate Fairview Heights and score the \$17,500 first prize. Sainz now aims to get back on the PGA Tour, where he competed last year before losing his card.

"Confidence is a lot in this game," Sainz said. "The guys on tour, they say that when you're playing well, you have to feel you can win the tournament."

A week after winning the Illinois Amateur with a record score, Illinois junior Nick Hardy was the low amateur at 9-under 205. Sainz had held that spot a decade ago.

Have a Sip with Luke Donald

Signature wines by prominent golfers are all the rage the last few years, and Luke Donald is one of those who have gone for the fermented grape. His Taste of the First Tee, which benefits the First Tee of Greater Chicago's golf and character education programs, is slated for the evening of Monday, September 12 at Medinah Country Club.

Featured attractions include a gourmet tasting of exclusive wines from Terlato Wine Group's global portfolio, including the wines of the Luke Donald Collection, combined with fine dining. Donald will be on hand and lead a question-and-answer session with some of his pals from the PGA Tour. For more information, see www.thefirstteegreaterchicago.org or call 847-729-9833.

Bolingbrook Open

Most club championships are open only to members of the club. The Bolingbrook Open is different. Municipally-owned Bolingbrook Golf Club has a membership but is open to all, and so is its annual club championship.

Thus the name of Bolingbrook Open. This year's two-day tangle, the seventh annual, is August 20 - 21, with several men's flights, plus divisions for women, senior men, and juniors. The entry fee varies from \$45 for BGC members to \$175 for non-members, with seniors (\$135) and juniors (\$115) falling in between. There's also an awards luncheon after the finish on Sunday. For more information, see www.bolingbrookgolfclub.com or call 630-771-9400.

Ruffled Feathers Revives

Calling it "a true revival of the entire property," Arcis Golf has completed a \$2 million renovation of Ruffled Feathers Golf Club in Lemont.

Every bunker has been rebuilt, and some sight lines have been improved on the course, a 1991 concoction of Pete Dye and son P.B. Dye. The clubhouse has also been renovated, with a wraparound deck for outdoor dining and a new look inside.

The update is part of the firm's \$50 million in capital improvements to its 66-course portfolio, which includes six courses in Illinois.

— *Tim Cronin*

Steel City Welds Together Dramatic Landscape and Outstanding Golf

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The city of Pittsburgh has many facets. To historians, it is one of the central hubs that spurred on America's Industrial Revolution due to its vast natural resources including iron ore, coal, timber, and natural gas. To football fans, it stands for hard-nosed football immortalized by the likes of Mean Joe Greene, Mike Webster, and Terry Bradshaw. To baseball fans, it stands for legendary players including Honus Wagner, Roberto Clemente, and Willie Stargell.

The return of the U.S. Open to the Steel City in June spotlighted still another local asset: outstanding public golf. In a state that incorporates over 700 courses, the Pittsburgh area serves up 128 public layouts, many of which are fixtures on top 100 lists in the national golf publications. The dramatic topography formed by the Allegheny Mountain Range provided some of the world's greatest architects an amazing palette to create courses that incorporate forests, rivers, hills, valleys and plains. Eight of the city's public facilities are rated as "outstanding" by at least one national magazine. Better yet, all are highly affordable.

Olde Stonewall Golf Club

Ranked among the country's finest courses to open in 1999, the 7,103-yard Olde Stonewall was designed by Dr. Michael Hurdzan and Dana Fry. Set over 269 acres of farmland and forest, the layout rises above the banks of the Connoquenessing River and heads upward to a soaring promontory. Golfers learn quickly how the course earned its name as huge chunks of stone line tee boxes, cart paths, and water hazards from the first hole to the 18th. In all, some 750,000 tons of stone were moved during the layout's construction.

Be ready for battle as the course begins with a 569-yard par 5 featuring bow-tie shaped sand bunkers on both sides of the fairway for the landing area and the second shot. A massive sand bunker also protects the right side of the green. In total, the course incorporates 91 sand bunkers.

The 434-yard No. 4 introduces golfers to the first of three successive holes featuring water hazards, while a shot to the left of the landing area successfully evades a watery grave. The same body hazard comes into play on the approach shot, which must also overcome a fronting sand bunker.

No visit to Olde Stonewall is complete without a tour of its towering clubhouse. The massive 33,000-square-foot gray castle features two massive 800-pound solid oak doors at its entrance and colorful pennants flying from its turrets. Along with a pro shop, the building houses the unique Shakespeare's Restaurant and Pub, a medieval themed drinking and dining experience, where every customer is "treated like royalty."

For more information, visit: www.oldestonewall.com.

