

On a Mission

Readers of this publication have become quite familiar with the outstanding golf experiences across all of Northern Michigan, including the likes of Treetops Resort in Gaylord; Shanty Creek Resort in Bellaire; and Crystal Mountain in Thompsonville. But wine-loving golf enthusiasts will be genuinely surprised and delighted to discover the quality and diversity that comes out of Old Mission Point Peninsula, a short drive from the bustling community of Traverse City.

Anyone who's assumed that California is the standard for spectacular wines from the U.S. may reconsider that classification following a visit to just a handful of the eight wineries that rest on Michigan's 45th parallel. Also known as Traverse City's Wine Trail, these fascinating and elegant vineyards have been producing outstanding dry whites, dry reds, cherry wines, and rosé wines for decades.

While Midwesterners' golf opportunities are limited to a scant seven months, the pursuit of a great Michigan vintage is year 'round. The best time to visit, perhaps, is near the end of the grape-growing season in late summer and early fall when vines are weighed down with ripe fruit. But the vineyards across the

peninsula schedule fun activities across all seasons. One of the biggest events held here is the "Mac & Cheese Bake-Off" on November 29, when America's favorite comfort food receives an upgrade at the hands of Northern Michigan chefs. Each dish is expertly paired with an Old Mission Peninsula wine. Tickets sell out almost immediately upon release. Many of these events are geared towards the entire family along with couples and groups.

I recently visited six of the peninsula's eight wineries:

2 Lads The northernmost winery on the peninsula produced a superb 2012 sparkling pinot grigio that can be paired with most any dish. The winery uses the traditional champagne method to make its sparkling wines, so that small, elegant bubbles are created right inside the bottle. For my taste, 2 Lads makes the best sparkling pinot grigio produced on the peninsula.

In a nod to the trendy, the 2013 Cabernet Franc Rosé is light and fun.

Chestnuts from trees on the property provide a complementary taste treat at wine tastings.

Black Star Farms Like the majority of the wineries on the peninsula, Black Star's best-selling varietal is the ever-popular Riesling.

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Their winemaking approach is much like the quintessential style of that grape found in Germany and Austria. The 45th parallel that encircles the globe midway between the equator and the North Pole provides the perfect growing climate for the Riesling grape.

Another Black Star Farms offering, the Arcturos Sur Lie Chardonnay provides the perfect taste balance between buttery and fruity.

Bowers Harbor Perhaps the most complex wines produced on the peninsula are found in the vineyards on Bowers Harbor. Although most of this region is renowned for its whites, a few standouts such as Bowers Harbor have been acclaimed for reds as well. The 2012 Cabernet Franc is excellent now, but will become fabulous in 10 to 12 years. The 2012 Langley red, kept in French-oak barrels for 18 months, is available in small quantities.

Conveniently, many of the Bowers Harbor wines can be found at Whole Foods across the Chicagoland area.

Brys Estate Vineyard and Winery Looking for an elegant and state-of-the-art tasting experience? The Brys Estate Vineyard is the place to find it. A newly-built deck overlooking the vineyards features delectable smoked gouda, prosciutto, and dry salami served on cheese and charcuterie boards. Wine enthusiasts will swoon inside the swank Brys Estate tasting room.

Chanteau Chantal Experience Bed and Breakfast at its best at this 65-acre estate overlooking East and West Grand Traverse Bay. Stunning views at morning's earliest light are complemented by soft-jazz sunset concerts. Chanteau Chantal is open year 'round for wine tasting and overnight stays.

Chateau Grand Traverse This spectacular vineyard, celebrating 40 years, today produces 1.32 million bottles of wine per year across its 120-acre estate. The property's best-selling wine is the Dry Riesling, which is complex and surprisingly affordable [\$13]. This wine won a Gold Medal from San Francisco and Riverside in 2013.

The 2013 Lot 49 Riesling is one of the most unique wines produced in the peninsula, and is made from hand-picked grapes. Only a few hundred cases are made annually.

ARIZONA CHICAGO'S SOUTHWESTERN OASIS

Mention golf and the Sonoran desert, and players immediately envision a towering saguaro cactus reaching for the sunshine, while the desert floor painted in rich greens takes golfers on a step-stone journey. For Chicago's snowbirds, the mild winter season in Arizona is one of the reasons to own a traveling bag for your golf clubs.

This is *the* destination for golfers. Flights from Chicago's airports are usually direct, and that translates into an "off the tarmac" round soon after you sign for that rental car.

If you spend a little time on the practice green, you'll quickly discover that one of the fastest-growing states is filling with former Chicagoans that voted with their feet against snowplows and window-scraping and have relocated to the desert.

The golf courses of Arizona are not unlike the Sonoran Desert; despite a harsh climate, abundant wildlife and native plants thrive in this environment. As do the golf courses and resorts.

If you aren't attending a spring-training game, hiking around Tucson, or shopping in Scottsdale, an exciting round of golf is just minutes away.

