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**B**y modern standards, 2016 serves as GOLFChicago Magazine's Platinum Anniversary. It is our 20th season publishing Chicagoland's favorite golf magazine. In fact, our first issue was the program for the Chicago Golf Show.

We have been with this publication for nearly 18 years. GolfChicago founder, Bill Daniels, hired us on the same day. We met him at what was then Suttie's Barn in the back of the driving range at Cog Hill. Bill gave us our assignments with a handshake and a credential lanyard for the Motorola Western Open. We were in our mid-20s, neither of us had a cell phone, and one of our golf bags had a set of PowerBilt irons, while the other bag carried a set of Spaulding Executive irons. Both of our drivers were from local companies—Vulcan and Tour Edge. While those clubs may have ended up in a garage sale, GOLFChicago Magazine continues to follow the mission of Bill, which is to inform, educate, and entertain Chicagoland's golfers.



*"It's come to my attention that one of you isn't a member here, and snuck on to play a round of golf."*

his cape in a shroud of controversy. Our pages have entertained and excited readers with new golf course openings and professional tournaments. Not to mention the equipment that has decorated our pages with the ever-changing technology and innovations to shave strokes, add accuracy, and detonate distance from the tee.

Golf is a game of friendships. From the early years with Bill Daniels, to this issue, we are thankful and fortunate for the friendships that our magazine has fostered. As the game we love continues to spice our lives with new friends and fairway fun, join us for an incredible 20th season. We promise to fill our pages with all the good stuff that keeps you chasing that little white ball. Enjoy the show.

During the past two decades, we have seen some of our kids go from crayons to college diplomas, while others have grown from bottles and diapers to Beats by Dre. The game has seen just as much change. We cheered Payne Stewart, we crowned Tiger Woods the greatest of the great ones, and then we watched Woods lose



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1:30 p.m. Ian Hughes, Director of Instruction at GolfTEC Naperville, gives a golf lesson to Steve Kashul, host of the Chicago Bulls Pre- and Post- game shows

2:30 p.m. Peter Longo, The World's No. 1 Trick Shot Artist and Entertainer

3:30 p.m. Dan Kochevar, The Player's Service, Carriage Green  
Dan Kochevar is the 2015 Illinois Teacher of the Year

4:15 p.m. Kevin Weeks, Director of Instruction at Cog Hill Country Club, gives a golf lesson to Emery Moorehead, tight end for the 1985 Super Bowl Champion Chicago Bears

### Saturday, February 27th

10:00 a.m. Tommy Asuma, Smart Golf and Fitness

11:00 a.m. Grand March with the Shannon Rovers led by Chicago sportscaster David Kaplan, Chicago Cubs Studio Host on Comcast Sports Net-Chicago and Afternoon Host, Noon - 2 PM, on ESPN Radio 1000



11:15 a.m. Louise Davis, Cog Hill Teaching Professional, gives a golf lesson to David Kaplan, Chicago Cubs Studio Host on Comcast Sports Net-Chicago and Afternoon Host, Noon - 2 PM, on ESPN Radio 1000

12:30 p.m. IPGA Awards Presentation to 2015 High School Championship Teams with skills demonstration



1:30 p.m. Brad Syslo from Wilson Golf talks fitting your equipment with Michael Richardson, cornerback for the 1985 Super Bowl Champion Chicago Bears

2:30 p.m. IJGA Presents Lloyd McWilliams  
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3:30 p.m. Peter Longo, The World's No. 1 Trick Shot Artist and Entertainer

### Sunday, February 28th

10:45 a.m. Grand March with the Shannon Rovers



11:15 a.m. IJGA Presents John Platt, Director of Instruction, Mistwood County Club



12:00 p.m. Peter Longo, The World's No. 1 Trick Shot Artist and Entertainer

1:00 p.m. Brian Natzel, Swan Lake Resort  
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2:00 p.m. Kurt Kollmeyer, Director of Instruction at GolfTEC, gives a golf lesson to Jim Morrissey, linebacker for the 1985 Super Bowl Champion Chicago Bears

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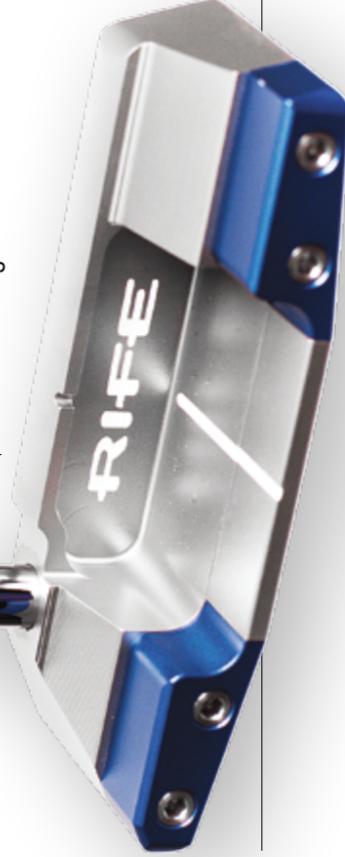




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Now, be honest: Do you know exactly how to hit the ball 30 yards on the fly? How about 60 yards?

If you do not, I have an easy way to learn how, and take the guesswork out of selecting the ideal wedge and swing to hit for short game shots where no full swing club distances exist.

Go to a practice range or a large, open area and hit ten reasonably good shots (which might require a few extra swings) with your pitching wedge, swinging your left arm (for right-handed golfers) back until it is parallel to the ground and the shaft is pointing vertically up at the sky. This is the 9 o'clock swing position (Your left arm would point to 9 on a clock face).

Walk off the carry distances of your ten solid shots, write down how far they flew, add the numbers together, and divide by ten. This will give you the average distance you fly your pitching wedge, with a three-quarter (9 o'clock) swing.

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Write this number on a small piece of paper and tape it to the shaft of your pitching wedge. Do the same thing with the other wedges in your bag.

The next time you have any doubt as to which wedge to use and exactly how large a swing you need (a little more or less than 9 o'clock)—you can look at the numbers on the shafts of your wedges (by the way, this is completely legal). Try it and let me know what you think. Send questions and comments to [askpelz@pelzgolf.com](mailto:askpelz@pelzgolf.com).

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## Change is in the Air

Starting with the first worldwide joint Rules of Golf in 1952, the R&A and United States Golf Association have operated on a four-year cycle to revise the Rules, with two years between revisions to the Decisions on the Rules of Golf. This self-imposed cycle ensures continuity in the way the game is played, and ensures that any changes to the Rules and Decisions are thoroughly thought through and are not made on a whim. The year 2016 is a Rules change year, so let's look at the changes that will likely have the greatest impact on play.

### Returning an Incorrect Score (Rule 6-6d)

A new Exception has been added that reduces the penalty (from disqualification) the player faces for failing to include a penalty of which he was unaware when he returns his score card. The new provision provides that if a player returns a lower score than he made because he was unaware of a penalty he had incurred, he is no longer disqualified and instead incurs the penalty for the Rule he

breached (e.g., two strokes if he had touched the sand with his backswing when playing from a bunker) plus two more penalty strokes for returning that incorrect score.

### Anchoring (Rule 14-1b)

As is well-known by now, effective January 1, 2016, a player is no longer allowed to anchor the club or gripping hand to his body or to use an "anchor point" during the stroke. It's important to note that this change is a ban on a type of stroke and not on a type of club (i.e., a player may still use a long putter; he just can't anchor during the stroke).

### Ball Moving After Address (Rule 18-2)

In 2015, if a player's ball moved after he addressed it (grounded his club), he was considered to have moved it (and incurred one penalty stroke and must replace the ball), unless it was clear that something else (e.g., wind) had caused the ball to move). Starting in 2016, there will be no automatic presumption that the player's act of grounding the club near the ball caused the ball to move;

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John Morrissett

referees will have to weigh all the facts and determine whether the player's actions did in fact cause the ball to move. The result: fewer penalties for players and more tough judgment calls for referees.

