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Is the apocalypse near? Although we hope not, we can't help but notice golf has had some puzzling events during our off-season. The USGA and R&A organizations have adjusted a few rules and clarified a couple others. To summarize, they have given golfers a little more wiggle room in the bunkers, adjusted the scorecard effect of a ball blown (by the wind, not your opponent) off the green, and removed the DQ death penalty if a player unknowingly breaks certain rules. Ask your local PGA Professional for the details; it may save you a few tallies on the scorecard.

More from the scroll of oddity, the ultraexclusive boys club at Butler National is preparing to introduce their first female members. Has the membership seen the light of gender equity? Possibly, but this move has more to do with landing a major from the PGA Tour. Speaking of majors...The BMW Championship is



moving to Conway Farms in 2013. For Chicagoans, this is the equivalent of a steady shower of frogs and salamanders. While the Windy City's major was at Cog Hill, it survived numerous sponsorship changes and a major bump in the Tour's schedule, but the crowds always flocked to Lemont to see

the best players in the world at the Jemsek family's fan-friendly, family-friendly event. Yet, when you toss a few negative comments in the pot from spoiled millionaires who golf for a living... Joe Public golfer loses. Chicagoland, America's champion of public golf, has had her only PGA Tour event relocate to a private club. It is enough to make your skin rise with boils, eh?

If you have lost count, this is GOLFChicago Magazine's 16th season. We are excited and proud to be Chicago's premier golf publication. We have a new face on our team this season. Jim Owczarski will be bringing you divots from the professional tours. Jim's talents will also be seen in features and op/ed columns throughout the year. Welcome aboard, Jimmy!

We are counting the weeks until we can stroll the fairways, so grab a bucket of soapy water and clean those grooves. This year, everyone tees it up with a clean slate and elevated expectations. For 2012, GOLFChicago Magazine promises to continue to bring you enhanced golfing experiences between the covers.

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 Every year we try to make the show special; this year is no different.

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This year, we are honored to have an incredible line up of speakers on our Daily Herald Golf Academy Main Stage. Former Masters champion **Craig Stadler**, three-time Ryder Cup star **Chip Beck**, and young **Mark Murphy**, winner of the Golf Channel reality series Big Break Ireland, will headline an always-compelling group.
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Know Your Strengths for Better Sand Play

The Pelz Golf Institute has conducted a comparative analysis of professional vs. amateur play from sand. The results paint a vivid picture of where amateurs (at varying handicap levels) are skill-wise compared to the pros, and what they need to do to effectively improve their games.

Working with the PGA Tour ShotLink staff (using their data collection hardware and software), we tracked hundreds of amateurs' play under tournament conditions at the annual golf.com World Amateur Handicap Championship. I'd like to share one aspect of this research with you: how pros deal with greenside sand shots compared to amateurs, and how understanding this difference might help your sand game. The data shows pros leave greenside sand shots, on average, less than 10 feet from the cup (on the green, with a chance for one-putt), while amateurs leave the same shots 19 to 26 feet from the hole, many of which

are in the sand again or in some other kind of trouble.

Pros, like Phil Mickelson, accomplish hitting behind the ball in sand by standing farther behind the ball (positioning the ball farther forward in their stance), while using their normal wedge swing. When you're practicing and working on your sand game, you should use your normal wedge swing as a "reference swing."

Amateurs we have watched do the opposite. They keep the ball in the normal place in their stance, and change their swing to hit behind the ball. This causes awkward swings that have different shapes, speeds and follow-throughs, and yields a variety of inconsistent results.

My suggestion for your future sand play is as follows: from a grassy spot outside the bunker always make a normal wedge swing and note where your divot occurs (somewhere near the center of your stance). Now

Short Game Advisor



Dave Pelz

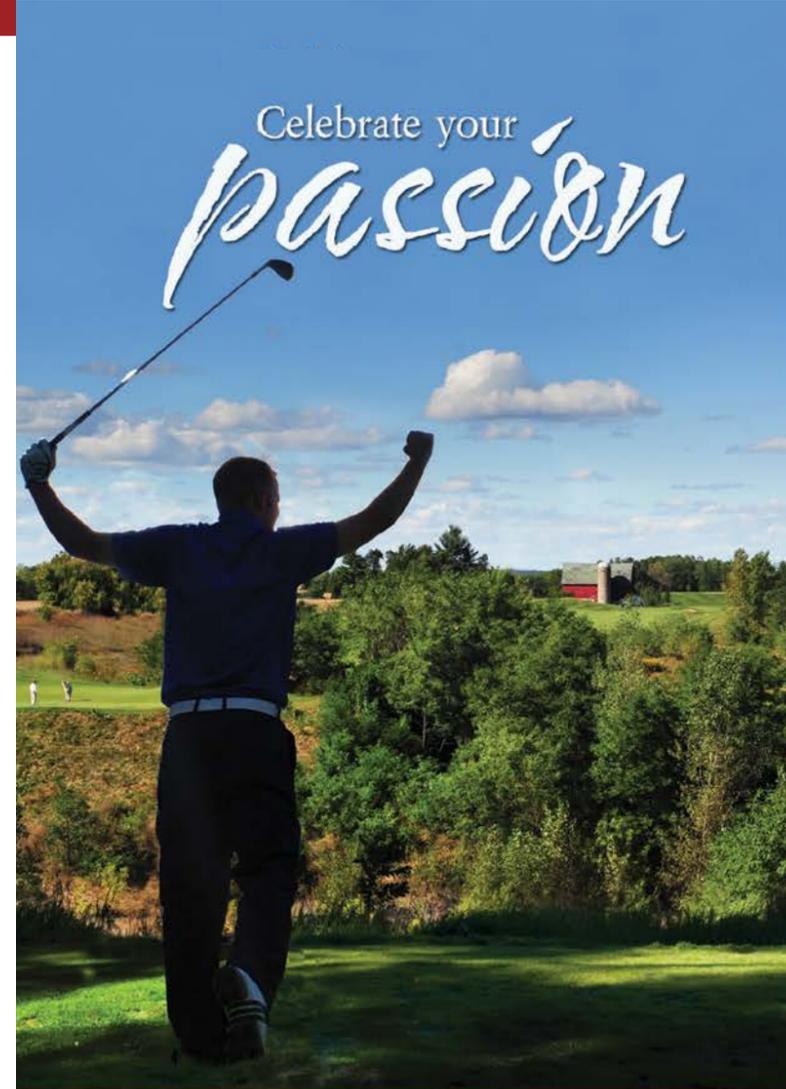


assume this same swing will serve as your sand swing. As you step into the sand, position the ball forward in your stance (up at the instep of your front foot) so your same normal divot will start in the sand behind the ball. This will cause your club to hit behind the ball as consistently as you hit normal wedge shots solidly from grass. If you also lay your wedge face open in the sand, the club will scoot under the ball, spinning it up and onto the green. Aim your sand shots to a spot on the green (not necessarily at the flagstick) that leaves you extra space to stay out of trouble. It makes sense that Tour pros aim dead at the flag since they usually hit it to less than 10 feet. When you practice as much as they do, you can aim there, too!

For now, aim to spots that give you more green to work with and take hazards (shot-adding situations) out of play. I think it will save you strokes.