You will find much more than bunkers and tee boxes while on holiday in Arizona. The desert has hundreds of species of living creatures that are not in the Midwest, including jaguars near Tucson. A snow-ball-season getaway to the painted deserts of Arizona should include a half-day Sonoran Desert Tour from Desert Wolf Tours. The excursions are truly unique in that guests (over the age of 18) do the driving in Tomcars, which were originally developed for use by the Israeli Defense Forces special operations units. Desert Wolf Tours owns a fleet of these vehicles that guests self-pilot during guided tours through the beautiful Sonoran Desert. Participants experience the Sonoran Desert up close, where they may see javalinas, desert mule deer, coyotes, rattlesnakes and more. Visit Desert Wolf Tours' website at www.desertwolftours.com.

Most PGA Tour fans are somewhat familiar with The Fairmont Scottsdale Princess thanks to its affiliation with the PGA Tour's Waste Management Phoenix Open. For one week each year, it is the epicenter of golf's "Greatest Show on Grass." However, for the other 51 weeks, the Fairmont Scottsdale Princess is known to sophisticated golf travelers as the ultimate desert oasis.

Whether you are looking to play a round, pamper yourself at a resort, play a PGA Tour course, or chase a white ball in a jaguar's backyard, Arizona golf provides a great escape from frostbite and flurries. Be sure to make this the year you soak in the warmth of Arizona.



ENCHANTMENT RESORT AND SEVEN CANYONS

Surrounded by the towering red rock walls of Boynton Canyon in Sedona, Enchantment Resort combines the rugged grandeur of the Southwest with equal parts luxury and Native American culture. It's a hideaway like no other. All guest rooms and suites are within casitas that feature beautiful hardwood floors, regional décor and magnificent views. All accommodations have private decks, some offer kitchenettes and include kiva fireplaces. The

18-hole championship course, boasts of incredible scenery within 100,000 acres of pristine National Forest land and towering red rock canyons. Designed by Tom Weiskopf, this par-70 course is situated at 4,600 feet which delivers mild temperatures year-round. A challenging, rewarding layout, it measures 6,746 yards from the championship tees and has subtle contours and small greens, narrow landing areas and artfully placed bunkers, and

Mindful Golf Meditation, and Golf & the Law of Attraction which are designed to improve your game. To relax post-game, there's the Seven Canyons Champion (a winning combination of hydrotherapy, massage, and reflexology), the Competitor's Facial, Reflexology, and the Herbal Detox Poultice massage.

"We are excited to welcome Seven Canyons to Enchantment Group's portfolio of award-winning properties," said Mark Grenoble, President and CEO of Enchantment Group. "Ranked among the top residential courses in the country, Seven Canyons complements Enchantment Group's equally revered Enchantment Resort and Mii amo Spa."

The Resorts delicious cuisine at a choice of options, all with breathtaking views, is an added highlight at this canyon retreat. The signature restaurant, Che Ah Chi, features modern American cuisine using many Arizona-sourced ingredients. Tii Gavo features Southwestern-inspired fare, and View 180 offers small plates for sharing with wines by the glass and specialty cocktails.

Camp Coyote is Enchantment Resort's program designed to educate and entertain children ages 4 to 12. Trained counselors guide

camp-goers in exciting activities that explore the region's culture and natural environment. Highlights include nature walks, and Native American influenced arts and crafts including sand painting, beadwork, or weaving dream catchers.

For meetings and gatherings of 10 to 400 the Meeting Village comprises more than 13,000 square feet of indoor meeting space, including 11 function rooms, an expansive executive board room, three ballrooms with patios and floor-to-ceiling windows, and versatile smaller function spaces. An additional 20,000 sq. ft. of outdoor venue space offers dramatic scenery and starry skies.

There are a number of specials and packages available at the property – including two that include golf as part of the experience:

Spa and Golf Package

This package includes a luxurious guest room at Enchantment Resort, breakfast each morning, a 60-minute spa service at Mii amo, and one round of golf at Seven Canyons, the private Tom Weiskopf-designed golf course each day you stay.

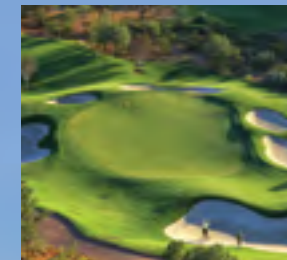
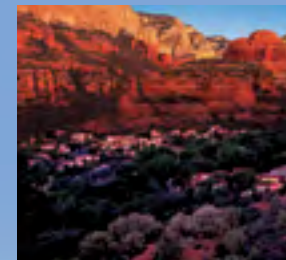
Fairway Getaway Package

Enjoy exclusive access to Seven Canyons golf course, designed by Tom Weiskopf, during your stay at Enchantment Resort in a luxurious guestroom, breakfast each morning and one round of golf with each night's stay.

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experience is complete in every way; choose from more than 100 activities a week including hiking, mountain biking, tennis and swimming. Enjoy dining at a variety of distinctive restaurants, all amid glorious settings. Experience Mii amo, a destination spa at Enchantment which has recently be named #2 in the World by the readers of *Travel + Leisure*, where life-enhancing treatments leave you feeling nurtured and restored.

Adjacent Seven Canyons, Enchantment's exclusive

water features. Seven Canyons has been acclaimed as one of America's 50 Greatest Golf Retreats by *Golf Digest* and is consistently ranked as one of the best.

