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Spring into Golf Season

We have it lucky, don't we? First, we love golf, a game for a lifetime – of frustration and joy. Second, this game for a lifetime allows for a camaraderie built that would otherwise disappear once one discovers that rounding third and beating the throw to the plate in a softball game is for the youth of the world. Finally, the playing fields, every one of them different from the next, allows us to channel our green thumb and enjoy nature.

Golf course superintendents have been doing this for decades. The profession has come a long way from simply weeding, fertilizing and top-dressing. Today, the superintendent and his staff have to deal with myriad regulations to protect the environment, plus satisfy an owner or a membership with top-notch playing quality. Slowly, those constituencies are going away from the notion that their course should be as green as Augusta National, and that a little brown isn't



"Give me \$100, and no one will find out that you lost to your 11-year-old son."

the worst thing in the world. Neal Kotlarek details how golf courses and their keepers live in the real world in our lead story, beginning on page 16.

Dave Lockhart, also with an ear for a good story, sat down with golf broadcast partner Patrick Mannelly – you may remember him long-snapping for the Bears for 16 seasons – to ruminate about golf and football and everything in-between.

'Tis the season for thinking of dear ol' dad, of course. The USGA already gives Pops a reason to lounge on the couch all afternoon, watching the final round of the U.S. Open, but how about a little something for his effort all these years. Our golf-oriented Gift Guide for Dads and Grads should help find just the right goodie to get him.

Elsewhere in this issue, Kotlarek takes a gander at Forest Dunes and its unique Loop, a Tom Doak reversible layout in northern Michigan, and your editor reviews Rick Reilly's rollicking rouser on Trumpian presidential perfidy regarding golf, *Commander In Cheat*. You may want a glass of wine after that, and Stephen Hawk will point you in the right direction.

And now that spring has arrived in full, we humbly suggest you read it outside, on your deck or on the veranda at your favorite club. Bon appetit!

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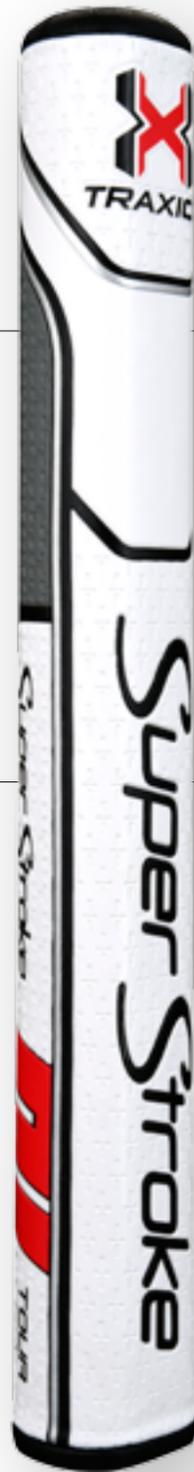


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VIDEO VILLAGE

TIM CRONIN

If you have ever doodled a design for a golf hole or three on paper, you're in good company. Some of the most accomplished designers were doing that as kids.

The inspiration in our case came from early exposure to golf on television – not that there was a lot of it when dinosaurs still roamed the earth – and the occasional diagram of a course in a newspaper, usually when the Western Open or U.S. Open was on tap.

Who couldn't draw up a golf hole, or a whole course? A bunker here, a pond or stream here, trees speckling the landscape, an arrow designating a hill, and presto, there's a par 4 Jack or Arnie would have to break a sweat to par.

In this corner, the preferred surface for the latest concoction was a new sheet

The Joy of Design

of graph paper, where you could establish the yardage per square and then, after sharpening a No. 2 pencil, go wild.

Where those Pebble Beach wanna-be layouts are today, we have no idea. But for a while a few years ago, the idea was rekindled when the word came that video golf games included a design program.

Our video game experiences began and ended with Pong, which was best experienced on an aging black-and-white Zenith, just in case it screwed up the TV. But this was different, and the plunge was taken, the fine services of ebay used to procure a copy of "Jack Nicklaus 4," seemingly the only game with a design program that could be used on a Macintosh computer.

This was graph paper golf design on steroids. Rough and fairway and bunkers and lakes and streams and sidehill lies and a Morton Arboretum's worth of flora and fauna. And, after designing a hole, you could play it, then tweak it, and rinse and repeat until it was the perfect imagined concoction or as close to a hole in existence as possible.

With diagrams, photos, and TV coverage to draw from,

Augusta National was a natural target to put on the screen. This was before the club authorized EA Sports to market a game with not only the course as it was in 2011, and an eventual later version including the course as it was in 1934, before Alister MacKenzie's original design was give more facelifts than Joan Rivers and Liz Taylor combined. (Video games have the shelf-life of last years' driver, so you have to go to ebay to find those versions today.)

One hole at a time, we drew up an Augusta National with not just tournament and members tees, but also forward tees for ladies and seniors, and a set of tees that would act as 1970s tournament tees. In went the trees – including the lone palm tree on the fourth hole and Pampas grass on the seventh, and so on. Bunkers were drawn to mimic the shapes on each hole.

It was discovered that you could spend hours fiddling with the details, from elevation changes – the most difficult thing to accomplish, and best left for last – to green shapes.

The cool part was looking at the 3D versions, seeing if the trees were the right type and height – Activision, which created the Nicklaus game, really needed more versions of pine trees – and then

playing it, knowing how the ball should react based on seeing the Masters.

It was great, until the computer crashed one day – at the 2003 U.S. Open – and everything was lost.

A laptop or two later, we still haven't loaded the program back in, but it's tempting, when watching Golf Channel and all the whiz-bang graphics on tournament telecasts these days, to give it another go. After all, the pesky uphill par-5 eighth at Augusta still hasn't been birdied. And it beats graph paper hands down.

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Furtney Scores Four-Ball Triumph

It's one thing to ham-and-egg it with a partner through a member-guest or something similarly competitive.

It's another to do so when a national title is at stake. Especially when you're still in high school.

Don't tell that to Megan Furtney of South Elgin, who preps at St. Charles North and who'll enter Duke in the fall.

