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**OPENING SHOT**

Dave Silbar

There's no doubt that the boom in golf simulator options have made winter much more palatable for us midwestern golfers. No longer do we need to say goodbye to our clubs and make the sad trek from car trunk to storage. Albeit our clubs are a bit frostier for those first few swings, being able to hit indoors into semi-realistic conditions makes me sing the praises of modern technology.

Whether it's a public facility such as Game of Irons and Five-Iron Golf, or a private indoor experience such as The E9 Golf Club in Mundelein/Hawthorn Woods (open 24/7 by the way), the options to keep working on your game and keep the fun going all winter long are endless.

Out in our western suburbs, golfers now have a new place to hang out and work on their swings this winter, thanks to the brand-new Whitetail Ridge Golf Dome in Oswego, the focus of this month's cover story. Opened in November, the dome features 30 hitting bays on two tiers, a Trackman system, golf simulators, a practice putting green, food service, a full bar, complimentary golf club rental, a club-fitting station, and golf instruction.

But let's think spring thoughts. Warmth is right around the corner (well, eventually) and the 2024 Tinley Park Golf Show is as much a sign of spring as Punxsutawney Phil emerging from his burrow and not seeing his shadow. This show comes to the Tinley Park Convention Center February 2 through 4. The game's top vendors, including Callaway, Wilson, Tour Edge, TaylorMade, Cobra, Mizuno, and many more, will be on hand. There will be skill challenges for Longest Drive, Closest to the Pin, and Longest Putt, and daily winners will compete for a \$500 cash prize on Sunday at 2 p.m.

This month, our Good Stuff section turns into your personal Golf Holiday Gift Guide, so be sure to sneak a copy of the magazine to your loved ones to take the guesswork out of what to put under your tree (or Hanukkah bush) this holiday season. My personal favorite is the Swannies Nelson Beanie which you can check out on the next page.

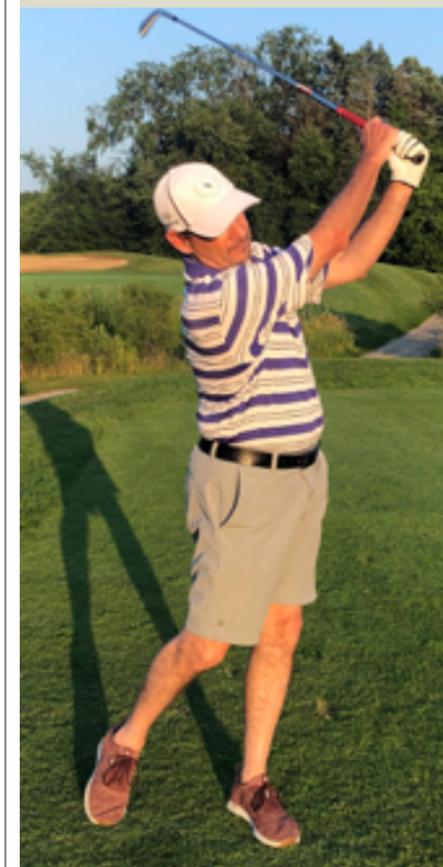
Speaking of Swannies, we welcome them as Official Apparel Providers for the magazine. As comfortable as all of their clothing is, they're also super sustainable, using a material in many of their products called REPREVE, a recycled fabric made from discarded water bottles. To date, Swannies has used more than three million water bottles to manufacture their products.

Further down the magazine you'll find our Sweet Home Chicago department, featuring news you can use in and around the Chicago area. A special shoutout here to Chicago-based Kemper Sports for raising \$2 million in donations for Folds of Honor, a nonprofit organization that provides educational scholarships to the families of fallen or disabled military men and women and first responders.

Publisher Dave Werekta introduces us to Streamsong Resort's latest venture, a 19-hole short course located just a short walk across a footbridge from the resort. Thirteen of the holes are ready for play now as the other six holes continue to grow in. Golfers can play the course in six and thirteen-hole loops. The scorecard has no reference to par, and instead of tee boxes the course has teeing areas, a nod to match play. Either way, The Chain spools out fun for all who add Streamsong to their itinerary.

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# THE GOOD STUFF / HOLIDAY GIFT GUIDE



## Swannies All Winter Long

Swannies' Nelson Beanie is the perfect accessory for the brutal midwest winters. On the course or off, the wind is no match for this amazing knit hat.

\$30  
swannies.co

## Lohla Sport

Annika Sorenstam is Lohla Sport's global brand ambassador for their premium ladies golf-lifestyle apparel. Founded in 2021 by Lisa O'Hurley (husband John is of "Seinfeld" fame), tops, bottoms, skirts, and outerwear feature European designs with L.A. flair. They're playful, colorful, and classy, and transition seamlessly from the course to the office and social settings. The Very Pant and Golf Fitness Pant are especially popular, typifying "comfortable chic." Lohla Sport is ushering in "Golfleisure," akin to Lululemon's "Athleisure" craze. Sizes XXS to XXL.

MSRP \$80 to \$260  
accessories \$30 to \$40  
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## Tee-up Some Gummies

Whether you're an athlete looking for peak performance or you're just a golfer looking for a solid night of sleep, these AVRA HHC Gummies might become part of your routine. Available in 10 or 25 mg, these gummies reduce inflammation, calm your stress, and help you wake up refreshed. \$19.99-\$49.99 avrahc.com



## Golf Nation

Recommend the treat of Golf Nation and you'll be No. 1 in their books. The new, first, and only producer of original golf-lifestyle shows is differentiated by the

ability for viewers to click an on-screen "buy bar" to instantly purchase items while never leaving the streaming experience. Episodes are five to 30 minutes each and include "Ambush with David Feherty" (hidden camera hijinks), "Golf Unseen" (adventures to exotic golf locations with cultural experience), "Tee Shots" (drink, chat, swing, and repeat with famous mixologist Bill Bender) and "Watch Buy Play" (hottest golf products on the planet). Here's the key: it's free to watch. Simply register at [www.golfnation.com](http://www.golfnation.com)

## Golf Travel Anyone?

If you're traveling to play golf this winter, you need a reliable backpack for the plane. This Deluxe Backpack from Ricardo is beyond durable and is made from a weather-resistant ballistic polyester. It also features two bottle pockets, laptop pocket, tablet pocket, adjustable straps, durable zippers, and many more necessities.

\$170  
ricardobeverlyhills.com



## Super Serenity

The gift of golf art is best provided by Lie + Loft. This "Morning Solitude" piece can be displayed where you start your day. A portion of each purchase helps the Superintendent Network Foundation which benefits stewards of the game at times of need. Available in four sizes, with or without frames.

\$32.99 and up lieandloft.com

## PRO BEAR EDITION

## Beyond Bear Necessities

VICE Golf has done some great collaborations, and these golf balls, which feature the Golden Bear, are no exception. As far as performance, the VICE Pro is one of the highest rated golf balls on the market. Now, with a Jack Nicklaus signature and one golden golf ball per dozen, you've got a great stocking stuffer.

\$44.99 vicegolf.com



## Weekend Warrior

The Stephen Curry Golf Collection from Under Armour features some of the hottest items in golf apparel right now, and these UA Charged Curry Spikeless shoes are on fire. Lightweight knit upper, Charged Cushioning for comfort and durability, and a flexible spikeless traction, make this the ultimate kick for any player.

\$150 underarmour.com



## Precision Present

Tour Edge expands on its immensely successful Wingman name with a new lineup of wedges. With input from the legend himself, Bernhard Langer, Wingman wedges feel great at impact and provide serious spin around the green. With three grind options available, these wedges have adjustable weighting and come with Dynamic Gold 115 shafts.