Mystic Rock at Nemaquin Woodland's Resort

Perched atop and along the side of the mountain range, the 7,516-yard Mystic Rock course was designed by Pete Dye and is the former home of the PGA Tour's 84 Lumber Classic. Listed among the top ten casino courses in the country by *Golfweek*, the course cuts through mature forests and features many of Dye's trademark flourishes, including deep, sprawling sand bunkers and large, multi-tiered greens. In tribute to the course's name, rocks and boulders of all sizes and applications reside on each hole—some line rivers and lakes. Others serve as a fence to divide fairways. Still others combine to create menacing gardens that must be traversed off the tee. As a playful finish, the designer lined No. 18

with rock fences on both sides of the 468-yard hole's fairway until finally easing off the gas pedal with no rock outcroppings over the last 50 yards of the par 4.

Don't let the layout's yardage from the championship tees overwhelm you. While the course plays from 7,397 yards from the

black tees, it stretches to 6,732 yards from the middle tees and a down right gentle 5,596 yards from the gold tees. Caddies are included in the green fees and play an integral role in keeping play moving at a brisk pace. All of them are well versed in reading the greens.

Set to open in two phases beginning next summer, a second championship course designed by Dye is scheduled for completion in 2018. The course is situated on breathtaking landscape that may give the Mystic Rock course a run for its money as the No. 1 ranked public layout in the state.

Nemaquin Woodlands Resort serves up excellent accommodations and amenities. Situated on 2,000 acres, the complex features 320 guest rooms, the acclaimed Woodlands Spa, sporting clays and shooting academy, fly fishing, an equestrian center and even a wildlife academy with animal habitats for zebra, buffalo, tigers, hyenas and black bears.

For more information on the resort, visit www.nemaquin.com.

Quicksilver Golf Club

Ranked among Pennsylvania's top 15 courses by *Golfweek*, this 7,012-yard parkland course features generous fairways and large greens framed by mature trees and woodlands. Built in 1971, the course has hosted a variety of pro tournaments over the years, including a Champions Tour event from 1992 until 1997.

One of the course's trademark features are uphill approach shots as some 11 holes call

for a shot to an elevated green. Depending on wind conditions, be prepared to club upwards by one, two, or even three clubs on certain holes. The most interesting hole on the course is No. 12, a 349-yard par 4 shaped like a horseshoe. Don't leave the green without enjoying the spectacular vistas behind this green.

The course finishes with an uphill 424-yard par 4 that will instantly bring a smile to your face. The right side of the hole's landing area features miniature version "church pew" bunkers as a tribute to the famous hazards at nearby Oakmont Country Club, host of the 2016 U.S. Open.

Totteridge

While other Pittsburgh-area courses are more well-known, this 7,154-yard Rees Jones design is a hidden gem as it opened to the public in 2009 after opening as a private club in 2001. The links-style course is laid out across gently rolling hills, and features elevated tee mixes, natural fairway sand bunkers and lightning-fast greens.

The 566-yard No. 4 serves as a model of the topography's many features. The right side of the tee shot landing area is lined with rolling mounds that actually serve to re-direct faded drives back towards the fairway. The second shot offers risks and rewards as a creek and fescue protect the landing area in front of the green. This green slopes severely from back to front, and that should help golfers avoid three devious pot bunkers resting behind the putting surface.

For more information, visit www.totteridgegolfcourse.com.

While tickets to watch the Steelers at Heinz Field are tough to come by, Pittsburgh offers ample entertainment options along with golf. Be sure to check out the Andy Warhol Museum that includes 900 paintings, approximately 100 sculptures, 2,000 works on paper, and 4,000 photographs.

The Strip District stretches for 20-plus blocks and features specialty food shops and open-air markets. P&G's Pamela's Diner offers breakfast specialties including banana walnut hotcakes, Pittsburgh hash and croissant french toast, all at low cash-only prices.

For more information about Pittsburgh and its fabulous golf options, visit www.visitpittsburgh.com.





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Renewal at Arlington Lakes Golf Club

An extensive renovation ensures fun for future generations

By Len Ziehm



Arlington Lakes has been an 18-hole facility operated by the Arlington Heights Park District since 1979, so it was due for its first renovation. The result, though, was far beyond most expectations when the course re-opened on July 1.

The course had been closed for 13 months to allow architect Mike Benkusky to completely renovate a layout that was designed by the late St. Charles architect David Gill on what had been a Nike missile base. The course is built on just 90 acres, so expanding beyond the 5,432 yard, par 68 specifications wasn't possible.

What Benkusky could do, though, was modernize the layout and make it much more versatile for its players. That was done

in two major steps: Benkusky flipped the nines, allowing for the creation of three- and six-hole loops for shorter rounds at certain times, and the extraordinary number of bunkers was reduced by two-thirds.

Tim Govern, operations manager for Arlington Lakes, is intrigued by the possibilities that the loops will create. Govern envisions more players – those with some time constraints – being enticed by the option of playing just three or six holes. Nos. 3, 6, 9 and 18 all come back to the clubhouse. Such playing options will be priced accordingly, and attractively. For example, a quick three holes would cost just \$5 for juniors and seniors on weekdays.