National title on the line? USGA blazers everywhere? Pins planted in the bunkers – almost?

It's now been there, done that for Furtney after she and future Duke teammate Erica Shepherd collaborated to cap-

ture the U.S. Women's Amateur Four-Ball Championship on May 1 at Timuquana Country Club in Jacksonville, Fla.

Furtney and Shepherd combined for 11 birdies on the final day, knocking off Alexa Pano and Amari Avery in the morning semifinal before beating Floridians Jillian Bourdage and Casey Weidenfeld for the title in the afternoon.

Teens the 18-year-olds still are, but they had a plan for team play that the most veteran player could appreciate.

"I like to hit first every time so Megan can just kind of plan based on where I go, if she needs to play safe or if she can attack. I think that's benefitted us this week," Shepherd said after their first-round victory.

Furtney didn't come out of nowhere. She scored two top-five finishes in the IHSA Girls AA championship at St. Charles North and was pondering college plans as a freshman. She and Shepherd had teamed in the Four-Ball last year but were knocked out in the semifinals. That result added impetus to this year's effort.

Shepherd, from Greenwood, Ind., won the U.S. Girls Junior two years ago. Furtney had played in the Girls Junior four years ago, although failed to make match play. She and Shepherd played like canny veterans navigating through the five match play rounds this time, including knocking off Caroline Curtis and Ashley Gilliam in a quarterfinal match that went an extra hole.

"I've said it before and I'll say it a hundred more times," Furtney said after the title match. "We know each other's games so well and we're so good about communicating with each other on the golf course. I think we're one of the few teams who didn't use caddies this week."



Megan Furtney (left) of South Elgin and Erica Shepherd of Greenwood, Ind., pose with the trophy after winning the 2019 U.S. Women's Amateur Four-Ball at Timuquana Country Club in Jacksonville, Fla. on May 1. / Steven Gibbons, Copyright USGA

"I like to say that we caddie for each other in a sense. Being able to talk shots through and have a lot of options open is really important for us as a team."

It worked time and again. So did clutch play, and Furtney showed that on the second hole of the title match. Bunkered off the tee, she found the pin on the green was on the left side, behind a bunker. As she favors a high draw on approaches, that was in her wheelhouse, even though she was in the sand. Picking it perfectly, she hit it close, made the birdie to square the match, then birdied the third hole to go 1 up. Furtney and Shepherd never looked back en route to a 2 and 1 victory.

"They both played so amazing today," Bourdage said of the winners. "Their putting was on fire and they were just dropping birdies."

"We tried our best to keep up," Weidenfeld conceded. "I mean, we got all the way to 17, so I guess we did well."

Bourdage and Weidenfeld needed 20 holes to win their semifinal match. Furtney and Shepherd dispatched Pano and Avery 4 and 3, giving Shepherd time for a quick nap.

"We wanted to be aggressive the entire time, so just to start off and take advantage of how we refocused. We did that great, and Megan drained some birdies early," Shepherd said.

Teamwork, they call it. Furtney and Shepherd, who will be teammates the next four years, lived it for a week in Jacksonville.

"I think if one of us isn't having our best ball striking day, just to be there for mental and emotional support for your partner and be on the greens with them and tell them that they got it before every shot, I think that that can be just as helpful as sticking it inside ten feet," Shepherd said.

Look out, Atlantic Coast Conference. These two ladies have it figured out.

A Peek Inside the Rich Harvest Gates

The Western Junior, a leading indicator for the up-and-comers in the game, returns to Rich Harvest Farms on June 17-20. Defending champion Jeff Doty, who won last year at Evanston Golf Club, will be chasing elusive back-to-back titles in the world's oldest junior championship.

Down Memory Lane

Harris was a Lion

Sixty years ago, Bob Harris had a feeling.

He was finishing up his final round in the Gleneagles Chicago Open, a 2-under-par 70, though 18 strokes off winner Ken Venturi's 72-hole pace. But Harris felt new confidence.

"I'm starting to hit the ball well," Harris told his playing partners.

Usually a superb striker of the ball, Harris had said he was in a slump. The 70 turned things around, and the next day at Arlington Country Club, the 36-hole grind of the Illinois PGA Championship proved the slump was well back in the rear-view mirror.

Old Arlington, which disappeared circa 1980, wasn't a behemoth, but at 6,245 yards was testing enough to annoy those who missed fairways. Harris missed nothing. He scored a 1-under 69 in the morning, as if he was just warming up.

He was. In the afternoon, ignoring a north wind, he raced to an 8-under 62 to break the course record by three strokes and set a standard for the Illinois PGA Championship that has yet to be equaled. In fact, in the 100 years of the soiree – 97 under the current name and the first three, conducted as the Middle States PGA – there have only been three 63s, and two of those have been authored by the redoubtable Mike Small.

Harris, who won an NCAA Championship as an amateur and eventually settled in as the sage of Sunset Ridge, beat Midothian's Tony Holguin to the title by two strokes. He would win one other Illinois PGA, a pair of Illinois Opens and a record six Illinois PGA Match Play titles for 10 state majors in all, second only to Mike Small's 17 and Bill Ogden's 12.

You couldn't miss Harris on this day. He wore a yellow shirt, matching pants, and was carrying an orange putter down most every fairway, especially in the afternoon, when he missed only one green, and saved par on that hole. His other color: green, as in the \$500 first prize.

That's likely gone, but 60 years on, his record 62 still holds pride of place in the Illinois PGA.

– Tim Cronin



It hasn't been done since Dean Lind won back-to-back in 1949 and 1950.

The Western Junior will be the first of three notable amateur tournaments at Rich Harvest, the ultra-private playground in Sugar Grove owned by Jerry Rich, in as many years. In 2020, the Big Ten men's championships – with Illinois the defending champion – will play through for the first time in early May, and in 2021, the Arnold Palmer Cup will return. It was played at Rich Harvest in 2015, the last time Arnie attended the college-age U.S. vs. Europe weekend he started.

Ryder Cup Lottery Underway

The Ryder Cup has become the biggest thing in golf this side of the Masters, and maybe bigger than the annual flower show in Augusta. Barely bigger than a member-guest in Palm Beach in 1981, now scalpers have a field day with tickets.