Enchantment guests can enjoy "Member for a Day" privileges with access to the Performance Center and complimentary club transfers and storage. Resort guests may also enjoy "Seven Treatments for Seven Canyons Golfers," a new collection of treatments designed by Mii amo, that include Yoga for Golfers,



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At Wildfire Golf Club, Faldo Championship and Palmer Signature courses are sure to challenge golfers

of every level and thrill with their rugged desert setting.

The par-71 Faldo Championship Course was designed by three-time Masters and three-time British Open champ Nick Faldo. Carved into the Sonoran desert, the Faldo Course features a total of 6,846 yards, generous fairways, and

ample landing areas for the not-so-straight and narrow golf swing, keeping golfers out of the surrounding desert flora. Designed with the help of Schmidt-Curley Golf Course Design, the course affords stunning views of the McDowell Mountains,

Camelback Mountain and Piestewa Peak.

The 7,145-yard, par-72 Palmer Signature Course, designed by Arnold Palmer, features generous fairways and large, undulating bent grass greens. The vast 151-acre layout meanders through picturesque arroyos with centuries-old saguaro cactus. Five different tee markers allow guests to test their game and improve their range.

In addition, Wildfire Golf Club features the finest in practice facilities, including an all-grass driving range, putting and chipping greens, a green-side practice bunker, and state-of-the-art GPS in all golf carts.

Four acres of turquoise pools, including a meandering

lazy river, 89-foot water slide, and interactive dancing fountains for little ones will delight families looking to relax. The grand Wildfire pool, topped by glowing fire at night, is the resort's largest pool and serves as a beacon in the center of the shimmering waterways.

With an abundance of eateries to choose from, guests will find that JW Marriott Desert Ridge Resort & Spa has redefined resort dining. From elegant Italian cuisine in Tuscany to steaks and seafood at Meritage Steakhouse, southwest American fare at stonegrill, handcrafted small plates and cocktails at twenty6 lounge, and gourmet poolside fare at Just a Splash, the dining options are varied for pleasing the entire family.

The world-class Revive Spa offers a diverse menu of spa experiences that incorporate beautiful, tranquil settings and indigenous flora into signature treatments where ancient rituals join cutting-edge techniques. Guests will enjoy the dramatic Sanctuary swimming pool lined with rows of towering palms and relaxing in private cabanas.

Treatments run the gamut from Swedish massages and facials to such innovative body treatments as the Turquoise Blue Sage Body Ritual, which uses the energies of indigenous turquoise gemstones to offer a deeply relaxing experience for the body and soul.

In addition to spa services, a spacious, fully-equipped indoor fitness club offers strength training, cardiovascular workouts and classes such as yoga, Tai Chi and Pilates.

Enterprising shoppers will want to visit nearby malls including Desert Ridge Marketplace and High Street. The beautiful open-air malls allow guests to experience Arizona's spectacular year-round climate with everything from boutiques to special bargains.

The Sonoran desert provides plenty of walking and hiking trails that are bursting with exploration opportunities.

Pinnacle Peak and its 150-acre park offer trail signs to describe the flora, fauna, geology and cultural history of the area. Camelback, named for its camel-shaped rock formation, provides moderate to challenging hiking trails within its 75.8-acre park.

Hikers who appreciate the desert scenery will also want to visit the resort's Desert Botanical Garden. With more than 20,000 plants and cacti, the garden features a one-third-mile Discovery Trail.

Those in search of a little culture will enjoy a visit to Taliesin West in nearby Scottsdale. The former winter home of Frank Lloyd Wright, this architectural masterpiece showcases the famed architect's ability to blend buildings and natural environments.

Arizona is rich in Native American heritage and the Heard Museum's world-renowned Native American art and artifact collection is the best place to see, hear, and touch your way to the past.

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RANCHO MAÑANA GOLF CLUB

An Experience that Truly Represents the Uniqueness of Golf in the Arizona Desert

Rancho Mañana Golf Club, located in the high Sonoran Desert in historic Cave Creek, Arizona, boasts some of the state's most breathtaking views and challenging holes of golf. Situated along an original Pony Express stop and U.S. Cavalry watering hole, Rancho Mañana Golf Club has continually ranked among *Golf Digest's* "Places

views. Nowhere else in the Valley of the Sun can a golfer simultaneously view picturesque images of Camelback Mountain, Mummy Mountain, Squaw Peak, Black Mountain, South Mountain, and the dramatic Tonto National Forest, with its distinctive Elephant Butte.

Golfers then begin to meander back towards the site of a

unspoiled desert terrain, Rancho Mañana is well known for its fairness and playability for golfers of all abilities. Built in the late 1980s, the course has had time to mature, and a few key renovations throughout its history have improved it with age. The recently renovated bunkers provide just the right amount of challenge without creating undue stress caused by shoulder-deep traps sometimes encountered in the game.

It's easy to see why the course has won so many accolades, including making the list of "America's Top 50 Courses for Women" by *Golf Digest* in 2010. Most holes don't have extensively long forced carries from the tees and the

same is true for nearly all the greens that are accepting of low bouncing shots hit short of the green. The course was also selected as being in the top 10 courses in Arizona by *Ranking Arizona Magazine* during the same year.