“We’ll probably never be the most prestigious course to play, but we’ll always hope to be a course for fun golf at fantastic rates,” said Govern. “The course is finally going to be what it should be – a great community municipal course.”

Govern was understandably excited about that aspect of the new look, but players teeing off during and immediately after the July 1 grand opening also were delighted by the well-conditioned putting surfaces, nine of which are brand new, and the increased number of tee placements. The course also has wall to wall cart paths now, allowing for play in more inclement weather conditions.

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The new loops and the terrific greens are big improvements, but the bunker reduction will be the most appreciated aspect of the renovation for players who visited the course frequently in the past. It certainly is a boost for superintendent Al Bevers.

“We went from 106 traps to 37, or from 97,000 square feet (of bunker space) to 37,000 square feet,” said Bevers. That makes for much less maintenance work and much less frustration for more casual players.

Gill’s original design likely called for more bunkers to offset the inevitable lack of length. They did serve the purpose of making a short course more challenging, but that had drawbacks as well.

“The crazy bunkers that we had before were just too darn difficult for the clientele,” said Govern. Many of the surviving bunkers are now adorned with fescue edges.

Bevers and a five-man crew handled the bulk of the work, which also included the adding of a half-acre of lake space to provide better drainage. Seventy trees were also removed and some new ones were planted in strategic places.

As far as the rotation goes, Benkusky did much more than switch the nines. He also created three new holes (Nos. 7, 8 and 9) to improve the flow of play and congestion around the clubhouse, but water still comes into play on nine of the holes. The clubhouse also was upgraded in the \$2.4 million project with a new patio area—the most eye-catching improvement.

“This offers a lot for everybody,” said Benkusky. “We hope it brings the families out.”

Based in Lake in the Hills, Benkusky has worked on a wide variety of Chicago-area courses since opening his design firm in 2005. Among them are public facilities Ft. Sheridan, Brae Loch, Countryside, and Red Tail, and privates Hawthorn Woods, Itasca, and St. Charles Country Club – the site of this year’s Illinois State Amateur.

The New Arlington Lakes Playing Tips

Hole #1 / Par 4 / 333 Yards

A fun start to your round with a tee shot from an elevated tee where you should favor the left side of the fairway to avoid the pond to the right. An approach to a slightly elevated green requires a little more club than you might think.

Hole #2 / Par 5 / 501 Yards

The number 1 handicap hole, this is a difficult three-shot hole for most players with water guarding both sides of the fairway basically through the green. Most players will be satisfied with par and move on.

Hole #3 / Par 3 / 141 Yards

A new back tee was added on this par 3 with the renovation. Center of the green is never a bad option on this hole.

Hole #4 / Par 4 / 401 Yards

Feel the freedom for your tee shot that was created on this hole as many older cottonwood trees were removed from the right side of the fairway. A new green complex was created with a bail out area to the left. This is one of the lengthier par 4s on the course.

Hole #5 / Par 3 / 176 Yards

A straightforward par 3 where there is now a more usable back tee. Avoid the bunkers and you should walk away with a par.

Hole #6 / Par 4 / 402 Yards

This hole plays longer than the yardage as it is generally into a prevailing wind and uphill. Try and stay below the hole on your approach to avoid a treacherous downhill putt. Par is a very good score here.

Hole #7 / Par 4 / 323 Yards

This hole starts a stretch of the three brand new holes at Arlington Lakes. A tee shot of about 190 Yards is ideal to avoid bringing the newly extended pond on the left into play. An approach to a narrow green guarded by water on both sides will test your swing on this par four.

Hole #8 / Par 3 / 125 Yards

The potentially new signature hole is a shorter par 3 from an elevated tee. There is now plenty of water to negotiate on both sides of the green. Watch the wind direction on this hole. Don’t get greedy here.

Hole #9 / Par 4 / 332 Yards

A little more open tee shot is apparent on this new hole. However, be careful of water to the left. Take a little more club for your approach here and favor the left side of the green as you do not want to be in the deep bunkers on the right.

Hole #10 / Par 4 / 391 Yards

The former first hole is a very straightforward par 4 with a generous tee shot landing area. New mounding to the right of the green protects an errant approach.

Hole #11 / Par 3 / 192 Yards

The most difficult par 3 on the course. Try to stay out of the bunker short and to the right of the green. There are several difficult hole locations that can be used that make par a good score here.

Hole #12 / Par 4 / 388 Yards

A pond to the right and out of bounds left make this tee shot a tester. Once again, staying below the hole can make a potential birdie putt a lot easier here.

Hole #13 / Par 4 / 275 Yards

Long hitters might want to try to drive to the green here. But beware of a newly placed bunker in front of this redesigned green. Avoid the bunkers and a potential birdie opportunity awaits.