The way to avoid scalpers for next year's Ryder Cup at Whistling Straits? Get lucky in the Ryder Cup ticket lottery. It's open at RyderCup.com now through Friday, September 13.

"The Ryder Cup is one of the few sporting events in the world where

the ticket demand requires a random selection process in order to give everyone a fair shot at witnessing sports history firsthand," Ryder Cup director Jason Mengel said. "We encourage everyone with interest in Ryder Cup tickets to fill out the registration form online, as the number of individual inquiries we've received about our random selection process indicate record-setting demand. We wish all registrants the best of luck."

Those who enter can select any or all days, including practice days. What's not yet known is how much tickets will cost or how many those winning the lottery will be allowed to buy.

The Pluck of the Irish

Irish Community Services' 18th golf fundraiser is Saturday, June 22 at Indian Boundary Golf Course in northwest Chicago. A \$150 donation gets you golf, a cart for the 2 p.m. shotgun start and dinner. For more information, call Michael Collins at (773) 282-8445 or e-mail him at mcollins@irishchicago.org; proceeds go to support services for Irish immigrants and Irish Americans in the Midwest. Last year, ICS (www.irishchicago.org) helped nearly 950 individuals through youth and senior programs, social services and immigration services.

Chip Shots

Calumet Country Club is the latest private club to go public, and the second this year, following Joliet Country Club. Calumet, a 1920 Donald Ross design with 12 holes remodeled in his style by Larry Packard and Brent Wadsworth in 1957 after the Tri-State Tollway chopped a slice away, is in Homewood, and is expected to be sold following this season and be lost to a UPS distribution center, so jump on the chance now ... Antioch Golf Club in that far northern suburb has been renamed Valley Ridge Golf Club by new owners ... Kudos to new Evans Scholar Tim Arrington of Kenwood Academy, who caddied at Jackson Park, on his selection. He's the first caddie-scholar from Jackson Park since 1993, when two were selected. The WGA pays the fees for the caddies at Jax, with tips from players encouraged.

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Human Nature

Sensitivity to the Environment Abounds in Golf

By Neal Kotlarek



Coyote Run was built on the grounds of an old course. We looked at the out of play areas and determined that we would invite nature into the scheme with things like flower beds and perennial gardens using native plants.

Ask golfers why they relish the game, and at least a part of the responses will include the magical intersection of nature and the environment. Who among us hasn't stopped mid-round to exalt in the flora and fauna that envelop holes built away from the clubhouse parking lot and through dense forests or across wetlands?

There's no denying that a great deal of science goes into the integration of golf and nature. While some of this work – specifically on environmentally sensitive areas of a project – involves oversight by regulatory agencies, other aspects are left up to golf course developers seeking to optimize the golfing experience by reducing their work's impact on indigenous plants and wildlife. While critics rightly bring up concerns about herbicides, synthetic fertilizers and pesticides, golf course owners, managers, and superintendents bring up successes in stormwater management and providing desirable habitats for various land and aquatic animals.

The folks who manage Coyote Run Golf Course in Flossmoor are so driven to environmental awareness that they regularly run "Prairie at Night" events on course premises. Golf superintendent Dave Ward provides walking tours to introduce golfers and nature lovers to the landscaping techniques used to plant native grasses and flowers across the property.

"I got interested in (sustainable landscaping) in the late 1980s," said Ward, widely considered one of the nation's preeminent golf superintendents, and the grounds boss at Olympia Fields Country Club during the 2003 U.S. Open. "Coyote Run was built on the grounds of an old



course. We looked at the out-of-play areas and determined that we would invite nature into the scheme with things like flower beds and perennial gardens using native plants."

In 1999, the Homewood-Flossmoor Park District was provided \$14 million in taxpayer funds on a "Keep it Green" referendum. This fund was partially used for land acquisition that included Cherry Hills Country Club, purchased in March 2003. Thirteen months later, Ward left Olympia Fields and a staff of over 50 to oversee the development of a municipal project with a team of 12. Coyote Run, designed by Greg Martin, was constructed on the Cherry Hills site in 2004 and opened for play in 2005 with the express goal of maintaining the golf course in an environmentally sensitive way.

Among the initiatives in the course's environmental mission are: conservation of scarce natural resources; use of organic fertilizers, flood mitigation through retention of rainwater from the golf course and surrounding neighborhoods; minimal pesticide use; preservation of natural ecosystems; a bio-solid organic fertility program; and equipment wash water recycling. Even the course's clubhouse grill has green initiatives, specifically: paper straw use only, biodegradable cutlery, and kitchen scrap compost.

Perhaps the most delightful initiative undertaken by Ward and his staff is participation in the Audubon International "Monarchs in the Rough" program. By undertaking habitat restoration projects in out-of-play areas, golf courses can provide much needed habitat for the iconic monarch butterfly population. Coyote Run plants five different species of milkweed – the plant of choice for egg-laying monarchs.

"We had a really good summer for monarchs," Ward said. "Golfers and our staff saw more monarchs flying about the area this summer over many summers past."

A few miles north in Chicago, Harborside International is undisputedly an environmental success, as its 428 acres – once literally a city blight – was turned into property that thrives with wildlife and humanity. Formerly a dump used for disposal of municipal solid waste, incinerator ash, and wastewater sludge, the land was transformed into a 36-hole championship golf complex and practice facility through the engineering wizardry of the late golf designer Dick Nugent.

The work, completed in 1995, included the moving of three million yards of dirt and the introduction of three million cubic yards of fill, seal, and topsoil. The clay material was dredged from adjoining Lake Calumet, which also resulted in the creation of a boat marina. Concrete from the concrete rubble inside the landfill was recycled for application in roadways, cart paths, embankment erosion control, and building foundations.