The 19th hole is usually of equal importance to the golf course itself for any golf experience, and the Tonto Bar and Grill is only a few short steps away and captures the rustic desert ambiance of years gone by with hand-carved beams of the historic ranch ceiling still in place. With two dining areas inside and a covered patio overlooking the

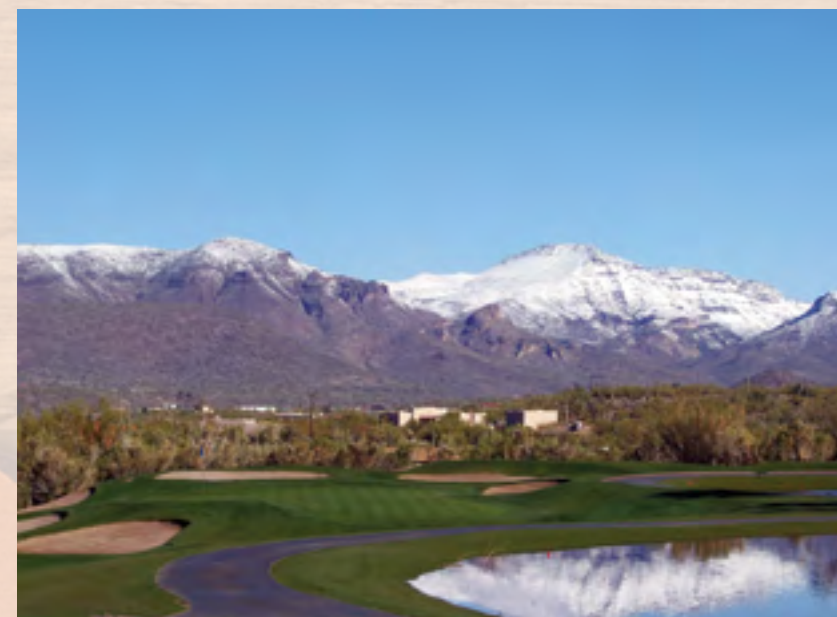
11th green, the facility certainly provides a cozy spot to relax after an enjoyable day on the links.

In addition to offering cold beverages, great care is taken to ensure the menu is second to none and that it fully embraces the local flavors of the southwest. Chef Eric Platt and his staff also aim to preserve Arizona's heritage through our cuisine and by sharing the stories of our property's past. They fuse Southwestern and Native American ingredients and present them in a warm, welcoming atmosphere rich in Arizona lore. Many areas of the restaurant feature historic photos of the property from the years as one of Arizona's most successful dude ranches in the 1940s.

The restaurant has also received numerous awards and accolades, including being honored by *PHOENIX Magazine* in their list of the valley's Top 100 Restaurants, and a continuous honor from *Wine Spectator Magazine* due to the extensive wine selections that are available.

Rancho Mañana is an experience that truly represents the uniqueness of golf in the Arizona Desert. For tee times, call Rancho Mañana Golf Club at 480-488-0398 or visit www.ranchomanana.com. For restaurant reservations/information, call Tonto Bar & Grill at 480-488-0698.

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To Play" and is regarded as "One of Arizona's Most Scenic Golf Courses." Convenient to most Scottsdale and Phoenix resorts and hotels, the course has become a valley favorite of visitors from around the country due to its unique beauty and native surroundings.

From the first hole, the front nine takes golfers through the Town of Cave Creek's name sake, Cave Creek Wash, one of the last remaining riparian areas in the state. Each subsequent hole ventures upward to higher elevations, where one can witness some of the state's most breathtaking

once-thriving, western dude ranch—now the clubhouse and restaurant facilities, with their original, rustic structures. From there, Rancho Mañana's back nine allows one to encounter a slightly different experience, as golfers work their way around a lush oasis of water-guarded holes with 360 degrees of unobstructed mountain views, where Mother Nature's vast array of wildlife can be found, including the likes of bobcats, roadrunners, rabbits, and mule deer.

Although the par 70 layout features dramatic elevation changes and acres of



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Built in 1912 by Chandler founder Dr. Alexander J.

space and outstanding guest service have made it one of the region's most desirable locations for group outings, tournaments, business seminars, association meetings, and other special events.

The resort is better than ever following a multi-million-dollar restoration project spearheaded by leading golf course management company

have been re-shaped and re-designed, with new sand added and drainage installed in each bunker to ensure premium playing conditions year-round; and the entire property has been re-landscaped with spectacular indigenous flora and fauna to enhance the esthetics. The result is a strategically-diverse and visually stunning layout that

club's spectacular clubhouse facility is being completely re-designed, with an expected completion date of October 31. As was the case with the golf course, great care is being taken to preserve the historic elegance and charm of the clubhouse while adding state-of-the-art conveniences and amenities. Clubhouse facilities include a world-class golf shop, bar and grill, and a variety of lounges and banquet venues. Other amenities include an expansive golf practice facility, an ideal locale for perfecting every aspect of players' games.

A variety of new membership options have recently been unveiled for local golfers and frequent travelers, along with an array of attractively-priced stay and play packages featuring nightly accommodations at the Crowne Plaza San Marcos Golf Resort, breakfast for two, and one round of golf per person per night, starting at just \$229 a night. Rates are based on double occupancy on a space-available basis. Managed by HRI Lodging (HRIL), the resort features 248 rooms and more than 35,000 square feet of flexible meeting and event space. Amenities include delicious on-site dining, an outdoor pool, a 24-hour business center, tennis courts, and a fitness center.