Hole #14 / Par 3 / 148 Yards

Another fun par 3 with a knee knocking carry over water for many players. Trust your swing and you can walk away with a par on this hole.

Hole #15 / Par 4 / 272 - 251 Yards

Longer hitters will again be tempted to drive the green here but a new bunker in the front left and a green approach that slopes down from left to right will not favor that decision. Still a very good birdie opportunity awaits here.

Hole #16 / Par 4 / 368 - 334 Yards

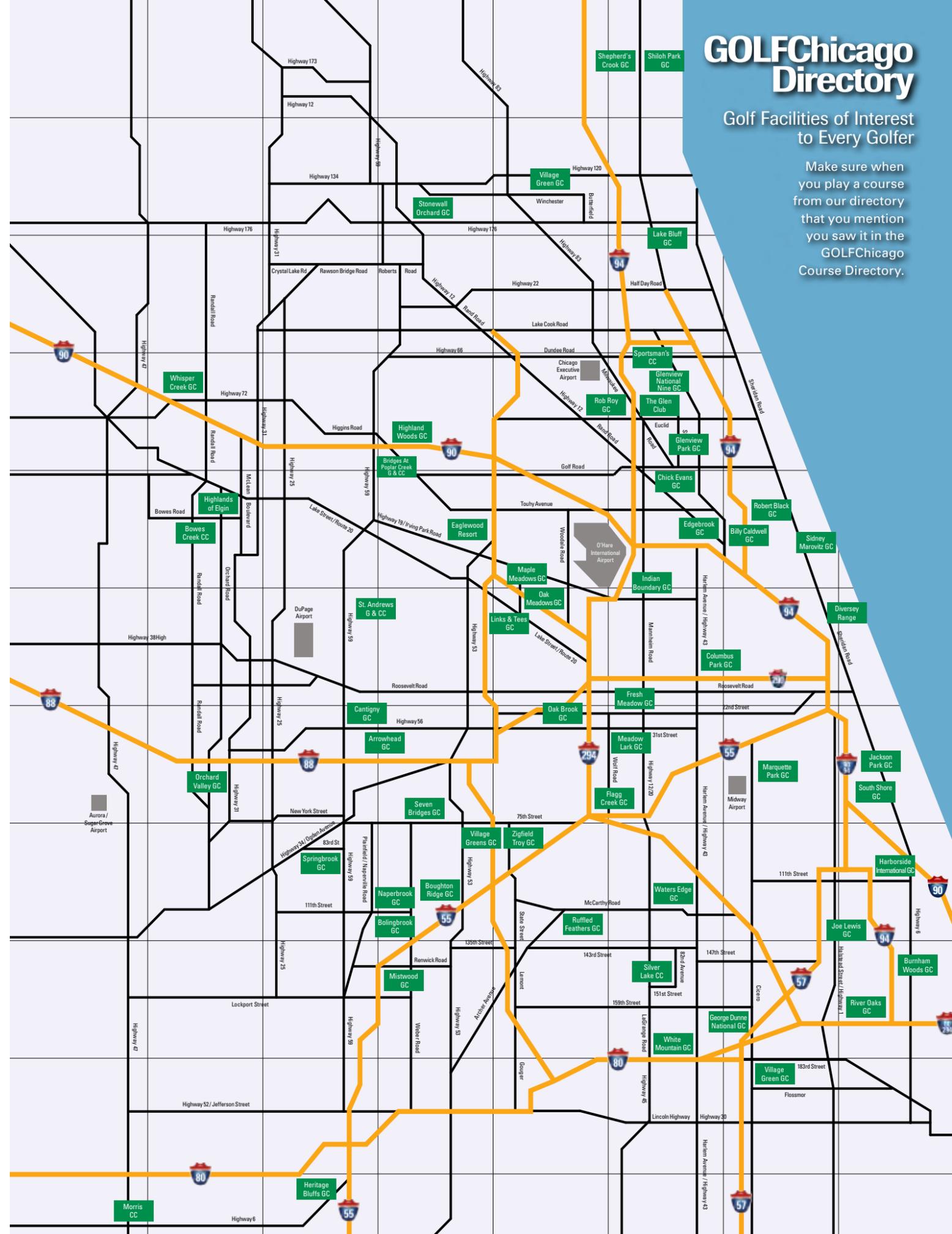
Two ponds to the left of the fairway should be avoided for your tee shot on this hole. A very undulating green is a three putt waiting to happen for those that start from above the hole.

Hole #17 / Par 3 / 183 Yards

Favor the right side of the green to avoid a difficult left bunker on your tee shot here. Another tough green makes walking away with a par acceptable for even the better player.