\$139.99 touredge.com



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## The Gift of Pete

Even if you're not buying for a golfer, who wouldn't love a stylish hoodie with "Pete" of Original Penguin on it? This novelty golf hoodie is 60% cotton and 40% recycled polyester with a French terry fabrication that is oh, so comfy for the cold months. Available in Black Iris or Prairie Sand. **\$75** [originalpenguin.com](http://originalpenguin.com)

## Whiskers

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## Good Things, Small Packages

If your favorite golfer likes technology, this SC4 launch monitor from Swing Caddie will have them geeking out. This reasonably priced unit is packed with data from a launch monitor standpoint, but it's also a simulator that can have you playing virtual courses in no time. Pair with your phone or tablet and kiss the cold weather goodbye. **\$549.99** [voicercaddie.com](http://voicercaddie.com)

## Gimme Fuel, Gimme Fire

Whether you're buying for a serious whiskey lover or a serious rockstar, this BLACKENED X Wes Henderson Kentucky straight bourbon is a preferred gift. Master Distiller Rob Dietrich, Wes Henderson, and Metallica bring this cask-strength whiskey to life. It's like drinking a glass of smooth, heavy metal. **\$100** [blackenedwhiskey.com](http://blackenedwhiskey.com)



## Sole For Your Game

Comfort is the name of the game when you are looking for a new pair of golf shoes. ASICS shoes have been around a long time and now their latest line of golf shoes is starting to leave a solid footprint in the industry. Their GEL-KAYANO model with FlyteFoam technology is a step ahead of the competition with unmatched stability and breathability in an attractive waterproof design. **\$170** [asics.com](http://asics.com)



## Fancy Flat Stick

Sacks Parente Golf has produced some eye-catching putters, and this Series 91 called "The Duke," is a showstopper. A small-ish mallet with a classic toe hang design, it's clean to look at and promotes a smooth putting stroke. Your favorite golfer won't be able to resist rolling a few putts around the Christmas tree. **\$349.99** [sacksparente.com](http://sacksparente.com)



## Alphard Golf

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## Extracurricular

Several years after guiding Travis Mathew to its acquisition by Callaway, Chris Rosaasen recently launched Extracurricular, the new men's golf-lifestyle apparel that's worn by Dustin Johnson and is off to a flying start. The brand celebrates time well spent, with multi-hyphenate gents especially loving Extracurricular's classic pieces that take them from the greens to cocktails and everything in between. Fabrics are luxe and substantive. Cuts are comfortable and align with athletic and everyday movements. A tight range of polos, tees, second layers, bottoms, and hats are in fun yet classic colors, with designs sporting a twang of edge. Tour players love Extracurricular and the special man in your life will, too. [www.ex-cr.com](http://www.ex-cr.com)



## Give a Hoot

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## Five Keys to Better Driving

**D**istance off the tee and keeping the ball in play is one of the main keys to shooting lower scores. Being able to hit the ball father and staying out of trouble takes pressure off other parts of your game. It allows you to use shorter clubs for your second shot, which will give you closer looks at birdie. Power off the tee combined with keeping the ball in play is one of the areas you can work on this season if you want to shoot lower scores and have more fun playing golf. Here are four of my keys to creating more club speed and better center contact for longer and straighter drives.

### Address

Club speed starts from the ground. Getting into a balanced setup position will allow you to pivot your body and shift pressure into the ground correctly. A proper set up will allow you to deliver the club with more speed in the correct sequence on the downswing. Here are four things to look for in the set up:

**A. Ball is Forward** Make sure to tee the ball up in line with your inside left heel and the outside of your lead shoulder. This ball position will allow you to hit the ball on the upward part of the swing arc. Launching the ball with

a positive angle of attack gives you more carry distance and less backspin which will have the ball roll out more when it lands.

**B. Stance Width Much Wider Than Hips** Your driver stance is the widest of any other club in the bag. Place your feet wider than the width of your shoulders and flair both of your feet. This will open your hips and allow you to make a bigger and deeper backswing.

**C. Start With 60% of Your Weight in Your Trail Foot and Tilt Away from the Target from Your Ribcage** This set up will allow your lead shoulder to be higher than your trail shoulder, again making an upward swing into the back of the ball at contact. Your body will look like a backwards "K" in the correct set up.

**D. Grip the Club Somewhat Tightly in Your Hands While Keeping Your Arms and Shoulders Relaxed** Don't let tension from your hands seep into your arms. This is a trait that all long-drive golfers have.

### Backswing

In the backswing we need to do two main things—shift your pressure early into your trail heel and pivot your shoulders (upper body) and your pelvis (lower body/hips) to allow for a full arm swing. The shift in pressure starts early

in the takeaway with a micro bump into the trail leg that loads pressure into the trail heel—we will use this power to push off to start the downswing. Feel like you are squishing the water out of a wet sponge under your trail heel as the club comes back. After the initial bump, you will turn your chest back away from the target, trying to get your lead shoulder behind the golf ball. The more you can turn your chest, the more you can keep your lead arm stretched out and away from your body. This will build a big turn and a loaded up feeling in your trail leg.

### Downswing

The transition from the backswing to the downswing is an important part of a good drive. The transition starts from the ground and works its way up the body parts, eventually transferring the energy to the hands and club. The downswing will begin with a push off the trail foot and a small slide towards the target with your hips into the lead leg. The more you can load in the backswing, the more force you will have to push off in the downswing. Once the pressure is pushed laterally towards the target, the lower body will start to unwind, starting with the knee then

the hips. You want to feel like your back stays looking at the target as long as you can. This will put a stretch into the lower and upper body parts producing not only more speed, but an in-to-out club path that will produce a draw ball flight. The downswing sequence would be close to the sequence of throwing a pitch or a ball. It starts in the legs, then hips, then chest, then out to the arm and hand. The poorest drivers do the downswing sequence in reverse and hit short slicing drives.

### Follow Through

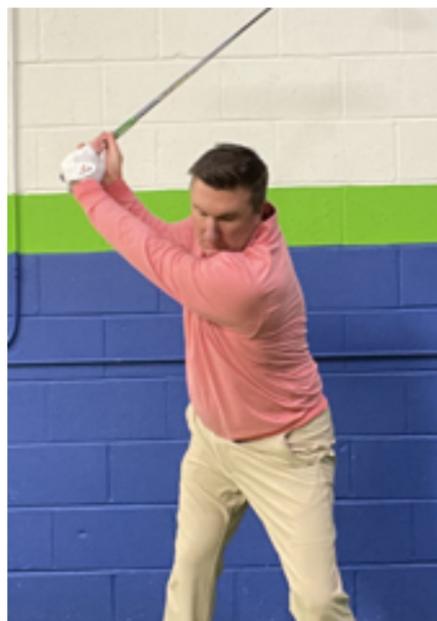
A huge differentiator of skill is that the best players in the world never let their elbows separate at impact and into the follow through (when the club and your belly button should both be pointed down the target line). Film yourself from an area where you can clearly see whether you are keeping your elbows squeezed together. Equally as important is shoulder tilt in the follow through. Pretend that you have water in your right ear (for right-handed golfers) and the only way to get that water out is to tilt your head, having your right shoulder pointed down toward the tee just after impact. Finally, try and bend your shoulders as far backwards as

possible, keeping your weight firmly on your front leg and straightening both legs as much as possible.

### Finish

Stick the finish. If you can finish with your weight balanced on your lead leg and your body turned past the target (left of the target for a right-handed golfer) you will know you made a full finish. Your trail foot will be light and on your toe. Shoulders will be left of the target and your sternum will be pointed to the sky. You want your hands over your lead shoulder as well. If you cannot finish in balance—your sequence of transition is off. You will need to make practice swings to get the sequence right and balance at the end of the swing.

*For more information or help with your golf game contact:*  
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# SWANNIES GOLF: Celebrating Pars in Style

### About Swannies

In 2015 we thought it'd be a fun idea to launch a Kickstarter. We grew up caddy-ing at fancy clubs and playing at our local munis. We had a laid back approach to the

game and thought a flip flop with some soft spikes on the bottom would be the perfect representation of this philosophy. At the time, we hardly knew what we were doing (some may argue we still don't), but

our mission never changed — "golf should be fun". This became our rallying cry. While our product at the time left much to be desired, our brand attracted a passionate audience.

Through that simple statement, we channeled our brand into a collection of fun and affordable styles. As of summer '23, over 2000 shops throughout the US and Canada carry the Swannies brand. We've become a go-to modern brand for golfers who want to look good regardless of where they're playing (or how well).

### We Care and You Should Too

Through our collaboration with REPREEVE, over 60% of our total fabric used for our Spring '24 Collection is made of recycled water bottles. To date, over 5 million discarded water bottles have been used to make Swannies products.

In addition, we partner with carbon offsetting organizations, supporting projects in both removal & reduction. By establishing strong relationships with our factory partners, we are able to advocate for greater environmental responsibility within our supply chain.

So now you know, we're more than just a pretty face (or shirt)! Swannies is a responsible company with big plans to leave their mark on the golf industry, not the environment. Wear us proudly! Visit us at [www.swannies.co](http://www.swannies.co) to learn more and look amazing.