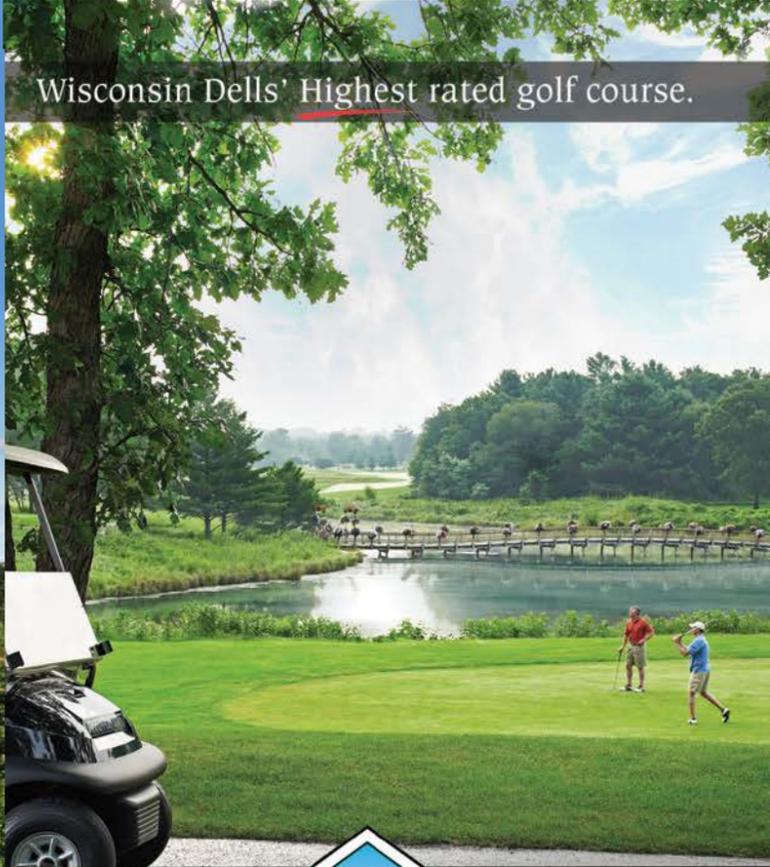


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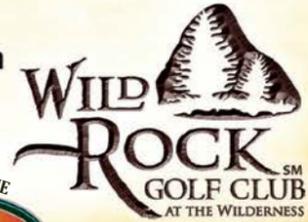
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The Resort at Pelican Hill

In Newport Beach, just an hour away from the site of the Northern Trust Open, snowbirds can settle in at The Resort at Pelican Hill, a facility voted the number one resort in the country by *Conde Nast Traveler Magazine*.

The Resort at Pelican Hill features two original routes designed by Tom Fazio, the Ocean North and Ocean South, which cover about 400 acres. The South was opened in 1991 and plays to a par 70 at 6,580 yards while the North can stretch to almost 7,000 yards and plays to a par 71. Both courses were ranked by *Golf Digest* as two of the country's "100 greatest public golf courses 2011/2012."

The Pacific can be seen from every tee box on the North, including on the mind-numbing par 5 17th, a sweeping, downhill journey that angles to the ocean, making the player feel as if the ocean is awaiting an approach that is too long.

Lending to the tour-like feel of these Oceanside layouts is the presence of white jumpsuited forecaddies in every group, a luxury included in nearly every tee time.

The South course features the par 3, 13th hole, which has five tee boxes and two green complexes separated by bunkering and framed by trees.

The club also allows access to a third Fazio-designed venue, the Oak Creek Golf Club.

For those who want to work out the winter moth balls before teeing it up, The Resort at Pelican Hill offers training and lessons at the Pelican Hill Golf Academy. Glenn Deck is a Pelican Hill institution, having been at the resort since its opening two decades ago. He has the perfect teaching for resort guests, offering up simple adjustments that are easy to follow and practice.

Off the course, The Resort at Pelican Hill offers a bevy of accommodation packages for players and non-players alike. On site dining options include the Coliseum Pool & Grill, Pelican Grill, and Andrea. Andrea is the resort's fine Italian dining option, and the chefs leave no stone unturned in bringing you the freshest pasta dishes, with orders coming straight out of a temperature-controlled pasta room. The resort also offers Caffè in



The Resort at Pelican Hill

the main hotel and Caffè II out on the golf courses. Pelican Hill has a *Forbes* Five-Star spa with 22 private treatment rooms, full salon, and an Acqua Colonnade that provides access to an herbal steam room, sauna, and whirlpool. The colonnade is complimentary to all resort guests and day spa guests receiving spa treatments. Day treatments and retreats change regularly on the season as well.

The Resort at Pelican Hill offers lodging in the Bungalow Guest Rooms & Suites as well as The Villa Club, which features North & South villas that include a private clubhouse, infinity pool, whirlpool spa, and a children's wading pool.

An option available to those wishing to extend their stay – perhaps even months – can be found at the Villas. Additional features include the personal touch of a butler, as well as housekeeping and turndown services.

You can learn more about The Resort at Pelican Hill on its web site at www.pelicanhill.com or contact its staff at 1-800-820-6800.

La Costa Resort and Spa

About 30 minutes up the coast from the Farmers Insurance Open in the foothills of Carlsbad, golfers will find the La Costa Resort and Spa, which is home to the first resort spa in the country, as well as two 18-hole layouts that are welcoming some of the resort's first golfers since a major renovation project overseen by Pascuzzo & Pate Golf Course Design.

The renovation was part of a larger \$50 million project on the property, and every hole on the Champions Course (formerly the North Course) — as well as the opening and closing holes on each nine of the South Course — were touched.

An original Dick Wilson design, the Champions now stretches 7,172 yards from the tips and plays to a par 72. The trio of Damian Pascuzzo, Steve Pate, and Jeff Brauer replaced every green on the Champions, repositioned bunkers and amended the course's grassing to help conserve water. To make the course more attractive to families, "family tees" were added. The addition of the family tees goes along with the designer's mindset of bringing some fun back into the game.

Two examples are the dogleg par 4 9th hole and the short par 4 16th. Heading into the clubhouse, No. 9 lets a player decide how much of the dogleg right they want to bite off by playing the tee shot over a water hazard. The elbow of the fairway is protected by several bunkers in case a player wants to play it safe and straight. The approach is uphill and the green is protected by a bunker, so club selection is key.



The Resort at Pelican Hill
North Course Hole 17



The Resort at Pelican Hill
South Course Hole 18

La Costa Champions Course Hole 11



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La Costa Champions Course Hole 13

The 16th hole is a short, drivable par 4 that is a true risk-reward hole as it measures less than 300 yards from the white tees, just 317 from the blue. The tee shot is visually deceptive, with mature trees framing the trajectory and a water hazard that winds along the tee box, giving the look of a much tighter tee shot than it is. Five bunkers are placed around the fairway and green to collect tee shots, and the green is protected further by a water hazard behind it. A birdie can be had, but the architects really make you think about how to go about carding it.

And if you're looking to see the best of the women's game, the LPGA Tour returns to the LaCosta Resort and Spa from March 19-25 for the Kia Classic. Fans can visit www.kiaclassic.com for tickets and tournament information.

The South is also a Wilson creation, playing to a par 72 at 7,077 yards. A full-service golf academy is also on site to help tune up your game before – or after – you hit the links.

The golf courses weren't the only parts of the resort that have been renovated, as all 611 guest rooms, suites, and luxury villas were touched in 2011. There are four dining options, ranging from fine dining to the new adults-only Diversions Sports Lounge, offering a relaxed setting in which to calculate the low – and high – numbers recorded during the day. The lounge features large televisions to catch up on the day's sports action, as well as offering the ability to wind down even further with views that overlook a pool and the golf courses. A world-class tennis facility is there on site as well for those wishing to get a different kind of swing in. The clay and hard court surfaces have hosted the Women's Professional Tennis Tour. Also on site is The Chopra Center, founded by philosopher and health expert Dr. Deepak Chopra.