The end result of this land rejuvenation was two magnificent courses – the Port and the Starboard – built on top of the dump and its impervious clay seal. As tree roots would obviously break through this seal, the courses maintain a decidedly Scottish seaside look to them. That look is enhanced by large stretches of decorative fescue grasses which separate many holes and serve to tighten many tee shot landing areas. Winds also play a role in adding challenge to the course, a reason Nugent designed fairways 50 percent wider than standard. The complex is also among the highest points in the city due to the mountain of waste contained in the landfill.

In 1996, the American Academy of Environmental Engineering cited Harborside International with its top award for Superior Achievement for

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Perhaps the most delightful initiative is participation in the Audubon International "Monarchs in the Rough" program. By undertaking habitat restoration projects, golf courses can provide much needed habitat for the iconic monarch butterfly population.

A Dueling Dual on The Loop

The scene is burned into every movie fan's brain. There, leaning against a dusty old station wagon, is the city slicker plunking out a few tentative notes on his folk guitar. Across the way sitting on a porch swing, is a second musician repeating the guitarist's notes on his own instrument. Before two long, the two performers unite in a rollicking song that has everyone in the back yard dancing and clapping. The song they played became known as "Dueling Banjos" from the dramatic 1972 canoe-trip film *Deliverance*.

Three times annually, Forest Dunes Golf Club in Roscommon, Mich., hosts a duel of a different sort. Instead of guitars and banjos, this duel involves 14 golf clubs and a pair of nationally renowned 18-hole golf courses: the Red Course and the Black Course. What makes these events unique is that these two courses are on the same 1,300-acre property and play to the same greens. In fact, this duel is called The Dual in homophonic tribute to the reversible course known as The Loop and referenced by architect critic Bradley Klein as "the most interesting large-scale experiment in modern course design."

Throughout the season, this Tom Doak-designed golf course is set up to play counter-clockwise (Red Course) one day and is rearranged to play clockwise (Black Course) the next. The obvious result of this transition schedule is that guests wishing to experience both layouts need 24 hours to complete the journey. Due, however, to the quirks of the spring/summer calendar, three months per season enjoy a 31st day. On these "bonus" days in May, July and August, Forest Dunes treats 64 players to a virtual Golfpalooza in The Dual. The Black Course is set up for morning rounds and switched to the Red Course for afternoon rounds. Played in a bestball format with two-person teams, The Dual allows golfers remarkable insights on the design strategy Doak had to employ to create his reversible course.

My Dual at The Loop experience was enhanced by having a partner who had played both the Red and Black courses multiple times prior to the event. Even with that experience under our belts, we chose to employ a Forest Dunes caddie at the event who helped us immensely with sage advice on distances and on putts. The

player grasps the golf course's character immediately on the first fairway as the green on this 375-yard hole tilts dramatically from the right side into a hollow on the left side. Once on the green, I marveled at the subtle undulations that make every putting surface across the course a thrilling adventure. Place your approach shot on the wrong side of any hole and be prepared for some putts to break five or even ten feet toward the hole.

Doak was inspired by The Old Course at St. Andrews, where he toiled as a caddie as part of his architectural education, and was played in reverse regularly through the 1800s. (Tee shots on No. 1 played to the famed 17th green, and so on.) Doak had mused for years about bringing the concept to America. He found the perfect property just outside of Roscommon on land adjacent to the acclaimed Tom Weiskopf-designed Forest Dunes course. As only 18 greens were built for the course, cleared level terrain was required to allow for entrance areas from both forward and backward angles. Likewise, greens couldn't be conventionally sloped back to front so were gradually domed and given side slopes.

The end result is a single course with 85 acres of fairway (at least twice the average) and versatile green complexes which presented themselves so uniquely from my morning round that I felt compelled to verify on the scorecard that I was playing them a second time in the afternoon.

For instance, the classic Biarritz green on the Black's No. 16 features small front and back plateaus divided by a deep swale. When that same green is played on the Red, the swale is lateral and thus is no where near as intimidating a putting adventure.

From the back tees, the Black course plays to 6,704 yards while its counterpart plays to 6,805 yards, running roughly counter-clockwise around the property. In either direction, much of the course plays shorter due to fescue fairways grasses which allow tee shots to get extra kick and roll. While those seem like modest distances compared to other new courses which play to nearly 8,000 yards, The Loop's swooping bentgrass greens make the challenge less about the tee game and more about accuracy toward the correct sides of each pin placement.

In the Dual event, all 32 twosomes finish their rounds and enjoy lunch while

the course gets reset as Black for the afternoon 18. First time players to The Loop will be surprised at being served an entirely different look on No. 1 than they experienced on that same fairway just an hour or so previously. Winds that might have been at their back on 18 are now in their faces.

Played as a walking course over the first two years, The Loop will in 2019 offer electric carts to all who need them. I personally recommend walking the course as the relatively flat terrain makes for little strain. Add the fact that the massive putting surfaces call for longer walks from carts to pin positions.

While our duel at The Dual put my twosome in the top ten but out of the awards ceremony, cold drinks and great food served after the event helped us quickly forget the missed putts and off-center tee shots from the day's adventure. The Forest Dunes staff takes great pride in recognizing all participants in The Dual with names of each player hand-etched into special bag tags issued for the event. Plaques of all Dual participants are also created to hang in the clubhouse for posterity.

The Loop courses complement the stunning Forest Dunes course to create one of the finest golf complexes in the Midwest. Celebrated as a true "golfers' golf destination," the club features great food, lodging, and hospitality but no pools or spa amenities. Head PGA professional Elliott Oscar stated that Forest Dunes' culture focuses on golf and the bonds of friendship. "We like to think that a visit to our club is almost a spiritual experience," Oscar said during an interview at the Chicago Golf Show in late February. "Our guests come here to commune with nature and to get away from urban life and all other distractions. They tend to leave with relaxed smiles on their faces and with great stories to share with others."

Deadlines to participate in any of the 2019 season's three Dual at The Loop events are May 15, July 15, and August 15. Interested golfers are urged to register early as only 64 duelers at The Dual can participate.

For more information:

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The GOLFChicago Interview

Patrick Mannelly toiled 16 seasons with the Chicago Bears, albeit rather quietly, as a pure specialist – a long snapper. He stayed under the radar which was a good thing, meaning he made very few mistakes. In fact, he holds the storied organization’s record for games played at 245.

