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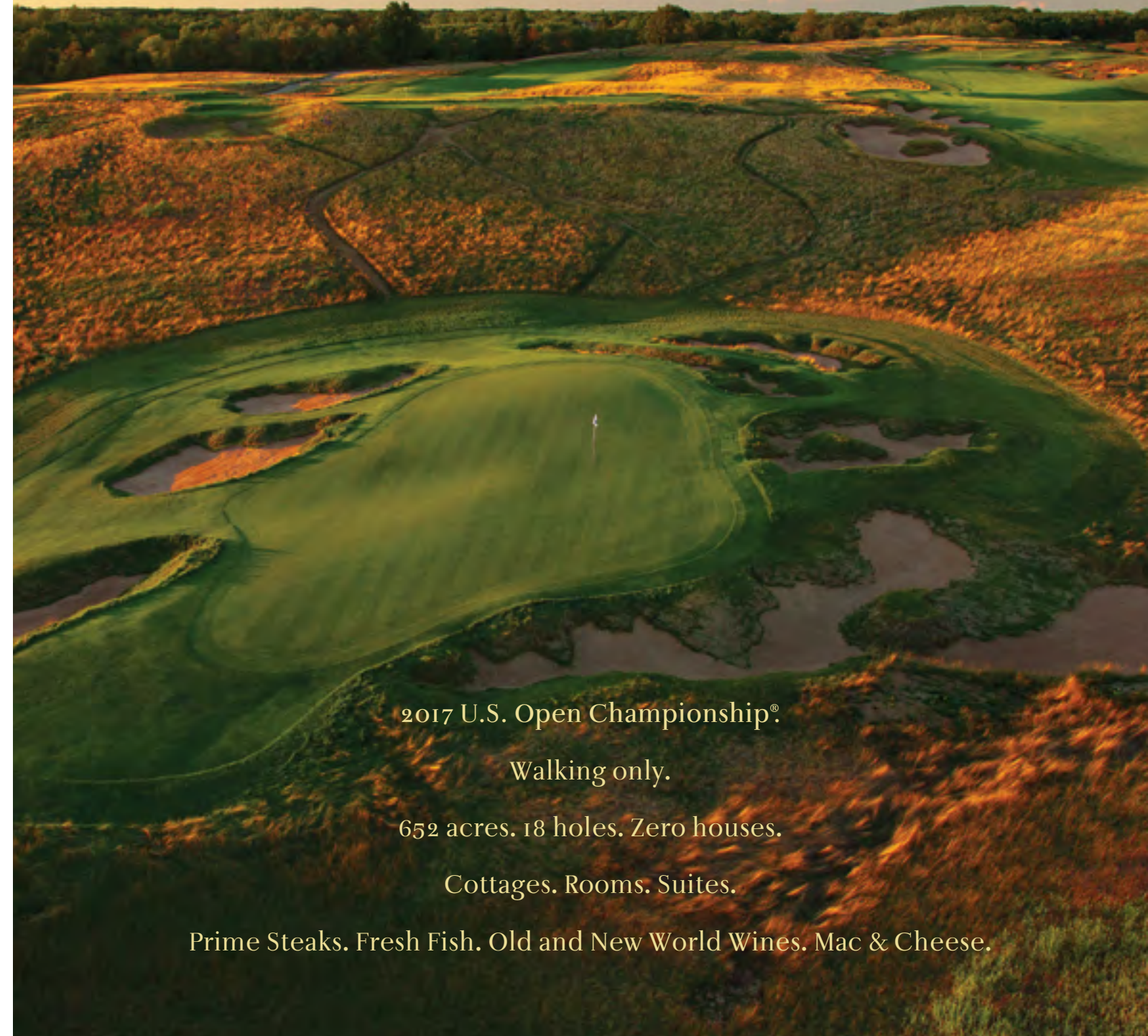
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NOTES FROM GREG AND DAVE

We thought that it would take longer to insert our foot in our mouths, but we were wrong. In the last issue, we reflected upon golf in 2004. Ten years ago it was about Tiger's domination and the media was ready to crown Michelle Wie as the women's next-big-thing. In our April Notes, we dismissed Wie's professional career as a nice run; however, far from the stuff that legends build.

During the USGA's back-to-back national championship week, Wie dominated the women's field [gulp] and she tamed Pinehurst #2. Wie put on an incredible show where her power on the tee and in the fairways was complimented by her tabletop-style putting. It was fun to watch. Wie's U.S. Women's Open performance was reverse déjà vu. She played a game unfamiliar with her competitors, and then we remembered this is what we envisioned when she played with the



"I hit that divot over 15 yards. I hit that one over 20 yards. That one I hit a record 50 yards..."

Tour boys at TPC Deere Run. At Pinehurst, a portion of the excitement was that many of the media hacks felt like we had skin in the game. We ballyhooed her potential when she was a teenager. Wie moves the needle, and she always has perked interest in any tournament she enters. GOLFChicago

touted her efforts and even placed her on our cover when she played with the boys at the John Deere Classic. Let's hope Miss Wie continues to roll on the LPGA Tour, mostly because it is what the Tour and fans need as the ladies presence in the US continues to constrict. Kellogg-Keebler Classic, anyone?

In this issue, our travel writer Rory Hughes has found truth in northern Michigan. Hughes brings to us a golf club that epitomizes the place where beauty meets truth. GOLFChicago takes great pride in bringing our readers new, undiscovered destinations, and Hughes has penned a gem about a small club that releases a mystical aura usually found in fictional settings. Enjoy!

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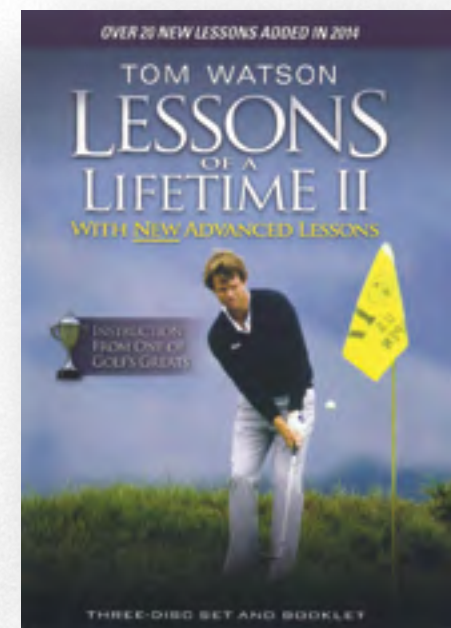
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If Feet Had Wings

For some, the beauty of the earth viewed from a few thousand (or tens of thousands) of feet is unmatched in our daily lives. Personally, with every flight I take I find myself constantly on the lookout for the familiar layout of a golf course winding its way through the landscape below. There is something about these special places that pulls me in once my feet are back on the ground.

For me a certain mystery surrounds the ancient game, and I indulge my inner romantic dreams of rounds of golf played on a misty course with a Scottish caddy, one or two miraculous shots thrown in for good measure as the bagpipes play in the distance.

Of course, we golfers all know that in reality we have come to expect four-plus hour rounds of golf, mostly spent sitting on our duffs in the golf car. This has quietly become the bane of golf's existence, slowly eroding away the interest and curiosity of our beloved sport. Sadly, golf demographic studies show that a mere 5% of golfers today are under the age of 30.

While the golf industry looks to increase participation, the 'Next Big Thing' for golf made its magical appearance at the 61st

annual PGA Merchandise Show in Orlando, Florida, this past January.

Brilliant in its conceptualization and design, the GolfBoard was rightfully the winner of the 2014 Best New Product Award, trumping the annual entries of swing trainers and energy drinks. Nothing like it has ever been introduced to the golfing public.

A marriage of snowboarding, surfing, and board sports in general, the four-wheel-drive GolfBoard is the first true personal golf transport vehicle. Measuring 56" long by 22" wide, golfers now have the opportunity to step onto this ultra-stable platform and literally 'surf the earth' in a way like never before.

A wireless pistol-grip controller gives the golfer total control over the forward and reverse movement of the board, while body movement controls the steering. The Hi/Lo switch sets maximum speed at six or 12 miles per hour, but ultimately it is the operator that controls speed by how hard the trigger is pulled.