The Spa at La Costa features 28,000-square feet of indoor space and a 15,000-square foot outdoor courtyard.

Travelers can contact the resort at www.lacosta.com and by calling 1-800-854-5000.

La Quinta Resort & Club

More sunshine daydreams can be found in La Quinta, home of La Quinta Resort & Club as well as the PGA Tour's Humana Challenge, an event that has been revitalized by President Bill Clinton. The President, an avid golfer, re-energized the Tour stop long known as the Bob Hope Classic as The Clinton Foundation and Humana signed an eight-year partnership that began this year. While drawing some notable names back to the event, Clinton and Humana seek to encourage and promote healthier living on and off the golf course.



La Quinta Plaza



PGA West TPC Stadium Hole 17



PGA West Greg Norman Course Hole 17

La Quinta Resort features a handful of golfing options for the traveler, beginning with two Pete Dye routes at the resort. Dye, known for major championship venues, created the Mountain Course and the Dunes Course. The Mountain weaves through rock forms that can awe and intimidate, and features elevation changes and pot bunkers that will inspire and challenge. Before teeing off, make sure the camera is as easily accessible as your tees. One of *GOLF Magazine's* "Top 100 You Can Play," the Mountain tips out at 6,732 yards and plays to a par 72.

Afford yourself a couple of minutes to trek back to the tips on No. 6, as the Santa Rosa mountains line the horizon in a stunning view. The Dunes course is just the opposite, using the mountains as stunning backdrop as you play through palm trees and navigate around bunkers and water hazards. The Dunes plays to 6,712 yards and a par 72 as well.

The resort also includes three championship golf courses at PGA WEST, including the TPC Stadium Course, another Dye creation that hosts the PGA Tour Qualifying School Finals. Jack Nicklaus and Greg Norman have also designed challenging, championship-level layouts at PGA WEST, with Nicklaus' design affording golfers unique decisions off the tee with split fairways. The Golden Bear's layout rewards a player for executing the right tee shots and more aggressive lines.

Not quite ready to tackle those courses after a few weeks of shoveling? Then visit the Jim McLean Golf School. McLean is a world-renowned instructor. Call 760-777-4838 to book lessons.

The resort also features tennis and spa and wellness options for travelers and six different dining options. The Adobe Grill is a must-stop for authentic Mexican cuisine, and the restaurant features a master tequilero who can create a signature margarita from any of the 100 tequilas on site. Have a late afternoon tee time? Be sure to get a haircut, shave, and a fine smoke at the Havana Club Cigar Lounge to calm your nerves.

Lodging includes several different adobe casitas, suites, and spa villas, as well as private residences available for sale or lease. As you meander through the property, be sure to enjoy the variety of citrus trees sprinkled about the property, as well as the waterfall patio.

To reach LaQuinta Resort & Club visit www.laquintaresort.com or call 1-800-598-3828.

The golf season may be a few months away for players in Chicago, but the posh pampering and immaculate fairways that await at Pelican Hill, LaCosta, and La Quinta resorts is enough to make anyone want to store the shovel for a few days.

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Owner Mike Munro has operated the facility since it opened. "The goal is to give our guests a great experience that's so enjoyable that they'll bring their friends back with on the



next visit," he says. "We have become a regular local gathering place throughout the winter months. Unlike so many multi-use domes around the country, ours was built strictly for golf. It was built taller to better suit the height of a typical golf shot."

The fully heated facility is highlighted by target greens and suspended targets 10-foot wide and 10-foot tall; a contoured practice putting green, and free use of clubs.

Discount passes and group rates are available. Golfers aspiring to lengthen their games for the off-season should consider a lesson from Marty Joyce, one of the country's legendary long driving champions who keeps regular hours at the dome.

White Pines Golf Dome is located one mile west of York Road on Jefferson Avenue. The facility was ranked among the top 10 nationally for the 8th consecutive year. Hours are 7 a.m. until 11 p.m. The dome is up until May 1. Food and beverages and clubhouse access are available. For more information, call 630-766-0304, ext. 5 or visit www.whitepinesgolfdome.com

Mistwood GC Launches Major Facelift

It is nearly impossible not to like architect Ray Hearn. His infectious smile and easy laugh almost overshadow his meticulous eye for detail and his talent for designing fun and interesting golf courses. For the second time in three years, Hearn has taken on the task of renovating one of his earlier projects. Mistwood Golf Club, one of the premier public golf facilities in the Chicagoland area, is undergoing a major renovation project that includes significant course construction, the addition of a new learning center, and plans for a future clubhouse. The renovations started in August of 2011 and the course is scheduled to re-open in May.

Owner Jim McWethy made the decision to completely revamp the facility—not an easy one during trying economic times. He felt that his goal of creating a destination golf experience for golfers in Chicago and the Midwest could only be accomplished with sweeping changes across all aspects of the complex. "A big part of this renovation is due to my love of the game," McWethy admitted. "By

expanding, we are running counter to the rest of the golf world."

The remodeling of Mistwood is being performed in three phases. The first phase is the golf course construction, which included lengthening the course to over 7,000 yards and making improvements to every hole. The second phase will be the construction of the learning center. The original clubhouse and cart barn will be torn down as soon as the learning center is completed. It will feature spacious indoor and outdoor hitting stations, a practice putting green, state of the art computer analysis, and golf simulators.

Initially though, it will double as Mistwood's clubhouse when play resumes until the new clubhouse opens.

The third phase is the construction of the 32,000-square-foot clubhouse, which they hope to start sometime in 2012.

One change that will not be made to Mistwood is an adjustment to its status as annual home of one of Chicago's top women's tournaments, the Phil Kosin Illinois Women's Open. The club is scheduled to host the 18th edition of that event in 2012. For more information about Mistwood Golf Club, visit www.mistwoodgolf.net

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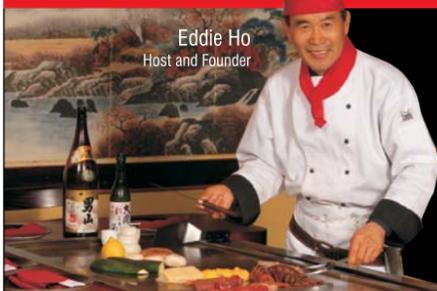
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"Each session focuses on a key element of successful golf performance," Dr. Callaway says. "At the Academy, we emphasize an integrated approach to learning the game. It's not just about professional swing instruction. We also cover practice techniques, choosing the right equipment, golf-specific physical training and the mental side of the game. All of these fit together."

The workshops all begin at 7 p.m. and will be held on March 7, March 21, April 4, April 18, May 9, and May 23. Themes include: "Total Golf Conditioning for Improved Power and Distance," and "Improve Your Golf Posture to Improve Your Game."

Class sizes are limited to ensure a good learning experience. To sign up for one or more workshops, or for more information, call the Cantigny Golf Academy at 630-260-8199. The summer workshop schedule will be posted in coming weeks at www.CantignyGolf.com.

Former Caddie Bunch Named New WGA Chairman

Jim Bunch learned how to caddie at the Glen View Club as a 12-year-old. Now, he is leading the Western Golf Association on its mission to enable caddies to earn college scholarships.

