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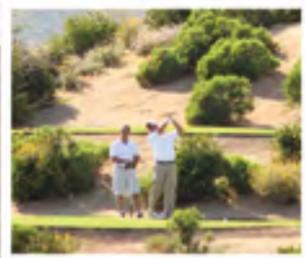
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NOTES FROM GREG AND DAVE

If you haven't noticed, we are entering the meat of the golf season. It is scramble season for outings, and league play is in full bloom. The weekends have provided ideal temperatures for a game of golf. Now the trick is to find the hours to play more golf. Time remains the biggest challenge for most of us, so we have a few ideas to develop habits that will speed things along and make the game of golf more enjoyable. As we move past Father's Day, we thought we would throw a little fatherly advice to our readers.

Ready Golf—everywhere and every round. Even if you are playing for cabbage, how much has a fourth and fifth practice swing helped you? And, do you really want to watch your buddy's broken swing 204 times in one afternoon. If you cannot break 130, then have fun and enjoy the course. Pick-up and drop the ball where you please.

When in Rome...act like an American! If the rest of your group is studying putts for bogey, step up, ram or lag your putt, and get to the next tee.

Remember to haggle with the beverage cart girl between holes — not in the middle of the fairway.

Use the sand/seed mix on your golf car. Our superintendent friends tell us



"If he thinks it's raining, he won't go golfing. That way I can put him to work here at home."

Music is a wonderful addition to a round of golf. If you haven't purchased a little speaker for golf cars, then go get one. *Well, it's a marvelous night for a moondance...*

Be kind to junior golfers. Just because those crotchety, middle-aged men were jerks to you doesn't mean you cannot break the cycle. Go one step further and toss them a few balls or tees.

Enjoy the game. Make friends. Build memories. Be great.

that this is the fastest approach to begin the healing.

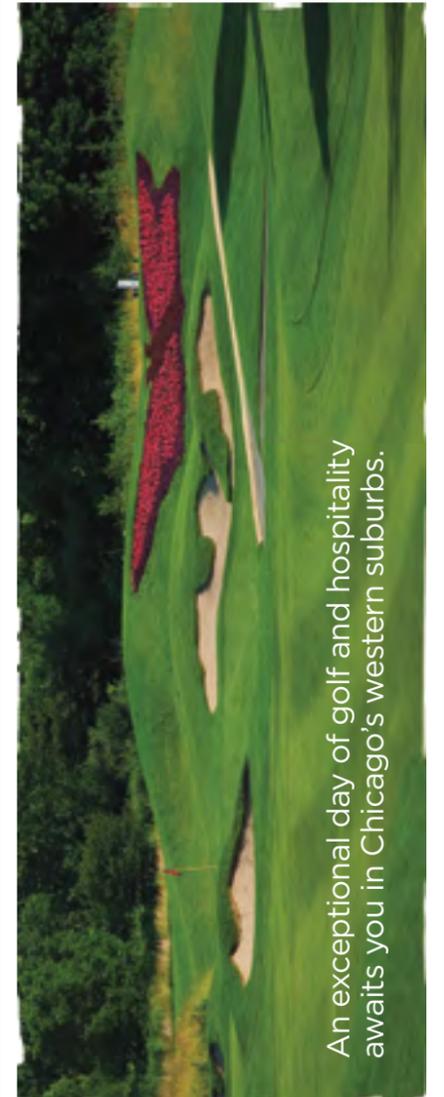
Jab, jab, jab! Be like Smokey the Bear and leave the greens in better shape than when you got there. Do not pry the ball mark, jab it like Lizzy Borden.

How to behave on the green: first person on the green should pull the flag stick. The first person to hole a putt should replace the flag stick after the last person holes out or picks up.

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How to Start Your Backswing

When we are teaching a student for the first time, it is very important to ask the student a few questions about what they are working on in their swing and what they are trying to do. I always ask the question, how do you start your backswing? The response is usually one of three answers. 1) I start the club back with my hands and left arm (right handed golfers). 2) I take the club straight back and extend my left arm. 3) I put my left shoulder under my chin on the backswing.

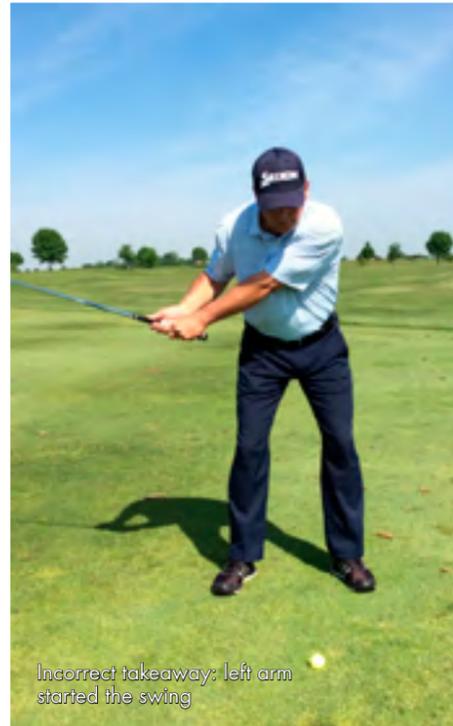
It's important to know what the student is trying to do, because usually they are doing exactly what they are trying to do. Unfortunately, what they are trying to do may be incorrect and can be the cause of many of their swing flaws.

We see so many amateurs start their backswings by extending the left arm away from them in the belief it will create a bigger shoulder turn and add speed and distance. Most of the speed in the golf swing comes from the wrists and arms. 76 percent of the speed in the swing comes from the hinging and unhinging of the wrists and 11 percent comes from the folding and unfolding of the wrists and arms in the downswing.

To further explain, your shoulders are designed in a way that allows them to be able to move independently from one another. The problem with starting the backswing with your left arm is that only your left arm and shoulder will move and not your right shoulder. This creates a "fake" turn, not allowing you to get your upper body behind the ball. It will also force you to slide or sway your lower body which destroys your balance and range of motion.

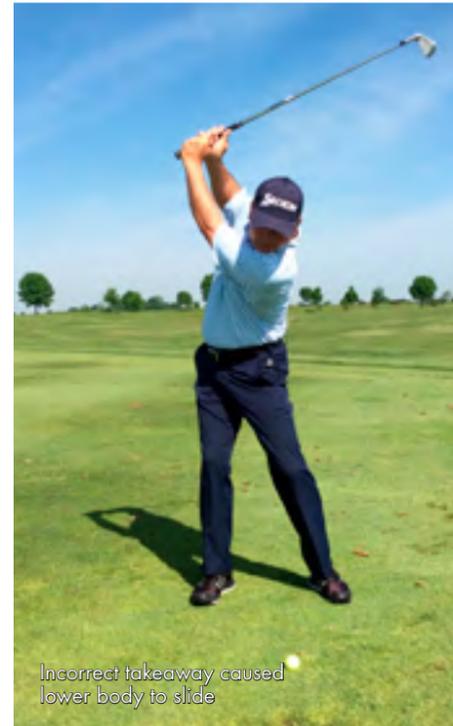
Conversely, starting your swing with your right shoulder will allow for the natural depth and height required to complete the backswing. Remember, your shoulders can work independently but they are connected. So if the right shoulder starts the backswing, your left shoulder will follow. This, in turn, facilitates a full shoulder turn. Beginning your swing with your right shoulder (right-handed golfers) promotes a full left hip turn.

The sequence of these mechanisms will allow you to get your upper body behind the ball without swaying or sliding your lower body.