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### Back in Black: Bettinardi Unveils 2024 BB Series Putters

Tinley Park-based Bettinardi Golf recently unveiled the new 2024 BB Series. For this redefined line, Founder Robert J. Bettinardi has built upon years of experience and harnessed feedback from tour players to optimize the center of gravity and apply a new face-milling technology to the series. The sleek 2024 lineup features seven putter models, including the BB1, BB1 Wide, BB8 Flow, BB48, and the BB28 Slotback as a Spud Neck, Center Shaft, or Armlock. Creating a harmonious blend of tradition and cutting-edge technology, each model has been designed by Robert and Bettinardi's team of engineers to deliver superior performance and a smooth and consistent stroke.

Bettinardi's Perpetual Flymill Face Milling technology is now enhanced by sonic optimization. This innovative technology provides a consistent roll, ensuring that your putts



start true and on target. Each stroke produces a distinctive tone, providing instant feedback to the player. Each BB Series putter is one-piece milled from 303 stainless steel, which is the same blend of material preferred by Bettinardi Tour staffers around the globe. This metal offers a more durable, responsive, and solid-feeling putter for supreme performance. The deep, luxurious black hue of Black Pearl PVD not only exudes sophistication but also adds an extra layer of confidence upon address. Beyond its striking appearance, the PVD coating is highly resistant to wear, scratches, and corrosion.

### Sanctuary Golf Course Expansion in the Works

Big changes are in store at Sanctuary Golf Course in south suburban New Lenox, most notably a brand-new short game area and the addition of 20 Top Tracer-equipped driving range bays. A third improvement will also feature expanding the grass driving range by three times its current size in order to accommodate the eight area high school and two junior high school teams who use the course's practice facilities throughout the year. According to New Lenox Park District officials, a soft opening is planned for January 2024 for the heated area and the summer of 2024 for the rest of the improvements.

### KemperSports Properties Eclipse \$2 Million in Donations for Folds of Honor

KemperSports and its family of facilities nationwide recently surpassed the \$2 million milestone in fundraising efforts for its longtime partner Folds of Honor, a nonprofit organization that provides educational scholarships to the families of injured or disabled military men and women and first responders. Since 2013, the leading sports, entertainment, and hospitality company and its staff across the country have worked closely with the organization to host creative programming, events, fundraisers, and friendly competitions to benefit Folds of Honor and its life-changing mission. Through the collective efforts of its staff, KemperSports has funded more than 400 Folds of Honor scholarships.

To further deepen its support of families of injured or disabled U.S. Military service members and first responders, KemperSports also launched a new jobs program Memorial Day weekend 2022 that works to connect Folds of Honor scholarship recipients and military families with meaningful employment opportunities across the golf, hospitality, public relations, sports marketing, and events industries. To learn more about this program, visit [kempersports.com/folds](http://kempersports.com/folds).

### Tinley Park Golf Show Returns February 2-4

It's a sure sign that warmth is right around the corner when thoughts turn to the Tinley Park Golf Show, coming to the Tinley Park Convention Center February 2-4. The game's top vendors, including Callaway, Wilson, Tour Edge, TaylorMade, Cobra, Mizuno, and many more, will be on hand.

Compete in skill challenges for Longest Drive, Closest to the Pin, and Longest Putt. Daily winners for all challenges including the top 10 in Longest Drive and Closest to the Pin will compete for a \$500 cash prize on Sunday at 2 p.m.

Enjoy watching the Pebble Beach Pro-Am at the show's famous 19th hole bar and lounge. There will also be aisles and aisles of new products, golf courses, and other event vendors, as well as the chance to try out tons of new equipment at an interactive driving range demo area.

For more information and tickets, visit [www.tinleypark-golfshow.com](http://www.tinleypark-golfshow.com).

### Audubon International

This environmentally focused non-profit is huge in the golf space. Audubon International's thesis is helping golf courses, country clubs, resorts, and communities protect the areas where people work, live, and play. It conducts conservation training initiatives and certifies its members on eco-friendly

quality in six key areas: environmental planning, wildlife and habitat management, outreach and education, chemical use reduction and safety, water conservation, and water quality management.

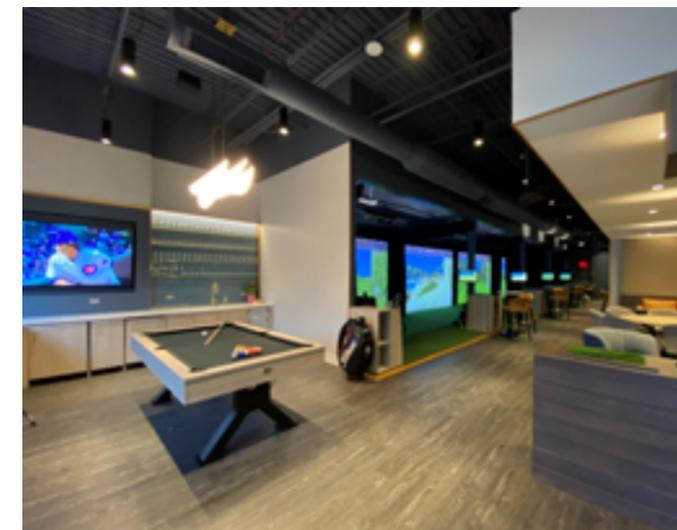
### Can't Sleep? Go Play Augusta National at 2 a.m.

Nestled on the border of Hawthorn Woods and Mundelein, E9 has emerged as the area's premier private indoor golf simulator club, allowing its members to indulge in the game we all love year-round, 24 hours a day, 7 days a week. Can't sleep? Go play Augusta at 2 a.m.

Equipped with Foresight GC Hawk launch monitors and top-shelf projection systems, the E9 Club transports players to the world's most iconic courses with stunning realism. From the undulating fairways of Augusta National to the seaside links of St. Andrews, members can tee off against a backdrop of their choosing, all while relishing the comfort of the club's upscale interiors. This winter, members can escape the frigid temperatures and immerse themselves in a golfing experience that transcends the limitations of the season. The club's climate-controlled environment ensures that golfers can refine their swings and enjoy the sport they love without any interference from the winter weather.

Beyond the immersive golfing experience, E9 Club offers a range of amenities that elevate the overall membership experience. One notable feature is the "Bring Your Own Beverage" (BYOB) option, allowing members to personalize their time at the club. Whether it's sipping on a barrel-aged bourbon or enjoying a favorite craft beer,

members can create the perfect ambiance for their golfing sessions. This unique amenity adds a social element to the club, encouraging members to unwind, relax, and share moments of triumph on the virtual fairways.



E9 Club isn't just a haven for golf; it's a community where like-minded individuals gather to celebrate their passion. Professional coaching services are available for those looking to refine their skills, and the club hosts curated events and tournaments throughout the winter season.

For more information or to schedule a visit, visit [www.e9clubs.com](http://www.e9clubs.com) or call (847) 986-0050.

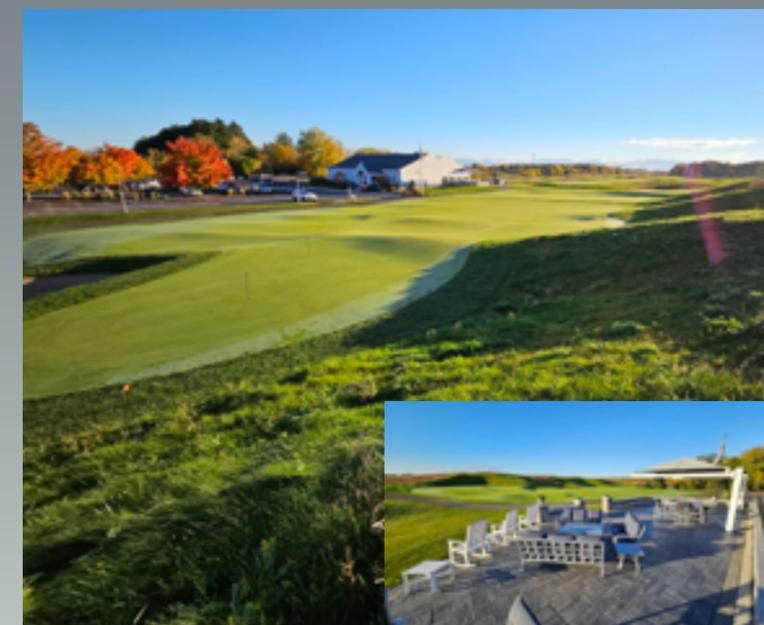
## The Bellwether: Chicagoland's Premier Putting Course at Shepherd's Crook

Shepherd's Crook Golf Course is both challenging and exciting to play. It is a links-style course that returns golfers to the game's past by creating a feeling of playing Ireland's Ballybunion or Waterville courses. Shepherd's Crook's design reflects the golden era of golf course architecture of the 1920s and 30s, with bentgrass fairways, tees, and greens.



