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The Buzz

Two domes look to rebuild



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DOME DONE The Bridgeview Sports Dome lies on the landscape weeks after a Dec. 28 storm took its toll.

It was a few days after Christmas, and the weather brought no gifts.

A strong winter storm with heavy snow and high winds took down two of the Chicago area's golf domes beginning the night of Dec. 28.

They're still down, but plans are afoot for replacements.

The skin of the Bridgeview Sports Dome in that southwest suburban suburb remains on the ground and draped over the supports that once held it. The softball and soccer leagues that played in it more often than golfers flipped wedges in it are on hold.

The Sports Zone Park dome just outside Aurora also came down – the third such collapse in 25 years. Leagues there also had to scramble for new sites.

Owner **Tom Clifford** said he'll be rebuilding on the same site. In Bridgeview, there's a different plan: A new dome at a new site, adjacent to Toyota Park, home of the Fire soccer team.

"There's a demand for space, for soccer space,"

Bridgeview mayor **Steve Landek** told the *Daily Southtown*. "We've done pretty well leasing that space, and it makes more sense to put it close to the stadium, to concentrate all our activities in that one area. We hope to have it up by the fall of 2016."

Bridgeview's dome came down after a tear in the fabric of the roof. It was decided to deflate the dome before it could rip and fly away, which happened with a similar structure in the South Loop years ago.

"It was going to close in 90 days anyway," Landek said. "We didn't want to spend any more money to fix it. We're done. We decided this is the best course of action."

Bridgeview's now-deflated dome is located in a corner of the village filled with light industry, and that will replace the dome. The new dome will be placed on part of Toyota Park's parking lot, likely near the Fire's practice fields.

Sports Zone Park's 75-foot dome came down at midday. The employees on hand escaped injury.

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ON THE COVER The adjacent Baha'i Temple looks over the seventh green at Canal Shores. / Tim Cronin



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The Grill Room by Tim Cronin

After a long winter, the season is at hand

Maybe it's the music, the Dave Loggins melody that CBS has used for about 35 years now.

Maybe it's the considerable promotion on both CBS and ESPN. The familiar tune, the lovely vistas, the enchanting memories, 15 to 30 seconds at a time.

Maybe it's just that spring is finally here.

Whatever the reasons, the annual playing of The Masters has an impact far beyond the wisteria-entwined fence on Washington Road in Augusta, Ga.

That, in fact, is the subject of our essay on Page 12 of this issue.

But golf is more than The Masters. The big week in April – now expanded to eight days when the Drive, Chip and Putt competition for youngsters is included – serves to whet the appetite for the season that follows, for those who watch the game and for those who play it.

For a select few, a winter in Florida or Arizona keeps one's game in shape. For others, there's been a winter's worth of trekking to golf domes to get a jump on things. For working stiffs living from paycheck to paycheck, the dream is rekindled by the sight of Amen Corner in high definition. (For those of us born a generation earlier, even low definition worked.)

If the panjandrums who rule Augusta had never started their tournament and the Fruitlands Nursery was still peddling flowers and fauna, the game would go on, albeit with the beauty of



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RITE OF WINTER Golfers crowded the aisles of the area's two golf shows (pictured, Tinley Park) this winter.

the game in more subdued tones than the Technicolor hues that obtain on the hillside behind the quaint, rambling clubhouse.

The game is the thing.

It always has been. It must be, for one can find rapturous views elsewhere than golf courses. The Morton Arboretum or Skokie Botanic Gardens can't be beat for beauty, but nobody keeps score there, except perhaps for bird-watchers.

No, it's the possibilities that creep into the mind in the dead of winter, when only flickering images from Kapalua or Pebble Beach remind those of us with cabin fever that spring will eventually come, and with it the joyful sweep of a driver against the dew, that draws us back once again.

That's why thousands walk the aisles of the Chicago area's two golf shows – two! – talking about the game, digging through remainder racks for a club that might make the difference on that unparrable hole, and generally anticipating the start of the season in earnest.

In 1962, in reference to the perfect timing of The Masters on the calendar, Herbert Warren Wind put it this way:

“It is held at a wonderful time of year, when practically every golfer, after a long hibernation, finds his fancy turning to thoughts of supinating the left forearm or some other such crucial action that will make the season at hand the big one he has been waiting for.”

We hope this is your big season.

Two stories, encompassing the future and the past, highlight this issue. On page 6 begins the tale of Jason Way's quest to turn the old Peter Jans course into a short-game showplace called Canal Shores. On page 16 is a retelling of Chick Evans' winning the U.S. Open a century ago – told in large part in his own words from stories unread for 100 years. Enjoy!

GARY PLANOS · 1953-2016

‘Not a finer person in the game of golf’

BY TIM CRONIN

Gary Planos almost always ended a conversation with a question.

“Do you need anything?”

Now, his legion of friends are asking why he died at 62, so many years too young.

Planos was found motionless Saturday, Mar. 26, at his home in Kapalua, Hawaii, by landscapers who came over to work on his lawn. The cause of death is believed to be a heart attack.

That’s an additional shock, for Gary Planos had the biggest heart in golf. As the senior vice president of the Kapalua resort facility and the tournament director of the PGA Tour’s Tournament of Champions, Planos knew everyone in golf, a tight family where egos are large and grudges are kept.

Nobody ever had a bad word to say about Gary Planos. As word of his death spread on Sunday, kind words and memories of him came from all corners of the game.

“There was not a finer person in the game of golf,” Golf Channel producer Brandt Packer wrote on Twitter Sunday.

“He was always looking to help any way he could,” Rickie Fowler added, using Planos’ well-earned nickname of “Mr. Kapalua.”

“One of the all-time good guys,” ESPN’s Gene Wojciechowski said. “Kapalua was Kapalua because of Gary Planos. Never met a nicer guy.”



Gary Planos

Said Morgan Pressel, winner of the LPGA’s tournament at Kapalua in 2008, “My trips to Kapalua will never be the same.”

A caddie at Westmoreland who earned an Evans Scholarship to Illinois, Planos arrived in Hawaii in the mid-1970s with \$7,000 in travelers checks and no job. Hired by Chicago native Mark Roling, he found one at Kapalua in the bag room. He made \$3 an hour and could play the course.

Hard work and imaginative thinking moved him up the ladder quickly.

“Westmoreland was my E ticket to Kapalua,” Planos said when the club celebrated its centennial.

Planos stayed close to the Evans program. He was a WGA director, and was usually on hand during the Western Open / BMW Championship, working either the practice range or visiting players in the locker room, reminding them of the beauty of the paradise he worked and lived in.

Baseball great Joe Torre, who has a house on the Kapalua property, would hang out with Planos during the tournament. On the turn of the millennium, he needed 15 rooms at the Ritz-Carlton for Yankees pitcher Andy Pettite for New Year’s Eve. It couldn’t be done, except Planos did it.

Planos could always do it. Arranging rides on a whale-watching boat or something similarly exotic were all part of his anything-is-possible mantra. Even after Kapalua outsourced resort and tournament operations in 2011, Planos was the go-to guy for many.

“Gary is Kapalua,” Steve Stricker said then.

“He had the wonderful ability to make everyone feel so special,” current ToFC tournament director Nancy Cross told *The Maui News*. “I was greatly honored to be a part of his team.

“Everybody loved Gary. Pros, agents, media – everybody.”

Services were undetermined at press time.

Conjuring a dream from a nightmare

The bold plan for Canal Shores

BY TIM CRONIN

For years, it was a derisive nickname for the course formally known as Peter N. Jans Community Golf Course.

“Canal Shores,” people smirked.

They’re not smirking any longer, for the course that was close to closing a quartet of years ago is more than on the rebound.

Thanks to a handful of people who saw the impossible as possible, this quaint little bandbox of a golf course, all 40 acres and 3,904 yards of it bordering the North Shore Channel, could become a showcase for what a community links could be.

That’s as far cry from 2012, when Evanston and Wilmette, which lease the land from the Metropolitan Water Reclamation District, stopped getting water payments from the Evanston Wilmette Community Golf Association, which has subleased the property from the towns for close to a century. The upkeep of the course stopped for a time, and what had been an emerald in a sea of concrete was turning into a nightmare.

Then the old golf board was ousted and people with an interest in improvement were appointed.

That started the turnaround. The grass was mowed again and people were playing. Enter business executive Jason Way, who learned the game on the old Fort Sheridan course, caddied at ultra-private Old Elm for the better part of a decade, and came back to the game after two decades away. He lived near the Peter Jans course – for a time, named after Frank Govern after a donation by the Govern family – and saw it coming back to life. Memories of both Fort Sheridan and Old Elm swirled in his mind.

“Having this course that was like Fort Sheridan here in my backyard, but having that sensibility of what a great golf course could be, I guess those two things



Course diagram courtesy Canal Shores

just popped into my head together at some point and I started asking the question, why can't this be as good as that?" Way said. "Why can't it have that kind of winding through the neighborhood embedded community feel that Fort Sheridan did, while still having all the architectural interest and quality of Old Elm?"

"I can't think of a good reason why it can't, so I started talking to people about this. I found there were other people who were thinking similar crazy thoughts or were willing to think them. The next thing you knew, we had a little movement going."

Way was added to the all-volunteer grounds committee and started working on a plan for a better Canal Shores. He also grabbed a shovel and, under the guidance of superintendent Tom Tully, built a grass bunker.

And he explained his plan.

"The property was so unique, it screamed to have something different done with it," Way said. "I laid out this crazy notion I had about this alternative approach to the golf course, and I could break it into these different sections and you could have different experiences with it. When I finished, they were kind of wide-eyed."

Tully, grounds chairman Chris Carey and Steve Neumann all loved it. Soon, Way was talking with Northwestern men's golf coach Pat Goss, whose idea of renovating the course has been rejected by the old board.

"It was obvious within five minutes we were kindred spirits," Way said. "He had a rendering done of basically the same thing, a couple of parts of which were better than I had. So we merged the two together and went to the board and said, 'If you want us to explore the feasibility of this and how much support we can get for it, we're willing



Courtesy Jason Way

EL OF A COURSE You don't play through the tunnel to the 11th green unless you're crazy enough to play the course in reverse in mid-winter. (And some belonging to the Honorable Society of Reverse Jans Golfers are!) to do so.' They said to talk to people."

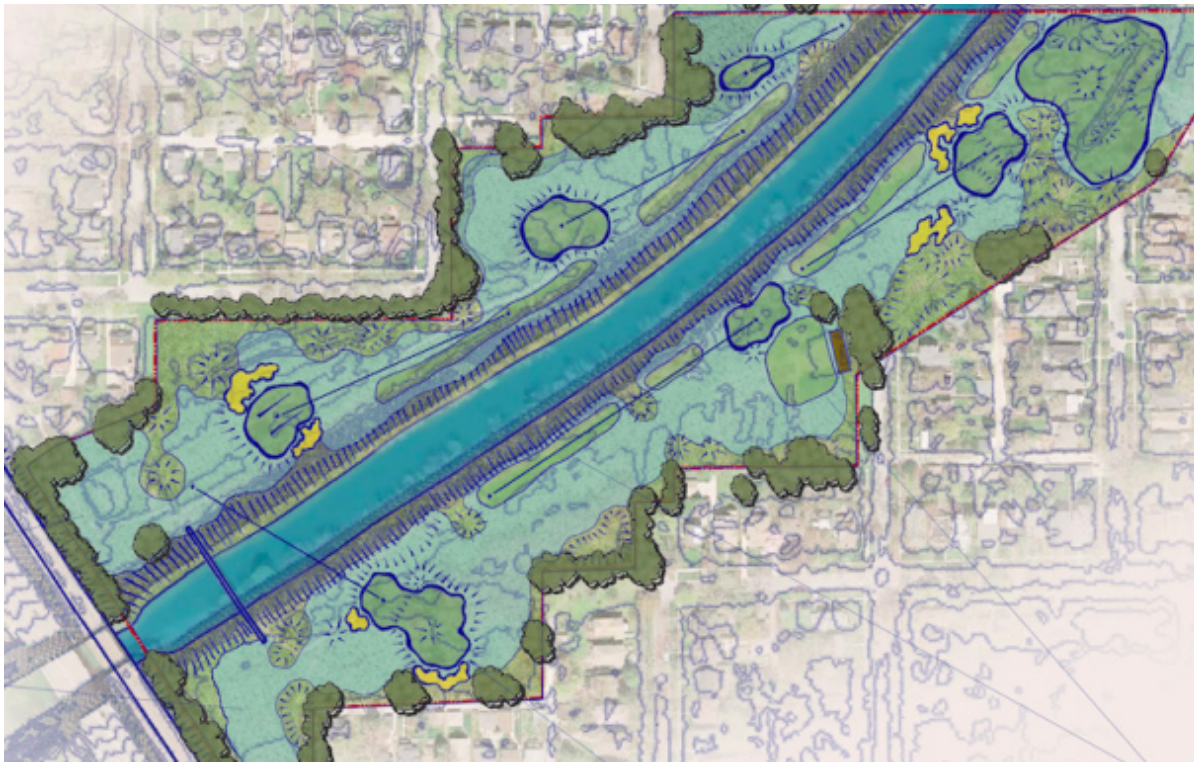
The Way-Goss concept, refined by architect Dave Zinkand, was to split the single course into three major areas: a 12-hole course with classic architectural features and named after Jans north of Central Street, a youth development area with a short range and between Central and Lincoln Avenue, and "The Back Lot," a six-hole short course, complete with massive putting course, south of Lincoln Avenue. There, Northwestern's golf teams could also practice their short game without traveling miles to The Glen Club in Glenview or Conway Farms in Lake Forest. Fittingly, NU alum Luke Donald is also involved.

"We were really looking for someone to tell

us it was a terrible idea and absolutely should not be attempted," Way said. "We talked to 10 people and all 10 said, 'We love this, we want to support it, and you have to do this. Because it's exactly what the game needs.' We were stunned."

Way's GeekedOnGolf.com website generated publicity. Soon, he had a corps of 25 volunteers eager to help. The "skunkworks" would clear old brush and work on bunkers and the like.

"The point we're making with these pilot project is, we're not just a bunch of yahoos who don't really know what they're doing," Way said. "Imagine what we could do if we had the resources and professionals who do this for a living involved. So we're starting to bridge the gap be-



Courtesy Canal Shores

THE BACK LOT The current final five holes, all south of Lincoln Avenue, would be remade into a six-hole short course and practice area that could be combined with the Jans Course for an 18-hole round. At times, Northwestern's golf teams would use this to fine-tune their games.

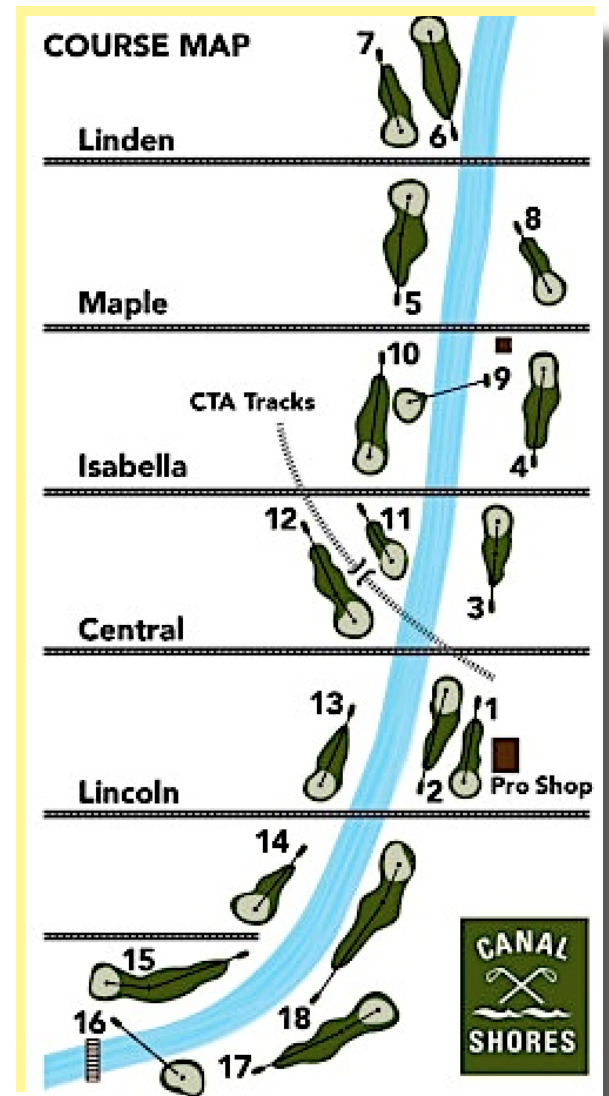
tween these little pilot projects we did on a skunk-works basis and this bigger vision.