During his tenure in the NFL he fell in love with our little four-letter word. Yes, we are talking about the game of golf. After he retired in 2014, he’s gone full bore on what he likes to call “a golf problem.” He’s teed it up with a wide array of people, including a number of former Bears. Among those are his good friend Robbie Gould, for whom he was the snapper for Gould’s entire Chicago career. He plays out of Ivanhoe Golf Club near Mundelein to a salty index of 2.5.

Earlier this year it was announced that the Patrick Mannelly Award will be given out in college football for long snappers. It was a bit overdue for these specialists to get proper recognition. The long snapper is a pivotal part of the game, and those individuals who excel at this craft should be awarded. Thus, the Patrick Mannelly Award will now be spoken in the same breath as the Dick Butkus Award for the nation’s best collegiate linebacker and the Davey O’Brien Award for the best quarterback.

Mannelly has stayed relevant in football by delivering insightful contributions on WSCR Radio during Bears season. He is also the host of the award-winning Golf360 TV show on NBC Sports Chicago – the season premiere is June 9 after the Cubs-Cardinals game. Recently our Dave Lockhart, who produces Golf360, caught up to this professed golf junkie to ask him 10 questions.

Patrick Mannelly

by Dave Lockhart



1. How long have you been playing golf?

I picked up a club as a youngster with my grandfather and he would get me lessons when I would go visit him. From then on I played about once or twice a year. I really picked up the game once I got to Chicago and played with guys on the Bears.

2. What former Bears do you play golf with?

I play with Olin Kreutz the most during the golf season. I will get a few rounds in with Robbie Gould. The last few years he has been away during the golf season with whatever team he is on. I will also play one or two rounds with former Bears tight end Jim Thornton and current cornerback Kyle Fuller. I took a golf trip with my former special-teamer in punter Brad Maynard this winter. Also, I play in a few charity outings with some of the old Bears.

3. Did you play during the NFL season?

Heck yes, I played during the season. Being a long snapper you do not take the punishment guys take on Sunday so I would head out to Sunset Ridge and play with the caddie master, Greg Kunkel. I would also try to sneak out on Fridays and play a few holes after our shorter practice day. During training camp I would make a few of my teammates mad and play a round in between two-a-day practices at Kankakee Country Club.

4. Are you just as competitive about golf as you were about football?

One-hundred percent. I just love to compete. I hate losing but get over

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Excellence in Environmental Engineering. Besides hosting two courses perennially ranked among the top 10 in the metro area, the complex is also home to a 58-acre practice facility, touted as the largest driving range and practice facility in Northern Illinois. The course's golf center also hosts youth golfers 7–17 who participate in the acclaimed The First Tee of Greater Chicago life skills experience classes.

Another prominent environmental benefit of Harborside International is stormwater retention. In fact, one of the important roles all urban-area golf courses play is to accept, retain, and absorb rainwater. It is generally accepted that 20 percent of the country's 17,000 golf courses are used for stormwater and water quality treatment. The roofs, paved streets and parking lots in urban areas which hold and redirect storm runoff necessarily stress sewer systems.

According to some studies, stormwater contributes as much as 30 percent of the pollution issues in lakes, streams, and estuaries. To offset at least a portion of that burden, communities including Highland Park (Sunset Valley), Addison (The Preserve at Oak Meadows), Arlington Heights (The Bridges of Poplar Creek), and Glenview (Glenview Park) rely on municipal golf courses to serve to both detain and retain runoff.

When it was reintroduced to the public three years ago, Glenview Park in Glenview was hailed by golf writers for its improved playability, its attractive bunkering, and its contoured greens. Overlooked in many of those reviews was the meticulous engineering work performed by Libertyville-based Jacobsen Golf Course Design on rainwater diversion. The master plan for the golf course renovation project developed by the firm made the golf course the key flood mitigation resource. The end result is a course that is beautiful, fun and an ecological asset to the city.

In the west suburban city of Addison, Martin, he of Coyote Run's success, was presented a daunting challenge by the Forest Preserve District of DuPage County: thoughtfully integrate environmental benefit with a championship golf course that could withstand significant flooding events. After an arduous approval process by various agencies, the Preserve at Oak Meadows underwent a two-year environmental restoration project that improved

stormwater management and water quality for Salt Creek and enhanced the habitat for the property's fish and wildlife, while at the same time improving the quality of the golf experience. The former home to 27 golf holes, the property was reconfigured to support the detention of 20 million gallons of stormwater from the creek. Twenty-five acres of the 288-acre property was converted to new wetlands. Forty-three acres of riparian habitat were also built and 13 acres of the Salt Creek corridor were restored to improve water quality and plant and animal diversity.

The results of the work are, in a word, spectacular. The course received wide acclaim from both local and national media. Ron Whitten of *Golf Digest* pronounced the Preserve at Oak Meadows "might be the most important new golf course of 2017" due to the role in community improvement. The magazine presented the course its Green Star award given to golf facilities that "demonstrate the best in sustainable, efficient, and innovative environmental practices that every golf facility could emulate."

Environmental sensitivity by golf course owners isn't restricted to the Chicago area, of course. In Wisconsin, Sand Valley, the Mike Keiser-owned getaway near Nekoosa in the center of the state – and the middle of nowhere – has turned back the clock, decades of timber growth removed to reveal the original glacier-created sand dunes on which multiple courses have been laid. And a large portion of those 1,700 acres of former pulp tree stands will now sit fallow, allowing nature to retake them.

A little over an hour south of Sand Valley, Wild Rock Golf Club at Wilderness Resort in the Wisconsin Dells was carefully crafted by renowned design team Michael Hurdzan and Dana Fry, who wove holes between trees, around wetlands, over ponds, and even across an abandoned quarry.

"The famous sandstone of the Dells is not part of our landscape here on Wild Rock property," superintendent Michael J. Blazich said. "It is nearby and all around but specifically the golf course land is a glacial till and the beautiful topography of the golf course is known as 'end moraines' where the glaciers in this area stopped. As far as flora and fauna they are comprised mostly of what is typical in Wisconsin. The difference is on the golf course the wildlife is protected in a virtual sanctuary where

no hunting is allowed and only invasive weed species are managed."