Many show-goers asked, "But what happens if the course is very hilly?" The response: "Then the golfer has even more fun playing golf and using the GolfBoard."

MAKING WAVES

Jim Black

The patented drive system will steadily carry players at a constant speed uphill or down with zero tire-spin, thanks to the posi-traction setup and four-inch-wide turf tires.

The history behind the GolfBoard reads like a 'who's who' in the sports, fitness, and technology world. Legend has it that Don Wildman, founder of Bally Total Fitness, had the original idea to use an electric skateboard as a fun way to get around a golf course. But as much as he tried, an off-the-shelf, one-wheel-drive skateboard wasn't safe or powerful enough in a golfing environment.

Not to be deterred by such a small detail, Wildman had the good fortune to befriend surfing legend Laird Hamilton while on a visit to Hawaii. A golf enthusiast when the ocean is too calm for surfing, Hamilton was interested in the concept and wanted to see this idea progress. Enter EV entrepreneur Star Faraon, a surfing friend of Hamilton's who happened to have been forging the concept on a parallel path in the form of an electric mountain board.

Faraon and friends Paul Hodge (now company president) and Mike Radenbaugh (now

technical director) had by this time developed a highly robust and rugged electric riding board capable of speeds reaching 50 mph.

The group got together and agreed it was time to pursue a product for golf that was powerful enough to carry a golfer and gear for 18 holes, yet gentle enough on the turf so that even a golf course superintendent would welcome the concept.

Capitalizing on the current popularity of board sports, the GolfBoard is truly revolutionary for golf in that it will attract the younger demographic so vital to the growth of the game.

"We are all very excited that the golf industry has recognized, embraced, and awarded our vision in attracting new and younger golfers to the sport," said Paul Hodge, President of SolBoards, Inc., developers of the GolfBoard. "By creating this new and fun way to surf around the golf course in a low impact way with the GolfBoard, we are positive this will be the catalyst the golf industry is looking for and needing so badly."

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Chicago Spotlight

A Quarter Century at Schaumburg GC

With over 200 golf courses in the Chicagoland area, there are certain qualities that a course needs to uphold in order to stand out among the crowd.

1. Condition: Even if the course is seeing dusk-to-dawn foursomes that don't know how to fix ball marks, it can't show the heavy traffic patterns.

2. Facilities: Driving range, putting greens, stocked pro shop, and a comfortable 19th hole.

3. Price: Weekday golfers can get a deal while weekend golfers can't feel like they need to skip meals to cover their green fee.

Celebrating its 25th anniversary, Schaumburg Golf Club continues to uphold those qualities and build upon its position as one of the premier courses in the area. Built in 1928, the former Golden Acres has been owned and operated by the Schaumburg Park District since 1989. The 27-hole championship layout allows patrons to have a different 18 weekly between the Players, Tournament, and Baer 9-hole layouts. There is a concerted effort to provide a private club experience to public golfers.

Also celebrating a 25th anniversary is general manager of golf, Preston "Pepi" Irwin who was hired the same year that the park district took over. Irwin has seen Schaumburg Golf Club blossom into what it is today.

GOLFChicago: What are your thoughts on where Schaumburg Golf Club is after 25 years?

Preston Irwin: I think back to 1989 and cannot believe how much this club has evolved into such a quality facility. We had a major renovation that spanned from 1990 to 1996, which included the maintenance building, clubhouse, and all 27 holes. Over my 25 years the course has played host to four U.S. Open Qualifiers, 12 State Open Qualifiers, and many IPGA, IJGA, USGA, and CDGA events.

GC: How did you land your position with the course in 1989?

PI: I had previously worked for Pete Drogos at Arrowhead Golf Club in the '70s and '80s. Pete was part of the golf committee that the

park district established to help navigate the district through the purchase of the golf club. Pete was very, very instrumental in me getting the position here at SGC.

GC: What are the biggest changes you've seen at the course over 25 years?

PI: Technology and how we continually adapt to it in all areas. In 1989 we were booking tee times mostly over the phone with paper tee sheets. Now most tee time booking is done at home or on an app on your phone. Here at the course our maintenance equipment has changed a lot over the years. Our mowers and sprayers have GPS technology that shows the staff where they have been so they don't over-apply fertilizers.

GC: And what about the

biggest change in the game over the past 25 years?

PI: Equipment has changed so much and the biggest challenge is keeping the golf course fun and competitive as the golf ball is going farther.

GC: Why does SGC have such loyal patrons?

PI: We continually hear that the overall experience brings them back. The two areas [where] we always score well in our customer surveys are course conditions and customer service. It helps to have a great location as well as a course that lends itself to all levels of players.

GC: Going forward, what do you see for SGC?

PI: We recently did some work on the irrigation system but will be turning our attention to the playing surfaces of the golf course. A long-range

plan to update the course bunkers, greens, and tees is in the developmental stages as we continue to offer a quality club at a reasonable price.

According to the National Golf Foundation, 157 golf courses closed in 2013 (most of them public) while only 14 courses opened in the U.S. It's not breaking news that the golf industry continues to feel the wrath of the present day economy. With that said, the cap must be tipped to the courses that continue to keep full tee sheets and improve their facilities. Schaumburg Golf Club is one of those courses, and appears to be in a position to celebrate many more milestones.

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GOLFChicago Wire

Lehman Roars to Victory at Encompass Championship

Tom Lehman stood on the 18th green at North Shore C.C. in Glenview with his hands stretched high above his head, looking like a man who's just been asked to hand over his wallet. But in this case, he was the one who picked the pockets of Michael Allen and Kirk Triplett after sinking a 12-foot birdie putt to win the Champion Tour's Encompass Championship by a stroke. Lehman took home a check for \$270,000 as he rung up his first victory on the circuit since 2012. Winner of the 1996 British Open, Lehman fired rounds of 65-66-70 to finish at 15-under-par.



At times, the leaderboard of the three-day event looked like a PGA Tour leaderboard from "Back to the Future" as former tour stars Colin Montgomerie, Hale Irwin, and Corey Pavin participated.

While rains caused delays during the first two days of the tournament, players across the field were quick to heap praise on the golf course and the fans. "The fairways on this course are as good as the greens at some of the courses we play on the Tour," said Craig Stadler, champion of the tournament in 2013.

Proceeds from the tournament were earmarked for youth charities across Chicagoland. The Encompass Championship will return to North Shore C.C. next year July 6-12th.

Lake Bluff G.C. to Host 2014 Lake County Amateur

Lake Bluff Golf Club will play host to the 2014 Lake County Amateur on July 26-27. The individual stroke-play event was won last year by Andrew Price, who was also champion in 2011. Considered the premier amateur golf event on the North Shore, the tournament is played over two days and 36 holes in three divisions: scratch, handicap and ladies. There is no residency requirement for entrants. A USGA handicap is required for all participants in the handicap and ladies' flights. Registration for the Lake County Amateur is available through the course's website: www.lakebluffgolfclub.com. Spectators are invited to watch the action free-of-charge.

Lake Bluff G.C. is an 18-hole championship course built in 1968 which plays to 6,589 yards. It is characterized by mature trees, sweeping sand bunkers, and meticulous conditioning. Along with great golf, the public course offers outstanding junior instructional programs (both beginners and advanced) at affordable rates throughout the summer. The teaching staff is comprised of PGA professionals who also offer lessons for men, women, and groups. For more information on these programs, contact the pro shop at 847-234-6771.

Architect Doak Opens Renovated Medinah #1

Master architect Tom Doak took 21 months to complete a \$6.5 million renovation project on the Tom Bendelow-designed Medinah #1 course that reopened in June. Initiated as a way to address persistent flooding issues, the renovation work included the removal of 770 trees to open up the middle of the course, the change of sequence of several holes, and a tripling of the size of the pond on the layout's 15th hole. A new generation of creeping bent grass was also planted across all tees, greens, and fairways.

"Tom's innovative renovation of Course One and this evening's ceremonial re-opening signals the beginning of a new era in the history of Medinah Country Club," said Medinah club president Matt Lydon at the course's June 13th

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ceremonial cannon-firing ceremony. “Medinah’s stature as the host of the world’s most prestigious championships now is elevated by the addition of a new and different style Course One.”