"They illustrate what's possible on a small scale, but it also infuses people with a certain level of ownership and pride."

What is now Canal Shores 100, a \$3 million plan still subject to change with a target of completion by the course's centennial in 2019, also attracted the attention of *Global Golf Post* publisher Jim Nugent, who was intrigued and alerted the USGA's Rand Jerris to the potential of the site.

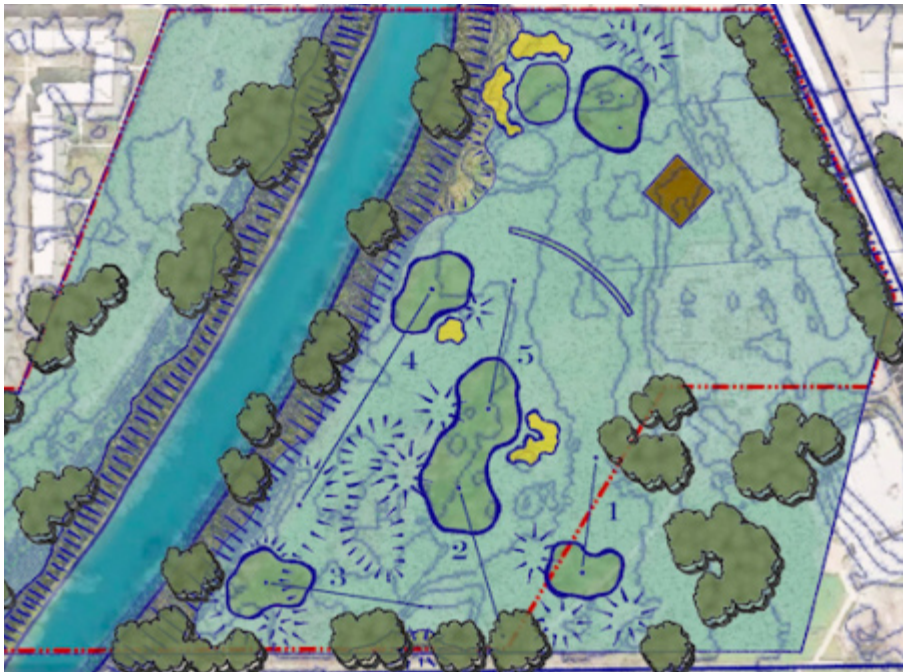
Jerris visited the week of the U.S. Amateur at Olympia Fields, spent two hours walking the course, pointing out important features and asking questions of Way, Goss and others.

"He was like a kid in a candy store," Way said. "He told us about the site improvement program, how it was being relaunched and how he wanted us to apply. He didn't go to the Amateur. He told us, 'I came out for this. I'm that excited about this.' And he flew back to New Jersey that afternoon. With that, Pat and I looked at each oth-



Courtesy Canal Shores

THE ORIGINAL The current routing for Canal Shores, the configuration dating to the long era as Peter Jans. The pro shop and first tee used to be across from the elevated line entrance on Central Street.



Courtesy Canal Shores

THE KID ZONE The block between Central Street and Lincoln Avenue, currently the site of the first, second and 13th holes – the latter on the west side of the canal – would be converted into a five-hole junior practice area.

er and said, ‘We’re on to something here.’”

Canal Shores then applied for and received the first USGA/American Society of Golf Course Architects site improvement grant.

Said Jerris in a video announcing the award, “Far more important is the way Canal Shores is so seamlessly integrated with its neighborhood and with its community.”

Soon after, the course also gained a \$20,000 coastal management planning grant from the Illinois Dept. of

Natural Resources.

“It demonstrates our commitment to improving Canal Shores and preserving the natural beauty and habitat of the course that runs along the banks of the North Shore Channel,” EWGCA president John Powers said.

Final planning meetings and the big fundraising effort is to come. Says Way, “If there’s a dream worth chasing, you may as well chase it.”

The dream is alive in Evanston and Wilmette.

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2016 PREVIEW

There's a little bit of everything

*Regional calendar
has young and old,
guys and gals*

BY TIM CRONIN

An international team competition. The return of a senior major to the edge of Lake Michigan.

A pair of new tournaments on the PGA Tour's development circuit.

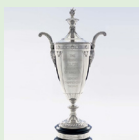
And the John Deere Classic butting heads with the Olympics.

Those are among the highlights of the spectator golf schedule in and around Illinois this year.

Add in a return visit of the BMW Championship to Crooked Stick near Indianapolis, where Rory McIlroy prevailed four years ago, and it's a big year.

The presence of the WGA's flagship tournament in Indiana on Sept. 8-11 means the immediate Chicago area is without the big tour rolling through town in a summer for the third time in four years, and only the fifth time since World War II.

The good news is, Crooked Stick, located in the northern suburbs of Indianapolis, is an easy three-hour drive away, as opposed to Cherry Hills near Denver, where the BMW, the old Western



THIS YEAR'S BIG SIX

77th Senior PGA Championship • May 26-29
Harbor Shores Golf Club, Benton Harbor, Mich. • Golf / NBC
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Inaugural Rust-Oleum Championship • June 9-12
Ivanhoe Club, Ivanhoe • Golf
<http://rustoleumchampionship.com>

Inaugural Lincoln Land Charity Championship • July 14-17
Panther Creek Country Club, Springfield
www.lincolmlandcharitychampionship.com

2nd International Crown • July 21-24
Merit Club, Libertyville • Golf
www.ulcrown.com

46th John Deere Classic • August 11-14
TPC Deere Run, Silvis • Golf / CBS
www.johndeereclassic.com

BMW Championship • September 8-11
Crooked Stick Golf Club, Carmel, Ind. • Golf / NBC
www.bmwchampionshipusa.com



Courtesy Ivanhoe Club

RUST-OLEUM'S LAIR Ivanhoe Club in Ivanhoe will stage its first spectator tournament when the Rust-Oleum Championship plays through in June.

Open to nostalgists, set up shop two years ago.

The better news for the WGA is that when the BMW motors out of town, it brings in more money to the Evans Scholars Foundation than when it's played in Chicago. Suite and ticket prices are generally higher because the circus is going to a metropolitan area that doesn't see championship golf regularly. With this a return visit to Indianapolis on a relatively short time frame, we'll see if the dollars continue to flow in.

Deere Run, site of the John Deere Classic, is about the same distance away, but the traditional mid-July dates have been shifted back to mid-August, against the men's Olympic golf tournament.

That means no Jordan Spieth and some other notables, but it could also mean an influx of players not eligible for the Olympics who are eager to score FedEx Cup points, especially because the

Deere is the next-to-last regular season tournament.

In any case, the Deere returns to July next year. This year, July 21-24 in Chicagoland means the International Crown, the LPGA's eight-country 32-player match play showcase set for the Merit Club in Libertyville. The rules are complicated, but know this with a week to go in qualifying: Five countries are from the Orient, led by current No. 1 South Korea and No. 3 Japan. The United States is ranked second. And individual world No. 1 Lydia Ko will be on the outside looking in, thanks to New Zealand not having anyone else of high caliber.

The up-and-comers will come by twice, first in the Rust-Oleum Championship at the Ivanhoe Club in Lake County from June 9-12, and a month later at Panther Creek in Springfield, the erstwhile LPGA site which hosts the inaugural

Lincoln Land Charity Championship from July 14-17. While the Rust-Oleum gets Golf Channel coverage, the Lincoln Land does not. You'll have to hop in your car to see it.

The first of this year's Big Six is the third visit in five years of the Senior PGA Championship to Harbor Shores, the Jack Nicklaus-designed layout at the edge of downtown Benton Harbor, Mich. on May 26-29. Colin Montgomerie is the defending champion.

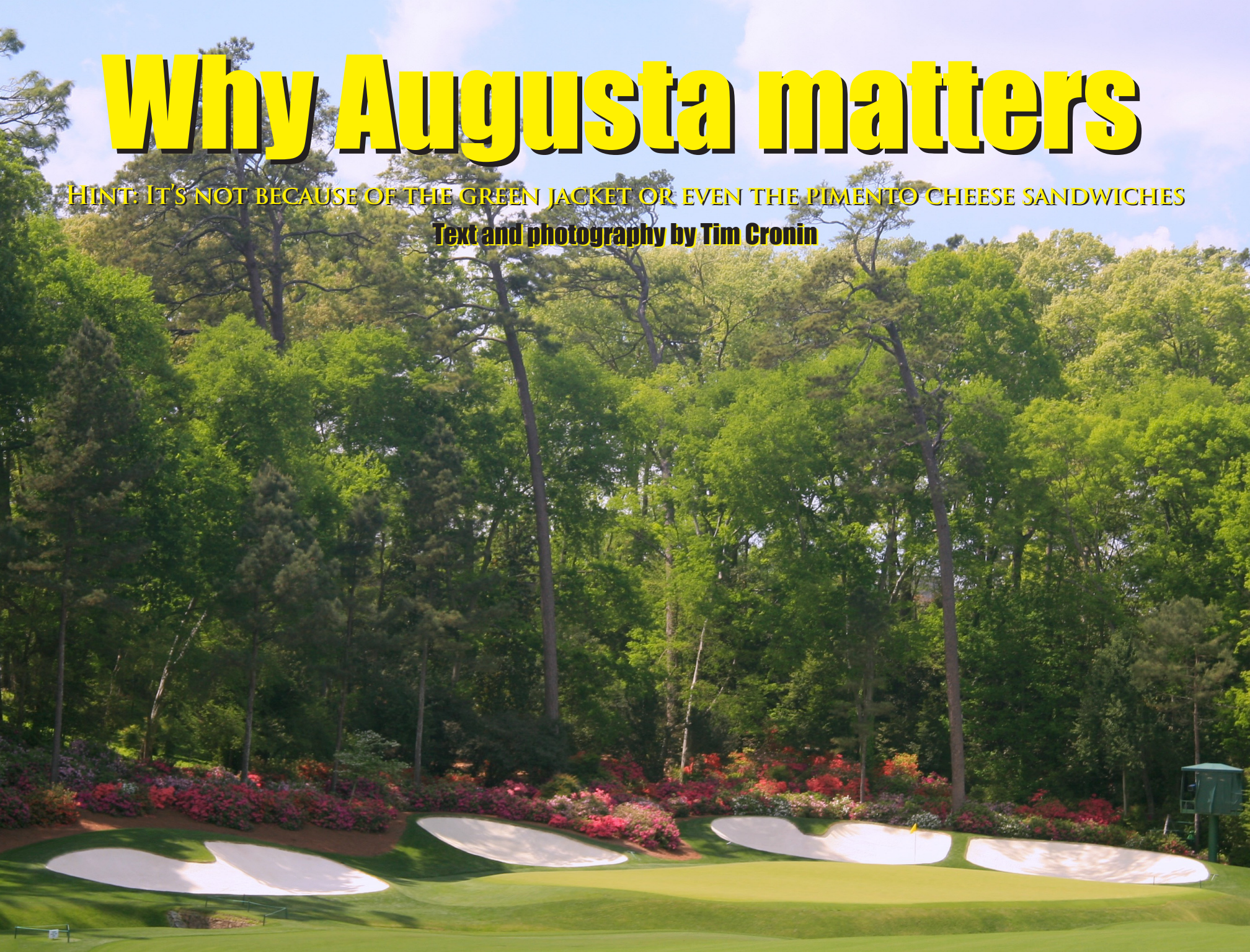
Add in the Illinois Open in its second year of a two-course format – this year at Royal Fox and Royal Hawk in St. Charles from July 25-27, and the Illinois Women's Open at Mistwood in Romeoville from July 18-20, and the seventh month of the year is jammed with tournament golf.

Finally, the Western Amateur celebrates its 114th playing, and its inaugural appearance at Lake Forest's Knollwood Club, from Aug. 2-6.

Why Augusta matters

HINT: IT'S NOT BECAUSE OF THE GREEN JACKET OR EVEN THE PIMENTO CHEESE SANDWICHES

Text and photography by Tim Cronin





Jack Nicklaus, the smartest man in the room, was absolutely right when he famously ranked the Masters Tournament as fourth among the professional major championships, saying, “The Masters isn’t the championship of anything.”

Yet, the Golden Bear knows six times over how much The Masters matters in the game. Win one of the other three majors and you have a career highlight. Win The Masters and you have accomplished something more, something intangible and concrete at the same time.

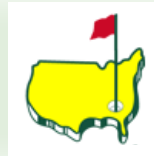
Win The Masters and your presence in the game never goes away.

U.S. Open winners can be forgotten. Most casual fans couldn’t pick Steve Jones (Oakland Hills, 1995) out of a police lineup, much less remember that he won. The same goes for the PGA Championship. Remember Wayne Grady? Shoal Creek, 1990? You’re forgiven.

The British Open? Those stick in the mind more readily, though Ben Curtis (Royal St. George’s, 2003) and Illinois native Todd Hamilton (Royal Troon, 2004) tax the memory bank.

Masters winners stick in the craw. So do Masters losers. You can’t think of Nick Faldo in a green jacket without thinking of Greg Norman imploding on the back nine in 1996, handing Faldo his third victory at Augusta National Golf Club. Or, for that matter, Ray Floyd, whose sudden-death approach on the 11th hole found the pond on the left and left the door open for Faldo to repeat in 1990.

Remembering particular shots is easy, thanks both to the familiarity any golfer has of the course, reinforced by CBS’ television coverage and replays of memorable moments over the years. Here are 10 that still echo through the valley and up the hillside to the clubhouse, nine of which you have



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undoubtedly seen more than once:

- Nicklaus’ 40-foot putt for birdie at the 16th in 1975. “I never saw such a putt in my life,” warbled Henry Longhurst.

- Larry Mize’s chip-in birdie to beat Norman on the 11th in sudden-death in 1987.

- Scott Hoch’s missed two-footer on the same green in 1989, clearing the path for Faldo’s first title.

- Nicklaus’ 4-iron approach to the 15th green in 1986 to set up the eagle that was the centerpiece of the back-nine 30 that brought him Masters title No. 6 and major No. 20. “Yes sir!” Ben Wright said when the putt fell – as did Verne Lundquist when Jack birdied No. 17 a few minutes later. (The whole of Nicklaus’ last 10 holes was mystical, with six birdies, including a near-ace on the 16th, and the eagle, plus a bogey at the 12th.)

- Sandy Lyle’s stiffed approach from the second bunker on the 18th in 1988 to assure a one-stroke victory over Mark Calcavecchia.

- Ben Crenshaw’s birdie putt from the right front to the back left of the 10th green to start his run to the 1984 title.

- Tiger Woods’ chip-in “In your life...” deuce on the 16th hole in 2005, which dumbfounded Chris DiMarco and set up the playoff that Woods won for his fourth – and at the moment last – title at Augusta. (Even with the broken leg, the fire hydrant, the bad back and so on, it’s hard to believe Woods hasn’t won a major championship since Torrey Pines in 2008. That’s eight years, two more than between Nicklaus’ 19th – the 1980 PGA – and 20th.)

- Phil Mickelson through the trees on the 13th in 2010. The real trouble was getting a good strike on the ball and clearing Rae’s Creek to find the green. (The photo on page 12 shows just how little room he had to work with at the green.) He did, and won his third Masters as a result.