Wild Rock's spectacular 15th hole crosses a quarry. Or, what had been a quarry.

"Like with any area where man eliminates influence, nature returns quickly," Blazich said. "The quarry hole is no different. During construction of hole 15, we took great care to limit our impact. Our goal was to fit the hole to the land provided so nature and the area wildlife would remain as a part of that area.

"Once completed, wildlife returned and now flourishes in that area. Today our challenge, because we limit golfer access to the quarry, is maintaining sight lines to the green as trees tend to grow which reduces visual appeal and shot value of the hole."

Both wildlife and the native plants are taken into consideration when caring for the golf course, Blazich explained. "It started with Hurdzan and Fry creating numerous routing ideas to help minimize the disturbance to the natural topography but still create awe inspiring views on almost every tee box," Blazich said. "We focused on selecting disease resistant grass for tee boxes, fairways, and greens that require less fertilizer and maintenance; using fescue grass to large areas of meadow that do not affect play and create the perfect habitat for animals and birds; and creating several water features throughout the property. The plants and animals which reside here are the beneficiaries of all these important early decisions. Since the completion of construction in the fall of 2007, we have maintained environmentally sound maintenance practices and always make calculated decisions to reduce our impact."

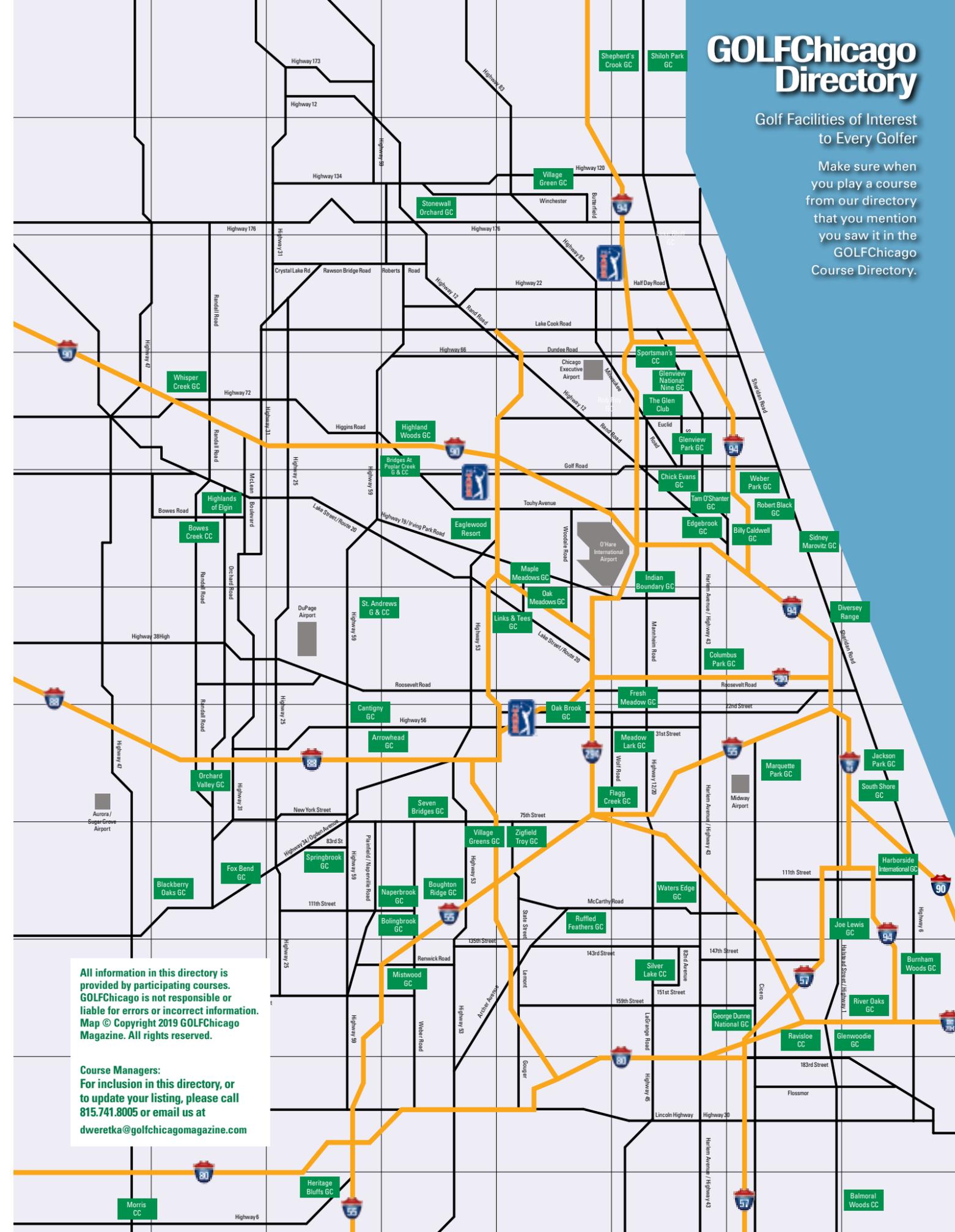
All this has been highlighted by the recent opening of a trail to show off the beauty of the property. It's obvious to the golfers as well.

"During a round of golf don't be surprised when you see whitetail deer, red fox, turkeys and the occasional eagle," Blazich said. "In addition, Monarch butterflies are prevalent thanks to the healthy population of milkweed throughout the property's fescue areas, and several species of migratory birds which utilize our water features. The most interesting was a black swan which took up residence for a few days in the four-acre pond along our fourth hole. We were hoping he/she would stay to help control the resident goose population, but no such luck."