Hole #18 / Par 5 / 481 - 458 Yards

This is a great finishing hole to a fun round of golf. Lakes on both sides of the fairway on the tee shot makes accuracy a priority. A newly constructed green complex now has water short and left. The bail out option is to the right, however this leaves a difficult pitch back towards the water. A big number can still be made here if you start thinking about the 19th hole too early.





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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

Kids Golf Foundation of Illinois
Golf Changes Kids' Lives
630-466-0913
P.O. Box 610
Sugar Grove, IL 60554
kidsgolffoundation.org

Links & Tees Golf Facility
630-458-2660
Addison, IL 60101
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addisonparks.org

Maple Meadows Golf Club
630-616-8424
272 Addison Rd.
Wood Dale, IL 60191
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

Oak Meadows Golf Club
630-595-0071
900 N. Wood Dale Rd.
Addison, IL 60101
DuPageGolf.com
Par 71
Yardage: 6,718 - 5,628 yds.
Weekday: \$32 walk/\$49 ride
Weekend: \$41 walk/\$58 ride
*Frequent specials on course website
Discount Program: Yes
Jr./Sr. Rates: Yes
Twilight Rates: Yes
Banquets/Outings: No

Sentry World
866-479-6753
Stevens Point, WI 54481
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sentryworld.com

Shepherd's Crook
847-872-2080
351 N. Green Bay Rd.
Zion, IL 60099
shepherdcrook.org

Shiloh Park
847-746-5500
23rd and Bethesda Blvd.
Zion, IL 60099
shilohparkgolf.com

Western Golf Association / Evans Scholars Foundation
westerngolfassociation.com

Zigfield Troy Par 3
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Woodridge, IL 60517w

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Springbrook Golf Course

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2220 W. 83rd St.
Naperville, IL 60564
golfnaperville.org

Springbrook Golf Course commands some of the finest views of Naperville's open space and trails. Built in 1974, the facility features a challenging 18 holes, 28-stall natural turf driving range, two practice putting greens, and a short-game practice green with bunkers. Golfers of all skill levels return time and again to play. Enjoy post-game refreshments on the picturesque patio; Springbrook also offers lessons, outings, a well-stocked golf shop and much more.



Stonewall Orchard

25675 W Highway 60
Grayslake, IL 60030
847-740-4890
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 in rotation with Olympia Fields and Medinah Country Club as host site for the Illinois PGA Section Championship held every August.



Water's Edge Golf Course

7205 West 115th Street
Worth, IL 60482
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watersedgegolf.com

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Southside Chicagoland Gives Us a Reason to Dream

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Imagine a new championship golf course located on the shores of Chicago's south side. Stretch your imagination further with the concept that the course will be highly affordable for city residents and will serve as the permanent host of the BMW Championship.

NBC golf announcer Mark Roling, who knows a thing or two about dream realization, tossed around those fanciful ideas of a lakefront championship golf course in September of 2015. Roling earned a fortune as a resort developer on the Hawaiian island of Maui. He also created the PGA Tour's first "post-season" tournament, the Kapalua Open, which had a successful 16-year run. So how do Roling's successes in real estate development, tournament invention, and golf broadcasting evolve into the construction of a Chicago golf course? As it turns out, Roling is a DeKalb native and a huge fan of Chicago golf. His proposal is to combine the land on the existing Jackson Park Golf Course with that of the existing South Shore Golf Course to create enough green space to allow a major golf architect to design a four-star course. "I'm

dubbing this as the future of urban golf in America," Roling told the *Chicago Tribune*. Roling envisions the financing of the course to come from a partnership between himself, Bandon Dunes developer Mike Keiser, and Sugar Grove businessman Jerry Rich, the owner of the private Rich Harvest Farms golf club. Even if the financing part of the property was secured, the group would need approval from city officials to build out into Lake Michigan—a daunting, but not impossible, accomplishment.

Even if none of these plans ever make it to the launching pad, I cannot help but applaud Roling for piecing together this audacious vision of a new development. During a time when new course construction in America is at a standstill, a mere glimmer of hope is all that's needed to stir a golfer's imagination. One can picture the golf course as a home for youth programs developed by The First Tee of Chicago and as a new local destination for Chicago area golfers who sometimes travel long distances to visit a quality public layout beyond the south side's Harborside

International and Ravisloe Country Club. The sweeping views of Lake Michigan and the Chicago skyline would definitely help make the course a huge attraction.

The feasibility of all elements of this vision coming together seems daunting. Assuming the city agrees to providing the land and the permits, one still has to assume that a lawsuit or two filed by well-intentioned party poopers disguised as "friends of Chicago" organizations will slow down, if not stop, the process for months or even years. That said, who wants to wait until 2018 or 2019 to play a new golf course?