- Bubba Watson’s second shot from the pine straw on No. 10 in the 2012 playoff. Stand where he stood and there’s no way. He found one.

- And the one that started it all, Gene Sarazen’s double-eagle on the 15th in 1935. That put the Augusta National Invitation Tournament on the map.

At Augusta, memory lane is as goose-pimple



inducing as Magnolia Lane. But for all the memories of what is past and the anticipation of what is to come in this annual golfing rite of spring, what makes the Masters important beyond a jacket and a fat check stuffed in the inside pocket is how Augusta National Golf Club goes about its business.

There is a certain esthetic at Augusta, developed over the decades, that cannot be duplicated anywhere else. Yes, the golf course is beautiful and, when the greens are fast, challenging for even the big hitters. The annual visit breeds familiarity that leads to delight rather than contempt. But beyond that, it's how Augusta works that places it, and its annual invitational, is the first rank of sports events on this planet.

First, good manners are expected. There's no running on the grounds, and you're not supposed to lay down and take a nap. If you have a folding chair by the green, you can place it there, wander about for hours, then come back and it will be there. (Custom allows others to sit in it until you return.)

Second, the grounds are spotless. There's a cleanup crew that picks up trash, not that there is much, almost instantly, whether it's a green wrapper for a sandwich or a cigarette butt.

Third, spectators aren't gouged in the wallet or purse. You can go through the concession buildings three times for a sandwich, chips and pop and still have enough change from a \$20 bill for an ice cream bar. Likewise, the golf shop, where all manner of logoed merchandise is available, has prices for apparel similar to any country club or public course in the country. The secret, of course, is volume. Sell enough shirts at \$80 or hats at \$20 or so, and the profit adds up.

All this adds up to the feeling that spectators



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RIGHT DIRECTION Augusta National leaves nothing to chance, including informing spectators of the location of key landmarks on the grounds.

– Bobby Jones came up with “patron,” as in a patron of the arts, long ago – are welcome as guests, not as numbers going through a turnstile. And that, combined with the beauty of the grounds, brings about a gallery that is friendly and cordial, even if they're itching to check their cell phone – verboten at the point of banishment– for messages. (But there are phone banks for free long-distance calls.)

One gets the sense that Augusta National goes

Illinois boasts four finalists in Drive, Chip and Putt

Last year, 9-year-old **Effie Perakis** of Glenview won her bracket of the Drive, Chip and Putt national finals at Augusta National on Sun., April 3. This year, four Illinoisians have qualified. Best of luck to: **Emily Duan**, Schaumburg (Girls 10-11), **Christian Kim**, Vernon Hills (Boys 10-11), **Eric Klutke**, Crystal Lake (Boys 12-13), and **Stephanie Su**, South Barrington (Girls 12-13).

the extra mile to make everyone feel at home. Perhaps the best example came in 2012, when a thunderstorm on Tuesday night felled a huge tree, crashing it into a large restroom building behind the fifth and 16th holes.

Beginning Wednesday night, separate repair crews cut up and removed the tree, removed the damaged portions of the building, and rebuilt it, from the plumbing to the walls and roof, and had it ready to go by Thursday morning, a 36-hour turnaround. And you couldn't even tell.

“They just get things done, and when you have that ability, there's nothing you can't do,” gallery marshal Art Finley told the *Augusta Chronicle* in 2012.

Between that ability, the dedication to visual perfection – the one thing that some golf architecture critics and most superintendents cringe at, from the hand-clipped perfectly edged bunkers to



How CBS got The Masters: skulduggery unlike any other

BY TIM CRONIN

For decades, we've been accustomed to tuning in CBS for coverage of The Masters. The network has been the television home of the *toonimint* since it was first shown in 1956.

To hear John Derr tell it, it should never have been that way – except that somehow, a letter intended to land on the desk of NBC's sports chief landed on his, at CBS, instead.

Derr told the story to two writers, Scott Michaux of the *Augusta Chronicle* and Ron Green Jr., then of the *Charlotte Observer* and now of *Global Golf Post*, in 2013. They kept it to themselves until Derr's death at 97 in the late spring of 2015.

Then Michaux spilled the beans.

The letter Derr received was from Clifford Roberts, the iron-handed behind-the-scenes ruler of Augusta National. It was supposed to go to Tom Gallery, NBC's sports director.

NBC had been broadcasting The Masters on radio. After the 1955 Masters, Roberts and Bobby Jones, after a few years of concern that television would hurt ticket sales, decided to

televisе its garden party, with much of the southeast blacked out.

Incumbent NBC would get the rights if it wanted them. The network already televised the U.S. Open, the World Series and Rose Bowl, and was about to pick up the NFL championship from DuMont.

The Masters would be another jewel in NBC's television crown.

"Cliff one day said to me in 1954 that they were probably going to come up with a decision to go on television," Derr said, as Michaux related last year. "But he said NBC had done a very good job on the radio. So he said they told NBC if they go into television they would have 30 days to decide whether they wanted it or not."

"We feel it only fair to let them have 30 days to make a decision," Roberts told Derr, who had filed reports on the tournament for CBS for years.

"In early 1955 I got a letter addressed to John Derr, 485 Madison Ave., CBS. On Augusta National letterhead. It said, 'Dear Tom:



We've decided to televisе and you have 30 days to decide.'

"My name was John, not Tom, but I looked again at the envelope and it was addressed to me. So I just put this aside."

Helen Harris, Roberts' longtime secretary, had addressed the envelope. She knew Derr was trying to steer CBS into replacing NBC.

"Well of course Mrs. Harris had accidentally made a mistake and sent the letter that was supposed to go to NBC and Tom Gallery to (him)," Derr said. "I don't know how it happened."

Michaux said Derr's tone was sarcastic.

A little over a month later, NBC's exclusive time to take the rights now expired – unbeknownst to Gallery – Derr called Roberts and, after pleasantries, asked, "Did you ever hear from NBC?"

"Not a word," Roberts replied. "They didn't even make an offer. Apparently they decided not to do it."

Said Derr, "Well I'll be damned. I sure would like to do it."

"He said it's open. And that's how CBS got The Masters."

the relentless green – and the friendly customer service, Augusta National stands alone. Visually an island unto itself in an otherwise-sleepy mid-sized southern city – every franchise restaurant and hotel in the world can be found immediately to the southwest along Washington Road – the

National is almost its own territory. A principality, not unlike Monaco, where the draws are a harbor, a casino and an annual auto race on the streets.

Monaco has an actual prince. Augusta has a legendary co-founder in Jones, and a succession of rulers whose word is law, beginning with Clif-

ford Roberts and continuing to Billy Payne.

Change any of that, and The Masters would become just another golf tournament. The world has enough "just another" tournaments.

One Augusta National is very much needed. That it is unique in the world is why it matters.

Triumph at Minikahda

Remembering the U.S. Open victory of Chick Evans over the professionals a century ago

FIRST OF THREE PARTS

BY TIM CRONIN

A century ago, a man born in Indianapolis and bred in Chicago accomplished what no golfer had previously. Charles Evans Jr. – known to one and all as Chick – won both the United States Open and United States Amateur in the same year. It would come to be known as the Double Crown.

An amateur had won the Open three years earlier. When Francis Ouimet did so in dramatic fashion, beating Harry Vardon and Ted Ray in a three-way playoff at The Country Club in Brookline, Mass., golf began a rise in popularity that didn't stop until the Great Depression.

Evans' accomplishment was as amazing, if not more so. The National Open and the National Amateur were nearly three months apart. Evans had to peak twice, playing some tournaments in between, but nothing like the regular schedule professionals has today.

And, as an amateur, he had to hold down a regular job to make ends meet. Happily for us, among his occupations was working as the golf reporter for the *Chicago Examiner*. A paper now long gone, it then was challenging the *Tribune* for supremacy in morning circulation. Evans wrote

CHICK EVANS' DOUBLE CROWN

nearly every day in season, covering tournaments he played in, courses he visited, and players he knew. His reports were both informed and interesting.

For the U.S. Open, played at the Minikahda Club in Minneapolis, Minn., the *Examiner* sent a second reporter who wrote the main story of the day, while Chick concentrated on his impressions, though writing little about himself until the Open was over.

Evans opened with a flourish, making birdies on the first two holes, going out in 4-under-par 32, and finishing with 2-under-par 70, which tied the competitive course record. In that era, the Open was played in two days, 36 holes a day, so Chick gobbled down lunch and went back to work, turning in a 3-under-par 69 in the afternoon round. Now Chick owned the course record outright.

Evans was the leader at 5-under-par 139, three strokes ahead of Delaware professional Wilfrid Reid and six up on Jim Barnes and Bob Peebles.

Wrote the unbylined *Examiner* scribe, "Famous professionals entered in the big event last night declared that should 'Chick' continue in the



Evans

playing form he displayed this day his lead will prove insurmountable."

The pros might have been admiring, but they weren't thrilled. Ouimet's victory in 1913, the first for an amateur in the big show, was followed two years later by amateur Jerry Travers. With Evans losing to newcomer Walter Hagen at Midlothian in 1914, amateurs had captured two of the previous three National Opens, had nearly swept them all, and now here was Evans leading by three at the halfway point.

But no 36-hole leader had won the Open.

Evans had won the Western Open at Beverly Country Club in 1910, a tournament conducted at match play. He wouldn't say so, but others thought he would have captured the U.S. Open at Midlothian if not for a turned ankle suffered when he engaged in an impromptu race with a young lady before the tournament started. (Years later, she donated \$80,000 to the Evans Scholars Foundation.) This would be his best chance, but he wrote about everything but himself in the *Examiner* after the first day of play:

Weather Big Aid in Play, Says Evans

By Chas. ("Chick") Evans.

MINNEAPOLIS, June 29 – Minneapolis

has given us another day of ideal golf weather. This one was perhaps the best of all, for the rain Wednesday night freshened the air and gave us a beautiful and gripping turf. All today was cool and cloudy, with the gray light that every golfer loves. Perhaps I appreciated all the attractions of the course the more because my clubs were working well and I had the happy privilege of placing my name at the head of the players for the first day of the tournament.

If Jamie Donaldson had done as well as his admirers had a right to expect, his name would have headed the list, for on the very evening before, playing in an exhibition match, he had gone around the course in a marvelous 66. The very morning after that wonderful round he made a 79.

REID FINISHES POORLY

Wilfred Reid, who held second place yesterday, was well headed for first and really should have been low man. Tying me with a 70 in the morning, he played magnificently in the afternoon and at the tenth hole headed me by four shots, but added an unnecessary shot to the fifteenth, to the sixteenth and to the seventeenth, and in consequence his 4 on the eighteenth gave him 72 instead of the 68 that looked so promising a few holes back.

Louis Tellier was off in his putting yesterday and when the expert little Frenchman cannot putt he finds golf a most difficult game. We all do, as I know from bitter experience. Louis' score yesterday was 74-75-149, and that is not up to his usual standard.

Gil Nichols, of whom much was expected, was having trouble with his putts, too, and was only able to crack 150 by one stroke. He declared that he had not holed a real putt since he arrived. Mike Brady seemed always on the point of doing



Illinois Golfer Archive

CHAMPION CHICK Chick Evans holds on tightly to the U.S. Open trophy after winning at Minikahda.

something fine, but just missed, and the best he could do was 148. Hagen is another favorite who is a bit behind.

BARNES AND PEBBLES TIE

Hutchison, Vardon, Mr. Worthington and O'Brien are a little higher than they have any right to be. Jim Barnes' chances look very good to me. He and Bob Peebles tied at 145 and the chances of both are excellent.

There are a number of famous names missing in the list of the first ten players. They may be found there when the last shot is played tomorrow. Golf is a game of surprises and disappointments and each day stands by itself, so that the man who won a high place today may find a lowly spot tomorrow. But we can be sure of one thing, and that is that unless there is a tie we will have a new open champion tomorrow night, and so far the West is leading.

It was hot for the second day, Friday, June 30, and Evans couldn't keep up his blistering pace of the first 36 holes. He went out in 2-over 74, including bogeys on two of the par 5s, but it wasn't because of his approaches. Instead, the player with great control over his long irons was already showing signs of his erratic putting. Evans was on the green of the par-5 fourth, a 530-yard monster, on two strokes, and proceeded to four-putt for a bogey 6.

"Here the gallery, which was the largest of the play throughout the tournament, came to the conclusion that he would break," Billy Sixty wrote in *The Milwaukee Journal*.

Instead, he rallied with a birdie on the next hole and finished the front nine in par 36. Even after a 2-over inward nine, he was comfortably in front. Reid was no longer his closest pursuer, hav-

ing fired a 79 to fall out of contention. The morning's best rounds came from Barnes and Gilbert Nichols, 1-under 71s. After 54 holes, Evans stood at 3-under 213 and led Barnes by three strokes entering the final round.

Neither Evans' nor Barnes' golf was spectacular in the final round. Chick, after a birdie on the par-5 second, found trouble at the fourth again. This time a buried lie in a bunker and three-putting added up to a double-bogey 7. For a short time, Evans and Barnes, playing three pairs behind, were tied.

Meanwhile, out of the ranks of the apparent also-rans came Jock Hutchison, who was seven strokes back at 4-over 220 through 54 holes. He went out in 1-under 35 in the afternoon, gaining two strokes on Evans, then birdied the 12th and 13th holes, back-to-back par 5s, to gain another stroke on Chick.

But Evans had also birdied the 583-yard 12th, and he considered it the key hole of the U.S. Open.

"Twenty or more yards in front of the green there is a creek," Evans wrote in his 1921 autobiography. "At the time I did not know to a certainty what Barnes' score was, but I was confronted by a necessity of making an important decision. If I carried the creek I could make a 4, and if Barnes and I were even, it would mean much. He surely could do no better, but he had a great chance to do as well as he is a great distance-getter. If I played a little short I could make a 5, but if I went into the creek a 6 would be the best that I could get. I decided to risk the creek, and I never played a better shot in my life. I listened for the gallery at the green and when the encouraging sounds came echoing thrillingly from the little wood near by, I was overjoyed."

Chick Evans Round-By-Round at Minikahda

Par	Out	4 5 3 5 4 4 3 4 4 – 36	In	3 4 5 5 4 4 4 3 4 – 36 – 72	Total	To Par
Rd. 1		3 4 3 4 4 3 3 4 4 – 32		4 4 6 4 4 5 4 3 4 – 38 – 70		- 2
Rd. 2		4 5 2 5 4 4 4 4 4 – 36		3 3 5 5 3 4 4 3 3 – 33 – 69 – 139		- 5
Rd. 3		4 4 3 6 3 4 3 4 5 – 36		3 4 6 5 4 4 4 3 5 – 38 – 74 – 213		- 3
Rd. 4		4 4 3 7 3 4 3 5 4 – 37		3 4 4 5 4 4 4 3 5 – 36 – 73 – 286		- 2

After he sank the birdie putt, the word came that Barnes had fozzled the ninth hole. It was between Chick and Jock now.

Taken purely on scores, Jock was four strokes behind with five holes to play, and had a hot putter to Evans' cool one. But this was a half-century before players were paired purely on the basis of their score in the final two rounds. Evans went out in the middle of the field, starting his afternoon round at 2:05 p.m., 40 minutes before Hutchison.

Thus, Evans was in the clubhouse while Hutchison still had several holes to play.

And Chick played those final five holes in 20 strokes: 4-4-4-3-5, the latter a bogey following a quartet of pars to finish at 1-over 73 for a total of 2-under 286, a U.S. Open record.

But would it stand? The gallery turned its attention to Jock. He also parred the 14th, 15th and 16th. Contemporary reports don't indicate if Jock knew where Chick had finished at, or if anyone at the clubhouse knew that Jock had a good round going. But he kept pressing, closing with a pair of birdies for a course-record 68 and a total of even-par 288. He had also broken George Sargent's 7-year-old U.S. Open scoring record, only to fall two strokes short to the 25-year-old amateur from Edgewater Country Club.