### Local Rule for Use of Distance-Measuring Devices (Appendix IV)

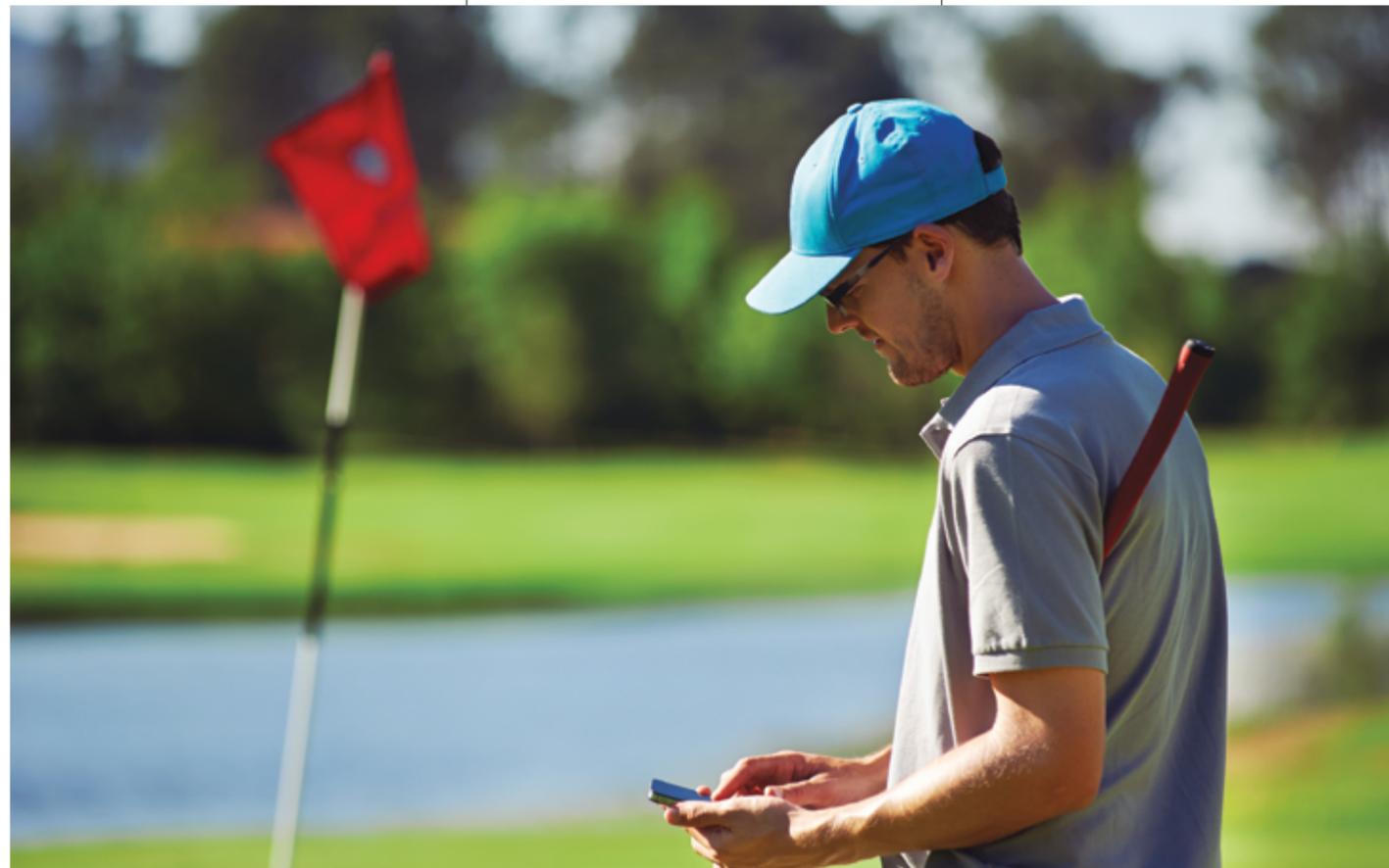
Starting in 2016, when the Local Rule allowing the use of a distance-measuring device is in effect, a player may use a distance-measuring device containing a function not allowed by the Local Rule (e.g., the ability to measure the gradient) provided he does not use that non-conforming function. Previously, the mere presence of that non-conforming function resulted in disqualification for the player. This change will open up the use of smartphones with distance-measuring apps.

Overall, there were no earth-shattering changes for 2016. But, this fact should come as no surprise. With the first set of Rules having been written in 1744, it's reassuring to know that there has been progress during that time!

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An advertisement for Rend Lake Golf Resort. The top half shows a golfer in a light green shirt and white shorts standing on a green, with another golfer in the background. A map of Illinois is overlaid on the bottom right, showing the location of Rend Lake near the intersection of Interstate 57 and Exit 77. The map includes distances to major cities: St. Louis (90 miles), Chicago (330 miles), Mt. Vernon, Evansville (110 miles), Paducah (90 miles), and Marion. The text "ILLINOIS MILE AFTER MAGNIFICENT MILE" is at the bottom right. The Rend Lake Golf Resort logo is in the center, with the website "RendLakeGolf.com" and phone number "(800) 999-0977" below it.



# Take a Bite of Kiawah Island

by Dave Lockhart

**T**ake a bite out of a cool historic town, combine it with dynamic golf in atmosphere that is conducive to year-round play, and you have the tasty destination of Charleston, South Carolina. While this part of America is known as Low Country, the region's golf makes it reach new heights.

Annually recognized as one of the best golf resorts in the United States, if not the world, Kiawah Island Golf Resort ([kiawahresort.com](http://kiawahresort.com)) is blessed with 90 holes of championship golf designed by five different golf-course architects. The top dog here is the Ocean Course designed by the diabolical one: we are talking about Pete Dye. You are tested on nearly every shot with visual mischievousness to keep you off balance. With constant views of the rollicking Atlantic Ocean, the Ocean Course is a memorable treat to play for any golfer. The back nine is especially beautiful and is a pure test of golf with elevated greens, menacing bunkers, and a meandering waterway. When the wind whips the shore, as it usually does, the Ocean Course is one of the toughest courses



in the world. The post-round experience at Kiawah is best enjoyed in an Adirondack chair with a favorite beverage as you reflect on your scorecard and admire the setting sun over the Atlantic Ocean.

The Ocean Course became an instant classic when it hosted the unforgettable 1991 Ryder Cup won by the U.S. in what was labeled "The War by the Shore." They also hosted the 2012 PGA Championship dominated by Rory McIlroy. And they will host the season's final major championship once again in 2021.

Four other fantastic courses cut through the tranquil wilderness and marshland on Kiawah. Jack Nicklaus' Turtle Point, a course that rewards a strong iron game (think Jack in his heyday), includes three striking ocean front holes. The 18th hole is a strong finisher at 400 yards with water down the left, OB on the right, and an undulating green with a railroad bulkhead fronting the hazard.

The newly renovated Tom Fazio-designed Osprey Point will test your game in every facet on a titillating layout made up of





stately pines and shimmering lakes. At Osprey Point, you will find a pleasant mix of holes throughout the marshland layout, which leads to views of numerous wildlife and the occasional alligator. There are too many good holes to mention here, with strong par 5s, fun par 3s, and a couple of drivable par 4s.

Oak Point Golf Course has also received a recent facelift. With its undulating fairways and challenging greens, this track is built for shotmakers. Strategy and a thinking approach will be rewarded over pure power. Built on the grounds of an old indigo and cotton plantation, Oak Point is a bit of a throwback to the classic courses of the 1920s where the ability to place the ball yields satisfying scorecards.

Gary Player's Cougar Point Golf Course has one of the most dramatic vistas on the island. Along the Kiawah River, it features a wonderful blend of short and long par 4s, risk/reward par 5s, and extremely scenic and challenging par 3s.

Plenty of dining options spice up Kiawah Island, and the Sanctuary Hotel and Spa is my favorite retreat after hitting the links. The island has remained nature's preserve with an abundance of wildlife. Having been voted the "Number One Island in the United States" by Conde Nast in 2014, assures golfers that their own private war on the shore will be among their finest golf experiences.

On the north side of Charleston in a town known as the Isle of Palms, lies Wild Dunes Resort (wilddunes.com) and its two terrific Tom Fazio Championship courses. Many may remember Wild Dunes' Links Course as one of the perennial top 100 layouts back in the 1990s. This seaside delight was Tom Fazio's first solo design. Now thanks to an extensive renovation project it is ready to shine once again. The cart paths, irrigation system, and grass on the greens (Champion Bermuda replaced TifEagle) are all new. Fazio's team found a few extra yards, stretching the par 70 from 6,383 yards to 6,503



yards. On certain holes, deep bunkers were added or old ones removed to frame shots better. The Links Course closes with a brand new scenic par 3 that offers the Atlantic Ocean as a backdrop.

St Wild Dunes Golf resort, there are numerous accommodations for travelers and dining options that will please any palate. Best non-golfing trip—take a boat cruise through the delightful Intercostal Waterway and then try your skill at a little skeet shooting.

Just a few hours down the road from Kiawah sits one of the more intriguing properties I have ever experienced. Cabin Bluff in Woodbine, Georgia, (cabinbluff.com) is a sportsman's dream with multiple hunting options, world-class fishing from the Intercostal Waterway to the Atlantic Ocean, and a Davis Love III designed golf course.