Host to the 2012 Ryder Cup Matches, Medinah C.C. is one of Chicagoland’s premier private clubs. Its three acclaimed courses are headlined by the #3 Course, also designed by Bendelow. That layout has hosted three U.S. Opens, two PGA Championships and three Western Opens.

Willow Crest G.C. Announces Customer Appreciation Days

Golfers playing Willow Crest Golf Club at Oak Brook Hills Resort on select promotional days this summer will receive complimentary Nike golf gear along with outstanding golf all for the price of a \$75 green fee. The innovative program serves up shirts, gloves, caps, and more at the award-winning property.

“We’re delighted to celebrate our customers by enhancing their golfing experience at Oak Brook Hills Resort’s Willow Crest Golf Club,” PGA Director of Golf Randy Bolstad says. “We offer guests a golf experience that provides not only a challenging round, but also a serene setting that surrounds our renewed course.

On two Wednesdays—July 9th and July 23rd—guests with a reservation receive Nike/Willow Crest G.C. shirts. On two Tuesdays—August 19th and August 26th—guests with a reservation receive a dozen Nike/Willow Crest G.C. RZN golf balls. And on two Mondays—September 8th and 15th—guests with a reservation receive Nike/Willow Crest G.C. long-sleeve wind shirts.

The dates and gifts are subject to change upon course availability. For more information or to make reservations at Oak Brook Hills Resort, visit www.oakbrookhillsresort.com or call 630-850-5555.

World’s Largest Golf Outing

Eight Chicago area courses will serve host to the fourth annual “World’s Largest Golf Outing” on Monday, August

11th. The event benefits the Wounded Warrior Project, an organization dedicated to serving injured military veterans throughout their lifetimes. The courses participating in this year’s outing are: Chick Evans, George Dunne National, Highland Woods, Indian Boundary, Orchard Valley, River Oaks, Water’s Edge and Whisper Creek.

The event will take place simultaneously with events at more than 120 golf courses managed across the country by sponsor Billy Casper Golf. The outing is open to all golfers regardless of ability. No handicap is required to enter. Registration fees cover a round of golf, cart rental, range balls, lunch, awards reception, on-course contests and a \$10 donation to the Wounded Warrior Project.

The 2013 event included the following highlights; the most raised by a course was \$51,449 (one team raised \$14,960), four teams raised more than \$8,000 each, 10 courses hosted more than 200 golfers, and three holes-in-one were recorded.

Wounded Warrior Project is celebrating its ten-year anniversary, reflecting on a decade of service and reaffirming its commitment to serving injured veterans for their lifetime. WWP currently serves more than 50,000 warriors and nearly 7,000 family members. To get involved and learn more, visit woundedwarriorproject.org.

Hearn to Renovate Midlothian C.C.

Award-winning design firm Ray Hearn Golf Course Designs, Inc. has been selected to perform a renovation and restoration master planning project at historic Midlothian Country Club on the city’s south side. Recognized in 2013 by Golf Magazine for “Best Renovation of the Year” at Romeoville’s Mistwood G.C., Hearn Design also won that award in 2009 for its work at Flossmoor C.C.

The course at Midlothian C.C. was designed by Herbert J. Tweedie and opened in 1898. It was renovated in 1913 by Donald Ross and hosted the 1914 U.S. Open won by Walter Hagen.

Bolingbrook G.C. Introduces First Tee Oath Program

Managers and employees of Bolingbrook Golf Club in the western suburbs are encouraging golfers to swear on the course. “The Bolingbrook G.C. 1st Tee Oath” is an awareness program designed to make golf more enjoyable for players. The four oaths asked to be uttered by each golfer prior to tee-off are: “I will have fun.” “I will tee it forward.” “I will enjoy the 19th hole.” And, “I will play by house rules.”

“The Bolingbrook 1st Tee Oath simply asks golfers to do what it takes to enjoy their round of golf,” says PGA Head Golf Professional Eric Aldrich. “We are asking people to have fun, tee it forward and not always follow the USGA rules. We understand the challenges a long and challenging golf course present, so we are proactively trying to improve the experience for all golfers.”

Bolingbrook G.C. is an award-winning public golf course managed by KemperSports. For tee times and more information, contact the club at www.bolingbrookgolfclub.com

Mistwood Tabbed to Host Illinois Women’s Open

The best women players across Illinois will take on Romeoville’s acclaimed Mistwood Golf Club July 27-30th. The four-day event, founded by late Chicago sportswriter Phil Kosin, is sponsored by BMO Harris along with the Greater Illinois Title Company. The proceedings start with a pro-am on July 27th with the field competing for the ensuing three days over 54 holes for a purse of \$25,000.

“We are very excited to once again be hosting these top female players here at Mistwood,” said Dan Phillips, director of golf at the Mistwood Golf Club. “The new renovations last year were well received and after a full year of maturity the course this year will be playing even better.”

Mistwood G.C. was recognized by GOLF Magazine last year as “Best U.S. Renovation You Can Play.” Premier Michigan architect Ray Hearn added 20 stacked sod-wall Scottish bunkers to the property among other changes.

Except for elevating them on the 19th hole, your feet are involved in every aspect of golf. Consequently, golfing with foot pain is a frustrating task at best. One of the most common causes of foot pain is plantar fasciitis. The plantar fascia is a thick fibrous tissue that covers the bottom of the foot from the heel to the balls of the feet. The purpose of this tissue is to support the arch of the foot during walking and activities such as shifting weight during the golf swing.

The symptom most common with plantar fasciitis is sharp pain in the heel and arch of the foot. This pain is most intense with the first steps in the morning or after prolonged sitting. The pain will decrease after walking; however, the pain will be present as the day progresses. There are many potential causes of plantar fasciitis and tightness of the calf muscles is the most common cause for golfers.

Tightness in these muscles places increased stress on your plantar fascia, which contributes to small tears that cause inflammation. But, there is hope. A few basic stretches prior to your golf round can help prevent plantar fasciitis from developing.

The gastrocnemius and soleus muscles make up the calf musculature. You can stretch the gastrocnemius by placing one foot in front of the other and then lean forward keeping your back knee straight and heel on the floor. Next, lean forward until you feel a stretch in the back of the calf from the heel up to the back of your knee (picture 1). As you lean forward you may need to hold onto a tree, bench, or golf car for balance. Perform three repetitions holding the position for 30 seconds with a gentle stretch. Do not bounce while stretching as this could lead to injury.

The soleus muscle can be stretched by starting in the same position as the first

stretch. Lean forward until you feel a slight stretch in the back of the calf, and then drop your knee down towards the ground creating an increased stretch in the lower part of the calf (picture 2). Perform three repetitions, holding the stretch for 30 seconds with a comfortable stretch. At a minimum, do these exercises prior to each round of golf, but if you are someone who does a lot of standing, walking, or running, then the exercise should be a part of your daily routine.

Plantar fasciitis and foot pain can have many causes, but stretching is one key way to prevent or eliminate plantar fasciitis. Besides stretching, it is important to wear good supportive shoes, and if your golf shoes are several seasons old it is probably time for a new pair. Add some stretches to your warm-up so that when you kick up your feet at the 19th hole they are pain free.

Picture 1



Picture 2



In a world where nothing is constant or guaranteed, where tradition is trumped by impermanence, everything about True North just feels like it's here to stay.

Truth and Beauty in Northern Michigan

By Rory Hughes



I died for beauty, but was scarce
Adjusted in the tomb,
When one who died for truth was lain
In an adjoining room.

He questioned softly why I failed?
“For beauty,” I replied.
“And I for truth,—the two are one;
We brethren are,” he said.

And so, as kinsmen met a night,
We talked between the rooms,
Until the moss had reached our lips,
And covered up our names.

Emily Dickinson

You could have been half asleep in your English class and grasped Emily Dickinson's central message: beauty and truth are interchangeable; we cannot have one without the other. Everything truthful is beautiful, and everything beautiful is truthful. About four hundred miles north of Chicago, at the tip of the ring finger of the Michigan hand, is situated a perfect exemplification of Dickinson's thesis: True North Golf Club.