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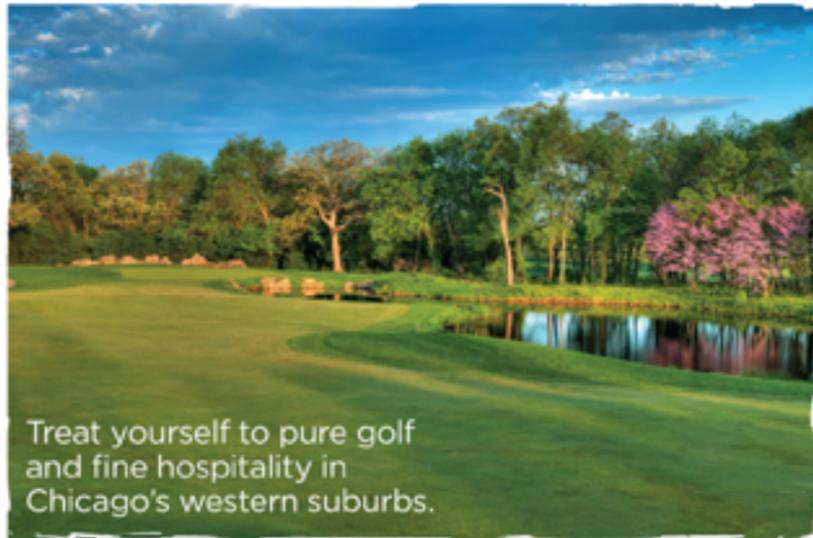
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Patrick Mannelly

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it quickly knowing I can get back out there and play again soon. It also helps to go to the 19th hole for a large craft brew after a round!

5. Tell us about this new long snapper award that's going to be given out in your name. How proud are of this new honor?

It is always nice to be recognized, but the Mannelly Award is truly about the young snappers. When I started playing with the Bears in 1998 not all 32 teams had a position designated to the long snapping position. A back up tight end, linebacker, or O-lineman did the job. Now all 32 teams have a long snapper and that is all he does. Back in college in 2004 about one percent of colleges gave out scholarships to a long snapper; now it is close to 80 percent. I love that the position is getting recognition, and college snappers have something to compete for and to get the

appreciation they deserve.

6. Do you take lessons?

I do work with an instructor his name is Kiel Alderink (he's recognized as a Top Teacher Under 40 in America by *Golf Digest*). The past two years are the first time I have stuck with a teacher. I have also done some work with the great Dr. Jim Suttie.

7. What are the strengths of your game?

Hmm, depends on the day. Ha ha! But I think my consistency is the one. I can keep the ball in the ballpark and make a lot of pars. I usually sprinkle in a birdie or two.

8. Does being a former professional athlete help you in any way on the course?

Yes it has helped me in pressure situations: money games, club tournaments. I always look back at some situations I have been in on the field and just tell myself this is just a recreational game, not the real thing. I love playing Scotch games!

9. What are your favorite golf destinations?

My No. 1 is Bakers Bay in the Bahamas. And I was fortunate to take a trip to Southern Ireland with seven other buddies and play that circuit of courses. Old Head, Waterville, Doonbeg, Ballybunion, Lahinch, and Dukes. Bandon Dunes is right up there too! Bucket list? I think Augusta and Pine Valley are probably No. 1 and 2 on everyone's list. I want to play the Pebble Beach circuit as well. I am headed to Cabot Links later this summer and can't wait to see that course.

10. Why do you like hosting Golf360 TV on NBC Sports Chicago?

I enjoy golf so much – I love talking about it, being around it, and learning more about it. It's also fun to see different courses, check out the latest equipment, and meet all of the interesting people involved in this great game!

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Reilly on Trump the Golfer

Donald Trump is not a laugh riot, but his golf exploits are, and Rick Reilly concentrates on that part of the 45th president's life – controversial yet essentially harmless – in *Commander In Cheat – How Golf Explains Trump*, which lives up to both its title and subtitle.

We find that Trump not only used the foot wedge as a 15th club when he was a mere private real-estate mogul, he uses it now, presidential oath and all, and the Secret Service agents protecting him do as well. They would take a bullet for him, but don't want to hear the complaints from the boss if one of his drives was found in the rough. At

Winged Foot, where he's a member, the caddies came up with a nickname for him: Pele.

According to Reilly, who has both played with Trump and talked to many who have, The Donald is a master of the hand wedge. Scooting ahead on his golf cart – which he often drives on the green, whether it's his course or not – he'll find his ball in a bunker that's shielded from the rest of the group. He'll walk into the pit with a club, waggle and take a swing, then walk to the hole and magically pull a ball out of the cup. The one he palmed in the bunker.

That maneuver can take strokes off your handicap, though Trump takes care of that anyway. When he posts a score – he posted only 20 times in the seven years before the book went to press – he seems to put down whatever he can get away with. He was listed as a 2.8 at press time though everyone he plays with thinks he's from an eight to a 10, which is outstanding for someone 72 playing from the white tees. But it's not good enough for him.

Why lie? Because he always has. One need only consult a newspaper or the evening news to figure out he's a world-class prevaricator, and always

has been, because he needs to come out on top.

"It had to have started very early in his development," Reilly quotes a Harvard psychiatrist who penned a book on Trump himself.

When Reilly inked weekly essays for *Sports Illustrated*, and later fortnightly for ESPN, he often tried too hard, turning phrases the way a baker twisted pretzels. It was too much, too often. The bon mots crashed together like chocolates on Lucy's assembly line. But in *Commander In Cheat*, Reilly writes at a more languid pace. There's plenty of the funny, but plenty of facts and astute observations as well.

For instance, that Trump admitted that sales of cashmere and other goods at Trump Turnberry, as he rechristened the famed Scottish resort, dropped like lead weights when he ordered the original lighthouse logo dropped in favor of the family crest and "Trump Turnberry" emblazoned on everything. He read the bottom line and, wrote Reilly, "somebody convinced Trump to get rid of his logo and go back to the old one without his name." Sales rebounded. The Trump-monikered stuff? "It all hit the clearance sale table," an employee told Reilly.

You don't find that out unless you go there. Reilly did his diligence on this book, interviewing former employees of Trump courses, many who had teed it up with Trump before and after he was elected, and those who had interactions with him in both the business and golf realms.

Oh, and that family crest that came off the Turnberry goods? He stole it from the family that built Mar-a-Lago, his winter and weekend hangout in Palm Beach.