The Crowne Plaza® San Marcos Golf Resort is located at 1 N. San Marcos Place in Chandler. For tee time reservations, to book a stay and play package, or for more information on tournaments and events, please call (800) 528-8071 or visit www.sanmarcosresort.com.

Chandler as the centerpiece to a master planned community, the Mission Revival-style San Marcos Resort is renowned for offering the state's first grass golf course. In stark contrast to most traditional desert target golf courses, the par-72, 6640-yard San Marcos Golf Course features lush, salt cedar and palm tree-lined fairways, undulating manicured greens, sparkling water features and an abundance of indigenous flora and fauna. Its stunning beauty and superb playability have attracted numerous presidents, dignitaries, and celebrities over the years, while its abundance of accompanying banquet

Touchstone Golf, designed to modernize and significantly elevate the golf course and clubhouse amenities while preserving the unique character and charm of the original property. To bring the already-spectacular championship golf course up to today's standards, a state-of-the-art new irrigation system and pump station have been installed to create five-star conditions and promote more efficient water use; a number of holes have been lengthened to make the course more challenging from the back tees; the majority of the tee box complexes have been enlarged and re-designed to improve playability; all 44 bunkers

offers an enjoyable challenge for golfers of all playing abilities. The finishing touches are currently underway, with the "new and improved" golf course scheduled for completion by November 1, 2014. "The Crowne Plaza® San Marcos Golf Resort has a storied history as one of the state's oldest and most treasured recreational amenities, and with Touchstone Golf's help, we plan to continue providing hotel guests, daily fee golfers and semi-private members with superlative golf, dining and event experiences," said Interwest Capital Senior Asset Manager Brandon Wolsic. Complementing the golf course renovations, the

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SCOTTSDALE RANKED AMONG NATION'S PREMIER GOLF DESTINATIONS

One can imagine that a number of fellow soldiers thought U.S. Army Chaplain Winfield Scott had misplaced his marbles when he purchased 640 acres of Arizona property back in 1888. Even if the asking price of \$3.50 per acre seemed reasonable, the land was located in the Sonoran Desert where the primary residents at the time were lizards, scorpions, and diamondback rattlesnakes.

Six years later, the town of Scottsdale was named after its founder. By 1910, railroad-roadbed contractor William J. Murphy sized up the potential to make the budding community into a tourist destination. He proceeded to build an elegant resort named the Ingleside Club. In a true stroke of genius, Murphy determined that golf would be one of the amenities offered at the property. Following Murphy's death, his son Ralph relocated part of the resort and built a full-sized grass golf course to replace his father's sand course. Parts of that course continue to exist almost 100 years later at what is now called Arizona Country Club.

If only Winfield Scott and the two Murphy's were around today to witness the results of their visionary efforts. Scottsdale is now home to 250,000 residents and nearly 200 golf courses. Many Chicagoans, of course, have witnessed the evolution of Scottsdale into a premier golf destination as generations have flocked to the area as either a second residence or as a winter getaway. Since the golf boom, they have been treated to celebrated designs by Coore/Crenshaw, Tom Weiskopf, Pete Dye, Jack

Nicklaus and Rees Jones. Most national golf magazines place at least six of the area's layouts on their list of top 100 public golf courses in the nation.

In addition to those featured here, the Scottsdale Golf Group, manages a number of the area's top properties. The Group's other public offerings include Painted Mountain and Hillcrest. Private clubs they manage include Red Mountain Ranch, Corte Bella, and River Crossing.

Legend Trail Golf Club

Known across the country as the "Open Doctor" for his renovation work on championship layouts, Rees Jones placed his full design talents on display in the construction of this breathtaking property which opened in 1995. Located in North Scottsdale, Legend Trail Golf Club offers slightly cooler temperatures due to the elevation changes, while TifEagle ultra-dwarf greens provide a pure roll and an amiable challenge that seems to capture a bit of Scottsdale's Old West spirit. Legend Trail Golf Club is a challenging and fair test situated within a scenic, natural Arizona desert environment.

Ranked today as one of *GOLF* magazine's top 100 courses in the U.S., the 6,845-yard layout flows across the desert floor serving up both breathtaking vistas and challenging holes. While fairways are wide to allow players to swing from their heels on certain tees, most every hole calls for shots over or around foreboding desert land laced with cacti and indigenous plants.

Jones shares, "Players visiting Scottsdale's Legend Trail will encounter a golf facility

created to provide a fair and enjoyable experience for the average and beginning golfer, yet also capable of presenting a formidable test for the game's more accomplished players."

Those looking to prime their swings for the winter golf season need to schedule a visit to the property's John Jacobs Golf School. The program features five hours of instruction, complimentary lunch, and a tee time of your choice following the lesson. The property's new Legend Trail Loyalty Program offers spectacular golf at a one-of-a-kind location.