Even as a native Michigander, I struggle with drawing comparisons to other places. And I have to stress the word place; the golf at True North is first-rate, the place is something more; something transcendent and unique, something that compels a visitor to say, “You just have to go there and see for yourself.”

Though just a short drive from Harbor Springs and Lake Michigan, once you enter the property the feel is otherworldly. An eternal, winding drive up a hill crescendos at a gorgeous clubhouse perched on the side of a hill, towering over a course teeming with as much wildlife—in my short stay I came across a fox, several deer, and a flock of wild turkey—as character.

And what a course it is. World-renowned designer Jim Engh must have had a blast with this one thanks to the existing, quintessentially breathtaking Northern Michigan landscape. His signature hidden bunkers around the green test the eye and nerves alike; so like any true test of golf, you must lock in on your target and commit. And while water and other trouble is not gratuitous, he places it in the right places on enough holes to make you, if you're smart, back off some of the pins. Most of the par 3s offer



photo-worthy vistas, and the par 5s are either uphill for miles or downhill and reachable. If you lock in on a yardage and make a good swing, your ball is bound to be within a putter-length of the ball mark. The greens are, without question, the best I've ever played. And I have never seen so many putts die in the hole—if you pick a line, trust it, and get the ball rolling, you have only yourself to blame if you miss.

True North is a private national club, so they brought in a staff with apt experience and an affinity for the area. Terry Carlson, an Illinois golf stalwart (former head pro at Elgin Golf Club and former president of the Illinois section of the PGA), came over from Estancia in Arizona and brought a few members of his staff, most notably Mike, a caddy to whom I owe at least 10 strokes. General Manager Matt Payne was lured from Ballyneal in Colorado and brings expertise in managing a low-membership, low-traffic, high-value, members-only club. To illustrate what I mean by “low-traffic,” when I asked one of the assistant pros about the tee sheet, his forehead crinkled. “Out here, people just show up and play whenever they want.” This statement and the condition of the greens almost had me filling out a membership application on the spot.

True North is not a “country” club, not a place to tell people you belong, not a place for singles wine mixers and bridge tournaments (although I'm sure they wouldn't revoke your membership for participating in such things). It's a place for people who love Northern Michigan about as much as they love golf; a place where you can show up, play 18 holes, wash down a couple of fish sliders with a pint of Michigan beer—the grill menu is terrific—then play a solo nine with only the sound of birds, the flag hitting the green as you line up a putt, and the ball rattling in the cup; a place where your night might consist of a cigar and a scotch on the back porch in North Woods silence.

While, like most national clubs, dues for locals are more than that of national members, True North offers something that I've never encountered. Their Generational Golf Membership allows any member to transfer his or her membership to a dependent at any point, until the end of time. Thus, a family pays the initiation fee just once, and for years, decades, centuries in the future, another initiation fee will never

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GOLFChicago's ELITE

*Bowes Creek Country Club
and The Highlands of Elgin*

By Greg Jourdan



The Highlands of Elgin



Bowes Creek Country Club

Chicago's elite list of public golf courses was shaken up when the City of Elgin opened Bowes Creek Country Club in 2009 and Highlands of Elgin in 2010. Both courses jumped to the top tier of national rankings for Illinois public courses. Unless you had your ear to the ground, this storming of the state's top golf courses list came out of a gray sky in a struggling golf industry.

The 99th Annual Elgin Open, which will be played July 26 – 27, will offer competitors a new twist in 2014. This year the tournament will play one round at each of Elgin's public 18-hole courses. This opportunity will take the area's finest golfers for a ride on two of the best municipal golf courses in the nation. The first round will be held at The Highlands of Elgin, which holds the 8th position in *Golfweek's* Best Municipal Course list for 2014. Highlands' sister course, Bowes Creek Country Club, will host the second and final round and is ranked 20th on the Best Municipal rankings. Both courses are the publication's top-ranked municipal courses in Illinois; furthermore, *Golfweek* ranks these courses above all other Midwestern municipality golf courses.

Elgin built it, and the golfers are coming. Now positioned among the top golf communities, with golf options that rival Lemont and Wheaton, Elgin is attracting players to challenge their two marquee golf courses. Elgin's Mayor David Kaptain shared, "The two courses have no doubt brought many out-of-town visitors to Elgin. They have great value as an economic development

tool for the city and local businesses." While other communities are decreasing funding for municipal projects, Elgin is using their assets to better position the city for growth.

In its fourth season, Highlands of Elgin has earned its place as one of Illinois' best courses. During a recent round with three golf media members, our foursome ranked the Highlands course as one of our 'top three' favorite public courses in the state. The quarry nine-hole loop is dramatic, with not a single letdown throughout a round. Highlands head-professional Jim Vogt feels that the course's designer, Art Schaubeter, realized the axiom 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. As a barometer, we have had a lot of local professionals, who are a fickle bunch, share the same positive comments." Golfers will run out of daylight before they lose interest in the Highlands course.

"The gradual transition from a typical municipal course to high quality made it easier for the city council to invest in a vision of the golf experience at a much higher level. The public/private partnership at Bowes Creek would not have happened without the opening of the Highlands," explained Mayor Kaptain. The Bowes Creek community, located just west of Randal Road, is more than an 18-hole golf course to Elgin. Mayor Kaptain shared, "The

Bowes Creek course has added value to housing stock in the area and to the quality of life of our residents." Upon entering the Bowes Creek community, guests will feel as though they are at a private club. If Joe Jemsek redefined public golf, then Bowes Creek has taken his mission and raised the bar to exquisite levels. Golf architect Rick Jacobson, the man who designed Bowes Creek, is still enthusiastic about the layout, "There is a *Wow* factor here," he states. "Actually, a lot of them." Like the Highlands course, Bowes Creek is a sequence of challenges that increase in difficulty as a player's round progresses. With a member-for-a-day service philosophy, Bowes Creek will please the most discriminating golfer.

The economic future for golf in Elgin is bright. Mayor Kaptain's pride also includes the Tom Bendelow-designed course at Wing Park Golf Club, which was established in 1912. "I do not want to forget to mention the nine-hole Wing Park golf course, the oldest municipal course in the state and on [Illinois'] list of historic places. I have a vision of one day offering a tournament in Elgin where golfers could spend a weekend by competing on all three courses for [a] truly unique golf experience." Perhaps the 100th Elgin Open will realize that vision, and present to the area's best players three courses that are helping to redefine the municipal golf experience.

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The GOLFChicago Interview

Jordan Spieth walked into the media center on a cloudy day in early June and seemed surprised by all the attention he had earned in a very short while. Only 24 months ago, he had started his pro tour career and made the cut in two of the five events he entered. Last year, he notched three top-ten finishes heading into the John Deere Classic in Silvis, Illinois. On July 14th, thirteen days before his 20th birthday, Spieth bested defending champion Zach Johnson and David Hearn on the fifth hole of a sudden-death playoff at that tournament to earn both the \$828,000 winner's check and full status as a PGA Tour member.

Since his epic victory that included a sand bunker shot hole-out to make the playoff, Spieth has become a household name. After earning 2013 PGA Tour Rookie of the Year honors and being named a member to the 2013 Presidents Cup team, the former Texas Longhorn has captivated golf fans everywhere with his poise under pressure as much as his amazing skills. In January, he finished second at the Hyundai Tournament of Champions. In February, he finished fourth at the AT&T Pebble Beach Pro-Am. In March, he finished tied for tenth place in the Texas Valero Open. Playing in his first Masters in April, Spieth tied for second after sharing the 54-hole lead with eventual winner Bubba Watson. Earlier this month, he finished in a tie for 17th at the U.S. Open by firing rounds of 69-70-72-73 on the sandy fairways and tilted greens of the Pinehurst #2 Course.

While Spieth expressed disappointment by his performance for the week, his smooth swing and gritty determination caught the eye of Adam Scott, 2013 Masters champion and current #1 player in the world. "I think he's awesome," Scott said in an interview with *Golfweek* magazine following his pairing with Spieth. "He's got it all happening right now to go to the top."