The 18-hole course is a groundbreaking creation as there are six thoughtfully constructed greens, each designed to be played three distinct ways. You play 18 different holes on land where there are just six holes, but you have three flagsticks on each hole. Each time you come to a hole it will have a different yardage with a unique fairway, and a different par. The layout is enjoyable and plays to a healthy 6,400 yards and a par of 72.

This all-inclusive 24,000 acre retreat also serves farm-to-



table options that will satisfy your appetite. Cabin Bluff has been around a long time. It was President Calvin Coolidge's favorite hunting grounds back in the 1930s.

So don't just chew the fat. Take a trip down south and experience a Charleston Chew and a whole lot more.

Check out our video links to see more:

**Kiawah Island**

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Po4tmFrkC-I>

**Wild Dunes**

[https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=e6IGWF\\_M0Qs](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=e6IGWF_M0Qs)

**Cabin Bluff**

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=yB6yTjufD0w>



# SWEET HOME CHICAGO

## Chicago Spotlight

### Mistwood G.C. Unveils Spectacular Clubhouse Complex

Already regarded by area players as one of the state's premier golf course complexes, Mistwood Golf Club in Romeoville has opened an elegant, Scottish-inspired clubhouse complete with a restaurant, banquet hall, meeting rooms, and a pub. While a grand opening is planned for April 19th, the facility is already open to the public.

"A more than two-year, multi-million-dollar transformation at Mistwood Golf Club has created a single destination featuring world-class links golf, award-winning culinary talent and dining elegance at McWethy's Tavern, and plentiful options for customized events," said club owner Jim McWethy.

The new clubhouse provides 6,000 sq. ft. of meeting space with panoramic views of the golf course. The banquet hall features a bluestone flooring entrance, balconies, hand-made wrought iron chandeliers, and wood-beamed ceilings. The hall accommodates parties up to 240 guests while maintaining the cozy feel of a Scottish farmhouse.

McWethy's Tavern is an upscale pub-style restaurant that includes fireside tables, semi-private dining areas, a copper-top bar, and a patio with an unobstructed view of the golf course. European-style chandeliers hang from the vaulted cedar ceiling to add to the restaurant's dramatic charm.

"We don't view ourselves as a golf course restaurant," says Jim Koklas, food and beverage director. "But rather as a great restaurant for golfers and non-golfers alike that just happens

to have a magnificent view of one of the most scenic golf courses in the region."

Award-winning chef Mark Angeles has created an imaginative Scottish-inspired, American-made cuisine featuring one-of-a-kind soups, dressings, pasta, sauces, and seasonings. Current menu items include Shepherd's Pie and Roasted Sugar and Spice Salmon. Both the restaurant and pub share an extensive beer and wine menu.

Originally opened in 1998, Mistwood G.C. underwent an extensive multi-million-dollar renovation in 2012 by acclaimed architect Ray Hearn, the course's original designer. The Mistwood 2.0 version incorporates 20 sod-faced bunkers which create a links feel to the property. National golf publications showered the new layout with honors, including *Golf* magazine's "Renovation of the Year" award and *Golf Digest's* "Best New Course" award.

Along with the renovation, the property incorporated a state-of-the-art 5,000-square-foot Performance Center that includes a driving range, multiple practice greens, sand bunkers and teaching areas. The huge practice area serves up 32 hitting stations, one of which is climate-controlled from the cement floors to the hitting mats for winter use. Along with golf lessons provided by PGA professionals, the complex is equipped with putting labs, TrackMan ball flight analysis, and Quintic ball roll technology. The Performance Center, which includes a full-service snack bar and snack

shop, has been recognized as one of "America's 100 Best Clubfitters by *Golf Digest* and "Top 50 Public Facility by *Golf Range* magazine.

Mistwood G.C. Director of Golf Dan Phillips calls the new clubhouse a key addition to the property. "From the start of the renovation project three years ago, we aspired to be the best public golf facility in the state on every facet of the property. The same standard of excellence that inspired the golf course and the Practice Center was used in the design and construction of our clubhouse."

For dinner reservations, tee times and more information, visit [www.mcwethystavern.com](http://www.mcwethystavern.com).

—Neal Kotlarek

## Down Memory Lane

### From Top to Bottom, Fast

Eighty years ago, Ralph Guldahl embarked on one of the hottest streaks in American golf history. He won the first of three successive Western Opens, the only player to do so. He would double up in 1937 and 1938 with wins in the U.S. Open, and then capture the 1939 Masters. The man whom some thought would never be a success after he stumbled to second in the 1933 U.S. Open at North Shore Country Club, handing the title to amateur Johnny Goodman who was resting on a couch in the clubhouse, was the king of golf.

Not for long.

He won the last two of his 16 titles on the circuit in 1940, capturing the Milwaukee Open (individually) and the Inverness Four-Ball with Sam Snead. And that was it.

Guldahl had already cut back his schedule before World War II all but brought pro golf to a complete halt. The man who led the way for Dallas-Fort Worth natives to dominate the game—Ben Hogan and Byron Nelson quickly followed—became a ghost.

What happened?

The easy answer, used by critics for years, was in Guldahl's authoring a unique instruction book, *Groove Your Golf*. A flip book with sequence photos of his swing, Guldahl was tasked to write the narrative that would detail his swing.

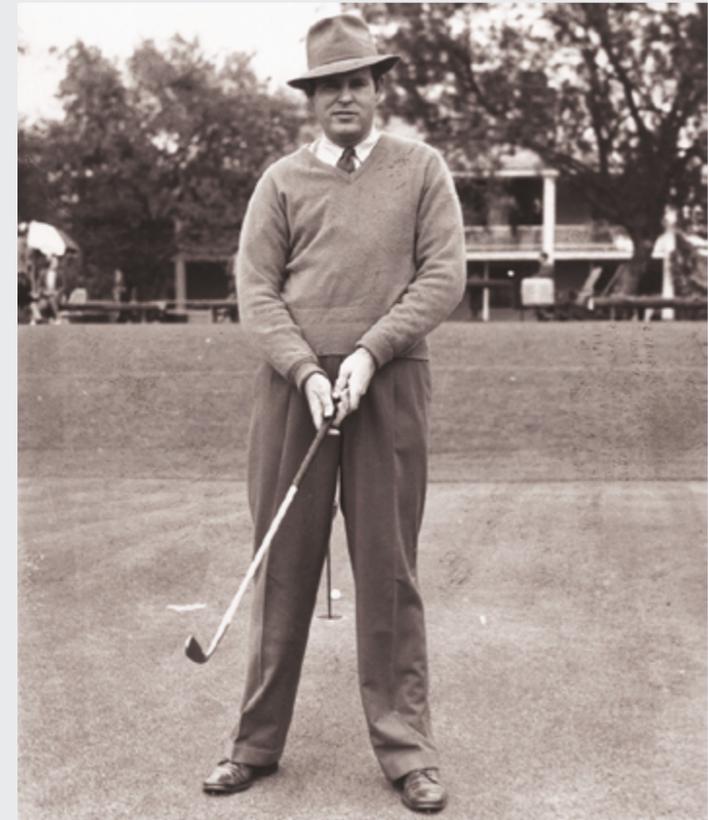
The story went that the natural swinger, now having to analyze his swing, essentially paralyzed himself by looking in a mirror to see what he was doing so he could explain it, and that he could never take a club back again without all those

thoughts colliding in his head.

"Nonsense," Guldahl told John Rodasta of *The New York Times* at the 1979 Legends of Golf. "No such thing ever happened."

In reality, with a young son and a wife who avoided air travel—she had seen her best friend die in a plane crash—he wanted to get off the road.

"I never did have a tremendous desire to win," he went on. "And under the conditions



that today's professionals play, I would be quicker to say the hell with it than I did then."

Instead, Guldahl discovered he preferred the life of a club pro, first at Medinah Country Club, where he replaced Tommy Armour, and then at Braemar Country Club in Tarzana, California, happily giving lessons and avoiding the crowds and travel.

Ralph Guldahl didn't lose his game. He just walked away from it. —By Tim Cronin





**Web.com Tour Seeks Volunteers for Early June Event**

Ivanhoe Club in the northwest suburb of Vernon Hills is set to host the Rust-Oleum Championship June 6 – 12th. A field of 156 competitors will vie for prize money of \$600,000 in this Web.com Tour event. Rust-Oleum has already earmarked proceeds from the tournament to various local charities including The First Tee of Greater Chicago, the Evans Scholars Foundation, Great Lakes Adaptive Sports Association, Sports Shed, and Orchard Village.

“With Rust-Oleum’s deep roots in the Chicagoland area,” said company president and chief operating officer Tom Reed, “we’re especially excited to host this prestigious tournament right in our own backyard.”