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Golfers across the western suburbs have a new place to hang out and work on their swings this winter. The spacious and gleaming new Whitetail Ridge Golf Dome in Oswego opened in late November and features 30 hitting bays on two tiers, a Trackman system, golf simulators, a practice putting green, food service, a full bar, complimentary golf club rental, a club-fitting station and golf lessons.

Located just west of Orchard Road at 3360 Station Drive, the golf dome stretches across 70,000 sq. ft. and offers a broad space to launch balls toward targets. “What makes our dome special,” said Director of Golf Operations Alex Balog, “is the wide scope of the dome at 70 feet high and 100 yards in length. Unlike other indoor facilities where you can’t distinguish a

straight tee shot from a faded one or a hooked one, the length of the dome allows players to see how their shots are shaped.

“I think first-time visitors to Whitetail Ridge Golf Dome are going to be impressed with the look and feel of the facility,” Balog said. “We could have located a used dome to save money. But we wanted to provide our guests

with an exceptional experience with a new building, bright lighting, and more amenities than they might have experienced elsewhere.”

Construction of the dome and its entrance building began in June and progressed quickly with a new parking lot, landscaping, technology systems, and hitting mats. The hit-

ting bays allow for both standard practice sessions and simulated play. Each hitting bay uses Trackman Range technology to track ball flight, provide shot data, and measure every aspect of the club movement. Trackman’s precise course graphics and tour-graded tracking technologies provide virtual play at some of the world’s most renowned courses. The system also serves up gaming options that will appeal to kids. Each hitting bay also includes a TV to watch sports in between swings.

Whitetail Ridge Golf Dome is an extension of the Whitetail Ridge brand that incorporates Whitetail Ridge Golf Course and Ashley Farm—a wedding and banquet hall facility often used to accommodate large golf events and receptions. “We actually got the idea for the golf



# Oswego's Whitetail Ridge Golf Dome Provides Indoor Swings, Food, and Fun

Photos: Mike Whealan

by Neal Kotlarek

dome after we saw demand for tee times on our golf course experience a surge every year since 2020,” said Balog. “Once golf was allowed to be played during the early months of the pandemic, demand for tee times took off. What really stood out was the expansion of interest by women, kids, and young adults. This was a real interesting turn of events. With this broader scope of interest, we saw the potential to keep our golfers interested in the game all year long by providing them an indoor facility when the weather turned cold. Our goal for the dome is to provide fun for players of all skill levels whether they come to work on their swings, or for a date night, or for a family afternoon outing.”

While the dome is presently scheduled for the cold-weather months, Balog said the facility will stay open for as long as demand holds up. “We anticipate that this will be a popular place to meet, hang out, and relax,” he said. The restaurant will offer popular menu items with mobile order service available for guests on the go. The service staff consists of familiar faces transferred from the golf course to ensure excellent service. The Persimmon Bar serves soft drinks and cocktails along with a wide variety of popular beers and microbrews.

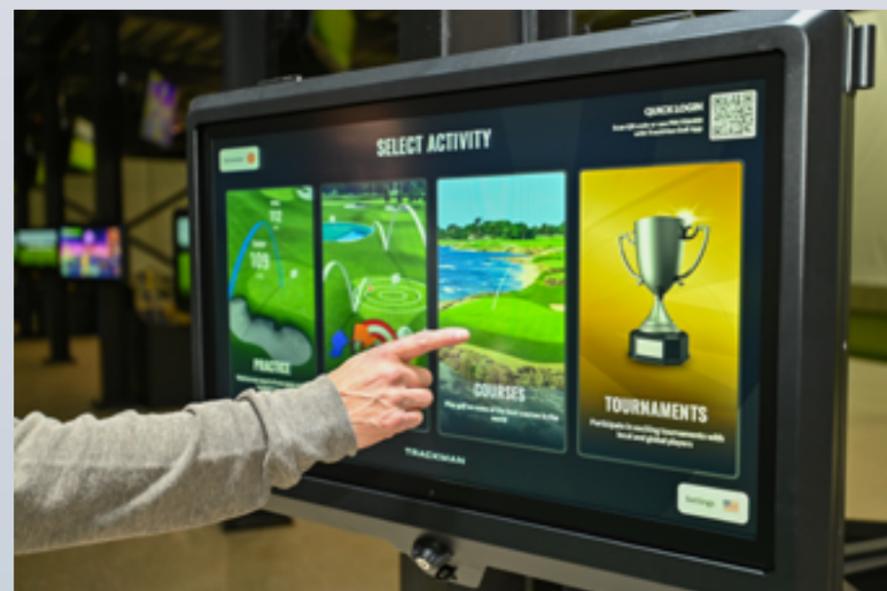
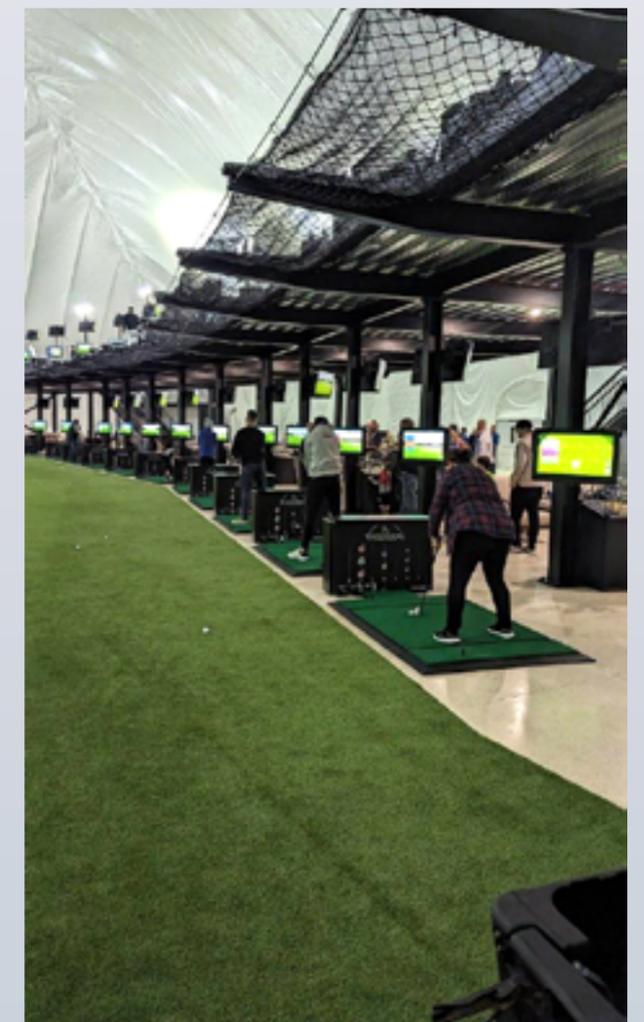
The opening of the golf dome is an extension of a journey that began with the opening of the acclaimed Whitetail Ridge Golf in 2007.

Designed by Greg Martin, the 6,828-yard championship course is located in Yorkville. The layout is promoted as a “tail” of two nines due to contrasting landscapes. The front nine is located on prairie and wetlands, while the back nine extends across, over and under a ridge. Water hazards are a key feature of the property and add challenge to most holes. The signature hole is the par-3 No. 17 which begins from an elevated tee and drops severely downwards over water to a massive green protected by two bunkers and an extension of the pond behind the left side of the putting surface.

The success of large outings booked at the club brought about an investment in nearby Ashley Farm where a historic homestead was repurposed into an elegant dining and event venue. Besides golf receptions, the complex hosts weddings, showers, and events.

“We are really proud of all we have accomplished in a relatively short span of time,” said Balog. “The creation of Whitetail Ridge Golf Dome is an extension of our mission to provide first-class golf experiences for our patrons. Our goal is to bring people together to enjoy a fun time playing golf and eating great food even during the winter and early spring months.”