And, indeed, the two-time U.S. Junior Amateur champion is currently positioned as the #10-ranked player in the world on his first go 'round at many of the courses that serve as annual hosts to Tour events. Having made the cut in 16 of 18 events played in the 2014 season and earning \$3.9 million by mid-June, Spieth was in 5th place to earn a spot on the Ryder Cup team following the U.S. Open. He also started his own charity in 2014—the Jordan Spieth Charitable Trust—which is dedicated to lending time, awareness, and financial assistance to special needs youth, military families, and junior golf.

As Spieth is set to defend his John Deere Classic Title on July 7 – 13, GOLFChicago caught up with the hottest player in the game at a media event at the TPC Deere Run clubhouse.

Jordan Spieth

With intense focus and authentic enthusiasm, Jordan Spieth is on the cusp of greatness.

by Neal Kotlarek



GOLFChicago: *You've performed brilliantly on Tour event courses you are playing for the first time. What's your secret to pulling off that feat?*

JS: In junior golf, I went to golf courses I'd never seen before and played them very well. I played college golf for only a year-and-a-half and only went back to one place twice. So it's nothing new coming out on Tour and playing courses I hadn't seen before. I just go through the same stuff I went through the years before and have learned to adjust my game.

GC: *Today is your first visit back to TPC at John Deere golf course since your victory last July. I imagine the visit stirs some great memories.*

JS: Coming off a four-week stretch, I came back in here and it didn't take long for everything to kind of come back to me. Just pulling into the driveway and walking through the locker room ... the last time I was in the locker room I was scrambling around trying to make the plane trip over to Scotland because I made it to the British Open.

That morning was funny. I teed off well in front of the leaders. I was six back to start the day. I needed to shoot 10 under. It's not that easy of a golf course, [yet] guys were tearing it up. I had a really rough range session, and I never really have any kind of pain. But if I remember right, it was my left wrist was really killing me, and I was taking some I took a couple Advil. I couldn't even keep it on the driving range, and this is a big driving range, and I couldn't keep it on it. I just went out there and I bogeyed the first hole and just thought, all right, well, let's kind of scramble around today.

Obviously, with the closing and the nice bounce off the pin on the bunker shot to get into the playoff, and five holes

later, the two-footer to win was obviously something that will always be in my head and something I'll never forget.

G.C. *You holed out from the sand bunker on No. 18 to get into the playoff. Can you take us through that shot?*

JS: I got up to the bunker and looked at it and said, "if there's ever a bunker shot that you need to make, this is about the easiest one that I think I could have." I mean, it was just sitting so perfectly. Somebody had already been there. It was raked, raked perfectly. It was just kind of teed up, and I just had just a little downslope to the hole, which you want. I just popped it out, and I struck it a little closer to the ball than I wanted, just a little bit. It really bugs me when



people tell me it was going in the water, because it wasn't going in the water.

I struck it a little [too] close to the ball, and I remember looking up afterwards. Later, I saw a photo of when the ball came off. I remember looking up and saying, just hit the pin, find the hole, and it just did [that]. It was such a shock. I didn't expect that it would find the pin and go in.

G.C. *The John Deere gallery seemed to rally behind you even though you ended up facing off against local*

hero Zach Johnson in the playoff.

JS: To be a champion of this tournament is humbling. Steve Stricker and Zach Johnson—two favorites here that everybody loves to root for—and how couldn't you? They're just two of the best guys out there. I've become very close to them.

GC. *When did it sink in what the victory here would do for your career?*

JS: It must have been halfway through the plane ride to Scotland. I definitely just kind of thought what it could mean to me. I was trying to move up on that money list. And I remember being on the plane ride saying, "I'm going to this major and now I'm in the PGA." It all happened so fast, but I would say that the moment that I realized it could

possibly change my golf life was about halfway through that plane ride when it all kind of sunk in a little bit.

G.C. *Two months after the John Deere Classic, you played in the BMW Championship at Conway Farms in Chicago. What did you think of the course?*

JS: Chicago has to be one of the greatest cities in the world for golf. Conway Farms was a cool experience. I had it going pretty well (finishing in a tie for 16th place). I didn't think there was a 59 out there, but apparently Jim Furyk did! It's difficult, it's

challenging but it's fair. I really enjoyed it. There's a whole mix of shots you have to hit off the tee.

G.C. *And what do you think of the Chicago golf fans?*

JS: You go to any large city and there will be golf fans. But they really love their golf in Chicago. You have the giant city, but at the same time you still have the Midwestern feel of how nice everybody is, how appreciative they are, and how respectful they are on the course.

Truth and Beauty in Northern Michigan

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be charged. One family, one initiation fee. There is something comforting about knowing that when you're long gone, your legacy can carry on in perpetuity in the form of such a serene place.

And though True North perfectly suits a buddies golf getaway or corporate event (corporate memberships are also available and the clubhouse is equipped to handle any size meeting), its proximity to the quaint, lakeside town of Harbor Springs and the myriad leisure activities that come with it (kayaking, hiking, fly fishing, sailing, canoeing), makes it a destination for even that non-golfer in the family. Historic Mackinac Island and bustling Traverse City alone will keep them busy while you finish up 36 on the course. Ultimately, Payne would like for True North to serve as a sort of dashboard for the aforementioned activities, whereby you contact a concierge service who could then coordinate day trips. But with cottages on site equipped with anything you will ever need—most notably a rustically decorated screened-in porch

bordering a practice green and chipotle pepper jerky—your stay can be complete without ever leaving the property.

In a world where nothing is constant or guaranteed, where tradition is trumped by impermanence, everything about True North just feels like it's here to stay: from the massive Michigan pines to understated, rustic hole markers, to the attentive, golf-loving staff. No doubt, it's primed to become a stalwart on the Northern Michigan golf scene and the owners—who are also founding members—are committed to bringing in only those people who, like Dickinson, appreciate true, enduring beauty. True North offers a chance for everyone to play the course once, so make your way to the top of Michigan and see for yourself where truth and beauty collide in pastoral bliss.

For tee times and membership inquiries contact: Matt Payne | True North Golf Club | Harbor Springs, MI 49740 | 231-526-3300 | www.truenorthgolf.com.



Go Loud, Or Go Home

It was the year 2000. The golf industry was thriving with a “business as usual” approach. A lot of golfers played the same clubs, played the same golf balls, and even dressed in the same clothes. The latter is what perturbed Scott Woodworth the most.

The fact that every tee box was filled with neutral, bland colors forced his hand into creating Loudmouth Golf. Surely, someone who would dare go rogue on the rest of the industry and try to sell polka dot and checkered patterned pants has to be a little out there, right? Actually, yes, but so are Woodworth’s designs that have taken the golf world by storm. He is not looking to bring back the basic, bland apparel anytime soon. The louder, the better.

Arguably, the company represented by four guys in a 5x10 booth at the 2000 PGA Show again made the most noise at this year’s show in Orlando. Over the past decade, Loudmouth Golf has grown into other areas of apparel including shirts, hats, socks, belts, wind shirts, and ties. More recently, a high demand allowed LMG to show how loud luggage, golf bags, on-course accessories, and even wine can be. And in case you thought it ended there, you can actually

stuff your loud mouth at the Loudmouth Grill in Orlando, which opened in March.

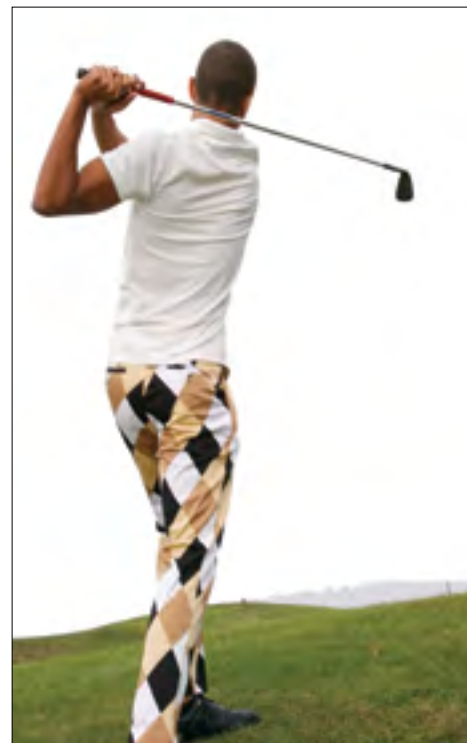
Perhaps the most instrumental gain came when John Daly jumped on board in 2009 and began showing people it was okay for professionals to have a little fun on the course. In addition, the 2010 Winter Olympics showcased a Norwegian curling team sporting unorthodox pants (which they repeated in 2014) giving Loudmouth Golf a worldwide audience.