In December, Bunch was elected chairman of the WGA over the next two years. Previously the organization's vice-chairman, he succeeds Roger Mohr of Lake Forest in the top position. He calls the opportunity the fulfillment of a lifetime commitment to America's youth. "Caddying is in my DNA," he says, "and the Evans Scholars program hits all my hot buttons – caddying, golf, education, and helping to build a better future for our young people."

Along with Glen View G.C., Bunch caddied and worked at Evanston Golf Club in his childhood home of Skokie. "When I caddied I met and gained a tremendous amount of respect for men who were leaders at the WGA," he says. "I thought that if they were motivated to volunteer for the WGA, it would be something that I should do."

Bunch served as a WGA Director in Colorado where he is also managing member of a private equity firm. A former practicing lawyer, he is a member at Castle Rock C.C. in Colorado, at Denver C.C., at the Royal & Ancient Golf Club of St. Andrews in Scotland, and at Prestwick Golf Club in Scotland. He has also been a long-time volunteer with the USGA, serving on the 15-member USGA Executive Committee from 2003 – '10. He resigned that post so as to devote more time to the WGA.

"When I was asked to consider serving as chairman, it was an easy choice for me," Bunch explains. "Working for the WGA and Evans Scholars is good for the soul."

The WGA sponsors the Evans Scholarship Program for caddies and conducts three national golf championships annually: the BMW Championship on the PGA Tour, the Western Amateur, and the Western Junior. This year's BMW Championship will be held Sept 3 – 9 at Crooked Stick Golf Club in Carmel, Indiana.



For more information on the Western Golf Association and Evans Scholars Foundation, call 847-724-4600, write to the Foundation at 1 Briar Road, Golf, IL 60029, or visit www.westerngolfassociation.com.

"When the ducks are walking, you know it is too windy to be playing golf." — Dave Stockton

Training Aid Introduced by Tour's Chip Beck

We've all seen the beer bottle labels where the mountains change colors to indicate coldness. But former PGA Tour star Chip Beck and wife Karen were determined to use that technology to improve golf games. Called Grip Guides, their product is an interactive training aid



that uses thermochromatic technology that combines pressure sensitivity with heat sensitivity. Put more easily, the guide changes color so that golfers can feel, see and check for proper grip position.

Reached in Florida where he showed the new product at the PGA Merchandise Show, Beck said that the concept of Grip Guides came to his wife when she went on an internet search for mood rings—the fad jewelry of the 1970s. "We contacted the same people who invented the mood ring to adapt the technology to golf," Beck said. "A template was developed and Karen's idea worked. There's even a three-dimensional element to it," he added.

Beck's grip is imprinted in thermochromatic ink on adhesive backed material. Pressure-sensitive lines show proper grip alignment and finger position. When a player's hands fold over the grip, he or she sees instantly where they should be.

"Golf Guides are a great tool to teach you how to play," Beck stated. "If your left thumb is in a slightly wrong position, the guide will indicate that a transition just ½" away will give you the best chance at striking the ball squarely."

Ranked among the top 10 players in the world between 1988 –'89, Beck carded four



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victories on the PGA Tour over his career and finished second in two U.S. Opens. He was named Champions Tour "comeback player of the year" in 2011 and lives in Lake Forest.

Links & Tees Golf Dome Recognized Nationally by Magazine

For the fourth consecutive year, *Golf Range Magazine* has recognized the Addison Park District as one of the top 100 learning facilities in North America in 2011. The annual award is issued to golf ranges around the U.S. and Canada that demonstrate "the highest level of design excellence,

community, community outreach, commitment to teaching and training programs, exemplary customer service, and efforts to expand the game of golf."

Featuring a dual deck of hitting mats, the facility includes a short game area and practice putting green. Instruction is also available from both the acclaimed Wadden Golf Academy and from professionals Molly Baney and Nick Clearwater.

For winter hours, rates, and more information, contact Links & Tees Golf Facility at 630-458-2660 or visit www.addisonparks.org.

The Reality of Belly Putting

I am already seeing it at the dome in Buffalo Grove where my staff and I teach during the winter months. There is an indoor green that gets a lot of use. I see more and more belly putters, which could be a good thing, except it's not. I understand what is happening. Amateurs are seeing players on tour, such as Webb Simpson, Bill Hass, Keegan Bradley, and so many more converting to belly putters and thinking that belly putting will help them. Off to the store they go and off the shelf they buy. For probably about 95 out of 100 players, they just wasted their money and, more importantly, their time.

Because a belly putter is anchored to the body, a player really can't self-correct if the path or the face of the putter is out of position during the back stroke. If it's in the right position, that's a good thing. If it's out of place, it's a bad thing. When a belly putter is too long it will hit the player too high, forcing them to set up too tall with their hands outside of their shoulder line. When a player sets up in that position, they will fight the putter com-

ing inside too much with the face opening to the intended target.

When a belly putter is too short, a player will be forced to tilt over too far with the belly putter contacting the player too low resulting in the hands aligning inside of the shoulder line. That set up will typically result in the shoulders tipping and the putter moving outside of the intended target line.

If the putter head is out of position in relation to the target, then the player's ability to recover and manipulate the putter is greatly reduced when it is attached to the player's belly. That is why belly putting can potentially hurt as much as it could help a player.

Another mistake I see is that players think a belly putter length should be based on height. Taller players think they need a longer belly putter.

For example, I recently fit a junior player who was 5' 7". He had fairly long legs for his height and measured out to a 33" conventional length putter. He was very slender so it took 9½" to connect to his body when he set up properly

The Scoring Zone



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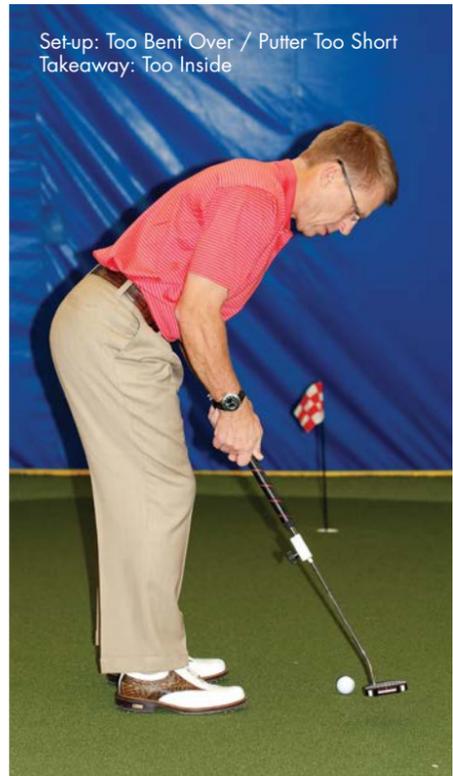


with a belly putter. He needed a 42½" belly putter. A few weeks later I fit a man who was 6' 4" to a conventional putter length of 36". He was barrel-chested and it only took 6" to complete the distance to his belly. He needed a 42" belly putter. Who would have thought that the kid who was 5' 7" would need a longer belly putter than the man who was 6' 4"? Truthfully, not me until I had that experience.