The gallery crowded around Chick. Representatives of manufacturers offered five-figure

contracts to turn pro. He thanked the crowd and turned down the money. The trophy would be enough for him. (Hutchison collected the first prize money of \$300.)

And when it came time to write that evening, Chick Evans was out of words. He penned this short note for the *Examiner*:

MINNEAPOLIS, June 30 – I simply can't write a story for morning. I am utterly exhausted after winning the title and some friends here offered to take me on an automobile ride, so I went with the hope that it would brace me up. None can imagine how glad I am to win.

But Chick did credit his mother, Lena, for being his biggest fan and an inspiration. The Examiner's other man on the scene, noting his modesty at writing about winning it all, quoted Chick thusly:

"I'm feeling great, though, and my mother's feeling fine, too. You don't know my mother? Why, she's the best pal and the best friend I ever want to have. Furthermore, she's simply the best mascot in the world. When mother is watching me play it seems like I do a little bit better than usual. She was with me in Europe and in California and at a lot of tournaments in this country. She is wonderful.

“The finest thing about winning was the smile on mother’s face when I looked up from my last putt and saw her. She was standing there watching me and I saw here before I saw any one else. I can tell you that the expression on mother’s face was even better than the championship.”

By the following day, Evans, while overstating his U.S. Open participation by one, was composed enough to pen a column for Sunday’s *Examiner* recapping the week:

“CHICK” REALIZES AMBITION

New National Open Champion Has Long Nursed Desire to Climb to Pinnacle of Golfing World

By Chas. (“Chick”) Evans.

National Open Golf Champion

MINNEAPOLIS, July 1 – Winning the open championship at Minikahda was the realization of an old ambition. It is true that I have not played in very many of the national open events, possibly but four times in my life. I did not play in Brookline in 1913, when Francis Ouimet, the first amateur to win the national open, achieved his famous victory over Ray and Vardon.

I played the next year at Midlothian, losing out by one stroke to Hagen and leading Ouimet by 11. At Baltusrol last year I played badly after having one good score. It can be seen by these statements that I have not had nearly so much experience in the national open as in the national amateur.

The two competitions are entirely different. The national open is severe, but comparatively short, calling for more skill and less endurance. The amateur is longer, requiring more endurance, but almost always with one comparatively easier way. In the open every man must tread the same

hard path.

RAIN HELPS COURSE

The past week was a very fortunate one for me. I arrived in Minikahda Sunday and made my first round over the course in 73. On Monday Jamie Donaldson and I tied for first place in the amateur-professional four ball competition. I rested on Tuesday and qualified second on Wednesday with a score of 145, Jimmie Simpson of Blue Mound holding the first place with 144. That night the course, which was in good condition but becoming a little fast, received a beneficial rain.

The condition following that rain seemed to suit me exactly, and I had a lucky 70 in the morning and a luckier 69 in the afternoon. It suited Wilfred Reid, too, and I only escaped a tie when he developed a putting weakness on the last few holes. As it was, I led him by three strokes.

I began the last day rather hopefully, considering that in the history of the event it had never been won by the leader of the first day, and that a small lead of three strokes can be wiped out on one hole.

Friday was the hottest day we had and I soon found myself struggling and lucky to bring in a 74. Reid had still worse luck and brought a 79

22nd United States Open

Minikahda Club, Minneapolis, Minn. • June 29-30, 1916 • Leading Finishers

Chick Evans, Edgewater	70-69-74-73-286	Am.	Mike Brady, Oakley CC	75-73-75-74-297	\$ 30
Jock Hutchison, Pittsburgh	73-75-72-68-288	\$300	Tom Vardon, White Bear YC	76-72-75-74-297	\$ 30
Jim Barnes, Whitmarsh	71-74-71-74-290	\$150	J.J. O'Brien, Mansfield, Oh.	76-72-73-76-297	\$ 30
George Sargent, Interlachen	75-71-72-75-293	\$ 83	Jack Dowling, Scarsdale CC	71-76-75-76-298	
Gil Nichols, Greent Neck, NY	73-76-71-73-293	\$ 83	Walter Fovargue, Skokie CC	76-74-74-75-299	
Wilfrid Reid, Wilmington	70-72-79-72-293	\$ 83	Lewis Tellier, Brookline	74-75-72-78-299	
Walter Hagen, Rochester	73-76-75-71-295	\$ 60	Five players tied at 300		
Bob Macdonald, Buffalo	74-72-77-73-296	\$ 50	Field of 62 players		

to luncheon. Jim Barnes, however, was picking it up with a 71 and he continued it with a 70 in the afternoon.

HIS LUCKY WEEK

All through the long, hot, struggling afternoon round rumors of scores were flying from player to player. Reid was no longer greatly feared, but an unknown field was pressing hard. When I holed my last putt I was told that I had probably won the title. Barnes came in a little later, confirming the supposition.

Afterwards came Jack Hutchison of Pittsburgh, who had made the score of 68, breaking my record of the day before. Only the missing of two short putts saved me from a tie, and only two strokes measured my lead on the last day of the open. Therefore, consider this a lucky week for me, and that I was fortunate in the misfortunes of my friends.

Chick Evans didn’t let winning the National Open go to his head. In Monday’s *Examiner*, even as Edgewater members planned a huge celebratory dinner, he scooped his competition with news that Winnetka would have a municipal course, complete with analysis of the nine-hole layout.

2015 IN REVIEW

A crowning achievement and more

BY TIM CRONIN

Two shots at Rich Harvest Farms highlighted the year in golf in Illinois.

One took place on the golf course. The other came in a meeting.

The review of 2015 starts with the latter. The off-course shot was Jerry Rich's withdrawal as host of the LPGA's International Crown, a multi-nation tournament he created, convinced the LPGA to commence, and expected to serve as the permanent American host.

Rich's move, which came to light on Nov. 11, climaxed a festering dispute he had with the LPGA over the amount of attention the tour was paying to a competition he expected would be doted over in a manner similar to his course's hosting of the 2009 Solheim Cup, a huge success.

Rich is a man who wants nothing but a first-class setting and atmosphere for his endeavors, and didn't think the LPGA, whose marketing person was working on other projects along with the Crown, was living up to expectations.

The argument eventually came to a head in a meeting with LPGA commissioner Mike Whan. Sources indicate the talk was heated, and ended with Rich telling Whan he could take the Crown back. For the bold move of standing up for quality, Rich earns the *ILLINOIS GOLFER Person of the Year* title.

The Crown will go on this year, at the Merit Club in Libertyville on July 21-24. As it turns out,

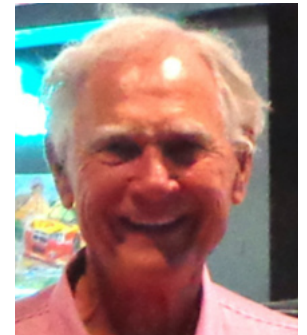


corporate title sponsor UL – the old Underwriters Laboratories – is headquartered nearby in Northbrook, so the location of the competition makes sense from a corporate standpoint. (UL switched from a non-profit operation to for-profit in 2012, so expect schmoozing in the corporate tents.)

Rich Harvest goes on as well, with the NCAA

championships for both men and women scheduled there for 2017. But Rich's decision to drop the Crown when the standards he expected were not met sent shock waves around women's golf.

The on-course shot at Rich Harvest was the best one of the year in Illinois golf, and perhaps anywhere, for it won a championship. Dawson



Rory Spears / GolfersonGolf.com (above);
Tim Cronin / Illinois Golfer

SHOCKERS Jerry Rich (above) sent the International Crown packing from his Rich Harvest Farms; Dawson Armstrong (left) waves to the gallery after Aaron Wise (behind) failed to match Armstrong's eagle on the second playoff hole of the 2015 Western Amateur championship match at Rich Harvest.

The Champions of 2015

BMW Championship / Western Open

– Jason Day

John Deere Classic – Jordan Spieth

Encompass Championship – Jerry Smith

Western Amateur – Dawson Armstrong

Western Junior – Chun An Yu

Women's Western Amateur – Fai Khamborn

Women's Western Junior – Emilia Miglaccio

Illinois Open – (a) David Cooke

Illinois Women's Open

– (a) Madasyn Pettersen

Illinois Senior Open – Gary March

Illinois PGA – Jim Billiter

Illinois PGA Match Play – Jim Billiter

Illinois Players – Kyle Bauer

Illinois Amateur – Tim "Tee-K" Kelly

Illinois Women's Amateur – rained out

Illinois Mid-Amateur – Chadd Slutzky

Illinois Junior Amateur – Ethan Farnam

Illinois Junior Girls' Amateur

– Roshannah Gaur

Illinois Senior Amateur – Dave Ryan

Illinois Senior Women's Amateur

– Jan Bowers

CDGA Amateur – Alex Burge

CDGA Mid-Amateur – John Ehrgott

CDGA Senior Amateur – Dave Ryan

CWDGA Championship

– Rosanna Lederhausen

Decatur-Forsyth Symetra Classic

– Jimin Kang

Radix Cup – CDGA amateurs

Armstrong authored it on the 20th hole of the Western Amateur's final match. With opponent Aaron Wise on the green in two, Armstrong holed out from the greenside bunker of the par-5 second hole for an eagle 3 and, after Wise missed his eagle putt, the victory.

"It was going to have to be a lucky shot, and it was extremely lucky," said Armstrong, a 19-year-old sophomore at Lipscomb University in Tennessee.

How good was his 50-foot hole-out? Research found that no player in the 117-year history of Western Golf Association championships had ever won by sinking a bunker shot on the final hole, be it stroke play or match play, or make an eagle to win at the last. Armstrong did both

with one swing of the club.

And it almost didn't happen. Wise had led 1 up through 17 holes, but three-putted the last while Armstrong got down in two from 90 feet to square the match and force overtime.

Armstrong had shown no fear in match play, knocking off Jordan Niebrugge, the low amateur in the British Open, in the quarterfinals, then stopping red-hot Robby Shelton in the semis.

Bryson DeChambeau also excelled at match play in the area. After missing the Western Am's Sweet Sixteen, he regrouped and romped to victory at the U.S. Amateur at Olympia Fields. That achievement earned him places in this year's Masters, U.S. Open and British Open. Curiously, he ended up leaving Southern Methodist rather

than defend the individual NCAA title he won last year, because the Mustangs program was put on probation by the NCAA. Given his talent level, DeChambeau is getting a better apprenticeship for the pros by playing with them rather than playing in college.

In Illinois, the college scene was dominated by the Illinois men's team, which took second in the NCAA team championship and has been ranked No. 1 for most of this season. Alex Burge and Charlie Danielson have both been nominated for the Byron Nelson Award. Will 2016 be the year the Fighting Illini win it all? It would be a tonic to a troubled athletic program.

Amateurs also broke through in two state majors, with David Cooke winning the Illinois Open and 15-year-old Madasyn Pettersen capturing the Illinois Women's Open.

Professionally, Jason Day's wire-to-wire win in the BMW Championship at Conway Farms was a personal showcase on a par with his PGA Championship title at Whistling Straits, while Jordan Spieth disproved the naysayers by nearly winning the British Open after annexing his second John Deere Classic in three years.

But for continuing impact on the local scene, it's Jim Billiter who takes the prize. Indeed, he took two last year, beating his Illinois PGA Section peers first in the section's match play affair, then beating them again at stroke play. Of the nine others who have won both, eight are in the Illinois Golf Hall of Fame. That possibility is a long way off for Billiter, but his achievement earns Billiter the ILLINOIS GOLFER *Player of the Year* nod.

Dave Ryan dominated senior play again, winning the Illinois Senior Amateur for the third time in seven years and successfully defending his CDGA Senior Amateur title.

Ready ... set ... fore!

Balmoral Woods starts year with Will County Amateur April 16-17

BY TIM CRONIN

It all started at Tuckaway Golf Course in 1989.

That's when and where Terry Werner won the inaugural Will County Amateur, a tournament started by head pro Marc Adduci to give the area a proper season kickoff and to bring Tuckaway some publicity.

Since 1996, the Will County Amateur has been held at Balmoral Woods in Crete – Werner also won there in 1999 and 2002, the only player to win at both courses – and the tournament has developed a deserved reputation for tough competition on a quality course.

Seven of the Will County Am winners over the years have also won the Illinois Amateur or the CDGA Amateur. Frequently, the leader board on Sunday resembles those state majors as players battle to wear the traditional Brown Jacket.

This year's edition, the 28th in an unbroken line, should be no different. It's slated for Balmoral Woods on April 16-17, and as always, the weather could be a determining factor. The WCA has seen everything from a calm sunny day (rare) to punishing winds (more common) to snow (it happens) to rain (expect it at least one day). A combination of at least three of the four in one round is not uncommon.

The challenge of playing Balmoral Woods is enough of an adventure in itself, but throw in

Will County Amateur

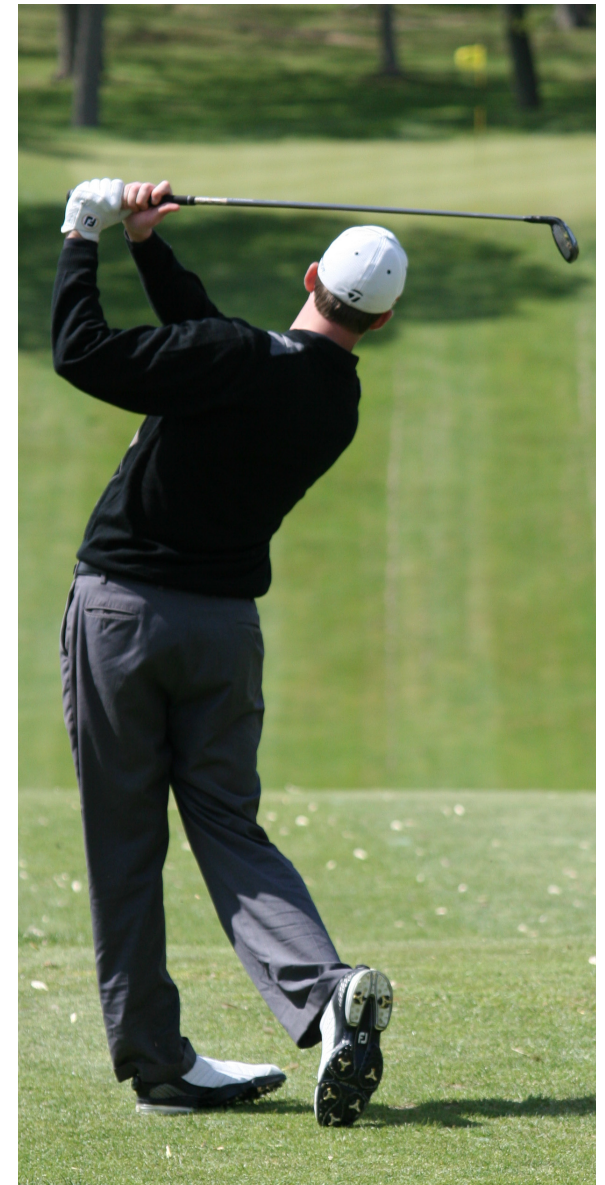
The Champions

1989 Terry Werner	2003 Pat Kellner
1990 Tom Studer	2004 John Finin
1991 Mark Small	2005 John Wright
1992 Jeff Matheson	2006 Todd Mitchell
1993 Scott Matheson	2007 Todd Mitchell
1994 Mike Mortell	2008 John Ehrgott
1995 Scott Matheson	2009 Tony Romo
1996 Rich Dukelow	2010 Todd Mitchell
1997 John Finin	2011 Michael Natale
1998 Rick TenBroeck	2012 Tom Kearfott
1999 Terry Werner	2013 John Erhgott
2000 Eric Ilic	2014 Todd Mitchell
2001 Rich Dukelow	2015 Michael Fastert
2002 Terry Werner	

changing conditions and only the best survive the 36-hole grind.