Orange Tree Golf Club

Long before golf courses across the desert were designed with grueling challenges over long stretches of wastelands, this property set the standard for beauty and playability with 110 acres of tree-lined turf. Designed in 1957 by Johnny Bula, the layout has received multiple renovations over the years and just opened a deluxe driving range to accommodate both golfers and students attending the John Jacobs Golf School.

New in 2014, Orange Tree Golf Club has expanded its practice facilities with more than 40,000 square feet of hitting area and short game areas. These upgrades make the practice facility one of the area's premier practice ranges. Also new are the remodeled banquet areas for larger golf tournaments, weddings, and mitzvahs.

Located in the heart of Scottsdale, the iconic Orange Tree course is an exceptionally conditioned, traditionally-designed resort layout that will challenge players of all

skill levels. An enjoyable round is assured with strategically placed lakes and sand bunkers guarding fairways and gently sloping greens. The par-72 layout stretches to 6,762 yards from the back tees and is made tighter by the aforementioned trees. Huge bunkers guard many landing areas and greensides. Beware of the short par-3 No. 15 which features sand bunkers in front of the putting surface as well as on both sides. A birdie here will make your day—if not your entire trip—memorable.

Scottsdale Golf Group

Legend Trail Golf Club and Orange Tree Golf Club are just two of the 'must play' golf courses represented by the Scottsdale Golf Group, known to deliver the ultimate in branded golf experiences for corporate clients and discerning golf customers. Under the guidance of golf industry expert Shelby Futch, Scottsdale Golf Group has grown from the undisputed leader in golf instruction to become a master of club operations, management, and consumer marketing services as well.

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Sprawling across some 320 acres, Ak-Chin Southern Dunes Golf Club provides a welcoming, laid-back ambiance, a place where the world melts away and the game of golf becomes the focus. Here, amid uninhibited 360-degree views of Arizona's magnificent desert expanse, this world-class, Troon Golf-managed facility offers impeccable course conditioning, unmatched playability, and superlative customer service, thus ensuring an unparalleled round of extraordinary golf. Ak-Chin Southern Dunes offers world-class golf and com-

with wild abandon while experiencing both the beauty of the tranquil surroundings and pure golf at its finest.

A true testament to its greatness, Ak-Chin Southern Dunes Golf Club has proudly played host to numerous major tournaments and events since its celebrated opening in 2002, serving as an annual U.S. Open qualifying site, several top collegiate Men's and Women's golf tournaments, and home of early-stage PGA Tour Q-School tournaments. And while the tips – which stretch the course to more than 7,500 yards –

expertly prepared menu items. From house-smoked pork and brisket to specialty burgers and salads, there is something to please every palate. Dinner menu options are sophisticated, yet approachable, with the focus always on providing a peaceful and enjoyable experience for guests. When the weather is perfect, and it predictably always is, the Arroyo Grille patio is the perfect place to take in the remarkable desert sky sunset with the green expanse of the golf course center-stage.

Ak-Chin Southern Dunes Golf Club's distinctive clubhouse and Arroyo Grille provide exquisite indoor and outdoor spaces perfect for intimate weddings, events, and meetings. The banquet room can also comfortably accommodate groups up to 150; and talented event and wedding planners are on site to help execute the perfect gathering at any price point. With corporate and charity golf outings on the rise, Ak-Chin Southern Dunes continues to offer competitive rates and packages. Stay & Play Packages are available year round with neighboring hotels, including Harrah's Ak-Chin Casino & Resort, just minutes from the golf course. Ak-Chin Southern Dunes has also recently partnered with sister Troon properties Whirlwind Golf Club and Ocotillo Golf Club and designed the Southern Swing Package. This is the ideal package for golfers looking to play three prestigious, high-ranking, but uniquely distinct public golf courses in the Greater Phoenix area.

A recent two million dollar golf course enhancement project has transformed Ak-Chin Southern Dunes into a more player-friendly venue while maintaining the integrity of the game at this championship-level course. The main focus of this enhancement was to repair and restore bunkers, with each receiving new drainage, liner, and sand. The second stage of the project was the creation of a new six-hole short course located on the practice facility. “#miniDunes” is one-of-a-kind, and the first course named with a hashtag. The focus of #miniDunes will be to grow the game of golf by incorporating clinics, social media interaction, and most important, a fun environment for all ages and ability levels. Yardages on #miniDunes range from 50 to 100 yards in length.

For more fun and excitement off the course, the nearby Harrah's Ak-Chin Casino Resort boasts the perfect complement to Ak-Chin Southern Dunes' incredible golf experience with its unique blend of first-class gaming and amazing amenities, which include an idyllic courtyard with an exotic swimming pool, swim-up bar and 300 plush and newly remodeled guest rooms. The UltraStar Multitainment Center at Ak-Chin Circle is another option for entertainment after that round of golf. Amenities at the Multitainment Center include a movie theater, bowling alley, and arcade.



plete practice facilities with an extensive six hole short-game area, practice putting green and dual-ended practice tee. On-site PGA professionals are available for custom club fitting as well as individual and group lessons and clinics.