Incorrect takeaway: left arm started the swing

A great backswing will put you in a position to the hit ball hard on the downswing without any compensating movements.



Incorrect takeaway caused lower body to slide



Correct takeaway: right shoulder started the swing



Correct takeaway allows upper body to get behind the ball without sliding legs

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Aim to Improve Your Putting

Here's a simple concept: if you can't aim your putter properly, you will have difficulty holing putts consistently.

At our schools, students often ask our instructors for guidance on aiming their putts. That's good advice to seek, because improving your aim is the key to making more putts. If you aren't sure you are aiming correctly, you should seek instruction and find a way to practice with proper feedback. We've been testing how people aim putts for years at the Pelz Golf Institute and we've learned a few things that will get your putts on the right track.

For starters, focus on the starting line of the putt. In test after test, we found that the better your initial aim, the less you will have to compensate in your stroke to pull or push your putts on line. Fewer compensations in your stroke lead to better contact and more made putts.

Draw two lines on your ball to help your aim. Draw long lines rather than short ones,

and use red marker rather than black because red is easier to see. Drawing two lines rather than one helps to form a wider alignment aid. We tested various combinations, and two long red lines led to the best performance.

And, think hard about getting a new putter. Our test subjects aimed two-ball and three-ball putters most accurately. When converging red lines were added to the tops of these putters, our test subjects aimed them even better.

I suggest practicing with a putter that has great alignment cues like the Cleveland Smart Square putter. In our schools, we use Pelz O-balls (pictured) to illustrate how much this visual practice method improves your ability to line up putts correctly. Make sure the lines on your ball match up with the lines on your putter and that they are perpendicular to the clubface. Practice for at least 10 minutes before you try it on the course. The modifications on the golf ball should help improve your aim—and they conform to USGA rules.

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It's important to keep working on your aim even after you see initial improvement. Some of the best putters in the game today, even Tiger Woods, Phil Mickelson, and Justin Leonard, continually check their putting aim to make sure they're not falling into bad habits. You should do the same.

Aim at a spot even with the hole and twice as high as the apex of the break.

Aim High

Avoid the common fault of aiming too low and missing your putt below the hole. Go to a practice green and pick out a left-to-right-breaking 15-foot putt. Once you take your initial read, pick out a spot even with the hole that is twice as high as the apex (highest point) of the break. You should aim your putter there in order to play enough break and have a chance to make the putt. Now go back out on the course and picture twice the break you normally play to aim high and score low.



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Give Gimmes a Break

Every year after our Club Championship, at least one person comes up to me and tells me that they'll never take another "gimme" putt as long as they live. I always ask them, although I already know the answer to the question, why they would say such a thing. The story that follows goes something like this: "Whenever I play with my friends nobody in the group ever makes a putt under three or four feet long. We always give them to each other or count them as made even if we miss them. I had to count all of my putts this weekend and couldn't believe how many short ones I missed. I won't make that mistake again."

The next question they then ask me is generally, "What can I do to be better at short putts?" The answer is very simple and shouldn't take anyone by surprise. Simply put, you need to practice short putts. We all know that a two-foot putt counts for the same one-stroke as a 300 yard drive, but very few of us actually spend as much time practicing that little putt as we do walloping drivers on the driving range.

Sure, we all spend a few minutes on the putting green before our round getting the feel for the speed of the greens, but that isn't really practice. That's just warming up. It's like stretching or hitting a few balls before heading to the first tee. It always amazes me when I look out at the driving range and see 20 to 30 people paying to hit golf balls while only one or two people are on the green practicing their putting, which is free. You'll be surprised by how many putts you'll start to make if you spend a few hours on the putting green practicing with a purpose.

Start by practicing putts inside five feet. These are the ones you need to make in order to shoot the number you are looking for. They are also the ones that make us the most nervous because we know we are supposed to make them. The more you practice them the more you will make them. Every single player in the PGA Tour rankings makes at least 70% of their putts inside five feet. How many of us can say that?

Next, spend a good amount of time on putts in the makeable range of 5 to 15 feet. These are the putts that help to save par or allow you to make the occasional birdie. However, it's important to remember that most of

these don't go in. In fact, only 30 players on the PGA Tour make more than 50 percent of those putts. Finally, spend a few minutes on longer putts. You need to be a decent lag putter because most of the greens you hit

with a full swing will leave you more than 15 feet from the hole. Plus, it's really fun to make a long one on occasion.

Still struggling? Talk to your local PGA Professional for a putting check-up.



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The Eagle Has Landed

By
Dave Weretka
with
Greg Jourdan



Eagle Ridge Resort is spread over 6800 acres, and for golfers and naturalists this property truly does have it all! If you categorize Illinois golf as flatland fairways, then be prepared to redefine your Illinois golf perspective. Eagle Ridge has elevation changes that will make you exclaim, "This can't be Illinois!"

In 1997 Roger Packard and two-time U.S. Open Champion Andy North collaborated on the award-winning The General golf course. This rugged layout was blasted out of undulating Midwestern terrain where the topography takes center stage. Each hole is different from the next. You need to navigate your shots with the foresight of a billiards player. The 14th hole gets everyone's attention; it is the highest point on the property and on a clear day you can actually see Wisconsin and Iowa. The tee is perched high above the hole (folks say it's equivalent to a 14-story building) making it a drivable, 357-yard, par 4. This tee provides an entertaining tee shot that has some serious hang time. *Golfweek* magazine thinks highly of The General

as well, routinely ranking the track as one of Illinois' top ten courses that you can play. Perhaps the good folks at Eagle Ridge should erect a Ulysses S. Grant statue so that golfers can salute the General after completing an exciting round of golf on a masterful design which is filled with endless challenges. Think of it like the terrific Payne Stewart sculpture behind the 18th green at the Pinehurst Number 2 where nearly everyone mimics his victory fist pump.

"You have to play golf in places like California or Colorado to see the type of elevation that we have here. There are 14 to 15 holes that definitely have a wow factor!" shared Reagan Davis, Eagle Ridge's director of golf. Although the General has softened in recent years, this is a good thing. Numerous trees have been removed, and native areas have been pushed back to increase the playability and enjoyment. This means you can play more unobstructed shots than in previous years; plus, you'll have a lot more balls in your bag at the end of the day!



To have a great golf resort, you certainly need to have a strong supporting cast. Eagle Ridge delivers just that with their championship North and South courses, and the nine-hole East course.

The North was the first course at Eagle Ridge, built back in 1977. It starts off innocently enough with a dogleg par 4 that stands as the welcoming opening hole. After that things get amped up a bit with the double-dogleg par 5 #2 hole that is lined with large oak trees to an elevated green surrounded by bunkers. The final three holes of the front nine are arguably the best of the bunch; each hole is filled with scenery and strategic shots. The tree-lined par-4 #7 hole requires an accurate tee shot which sets up an approach shot that features Lake Galena standing as a gorgeous backdrop. The 165-yard par-3, #8 hole is probably the signature hole with a picturesque view of the lake on the left and rock formations next to the putting surface. #9 is a beast of a par-4 that doglegs left and uphill. You can pretty much feel the earth push you while you are addressing your shot on this 397-yard hole. The approach plays an extra one or two clubs to a green surrounded by large bunkers. With all of the undulations, this places a premium on putting. You'll need command of your putting stroke on all four layouts at Eagle Ridge.

Over at the South Course, you will find a bit more target golf. You will need a compass to help guide you around this layout. The back nine is a rousing romp of thought-provoking golf shots. It all culminates with the spectacular finishing hole. This 406-yarder features a meandering stream that runs completely across the fairway at about 250 yards out. You have to make that decision of laying up short, or trying to carry the stream. Either way, it leads to an uphill shot to undulated green; make par here and that 19th hole beverage will be especially rewarding.