Michael Fastert of Des Plaines was the survivor last year, scoring 74-70-144 to finish at even par and a stroke ahead of Paul Dagsy of Bolingbrook and Glenn Przybylski of Frankfort. Fastert made up a three-stroke deficit with his final round 70, the best round of the tournament, one featuring birdies on three of Balmoral's par 5s. Four former winners (Ehrgott, Wright, Finin and Werner) finished in the top 20.

At press time, a few spots remained in the 144-player field. Entry fee is \$130. For more information, call Balmoral Woods: (708) 672-7448.



Tim Cronin / Illinois Golfer

SWING AWAY The Will County Amateur is the traditional start to Chicagoland's amateur season.

JUNIOR SCENE

Challenge set: June 22 at Glenwoodie

BY TIM CRONIN

Competitive golf for youngsters at a affordable price.

That was the idea behind the start of what was originally called the Pulitzer Challenge Junior Golf Championship in 1989.

Several changes of name and ownership later, it remains the driving force. The management – essentially your humble correspondent – has been in charge throughout, guided by the idea given by Carol McCue at an organizational meeting the year before: Give the kids who don't play in big tournaments a chance to play in one.

That idea worked in 1989, and it works today. Through the years, elite players have also joined in the fun, and often grabbed a title or a top-three trophy, but everyone has always been welcome to tee it up.

Something else hasn't changed since 1989: the course. It's Glenwoodie Golf Course in Glenwood, a public layout featuring challenging second shots and a set of greens with undulations and speeds closer to those of a private course.

It's at Glenwoodie where stylist Craig Casata became the Challenge's first champion in the Boys 16-to-18 Division. The Sandburg standout went on to a college career at Eastern Illinois and is a successful businessman today.

Over the years, the Challenge has seen win-



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KID SWAG

The trophies to the right go to the winners of the Challenge's four divisions, but everyone gets a bag tag and towel.



ners and contenders earn Evans scholarships for their caddie work when they had carried the clubs of others, become golf professionals or work in golf management, and generally move into the ranks of the successful. Just to name three:

- Tony Lane set the Challenge scoring record in 1994, and later caddied on the LPGA Tour.
- Mary Beth Skrodski was the Girls winner in 2002 and today is a teaching pro in St. Charles, Mo.
- Angela Dehning won four straight Chal-

lenges, and today coaches Chicago State's women's team.

Four additional such stories – or more – could be written this year, when Glenwoodie hosts the 28th Illinois Golfer Challenge on June 22. The entry fee is \$37. As always, there are four divisions: Boys 13-15, Boys 16-18, Girls 13-15 and Girls 16-18. The deadline to enter is June 10, but why wait? Use the entry blank on the next page and enter today!



The ILLINOIS GOLFER Challenge Junior Golf Championship

for ages 13-18 at Glenwoodie on Wednesday, June 22!

We're back at beautiful Glenwoodie for the 28th year! Here are the rules:

ELIGIBILITY: Amateur boy and girl golfers ages 13 to 18 (player cannot be 19 or older on June 22). No USGA handicap is necessary. Proof of age must be furnished upon request. Entries subject to the approval of the Tournament Committee and may be rejected at any time, including during the championship. Reason for rejection may include unbecoming conduct during or after play. The Tournament Committee reserves the right to issue special invitations.

DIVISIONS: Two boys divisions and two girls divisions (13-15 and 16-18). Players must play in their own age group. **Trophies awarded for first, second and third place** in each division.

ENTRY DEADLINE: Friday, June 10, 2016.

SEND ENTRY TO: Tim Cronin, Illinois Golfer Challenge, P.O. Box 541, Worth, IL 60482-0541. Official entry blank (which may be photocopied) and full entry fee must be included. Faxed and emailed entries will not be accepted.

Do not send entries to Glenwoodie.

ENTRY FEE: \$37. Make check or money order payable to Tim Cronin.

SIZE OF FIELD: Limited to the first 156 entries. Entries beyond that will have alternate status. No tee entries are accepted.

ENTER EARLY.

STARTING TIMES: Play begins at 6:30 a.m. Players will be notified of tee times by email about one week prior to June 22. **Please provide your**

email address on your entry. Starting times will be available on www.illinoisgolfer.net. The player will start at the time set by the Committee.

REGISTRATION: Players must register at the starter's table at least 15 minutes before tee time. Players receive appropriate mementos at registration. Upon turning in their scorecard post-round, players receive tickets for a light lunch.

WITHDRAWALS: By letter to the Illinois Golfer P.O. Box, or via e-mail to illinoisgolfer@earthlink.net by June 3, entitled to full refund. No refund thereafter.

ALTERNATES: Extra entries will be held on file. If openings in a division occur, they will be entered in order of receipt.

CONDITIONS OF PLAY: 18 holes, stroke play. The 2016 Rules of Golf of the United States Golf Association will apply, including prohibitions in effect regarding non-conforming drivers. **In accordance with USGA rules changes, distance-measuring devices are now allowed.**

First-place tie broken by sudden-death playoff. Players must walk and carry own bags. Pull carts are permissible. Spectators must stay 30 feet from contestants and may not provide transportation except in case of severe weather. Coaching of any kind is prohibited. Cellular telephones and other audio-video devices are prohibited on the course for both players and spectators.

Rules officials will be on hand.

QUESTIONS? e-mail Tim Cronin at illinoisgolfer@earthlink.net

ILLINOIS GOLFER CHALLENGE

ENTRY FORM (return only this)

Name _____

Address _____

City _____

State _____ Zip _____

E-mail _____

Telephone (_____) _____

Date of birth _____

Age on 6/22/2016 _____

School (in fall) _____

On golf team? _____

Handicap/average score (a must!) _____

Division entered (circle):

Boys 13-15

Girls 13-15

Boys 16-18

Girls 16-18

Have you played in the Challenge before? _____

Enclose \$37 entry fee and mail to:

Tim Cronin

Illinois Golfer Challenge

PO Box 541, Worth, IL 60482-0541

Deadline: Friday, June 10, 2016

AROUND ILLINOIS

Tournament golf back in Springfield

FROM IG NEWS SERVICES

It seems longer than five years ago that the last edition of the LPGA State Farm Classic was played in Springfield.

Memories fade, but the membership of Panther Creek Country Club, which hosted the tournament from 2007 to 2011, hadn't forgotten the attention the annual showcase brought to their club. When State Farm pulled out, tournament organizers couldn't find a similar big-dollar sponsor, and what had begun as the Rail Classic at The Rail decades earlier was finished.

Another tour will be at Panther Creek this year. The web.com Tour, the PGA Tour's developmental circuit, will stage the Lincoln Land Charity Championship from July 14-17.

"Our No. 1 goal is just awareness," tournament director Alex McCarty said at the announcement on Feb. 19.

That and building a volunteer force. About 400 will be needed. Given the quest of the previous five years to bring a tournament to the club, the membership will likely provide a great deal of the help.

Members were seeking a Champions Tour tournament when they invited PGA Tour officials to tour Panther Creek, general manager Jimm Moody Jr. told *The State Journal-Register*.

"I think a (web.com) event that was supposed to be held somewhere else didn't work out,"



Tim Cronin / Illinois Golfer

PANTHER'S PRIDE Springfield's Panther Creek hosts the Lincoln Land Charity Championship in July.

Moody said. "So they asked if we'd be willing to host a tournament. Some decisions had to be made quickly."

The answer from the membership was yes, and like that, Panther Creek was back in the tournament business. The five-year deal doesn't include a title sponsor, but, in comparison to the LPGA, the price of hanging one's name on the tournament was estimated by Moore to be about \$800,000 compared to the \$2 million on the women's tour.

The Lincoln Land is one of two web.com tournaments in Illinois this year. The other, the

Rust-oleum Championship, was revealed late last year, and will be played at the Ivanhoe Club in the northwest suburbs of Chicago from June 9-12.

Lincoln Land tickets are a bargain at \$10 for a single day. Online sales are underway at www.lincolmlandcharitychampionship.com.

Panther Creek was designed by Richard Phelps, a Colorado-based course architect, and Hale Irwin. The three-time U.S. Open champion gets more of the notice, but Phelps did more of the heavy lifting.

New hope in Makanda

Most golf courses that close for two years re-

main closed forever. That will not be the case for what had been known at Stone Creek Golf Club in Makanda, south of Carbondale.

New owners who bought the course late last year plan to reopen it next spring after an extensive renovation and repair. It will be renamed Kelller's Crossing at Stone Creek, honoring original owner Tim Keller.

Tim Chrzan and son Jason lead the new ownership group for the course, which sits on 400 wooded and hilly acres and winds through a housing development adjacent to the Shawnee National Forest.

The elder Chrzan has more than three decades of experience in the golf business, most of it in Iowa, and most recently operating the Woods to Wedges golf school in Cedar Rapids. He wanted to have the school on a course, rather than at a range, and began scouting for a suitable course.

Stone Creek was suitable, but, after legal tangles were sorted out, no longer playable. The year-long rehab project includes reseeding all 18 greens and rebuilding the irrigation system.

"The trunk slam test says when you're slamming the trunk, (you say) 'I can't wait to try this golf course again, and that's the vision I have,'" Tim Chrzan told WSIL-TV.

The original range will be remade into a modern practice center, including a restaurant, plus a kids course and interactive golf games.

The course hosted one of the IHSA's girls golf championships for a handful of years, until the high school group decided that Carbondale was too far south and relocated it to Decatur. The Chrzans hope to lure the IHSA back.

Rantoul's Brookhill study continues

A two-year study by the Rantoul Park District on whether to keep or close Brookhill Golf course

shows no sign of ending.

Brookhill, just north of Rantoul, has lost money for several years, including \$189,726 in 2013. The loss was recently cut to \$150,000, but the course isn't close to breaking even.

Two board members have suggested turning the property into a prairie park. Another option, though filled with red tape, would be exchanging the property for the privately-owned Willow Pond Golf Course on the grounds of the old Chanute Air Force Base.

Willow Pond owner Kevin Applebee said he'd only do so if it could be done this year, the *Rantoul Press* reported.

Charity corner

Golf and fashion go together if you're not a golf writer. That will be proven at the Old Crow Smokehouse, 149 W. Kinzie St. in Chicago's River North neighborhood on Thursday, Apr. 7, when the **2016 Golf Fashion Show** to benefit the First Tee of Greater Chicago and the Illinois PGA Foundation takes place at 6 p.m. Tickets are \$85 and \$150, the latter for VIP access and with three raffle tickets. For more info, see www.thefirstteegreaterchicago.com or www.illinoispga.org.

People

James "Rimmy" Dunlop is the new head pro at Bolingbrook Golf Club after 18 years as the assistant at Oak Park, first to **Steve Dunning** and more recently to **Frank Bruno**. ... As if Northwestern men's coach **Pat Goss** isn't busy enough between the Wildcats, coaching **Luke Donald** and advising on Canal Shores, he's also picked up the executive directorship of the First Tee of Greater Chicago. ... **Trey Van Dyke**, long a fixture at Oak Brook Golf Course, has left for a teaching post at Cog Hill Golf & Country Club. **Jeff Kawucha** replaces Van Dyke as Oak Brook's head pro.

TOUR GUIDE



Kevin Strelman 116th WGR
\$814,710 in 11 starts 41st FEC
Best: 3rd San Diego
70.898 scoring average



Luke Donald 92nd WGR
\$250,554 in 9 starts 120th FEC
Best: T22 Innisbrook (Valspar)
71.033 scoring average



Luke Guthrie 356th WGR
\$184,008 in 7 starts 149th FEC
Best: T10 Frys
71.661 scoring average



Mark Wilson 410th WGR
\$108,949 in 10 starts 165th FEC
Best: T25 RSM
71.707 scoring average



Scott Langley 429th WGR
\$49,446 in 8 starts 184th FEC
Best: T33 RSM
72.344 scoring average



D.A. Points 660th WGR
\$37,846 in 6 starts 266th FEC
Best: T38 RSM
72.093 scoring average



Jeff Sluman **Champions Tour**
\$204,063 in 4 starts
Best: T 3 Allianz
69.170 scoring average

FEC: FedEx Cup; through Palmer Invitational from PGA Tour, World Golf Ranking

TOURNAMENT CALENDAR

The National Scene

Key national and international championships,
WGA, WWGA, USGA, plus tour stops in Illinois and vicinity

April
3/31-3 **44th ANA Inspiration (Dinah Shore)**, Mission Hills (Shore), Rancho Mirage, Calif.
7-10 **80th Masters Tournament**, Augusta National GC, Augusta, Ga.

May
12-15 **Players Championship**, TPC Sawgrass (Stadium), Ponte Vedra Beach, Fla.
21-25 **2nd U.S. Amateur Four-Ball**, Winged Foot GC, Mamaroneck, N.Y.
21-25 **2nd U.S. Women's Amateur Four-Ball**, Streamsong Resort, Streamsong, Fla.
26-29 **77th Senior PGA Championship**, Harbor Shores GC, Benton Harbor, Mich.

June
9-12 **Women's PGA Championship**, Sahalee CC, Sammamish, Wash.
9-12 **Senior Players Championship**, Philadelphia Cricket C, Philadelphia
9-12 **Rust-Oleum Championship (web.com Tour)**, Ivanhoe C, Ivanhoe, Ill.
10-12 **Curtis Cup**, Dun Laghaire GC, Enniskerry, Ireland
16-19 **116th United States Open**, Oakmont CC, Oakmont, Pa.
17-19 **Four Winds Invitational (Symetra Tour)**, Blackthorn GC, South Bend, Ind.
20-23 **99th Western Junior**, Red Run GC, Royal Oak, Mich.
20-25 **116th Women's Western Amateur**, Dayton CC, Dayton, Ohio
24-26 **Inaugural American Family Insurance Championship (Champions Tour)**, University Ridge GC, Madison, Wis.

July
7-10 **U.S. Women's Open**, CordeValle, San Martin, Calif.
11-15 **90th Women's Western Junior**, Blackhawk CC, Madison, Wis.
14-17 **145th Open Championship**, Royal Troon GC, Ayrshire, Scotland
14-17 **Lincoln Land Charity Championship (web.com Tour)**, Panther Creek CC, Springfield, Ill.
18-23 **U.S. Junior Amateur**, Honors Course, Ooltewah, Tenn.
18-23 **U.S. Girls Junior**, Ridgewood C, Paramus, N.J.
18-24 **2nd International Crown**, Merit Club, Libertyville, Ill.
18-24 **British Senior Open**, Carnoustie GC, Carnoustie, Scotland
28-31 **98th PGA Championship**, Baltusrol GC, Springfield, N.J.
28-31 **Women's British Open**, Woburn GC, Milton Keanes, Eng.

August
1- 7 **U.S. Women's Amateur**, Rolling Green GC, Springfield, Pa.
2- 6 **114th Western Amateur**, Knollwood C, Lake Forest, Ill.
11-14 **3rd Olympic Games Men's Championship**, Olympic GC, Rio de Janeiro, Brazil
11-14 **46th John Deere Classic**, TPC Deere Run, Silvis, Ill.
11-14 **37th U.S. Senior Open**, Scioto CC, Columbus, Ohio
12-14 **Decatur-Forsyth Classic (Symetra Tour)**, Hickory Point GC, Forsyth, Ill.

15-21 **116th U.S. Amateur**, Oakland Hills CC, Bloomfield Hills, Mich.
18-21 **Inaugural Olympic Games Women's Championship**, Olympic GC, Rio de Janeiro, Brazil

September
8-11 **113rd BMW Championship (Western Open)**, Crooked Stick GC, Carmel, Ind.
10-15 **U.S. Mid-Amateur**, Stonewall Links, Elverson, Pa.
10-15 **U.S. Women's Mid-Amateur**, Kahkwa C, Erie, Pa.
14-17 **Women's World Amateur Team**, El Camaleon GC, Cancun, Mex.
15-18 **Evian Championship**, Evian Resort GC, Evian les Bains, France
17-22 **62nd U.S. Senior Amateur**, Old Warson CC, St. Louis, Mo.
17-22 **55th U.S. Senior Women's Amateur**, Wellesley CC, Wellesley, Mass.
21-24 **World Amateur Team**, El Camaleon GC, Cancun, Mex.
22-25 **30th Tour Championship**, East Lake GC, Atlanta, Ga.
28-30 **USGA Men's State Team**, CC of Birmingham, Ala.