Why are you not surprised?

Commander In Cheat
By Rick Reilly
Hachette Books
244 pages
\$28.00

Everything Old is New Again

As you enter Sonoma county from the south on California 121, one of the first wineries you encounter is Cline Cellars, and there could hardly be a better introduction to the Carneros AVA.

Even as a young teenager, Fred Cline learned to make wine from his grandfather, Valeriano Jacuzzi (yes, he of the hydrotherapy tub, as well as many other innovations). With a \$9000 inheritance from Valeriano, in 1981 Cline founded the eponymous Cline Cellars in Oakley, California.

The winery was relocated to its current location in 1991. The property is the original site of the Mission San Francisco de Solano, the 21st and final of the historic California missions. Although the mission was moved in 1823, the Cline tasting room is located in a rustic 1850s farmhouse that is original to the property, surrounded by spring-fed ponds and thousands of rose bushes. The vineyards also reflect this history, with vines ranging from 80 to 120 years old.

Cline is one of the first of the pioneering Rhone Rangers, a group dedicated to wines from the grapes of the Côtes du Rhône in France (ironic for a boy with an Italian grandfather, no?)

Cline also has been a pioneer in sustainable farming. It is the second-largest completely solar-powered winery in California. Natural cover crops are used to nourish the soils, sheep and goats roam freely as they graze on weeds, and compost teas are used as fertilizer. "We'd be considered 'organic' if we wanted to follow the rules of the government," said Cline. "We are actually *more* sustainable [than the law calls for] by not following their organic rules." He calls his methods "beyond organic."

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Excellent as a well-chilled aperitif, or pair it with raw oysters, lobster Newburg, or planked salmon.

2017 Ancient Vines Zinfandel \$20
The grapes for this Zin were planted by Italian and Portuguese immigrants in the sandy, phylloxera-resistant soils of Oakley, California, more than 100 years ago. Ancient, indeed. This dusty-ruby colored wine is lively and supple, with raspberry and baked stone fruit aromas. Tart cherry predominates on the medium-full body, complemented by medium tannins, moderate vanilla oak, and just a hint of pepper.

Serve this up with venison sausage and smoked gouda pizza, Kentucky burgoo, or barbecued duck.



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Bandon Dunes, Me, and Mr. G



Few things in life are as raucously entertaining as a buddy movie. Indeed, it was impossible to take one's eyes off the screen when Robert Redford and Paul Newman teamed up in *Butch Cassidy and The Sundance Kid* and *The Sting*. Or when Jack Lemmon and Tony Curtis starred in the cross-dressing comedy *Some Like it Hot*. More recently, the brilliant casting of Bradley Cooper, Ed Helms, and Zach Galifianakis in *The Hangover* movies made for lots of laughs and a slew of unforgettable scenes involving house tigers, Mike Tyson, and facial tattoos.

The reason all of these films work is the mysteriously powerful bond held between the characters both when they are engaged in mindless banter and when they are – inevitably, in all such flicks – on the run either from the law or from the bad guys.

While few of us are as dashing or witty as those movie characters, golfers form unique and sometimes magical bonds of their own during junkets and bucket-list trips among friends. Somehow, somehow, the combination of golf, food, cold beverages, and good friends inevitably produces an intoxicating amount of laughter, relaxation, and long-lasting memories.

Over the years, I've had the privilege of attending a number of such golf sprees involving groups of friends both large and small. While a few of those trips took place in famous golf destinations like Pebble Beach and Myrtle Beach, others transpired in slightly less renowned destinations like Augusta, Mich., and Green Lake, Wis. The locale eventually seems to play a subordinate role to the quality of the golf experiences and the stories shared among the participants.

My most recent buddy trip occurred last year at one of the most popular out-of-the-way golf destinations in America. Precisely two decades ago, Oregon's Bandon Dunes was introduced as a golf course of uncommon beauty located far, far away from both the madding and unmadding crowds. A little over 20 years ago, greeting card entrepreneur Mike Keiser found a large swatch of coastland in a community known more for kite surfing than for golf. Since that time, the original Bandon Dunes course has been joined by three other terrific courses along with a par-3 course to become a premier golf complex which in 2020 will host the U.S. Amateur championship.

Any grumbling our foursome had over the 2.5-hour drive from the Eugene airport ceased

immediately as we pulled into the parking lot and gazed over the stunning Bandon Dunes golf landscape. Magnificent views of the Pacific Ocean are available across many of the courses with some holes literally seaside.

Our caddies during the five-day junket congratulated each of us on our good fortune to avoid rain each and every day of play. The yin of the Bandon Dunes yang, we learned quickly, is that at certain times of the year, no rain means plenty of wind. How much is plenty? While not enough to push balls off the greens, thankfully, but enough to make putting into the wind and against it a true art in distance control. Virtually every shot taken during one of these days requires some additional calculations for wind factors.

While each of the four championship courses are celebrations of great golf architecture, our two favorites were the two courses on the water – the original Bandon Dunes course and the Tom Doak-designed Pacific Dunes. Two consecutive holes on the back nine – Nos. 10 and 11 – on the Doak course may be the most gorgeous pair of par 3s in golf as their tees look out over the mighty blue waters of the ocean.

In between occasional pars, birdies, an eagle, and a slew of unmentionables, our group communed with nature, our caddies, and one another. Tim was far and away the star of the foursome as he stayed near par on every round. Mike and Stu and I didn't play nearly as well as Tim but came to savor every hole that didn't involve a lost ball, a double bogey or yet another remarkable shot to the flagstick by Tim.

Our final full day at Bandon Dunes was made even more memorable by a chance encounter with saxophone superstar Kenny G playing in the foursome behind ours. Following the round, someone casually approached us and invited us to enjoy a small reception in the clubhouse that evening. As the sun set through the clubhouse window and the ocean glistened in the distance, we were treated to the sweet sounds of Mr. G blowing tunes for just the 20 golfers in the room. Mike looked at the rest of our foursome from across the table, raised his glass in a toast and asked the question: "Can it get any better than this?"

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