The East Course is a nine-hole layout that matches the characteristics of the other courses; however, it is a gentler round that is ideal for families and resort golfers. The East course is engaging and also offers Hack Golf and Foot Golf.

There are plenty of dining options available throughout the resort, including the acclaimed Woodlands Restaurant & Lounge.



From casual to formal dining, the hallmark of the Eagle Ridge culinary approach is a strong partnership with local farmers, butchers, fishermen, and artisans, which ensures the freshest regional ingredients and superb seasonal cuisine throughout the year.

If you have some aches and pains on the links, then you'll want to visit the resort's indulgent 6,000-square foot Stonedrift Spa. Plus, there's an adjacent indoor swimming pool complete with a retractable roof.

There are numerous golf and resort packages that can cater to any guest's needs with a multitude of options. The lodging boasts 80 "rustic elegant" rooms, and over 200 distinctive homes and villas.

Just ten minutes from Eagle Ridge Resort, no trip to Galena is complete unless you visit its quaint downtown. Stroll through charming Main Street to enjoy a flock of interesting stores, tasty restaurants, and historical buildings. If you remember the movie *Field of Dreams*, then you may recall Burt Lancaster and Kevin Costner have a scene where the two men are walking down this historic street.

There are also plenty of other activities at Eagle Ridge, such as heading down to the lake for a leisurely cruise on one of the resort's pontoon boats, paddleboats, kayaks, or canoes. Be sure to bring your fishing rod-and-reel, or rent one. Put your head in the clouds as Galena On The Fly lifts guests up, up, and, away over the rolling hills of The Galena Territory and downtown Galena. Enjoy all four seasons of The Galena Territory with trail rides and lessons at the nearby Shenandoah Riding Center. With 40 miles of groomed riding trails, Shenandoah offers something for riders of all experience levels, from beginner to advanced.

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Chicago Spotlight

Buzelli Golf: Sophisticated Flat Sticks

Sometimes you come across a gem: a unique club that has some mystique to it; maybe it's used, or maybe it's new. One thing is for sure though, it's different. And you like it.

If you're looking to break away from the assembly line, and support a local company, Buzelli Golf is just for you. Owner Ryan Buzelli is quietly making some of the most elegant putters you can find, all out of his home in Beecher, Illinois. Buzelli (who installs flooring for his day job) is making his maiden voyage in the golf industry, and judging by the quality of the putters he's producing, he knows what he's doing.

"I love classic-looking golf clubs, so I based my first prototype off of the Anser putter," said Buzelli. "I've modified that design though, and my putters have a carbon feel; they're softer, have a milled face, and they're more updated."

So the question must be asked, "Why should consumers buy a Buzelli putter instead of going with the names that they know?" "Scotty Camerons and other big manufacturers' putters are sold by the thousands and it actually devalues the putter," said Buzelli. "With my putters you're getting something truly unique that is not mass produced. I take great pride in every individual

club that I make. Try one and you'll feel, and understand, why this is a high-end putter."

Buzelli has also gone to great lengths to ensure that every component of his putters are made in the U.S.A.—from the True Temper Shafts to the PURE Grips, and even the head covers. Everything is domestic.

The feedback that Buzelli has received from satisfied clients and on social media has led him to the design of a mallet-style putter, which is coming soon. His current model, the STA-1, comes standard with a black carbon finish. Limited versions are available in white as well as a wood finish, and a carbon-weave version you have to see to believe.

"Making these putters and seeing the reaction from people using them is the best," said Buzelli. "This is my passion and it's what I want to do. All I have to do is get people to roll my putter a few times and they'll know it's the real deal."

Some of the leading companies in the golf industry had small beginnings. While Buzelli Golf may be in the infancy of its existence, it might be worth jumping on board now, as big things are to come for this local company.

—Todd Mrowice



Down Memory Lane

Lou Graham, No Shot, and the Blue Shirt

"He's got no shot."

Those were the words of ABC on-course commentator Bob Rosburg, standing just off the fairway during the 18-hole playoff for the 1975 U.S. Open at Medinah Country Club.

It may not have been the first time he'd said that. It certainly wasn't the last. But it may have been the only time he was overheard by the player about to play the shot.

Lou Graham was deep into the left rough on the dogleg right 18th on Medinah No. 3, the original hole designed by Tom Bendelow for which, quipped Dave Marr, "You need a dive slice to hit the fairway."

Graham was a stroke ahead of John Mahaffey in the playoff, and desperately needed a par. Now, in the rough and with trees in front of him, he had no shot.

"There's no such thing as no shot," Graham muttered as he surveyed the situation.

He was right. He pulled a 4-iron, hooded it, and hit a tremendous shot that roped over the fairway and rolled up 30 feet short of the green. A chip to seven feet and a par putt following Mahaffey's miss from nine feet for birdie locked up the Open for Graham.

This was no surprise to Byron Nelson. On a scorecard on Sunday morning, the legend analyzing for ABC wrote, "Watch for Graham. He's hitting the ball well and could go all the way."

It helped that others faded. Said Jack Nicklaus, who bogeyed the last three holes and finished two strokes out of the playoff, "It was an Open where 20 guys will look back and say, 'If I'd played well at all, I could have won by 10 shots.'"

If Graham was fortunate, his wardrobe was tired. He wore the same blue shirt in Monday's playoff that he had worn during Sunday's final round. He considered it lucky, so his wife Patsy washed it in the sink of their hotel room on Sunday night. It wasn't the first time.

"I know this old, blue shirt looks washed out," Graham said after winning. "I've worn it quite a few times and have shot a lot of good rounds in it. I don't think this is being superstitious. I just like the color combination with what pants I wear. My wife rinses it out and I slap it on."

"I'm the conservative type. I actually wear two shirts in case I get a hole-in-one."

You win the U.S. Open, you can tell corny jokes all night long.

—By Tim Cronin

GOLFChicago Wire

Gamez Elected To Boys & Girls Clubs HOF

PGA Tour star Robert Gamez was one of the former club members elected into the Alumni Hall of Fame of the Boys & Girls Clubs of America on May 13th. The gala event was held at the Chicago Hilton and honored a wide range of individuals who have gone on to gain success in various fields. Along with Gamez, the honorees included NFL Hall of Famer Andre Reed, renowned opera singer Ruth E. Carter, and Grammy-nominated singer, producer, and actor Trey Songz.



Winner of three PGA Tour events — the 1990 Northern Telecom Tucson Open, the 1990 Nestle Invitational, and the 2005 Valero Open — Gamez became known to many Chicagoans in 1989 when he was the medalist in the 1989 Publix Amateur Championship held at Cog Hill G. & C.C. Born in Las Vegas in 1968, Gamez joined the Tour in 1989. Along with his tour victories, he also won the 1994 Casio World Open held in Japan.

Wounded Warriors to be Honored At Geneva National on July 5th

Are you still making plans for the July 4th weekend? Consider a visit to Geneva National Resort for a holiday of fun and golf for a good cause. Festivities at the resort begin July 2, and they include live music, barbecue, kids' fun, and fireworks. On July 5th, the resort commemorates America's armed forces with every green fee benefiting our nation's wounded warriors. Special holiday rates July 2, 3 and 6 are \$79 for 18 holes with cart. Rates July 4 – 5 are \$89. The rate on July 7 is \$69.

The Golf 4 Vets Day on July 5 starts with the first tee time at 6 a.m. and progresses throughout the day at all three of the resort's courses.