October
9/30-2 **Ryder Cup Matches**, Hazeltine National GC, Chaska, Minn.

USGA Qualifying

www.usga.org; generally conducted locally by CDGA

May
9 **U.S. Open Local**, Village Links of Glen Ellyn
9 **U.S. Open Local**, Illini CC, Springfield
16 **U.S. Open Local**, Exmoor CC, Highland Park
23 **U.S. Women's Open**, Oak Park CC, River Grove

June
13 **U.S. Junior Amateur**, Senica's Oak Ridge GC, LaSalle
22 **U.S. Senior Open**, Northmoor CC, Highland Park

July
6 **U.S. Women's Amateur**, Sportsman's CC, Northbrook
11 **U.S. Amateur**, Mistwood GC, Romeoville
12 **U.S. Amateur**, Weirburg GC at Illinois State, Normal

August
1 **U.S. Mid-Amateur**, Cantigny Golf, Wheaton
10 **U.S. Mid-Amateur**, Ironwood GC, Normal
15 **U.S. Mid-Amateur**, Ravinia Green CC, Riverwoods
26 **U.S. Senior Amateur**, Fox Bend GC, Oswego

September
12 **2017 U.S. Amateur Four-Ball**, Glen Oak CC, Glen Ellyn

October
6 **2017 U.S. Women's Amateur Four-Ball**, Bridges of Poplar Creek, Hoffman Estates
11 **2017 U.S. Amateur Four-Ball**, Glen Club, Glenview

Illinois PGA

www.ipga.com
May

9-12 **65th IPGA Match Play Championship**, Kemper Lakes GC, Hawthorn Woods
23-25 **Senior Match Play Championship**, Shoreacres, Lake Bluff

June
6 **Rust-Oleum Championship Qualifier**, TBA
8 **55th Radix Cup Matches**, Oak Park CC, River Grove

July
13 **Thompson Cup Matches**, Olympia Fields CC, Olympia Fields
18 **Senior Masters**, Onwentsia Club, Lake Forest
25-27 **67th Illinois Open**, Royal Fox CC/Royal Hawk CC

August
8- 9 **Illinois PGA Senior**, Whisper Creek GC
29-31 **94th Illinois PGA Championship**, Olympia Fields CC (South)

September
19-20 **Illinois Senior Open**, McHenry CC, McHenry

October
3-4 **Illinois Players Championship**, Eagle Ridge (General), Galena

Chicago District GA

www.cdga.org
May

16-18 **2nd CDGA Mid-Amateur**, Lake Shore CC, Glencoe
23-26 **CDGA Senior Amateur Four-Ball**, Crystal Tree CC, Orland Park

June
8 **55th Radix Cup Matches**, Oak Park CC, River Grove
27-30 **97th CDGA Amateur**, Calumet CC, Homewood

July
19-21 **86th Illinois Amateur**, St. Charles CC, St. Charles

August
1- 4 **CDGA Amateur Four-Ball**, Eagle Brook CC, Geneva
8-11 **15th CDGA Senior Amateur**, Wynstone GC, North Barrington
18 **4th CDGA Super Senior Amateur**, Biltmore CC, N. Barrington
30-31 **24th Illinois Mid-Amateur**, Flossmoor CC, Flossmoor

September
12-14 **30th Illinois Senior Amateur**, Bloomington CC, Bloomington
22 **45th CDGA Mixed Championship**, Idlewild CC, Flossmoor

Chicago Women's District GA

www.cwdga.org
May

25 **One-Day Stroke Play**, Biltmore CC, North Barrington

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	June	
27	Better-Ball of Pairs, Ravinia Green CC, Riverwoods	
	August	
9-11	85th CWDGA Championship, Flossmoor CC, Flossmoor	
25	Senior Better-Ball of Pairs, Itasca CC, Itasca	

Illinois Women's GA

<http://iwga.org>

	June	
14-17	83rd Illinois Women's Amateur, Forest Hills CC, Rockford	
	August	
2- 3	37th Illinois Junior Girls Amateur, U of Illinois (Orange), Champaign	
	September	
15-17	47th Illinois Senior Women's Amateur, Champaign CC, Champaign	

Notable Tournaments

	April	
16-17	Will County Amateur, Balmoral Woods, Crete	
23-24	Illinois State Scramble, Village Greens of Woodridge	
	May	
14-15	I-80 Amateur, Sanctuary GC, New Lenox	
14	Dwight Invitational, Dwight CC, Dwight	
	June	
2	Sanctuary Ladies Invitational, Sanctuary GC, New Lenox	
4- 5	51st Joliet Amateur, Wedgewood GC, Joliet	
11-12	68th Pine Hills Amateur, Pine Hills GC, Ottawa	
25-26	34th Zigfield Troy Open, Zigfield Troy Par 3, Woodridge	
25-26	Blackberry Amateur, Blackberry Oaks GC, Bristol	
	July	
18-20	Phil Kosin Illinois Women's Open, Mistwood	
	September	
12-13	Pontiac Elks Invitational, Pontiac Elks GC, Pontiac	

NIMAGA

www.nimaga.org • Key tournaments

	April	
9	Spring Thaw, Silver Lake GC, Orland Park	
	May	
7	May Jamboree, Springbrook GC, Naperville GC, Naperville	
	June	
5	Summer Classic, Coyote Run GC	
23	Senior Open, Randall Oaks GC	
	July	
10	Freedom Open, Blackstone GC, RedTail GC	
	August	
6- 7	NIMAGA Club Championship, Midlane GC, Glendale Lakes GC	
	September	
10	Patriot's Day Classic South, Willow Glen GC	
11	Patriot's Day Classic North, Ravisloe CC, Homewood	
24	NIMAGA vs. Milwaukee, Evergreen GC, Elkhorn, Wis.	
	October	
1- 2	NIMAGA Players Championship, Prairie Bluff GC, Lockport	

Weekly Challenge Golf Tour

www.wcgt.com • Key tournaments

	April	
16	Mount Prospect GC, Mount Prospect	
21	Cog Hill G&CC No. 1, Lemont	
28	Lake Barrington Shores, Barrington	
	May	
7	Glenwoodie GC, Glenwood	
14	Bolingbrook GC, Bolingbrook	
19	Naperville CC, Naperville	
25	Highlands of Elgin	
	June	
4	Bridges at Poplar Creek, Hoffman Estates	
11	Balmoral Woods, Crete	
25	Randall Oaks GC, Dundee	
29	Cog Hill G&CC No. 2, Lemont	
	July	
7	Stonewall Orchard GC, Lakewood	
12	Village Links of Glen Ellyn	
20	Turnberry CC, Lakewood	
30	Crystal Woods GC, Huntley	
	August	
6	Cog Hill G&CC No. 4, Lemont	
11	Glen Flora CC, Waukegan	
15	Crees Creek CC, Naperville	
20	Traditions at Chevy Chase, Wheeling	
25	Forest Hills CC, Rockford	
31	Ruffled Feathers GC, Lemont	
	September	
10	Whisper Creek GC, Huntley	
15	Golf Club of Illinois, Algonquin	
24	Heritage Bluffs GC, Channahon	
	October	
3	Tournament of Champions, Bull Valley GC, Woodstock	

Mid-America Junior Golf Tour

www.ijga.org/majgt
Illinois Tournaments

	April	
9-10	Sanctuary Open, Sanctuary GC, New Lenox	
16-17	North Shore Open, Wilmette GC, Wilmette	
23-24	Bolingbrook Open, Bolingbrook GC	
	May	
7- 8	Shepherd's Crook Open, Zion	
14-15	Windmill Open, Mill Creek GC, Geneva	
	June	
8- 9	Second City Classic, Ravisloe CC, Homewood	
23-24	Illinois Classic, Stone Creek GC, Urbana	
27-29	MAJGT-IJGA Girls Championship, Royal Hawk CC, St. Charles	
	July	
13-14	Harborside Classic, Harborside International (Starboard), Chicago	
18-19	Forest Hills Classic, Forest Hills GC, Rockford	
	August	
2- 4	Championship at the Den, Den at Fox Creek, Bloomington	
8- 9	Blackstone Classic, Blackstone GC, Marengo	

Illinois Junior GA

www.ijga.org • Key tournaments

	May	
9	Medinah Country Shrine Invitational, Medinah CC (No.1), Medinah	
	June	
28-30	47th Illinois Junior Amateur, Makray Memorial GC, Barrington	
	July	
6- 8	IJGA-CDGA Junior Amateur, Mill Creek GC, Geneva	
25-29	36th Chick Evans Junior Amateur, Itasca CC, Itasca	
	August	
1	Sizzler, Cog Hill G&CC, Lemont	
8	IJGA Player of the Year Invitational, Highlands of Elgin	

Notable Junior Tournaments

	June	
22	28th Illinois Golfer Challenge Junior Championship, Glenwoodie GC, Glenwood	
	October	
14-15	IHSA Championships: A Girls, Red Tail Run GC, Decatur AA Girls, Hickory Point GC, Decatur 1A Boys, Prairie Vista GC, Bloomington 2A Boys, Weibring GC at Illinois State, Normal 3A Boys, The Den at Fox Creek, Bloomington	

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Eskimo Open

Cog Hill G&CC • Lemont

Courses 1 and 3 • Par 72 • January 3

T 1	69 (- 3) Jim Coan
	Jeremy Bilecki
3	72 (E) Mike Strelow

Cross-Country Challenge

Cog Hill G&CC • Lemont

Courses 1 and 3 Hybrid • Lemont 12

Championship Flight

1	62 (-10) Nate Tomich, Matt Adler
2	63 (- 9) Michael Bodendorfer, Gary Granback
A Flight	
1	69 (- 3) Ron Christoph, Steven Owens
2	71 (- 1) Jim Coyne, Jim Novotny
B Flight	
1	75-4-3 (+ 4) Frank Schultz, Tim Teegarden
2	75-4-4 (+ 4) Jason Fox, Anthony Montaganano

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Schaumburg
Tournament / Baer 18: 71 / 6,644 / 71.7 / 130
Players 9: 35 / 3,189 / 34.7 / 114
401 N. Roselle Rd., Schaumburg • (847) 885-9000 • www.schaumburggolf.com
Preston "Pepi" Irwin

Sportsman's Classic 18: 70 / 6,278 / 70.4 / 126
East 9: 35 / 3,010 / 34.6 / 118
3535 Dundee Rd., Northbrook • (847) 291-2351 • www.sportsmansgolf.com Greg Baron

Tam O'Shanter 9: 33 / 2,457 / 63.2 / 110
6700 W. Howard St., Niles • (847) 965-2344 • www.niles-parks.org Chris Urgo

Traditions at Chevy Chase 18: 72 / 6,610 / 71.9 / 128
1000 N. Milwaukee Ave., Wheeling • (847) 465-2300 • www.chevychasecountryclub.com
Margie Arnold (GM)

Courses: e-mail updates to illinoisgolfer@earthlink.net

Twin Lakes 9: 29 / 1,460 / 35.0 / 113
1200 E. Lake Dr., Palatine • (847) 934-6050 • saltcreek.multisportssystem.com

Villa Olivia 18: 72 / 6,510 / 72.4 / 124
Rt. 20 & Naperville Rd., Bartlett • (630) 289-1000 • www.villaolivia.com/golfinfo

Walnut Greens 9: 27 / 1,078 / unrated
1150 N. Walnut Ln., Schaumburg • (847) 490-7878 • www.walnutgreensgolf.com

Weber Park 9: 27 / 1,095 / 35.5 / 113
9300 Weber Park Pl., Skokie • (847) 674-1400 x3600 • www.skokieparkdistrict.org

Willow Hill 9: 35 / 2,895 / 34.2 / 118
1350 Willow Rd., Northbrook • (847) 480-7888 • www.willowhillgolfcourse.com Adam Kwiatkowski

Wilmette 18: 70 / 6,400 / 70.9 / 130
3900 Fairway Dr., Wilmette • (847) 256-9777 • www.golfwilmette.com Jamie Locke

Winnetka 18: 71 / 6,517 / 72.6 / 130
9: 27 / 1,194 / unrated
1300 Oak St., Winnetka • (847) 501-2050 • www.winpark.org/golf-club Cortney Miller

COOK COUNTY / SOUTH

Cog Hill No. 1 / Blue 18: 70 / 6,282 / 69.7 / 118
No. 2 / Ravines 18: 72 / 6,639 / 71.8 / 124
No. 3 / Red 18: 72 / 6,402 / 69.7 / 116
No. 4 / Dubsdread 18: 72 / 7,616 / 77.8 / 151
12294 Archer Ave., Lemont • (630) 257-5872 • www.coghilgolf.com David Impastato

Coyote Run 18: 71 / 6,478 / 69.5 / 123
Practice 3: 9 / 373 / unrated
800 Kedzie Ave., Flossmoor • (708) 957-8700 • www.coyoterungolf.com Brian Smith

Deer Creek 18: 72 / 6,905 / 73.2 / 129
25055 S. Western Ave., University Park • (708) 672-6667 • www.deercreekgolfcourse.com

Dunne National 18: 72 / 7,262 / 75.4 / 142
16310 S. Central Ave., Oak Forest • (708) 429-6886 • www.forestpreservgolf.com

Flagg Creek 9: 33 / 2,493 / 31.9 / 104
6939 S. Wolf Rd., Countryside • (708) 246-3336 • www.flaggcreekgolfcourse.com Billy Rosinia

Fountain Hills 9: 36 / 3,233 / 35.1 / 112
12601 S. Kedzie Ave., Alsip • (708) 388-4653 • www.fountainhillsgc.com Rich Gottardo (GM)

Fresh Meadow 18: 70 / 6,283 / 70.1 / 116
2144 S. Wolf Rd., Hillside • (708) 449-0000 • www.freshmeadowgc.com Michael Huber

Gleneagles Red / Lakes 18: 70 / 6,029 / 68.0 / 116 Day \$35, twi \$19
White / Woodland 18: 70 / 6,302 / 70.1 / 124 End \$41, twi \$20
13070 McCarthy Rd., Lemont • (630) 257-5466 • www.golfgleneagles.com Gregg Miller

Glenwoodie 18: 72 / 6,902 / 71.6 / 125
19301 S. State St., Glenwood • (708) 758-1212 • www.glenwoodiegolf.com Phil Robbins

Harborside International
Port 18: 72 / 7,164 / 74.8 / 136
Starboard 18: 72 / 7,166 / 74.7 / 135
11001 S. Doty Ave. East, Chicago • (312) 782-7837 • www.harborsideinternational.com Joel Voss

Hickory Hills 18: 71 / 6,018 / 67.9 / 116
9: 30 / 1,560 / unrated
8201 W. 95th St., Hickory Hills • (708) 598-5900 • www.hickoryhillsgolfclub.com

Jackson Park 18: 70 / 5,444 / 65.7 / 109
6401 W. Richard Dr., Chicago • (773) 667-0524 • www.cdpgolf.com Tyrone Banks (GM)

Joe Louis The Champ 18: 72 / 6,742 / 71.4 / 124
13100 S. Halsted St., Riverdale • (708) 849-1731 • www.forestpreservgolf.com Bryan Carroll

Marquette Park 9: 36 / 3,245 / 35.5 / 119
6700 S. Kedzie Ave., Chicago • (312) 747-2761 • www.cdpgolf.com Steve McDaniels (GM)

Meadowlark 9: 36 / 3,404 / 35.9 / 114
11599 W. 31st St., Oak Brook • (708) 562-2977 • www.forestpreservgolf.com

Meadows of Blue Island 18: 71 / 6,581 / 71.3 / 121
2802 W. 123rd St., Blue Island • (708) 385-1994 • www.meadowsgc.com Jerry Vidovic