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# The Timeless Home of Golf and Scotland's Rich Golfing Heritage

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**T**here's a reason as to why Scotland is at the top of the list for every serious golfer and historian alike. It is a place where the game is etched into the very fabric of the land. It's not just about the courses; it's about the people, the history, and the soul of the sport. From St. Andrews, where it all began, to the links gems of North Berwick, Gullane, Dumbarnie Links, the historical Musselburgh Links, and the luxurious Fairmont Torrance Course, Scotland's golf courses paint a vivid picture of the sport's rich and enduring legacy.

So, why do golfers from around the world make the journey to Scotland? It's not just the breathtaking scenery, the warm Scottish hospitality, or the challenging courses. It's the feeling of connection to the game's roots, the sense of tradition, and the thrill of playing on some of the most storied courses on Earth.

Golf in Scotland has been played for over 600 years and there are 400 courses within an hour drive of a city airport.

Each of the courses mentioned above brings a unique perspective to this incredible story.

Many of these designs are links courses. Scotland has 92 of them, the most of any country. There is nothing like playing links golf here, playing the proper shot on the firm, fast conditions, and the elements of the wind and somewhat unpredictable weather. It's truly a magical feeling that any seasoned golfer must experience! From the picturesque coastal North Berwick to the newest course that shouldn't be missed, Dumbarnie Links, Scotland's golfing treasures are bound to leave you in awe.

In the realm of golf, there exists no destination more sacred, historic, and enchanting than the seaside town of St. Andrews, nestled on the eastern coast of Scotland. This is where golf was born, and where it still thrives as a way of life, firmly embedded in the culture and history of the nation. At the heart of this golfing Mecca stands the legendary Old Course, but St. Andrews is not alone in its claim to golfing

fame. Along the rugged Scottish coastline, you'll find a tapestry of golf courses, each with its unique character and challenge.

St. Andrews is more than just a place; it's a pilgrimage site for golfers worldwide. It is steeped in golfing history, and its allure is undeniable. The Old Course at St. Andrews, founded in the 15th century, is often regarded as the "Home of Golf." This sacred ground, a testament to the sport's origins, has witnessed countless legendary moments and continues to challenge and inspire golfers from every corner of the globe.

The Old Course at St. Andrews represents the very heart and soul of golf; it is the most revered and iconic golf course in the world. It's a place where you can feel the weight of history with every swing of the club. The course's iconic landmarks, including the Swilcan Bridge and Hell Bunker, serve



Dumbarnie 13th Hole



Dumbarnie 16th Hole

as constant reminders of the countless legends who have walked these hallowed fairways. Playing the Old Course is not merely a game of golf; it's an immersion in the traditions and folklore of the sport itself.

With its double greens and sprawling bunkers, it's a course of incomparable character and charm. Walking in the footsteps of golfing legends and teeing off at the first hole is a humbling experience that will leave a lasting impression on any golfer.

Nestled within the five-star Fairmont St. Andrews resort, the Torrance Course offers a luxury golfing experience amidst the stunning landscapes of the East Neuk of Fife. Designed by former Ryder Cup captain Sam Torrance, this championship course provides a challenging yet enjoyable round of golf. The course's sweeping fairways, strategic bunkering, and breathtaking sea views make it a must-visit destination for golfers seeking both excellent play and indulgent comfort. The course's design ensures that golfers of all skill levels can enjoy a memorable experience.

The one and only Old Tom Morris hailed from St. Andrews. You are surely familiar with his name, but his involvement in the game was truly groundbreaking. No one in our sport comes close to his resume. He was a competitive player winning The Open Championship four times, including in the year 1862 when he won by 13 strokes, a tournament record that still stands today. Old Tom is known as the game's first greenskeeper when he took care of the Old and New Courses, as well as the game's first real architect.

Morris had a hand in designing or reworking some 75 courses in the British Isles, including Prestwick, Carnoustie, Royal Portrush, Muirfield, and the Old Course. Truly amazing when you think of the transportation options in the late 1800s! His house is standing strong just around the corner from the 18<sup>th</sup> green at the Old Course and is commemorated with a plaque outside of it. What's really cool about being in St. Andrews is that you can feel Old Tom's presence almost everywhere you go.

St. Andrews, with its historic streets and ancient university, provides a quaint backdrop to your golfing pilgrimage. The town's cobbled streets, vibrant local shops, and welcoming pubs create a unique atmosphere that is quintessentially Scottish. Even if you're not on the golf course, there's plenty to explore in St. Andrews, from the medieval ruins of the cathedral and castle to the sandy shores of its pristine beaches.

The St. Andrews Links consist of seven golf courses on which over 230,000 rounds are played annually. The New Course opened for play in 1895 and is probably the oldest new course in the world. The course has remained mostly untouched since its opening, with only a few bunkers and tees added to the original design. The first three holes parallel the same land that the Old Course sits on. It is a classic links gem that shouldn't miss "the cut" while playing in St. Andrews. If time allows, have a crack at the Himalayas Putting course. It's a wild ride and family friendly. Make sure to stop in and visit the

R&A World Golf Museum to gain a better understanding of the history of the game and how it evolved.

Marine & Lawn Hotels allow golfers to grab their clubs from the room and walk to the first tee of many of the most coveted golf courses in the UK. Rusack's has undertaken a number of renovations and upgrades to firmly make it the best place to stay in St. Andrews.

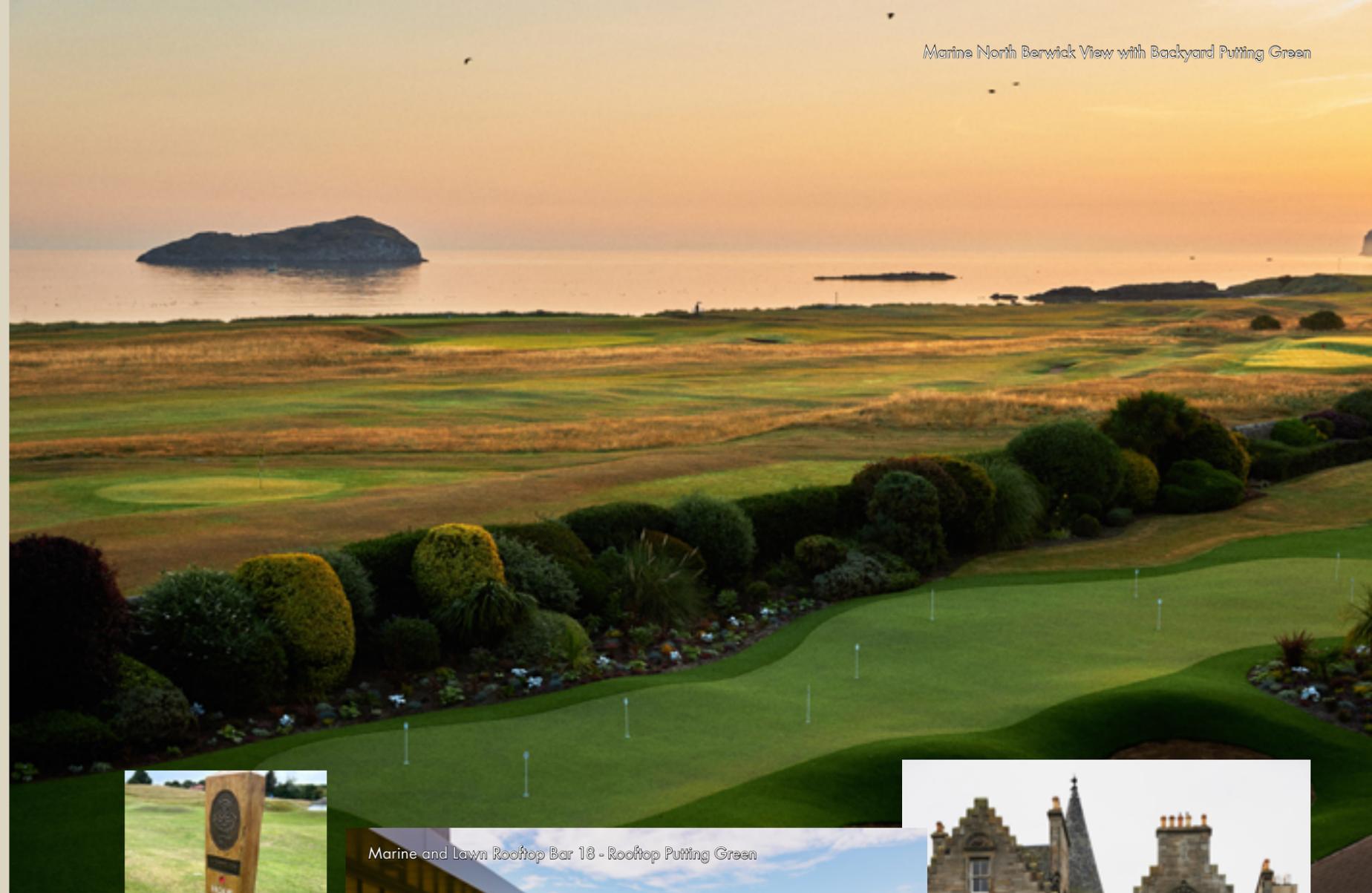
The North Berwick Marine & Lawn Hotel is a true classic on Scotland's Golf Coast. With epic views of the North Berwick links layout and Bass Rock, this elegant hotel has it all, including a full spa and indoor pool. Plus there's a new rooftop bar complete with putting green overlooking the North Sea. The service you experience from your first step on property will make you feel like a VIP. Special little touches abound by all staffers that will leave you planning your return visit.