For now, at least, we should put aside all nay saying and salute Roling, Keiser, and Rich for inspiring us to dream. All three of these men, after all, have a history of making visions come true. Instead, let's close our eyes and dream of a grand golf course jutting out into Lake Michigan on land that hosted the World's Columbian Exposition of 1893. A quick Google search tells us that the name "World's Fair National Golf Course" is still available to print on the scorecard.

Négociant [nay-goh-SYAHN] is the French word for "dealer" or "merchant," and is used in wine circles to denote an individual or company that negotiates, sells, and ships wine as a wholesaler. Traditionally, négociants have often handled all aspects of wine production except the actual farming, including purchasing grapes, making the wine, blending, bottling, and shipping. In some transactions, there is another intermediary: a *courtier* or "wine broker," who helps establish the price paid by a négociant to a small producer. Some of the better known French négociants are Barton & Guestier, Calvet, Cordier, Moueix, and Sichel.

Predominately, négociants have been European, but they do exist in the New World (although you will rarely hear the French word used). One such firm is Terlato Wines, of Lake Bluff, Illinois, which rose from humble beginnings to become a powerhouse in the arena of international wine growing, production, and sales.

In 1938, Anthony Paterno, who would become Tony Terlato's father-in-law, opened a grocery store on the corner of Grand and Western in Chicago. Nearly twenty years later, Tony Terlato and his father, Salvatore, founded Terlato's Leading Liquor Marts. In 1958, Terlato and Paterno established Pacific Wine Company, importing and selling wines from California and Europe. By 1995, the business had expanded significantly by forming partnerships with leading wine producers from around the world, enabling the Terlato family to purchase Tanglely Oaks, the former Philip D. Armour III mansion in Lake Bluff as their company's headquarters, where 75 people are employed. The Tudor-Gothic estate, which resembles a European wine chateau, is on the National Register of Historic Places.

2014 Tanglely Oaks Chardonnay \$16
Which explains how a winery in California can be officially located 2100 miles away in Illinois! This is a nicely lemon-hued wine; a mixture of barrel and tank fermentation was employed, after which the wine was aged in barrel for six months. It features aromas of fresh tropical fruit and notes of vanilla; the palate is full-bodied, with pear, nectarine, and a hint of honey, with grapefruit on the finish.

Enjoy this now with Japanese Mero Sea Bass in Carrot Coriander Sauce, Blue Corn-crust Red Snapper with Warm Tomato Relish, or Smoked Salmon and Brie Pizza. ■■■■
2013 Tanglely Oaks Pinot Noir \$19
Tanglely Oaks offers two Pinots; this one hails from California's North Coast AVA, and was sourced from Napa Carneros, Sonoma, and Mendocino. The wine was aged for nine months in French oak barrels. This ruby-red wine exhibits aromas suggestive of raspberries and strawberries, with hints of pine forest and earth. The lush mouthfeel is complemented by flavors of plum and red fruit, and is balanced by bright acidity and soft tannins.

Uncork this good value with Grilled Chicken with Fresno Chile and Plum Sauce, Pan Roasted Pork Tenderloin filled with Sun-dried Cranberries, or Grilled Tuna Stacked with Heirloom Tomato and Crispy Eggplant. ■■■■