The tournament is seeking volunteers for the mid-June event. The standard volunteer package is \$35 and includes a logoed golf shirt and hat, credentials for the entire week of the championship, meals provided during each shift, and six complimentary ‘Good Any Day’ tickets. Volunteer registration is now open. If you would like more information on volunteering for the Rust-Oleum Championship contact: Patty Nogle at patty@globalgolfmanagement.com.

For more information on the tournament, visit [www.rustoleumchampionship.com](http://www.rustoleumchampionship.com).

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**New Season to be Highlighted by Michigan Golf Course Openings**

A long time ago (sometime before the 2008 home mortgage crisis) in a galaxy far, far away, golf courses used to open across Illinois, Wisconsin and Indiana in warp speed. Obviously, the golf climate has changed significantly since that grand time.

While the golf boom of the 1980s and 1990s will likely never recur, the fact is that at least three spectacular golf courses are expected to open this year. And, more amazingly, two of those three will reside on the exact same parcel of land! The golf complex with that curious distinction is Forest Dunes in Roscommon, Michigan, which is set to unveil the latest creations of superstar golf designer Tom Doak. Called “The Loop,” the new golf course is actually two courses in one. That is to say, a single 18-hole golf course has been built to be played in reverse over a subsequent round. Touted as the North American continent’s only 18-hole, fully-reversible golf course, The Loop is expected to launch a soft opening near the end of this summer. With 18 greens and 36 teeing areas, The Loop is already being touted as a prime candidate for “course of the year” honors by golfers who have walked the property.

Doak’s Renaissance Design firm is also behind the new golf course at Gull Lake View Golf Club and Resort in Augusta, Michigan. Slated to be called Stoatin Brae, the layout is being built on the site of a former apple orchard. Architects Eric Iverson, Brian Schneider, Brian Slawnik, and Don Placek are teaming up to build a “fast and firm” course with wide fairways that puts a premium on fun for golfers of all ages and handicap levels. The completion target date of the new project is mid-summer. More information on the opening date will be posted on the course website: [www.gulllakeview.com](http://www.gulllakeview.com).

**Spring Registration Open For The First Tee of Chicago Programs**

Early registration for the acclaimed golf instruction programs offered by The First Tee is now available. The Little Linkster programs are for ages 4 – 6, available in summers only. Other programs are designed for ages 7 and up; for ages 11 and up, for ages 13 and older, and for ages 14 and older. Chicago area courses offering The First Tee programs include Bonnie Brook in Waukegan; Buffalo Grove Golf Dome; Chicago Park District – Black Golf Courses & Diversey Driving Range; Harborside International; Jackson Park Driving Range; Cog Hill Golf Club in Lemont; White Pines Golf Dome in

Bensenville; Countryside Golf Course in Mundelein, and Foss Park Golf Course in North Chicago.

All of these programs are affordably priced and involve character building and life-skills lessons along with golf instruction. For more locations and information on programs available, visit [www.thefirstteegreater-chicago.org](http://www.thefirstteegreater-chicago.org).

**Local Designer Martin to Preside Over National Golf Architects Society**

Batavia golf architect Greg Martin is a busy man. His projects this year include renovation work on metro properties River Forest Country Club and Settlers Hill Golf Club, even as his company Martin Design Partnership, Ltd. completes the reconstruction of Oak Meadows Golf Course in Addison. Along with those projects, Martin is scheduled to take over as president of the American Society of Golf Course Architects this April. “It is my hope to serve this outstanding organization to benefit the game of golf and our membership,” Martin said about the ASGCA position.



Martin Design has made a significant impact on Chicago-area golf since the company was formed in 1991. Winner in 1999 of *Golf Digest* magazine’s “Best New Private Course” for Rich Harvest Links, the firm also designed The Links at Carillon in Plainfield; Coyote Run Golf Course in Flossmoor; Phillips Park Golf Course in Aurora; and Whitetail Ridge Golf Club in Yorkville.

Martin is a Landscape Architecture graduate of Iowa State University and formerly worked at William James Spear & Associates before launching his own firm. He has also provided key insights on bunker design and golf course ranking systems as a contributing writer to *GOLFChicago* magazine.



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# Top of the Rock at Big Cedar Lodge

By Len Ziehm



**C**hicago golfers don't need to go very far to find one of the best golf destinations in the country. Big Cedar Lodge in southern Missouri is the place. It's an easy day's drive from Chicago, and air travel is available. Getting there is no problem and you'll find it well worth the trip.

The rocking town of Branson, with a population of about 10,000, has its share of tourist attractions, but Big Cedar, which is located 10 miles south in the town of Ridgedale, is a world unto itself.

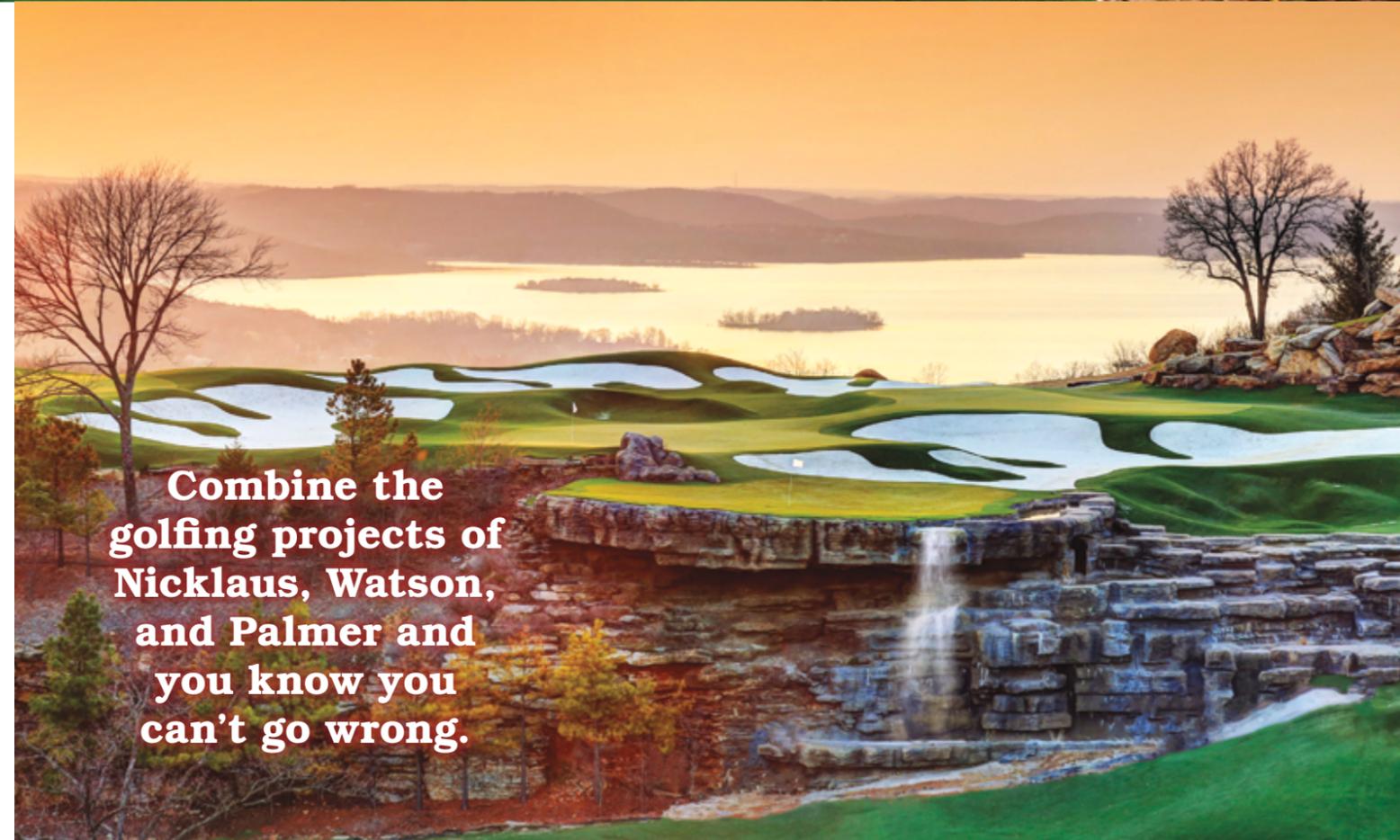
Big Cedar has most everything thanks to the efforts of Johnny Morris, the creator of Bass Pro Shops. Morris' first Outdoor World opened in the nearby, much larger town of Springfield, Missouri, in 1972. A passionate conservationist, Morris wanted to promote the stunning beauty of the Ozarks while encouraging family activities there. He did that by building his business empire around the fishing, hunting, camping, and boating

opportunities in Branson and the nearby towns of Ridgedale, Hollister, and Reeds Spring.