Created by golf course architect Brian Curley with help of major championship winner Fred Couples, Ak-Chin Southern Dunes' creative routing, native grasses and rugged, unbridled landforms pay tribute to the game's great links-land courses while also offering a pleasant departure from Arizona's prevailing desert golf architecture. With no homes or development on or around the golf course, Ak-Chin Southern Dunes allows golfers room to swing

have challenged some of the most skilled players in golf, Ak-Chin Southern Dunes' five sets of tees still provide novices with both a unique challenge and an unforgettable day of golf. Simply stated, Ak-Chin Southern Dunes doesn't just offer desert golf; it presents golfers of all skill levels and abilities with the very best of championship golf in the desert.

Arroyo Grille caps off the club's exceptional amenities by providing a laid-back dining experience with a sweeping view of the Estrella Mountains to the west. No reservations required, guests and players are welcomed in to the Grille to enjoy the views while discussing their game over cold beer or one of the



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WELCOME TO TPC SCOTTSDALE

Nestled in the Sonoran Desert just outside of Scottsdale, Arizona, the PGA Tour's TPC Scottsdale offers championship golf with panoramic views of the natural terrain and stunning McDowell Mountains. Home of the largest-attended tournament in professional golf, the Waste Management Phoenix Open, TPC Scottsdale is a masterful blend of challenge and playability.

TPC Scottsdale's Stadium Course and Clubhouse on April 1, 2014. Completed by the original and famed architect, Tom Weiskopf, the project included the relocation of four greens, resurfacing of all greens, reshaping and regrassing of all tee complexes, relocation and reshaping of all bunker complexes, replacement of cart paths, and re-landscaping of desert areas.



TPC Scottsdale features two championship courses to enjoy – the world famous Stadium Course and the stunning Champions Course. Host of the Waste Management Phoenix Open, TPC Scottsdale's renowned Stadium Course was created by renowned architects Tom Weiskopf and Jay Morrish who were directed by then PGA Tour Commissioner Deane Beman to build a similar stadium design like that at TPC Sawgrass – allowing all spectators a perfect view of the tournament.

The Stadium Course is rivaled in beauty and playability only by the Club's magnificent Champions Course, a true desert-style gem.

Back and Better Than Ever

The City of Scottsdale began an extensive renovation of

Several holes will look completely new from their original design. The result will be a course that's more aesthetically pleasing to resort guests and strategically more challenging to PGA Tour players during the Waste Management Phoenix Open.

Said Tom Weiskopf of the course renovations, "I am looking forward to getting the feedback from the players that compete in the 2015 Waste Management Phoenix Open, as well as the resort guests that have the opportunity to play the course after it reopens in November, 2014 and into the future. This was a great opportunity for me and for my company and I feel confident the end results to this project will ultimately be viewed as a huge success."

The Clubhouse renovation, under the direction of architect Allen & Philp, includes additional locker room and meeting space, and interior upgrades to the entire facility. Construction of both the clubhouse and golf course should be completed by November, well in advance of the 2015 Waste Management Phoenix Open, with the Grand Re-Opening scheduled for Friday, November 14, 2014.

In addition to the improved course conditions, the renovation has secured TPC Scottsdale's place as one of the finest golf clubs in one of the world's top golf destinations.

"The renovation project of TPC Scottsdale's Stadium Course and Clubhouse has helped re-position the Club as a premiere resort destination not only in the Phoenix/Scottsdale market, but in the country," said Brad Williams, General Manager and Regional Director of Operations for TPC Scottsdale. "Under the direction of Tom Weiskopf, with funding provided by the City of Scottsdale, the Stadium Course will offer a more visually appealing and strategically demanding experience to resort guests and TOUR players alike. The renovated Clubhouse will provide a casual and contemporary place to shop, dine, drink, or soak up the history of TPC Scottsdale and the Phoenix Open."

Sibling Rivalry Has its Benefits

Rivalling its famous sister in both beauty and playability, the Randy Heckenkemper-designed Champions Course

offers a true desert golf experience. Recognized as one of the top courses in the area, the Champions Course boasts more than 7,100 yards of undulating fairways, pristine greens and challenging bunkers. Considered a "hidden gem" by locals, the par-71 course features five par 3s and a diverse variety of par 4s and par 5s creating a thrill for golfers of all skill levels. Soon after opening, the course hosted the first stage of Q-School for the PGA Tour, along with the final stage of Q-School for the Champions Tour in 2009, and will continue to host every other year.

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Shortly after debuting in January, 2004, *GolfWeek* awarded the Verrado Golf Club with "America's Best

tips, Verrado plays to nearly 7,300 yards giving even the most accomplished player a thrilling test of golf. However, course architects Fought and Lehman created the course with generous landing areas and five sets of tee boxes ensuring players of all abilities a legitimate chance at par.

Claiming all holes are worthy of the ever popular "signature hole" Verrado is without only one, instead choosing to highlight four of the best.

If you like downhill par 3s,

to adjust for the slope off of the White Tanks.

If you had to pick just one, hole #13 a short par 4 dead uphill, would be the one. Only 310 yards sounds like a walk in the park, but not here. Hit a middle iron off the tee and error long on your approach shot for the best chance at par. With only two possible pin placements, this tiny green slopes back to front on both tiers. Good luck!