GOLFChicago magazine sat down with Scott “Woody” Woodworth and CEO Larry “LJ” Jackson to talk about their Loudmouth lifestyle.

GOLFChicago: How did the idea for LMG come about?

Scott Woodworth: If you look at what Johnny Miller and Lee Trevino wore in the 1970s, it was great. After that, the 80s and 90s were all about boring khakis on the golf course. Once the 2000s came, golf pants became “athletic” with different fabrics. I was just tired of it, so I wanted to bring some fun back to the game. What we do is not a new idea; it’s just a new twist on traditional fashion.

Larry Jackson: No joke, I was going to a “pimp” store in downtown Oakland to buy



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Todd Mrowice

my patterned golf pants until I found LMG in 2003. Woody had a great vision and I came on board in 2007 after we played a round of golf together. It was great to find someone that shared my same “hunger” for loud pants. *GC*: How did you come up with the name for the company?

SW: I actually came up with it while watching *Dumb & Dumber*. There’s a line where Jim Carrey’s character, Lloyd Christmas, says, “Let’s go get a couple of bowls of loud-mouth soup” while wearing an orange tuxedo. That, and I had a lot of inspiration from Rodney Dangerfield in *Caddyshack*. He is the prototypical loud mouth.

GC: What can you attribute LMG’s success to?

LJ: Woody is a phenomenal designer with a great eye for color. When I stepped in I was able to take the designs and put his artwork onto pants. It was then that we realized we had made our first big leap. John Daly, the Norwegian curling team, and collegiate licensing among others have also helped make LMG what it is today.

SW: There were so many other little things that led up to those accomplishments as well. I was “throwing the bait out” every day of my life trying to see if we’d catch anything.



A few things caught on and we realized just how many men and women wanted bright, fun clothing for the golf course.

GC: How do you choose your designs?

SW: All day long I pay attention to things around me. It could be a shower curtain, a book cover, the back of a cereal box. Just about anything can spark a design for me. That, along with the inspiration from the 60s and 70s, really makes up a bulk of our designs.

LJ: Woody will come up with a ton of designs. I step in when he’s narrowed them down to about 50 or so; we then try to get that to around 12 designs. The hard part comes in that narrowing process and then actually naming the designs.

GC: LMG is so much more than just wacky pants though.

LJ: Exactly. We found that our designs translate well to other items. Most of that is not because we’re brilliant, it’s because our customers voiced their opinions to us. So we have the public to thank for forcing us away from just a golf company and into a lifestyle company.

GC: What’s the partnership with John Daly like?

SW: John wishes he could get a new pair of pants everyday of his life. He loves when the new designs come out and he can’t wait to wear them in public. We couldn’t have asked for a more natural person to represent our company. John has been getting attention his entire career and our pants bring a lot of attention.

LJ: Even aside from clothing, John had a lot of input on the Loudmouth Grill. Once he found out the restaurant was a go he would call me multiple times throughout the day with different recipes and ideas for the menu. You can even add a second patty to your burger to make it a ‘John Daly Double.’

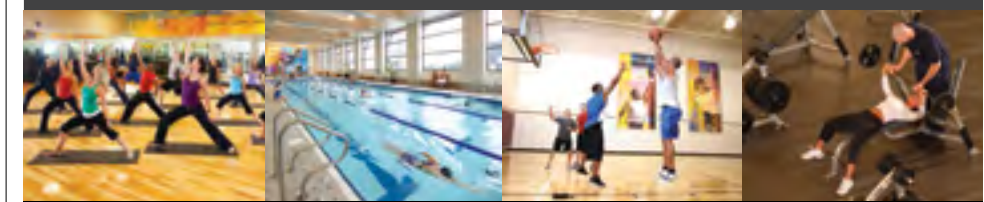
Looking through social media you’ll find pictures of people all over the world sporting their Loudmouth gear. The company’s designs have been in play while base-jumping, surfing, skydiving, and snowboarding. Woody and LJ have even been sent pictures from the North Pole and Mount Kilimanjaro from loyal customers. It’s clear that the guys at Loudmouth Golf want professional and casual golfers alike to start letting their pants do the talking.



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An Over-The-Top Cure

Usually when a player hits a slice or a pull cut, a shot that starts left of the target and slices back to the right, they immediately think they came over the top on their downswing. Over the top simply means that your hands did not come down on the same path they went up on. Over the top implies that on the

downswing, your hand came down on a path above or closer to, the ball than they did on their initial takeaway.

In my experience as a teacher, a player rarely comes over the top on their downswing. I see their hands come down on a different path than their takeaway. Most of the time, a player

actually comes “over the top” during their takeaway.

Players are over the top on their back swing because they don’t get enough “depth” in their back swing. You must have enough turn to allow your hands and club to get behind your body adequately. This will allow you to uncoil and move

forward on the downswing without altering the path of your hands.

The fix: Start your backswing with your right shoulder. This will create the depth and space needed to prevent the over the top. Sometimes, a simple swing key is all you need to unlock a better game by correcting a flaw in your fundamentals.

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THE FULL SWING



Carl Rabito



Correct Set Up



Incorrect Backswing:
Hands are not deep enough on the backswing.



Incorrect Downswing:
Hands are coming over the top on the downswing.



Incorrect Exit Point:
Hands are exiting left of the target.



Correct Set Up



Correct Backswing:
Hands are deep enough on the backswing.



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Arrogance, Tension, and Visualization

For the second time I have been asked to write an article about what to do when you have hit a shot in trouble. I'm not sure if this means I'm in trouble a bunch, or if I'm good at getting out...I'm going with the latter!

The simple way to remember this is "ATV." This acronym stands for Arrogance, Tension, and Visualization. The first thing to do when you get in trouble is to determine if trying something spectacular has an upside. The illustration would be, you can safely chip out of the trees and lose ten yards, or risk hitting through trees to gain ten yards. If you can gain 100 yards, or reach the green ... trying something risky has merit and could make for a heck of a story at the 19th hole! You can see yourself in trouble, or see this as an opportunity for greatness!

Let's start with "A" for arrogance. You have to truly believe you can accomplish what you are attempting. If you are standing over your shot wondering what on earth

you are thinking...you should be thinking something else.

On to the "T" which stands for tension. If you are holding the club tighter than you normally do, relax! Gripping it with an abnormal pressure will not produce a normal shot.

The final letter "V" is about visualization. If you cannot imagine the shot taking off, skirting the trouble, and ending up in a great place, then you have no chance to pull it off. How many times have you been in a fairway bunker with the overwhelming thought being, "don't hit behind it." I'll bet you hit behind. Simply put, if you think about hitting behind it, you will. Try imagining how great your contact is about to be and how cool it will be when the ball comes floating down on the green. Positive visualization is a big key to success.

In golf as in life, think about what you do want, not what you don't want. If you are in the trees, and trying to go through them,

think about your ball flying through the opening, not the trees. You will be pleasantly surprised at how effective this simple trick is on all shots.

The final thing to remember is that curving the ball is a great way to get out of trouble. Try this trick the next time you are on the range. Imagine a baseball field in front of you. Point your body to right field and the club face way out to left field, now swing. This will produce a shot which curves from right to left. Conversely, pointing your body to left field and the clubface way to right field will produce a shot that curves right. Big curvature can be very effective; just ask Bubba Watson.

Practice these until they are predictable, and ride your "ATV" to get back on course!

For help in hitting these shots, please see your local PGA Professional.

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The Only Bunker Tip You'll Ever Need

Most Tour players set up for a standard greenside bunker shot with the ball forward in their stance and the clubface open. Opening the face helps the club slide under the ball so it can blast sand—and the ball on top of it—up and out of the bunker. Playing the ball forward allows pros to start their divots three inches behind the ball while making the same swing they'd use from a grassy lie, where the goal is to hit the ball first and then the turf.