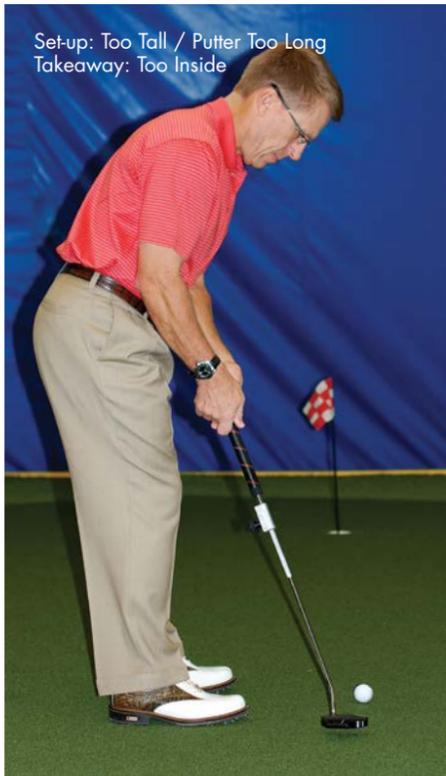
Bottom line is that belly putters work amazingly well, but they have to be precisely fit to a player once they have learned the proper set up position. Don't waste your time and money buying a belly putter off the shelf without professional help. It makes about as much sense as buying prescription glasses or contacts without the right prescription.

Go to www.coutourgolf.com and www.golfchicagomagazine.com to watch recent videos I posted about belly putting.

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The GOLFCChicago Interview

For a man who strives for balance in his life, Luke Donald endured a dizzying four days in November.

His father, Colin, died suddenly near London while Luke was awaiting the birth of his second child at his North Shore home. Family members advised him to stay in Chicago, and he was rewarded with an early-morning gift on 11/11/11 – a second daughter, Sophia.

“Dad was certainly a free spirit and had his own ways,” Donald said. “He was very proud of my golf achievements but more proud of the person I’ve turned into. He brought me up to lead a very balanced life.”

Donald’s golf game reflects that steady approach. The Northwestern alum consistently dominated, becoming the first golfer to win both the PGA Tour and European Tour money titles. He went 449 consecutive holes without a three-putt.

He enters his first PGA Tour event of 2012 – the AT&T Pebble Beach National Pro-Am, which begins Thursday – with a sizable lead in the world rankings. (He has 9.59 average points to Rory McIlroy’s 7.86 and Lee Westwood’s 7.54.)

Donald addressed many topics in this telephone interview.

World’s No. 1 Chicago’s Luke Donald

Interview conducted by *Chicago Tribune* golf writer Teddy Greenstein

Photos: Mizuno



Chicago Tribune: Elle has been good luck for you. Is there now pressure on Sophia?

Donald: Of course. I don’t think it’s a coincidence that my golf game has gotten better since the birth of Elle (in February of 2010). It has given me better balance and perspective, so it’s easy to let those bad rounds and bad shots go.

CT: I thought we could attribute your rise to No. 1 to having teed it up with me in April of 2009 for my “18 holes with ...” column?

Donald: Are you sure? You might be mistaken. I probably missed the cut the next week. [Donald tied for 37th at the Players Championship.]

CT: Does Elle swing a plastic club?

Donald: Occasionally, mainly one-handed. She could be a lefty; who knows? If she wants to pursue it further, she will. But I won’t be one of those pushy parents.

CT: Have you splurged on anything with all that cash?

Donald: We went on a nice holiday to Barbados. But I don’t know, I’m not a splurger. I guess the biggest splurge was buying a lot in the Bear’s Club (in Jupiter, Florida). But when the kids get old enough, we’ll spend more time in Chicago. I understand the schools are better there.

CT: Why keep spending so much time in our beloved but cold-weather city?

Donald: Chicago is fun. We’ve spent a lot of time there, about 15 years. My wife’s parents and family live in Chicago, so that’s a big selling point.

Diane’s mother is great in terms of coming around to look after the kids.

CT: Your home club in Chicago, Conway Farms, has unofficially been awarded the 2013 BMW Championship. Your thoughts?

Donald: I’m excited for a lot of the pros to see the course. A few have played it already and have good memories. I have talked to the GM, Todd Marsh, and (Director of Golf) Jeff Mory and shared thoughts on improving the course. I think it’s exciting to have a tour course at a place where you are a member. It’s certainly a lot shorter drive for me than going to Cog Hill (in Lemont). The biggest problem I’ll have is turning the pros away who want to stay with me.

CT: Who would you consider letting crash at your place?

Donald: Whoever is willing to pay! Rent’s expensive out there.

CT: Which players are you tightest with?

Donald: Sergio [Garcia]. I’ve known him since the beginning. Tim Clark. Nick Watney. And guys from the Bears Club. Carl Pettersson, Tom Gillis, Camilo [Villegas], Ernie [Els].

CT: Now that you are the most powerful man in golf, what is next on your agenda?

Donald: Continue to improve. That’s always my goal. Give myself lots of chance to win tournaments.

CT: How about eradicating slow play? You tweeted (@LukeDonald) that it is “killing our sport.”

Donald: All I can do is raise the issue. The speed of play will only be



improved only if all the players take responsibility when it's their turn to [hit]. That's doubtful.

CT: How do you close the gap between the ability to win tournaments and the ability to win majors?

Donald: My golf game is good enough to win majors right now, it just hasn't happened. It hasn't been the right time. There are things I can improve, like driving. I improved a lot [in that area] last year but still have more to go. If I can get the ball in the fairway more often, I'll have better opportunities.

CT: Which major venue gives you the best chance this year (Augusta, The Olympic Club, Royal Lytham & St Annes, Kiawah Island)?

Donald: Probably Augusta, because of experience. You often see lot of great winners there, and it favors someone with a proficient short game. I've never played The Olympic Club. I have played Lytham, but only some amateur events. I haven't played Kiawah.

CT: Is the Ryder Cup at Medinah already on your brain?

Donald: Certainly I'd like to be on that [European] team. I wouldn't want to miss it for anything.

CT: Are you expecting lots of ticket requests?

Donald: Yes, I think it's a little like Augusta. They're pretty frugal. You get eight for the week and I think you have an option to purchase four more.

CT: If a teammate asks for a restaurant suggestion, which would you give him?

Donald: You can't go wrong with Japonais or anywhere where my wine

is sold. Gibsons is a good spot for people watching and steak. If you're more of a gourmet, you can try to get into Next or Alinea. Or find some good pizza at Gino's East.

CT: What's longest stretch you went this winter without hitting a ball?

Donald: Three weeks. Last year it was five weeks. You need it after playing both tours.

CT: When was the last time you checked the standings of the World Rankings?

Donald: Probably last week. There are always people on your heels. I'm more checking on other people. It's something to pass the time.

CT: What's the coolest thing about being the world's No. 1?

Donald: To know that your best is good enough to beat anyone in the world.

CT: Your run of 449 holes without a three-putt ended at the Dunhill Links. How did you react?

Donald: I was annoyed. I grinded over that 8-footer and it lipped out.

CT: You left yourself an 8-footer?

Donald: The first putt was from 80-100 feet.

CT: What's a simple tip for the weekend hacker that will generate positive results quickly?

Donald: Work on your short game. That's the easiest way to lower your handicap. I play in pro-ams every week. If a guy is not very good, he should learn the fundamentals of chipping and putting. You will lower your scores quickly.

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The club offers spectacular golf, breathtaking scenery, and a strong social presence among the membership. It is a true and complete golf "community" with a small-town feel that features more than 900 diverse homes and townhomes, a local church, a post office, and small commercial center.

Rio Verde boasts not one but two outstanding golf courses offering plenty of variety for all levels of play. Both courses were redesigned by Tom Lehman in 2009, and are traditional parkland-style courses, as opposed to the numerous target-golf desert courses that you see at other clubs in the Valley.