Everyone loves a great finishing hole, and this par 4,

Grille on a lively Friday night, or having a family gathering in the dining room, you'll be treated like one of the family at the Verrado Grille. With menu items ranging from Center Cut Filet Mignon to the Chopped Summer Salad, most will find something delicious to fit their palate.

The Verrado Golf Club has a reputation for hosting some of the best golf tournaments in the Valley. The Gateway/All American Pro Tour puts the Verrado Golf Club on



2005 – Top 40 New Golf Courses." Many accolades have since followed, including Golf magazine's "Top 10 New Golf Courses you can Play," *Golf Digest's* Power Rankings, and most recently *GolfWeek's* 2014 Best Courses you can Play ranking of #9 of the 25 best in Arizona.

With 18 championship holes, the golf course features a dramatic mountainside setting with massive rock outcroppings, large desert washes, picturesque box canyons, and dramatic elevation changes. The course also offers magnificent views of the nearby White Tank Mountains and the Phoenix skyline. From the

hole #3 is for you. At 222 yards, perched well above the green, this tee box offers great views of the surrounding valley. Play to the middle of the green and walk away satisfied with par. Notable fall offs on this green would be the deep bowl on the right side leading to a difficult pitch back onto the green.

At 477 yards, hole #8 is a par 4 with the #1 handicap title attached. This long, demanding hole requires a tee shot hit just right of the massive rock outcropping in order to successfully reach the fairway. Once safely on the fairway most will find they are faced with a long iron into a well protected green. Although a fairly easy green to read, make sure

495-yard hole just might be the best in Arizona! Playing down hill and downwind this hole provides a great view of the clubhouse, and the entire valley beyond. After successfully navigating the fairway bunkers, one is faced with another downhill shot to a well protected green.

With so many great holes, course conditions to compliment each of them, and service to make them all unforgettable, what else could you ask for? Well, the dining at Verrado Grille is equally impressive, whether enjoying dinner on the patio while watching a beautiful sunset, hanging out with friends listening to live music in the

their schedule every year, and sometimes twice. Additionally, Verrado hosts the Banner Thunderbird tournament, the Buckeye Valley Chamber, The Aqua Fria Foundation, Walmart, Westmarc and many other top charity fundraisers.

Heading into 2015 and beyond, the Verrado Golf Club will continue to top the list of great courses in Phoenix. And there are more big things coming! The developer who brought it all to life, DMB, Inc. will have the grand opening of Verrado's newest district, Victory, in January of 2015. Victory will be the coolest new 55-and-older community to hit Arizona in years! Check it out at www.verrado.com.

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When you think of the ultimate Arizona golf experience, what comes to mind? Is it the stunning scenery, on-course and off? The glorious mountain vistas in every direction? Do you envision gently rolling fairways ribboning through a lush desert landscape,

Peaks to the northeast and Red Mountain to the south, or the McDowell Mountains to the west.”

Throughout one’s round, you are greeted with all sorts of amazing light displays, as the shadows that are cast by the interplay of sun and moun-

par-4, a dogleg left. However, balance is provided by holes such as number 1, a drive and pitch-type hole, and by the 15th, which is drivable under the right conditions.”

The Cholla Course features an ideal blend of doglegs and straightaway holes, a mix of

all-important art form of tying the entrances to the greens into the greens themselves. The majority of the greens are open in front to allow for run-up shots. It is the subtle pitch and roll of the terrain on the approach to the greens that give each hole much of its unique playing characteristics.

Stretching 6,912 yards from the tips and playing to a par 71, Saguaro has been featured in numerous golf publications including Golfweek, which currently ranks it as the #1 public access course in Arizona. In addition, GOLF magazine named Saguaro one of the “Top 10 Best New Courses You Can Play” in the United States in 2007 and it currently sits at #41 on GOLF’s list of “Top 100 Courses You Can Play.”

“This piece of land has some very interesting natural movement to it,” said Crenshaw of the Saguaro course. “I think this golf course is pretty unique for the desert. People are asked to play different shots and find solutions to new challenges when playing this course.”

We-Ko-Pa’s two courses, Cholla and Saguaro, have much in common – both are meticulously maintained, both have received high praise from the golf media and consumers alike, and both offer a tranquil golf experience free of houses and roads, thus preserving the unobstructed mountain views of the Sonoran Desert. Or, more succinctly put, We-Ko-Pa is “Arizona’s ultimate golf experience.”

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“In terms of desert scenery, the breadth of the views out here has no equal,” says We-Ko-Pa General Manager Matt Barr. “At any point in the round, you can look up and see a distinctive natural landmark, such as the Four

Peaks Mountain,” a rugged rock formation that looms imposingly to the northeast.

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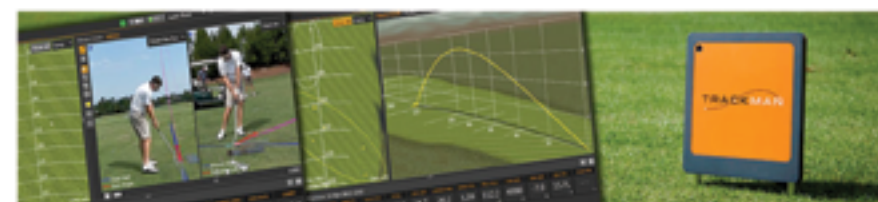
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