To donate to the resort's Wounded Warrior program, visit <https://goo.gl/f38ARJ>.

Prairie Landing Completes Upgrades

2015 marks the 20th anniversary of one Chicagoland's most praised courses, Prairie Landing. The West Chicago facility has always been viewed as a true test of golf with rolling hills, pristine grounds, and 18 holes where you have to use your noggin. Robert Trent Jones Jr. didn't hold back when designing this local gem.

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building on its high rankings. In August 2014, construction began on a bunker-refinement project and new tees. Amazingly, and with the help of Mother Nature, all 18 holes are open for play.

Along with on-course construction, Prairie Landing also made improvements to the practice facilities, including the short game area. The upgrades don't end on the course though. You can lick your wounds and settle your bets in McChesney Pub and Grille, which boasts new furniture and a remodeled patio area.

To check out the new and improved Prairie Landing go to www.prairielanding.com.

2015 Potawatomi Cup Grows To Five Events and \$50,000

The Road to the LPGA begins with the Symetra Tour, which includes a number of stops across the Midwest this summer, including the Four Winds Invitation in South Bend, Indiana, on June 19 - 21; the Island Resort Championship in Harris, Michigan, on June 26 -28, and the PHC Classic in Milwaukee on July 31 - August 2.

Top finishers at each Potawatomi Cup event earn bonus money along with points toward the Potawatomi Cup. The circuit features five events and \$50,000 in total bonus money. All events are sponsored by five Potawatomi Nations. For more information, visit www.symetratour.com.

A Class Act: Evans Scholars

104 caddies from the Chicago-area will be attending college this fall on full four-year scholarships that include housing and tuition, courtesy of the Chick Evans Scholarship. Recipients are all caddies through the Evans Scholars Foundation, an amazing organization run by the Western Golf Association.

The Chicago-area caddies, part of a larger group of 247 national, newly awarded caddies, will attend universities this fall where the Foundation owns and operates an Evans Scholarship House. Universities include Northwestern, University

of Illinois, Northern Illinois University, Purdue, Indiana, and others.

"As a kid, I believed I'd be able to go to college, but after my mother's heart attack, college seemed like an impossibility," said Vivian Anochili, a Chicago high school senior. "I was terrified of putting any type of financial stress on my family for fear my mother would work herself sick again. So I got a job with the hopes that I could ease her burden."

Anochili began caddying at Bryn Mawr Country Club with no prior knowledge of the game. Fast-forward to today and Anochili is getting ready to attend Marquette University thanks to the Foundation and her hard work. Currently, 870 caddies are enrolled in colleges across the nation as Evans Scholars, and over 10,000 caddies have graduated since the program's inception in 1930.

Hickey Joins Cantigny Staff

The Cantigny Golf Academy announced that team member Pat Hickey is now a PGA Teaching Professional. Hickey completed his PGA of America Professional Golf Management Program and will now conduct private and group lessons at Cantigny. Since 2010, Hickey has been a club-fitting specialist at the facility, and he has excelled at the junior level as the lead instructor for the Tour Academy Junior Golf Camps since 2012. "As an instructor, my mission is to provide a golf learning experience that allows the golfer the freedom to 'play like a kid' regardless of age or ability," Hickey said.

He is a volunteer instructor for the Freedom Golf Association, an organization dedicated to bringing joy and a sense of freedom to the special needs community through their inclusion in the game of golf. A Native of Naperville,



Hickey attended the University of Illinois-Chicago.

World's Largest Golf Outing

On Monday, August 3rd, the fifth annual World's Largest Golf Outing takes place, which benefits the Wounded Warrior Project. In 2014, over 12,000 golfers, including 364 wounded warriors, participated at 100 golf courses. The event raised more than \$887,000 for injured veterans and their families. Since its inception in 2011 the World's Largest Golf Outing has raised more than \$2 million for the Wounded Warrior Project.

The event is produced by Billy Casper Golf, and 2015 is expected to cover more than 150 courses from New England to Hawaii. The event is open to all golfers regardless of ability and a USGA handicap is not required to play.

"Our dear friend Billy Casper instilled a culture of helping others," says Peter Hill, Chairman and CEO of BCG, of the golf legend who passed away in early February at 83. "Billy's spirit lives on through everyone participating in the World's Largest Golf Outing; giving back to the brave men and women who protect our daily freedoms meant so much to him."

Local courses taking part in the event are Orchard Valley GC, Whisper Creek GC, Rob Roy GC, Water's Edge GC, Chick Evans, Edgebrook, George W. Dunne National, Highland Woods, Indian Boundary, River Oaks, Jackson Park, and Forest Hills CC.

For more information visit www.worldslargestgolfouting.com

Volunteers Sought for Encompass Championship

The Encompass Championship is in search of volunteers to help when the Champions Tour event rolls into town July 8 - 12 at North Shore Country Club. Positions needed include crowd control, parking, admissions, scoring, ecology, and other player and fan services. Anyone who would like more information on volunteering for the Encompass Championship should visit www.encompasschampionship.com and click on the "volunteer" tab.



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Arrowhead Golf Club: Golf for a New Generation

With its roots found in the Middle Ages, golf may be an ancient game, but it's finding fresh life through new generations all over the country. In Chicagoland specifically, Arrowhead Golf Club is sprucing up its game in the hopes of attracting a broader clientele than the traditional club, and the community is positively responding to Arrowhead's home-away-from-home feeling for all ages.

As part of the Wheaton Park District, Arrowhead has always been a unique place because it's a public course, but, according to the two new assistant golf professionals at Arrowhead, it's also a place where everybody knows your name. "There's definitely a sense of community," says Matthew Nations. "It feels like a private club where everybody knows you."

Andrew Ogata agrees, "When I started here seven years ago, I was taught that we run this place like a family. And that certainly hasn't changed." This culture is attributed to a number of Arrowhead employees, such as current Director of Golf Bruce Stoller, and longtime, now-retired head professional Billy Klemz.

However, the face of the classic golf clientele has been slowly changing and becoming younger and less gender-specific. "It's not just a guy's club here," says Ogata. "We're seeing a lot of families out on the course." Nations also mentions that the majority of the lessons he teaches are with women, rather than men. Overall, Nations and Ogata, who are in their first year of the three-year PGA Apprentice Program, are encouraged by these changes they're seeing at Arrowhead Golf Club and in the sport of golf overall.

"I think golf has been seen as this very intimidating sport," explains Nations. "But it doesn't have to be that way. I love helping people of all ages learn to enjoy it."

One specific way Arrowhead is introducing a younger generation to the sport of golf is through its PGA Junior League. Kids under the age of 13 can learn the basic skills alongside Ogata and Nations. "I didn't have this when I was growing up, so it's a special program for these kids," says Nations.

Last year the program had 14 kids; this year, they're hoping for 40. Ogata says the response last summer was extremely positive: "One of

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the coolest moments I've ever experienced on a golf course happened last summer. We had all these kids come out for the program, so they were on the driving range with their moms, their dads, and their siblings. That just doesn't happen very often in golf, but we're really excited to see it happening here at Arrowhead."

Arrowhead is also giving their course a facelift by making some major and minor changes to the look and feel of the driving range, giving it a more hospitable feel for golfers and spectators. And customers are reacting with rave reviews, according to Ogata and Nations.

Along with Arrowhead's success with these improvements, the Wheaton Park District and its employees place a premium on customer satisfaction. As Ogata puts it, "I love this place most because of the people who come in here to golf, to eat, just to say hello. Without their support and Wheaton's support, Arrowhead would not be what it is."