These refurbished and rebranded gems offer old-world charm and new-era luxury for your stay. Find out more about these properties at marine-andlawn.com.

Situated in the charming coastal town of North Berwick, the North Berwick Golf Club offers a golfing experience like no other. Founded in 1832, this historic links course has a unique charm that has drawn golfers for over a century. The course is set amidst dramatic coastal landscapes, with the Firth of Forth providing a breathtaking backdrop. With its devilish bunkers, rolling fairways, and deceptive greens, North Berwick presents an exciting challenge even for the most skilled players.

Leave your handicap mentality at home and play the member tees as the coastal winds are usually howling for an added test to your nerves. North Berwick should be at the top of your list and it must be played so you can personally see what true shot values are and shake your head and give a tip of the cap to those that played and came before us.

The course includes a Redan and a Biarritz green for additional enjoyment. Hole 14 plays back down to the coast with a bluff blocking the view



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Gullane Hole #1



Marine and Lawn North Berwick

of the putting green surface. If you fly the green, be prepared to play your next shot from the beach, which is in play. This is a course that you want to play again and again because there are so many unique features. North Berwick, with its dramatic coastal setting and whimsical bunkering, offers a stark contrast to the venerable Old Course. The challenge is both fun and unique, and the stunning views of the Firth of Forth only add to the experience.

North Berwick was recently voted #1 fun course in the UK. We can attest to that; can't wait for our next crack at this gem. Golfers are presented with cleverly designed holes, including the "Pit," "Perfection," and "Redan," which are well-known among aficionados. North Berwick's reputation as a true links gem is richly deserved. This is one that you want to play again and again.

The charming coastal town of North Berwick itself is the perfect place to unwind after a round of golf. You can explore its picturesque harbor, take a leisurely walk along the sandy beaches, and savor delicious seafood at local restaurants. The town's friendly and welcoming atmosphere ensures you'll feel right at home.

Gullane, with its trio of courses, presents an opportunity to explore a diverse range of golfing experiences. Links golf is the truest and purest experience you will find. The Gullane courses offer well-defined fairways, tall fescue, and firm, smooth-running fairways.

Gullane No. 1, a championship course, has a distinctive layout with challenging fairways and greens that demand precision. In 2015 it hosted the Scottish Open, won by Ricky Fowler. "Gullane No 1 was ultimately created by nature," states Gullane Director of Golf, Alasdair Good.

Gullane No. 2 is more forgiving, offering an enjoyable round for golfers of all levels. Gullane No. 3, a nine-hole course, provides a great way to practice your short game or enjoy a quick round with friends. The proximity of these three courses makes Gullane a golfing haven. Gullane, situated not far from Scotland's capital, Edinburgh, offers the best of both worlds. You can indulge in the history and culture of the city and then escape to the serene coastal town of Gullane for a tranquil golfing experience. Gullane's eateries and local pubs make it an ideal place to relax and recharge.

Located on the picturesque Firth of Forth, Dumbarnie Links is one of the newest additions to Scotland's golfing landscape. Designed by the renowned architect Clive Clark, Dumbarnie opened in 2020, quickly earning a reputation as a modern masterpiece. The course provides a unique contrast to the traditional links courses of Scotland, offering an exciting challenge with dramatic elevation changes and incredible views of the coastline.

Dumbarnie Links has quickly gained acclaim for its modern design and breathtaking views. The course challenges golfers with elevated tees, large greens, and undulating fairways, all while providing a taste of the traditional Scottish links experience. It's a remarkable addition to the Scottish golf landscape and a testament to the enduring appeal of the sport. "It's a traditional links course with a modern twist," says course owner and architect, Clive Clark.

The course offers three holes with split fairways that offer risk/reward opportunities. The tee shots here are wide and generous. Clark states that, "the vision here is to welcome visitors, and we want

them to feel like they are a member of a high-end club for a day. The culture is welcoming from the first step on the property." They even offer every golfer a wee dram on the first tee to set them at ease.

Musselburgh, located in East Lothian, is a place where golf history runs deep. Musselburgh Links dates back to the 16th century and offers a window into golf's history. As you play, you can't help but reflect on the generations of golfers who have come before you. It's a step back in time that every golfer should experience.

While the course is relatively short by modern standards, it's a fascinating experience to play on the same fairways where golf has been enjoyed for centuries. David Hillis, club manager, states, "Most who come here think they are going to find a short pitch and putt type of course. It's not, it's proper golf how it was played 100 years ago." Musselburgh includes two par 3s that clock in at 240 yards, while gorse, dips, hollows, and two tiered greens await those that peg it on this historic track. (Speaking of track, Musselburgh is laid out inside a horse race track that is still operational. Yes, there is a local rule for your ball landing in a hoof-print.)

In conclusion, Scotland's golfing legacy is unlike any other in the world. From the iconic Old Course in St. Andrews, the spiritual home of golf, to the links gems of North Berwick, the variety and quality of golf courses in Scotland are unrivaled. The rich history from golf's very beginning, thanks in part to Old Tom Morris, the stunning landscapes, and the warmth of the Scottish people make a golfing trip to this ancient land an unforgettable experience.

It's a journey that connects you with the roots of the game, leaves you with cherished memories, and, above all, ignites a lifelong passion for the sport of golf. As you journey through these Scottish golfing destinations, you'll be captivated not only by the challenges each course presents, but also by the undeniable charm of their surroundings.

The coastal landscapes, rugged dunes, and the ever-changing weather make every round a unique adventure. Yet, it's not just the courses that make Scotland's golf scene special; it's the towns and communities that welcome golfers with open arms. So, whether you're a seasoned pro or a beginner, Scotland's golfing treasures await your visit, promising an adventure you'll carry with you forever.