Both Quail Run and White Wing are great walking courses, but there is no trail fee for those golfers that want to use their personal golf carts. The club also is extremely conscious of the female golfer, having one of the more active women's associations in Arizona.

The hub of the Rio Verde social scene starts at the elegant 27,000 square-foot southwestern-style clubhouse, which offers three restaurants featuring a distinct variety of dining options. Whether it's a casual slice of pizza or a beer in the Verde Pub, or a more upscale dining experience in the Copper Room, there is something for every occasion. Additionally, Rio Verde's spacious ballroom, considered to be one of the largest among the private clubs in Arizona, stands ready to host bigger social gatherings for special events and weddings.

When not playing golf, members at Rio Verde Country Club have a myriad of other activities to keep them busy. The community has six tennis courts, a recently renovated swimming pool, a fully-equipped exercise facility with new equipment, a Saddle Club, numerous hiking and biking opportunities, and a community center that offers a countless number of activities.

But the most unique feature that Rio Verde has to offer is the Rio Verde Ranch, a southwestern-style outdoor area situated on the banks of the Verde River that hosts Western-style cookouts and other social events.

The golf and socially active members make the club stand out, but it's Rio Verde's location that really sets it apart. It's far enough

away from the hustle and bustle of the Phoenix and Scottsdale areas to enjoy the serene beauty of the Arizona desert, yet it is close to all of the dining and entertainment options that the Valley has to offer. It is 10 minutes to the town of Fountain Hills, 20 minutes to Scottsdale, and only 45 minutes to downtown Phoenix and Sky Harbor International airport.

Rio Verde Country Club has a diverse membership with a strong Midwestern presence, as nearly 45% of its members hail from the Midwest, which includes a big contingent from Illinois and the Chicago area. That might be because of the affordable real estate that Rio Verde offers compared to the inflated Scottsdale private clubs.



Custom homes, ranging in size from 2,000 to 4,500 square feet, are priced from \$200,000 to \$2.75 million, with the majority in the \$300,000 to \$800,000 range. Currently existing villas go for \$200,000 to \$280,000, and there are a handful of custom home lots available anywhere from \$60,000 to \$280,000.

If you want to be a part of a place that has exceptional golf, a vibrant and active community, and is located in one of the most desirable winter locations in the country, then Rio Verde Country Club is the place for you.

For more information about memberships, including Rio Verde Country Club's special Four Month Trial membership, or to arrange a tour and complimentary golf, contact Ellen Delano at (877) 746-8373 or edelano@rioverdecc.com. For more information about Rio Verde Country Club and the many amenities it has to offer, visit the website at www.rioverdecc.com.



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Get in the Game

Twenty-two looks to be one of the greatest years ever for women's tournament golf in the Midwest. The U.S. Women's Open is returning to Blackwolf Run in Kohler, Wisconsin. It is difficult to fathom that it was 14 years ago when Se Ri Pak defeated 20-year-old Jenny Chausiporn on one of the country's most dramatic stages for our national championship. There is no reason to expect anything less from this year's event as the world's most talented players vie for one of the most coveted trophies in all of women's golf. Our national championship will be played over a holiday week, July 2-8. Visit www.2012uswomensopen.com for more details.

On a slightly smaller stage but closer to home, the 18th Illinois Women's Open will take to the newly renovated Mistwood Golf Club in Romeoville in late July. Talent abounds throughout the field as players from the LPGA Tour, the Futures Tour, and top amateurs meet for what has become one of our state's most exciting competitions.

You can be a part of the action at both of these events by volunteering, attending as a fan and even, in the case of the Illinois Women's Open (July 25-27), playing in the Pro-Am on July 24. Check out www.mistwoodgolf.net to learn more about our state championship.

to promote community service through golf. In 1999, The Fairway Network was proud to receive the Diamond in the Rough Award from the Willye White Foundation, which promotes self-esteem through sports for underprivileged girls. The Fairway Network has contributed to the LPGA's official charity

Lakes Golf Club in Long Grove. The event raises money for Clearbrook's continuing efforts to grow and provide vital services and opportunities to the more than 3,300 children and adults with developmental disabilities. For more information, visit www.clearbrook.org.



[the Susan G. Komen Breast Cancer Research Foundation], the NIU Women's Golf Team, The Bottomless Closet, and St. Scholastic High School, an inner-city school in an economically disadvantaged area. The Fairway Network has raised approximately \$100,000 over the years for the Chicago Foundation for Women. Visit www.thefairwaynetwork.org for more information.

Support a Great Cause Clearbrook Women's Classic

Arlington Heights-based Clearbrook is an organization committed to playing a leadership role in creating innovative opportunities, services, and support to people with developmental disabilities. On Monday, June 11th, the organization hosts their annual Clearbrook Women's Golf Classic at Kemper

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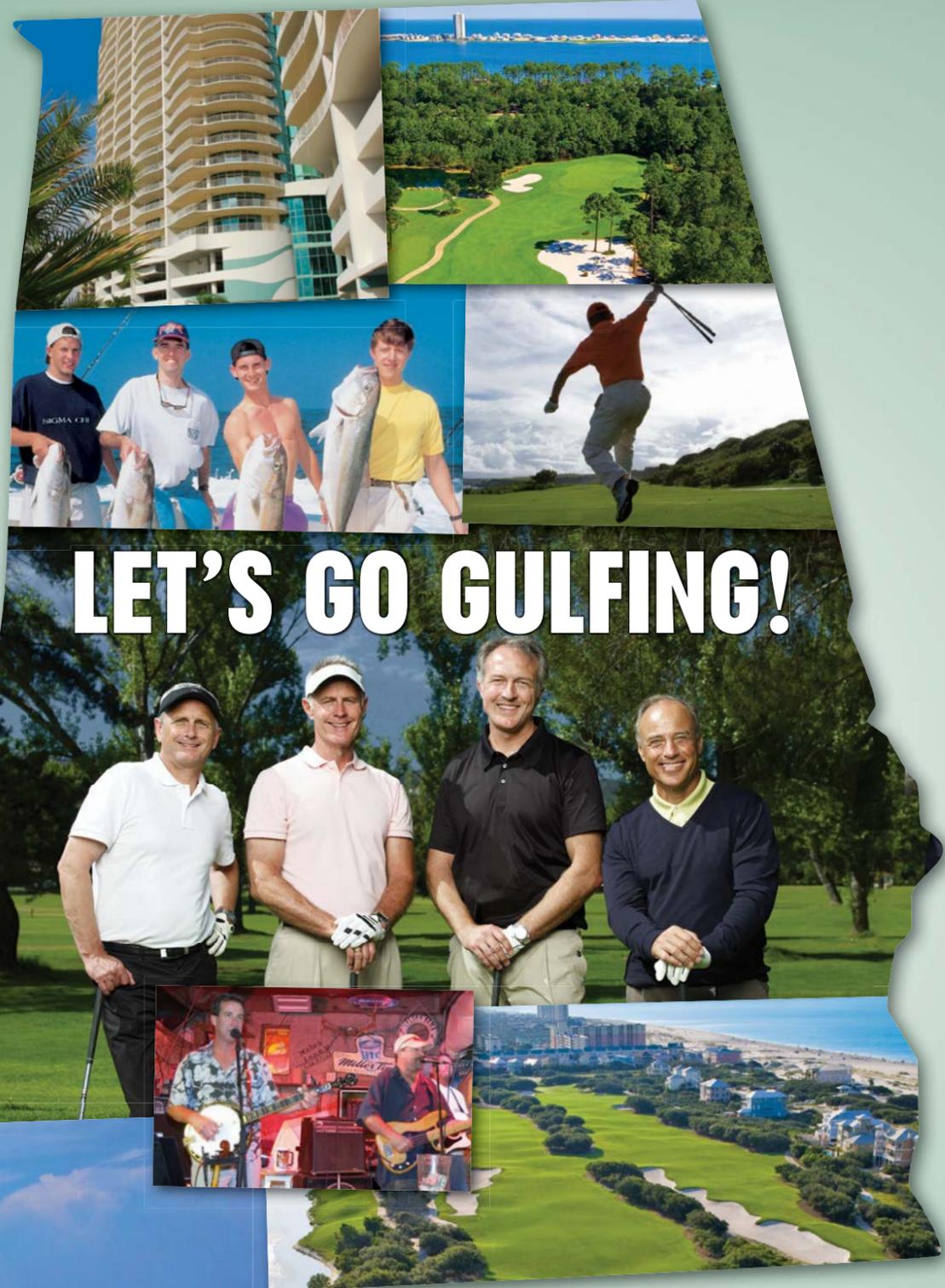
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Jr./Sr. Rates: Yes
Banquets/Outings:
Up to 144 Players