Morris opened Big Cedar Lodge in 1987 and things took off from there. Now Big Cedar is a sprawling wilderness resort. Its rustic elegance is evident in upscale log cabins, lodges, and a spa. There's also a variety of dining options: Devil's Pool Restaurant with its Buzzard Bar, Truman Coffee and Café, and the historic Worman House. They're all a little different but all of the same high quality.

Table Rock Lake, with its 43,000 acres of crystal-blue waters, is a playground for water sports of all sorts, and Big Cedar also offers four chapels, a world-class spa, a full-service marina, horseback riding, world-class fishing, and trails suited for walking, biking, and hiking.

Oh, yes. There's also golf—great golf—readily available at Johnny Morris' Top of the Rock Ozark's Heritage Preserve course and the accompanying Arnie's Barn.



**Combine the golfing projects of Nicklaus, Watson, and Palmer and you know you can't go wrong.**



The golf course at Top of the Rock is a par-3 course designed by Jack Nicklaus. It is—from the perspective of a golfer who has traveled widely in search of playing opportunities for 60 years and been a scribe on the sport since 1968—the most scenic course in America.

Nicklaus started building the course in 1996, and the work took awhile—over seven years, to be exact. By 2014, however, it became the first par-3 layout included in a PGA Tour-sanctioned competition. The oldest event on the Champions Tour—the Legends of Golf—is partially played there. (That tournament was re-named the Bass Pro Shop Legends of Golf at Big Cedar Lodge in 2014).

Take it from Tim Finchem, the long-time commissioner of the PGA Tour. “If there ever was a par-3 course worthy of PGA Tour tournament play, Top of the Rock is it,” Finchem declared.

Top of the Rock also includes a one-acre putting green called “the Himalayas,” which was designed by Tom Watson to replicate the iconic





Himalayas putting course at St. Andrews in Scotland, and has an elevation change of 20 feet from top to bottom.

The overall practice facility was a collaborative effort of Watson and Palmer, and features 16 fully-lit target greens. Combine the golfing projects of Nicklaus, Watson, and Palmer and you know you can't go wrong. Even last year's unfortunate development of sinkholes adjacent to the all-synthetic turf practice range doesn't detract from the facility's popularity. The sinkholes became a curiosity piece and photo opportunity more than anything else. They are all open and available for play.

Palmer's influence is more evident in the "Barn," which houses the pro shop and an upscale Mexican restaurant. The wooden barn has a history; it was built 150 years ago in Palmer's hometown of Latrobe, Pennsylvania, and was transported piece-by-piece and reconstructed at Top of the Rock. Included in its bar area is the mounted replica of a then world-record 1,358-pound black marlin that Nicklaus caught in Australia in 1978.

The course is filled with breath-taking views of Table Rock Lake, waterfalls, and fascinating rock formations. Golfers also have the option of taking a tour of the Lost Canyon

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March	70 F	46 F
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# The GOLFCChicago Interview

**W**hen it comes to having the weather delivered to you, it doesn't get much nicer than having it delivered by Tracy Butler. Whether it's a flash-flood warning, sleet attack, or heat advisory, the ABC-7 meteorologist has a way to make even the brashest Chicago union worker smile. With a bubbly personality and obvious dedication to her profession, you would be hard pressed to find a more enjoyable telecast in our great city.

Get to know Tracy Butler away from the camera, and you'll come to find that she is also a dedicated philanthropist, lending her time to as many people and causes that she can. You will also find that when she gets away from it all, she is just another one of us: an obsessed golfer. Butler tees it up as much as humanly possible, and she is a very well-traveled golfer. She was even named "Woman of the Year" by the Executive Women's Golf Association and co-founded The Duke Classic, a golf outing honoring a long-time coworker and friend.

*GOLFCChicago* had the opportunity to catch-up with Tracy Butler to learn more about her life on the course and in the studio.

## Teeing Off With ABC-7's Tracy Butler

by Todd Mrowice



**GOLFCChicago:** *When did you start playing golf?*

TB: I started playing in 1995. My husband really enjoyed the game and I told myself I wasn't going to be a "golf widow," so I decided that I was going to learn. I started just playing par-3 courses and worked my way up.

**GC:** *Is it true that you have a hole-in-one to your credit?*

TB: I do! I still remember the date, July 11, 1995; I hadn't been playing golf for an entire year. It was a 111-yard par-3 at Downers Grove Golf Club...and it was one of the ugliest shots

you've ever seen. First of all, I used a driver. Second, it was a total "worm burner" and somehow it just kept rolling and fell in the cup. I don't know how it happened.

**GC:** *So where do you play most of your rounds in our area?*

TB: I'll play anywhere, I'm not a golf snob. Chicago has so many great courses and it is a crime to not try as many as you can. Personally, I like Old Oak in Homer Glen. Seven Bridges in Woodridge is a gem. I had the opportunity to play in the Pro-Am at North Shore Country Club for the Encompass



Championship, which was amazing. Also, I love Cog Hill. My husband and I play there every September on our anniversary.

**GC:** *You have been at ABC-7 for over 20 years now. We imagine you have had a chance to golf with some fun people.*

**TB:** Absolutely. Stan Mikita, who is a phenomenal player, is always a treat to play with. Bo Jackson was another person I have had the opportunity to play alongside. Ron Santo is someone who I dearly miss, such a great person. I've had the opportunity to be in their presence because of golf.

**GC:** *Last year we interviewed your colleague, Jerry Taft, who is a single digit handicapper. What's your golf experience with him?*

**TB:** Funny you should ask. My first day at ABC-7, I walk into the office, just some girl from Richmond, Virginia.

There's Jerry Taft, and I am a little nervous. He comes right up to me and says, "I hope that one day you'll take my job from me because I'm trying to concentrate on getting on the senior tour." From day one, Jerry has been such a pleasure to be around. He's a great friend.

**GC:** *We asked Jerry, so we'll ask you. Do meteorologists have an advantage when it comes to making tee times because you know the weather ahead of everyone else?*

**TB:** Of course we do! We have the lead on everyone else [laughs]. We're all fighting such a small window that makes up the golf season here in Chicago.

**GC:** *What courses are on your "bucket list"?*

**TB:** Whistling Straits would probably be first. I would love to go to Oakmont. I have actually had the chance to play Kiawah, but I need to go back there

because that is a beautiful place.

**GC:** *You help with many charity golf events from what we can see.*

**TB:** I do, and I love doing it. I wish that I could attend all of the ones I'm asked to be at. Having the opportunity to meet people and help their cause is something I am very passionate about.

**GC:** *Tell us about The Duke Classic, which you co-founded.*

**TB:** On September 29, 2012, we lost a great colleague and friend, Michael "Duke" Dukewich. He was an ABC-7 cameraman for 30 years. Everyone knew him and he represented the company so well. Ironically, his last assignment was the Ryder Cup at Medinah. Duke loved golf. His brother-in-law, Scott Woodruff and I started the golf outing in 2013, and it benefits the Greater Chicago Food Depository and the Wounded Warrior Project. We have raised over \$100,000. I'm so proud to be a part of the outing and to honor his memory. He's dearly missed.

*This year, "The Duke Classic" will take place on Saturday, July 30th at Old Oak Country Club. For more information or to register visit [www.thedukeclassic.com](http://www.thedukeclassic.com)*



## STAY & PLAY

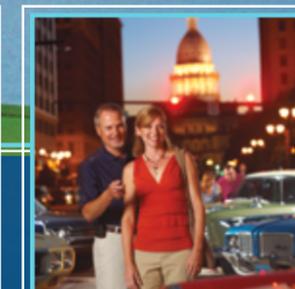
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# Prescription for Golf

While the industry has stabilized—to some degree—there are a number of recognized issues that continue to plague golf, most notably cost, pace of play, and the difficulty of the game. Each of these continues to erode the ongoing stability of the game and more specifically, any particular golf course. Those ills are the result of a multitude of poor decisions about design, development, and operations.

How do we fix it?

It starts with an understanding of health—industry health. How? I offer the following prescription—at a minimum.

## Authenticity

Golf courses that most represent a ‘true’ landscape while presenting an environmentally beneficial and engaging golf experience will win. Unique, original, and interesting golf will survive and will be tied directly to a site’s uniqueness and customer loyalty. The next generation of golfer wants genuine experiences in real places. The ‘Uber’ generation does not tolerate anything less than legitimate experiences, ease of access, and value. Also, they are *not* joiners, which can make exclusivity a tough sell.

All golf is local, and authenticity is joined to the fabric and dynamic of the community. It is more representative of the landscape and

its customers, and ultimately, authenticity is less expensive to construct, to maintain, to operate, and to enjoy.