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Suited for the gods on Mount Olympus, the massive clubhouse was completed in 1925.

Beginning Monday, August 17th, Olympia Fields Country Club will host its first U.S. Amateur Championship. It is a bit of a surprise that it took the USGA nearly a century to bring golf's greatest amateur championship to one of our country's most storied clubs. While the club has hosted U.S. Opens, PGA Championships, a Senior U.S. Open, and numerous Western Opens. Now the 115th U.S. Amateur will be contested on the club's North and South courses for the first time as its members celebrate 100 years of golf.

When Olympia Fields was chartered in early 1915, a pound of coffee was 30¢, a new car was \$500, and a man named Woodrow was America's president. While Albert Einstein was pitching his new Theory of Relativity to the world's great thinkers, Amos Alonzo Stagg, the club's first president, named the club as a setting fit for the Greek gods, and then he opened Olympia Fields' first 18-hole golf course.

THE U.S. AMATEUR CHAMPIONSHIP ENTERS OLYMPUS

Centennial Season at
Olympia Fields
By Greg Jourdan

By the 1920s, the club boasted four championship golf courses designed by Willie Park, Jr. and Thomas Bendelow. During its Golden Age, nearly 2,000 caddies toting bags scurried these courses.

Suited for the gods on Mount Olympus, the massive clubhouse was completed in 1925. The grand English Tudor Revival structure would be the world's largest clubhouse for many decades to come. The gargantuan edifice offered locker rooms that could accommodate 1,000 people, included 70 overnight rooms, and provided enough banquet space to entertain a village. And Olympia Fields C.C. did just that; it became a sabbatical hamlet for Chicago's elite. The Illinois Central railroad even adjusted its schedule to accommodate players looking to play a round of golf after work and on weekends. Olympia Fields Country Club, in its heyday, included schools, a hospital, an ice-making plant,

and a fire station, not to mention a membership that grew to over 1,400 individuals before the Great Depression. While Stagg and early investors behind the Grand Daddy of all private clubs may not have intended to build Olympus, the club became the pride of the golfing world and a model for private clubs that would raise the bar for planned communities and country clubs on a colossal scale.

Championships are as much a part of Olympia Fields' history as its prestige in the golf world. Walter Hagen pocketed \$500 when the club hosted its first major tournament, the 1925 PGA Championship. Perhaps one of the greatest U.S. Opens ever contested was the 1928 national championship that saw Bobby Jones, paired with Hagen, hiccup during the final round of the 36-hole day. Jones, after leading for three rounds, was forced into a 36-hole playoff with Johnny Ferrell. This was the first playoff in U.S. Open

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history. The two men battled like prizefighters on Olympia Fields' #4 course. Finally, Ferrell won the match one-up on the 36th hole by making a knee-knocking putt. It would be Ferrell's only major championship win, while Jones' legacy was just beginning, as he would win five U.S. Opens and the Grand Slam in 1933 before retiring from competitive golf.

Entering golf's modern era, The PGA of America brought the 1961 PGA Championship to the North Course and Jerry Barber, like Ferrell, won his first and only major at Olympia Fields after defeating Don January in a playoff. Before Cog Hill and Butler National, the Western Open visited Olympia Fields on five occasions over 51 years. Beginning with Jock Hutchison's victory in 1920, and on to Hagen's Western Open championship in 1927, to Macdonald Smith's third Western Open victory in 1933, the south side is truly Mount Olympus for the game's greatest players.

Jack Nicklaus won back-to-back Western Opens at Beverly Country Club in 1967, then added another Western title at Olympia Fields in 1968.

At Olympia Fields, the 115th U.S. Amateur

follows the 2003 U.S. Open, won by Jim Furyk. The Amateur is the oldest championship in golf; moreover, professional golf's greatest champions began their rise to fame here. While the consummate amateur Jones won five U.S. Amateur titles, Nicklaus has a U.S. Am, but Tiger Woods has three that were won consecutively. Chicago's connection to this championship dates back to C.B. Macdonald's victory in the first Amateur in 1895. Chicago Golf Club has hosted the Amateur four times, while North Shore has hosted the event twice, most recently in 1983. Before entering the PGA Tour, Matt Kuchar collected his U.S. Am championship in 1997 at Cog Hill Golf and Country Club.

This year our nation's amateur championship begins with 312 of the top amateurs in the world. The U.S. Amateur Championship is a hybrid of stroke play for two rounds on August 17 to 18, then the low 64 scores proceed to the grueling six rounds of match play on August 19. The most difficult championship in golf ends with a 36-hole final match.

As with the 2013 U.S. Open, spectators can relive the past glories on Olympia Fields' hallowed fairways; there are only a handful of clubs that can match the memories along the North course's beautiful tree-lined golf holes. This is one event that is sure to be historic for and spectators alike. The next Bobby Jones, Jack Nicklaus, or Tiger Woods could make their first wave at our nation's championship that is being hosted in Chicago's backyard. For ticket information visit www.2015usamateur.com.

115th U.S. Amateur Championship Schedule

Olympia Fields Country Club
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Monday, August 17

First round, stroke play at North and South courses
Tuesday, August 18
Second round, stroke play at North and South courses
Wednesday, August 19
Round One Match Play (64 players, 32 matches)
Thursday, August 20
Round Two Match Play (32 players, 16 matches)
Round Three Match Play (16 players, 8 matches)
Friday, August 21
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Going [Back] to California



By Neal Kotlarek
with
Dave Weretka

San Diego is, of course, one of America's premier golf destinations. Its long list of must-play properties starts with Torrey Pines G.C., home of the 2015 City Amateur Championship as well as the 2012 U.S. Open and the PGA Tour's annual Farmers Insurance Open. This municipal property serves up 36 holes of spectacular golf designed by William H. Bell. The South Course was redesigned by Rees Jones in 2001 in preparation for the national championship. Both courses are perched upon coastal cliffs that serve up amazing views of the Pacific Ocean.

The diversity of San Diego's landscape becomes dramatically apparent on the short drive from Torrey Pines to the elegant 380-acre Grand Del Mar Resort. Located in the stunning Los Penasquitos Canyon Preserve, this expansive and elegant

property includes 249 guestrooms and suites and provides a long list of amenities from fine dining to four heated swimming pools to an equestrian center to a luxury spa featuring a fitness center, wet and dry saunas, indoor whirlpools and the full gamut of spa services.

The resort's epicenter is its signature championship golf course. The magnificent 7,160-yard course was designed by Tom Fazio and is filled with more twists, turns, and elevation changes than the new roller coaster at Six Flags Great America. The 383-yard No. 1 sets the stage for your round as the elevated tee provides a panorama of both the par 4 and much of the surrounding landscape. The descent to the fairway below makes the hole much shorter. The short-iron approach reveals a huge green



protected by a single sand bunker.

The course's first par 3 doesn't arrive until the 6th hole. The wait was worth it, as most of the 172 yards between the tee and putting surface are graced by native grasses and shrubs of all shades of green. Two large sand bunkers protect the left and right sides of the green.

The course's marquis hole is the 416-yard No. 15. From a tee perched upon the highest point on the golf course, the par 4 dishes up a breathtaking view of the property. A tee





shot steered right away from a hillside protected by a sand bunker and native area leads to a wide-open shot to the flagstick.

The resort's golf operations are managed by Shawn Cox, voted the 2013 Golf Professional of the Year by the San Diego chapter of the PGA of Southern California. Cox was instrumental in launching a variety of game improvement programs, including The Grand Golf Performance Academy which encompasses seven acres of practice area. Along with golf lessons, students have access to a SAM PuttLab and on-line digital video swing analysis.