Oak Hills 9: 34 / 2,520 / 33.0 / 109
13200 S. 76th Ave., Palos Heights • (708) 448-5544 • www.oakhills.com Allan Parkes

Odyssey 18: 72 / 7,095 / 73.1 / 131
19110 S. Ridgeland Ave., Tinley Park • (708) 429-7400 • www.odysseycountryclub.com Ed Staffan

Palos Southmoor 9: 35 / 3,154 / 70.4 / 128
13100 Southwest Hwy., Orland Park • (708) 448-6550 • www.paloscountryclub.com

Palos Hills 9: 35 / 2,838 / 67.4 / 119
7301 W. 105th St., Palos Hills • (708) 599-0202 • www.paloshillsweb.org/golf Gwen Leddy (GM)

Ravisloe 18: 70 / 6,321 / 70.8 / 127
18231 S. Park Ave., Homewood • (708) 798-5600 • www.ravisloecountryclub.com

River Oaks 18: 72 / 5,952 / 69.3 / 119
1 Park Ave., Calumet City • (708) 868-4090 • www.forestpreservgolf.com

Ruffled Feathers 18: 72 / 6,898 / 73.7 / 140
1 Pete Dye Dr., Lemont • (630) 257-1000 • www.ruffledfeathersgsc.com Gordon Acton

Silver Lake North 18: 72 / 6,826 / 72.6 / 124
South 18: 70 / 6,337 / 70.2 / 124
Rolling Hills 9: 29 / 1,587 / 27.1 / unsloped
14700 S. 82nd Ave., Orland Park • (708) 349-6940 • www.silverlakecc.com Gregg Tengerstrom

South Shore 9: 33 / 2,713 / 32.9 / 112
7059 S. South Shore Dr., Chicago • (312) 955-1892 • www.cpdgolf.com Adrienne Carney (GM)

Stony Creek 18: 65 / 5,004 / 62.5 / 103
5850 W. 103rd St., Oak Lawn • (708) 857-2433 • www.golfstonycreek.com

Water's Edge 18: 72 / 6,904 / 72.9 / 131
7205 W. 115th St., Worth • (708) 671-1032 • www.watersedgegolf.com Jim Torloukis (GM)

White Mountain 9: 29 / 1,741 / 27.1 / unsloped
9901 W. 179th St., Orland Park • (708) 478-4653 • www.whitemountaingolfpark.com Mike Camerano

Barrington Park District 5: 15 / 675 / unrated
235 Lions Dr., Barrington • (847) 381-0687 • www.barringtonparkdistrict.com

Bittersweet 18: 72 / 6,754 / 72.8 / 130
875 Almond Rd., Gurnee • (847) 855-9031 • www.bittersweetgolf.com Sean Joyce

Bonnie Brook 18: 72 / 6,701 / 72.3 / 128
2800 N. Lewis Ave., Waukegan • (847) 360-4730 • www.waukegangolf.org Tony Tinetti

Brae Loch 18: 70 / 5,876 / 67.5 / 114
33600 N. Hwy. 45, Grayslake • (847) 968-3444 • www.lcpd.org/brae_loch Bill Ebdon

Buffalo Grove 18: 72 / 6,693 / 72.1 / 127
48 Raupp Blvd., Buffalo Grove • (847) 459-5520 • www.buffalogrovegolf.com Joe Bridges

Countryside Traditional 18: 72 / 6,397 / 70.3 / 118
Prairie 18: 72 / 6,757 / 71.4 / 121
20800 W. Hawley St., Mundelein • (847) 968-3466 • www.lcpd.org/countryside

Crane's Landing Marriott 18: 70 / 6,290 / 71.1 / 130
10 Marriott Dr., Lincolnshire • (847) 634-5935 • www.craneslandinggolf.com Tim Pagel

Deerfield 18: 72 / 6,816 / 72.4 / 131
1201 Saunders Dr., Riverwoods • (847) 945-8333 • www.deerfieldgolf.org Jason Minnina

Deerpath 18: 70 / 6,255 / 70.6 / 130
500 W. Deerpath Rd., Lake Forest • (847) 615-4290 • www.deerpathgolf.com Rick Walrath (GM)

Foss Park 18: 72 / 6,839 / 71.9 / 113
3124 Argonne Dr., North Chicago • (847) 689-7490 • www.fossparkgolf.org Gabe Monroe

Fox Lake 18: 72 / 6,359 / 71.3 / 126
7220 State Park Rd., Fox Lake • (847) 587-6411 • www.foxlakecc.net Vince Juarez (GM)

Greenshire 9: 27 / 1,265 / unrated
38727 N. Lewis Ave., Beach Park • (847) 360-4777 • www.waukegangolf.org

Heather Ridge 9: 35 / 3,007 / 35.1 / 117
5900 HeatherRidge Dr., Gurnee • (847) 367-6010 • www.heatheridgegolf.com Dirk Skelley

Hickory Knoll 9: 30 / 1,780 / 35.5 / 113
24745 W. Monaville Rd., Lake Villa • (847) 356-8640 • www.golfhickoryknoll.com

Highland Park 18: 71 / 6,618 / 71.5 / 132
1201 Park Ave. West, Highland Park • (847) 433-9015 • www.highlandparkcc.com Rick Sargent

Lake Bluff 18: 72 / 6,589 / 71.3 / 124
355 W. Washington St., Lake Bluff • (847) 234-6771 • www.lakebluffgolfclub.com Ed Heiser

Lakemoor 18: 72 / 6,334 / 70.5 / 124
29000 W. Sullivan Lake Rd., Lakemoor • (815) 759-0011 • no website

Libertyville 9: 27 / 1,205 / 35.0 / 113
870 Country Club Dr., Libertyville • (847) 362-5733 • www.libertyville.com Connie Kowal (GM)

Midlane 18: 71 / 6,681 / 73.1 / 131
4555 W. Yorkshire Rd., Wadsworth • (847) 623-4653 • www.midlaneresort.com Michael Chappell

Pine Meadow 18: 72 / 7,297 / 74.8 / 138
1 Pine Meadow Ln., Mundelein • (847) 566-4653 • www.pine Meadowgsc.com Dennis Johnsen

Renwood 18: 72 / 6,062 / 69.0 / 124
701 E. Shorewood Rd., Round Lake Beach • (847) 231-4711 • www.renwoodgolf.com Brad Rouse

Shepherd's Crook 18: 71 / 6,769 / 72.1 / 128
351 N. Greenbay Rd., Zion • (847) 872-2080 • www.shepherds Crook.org Larry Myers (GM)

Shiloh 9: 35 / 2,900 / 67.2 / 118
23rd St. and Bethesda Rd., Zion • (847) 746-5500, x420 • www.shilohparkgolf.com

Steeple Chase 18: 72 / 6,827 / 73.1 / 139
200 N. La Vista Dr., Mundelein • (847) 949-8900 • www.mundeleinparks.org/steeplechase.html Bill Brolley

Stonewall Orchard 18: 72 / 7,124 / 74.7 / 148
25675 W. Hwy. 60, Grayslake • (847) 740-4890 • www.stonewallorchard.com Jeff Pajula

Sunset Valley 18: 72 / 6,484 / 71.8 / 131
1390 Sunset Rd., Highland Park • (847) 432-7140 • www.sunsetvalleygolfcourse.org Rob Saunders (GM)

ThunderHawk 18: 72 / 7,031 / 73.8 / 136
39700 N. Lewis Ave., Beach Park • (847) 872-4295 • www.lcpd.org Bill Ebdon

Vernon Hills 9: 34 / 2,836 / 34.2 / 120
291 Evergreen Dr., Vernon Hills • (847) 680-9310 • www.vernonhillsgolf.com O.B. Sanders (GM)

Village Green 18: 70 / 6,018 / 68.6 / 117
2501 N. Midlothian, Mundelein • (847) 566-7373 • www.villagegreenc.com Tim Miles Jr. (GM)

White Deer Run 18: 72 / 7,101 / 74.5 / 142
250 W. Gregg's Pkwy., Vernon Hills • (847) 680-6100 • www.whitedeergolf.com Bob Malpede

Willow Glen 18: 71 / 6,637 / 72.1 / 125
2821 Great Lakes Dr., Great Lakes • (847) 688-4593 • www.mwrgl.com/recreation/golf/golf.htm Dan Kraft (GM)

DUPAGE COUNTY

Apple Orchard 9: 27 / 1,275 / unrated
692 W. Stearns Rd., Bartlett • (630) 540-4807 • www.bartlettparks.org/Golf/general Tony Nuzzo

Arrowhead South-East 18: 72 / 6,738 / 72.5 / 132
combinations vary West 9: 36 / 3,295 / 35.9 / 130
26W151 Butterfield Rd., Wheaton • (630) 653-5800 • www.arrowheadgolfclub.org Bruce Stoller (GM)

Blackhawk Trace at Indian Lakes Resort
Highland / Woodland 18: 72 / 6,919 / 73.1 / 133
Island 9: 36 / 3,443 / 35.7 / 124
250 W. Schick Rd., Bloomingdale • (630) 529-6466 • www.golfindianlakes.com Tom Denklau

Bloomingdale 18: 71 / 6,251 / 70.2 / 123
181 Glen Ellyn Rd., Bloomingdale • (630) 529-6232 • www.bloomingdalegsc.com Dave Shallcross

Cantigny Woodside 9: 36 / 3,587 / 37.6 / 143
18-hole Lakeside 9: 36 / 3,437 / 36.6 / 136 Day: \$79; End: \$95
combinations vary Hillside 9: 36 / 3,394 / 36.2 / 135 Replay: \$65; 9: \$40
Youth Short 9: 27* / 954 / unrated Youth: \$10; Adult: \$17
27W270 Mack Rd., Wheaton • (630) 668-8463 • www.cantignygolf.com Patrick Lynch

Carriage Greens 18: 70 / 6,395 / 71.4 / 126
8700 Carriage Greens Dr., Darien • (630) 985-3400 • www.carriagegreens.com James Sims (GM)

Country Lakes 18: 73 / 6,656 / 71.9 / 121
1601 Fairway Dr., Naperville • (630) 420-1060 • website inactive Mike Jablecki

Eaglewood Resort 18: 72 / 6,017 / 68.2 / 120
1401 Nordic Rd., Itasca • (630) 773-1400 • www.eaglewoodresort.com Andy Carr

Downers Grove 9: 36 / 3,233 / 72.6 / 131
2420 Haddow Dr., Downers Grove • (630) 963-1306 • www.dgparks.org

Glendale Lakes 18: 71 / 6,190 / 69.8 / 125
1550 President St., Glendale Heights • (630) 260-0018 • www.glendalelakes.com Jennifer Ferrell

LAKE COUNTY / ILLINOIS

Antioch 18: 71 / 6,183 / 70.2 / 130
40150 N. Rt. 59, Antioch • (847) 395-3004 • www.antiochgolfclub.com Vince Juarez

Arboretum 18: 72 / 6,447 / 71.6 / 137
401 Half Day Rd., Buffalo Grove • (847) 913-1112 • www.arboretumgolf.com Carmen Molinaro

Green Meadows 18W201 W. 63rd St., Westmont • (630) 810-5330 • www.dupagegolf.com	9: 30 / 1,888 / unrated Dean Westrom
Klein Creek 1N333 Pleasant Hill Rd., Winfield • (630) 690-0101 • www.kleincreek.com	18: 72 / 6,701 / 72.6 / 137 Matte Allman
Links & Tees 900 W. Lake St., Addison • (630) 458-2660 • www.addisonparks.org/links_and_tees	9: 27 / 1,161 / unrated
Maple Meadows 272 S. Addison Rd., Wood Dale • (630) 616-8424 • www.dupage.golf	18: 70 / 6,438 / 71.0 / 126 East 9: 34 / 2,815 / 33.7 / 121 Chris Malek (GM)
Oak Brook 2606 York Rd., Oak Brook • (630) 990-3032 • www.oak-brook.org	18: 72 / 6,541 / 71.1 / 126 Trey Van Dyke
Oak Meadows 900 N. Wood Dale Rd., Addison • (630) 595-0071 • www.dupagegolf.com	18: 71 / 6,718 / 71.9 / 127 Ed Stevenson
Pheasant Run Resort 4051 E. Main St., St. Charles • (630) 584-4914 • www.pheasantrun.com	18: 72 / 6,424 / 70.6 / 122 Robert Jan
Prairie Landing 2325 Longest Dr., West Chicago • (630) 208-7600 • www.prairielanding.com	18: 72 / 6,950 / 73.8 / 139 Brian King
River Bend 5900 S. Rt. 53, Lisle • (630) 968-1920 • www.riverbendgolfclub.org	9: 36 / 3,300 / 70.8 / 126 Debbie Culbertson
St. Andrews St. Andrews 3 N. 441 Rt. 59, West Chicago • (630) 231-3100 • www.standrewsgc.com	18: 71 / 6,920 / 71.8 / 124 Joe Jemsek 18: 72 / 6,770 / 72.0 / 120 Dave Erickson
Salt Creek 701 W. Thorndale Ave., Wood Dale • (630) 773-0184 • www.saltcreekgolfclub.com	18: 63 / 3,946 / unrated Tony Perry
Seven Bridges 1 Mulligan Dr., Woodridge • (630) 964-7777 • www.sevenbridgesgolfclub.com	18: 72 / 7,111 / 74.6 / 144 Ben Nachtwey
Springbrook 2220 W. 83rd St., Naperville • (630) 848-5060 • www.springbrookgolfcourse.org	18: 72 / 6,896 / 73.0 / 130 Mike Lzyun
Streamwood Oaks 565 Madison Dr., Streamwood • (630) 483-1881 • www.streamwood.org	9: 36 / 3,404 / 72.9 / 125
Sugar Creek 500 E. Van Buren, Villa Park • (630) 834-3325 • www.sugarcreekgolfcourse.org	9: 32 / 2,344 / 62.0 / 106 Cory Ferrell
Twin Lakes 400 W. 59th St., Westmont • (630) 852-7167 • www.wpd4fun.com	9: 28 / 1,381 / unrated Ashley Medley (GM)
Village Greens of Woodridge 1575 W. 75th St., Woodridge • (630) 985-3610 • www.villagegreensgolf.com	18: 72 / 6,638 / 71.2 / 121 Brandon Evans
Village Links of Glen Ellyn 485 Winchell Way, Glen Ellyn • (630) 469-8180 • www.villagelinksgolf.com	18: 72 / 7,208 / 74.9 / 138 9: 36 / 3,303 / 35.7 / 129 Noel Allen
Western Acres 2400 W. Butterfield Rd., Lombard • (630) 469-6768 • www.westernacres.com	9: 35 / 3,052 / 69.2 / 111 Don Voth
White Pines 500 W. Jefferson St., Bensenville • (630) 766-0304 • www.whitepinesgolf.com	East 18: 70 / 6,371 / 71.1 / 127 West 18: 72 / 6,624 / 71.5 / 127 Mike Huber (GM)
Willow Crest 3500 Midwest Rd., Westmont • (630) 850-5515 • www.oakbrookhillsresortchicago.com/golf/golf.htm	18: 70 / 6,474 / 71.1 / 132
Zigfield Troy 1535 75th St., Woodridge • (630) 985-4653 • www.zigfieldtroygolf.com	9: 27 / 1,089 / unrated Tim Troy, Dennis Troy