## Width

Provide more width through the green. This is not new and I am not the first or only architect to suggest this. Width is linked directly to playability, strategy, and site engagement. Wider golf course architecture produces more fun and thoughtful golf experiences. It is the antithesis of linear, penal golf. Width creates dimension to the game and allows multiple strategies to be employed. The result generates more engaged participants of all ages and abilities.

Some will say width makes the game easy. In truth, width provides playability and introduction to the nuances and strategies of the game while providing long-lost angles, and expands uniqueness and authenticity. Simply, employing width is more fun to design and play.

## Environment

To those who exist in this industry, know that golf is an environmental benefit. Golfers know it and the industry knows it. Generally, however, those who do not play golf do not know it, or don’t believe it. A perception exists that golf is an undesirable or unproductive use of open space. That must change, and will

## BEYOND BUNKERS

Greg Martin, ASGCA

only change if we are proactive and seek to provide solutions to greater environmental problems for communities and regions.

Golf has a unique opportunity because it can shape and shift to provide solutions that other development opportunities cannot. Golf has a responsibility to do so. Golf must do more to solve environmental problems in neighborhoods, communities, or regions. The benefits will be widespread.

The word ‘sustainability’ is thrown around easily, and it is generally accepted to mean environmental benefit. That is a disservice. True sustainability (for golf or any other resource) is constructed from equal parts economic viability, environmental benefit, and operational efficiency. Authenticity, width, and environment are linked to each other. Authenticity is more natural and easier to build, less costly, softer on the environment, and easier to market. Width will help playability and thusly, help economic sustainability. Environmental solutions relate specifically to the site’s uniqueness to introduce authenticity. And so on...

A sustainable golf course, therefore, that employs all three, will win golfers. More importantly, sustainable golf will improve the public perception and carry this great game into the next century.

Take one of each and call me in the morning.

## Top of the Rock at Big Cedar Lodge

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Cave and Nature Trail on their carts and/or visiting the Ancient Ozarks Natural History Museum. A nine-hole round at Top of the Rock obviously isn’t your ordinary breeze around a par-3 course.

Then there’s the very respected Buffalo Ridge Springs 18-hole in Hollister. It grew from the high-quality Branson Creek course—a Tom Fazio design built in 1999—after Morris acquired it. The course was renamed Buffalo Ridge Springs, updated by Fazio and Morris, and now includes free-ranging buffalo adjacent to the course. Morris brought them over from his nearby Dogwood Canyon Nature Park, which spans the Missouri-Arkansas border.

Buffalo Ridge Springs is the companion course for Top of the Rock in hosting the Bass Pro Shop Legends event. It has been named the No. 1 public course in Missouri by *Golf* magazine, and has been in the top 10 of *Golf Digest’s* ranking of all Missouri courses every year since 2001.

The \$2.8 million Legends event is something special. It’ll be played from April 22 - 24 following two days of pro-am competition for 52 four-player teams. The pro competition features two divisions, for players in the 50 - 65 range and for those 65 and over. It makes for great spectator viewing. Tickets are available at <http://bassprolegends.com/> as well as many golf-centered packages. You can find more information on those at BigCedar.com.

And that’s not all. Morris isn’t done yet.

Murder Rock—another Hollister course, and one which used John Daly as a design consultant—is no more. Its terrain will soon become two courses. Gary Player is building a 12-hole family-friendly course which is yet to be named. The well-regarded architectural team of Bill Coore and Ben Crenshaw is creating an 18-hole championship layout. Upon completion they’ll greatly expand the already ample golf options at Big Cedar.

Morris is especially enthusiastic about the Coore and Crenshaw course.

“Our goal with this is to have a high quality-enough course to have very significant PGA-caliber golf tournaments,” he said when the hiring of Coore and Crenshaw was announced. “We think it will be a crown jewel golf course in the Ozarks.”

Given what Morris has done already, there’s no doubt he will accomplish this goal in no time.

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# Back to Action

It has been a mild winter by Midwest standards, but today it is snowing and my bones are cold. Other than traveling to a warm area for vacation, not much is going to free us from the cold, or bring the golf season sooner. But it is possible to do “warm” exercise within the cold of winter and prepare for the coming golf season.

Along with giving you the chance to experience areas you would not normally go to in the winter, snowshoeing is a great form of exercise. Snowshoes allow you to traverse uneven terrain in shallow or deep snow, working the trunk and legs as you walk. Adding walking poles will kick in the core and upper-body muscles, preparing your body to generate a great swing for the early season of golf. The equipment can be purchased at a relatively inexpensive price and there are many locations throughout Chicagoland to use them. Check local forest preserves and state parks for snow-shoeing

trails, or contact your favorite golf courses and enjoy a different view of the course.

If you are a more adventurous spirit, then consider cross-country skiing. Whether you are a novice or an experienced skier, cross country skiing is a great form of physical activity. It requires activation of all muscle groups along with challenging your balance and trunk control. If you are seeking a casual trek, then pick a flat trail, but for a little more excitement take on a few hills. A simple web search will locate trails and ski rental in your area. If the snow is a little thin in Chicagoland consider a short trip to Wisconsin or Michigan, and enjoy a true winter vacation.

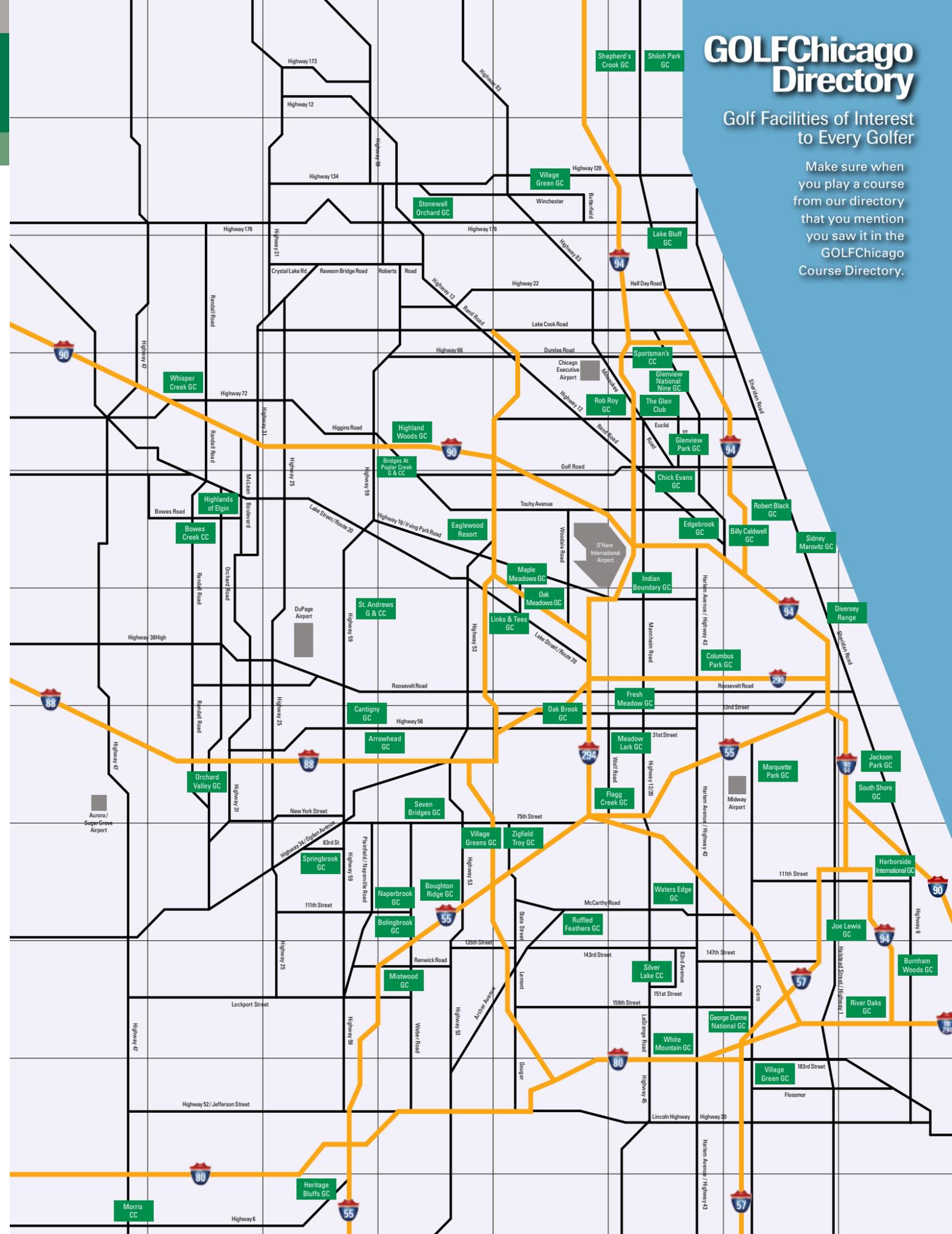
If there is not enough snow for either of these, then consider going for a hike. Many of the places we visit during the summer are also open for use in the winter. Just as with snowshoeing and cross-country skiing, walking poles will engage the entire body and make it easier to maintain balance on uneven ground.