No stay at The Grand Del Mar is complete without dinner at Addison, Southern California's only Five-Star/Five Diamond restaurant. Along with an amazing wine list of nearly 3,600 selections, the restaurant features Grand Chef William Bradley's artisanal approach to cooking which combines local ingredients with contemporary French influences.

For more information on The Grand Del Mar, visit the resort's website: www.TheGrandDelMar.com.

An exhilarating hour's drive north along the coast from

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The ocean also serves as a boundary for the resort's acclaimed Robert Trent Jones, Jr.-designed Monarch Beach Golf Links. The 6,600-yard, impeccably manicured course has been called a modern design inspired by the world's seaside links courses. The ocean serves as a backdrop for many holes with two holes literally resting just above the sea. The layout features many of Jones's distinctive design flourishes, including sprawling green-side sand bunkers and small, rolling greens.

The front nine is highlighted by the short but delightfully intimidating par-4 No. 3 which plays alongside the ocean. At 315 yards, the hole appears on the scorecard to be an outstanding birdie opportunity. But the view from

the tee displays sand bunkers of all shapes and sizes protecting the landing area. Find a way to avoid the sand and you are left with a wedge shot to a putting surface protected only by a fronting right side bunker. No matter your score, stop whatever you are doing and enjoy the view of the cliffs, beach, and ocean from behind the green.

The 542-yard No. 12 is a humbling reminder of the designer's clever use of sand bunkers. This par 5 features sand as an obstacle on every shot save for your putt. Avoid the sand bunkers off the tee only to be forced to avoid the sand bunkers on your second shot only to have to avoid the sand bunkers around the green. A par on this hole feels like a birdie.

The resort's water theme is maintained at the property's five-star rated Spa Gaucin where you are greeted at the door by a flowing wishing well and can enjoy a waterfall Jacuzzi before receiving any of the spa's signature services, including massages, facials, exfoliations, and wraps.

The resort's "Fairways By the Beach" vacation packages encourage guests to try out all of the property's

amenities as they include luxurious accommodations with ocean or golf course view (or both); unlimited golf, access to the private beach and guests-only Monarch Bay Club, and tram beach shuttle.

For more information on the vacation packages and St. Regis Monarch Resort, visit the web at: www.stregismb.com.

If you still haven't had enough golf during your trip, a return trip south to the San Diego area provides lots more options including the Greg Nash-designed Crossings at Carlsbad which was built along a nature preserve and is only a mile from the ocean. The spectacular Carmel Mountain Ranch Country Club is a semi-private layout designed by Ron Fream. The course is highly affordable and provides breathtaking mountain and valley views. Former U.S. Open champion and broadcast legend Johnny Miller joined forces with Robert Muir Graves to design the upscale Maderas Golf Club in northern San Diego. Maderas GC is listed as one of *Golf Digest* magazine's top 100 public courses; the 7,167-yard course winds around cliffs, rock outcroppings, creeks, and forests.



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EDITOR'S PICK



Gettin' Sparty in Lansing

DESTINATIONS

Rory Hughes

Although the term “Michigan Golf” typically prompts images of the breathtaking northwest lakeshore where the Chicago elite own homes, the Chicago middle-class rent homes, and the Chicago golf nuts spend \$39.99 on a motel and \$500 on golf for the weekend, the rest of Michigan — including

the Lansing area — is fertile golf territory for wandering Chicago golfers.

Michigan State University, arguably has the country’s best combination of football and basketball programs. With a rabid student body feeding into an ever more rabid alumni the MSU Spartan brand is

a powerful one, and it’s beginning to take hold in the golf realm.

Forest Akers, the MSU-owned and operated golf property, is situated on the south edge of campus, and offers a fair, fun, ever-improving track on the East course. The West course, a Bruce Matthews design on which

Chicago’s own Luke Donald holds the course record (64) from his Northwestern days, is a classic layout where almost everything is in play but nothing is easy. Several short par 4s seduce golfers, and then punish them with deceptively quick, undulating, but impeccably kept greens. Hole 8 typifies the purposeful design: it’s a long par 5 that requires a tee shot out to the right, a down the hill surge to the landing area, a layup, and then a high third shot into a two-club green.

GM Steve Ruthenberg is leveraging MSU’s reputation as

a world-class teaching and research institution by expanding the golf school and offering one day academies for our increasingly busy and/or efficient populace. With a nationally-recognized practice facility, five teaching professionals on staff, a newly acquired club-fitting machine, one of the nation’s best turf grass management programs, and a full-service hotel and conference center, not to mention a quaint but vibrant college town, the 3½ hour drive from Chicago sounds increasingly shorter. Green fees are borderline laughable for the quality, and the stay and play packages justify a short detour on your way north to the resorts.

But of course no one is going to Lansing to play just two courses. Drive north a few miles from Forest Akers and when you think you’re headed to a 4 H competition, you’ll arrive at Eagle Eye and Hawk Hollow, home to the Michigan section of the PGA. Eagle Eye is 70% links, 30% parkland course that — if the sub 40 degree May weather and angry Englishmen playing partner weren’t enough — transports the player to a simpler, purer time when good golf required low ball flight, imagination, and a bit of whiskey. Indeed, designer Chris Lutze and Pete Dye may have had a few nips of Jameson as they laid this place out; Eagle Eye is at times whimsical and good-natured, at others downright belligerent.

The signature is the 17th, a replica of the penultimate at Sawgrass, so channel your inner Ricky Fowler and hope for the best. Lucky for you, #1 through #16 will have sufficiently disoriented you so the pressure of capping a career round will have vanished. #1 is a straightforward confidence-builder with a 4-club green, but after that, in the words of the yardage guide’s description of #5, the course will “capture your attention.” Advice on #9 also applies to the entire course: “Do not let the beauty...distract you from the task at hand.” Not only was every tee shot into the wind during my round, every tee shot forces you to think hard about where to aim and what to hit — that’s one of the marks of a great course. But unlike some links tracks that penalize good shots, the prodigious bunkers and water hazards only inhale poor ones.

The final four holes are fantastically diabolical: #15 appears manageable from the tee,

but in truth is the beginning of a death march to the clubhouse. With wind, an approach to an elevated, crowned green makes sticking it next to impossible. My boisterous Brit playing partner came up short, and then proceeded to watch two chips amble their way back

to his feet into a canyon of the divots from previously flummoxed golfers. #16, 458 yards from the tips, demands a long, straight drive, then an accurate second to avoid a railroad tie bunker that divides the green and a pond. That’s correct: miss right and par is almost



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impossible; miss a little more right and par is dead. #18 is an endless par 5 with a lake hugging the entire right side and an elevated, defensive green. I hit a 6-iron from 125 and was pin high. Thanks, wind.

Hawk Hollow, which boasts 27 holes, is Eagle Eye's alliterative sister, and a fair, fun, heavily-wooded track that is a welcome step down in difficulty from its more renowned sibling, but also brutal if you play from the 140 sloped tips. Jerry Matthews gave us a break by leaving plenty of room to bail out in the front of almost every green, but it's balanced by some tight driving holes and bunkers that will

gobble long, left, or right shots. Aside from houses on many of the holes, the feel is that of a northern Michigan course, a welcome escape from the busy Chicago life. Eagle Eye / Hawk Hollow also have an onsite golf academy, lodging, and the infrastructure to handle just about any event.