It's pretty nifty—one swing, two kinds of shots. And it's so reliable that elite players are just as comfortable blasting from sand as they are from rough

after they miss a green. But if you're like most weekend players, you use the same ball position in a bunker as you do from grass. With the ball played back, you're forced to lean away from the target or swing down steeply so you catch the sand first—both are big-time bunker no-nos.

Play the ball forward and open the face—that's easy. And one more thing: The pros tend to swing with more speed in the bunker than they do on other greenside shots. They accelerate through the ball, so much so that their wedge exits the sand before the ball begins exploding upward. You don't need to swing out of your spikes—just feel like you're “pulling”

the club aggressively through impact. This drill will give you the “pro” feel.

A Drill For Pure Sand Shots

1. With the ball forward in your stance and the clubface open, make a three-quarter backswing with a full wrist hinge using only your left arm.
2. Swing down. Because of the forward ball position, the clubhead will hit the sand first. Through impact, it should feel as though you're pulling the clubhead past the ball with your left arm.
3. Continue pulling (and rotating) until your left wrist hinges the club past vertical in your follow-through.

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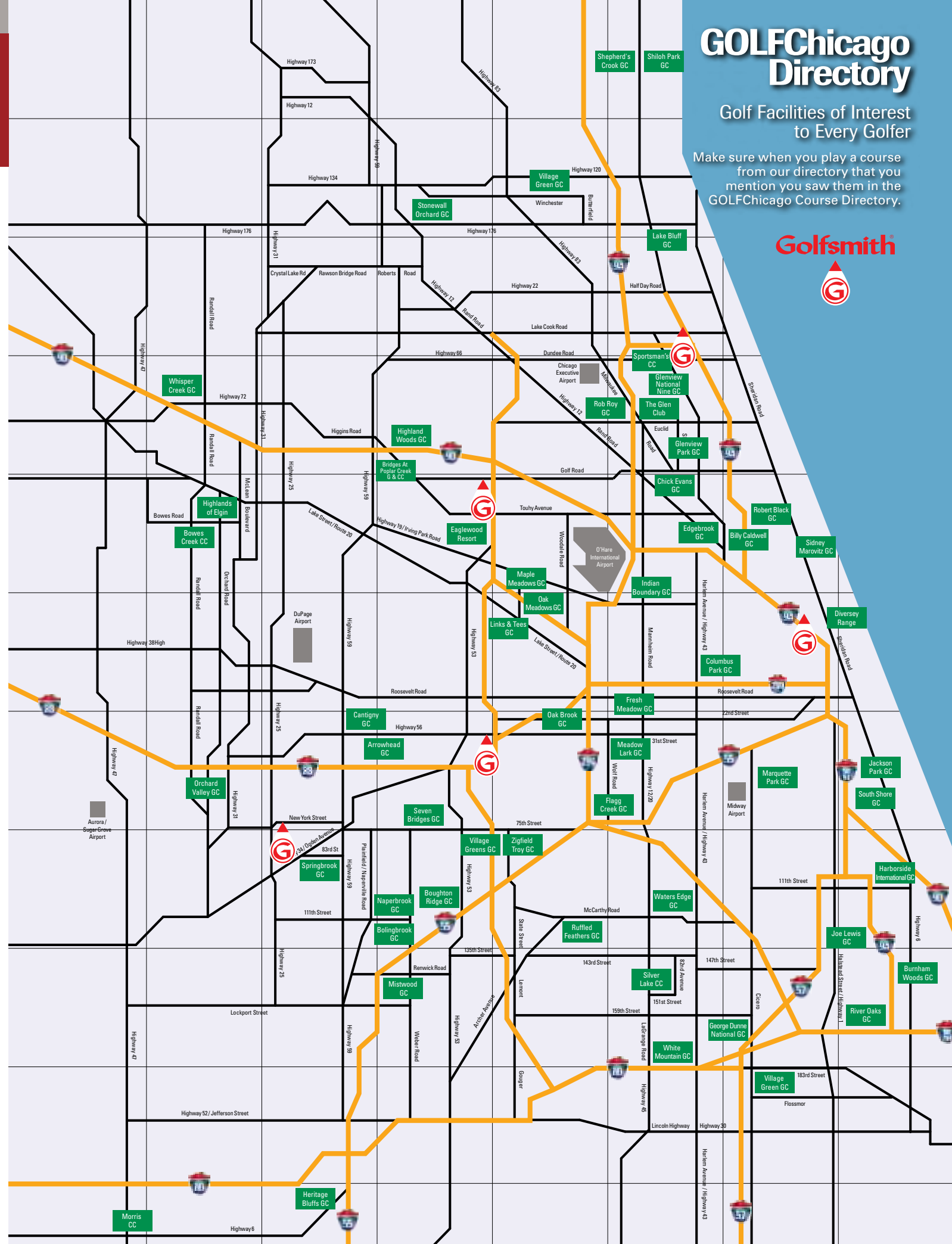


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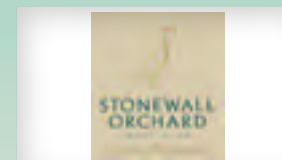
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630-739-4100
Bolingbrook, IL 60440

Coyote Run Golf Course
708-957-8700
800 Kedzie
Flossmoor IL 60422
coyoterungolf.com

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

Eaglewood Resort and Spa
630-773-3510
1401 Nordic Rd.
Itasca, IL 60143
eaglewoodresort.com

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

The First Tee of Aurora & Fox Valley
630-499-0680
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Flagg Creek Golf Course
708-246-3336
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Par 33
Yardage: 2493 – 1865
Weekday: \$14 (resident)
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Jr./Sr. Rates: Yes
Twilight Rates: Yes
Banquets/Outings: Yes

Fox Bend Golf Course
630-554-3939
3516 Route 34
Oswego, IL 60543
foxbendgolfcourse.com
Par 72
Yardage: 6,890 – 5,325
Weekday: \$38 walk
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Weekend: \$43 walk
\$59 ride
Jr./Sr. Rates: Yes
Twilight Rates: Yes
Banquets/Outings: Yes
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Grand Geneva Resort and Spa
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Par 30
Yardage: 1,888 - 1,545 yds.
Weekday: \$14 walk
\$22 ride
Weekend: \$16 walk
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P.O. Box 610
Sugar Grove, IL 60554
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Addison, IL 60101
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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

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Batavia, IL 60510
mdpltd.com

Naperbrook Golf Course
630-378-4215
22204 W. Hassert Boulevard
Plainfield, IL 60585
golfnaperville.org

Par 72
Yardage: 6677
Weekday: \$39.50
Weekend: \$49.50
Mid-day Rates: Yes
Jr./Sr. Rates: Yes
Super Twilight Rates: Yes
Banquets/Outings: Yes

Oak Brook Golf Club
630-368-6400
2606 York Road
Oak Brook, IL 60523
oak-brook.org/recreation

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

Course Managers:
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Oak Meadows Golf Club
630-595-0071
900 N. Wood Dale Road
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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Par 72
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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

Springbrook Golf Course
630-848-5060
2220 W. 83rd Street
Naperville, IL 60564
golfnaperville.org

Par 72
Yardage: 6,896
Weekday: \$41.50
Weekend: \$51.50
Mid-day Rates: Yes
Jr./Sr. Rates: Yes
Super Twilight Rates: Yes
Banquets/Outings: Yes

Village Greens
630-985-3610
Woodridge, IL 60517

Western Golf Association / Evans Scholars Foundation
westerngolfassociation.com

White Pines Dome
630-776-0304, ext. 5
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By Elisa Gaudet

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Golf is one of the only sports that entice the world's greatest athletes when they are not on the field, court, or track. *Two Good Rounds Superstars* is a collection of brief interviews with legends who are smitten by the game of golf. This is the second book in Elisa Gaudet's *Two Good Rounds* series that explores the special connection that professional athletes and golf share.