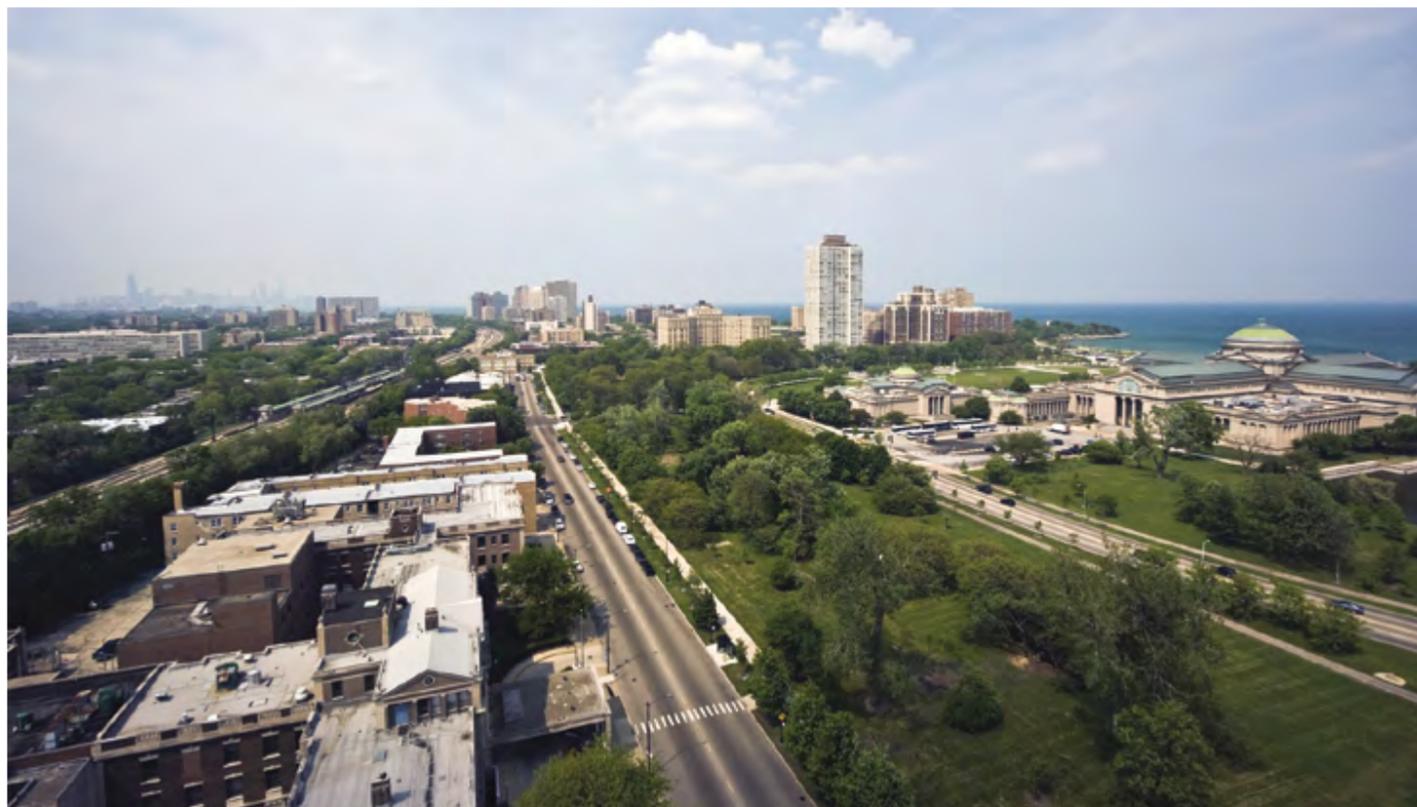
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And to Rhaego, son of Drogo, the stallion who will mount the world, to him I also pledge a gift. To him I will give this iron chair his mother's father sat in. I will give him Seven Kingdoms. I, Drogo, khal, will do this thing.

Of course, you don't need to play games to find a good Cabernet Sauvignon. Look no further than Black Stallion Estate Winery in Napa Valley's Oak Knoll district. Before grapevines dominated the landscape here, the valley was a rich grazing land for horses and cattle. Indeed, the estate itself was once home to the Silverado Horeseman's Center, with riding trails, stables, and the area's only indoor riding arena.

Today, Black Stallion winemaker Ralf Holdenried sources fruit from throughout the region. This wine is a blend of Cabernet from appellations Oak Knoll, Atlas, Peak, Rutherford, Oakville, Coombsville, Diamond Mountain District, and Mount Veeder, all familiar to wine afficianados. "Once you start working with grapes, you never get bored. There is always something new to explore. No one year is ever the same," Holdenried says.

The 2013 vintage is shaping up as one of Napa's best, and this wine is no exception. After harvest, it was fermented in stainless steel, then transferred to oak for 16 months of aging. The wine is very dark purple/red in color, and is characterised by cocoa, dried fig, mocha, black fruit, and black currant, with a balancing acidity and medium finish. \$30



Eating Crow at the Turn

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Rory Hughes

A foolish consistency is the hobgoblin of little minds ... Speak what you think now in hard words, and tomorrow speak what tomorrow thinks in hard words again, though it contradict every thing you said today.

—from *Self-Reliance*, by Ralph Waldo Emerson

Today we call this “flip-flopping.” Politicians are skewered for this. It’s how I justify being completely wrong.

Last year, just before the birth of my son, I wrote a letter to my wife pleading that she allow me to maintain my regular golf habit once I became a dad. My friends, family, and the seven people who read this column assured me I was delusional. Exactly one year later, I’m playing much less and much worse. But I wasn’t delusional; I was just naive. Here are six realities I hadn’t anticipated:

I don’t want to play as much as I used to.

It’s not that I don’t still love it; it’s just the cost is so much greater than before. A year ago, I might miss game four of the NBA finals to play 18, but then I could always DVR it. But you can’t DVR fatherhood. Every moment past, every milestone reached, every smile and new discovery happens with or without you. Cliché, also true. How would I feel if I had missed Sam’s first words: “dada” and “garbage,” (which he uses interchangeably)?

I’m getting worse.

The day I published that letter, my handicap was 5.6 and dropping. Now it’s 7.9 and rising. I’ve played 18 holes five times this year, which puts me on a pace to play 10 times total—the lowest since Charles Howell III was relevant. The other day, following a gaggle of blades, shanks, and chunks—the kind that are commonplace when you seldom play—I actually mumbled, “I should quit this stupid game.”