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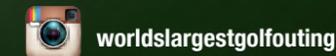
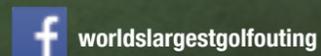
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Unwind A Little

The golf swing is an intricate series of movements involving the entire body. When performed consistently and well, the results leave a golfer with a sense of joy that only a beautiful shot can create. To get the most out of your swing, you must rotate during the back swing and follow through for optimal distance and control. Basically, you are winding up your body in a controlled manner to unwind and release energy through the ball.

Many exercises focus on one body part and one movement, such as bicep curls. But the reality is the golf swing involves the entire body moving in multiple directions. In this column, we will focus on an exercise that integrates the entire body with an emphasis on core stability, balance, and trunk and shoulder flexibility.



The exercise starts while standing on the left leg holding a golf club with arms separated at hip height (picture 1). Maintain your normal grip position on the club, just separate them the length of the club. The initial move is to wind up your body by turning your left shoulder towards the right hip as you lift the right knee up to hip height and across the left thigh. While doing this, follow the grip of the club with your eyes so that the head rotates with your shoulders (picture 2). The grip of the club should extend towards the ground as far as possible to fully rotate the trunk.

Once you have comfortably rotated as far as you can, while maintaining balance, it is time to unwind the motion. Do this by rotating your shoulder to the left as you reach overhead and left with the club. At the same time, extend the right leg behind you so that



the right arm and leg are in a straight line (picture 3). Once you reach your maximum height, hold for a count of two and return to standing on one leg. The exercise is performed while balancing on the left leg, so ideally your right foot would not touch the ground. After five repetitions, stand on the right leg and move in the opposite direction to optimize balance in all directions.

Prior to a round of golf, this is a great dynamic flexibility exercise to loosen up the trunk muscles and engage the core before your first swing, but you might get some strange looks from the groups waiting for the first tee. After you lace your tee shot down the center of the fairway, take a casual look over your shoulder as you walk to your ball. You might see a few people awkwardly trying to figure out what you just did.



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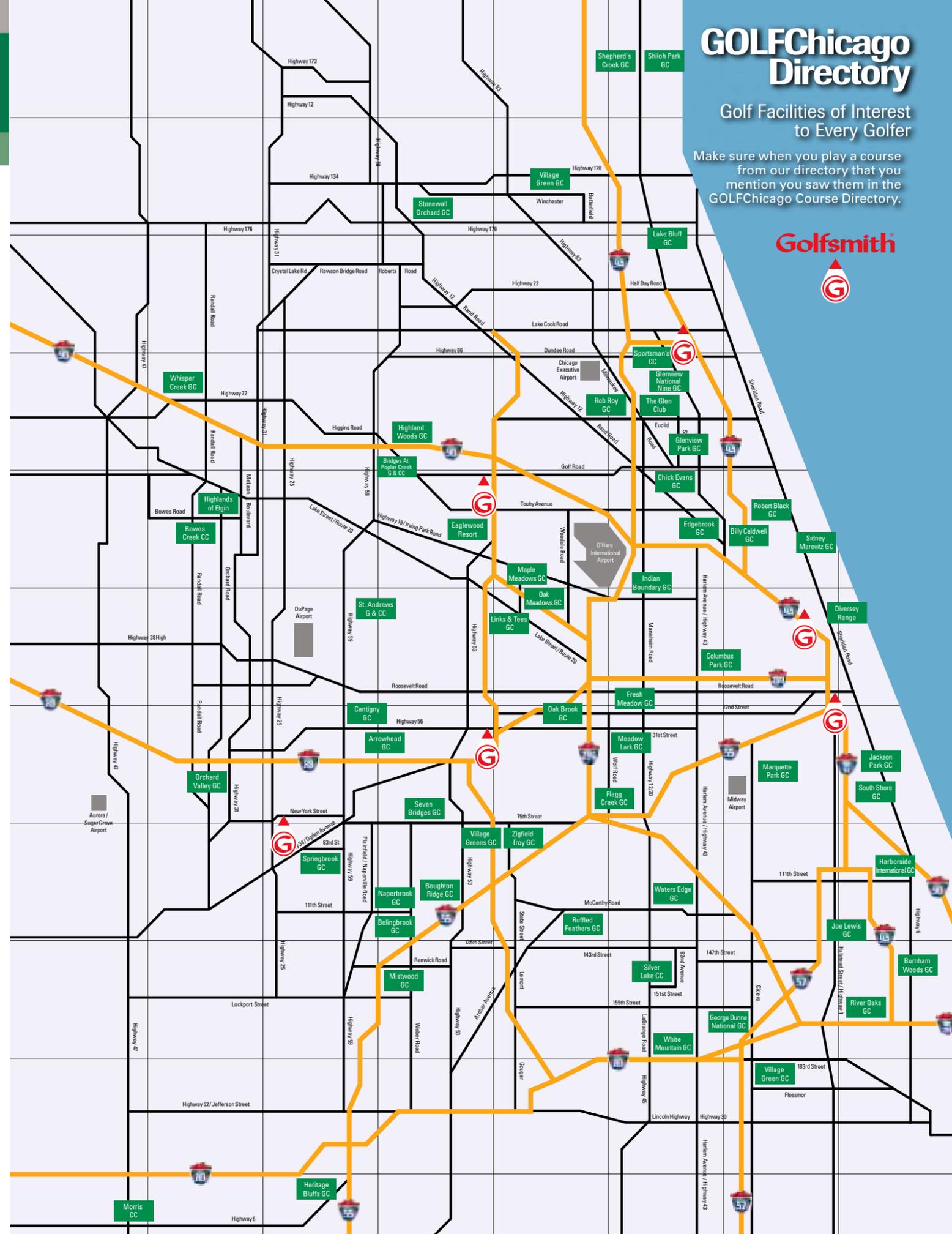
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Lake Bluff, IL 60044
lakebluffgolfclub.com

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1700 W. Renwick Rd.
Romeoville, IL 60446
www.mistwoodgc.com

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



Oak Brook Golf Club

630-368-6400
oak-brook.org/recreation
18 Holes – Par 72
Yardage: 5341 - 6541

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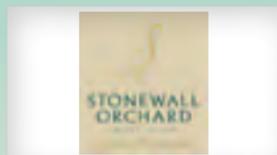




St. Andrews Golf & Country Club

2241 Route 59
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West 18 - Par 70
Yardage: 6,438 - 5,339 yds.
Weekday: \$32 walk
\$49 ride
Weekend: \$41 walk
\$58 ride

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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

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

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Itasca, IL 60143
eaglewoodresort.com

Par 72
Yardage 6,015 - 5,410 yds.
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Weekend: \$45.00 w/cart (Spring Rate)
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
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\$54 ride
Weekend: \$43 walk
\$59 ride

Jr./Sr. Rates: Yes
Twilight Rates: Yes
Banquets/Outings: Yes
Resident rates available

Green Meadows Golf Club

630-810-5330
18 W 201 West 63rd Street
Westmont, IL 60559
DuPageGolf.com

Par 30
Yardage: 1,888 - 1,545 yds.
Weekday: \$14 walk
\$22 ride
Weekend: \$16 walk
\$24 ride

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Jr./Sr. Rates: Yes
Twilight Rates: No
Banquets/Outings: No

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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

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An Open Letter to My Wife

I was at the golf store last weekend for an iron fitting; Spieth's Augusta drubbing coupled with blind trust in my brother's equipment knowledge led me to the Titleist AP2s. I've never owned a set of irons that were made after I hit puberty.

Brian, the club expert, worked with me for 15 minutes as I blasted balls. We small talked a bit until he asked if I had kids. "Not yet," I said, watching a 6-iron draw toward the flag. "My wife is due in July."