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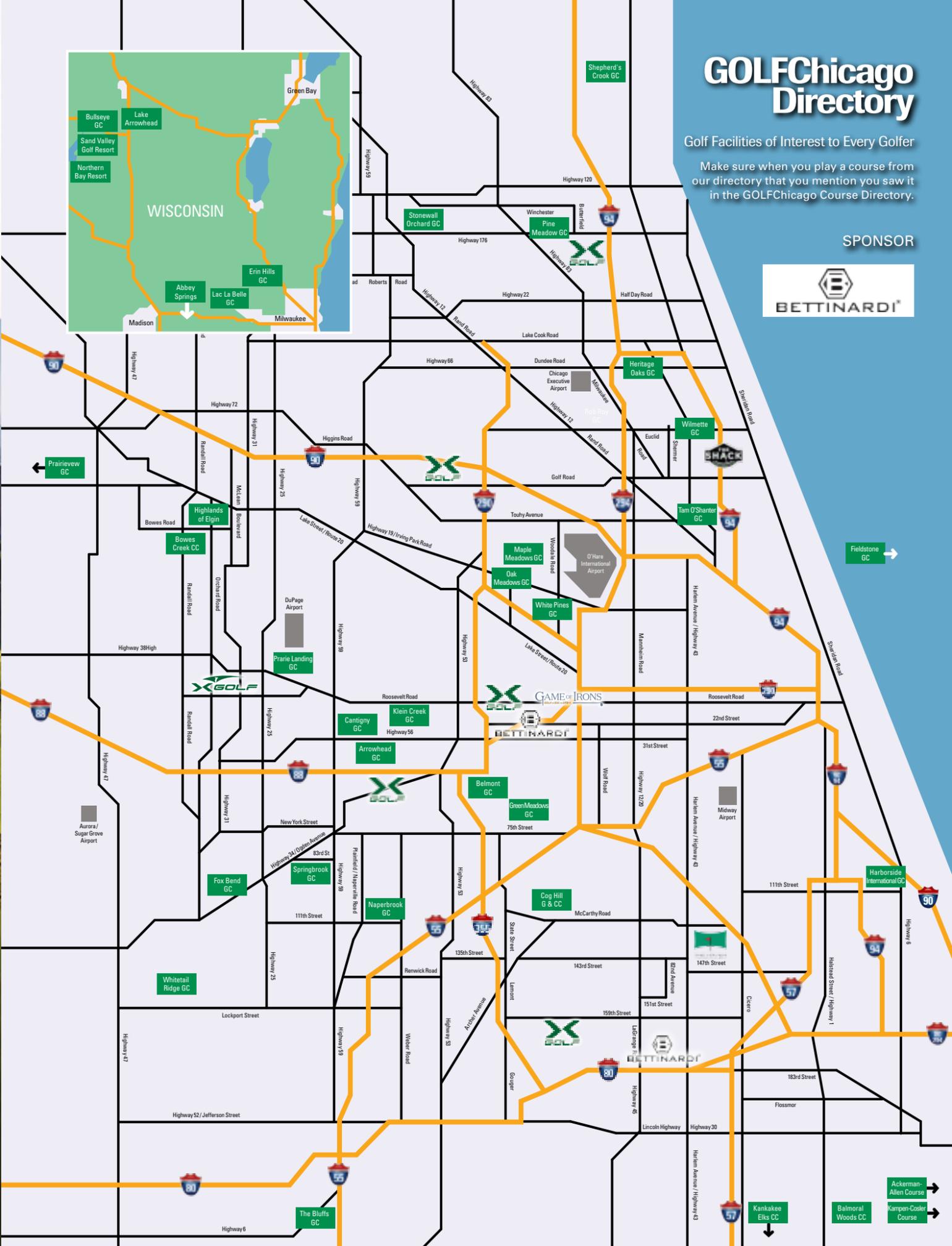
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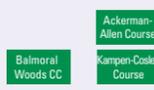
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Harborside International Golf Center, home to the Port & Starboard Courses, is Chicago's home for golf. Located minutes from Chicago's Loop, Harborside offers a premier golf experience in the Chicagoland area. Harborside is the only facility with two of *Golfweek's* "Best Courses You Can Play in Illinois" and is home to an expansive practice facility. Harborside is owned by the Illinois International Port District and managed by KemperSports.



**Kankakee Elks Country Club**  
815-937-9547  
2283 Bittersweet Dr.  
Saint Anne, IL 60964  
[elksgolf627.com](http://elksgolf627.com)

The Kankakee Elks Country Club is an 18-hole par-72 course. It is one of Illinois' premier Langford @ Moreau design courses, featuring some of the best green complexes in Illinois, 40 miles south of Chicago along the beautiful Kankakee River with very affordable rates.

Chose from one of our four tees to accommodate all levels of play.

Driving range, chipping area, and putting green with newly remodeled bar and snack shop.



**Klein Creek Golf Club**  
630-690-0101  
1N333 Pleasant Hill Rd.  
Winfield, IL 60190  
[kleincreek.com](http://kleincreek.com)

Klein Creek Golf Club is an 18-hole public golf course located one mile south of North Avenue and easily accessible from I-355. Designed by Dick Nugent, the layout features an open design in which water is present on 15 holes. Trees frame the layout's gentle doglegs, and tall prairie grasses border the fairways. Contoured mounding frames the fairways and greens, allowing a variety of approach options and great risk-reward opportunities.



**Northern Bay Resort and Marina**  
608-339-2090 ext. 2  
1844 20th Avenue  
Arkdale, WI 54613  
[northernbayresort.com](http://northernbayresort.com)

Play where the pros play. Experience our unique replica golf course inspired by the most celebrated holes in the game and situated on the shores of Castle Rock Lake.

Northern Bay offers all the amenities of a Wisconsin Dells resort without all the hustle and bustle. Bring your golf buddies to play our one-of-a-kind replica course, or relax around the lake with your family. However you choose to stay, we look forward to greeting you at Northern Bay. Get started and book your tee time.



**The Club at Lac La Belle**  
262-567-7833  
6996 Pennsylvania St.  
Oconomowoc, WI 53066  
[clubatlaclabelle.com](http://clubatlaclabelle.com)

The newly renovated Club at Lac La Belle is now open for public play! If the club's original founders and its legendary Scottish golf professionals were alive today, our hope is that they would recognize our new course as fun "sporting" golf, which was a fundamental part of the game in 1896. We invite you to come see why Lac La Belle is the birthplace of the Wisconsin Golf Trail



**Pine Meadow Golf Club**  
847-566-4653  
1 Pine Meadow Ln.  
Mundelein, IL 60060  
[pinemeadowgc.com](http://pinemeadowgc.com)

Pine Meadow Golf Club is known for our beautiful 220 acres of fairways, greens, pine trees, and meadow areas.

Golfers of all abilities and ages enjoy the serene setting and fun playable design of the "Pine."

The Pine, due to its challenging design, has been host to all types of competitive events ranging from PGA Jr. League, to Men's and Women's State Ams, to Illinois PGA Championships.

This is truly a golf facility for everyone.



**Lake Arrowhead**  
715-325-2929  
1195 Apache Lane  
Nekoosa, WI 54457  
[lakearrowheadgolf.com](http://lakearrowheadgolf.com)

Located in the heart of Central Wisconsin, Lake Arrowhead boasts two of the Midwest's elite 18-hole golf courses. Here you have the rare opportunity to enjoy not just one, but two 4½ star championship golf courses in one incredible experience.



**Prairie Landing Golf Club**  
630-208-7600  
2325 Longest Dr.  
West Chicago, IL 60185  
[prairielanding.com](http://prairielanding.com)

Prairie Landing Golf Course is a prairie links style 18-hole course designed by Robert Trent Jones, Jr. The course has been rated 4.5 Stars by *Golf Digest* for "Best Places to Play." Prairie Landing Golf Club prides itself on offering the quintessential golf experience of the Chicagoland Area.



**Naperbrook Golf Course**  
630-378-4215  
22204 W. 111th St. / Hassert Blvd.  
Plainfield, IL 60585  
[golfnaperville.org](http://golfnaperville.org)

Located in Plainfield, scenic Naperbrook Golf Course is a "links style" course that features rolling hills and wide fairways. Challenges in the way of ponds, a double green, and hidden bunkers await golfers of all levels. Additional amenities include a recently updated and expanded practice area featuring a one-acre turf range tee, large practice green, and practice bunker. Enjoy post-game refreshments on the picturesque patio. Naperbrook also offers lessons, outings, a well-stocked golf shop, and much more.



**PrairieView Golf Club**  
815-234-4653  
6734 N. German Church Rd.  
Byron, IL 61010  
[prairieviewgolf.com](http://prairieviewgolf.com)

Recognized by many suburban golfers as a hidden gem, PrairieView Golf Club boasts beautiful views of restored dolomite prairie land that is well worth a short drive west out to Bryon, Ill. (south of Rockford). With challenging greens, dramatic bunkering, and supreme conditioning, the course will test the skills and nerves of every golfer. PrairieView is also home to PrairieFire Golf & Grill, a year-round Toptracer Range® with heated bays, lounge seating, and great food and drink selections.





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**The Shack Indoor Golf**  
847-904-2905  
1717 Chestnut Ave.  
Glenview IL, 60025  
[theshackgolfclub.com](http://theshackgolfclub.com)

The Shack Indoor Golf Club features TrackMan® simulator technology for an immersive golf experience. Enjoy delicious food and drinks from our full bar while practicing your swing. Perfect for socializing or improving your game, come and tee off at our state-of-the-art facility.



**Purdue's Ackerman-Allen Course**

765-494-3139  
West Lafayette, IN  
[purduegolf.com](http://purduegolf.com)

The Ackerman-Allen Course, a Pete Dye design, is an 18-hole, parkland-style, par-72 championship golf course featuring large bent-grass greens, fairways and tees. The layout presents a challenge for golfers of all abilities with rolling hills, tree-lined fairways, white sand bunkers, and minimal water hazards. Ackerman-Allen offers five sets of tees with the championship tees playing over 7,500 yards and the forward tees playing at 5,300 yards.