I struggle to stay in the moment.

The other day my buddy asked me where his ball went and I was too busy checking my nonexistent text messages to watch. I’m compelled to check my phone—a practice I have railed against for years—every few holes to make sure Sam hasn’t fallen off a table or swallowed a beetle. I know that being present is paramount in golf, but the moment can actually feel trivial, even distracting, when your progeny is elsewhere.

I’m exhausted.

Another friend warned that parenthood brings a new meaning to the word “tired.”

A child’s brain and body are in perpetual motion, which means that, by default, so are yours. The energy you had to clean the house or meet your buddy for beers is usurped by this little dictator, who is relentless in his thirst for stimulation. Leftover energy is spent trying to translate his whines, grunts, and shrieks. If you’ve ever traveled to a non-English speaking country, you understand the fatigue at the end of a full day trying to figure out what the hell is going on. So if this is happening for two thirds of the day, one third of the day loading clubs, unloading clubs, checking in, hitting balls, and walking for 18 holes playing a game at which you are getting worse, sounds exhausting.

I can’t manage my time.

Having children puts a different dimension on time. This year felt like three months, and a full day often feels like three hours, and all you’ve done is walked around the block, picked bananas from your hair, and helped your kid open and close a garbage can 30 times. Sam wakes up at 6:00 am and goes to bed at 7:00 pm. If I golf in the morning, I miss the most fun part of the day—playing with Sam and mom, eating breakfast, putting him down for a nap. Playing in the afternoon means forfeiting Team Nap Time from 2:00 to 3:30. And if I play in the evening, I miss the hardest time for a single parent: dinner, bath, bedtime.

I feel guilty.

My friend says, “Guilt is self-inflicted” every time he drags in a five-footer, and while I don’t agree with its use in that context, he’s right. My wife is actually encouraging me to play, partly because she knows it’s fundamental to my being, but partly because every round, prorated, is costing us \$200. But the deeper issue is wired in our nature. Our ancestors left the nest only for a purpose—to, say, hunt a mastodon. Walking circles through a man-altered forest chasing a white orb seems trivial and selfish by comparison. The same buddy whose push-slices I didn’t watch, said “Man, I feel guilty being out here and my daughter is at a friend’s house all day.” A year ago I would have scoffed, convinced his wife had eaten his manhood; this time I nodded and checked my phone again.

If Emerson is right, a year from now I’ll feel differently. Maybe I’ll argue that abandoning your sacred hobby will cause resentment toward your family. Or that you appreciate golf more when you play less. By then maybe every round will cost me \$300 and maybe it will be worth every cent.

Or maybe I’ll be less conflicted because Sam will no longer be confusing me with garbage.

“I should quit this stupid game.” It was both a terrifying and seductive thought, to have an out from this expensive, maddening, paradoxical game.

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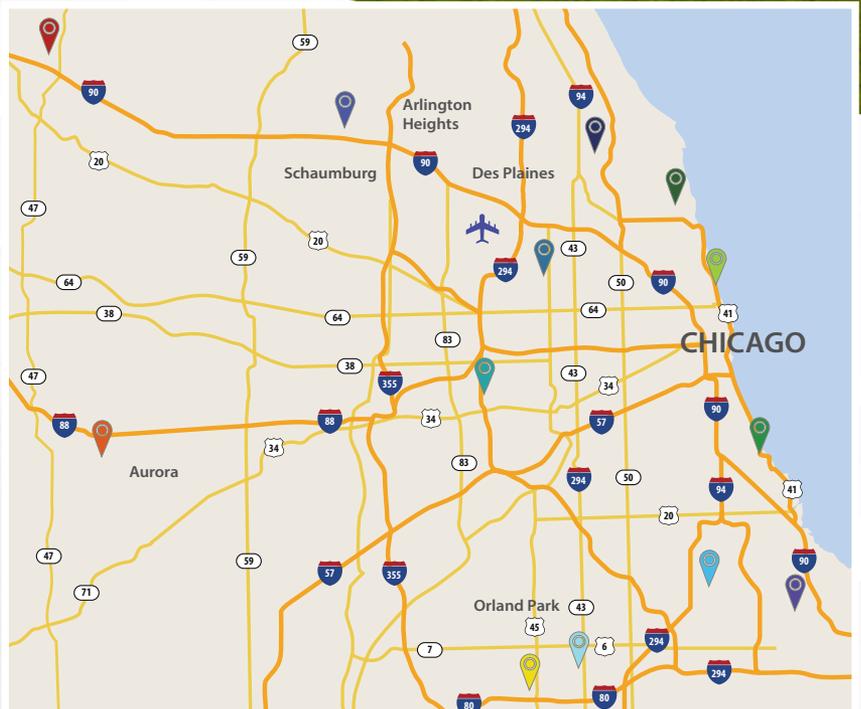
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