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18 holes
Yardage: 7104 - 4931 yds.
Rating/Slope
73.8/135 - 68.2/116

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

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

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the day
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Practice Facility: Yes
Twilight Rates: Yes
Banquet/Outings: Yes

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

Mon - Th: \$85 walking
Fri - Sun: \$95 walking
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Caddie:
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Jr./Sr. Rates: Yes
Twilight rates: No
Practice Facility: Yes
Banquet/Outings: Yes

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Twilight: \$ 32.00
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Par 72, Yardage 6,539
Rating / Slope
Blue: 71.6/130
White: 70.3/127
Red: 72.8/127

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9 holes \$24
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(after 5 pm) \$20
Fri - Sun: \$48
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9 holes \$30
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Rating/Slope:
71.6/128 - 66.8/116

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Jr./Sr. Rates: Weekdays
Only
Practice Facility: Yes
Twilight Rates: Yes
Banquet/Outings: Yes

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

Mon - Thu: \$82 includes
cart & range balls
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cart & range balls
Twilight Rates: Yes
Practice Facilities: Yes,
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Banquet/Outings: Yes,
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Lake Bluff Golf Club

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

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

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

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

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

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Rating/Slope:
72.2/137 - 69.8/126

Mon - Th: \$35 - \$41 walking
Fri - Sun: \$42 - \$61 walking
Cart Fee: \$18
Jr./Sr. Rates: Yes
Twilight Rates: Yes
Practice Facilities: Yes
Banquet/Outings: Yes
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Centered around a beautiful 67-acre lake, Mistwood is designed to challenge and reward golfers of every level. From the moment you arrive at Mistwood you will relish a classic golf experience including impeccable split fairways, highly-manicured and terraced greens, and an expert and attentive staff. Designed by Ray Hearn, Mistwood hosts the prestigious Illinois Women's Open and proudly features the five best finishing holes in the state. Other amenities include an 18-acre practice facility, a full-service pro shop, golf instruction, and a spectacular restaurant offering a versatile menu.

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18 Holes
Yardage: 6,898 - 6,015 yds.
Rating/Slope:
73.7/140 - 69.5/130

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18 holes
Yardage: 7111- 5262 yds.
Rating/Slope:
74.4/140 - 68.4/126

Spring Rates: \$42 - \$75
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www.silverlakecc.com

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South Course: 6,310 yds
Rolling Hills: Executive 9

18-Hole Rates:
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Weekends: \$22 - \$45
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74.7/148 - 71.7/130

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Twilight Rates: Yes
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Par 71
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Jr./Sr. Rates:
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Jr./Sr. Rates: Yes
Twilight Rates: Yes
Banquets/Outings: Yes

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Twilight Rates: Yes
Banquets/Outings: Yes

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Weekend: \$35 walk / \$52 ride
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East 9 - Par 34
Yardage: 2,815 - 2,427 yds.
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Discount Program: Yes
Jr./Sr. Rates: Yes
Twilight Rates: Yes
Banquets/Outings: Yes

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Weekend: \$48
Jr./Sr. Rates: Yes
Twilight Rates: Yes
Banquets/Outings: Yes

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www.oak-brook.org/recreation
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Twilight Rates: Yes
Banquets/Outings: Yes

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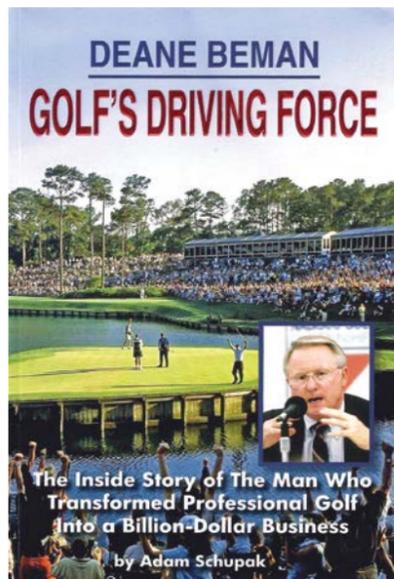
For Him

Mizuno may be best known for their golf irons, but the company's latest Warmalite layering system is spot on for hitting the links during Midwestern shoulder seasons. The base layer is long sleeve polo with a lightweight, performance-driven design. The Warmalite LS Performance Top utilizes a hollow fiber yarn that creates an insulation layer. Warmalite's mid layer has two options for performance and warmth. The 1/4 Zip, like the base layer, offers DynoMotion Patterning that affords a full swing without your clothing inhibiting your shoulder turn.

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The Man Who Built the PGA Tour



Deane Beman: Golf's Driving Force
By Adam Schupak
365 pages
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East Cottage Press
www.eastcottagepress.com

Can you name the man who had a coup d'état staged against him by Jack Nicklaus and Arnold Palmer? The outcome of that rebellion changed the face of professional golf. The man who went head-to-head with two of golf's demigods was Deane Beman. Prior to Beman becoming commissioner of the PGA Tour, professional golf was an arm of the PGA of America and the Tour had the foresight of a mayfly. From 1974 to 1994, Beman built a brand that has become a billion dollar enterprise.

Beman came into the Tour's office after a steady yet unremarkable professional playing career. His runner-up at the 1969 U.S. Open and four career PGA Tour victories pale when compared to his accomplishments as the Tour's commissioner: creation of the Tour's tax-exempt status (resulting in 1.6 billion dollars for charities and organizations); development of the TPC network of golf clubs; initiation of a development tour, and presentation of a product to the world that created bidding wars between the television networks. If there is one man to thank for the PGA Tour becoming an international commodity, his name is Deane Beman.

Deane Beman: Golf's Driving Force has already earned a place among golf's indispensable biographies; moreover, *Deane Beman: Golf's Driving Force* is a timeline explaining how the game we watch today became one of the majors in terms of professional sports. Award-winning journalist Alan Schupak's research and interviews with over 200 prominent individuals in the golf world are in fact the tome for the history of professional golf from 1974 to the Tiger Woods era. As a senior writer for *Golfweek*, Schupak's connections give him access to golf's "A" list. As a result, Schupak delivers candid, primary source reporting on the events and behind the scenes drama, which make up the most exciting two decades in the Tour's history.