Gaudet does not attempt to crack into how her subjects transfer their competitiveness from their main stage to the golf course. *Two Good Rounds Superstars* is presented in a mini coffee-table book which is best read in snippets. The 54 superstars include household names like Dr. J,

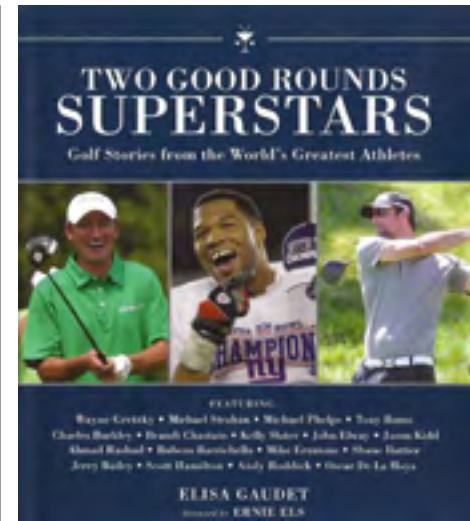
Wayne Gretzky, John Elway, and Greg Maddux, but athletes like Australian rower James Tomkins, an Olympian with three gold medals, deliver commentary that is equally enlightening.

Perhaps the most interesting segment of each interview is the answer to the question, "How does golf compare to...?" While most of the athletes echoed Tomkins feelings that the game of golf provides a venue to improve skills and nurse their competitive drive, some of the athletes use the sport as an escape. Lawrence Taylor, the NFL linebacker who is arguably football's greatest player on the defensive side of the ball, dismisses the comparison. "Football is about aggression and golf can't be aggressive. Golf is calming. That is what I like—it is calm..." Former Chicago Bear Richard Dent did find a comparison, "If you have bad alignment in football and with golf, you don't get the best results."

Two Good Rounds Superstars delivers entertaining anecdotes to readers and is an ideal gift

ON THE SHELF

Between the Covers



for the golfer who has everything. Gaudet's effort afforded her time with our sporting heroes, and that effort gives readers an insider's perspective into how, and why, they play our game.

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The winery is committed to biodynamic viticultural practices, which are aimed at preserving the natural properties of crops by eliminating the use of chemicals, herbicides, and fungicides. Biodynamics also strives to sustain ecosystem balance, biological diversity, and to recover bacterial activity in the soil. Organic plant and animal fertilizers are sourced from a farm located at the the winery.

The extensive Trapiche portfolio includes Malbec, Sauvignon Blanc, Cabernet Sauvignon, Pinot Noir, Syrah, Chardonnay, Merlot, Torrontes, Rosé, Viognier, Pinot Grigio, Moscato, and Tempranillo, as well as a yearly set of single-vineyard Malbecs created by winemaker Daniel Pi as a way to show an appreciation for smaller, individual Mendoza growers.

2011 Broquel Chardonnay \$15
Trapiche's Broquel (Spanish for shield) wines are sourced from high-altitude vineyards with the best terroirs for each variety. This wine's lemonade-yellow appearance is complemented by suggestions of grapefruit and ripe melon on the nose. That ripe melon continues in the taste, complemented by honey and spice. The mouthfeel has an unsalted butter roundness and a silky smoothness. The wine was aged for 15 months in 100% new French and American oak barrels.

Try this Chard with Seafood Ceviche, Braised Snapper and Mussels, or Chicken à la Chinita.

2011 Broquel Malbec \$15
Malbec is a black-skinned grape variety native to southern France, but now better known as the iconic wine grape of Argentina. Through its success in the vineyards of Mendoza, in a few short decades Malbec has shot from relative obscurity to international fame.

Although some Malbec producers are moving toward a more "international," fruit-forward style, native Argentinian Daniel Pi prefers the expression of a more traditional approach.

And, yes, the fruit is somewhat recessive in this wine. It is dark garnet in the glass, with good legs (those little rivulets that drain back into the bowl). On the palate I tasted blueberry and black fruits, cocoa, and black-tea tannins. It ends with a moderate-length finish.

This wine will go nicely with Braised Rabbit in Unsweetened Chocolate Sauce, Flank Steak Filled with Spinach and Pistachios, or Grilled Venison.

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Silvis Is A Springboard

Nothing quite throws age into context like children, but sports is a close second.

I recently celebrated 11 years covering golf in the Chicagoland area, which doesn't seem like a long time ago, does it?

Pull back a little, and you remember that Tiger Woods, Annika Sorenstam, and Karrie Webb were winning tournaments in Naperville and Lemont. Cook County hosted a major, Kevin Streelman and D.A. Points were trying to find their footing on the mini tours, and Mike Small was the best player in the University of Illinois program.

Now? Streelman and Points are family men and established PGA Tour winners. Small is an Illinois PGA Hall of Famer and his players are now making their own imprint on the Tour. As for those old Tour stops, well, we've discussed that enough.

Back then, you could be Ty Tryon in a video game and some young kid from Dallas, Texas, named Anthony Kim set Chicago afire with his play at Chicago Golf Club during the 2005 Walker Cup. It seemed the golf world was in their hands.

Now? Rory McIlroy has won multiple majors and is on the covers of video games and a different kid from Dallas, Texas, named Jordan Spieth, set Illinois, and the PGA Tour, on its ear after his first tournament win at the John Deere Classic in 2013.

There are fewer sports that cherish time more than golf. It takes a about four hours to play a round, even if you're a single in a car. World class marathoners could complete two (two!) 26.2-mile courses in the time it takes for a Tour player to navigate 18 holes on a Sunday. The careers of the best players in the world can last over three decades in a game that can be played for a lifetime.

Yet, it's the "kids" who have figured out how to push the hands around the face quicker than we'd ever imagined. Look at Spieth, who will turn 21 at the end of July. The defending JDC champion is impossibly nice, and impressively cold-hearted on the golf course. His rise to prominence was incredibly quick, yet his poise makes you feel like he's been there for years.

Nearly all pro golfers look smooth and fast when they swing a club over 100 miles per hour. But kids like Spieth just look different (even if they don't play much faster than their older counterparts, but that's another topic for another day).

Look for it up close first at the JDC, which took over the important role once held by the old Western Open of granting sponsor's exemptions to up-and-coming amateurs. Spieth was one such JDC exemption.

FROM THE FRINGE

Insights on the PGA Tour



Jim Owczarski

"It made such an immediate impact on me, but it's going to make such an impact on a lot of great young players in the future," Spieth said at his media day at TPC Deere Run in Silvis. "There's no way that I win last year without that opportunity the year before, and there's no way that I'm able to feel comfortable and kind of make the adjustment on the PGA Tour so quickly without the few starts that I was given."

"I don't know where I'd be without those starts, and I wouldn't be standing here. This is just a very, very special tournament close to my heart, [but] not because I won. It already was before that." shared Spieth shares.

This year, Oklahoma State sophomore Jordan Niebrugge, Stanford junior Patrick Rodgers, and Iowa senior Patrick Ihm will be playing with Spieth, Steve Stricker, and Zach Johnson at the John Deere Classic. You can see all those amateurs again up close at the Western Amateur at Beverly Country Club from July 28 through August 2, where Niebrugge is the defending champion.

"To kind of look to the future and see the future of the game and to give them the opportunity to play here is something that I know nobody forgets," Spieth said of the JDC exemptions.

He's proof positive of that.

And while it might take you all day to walk the hills and follow the shots at TPC Deere Run in Silvis, or follow step for step through the mature trees of Beverly, these young golfers will definitely make you feel that time has moved a bit quicker than you, or even those within the game, think.

Players might have to start looking for Kevin Streelman's name on leaderboards if he's lurking on the weekend from now on, don't they?

"Streels" made PGA Tour history on June 22 with a back nine 28 in winning his second tournament, the Travelers Championship.

His final round 6-under 64 included seven consecutive birdies to end the tournament, nine one-putts on the back nine and 10 straight overall. And think back to his first win last year at the Tampa Bay Championship: bogey-free over his final 37 holes and when he took the lead on the 13th hole, he didn't let go.

The way he stepped on the throats of some really quality players en route to the victory could really send a player to new heights. With the win, he became the 36th-ranked player in the world and 17th-highest ranked American.

How high can he go? Who knows. He moved from number 51 to number 23 in Ryder Cup points and you better believe that everyone is watching.

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A destination in the truest sense, True North stands above the rest — great golf, impeccable service and exclusively for members.

We encourage you to learn more about our membership options and this special place.



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