WILL COUNTY

Balmoral Woods 26732 S. Balmoral Woods Dr., Crete • (708) 672-7448 • www.balmoralwoods.com	18: 72 / 6,625 / 72.4 / 131 Day: \$32; End: \$49 Bill Abrams
Big Run 17211 W. 135th St., Lockport • (815) 838-1057 • www.bigrungolf.com	18: 72 / 7,028 / 74.4 / 138 Bill Roper
Bolingbrook 2001 Rodeo Dr., Bolingbrook • (630) 771-9400 • www.bolingbrookgolfclub.com	18: 72 / 7,104 / 73.8 / 135 Eric Aldrich
Boughton Ridge 335 E. Boughton Dr., Bolingbrook • (630) 739-4100 • www.bolingbrookparks.org	9: 32 / 2,205 / 30.1 / 105
Braidwood Fairways 35494 Essex Rd. south of Smiley Rd., Wilmington • (815) 458-2965 • no website	9: 36 / 2,914 / unrated
Broken Arrow East / North 16325 W. Broken Arrow Dr., Lockport • (815) 836-8858 • www.golfbrokenarrow.com	18: 72 / 7,034 / 74.5 / 130 South 9: 36 / 3,469 / 37.0 / 140 Michael Chen (GM)
Cinder Ridge 24801 Lakepoint Dr., Wilmington • (815) 476-4000 • www.cinderridge.com	18: 72 / 6,968 / 73.1 / 139 Sue Krueger (GM)
Deer Creek 25055 S. Western Ave., University Park • (708) 672-6667 • www.deercreekgolfcourse.com	18: 72 / 6,905 / 73.2 / 129
Golf Vista Estates 4951 Augusta Blvd., Monee • (708) 534-8204 • www.golfvistagolfclub.com	9: 29 / 1,505 / unrated
Green Garden 9511 W. Manhattan-Monee Rd., Frankfort • (815) 469-3350 • www.greengardenc.com	Blue 18: 72 / 6,670 / 71.7 / 120 Gold 18: 72 / 6,713 / 71.8 / 126 Emerald 9: / 3,181 / 70.8 / 122
Heritage Bluffs 24355 W. Bluff Rd., Channahon • (815) 467-7888 • www.heritagebluffs.com	18: 72 / 7,171 / 74.1 / 138 Brian Smith
Inwood 3200 W. Jefferson St., Joliet • (815) 741-7265 • www.jolietinwoodgc.com	18: 71 / 6,196 / 70.1 / 131 Brian Legan
Lincoln Oaks 395 E. Richton Rd., Crete • (708) 672-9401 • www.lincolnoaksgolfcourse.com	18: 71 / 6,186 / 69.0 / 120 Bob Seymour (GM)
Links at Carillon 21200 S. Carillon Dr., Plainfield • (815) 886-2132 • www.carillonlmgolf.com	Blue / Red 18: 71 / 6,844 / 70.9 / 124 White 9: 36 / 3,438 / 36.0 / 61 Jeff Yackley
Longwood 3503 E. Steger Rd., Crete • (708) 758-1811 • longwoodcc.com	18: 70 / 6,404 / 70.7 / 130 Joe Tintari (GM)
Mistwood 1700 W. Renwick Rd., Romeoville • (815) 254-3333 • www.mistwoodgolf.net	18: 72 / 6,773 / 72.4 / 137 Day: \$85; End: \$105 Andy Mickelson
Naperbrook 22204 W. 111th St., Plainfield • (630) 378-4215 • www.naperbrookgolfcourse.org	18: 72 / 6,677 / 72.0 / 127 Tim Dunn
Old Oak 14200 S. Parker Rd., Homer Glen • (708) 301-3344 • www.oldoakcc.com	18: 71 / 6,609 / 71.1 / 128 Dan Shields
Prairie Bluff 19433 Renwick Rd., Lockport • (815) 836-4653 • www.prairiebluffgc.com	18: 72 / 7,007 / 73.2 / 125 Steve Lunde
Sanctuary 485 N. Marley Rd., New Lenox • (815) 462-4653 • www.golf-sanctuary.com	18: 72 / 6,917 / 72.5 / 131 Bob Schulz
Square Links 7861 W. St. Francis Rd., Frankfort • (815) 469-1600 • www.fspd.org	9: 30 / 1,749 / unrated Brian Zipse

Tamarack 24032 Royal Worlington Dr., Naperville • (630) 904-4000 • www.tamarackgc.com	18: 70 / 6,901 / 73.7 / 136 Brett Hafstad (GM)
Tuckaway 27641 Stony Island Ave., Crete • (708) 946-2259 • website inactive	18: 72 / 6,192 / 69.7 / 117 Jason Poblocki
University 23520 Crawford Ave., University Park • (708) 747-0306 • www.universitygolfclub.com	18: 71 / 6,701 / 71.4 / 123 Paul Blockoms
Wedgewood 5001 Caton Farm Rd., Joliet • (815) 741-7270 • www.jolietwedgewoodgc.com	18: 72 / 6,836 / 72.5 / 128 Jason Shook
Willow Run 12600 W. 187th St., Mokena • (815) 485-2119 • www.willowrungolf.net	9: 35 / 2,930 / 33.9 / 113 Rich Wisslead (GM)
Woodruff 621 N. Gougar Rd., Joliet • (815) 741-7272 • www.jolietwoodruffgc.com	18: 68 / 5,424 / 66.1 / 114 Kirk Blakney (GM)

McHENRY COUNTY

Blackstone 9700 St. Andrews Dr., Marengo • (815) 923-1800 • www.blackstonegc.com	18: 72 / 6,734 / 72.8 / 139 Susan Concialdi (GM)
Boone Creek 6912 Mason Hill Rd., Bull Valley • (815) 455-6900 • www.boonecreekgolfclub.com	Prairie/Creekside 18: 71 / 6,435 / 70.4 / 122 Valley 9: 35 / 2,883 / 33.9 / 115 Tyler Wollberg
Cary 2400 Grove Ln., Cary • (847) 639-3161 • www.carycountryclub.com	18: 72 / 6,135 / 69.0 / 119 Bob Keith
Chalet Hills 943 Rawson Bridge Rd., Cary • (847) 639-0666 • www.chalethillsgolfclub.com	18: 73 / 6,877 / 73.6 / 137 Brian Smith
Chapel Hill 2500 N. Chapel Hill Rd., McHenry • (815) 385-3337 • www.chapelhillgolf.com	18: 70 / 6,133 / 70.1 / 122 Larry Piet (GM)
Craig Woods 5815 S. Rt. 47, Woodstock • (815) 338-9781 • www.crystalwoodsgc.com	9: 34 / 2,290 / 70.0 / 113
Crystal Woods 5919 S. Rt. 47, Woodstock • (815) 338-3111 • www.crystalwoodsgc.com	18: 72 / 6,427 / 70.6 / 128 John Craig
Foxford Hills 6800 S. Rawson Bridge Rd., Cary • (847) 639-0400 • www.foxfordhillsgolfclub.com	18: 72 / 7,047 / 74.2 / 142 Rob Sankey
Golf Club of Illinois 1575 Edgewood Rd., Algonquin • (847) 658-4400 • www.golfclubofil.com	18: 71 / 7,011 / 74.4 / 137 Robert Lemke (GM)
Hunter 5419 Kenosha St., Richmond • (847) 678-7940 • no website	18: 72 / 6,381 / 69.2 / 115
Marengo Ridge 9106 Harmony Hill Rd., Marengo • (815) 923-2332 • www.marengoridgegolfclub.com	18: 72 / 6,654 / 72.5 / 129 Bob Witek (GM)
Oak Grove 16914 Oak Grove Rd., Harvard • (815) 648-2550 • www.oakgrovegolfcourse.com	18: 71 / 7,021 / 75.0 / 142 Tim Miles Jr. (GM)
Old Top Farm 2120 Crystal Lake Rd., Crystal Lake • (815) 479-9361 • no website	9: 37 / 2,881 / 30.0 / 113 Scott Kerbs
Pinecrest 11220 Algonquin Rd., Huntley • (847) 669-3111 • www.huntleyparks.org/parks-facilities/golf/	18: 72 / 6,604 / 71.5 / 123 Mike Yackle

Pistakee 9: 36 / 3,029 / unrated
815 W. Bay Rd., McHenry • (815) 385-9854 • no website Jason Whitt (GM)

RedTail 18: 72 / 6,803 / 72.8 / 130
7900 Redtail Dr., Lakewood • (815) 477-0055 • www.redtailgolf.com Chris Neuhart

Waters Edge 18: 33 / 1,700 / unrated
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Mill Creek 18: 71 / 6,420 / 71.4 / 135
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Phillips Park 18: 71 / 6,186 / 69.8 / 121
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14264 S. Hale St., Plano • (630) 552-3242 • www.cedardellgolfclub.com Terry Donahue

Fox Bend 18: 72 / 6,890 / 73.1 / 130
3516 U.S. Hwy 34, Oswego • (630) 554-3939 • www.foxbendgolfcourse.com Brad Doyle (GM)

Whitetail Ridge 18: 71 / 6,524 / 71.0 / 128
7671 Clubhouse Dr., Yorkville • (630) 882-8988 • www.whitetailridge.us Patrick MacDonald

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Highland Springs 18: 72 / 6,777 / 70.2 / 129
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Hunter's Ridge 18: 72 / 6,337 / 70.5 / 125
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Swan Hills 18: 71 / 6,359 / 71.0 / 113
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Mink Lake 9: 35 / 3,000 / 33.5 / 102
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Robbinhurst 18: 68 / 5,629 / 66.5 / 111
383 W. County Rd. 875 N., Portage • (219) 762-9711 • www.robbinhurst.com Andrew Elderkin

Sandy Pines 18: 72 / 6,801 / 72.2 / 135
10527 Bunker Dr., DeMotte • (877) 987-3611 • www.sandypinesgc.com Brad Burvan

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Bristol Oaks 18: 72 / 6,319 / 70.1 / 120
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Trevino 18: 72 / 7,120 / 74.5 / 137
Player 18: 72 / 7,039 / 74.4 / 138
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Highlands 18: 71 / 6,167 / 71.9 / 131
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Hawk's View
Como Crossing 18: 72 / 7,032 / 73.1 / 133
Barn's Hollow 18: 54 / 2,708 / unrated
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Woodlands 18: 72 / 6,618 / 72.7 / 132
W2615 S. Valley View Dr., Green Lake • (920) 294-3320 • www.lawsonia.com Jeff Kleinke

Nippersink Resort 18: 71 / 6,652 / 69.9 / 119
N1055 Tombeau Rd., Genoa City • (262) 279-6311 • www.nippersinkresort.com Tracy Heim

Petrifying Springs 18: 70 / 5,979 / 67.8 / 119
4909 7th St., Kenosha • (262) 552-9052 • www.co.kenosha.wi.us/publicworks.golf Chris Adams

Shoop Park 9: 34 / 2,631 / 35.5 / 113
4510 Lighthouse Dr., Racine • (262) 681-9714 • www.racinegolfonline.com

Spring Valley 18: 70 / 6,354 / 70.1 / 119
23913 Wilmot Rd., Salem • (262) 862-2626 • www.springvalleyccsalem.com John Wagner

Twin Lakes 18: 70 / 5,930 / 67.5 / 116
1230 Legion Dr., Twin Lakes • (262) 877-2500 • www.tlccgolf.com Chad Cantwell

University Ridge 18: 72 / 6,888 / 73.2 / 142
9002 County Rd. PD, Verona • (800) 897-4343 • www.universityridge.com Mike Gaspard

Washington Park 9: 35 / 2,759 / unrated
2801 12th St., Racine • (262) 635-0118 • www.racinegolfonline.com

Whistling Straits Straits 18: 72 / 7,790 / 77.2 / 152
Irish 18: 72 / 7,201 / 75.6 / 146
N8501 Hwy. LS, Haven • (800) 618-5535 • www.destinationkohler.com

MICHIGAN

Angels Crossing 18: 72 / 7,169 / 74.3 / 135
3600 E. West (Schoolcraft) Ave., Vicksburg • (269) 694-2700 • www.golfangelscrossing.com

Harbor Shores 18: 72 / 6,861 / 71.7 / 143
201 Graham Ave., Benton Harbor • (269) 927-4653 • www.harborshoresgolf.com Ross Smith (GM)

HawksHead 18: 72 / 7,003 / 72.8 / 129
523 HawksNest Dr., South Haven • (269) 639-2121 • www.hawksheadlinks.com Larry Tebelak

Lake Michigan Hills 18: 72 / 6,911 / 73.9 / 135
2520 Kerlikowske Rd., Benton Harbor • (269) 849-4653 • www.lakemichiganhills.com

Whittaker Woods 18: 72 / 7,071 / 74.3 / 144
12578 Wilson Rd., New Buffalo • (269) 469-3400 • www.golfwhittaker.com Steve Dell

CHICAGOLAND RANGES

STAND-ALONE OUTDOOR FACILITIES / INDOOR DOMES

Aurora Sports Zone 1900 Hill Ave., Aurora (630) 820-8624
damaged in winter storm, rebuild pending

BallyBunion 4200 Rt. 83, Long Grove (847) 634-3363
Bartlett Golf Center 1301 W. Lake St., Bartlett (847) 830-9385
Better Shots 825 Tyrell Rd., Gilberts (847) 697-5000
Birdies & Eagles 800 Mcdonald Rd., South Elgin (847) 931-2233
Bobby's Hunt Club 491 S. Hunt Club Rd., Gurnee (847) 549-6090
Boulder Golf Range 2900 Beverly Rd., Hoffman Estates (847) 426-1588
Bridgeview Sports Dome 8900 S. 77th Ave., Bridgeview (708) 924-8290
damaged in winter storm, rebuild and relocation pending.

Buffalo Grove Sports Center 801 McHenry Rd., Buffalo Grove (847) 353-7575
Bushwood Golf 30 W. Madison St., Maywood (708) 344-2700
Central Park Range 5799 Central Ave., Portage, Ind. (219) 762-4653
Crete Family Fun Center 955 Main St., Crete (708) 672-7991
Crystal Lake Learning 4418 Buhl Rd., Crystal Lake (815) 479-9150
Deer Run Family Golf 11007 Rt. 120, Woodstock (815) 338-9701
Diversey Driving Range 141 W. Diversey Pkwy., Chicago (312) 742-7929
Douglas Park Learning Golf Farm 1401 S. Sacramento Ave., Chicago (312) 747-7670
2100 N. Rt. 12, Wauconda (847) 526-4000
Green Garden Golf Dome 9511 W. Monee-Manhattan Rd., Frankfort (815) 469-3350
Green Valley Golf 26W101 Lake St., Hanover Park (630) 289-6600
Golf Learning Center Hamilton Lakes

500 Park Blvd., Itasca (630) 773-7997
1150 E. Golf Rd., Des Plaines (847) 296-5764
Highland Park Learning 2205 Skokie Valley Rd., Highland Park (708) 433-3422
Lippold Park 1 E. Crystal Lake Ave., Crystal Lake (815) 459-0680
Master Golf 425 S. Rt. 45, Grayslake (847) 223-6886
McQ's Sports Dome 730 N. Bolingbrook Dr., Bolingbrook (630) 739-7600
Mid Iron 12680 S. Bell Rd., Lemont (630) 257-3340
Oakton Range 2800 W. Oakton Ave., Park Ridge (847) 692-3580
Paradise Golf Supply 1500 N. Main St., Crown Point, Ind. (219) 313-6769
Perfection Park 6215 S. Bridge St., Yorkville (630) 553-6855
Partner Golf Center 6615 W. Irving Park Rd., Chicago (773) 286-2060
Pro Circle 1810 Rt. 12, Spring Grove (815) 675-2747
Riedy's Tee Time 1400 Maple Ave., Lisle (630) 852-5759
Sports Zone Family Fun 100 Business Rt. 30, Aurora (630) 820-8624
Sugar Grove Family Fun Rt. 47 & Jericho Rd., Sugar Grove (630) 466-3866
Sunset Meadows Range 811 S. Dwyer Ave., Arlington Heights (847) 394-5865
T-Time Golf 13750 W. 159th St., Homer Glen (708) 301-6500
The Players Club Chicago 8500 W. 79th St., Justice (708) 924-9889
Top Golf 699 W. Thorndale Ave., Wood Dale (630) 595-4653
Westland Golf 11900 Algonquin Rd., Huntley (847) 669-0204
White Pines Golf Dome 500 W. Jefferson St., Bensenville (630) 422-1060
Woodland Trails 1500 E. Euclid Ave., Mount Prospect (847) 296-4563

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