## THE FITNESS EDGE

Brad Jourdan

Once you start moving, you will quickly warm up and be able to enjoy the outdoors that we have hidden from all winter. Correct clothing is important, so dress in layers for activity in the cold. The inner layer or base layer should wick moisture away from your skin to keep you dry. The next layer should be an insulating layer that maintains your body heat. The outer layer should be a barrier from wind, rain, and snow allowing some moisture to escape from the lower layers. With proper layering, footwear, gloves, and hat the elements should not ruin your outdoor experience.

Winter is a difficult season to maintain a healthy lifestyle in the Midwest. If you are not currently performing consistent physical activity, it is a great time to start, and if you are exercising keep it up. But consider getting out into the elements to add variety to your routine and prepare for the coming golf season. Until then, dare I say let's hope for snow!



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26W151 Butterfield Rd.  
Wheaton, IL 60189  
[arrowheadgolfclub.org](http://arrowheadgolfclub.org)

Arrowhead Golf Club is recognized for its beautifully maintained course and inviting atmosphere.

Arrowhead is a public course which offers impeccable golfing conditions at affordable rates on three separate par 72 18-hole layouts surrounded by forest preserve. The West, East, and South Courses feature new bunker renovations and enhancements. The practice area includes a lighted driving range, putting green, and chipping green. Group and individual golf lessons are available.



### Bolingbrook Golf Club

630-771-9400  
2001 Rodeo Dr.  
Bolingbrook, IL 60490  
[bolingbrookgolfclub.com](http://bolingbrookgolfclub.com)

Bolingbrook Golf Club features a championship golf course designed by Arthur Hills and Steve Forrest, an exceptional practice facility with a learning academy, state-of-the-art GPS-equipped golf carts, and a 76,000 square-foot clubhouse with men's and women's locker rooms, lounges, two full-service restaurants, and full banquet facilities. Memberships are available.

Bolingbrook Golf Club was named #28 in the 2010 *Golf World* Readers' Choice Awards for best public course in the country; named to the 2009 *Golfweek* Best Courses You Can Play list; and received 4½ stars from *Golf Digest*.



### Bowes Creek Country Club

847-214-5880  
1250 Bowes Creek Blvd.  
Elgin, Illinois 60124  
[bowescreekcc.com](http://bowescreekcc.com)  
[bowescreekcountryclub.com](http://bowescreekcountryclub.com)

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### Cantigny Golf

630-668-8463  
27w270 Mack Rd.  
Wheaton, IL 60189  
[cantignygolf.com](http://cantignygolf.com)

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### golfTec

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[golftec.com](http://golftec.com)  
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773-755-4653

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224-330-4020

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630-723-5215

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630-396-2020

Schaumburg 60173  
847-517-1845

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847-327-0605



### Harborside International G.C.

312-782-7837  
11001 S. Doty Ave. East  
Chicago, IL 60628  
[harborsidegolf.com](http://harborsidegolf.com)

Located just south of the loop in the City of Chicago, Harborside features two championship-style links courses designed by renowned architect Dick Nugent.

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### The Highlands of Elgin

847-931-5950  
875 Sports Way  
Elgin, IL 60123  
[highlandsofelgin.com](http://highlandsofelgin.com)

The new Quarry nine and the Original nine holes flow over beautiful rolling terrain, creating a diverse collection of holes. The new nine holes reclaim an old stone quarry, and are routed to take maximum advantage of the unique and dramatic landforms that were left behind. Four holes hug the top of the bluff thirty to forty feet above the water, providing golfers with incredible views and numerous shot options on each hole.



### Lake Bluff Golf Club

847-234-6771  
355 W Washington Ave.  
Lake Bluff, IL 60044  
[lakebluffgolfclub.com](http://lakebluffgolfclub.com)

Located on the scenic North Shore of Chicago, Lake Bluff Golf Club offers a beautiful and challenging layout in a traditional parkland setting. The course measures 6,589 yards from the back tees and offers three additional sets of tees to accommodate all skill levels. Lake Bluff Golf Club takes great pride in the immaculately conditioned bentgrass fairways and greens. Other amenities include a full-service golf shop, private and group instruction, and an exceptional dining experience at the new Hel's Kitchen.

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- Indian Boundary: 18 Holes
- Joe Louis: 18 Holes
- Meadowlark: 9 Holes
- River Oaks: 18 Holes



### The Glen Club

847-724-7272  
2901 West Lake Ave.  
Glenview, IL 60026  
[theglenclub.com](http://theglenclub.com)

Chicago's finest semi-private golf experience.

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6 Chicagoland Locations  
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Romeoville, IL 60446  
[www.mistwoodgc.com](http://www.mistwoodgc.com)

Mistwood Golf Club, with its recent multi-million dollar renovations and new state of the art golf-learning center, has become one of the premier golf experiences in the Chicagoland area

Mistwood, host of the Illinois Women's Open, features new Scottish-style stacked sod-wall bunkers, which are not something seen in traditional American golf. Other amenities include a full-service pro shop, golf instruction, and wonderful dining.

- *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](http://oak-brook.org/recreation)  
18 Holes - Par 72  
Yardage: 5341 - 6541

The Oak Brook Golf Club is a classic playing experience with a superb blend of challenges where every hole requires solid shot-making from tee to green. The par 4s will utilize every club in the bag; the par 3s are a devilish balance of risk and reward; and the par 5s offer multiple playing strategies from conservative to bold ... and all on manicured greens and fairways. The course features a well-stocked pro shop, delightful grill and outdoor patio, men's and women's locker rooms, expansive all-grass driving range with three chipping and putting greens, and six PGA teaching professionals.

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630-907-0500  
2411 West Illinois Ave.  
Aurora, IL 60506  
[orchardvalleygolf.com](http://orchardvalleygolf.com)

6th Best Public Course in Illinois by *GOLF Magazine*.

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### Rob Roy Golf Course

847-253-4544  
505 E. Camp McDonald Rd.  
Prospect Heights, IL 60070  
[www.robroygc.com](http://www.robroygc.com)

Winding through 51 acres, the beautiful 9-hole Rob Roy Golf Course will challenge golfers at any skill level. The 3,022-yard course is narrow and tree-lined, requiring accuracy with water, sand traps, and other strategically-placed obstacles around the course. Rob Roy also includes a lighted driving range with 52 hitting stations. Bring the whole family for mini golf, and grab lunch overlooking the course at the 10th Hole Bar & Grille. There is something for everyone at Rob Roy!



### St. Andrews Golf & Country Club

2241 Route 59  
West Chicago, IL 60185  
630-231-3100

[standrewsgc.com](http://standrewsgc.com)

36 Holes:  
Course #1: par 71,  
5116-6920 yards  
Course #2: par 72,  
5341-6818 yards  
Located 30 miles west of Chicago in West Chicago. Since 1926, Chicago-area golfers have sought out St. Andrews for its two championship courses and top-ranked Practice Center. With its vast rolling terrain, mature trees, and historic setting, St. Andrews offers quality facilities for discerning golfers, golf outings, and leagues, as well as permanent tee times. Guests will also enjoy premium range balls, motor carts with tablet GPS, and selections from J.J.'s Bar & Grill.



### Silver Lake Golf Course

14700 82nd Avenue  
Orland Park, IL 60462  
708-349-6940 x4

[www.silverlakecc.com](http://www.silverlakecc.com)

Silver Lake Golf Course is the premiere public golf course of the Chicago southland. Family owned and operated since 1927, the course features 36 championship-golf holes, a natural-grass driving range, and a dedicated short-game area. Silver Lake GC is also home to the award-winning "Rolling Hills," named Chicago's #1 Sporty 9 for almost two-decades.



### Stonewall Orchard

25675 W Highway 60  
Grayslake, IL 60030  
847-740-4890

[stonewallorchard.com](http://stonewallorchard.com)

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

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



### Water's Edge Golf Course

7205 West 115th Street  
Worth, IL 60482  
708-671-1032

[watersedgegolf.com](http://watersedgegolf.com)

Rated Best Places To Play By *Golf Digest*.

Water's Edge is Chicago's south side destination course. This championship 18-hole golf course offers bent grass greens and fairways, and a complete day/night practice and range facility, along with The Edge Bar & Grill for great meals and daily specials.