Justin Time

Justin Vineyards and Winery is located in Paso Robles in California's Central Coast region. William Randolph Hearst's famous "castle," San Simeon, is due west over the Sierra Madre mountains.

Justin was founded in 1981 by Justin Baldwin when he planted the 160 acre property with the major grapes of Bordeaux, and the emphasis on Bordeaux-style blends and single varietals remains to this day. In addition to the estate vineyard, Justin sources grapes from thirteen affiliated growers in the area.

The winery's three prime areas of focus are: a "left bank" Bordeaux-style blend of Cabernet Sauvignon, Merlot and Cabernet Franc, named Isosceles, Justin's flagship and most well-known offering; Justification, it's "right bank" Merlot and Cabernet Franc cousin; and varietal bottlings of Cabernet Sauvignon and Syrah. They also produce limited amounts of Tempranillo, Zinfandel, Malbec, Petit Verdot, Port, Sauvignon Blanc, Chardonnay, and Viognier.

For these varietals, each year Justin commissions a different artist to execute the art portion of the label. The winery buildings and their surrounding vineyards are always the subject matter, the idea being that the artists' interpretation of the winery is like the winemaker's interpretation of the vineyard's grapes.

In addition to the tasting room, there is also an inn and restaurant on the property.

2010 Sauvignon Blanc \$14
This unoaked wine spent five and a half months in stainless steel before bottling. It is almost colorless, with hints of pale straw and delicate green.

The nose offers aromas of fresh peach, citrus notes dominated by ruby grapefruit, and a hint of coconut.

On the palate the wine is dry, with bright acidity, and some of the peach flavor carries over from the nose. The body has very good structure for a sauvignon blanc.

Although we can't complain much about this mild winter, an even nicer spring is coming, so get ready to pair this wine with Rosemary-Lemon Chicken, Crab and Shrimp Etouffee, or Broiled Scallops.

2009 Cabernet Sauvignon \$26
After a balanced growing season and unchallenging harvest, Justin's '09 cabernet was

matured for 16 months in French and American oak, 33% of it new.

In the glass, this wine is a not-quite opaque ruby red. It features aromas of black fruits, with a vanilla note from the oak. Surprisingly, there were almost no legs.

Its taste offers up red and black cherries and red currents, although the fruit is somewhat recessive, and is reflective of Justin's preference for an old-world style, rather than what one might usually expect from the Central Coast. The wine is nicely tannic, with a medium finish.

This food-friendly wine would work well with Yankee Pot Roast, Creole Pork Chops, or Chicken Cacciatore.

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Graham's Quinta Dos Malvedos 2009 Vintage Porto [\$55]

In the Douro valley of Portugal, home of true Port wines, only the finest years are *declared* as Vintages, the best of the best. The last declared vintage was 2007.

However, the grapes grow every year, of course, and the foremost houses still have a high-quality product to offer even in non-declared years. This is usually released as a single quinta [Portugese for farm, but understood as vineyard or estate] bottling. These wines also receive a vintage designation, rather than being used for more anonymous blended ports.

Graham's Quinta dos Malvedos is just such a product, a ruby port expressing Graham's finest efforts of 2009. This wine has seen two years in barrel, and although I'm sure it will age well, I suggest drinking it now. The wine is delightfully approachable, with none of the aggressive characteristics so often seen in a young Vintage Port.

The alcohol, tannins, and fruit are nicely balanced, with the palate displaying the classic port flavors of cassis and blackberries.

Enjoy this wine either as an aperitif or with dessert (blue cheese and walnuts are traditional, but chocolate mousse would be delicious as well). And, please forgo fussy liqueur glasses or port "pipes;" a white wine glass will do just fine.





Wherefore Art Thou...Golf?

Ten years ago the summer calendar in Illinois included two PGA and LPGA Tour events as well as Nationwide and Champions Tour tournaments.

As we peel the shrink-wrap off 2012, all that's left is the John Deere Classic in Silvis, Illinois. Of course, the Ryder Cup comes to the state for the first time in September at Medinah Country Club, but the dearth of annual events is troubling.

PGA Tour veteran and Winfield native Kevin Streelman said it best: "Going forward, it's kind of a bummer."

Fortunately several championships are within driving distance, beginning with the Senior PGA Championship at The Golf Club at Harbor Shores in Benton Harbor, Michigan, the week of May 22-27, followed by the U.S. Women's Open at Blackwolf Run in Sheboygan, Wisconsin, July 5-8. The BMW Championship will be held at Crooked Stick on September 3-9 in Carmel, Indiana.

Watching Steve Stricker go for four straight at the JDC will be fun, and in a Ryder Cup year that tournament will mean more to American players (paging Kenny Perry), but Chicago-area fans shouldn't have to drive hours in any direction to see a professional tournament.

"It's disappointing," Streelman said. "[Chicago] is such a great, especially public, golf town with such great courses."

When it comes to the barren landscape of professional golf in this state, the simple question is "Why?" The answers are far from simple, however.

There are plenty of tour-quality golf courses here, most of which are private. To this point, those memberships haven't wanted to give up their club on an annual basis. More importantly, there hasn't been a sponsor willing to take advantage of the third largest market in the country. To that end, how hard are any of these tours actually working to bring an annual event back to the Windy City?

"It's all part of the deal. That's the way it's always been," Streelman said. "You've got to have that relationship between the tour, the city, and the corporate sponsor, and it's got to be a nice, synergistic relationship."

If you think about it though, the lack of golf here isn't that surprising. The move of the former Western Open to September proved you absolutely cannot put golf up against the start of school and football. You also can't have a tournament here until June at the earliest.

That leaves a three-month window to hold an event, and asking a course to seriously limit and then stop play during its prime earning season is tough. Over the years, the Jemsek family has been the only course owner willing to do so, and look what they got in return.

A less talked about factor in all this may be that in the Chicago area, the Fourth Estate has been decimated. The average fan may not care about media coverage, but the sponsors and the tours do. The newspapers in and around Chicago just don't cover golf like they used to. It's also an afterthought for radio and television during baseball season, a Bulls or Blackhawks playoff run, or Bears training camp.

Chicago may be the third largest market in the country but when it comes to the way the tours view us; it feels a lot like Smallville.

- The USGA and the R&A loosened the Windsor knot a bit this off-season, changing three ridiculous rules to allow the game to be played with, well, common sense. The biggest change you'll hear about is to Rule 18-2b, where if the ball moves after address (oftentimes on greens) the player isn't penalized and the ball can be played from its new position. Rule 13-4 was changed to let a player smooth out sand or dirt in a hazard at any time, as long as it's not improving stance, swing, or line of play. The last rule change should make Jim Furyk happy – if a player misses his or her tee time within five minutes, it's a two-stroke penalty rather than a DQ.

Now if they will only do something about those belly putters.

- World No. 1 Luke Donald has been a breath of fresh air since ascending to golf's top spot in that he's not afraid to use his status to deliver some messages – unlike the last long-running top dog, er, cat. The Englishman has taken on slow play, pushed for the BMW Championship at his home club at Conway Farms, and poked at the PGA Tour for suddenly withholding its 2011 Player of the Year ballots last fall.

I talked with Donald about this during an event at Cress Creek Country Club in Naperville back in October.

"I think with that number one ranking comes a lot more responsibility, a lot more media requests, a lot more time commitments and I have to be a little bit more careful with what I say," he said with a chuckle. "I think that's a responsibility [being No.1] brings and fortunately I've been able to deal with it pretty well. I haven't let those distractions affect me on the golf course."

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