**Purdue's Kampen-Cosler Course**

765-494-3139  
West Lafayette, IN  
[purduegolf.com](http://purduegolf.com)

The Kampen-Cosler Course, a Pete Dye design, is an 18-hole, links-style, par-72 championship course features large bent-grass greens, fairways, and tees. The layout is a challenge for golfers of all abilities with vast sand bunkers, native grasslands, ponds, and a natural celery bog. There are five sets of tees with the championship tees playing over 7,400 yards and the forward tees at 5,300 yards.

Kampen-Cosler, one of the top collegiate courses in the nation, has been awarded 4.5 stars on *Golf Digest's* "Places to Play." It receives high marks as one of the most difficult golf courses in Indiana.



**Sand Valley**

888-398-8671  
1697 Leopold Way  
Nekoosa, WI 54457  
[sandvalley.com](http://sandvalley.com)

Sand Valley is known for its three award-winning golf courses, Sand Valley, Mammoth Dunes, and the Sandbox, which were modeled after the great heathland courses of London. Enjoy dramatic views, a magnitude of strategic playing options, modern lodging, and a culinary experience to match.



**Tam O'Shanter Golf Course & Learning Center**

847-965-2344  
6700 W. Howard St.  
Niles, IL 60714  
[golftam.com](http://golftam.com)

One of the most important courses in popularizing the game of golf in America is located right here in Niles. In 1953, Tam O'Shanter Country Club hosted the first-ever nationally televised golf tournament.

Today, a public 9-hole par-33 course remains, maintained with the goal of providing playing conditions reminiscent of those Hogan, Palmer, and Nicklaus enjoyed years ago. Swing out for a scenic round and walk in the footsteps of legends at Tam O'Shanter!

Year-round instruction available!



**White Pines Golf Club**

630-766-0304  
500 W. Jefferson  
Bensenville, IL 60106  
[whitepinesgolf.com](http://whitepinesgolf.com)

The White Pines Golf Club's two 18-hole championship courses, situated on more than 260 acres, have been a favorite among Chicago area golfers since 1928. The public course, owned and operated by the Bensenville Park District, is an excellent choice for players of all skill levels. Whether it's an evening at the lighted driving range, a casual round with friends, an outing or special event, White Pines Golf Club offers the perfect setting to get "away from it all." Enjoy food and drink at 37 Bar & Grill. Take advantage of Monday-Thursday tee time specials and book online.



**Whitetail Ridge Golf Club**

630-882-8988  
7671 Clubhouse Dr.  
Yorkville, IL 60560  
[whitetailridgegc.com](http://whitetailridgegc.com)

Experience a "tail" of two Nines at Whitetail Ridge Golf Club. Our Front Nine flows through a beautiful valley featuring a creek that splits through its relatively flat landscape. Our Back Nine begins on #10 with a climb up the slopes and follows the rolling hills into some towering trees. Finish your day in The Persimmon Room. This newly renovated space features an indoor/outdoor dining area with shareable dishes, scratch-made entrees, an extensive list of bourbons and whiskey, and the most spectacular sunsets around!



**Wilmette Golf Club**

847-256-9777  
3900 Fairway Dr.  
Wilmette, IL 60091  
[golfwilmette.com](http://golfwilmette.com)

Wilmette Golf Club is the closest 18-hole facility north of Chicago. This par-70 course will test all skill levels with the purest greens on the North Shore. A 30-station driving range and large putting green are available for working on your game. Enjoy a drink or dinner on the patio overlooking the 18th green at The Lawn. Contact us directly to book your next outing or special event. Take advantage of tee time specials by booking online at [golfwilmette.com](http://golfwilmette.com)



**Shepherd's Crook Golf Course**

847-872-2080  
351 North Green Bay Rd.  
Zion, IL 60099  
[www.shepherdsbrook.org](http://www.shepherdsbrook.org)

Shepherd's Crook has earned rave reviews as a course that is both challenging and exciting to play. Keith Foster, who has designed some of the most interesting courses built in the last 10 years, created a links-style course that feels like playing Ireland's Ballybunion or Waterville courses. The design reflects the golden era of golf course architecture of the 1920s and 30s, with bentgrass fairways, tees, and greens.

"Shepherd's Crook is routed with classic and strategic design principles that cut features naturally to the terrain. The vision of Shepherd's Crook returns golfers to the game's past." – Keith Foster, Architect



**Springbrook Golf Course**

630-848-5060  
2220 W. 83rd St.  
Naperville, IL 60564  
[golfnaperville.org](http://golfnaperville.org)

Springbrook GC commands some of the finest views of Naperville's open space and trails. This 18-hole parkland-style championship course was renovated in 2022, and is expected to reopen in mid-year of 2023 with exciting updates including new tees and bunkers. Work on your swing at the one-acre turf practice tee, or fine tune your short game at the large practice putting green or two short-game practice greens with bunkers. Enjoy post-game refreshments on the expansive patio with great views of the course. Springbrook also offers lessons, outings, a well-stocked golf shop, and more.



**Stonewall Orchard Golf Club**

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

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

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



**X-Golf Kildeer**

847-847-1723  
20771 N Rand Rd Suite I-4,  
Kildeer, IL 60047  
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**X-Golf Libertyville**

224-504-2940  
1177 S. Milwaukee Ave.  
Libertyville, IL 60048  
[xgolf-libertyville.com](http://xgolf-libertyville.com)

We spent 15 years engineering, learning from golf experts, and creating a simulator of unparalleled accuracy. The result? A completely new experience that lets golfers play on the world's top courses, compete in a wide variety of game formats, and of course – enjoy some of the best golf they've ever played in a high-energy indoor entertainment facility.

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**X-Golf Orland Park**

708-966-0486  
15876 S. LaGrange Rd.  
Orland Park, IL 60462  
[xgolforlandpark.com](http://xgolforlandpark.com)

We offer eight state-of-the-art simulators which are designed for golfers at all stages of their game. Whether you want to sharpen your game to gain that competitive edge or are just starting out and want to learn new skills without battling the outdoors, this is the place for you. The simulators can give you data about your swing and ball striking to improve your game and along with that, we can help you take your game to the next level by having a PGA-qualified Professional on our team.



**X-Golf Schaumburg**

847-380-1848  
1100 American Ln.  
Schaumburg, IL 60173  
[xgolf-schaumburg.com](http://xgolf-schaumburg.com)

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Dave Weretka

# The Chain at Streamsong Resort

The newest offering at the award-winning Streamsong Resort is now open and ready for preview play. The Chain, designed by the highly acclaimed architecture team of Bill Coore and Ben Crenshaw, is a 19-hole short course. "It's a very exciting opportunity to add another great amenity for the product here on the property. And The Chain is something that's been needed here at the resort. It's something that a lot of golfers that come down from the north arrive at the resort in the middle of the day, and they can't get in a full round. This would be a really great addition for them to make an afternoon tee time, come out and play some either enjoyable first six holes and/or some serious golf on the back third of them" states Kevin Kennedy, General Manager of

Streamsong Resort. Thirteen of the holes are ready for play now as the other six holes continue to grow in. The holes will range from 50 to 300 yards. You can play the course in six and thirteen hole loops. The course is located just a short walk across a footbridge from the resort. The scorecard has no reference to par, and instead of tee boxes the course has "teeing areas" which is a nod to match play. It spells out fun for all who venture to add this to their itinerary. Novice golfers to serious golfers alike will have a great time on The Chain. The 3,000-yard course weaves through oak groves and sandscapes including some water hazards.

Bill Coore describes The Chain as "not just proper golf, it's desired golf. There's a chance of success for everyone."

The Bucket is a two and a half acre putting course that complements The Chain. A dragline bucket is still on site and the holes will play around the bucket.

"Kemper Sports Management is a very thoughtful and strategic company and they will do the right thing as far as building out the resort" says Kennedy.

Streamsong Resort focuses on golf and the golfer experience and they do that extremely well. *Golf Digest* has rated their other three public-accessed courses (The Red also by Coore & Crenshaw, The Blue designed by Tom Doak, and The Black by Gil Hanse and Jim Wagner) in the Top 30 in the country.

Book your 2024 trip now at [streamsongresort.com](http://streamsongresort.com).



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The Bucket



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