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### Fox Bend Golf Course

630-554-3939  
3516 Route 34  
Oswego, IL 60543  
[foxbendgolfcourse.com](http://foxbendgolfcourse.com)

Par 72

Yardage: 6,890 – 5,325

Weekday: \$38 walk

\$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](http://DuPageGolf.com)

Par 30

Yardage: 1,888 - 1,545 yds.

Weekday: \$14 walk

\$22 ride

Weekend: \$16 walk

\$24 ride

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course website

Discount Program: Yes

Jr./Sr. Rates: Yes

Twilight Rates: No

Banquets/Outings: No

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[kidsgolffoundation.org](http://kidsgolffoundation.org)

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Addison, IL 60101  
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### Maple Meadows Golf Club

630-616-8424  
272 Addison Rd.  
Wood Dale, IL 60191  
[DuPageGolf.com](http://DuPageGolf.com)

West 18 - Par 70

Yardage: 6,438 - 5,339 yds.

Weekday: \$32 walk

\$49 ride

Weekend: \$41 walk

\$58 ride

\*Frequent specials on

course website

East 9 - Par 34

Yardage: 2,815 - 2,427 yds.

Rate: \$16 walk / \$25 ride

Discount Program: Yes

Jr./Sr. Rates: Yes

Twilight Rates: Yes

Banquets/Outings: Yes

### Naperbrook Golf Course

630-378-4215  
22204 W. Hassert  
Boulevard  
Plainfield, IL 60585  
[golfnaperville.org](http://golfnaperville.org)

Par 72

Yardage: 6677

Weekday: \$39.50

Weekend: \$49.50

Mid-day Rates: Yes

Jr./Sr. Rates: Yes

Super Twilight Rates: Yes

Banquets/Outings: Yes

### Oak Meadows Golf Club

630-595-0071  
900 N. Wood Dale Road  
Addison, IL 60101  
[DuPageGolf.com](http://DuPageGolf.com)

Par 71

Yardage: 6,718 - 5,628 yds.

Weekday: \$32 walk

\$49 ride

Weekend: \$41 walk

\$58 ride

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course website

Discount Program: Yes

Jr./Sr. Rates: Yes

Twilight Rates: Yes

Banquets/Outings: No

### Sentry World

866-479-6753  
Stevens Point, WI 54481  
18 holes  
Par 72  
6,951 yards  
[sentryworld.com](http://sentryworld.com)

### Shepherd's Crook

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

### Shiloh Park

847-746-5500  
23rd and Bethesda Blvd.  
Zion, IL 60099  
[shilohparkgolf.com](http://shilohparkgolf.com)

### Springbrook Golf Course

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

### Western Golf Association / Evans Scholars Foundation

[westerngolfassociation.com](http://westerngolfassociation.com)

### Zigfield Troy Par 3

630-985-9860  
1535 W. 75th Street  
Woodridge, IL 60517

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### Whisper Creek Golf Course

12840 Del Webb  
Boulevard  
Huntley, IL 60142  
847-515-7680

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### White Pines Golf Club & Banquets

500 W Jefferson Ave  
Bensenville, IL 60106  
630-766-0304

[whitepinesgolf.com](http://whitepinesgolf.com)

36-hole championship course situated on over 240 acres, has been a favorite among Chicago area golfers since 1928. Ten minutes from O'Hare International Airport, White Pines in Bensenville is a perfect choice for anyone looking for a challenging game of golf any time of the year.

White Pines Golf Club offers a superb setting, sure to make you feel like you are "away from it all."

### Arlington Lakes Golf Club

847-577-3030  
Arlington Heights, IL 60005

### Blackberry Oaks

630-553-7170  
Bristol, IL 60512  
[blackberryoaks.com](http://blackberryoaks.com)

### Bonnie Brook GC

847-360-4735  
2800 N. Lewis Ave.  
Waukegan, IL 60087  
[waukegangolf.org](http://waukegangolf.org)

### Boughton Ridge

630-739-4100  
Bolingbrook, IL 60440

### Eaglewood Resort and Spa

630-773-3510  
1401 Nordic Rd.  
Itasca, IL. 60143  
[eaglewoodresort.com](http://eaglewoodresort.com)

Par 72

Yardage 6,015 - 5,410 yds.

Weekday: \$39.00 w/cart

(Spring Rate)

Weekend: \$45.00 w/cart

(Spring Rate)

Jr./Sr. Rates: Yes

Twilight Rates: Yes

Banquets/Outings: Yes



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# 10 Things I Hate About You

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Rory Hughes

The minutiae of the *Rules of Golf*, as well as the unwritten rules of golf etiquette, are enough to drive Joe Public away from the game. However, this has led the rest of us to a sense of entitlement; as if because we know how to play and how to not be a jerk, we need not adhere to any other norms. In 2016, let's all stop doing the following on the golf course, not because there is an official rule that dictates them, but because they're bothering me.

**Stop saying "I never play like this" when you're having a bad round.**

This is a logical fallacy. That you're doing it now is evidence that you do it. By insisting that your poor play is an anomaly, you're actually accomplishing the opposite of your intent. Remember that every player has a bad day. How many times has a tour player followed up a 65 with a 75? That's golf. Accept that how you're playing at a given moment is not a reflection of who you are. Billy Shakespeare said it best: "Me thinks thou doest protest too much."

**Stop using your phone.**

The only exception is if you have kids, in which case you may do so sparingly and inconspicuously. You're on the course to escape life's obligations. If you can't do that and enjoy your round, then get off the course. I don't care about your important client or your nagging boss. I don't want to play golf with someone who can't be fully present. By definition, if you're checking your phone, you have something else more important to do. Go do it.

**Stop playing out the hole when you've reached your handicap limit.**

We have handicaps for a several reasons, one of which is to speed up play. You pull-hooked your drive into the creek, sprayed your third into the woods, bladed your fifth into a pot bunker, chunked your sixth thirty yards short of the green. Now, calmly reach down, grab your ball, place it in your pocket, mark an "X" on your card, and watch the rest of us finish; this will also give you time to reflect on what you've done.

**Stop getting mad at yourself.**

Another logical fallacy. Only one "you," exists, so to get mad at yourself is actually an admission of insanity. Plus, I don't want your bad vibes.

**Stop narrating your round.**

"Should've hit a 6 there...man, that putt broke more than I thought...I think I tweaked my elbow...wow, that turned out better than I thought...I'd forgotten this was Bermuda...I actually birdied this hole yesterday...jeez, I can't believe I'm already 10 over.

I don't think I'm gonna break 90 today..." I understand that some of us think, then speak; some of us speak, then think. But this is not your skull session at work or the dinner table or any other place where it's acceptable to "think aloud." To be sure, I'm no mute on the course. I'm happy to discuss just about anything in the world—except your round.

**Stop not reacting when you hit a good shot.**

If you're taking cues from Lucas Glover, Danny Lee, Gary Woodland, or any other expressionless doorknob on tour, then you're already in trouble. I'm not expecting a Cam Newton celebration, but if you jar one from 70 yards, give me more than a half-hearted shrug. It's downright disrespectful. When blessed with such a stroke of luck, you owe your playing partners and the game at the very least a hearty fist-pump or a Mickelson phone booth leap.

**Stop not reacting when I say "Nice shot."**

I know you are a jerk. Your family knows you're a jerk. Stop bringing it to the golf course.

**Stop saying, "But I was hitting it so well on the range."**

Really? So was every other human being who ever hit balls before a round. "It giveth and it taketh away" is one of golf's core tenets. You're not entitled to a good round because you hit it well on the range. You're not even entitled to hitting it well on the range. You, my friend, are entitled to nothing. Besides, if you had so much fun on the range, go back there and let me finish my round in peace.

**Stop not having cash to pay up on bets and/or tip the cart girl.**

You're either unprepared or you're cheap. Either is intolerable for a golfer, let alone a human. Please leave home a few minutes early and stop at the ATM. The golf course is not a place for credit cards, or PayPal, or IOUs; it's one of the last bastions of Grown Man-itude, where we smoke cigars and swear at each other and pay with crisp bills.

**Stop forgetting your score.**

If you're one of those "I don't even keep score, I'm just out to have fun" types, you need to either tell me on the first box or stop lying. We're not kicking around a soccer ball or shooting hoops. You just paid \$50 in the pro shop, grabbed a score-card, and proceeded to commence a game which is based entirely on posting a score. If you don't keep score, then you don't play golf. And certainly don't announce that you got a birdie after you supposedly are "just messing around." You may not have it both ways. Besides, the golf gods only smile on those who keep score.

The minutiae of the Rules of Golf, as well as the unwritten rules of golf etiquette, have led the rest of us to a sense of entitlement; as if because we know how to play and how to not be a jerk, we need not adhere to any other norms.

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