Long pause.

"What is it?" I turned around. Brian's face had gone from relaxed sales guy to concerned uncle. "I'm going to grab another club. The AP1 is much more forgiving." I was affronted.

Brian shook his head. "Let's be honest man. With a baby, your once-a-week days are over. Hell, I haven't even been out this year. You need to be realistic."

I refuse to accept it. I understand it's never been done. I understand that I'm venturing into completely uncharted territory, a la Jerry Seinfeld in the January, 1995, "The Switch" episode, in which Jerry tells George he's going to date his girlfriend's roommate:

GEORGE: Do you realize in the entire history of western civilization no one has successfully accomplished The Switch? In the Middle Ages you could get locked up for even suggesting it!

JERRY: The point is I intend to undertake this. And I'll do it with or without you. So if you're scared, if you haven't got the stomach for this, let's get it out right now! And I'll go on my own. If not, you can get on board and we can get to work! Now what's it going to be?

GEORGE: All right, dammit, I'm in.

JERRY: I couldn't do it without you.

GEORGE: All right. Let's get to work.

So I'm Jerry, and you, dear reader, are George. If you're a dad, you can live vicariously as I try to find the white whale. My editor insists that my quest to play more golf as a new dad is futile, and toxic to family life. He is venturing into year 12 of parenthood, and his game has steadily declined.

But, call me Ishmael. If you're an expecting dad, pay close attention. Step #1 in this process is crafting a persuasive letter to your wife, which you may or may not publish in a regional golf magazine.

Here goes:

Dearest Andrea,

You're not a sap so I won't waste time telling you how much I love you or how you've made the last three years of my life better than I could have imagined, or that you are the one woman on this planet who can love me unconditionally, or that I

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THE GRAIN



Rory Hughes

am ecstatic that you will be the mother of my child. Rather, I want to start by thanking you for being the most pleasant pregnant woman I've ever known. My friends warned me about their "irrational" or "hysterical" or "demonic" pregnant wives, but you, my love — aside from swallowing a basketball — have not changed.

Further, at no point have you discouraged me from playing golf. In fact, you've encouraged it. Well, there has been the occasional "You better play a lot now because July will be here before you know it."

About that...

Remember when we read Gary Chapman's *The Five Love Languages* before the wedding? Of the five we both prefer "acts of service" and "quality time." In fact, selflessness and your preference to spend on experiences rather than material goods were two of the qualities that drew me to you. Accordingly, I have always appreciated your willingness to let me protect my hobbies and relationships that are independent of you. As marriage guru Kahlil Gibran says, "Fill each other's cup but drink not from one cup." Thanks for letting me have my own cup.

I concede that my "acts of service" have been paltry at times. I've left dishes undone, lawns unmown, laundry unfolded, and floors unswept. That's about to change. I will make you a deal. If you allow me to play golf at least once a week after our child is born, I vow the following:

I will not go to the course unless the sink is empty of dishes.

I will schedule tee times that are convenient for you instead of me.

I will bring my phone to the course and, if you need me immediately, I will walk off the course, no questions asked. NOTE: If I'm under par on the back we may need to negotiate.

I will support you in your parallel endeavor that soothes the body, mind, and soul.

Once allowed, I will take the child with me and, in the interim, I will research golf cart baby attachments that may or may not include a Benadryl I.V.

Should you have any added stipulations, please let me know. I realize that this is a bold request, but because of your compassionate heart and rational mind, I know you will seriously consider it. Thank you and I love you.

Sincerely,

Your loving husband, Rory

P.S. Jerry never pulled off "The Switch," but I'm convinced he went about it all wrong.

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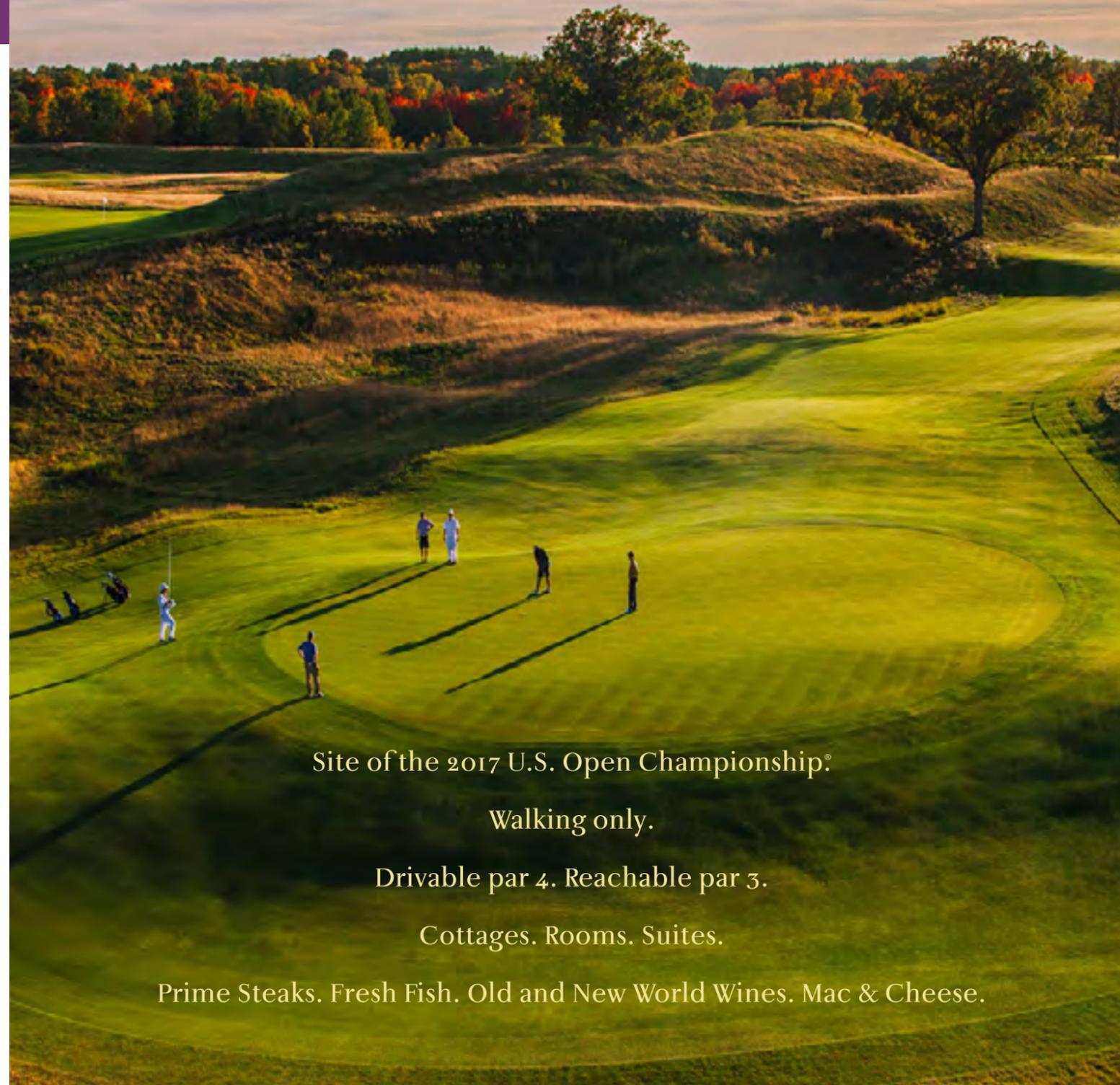
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