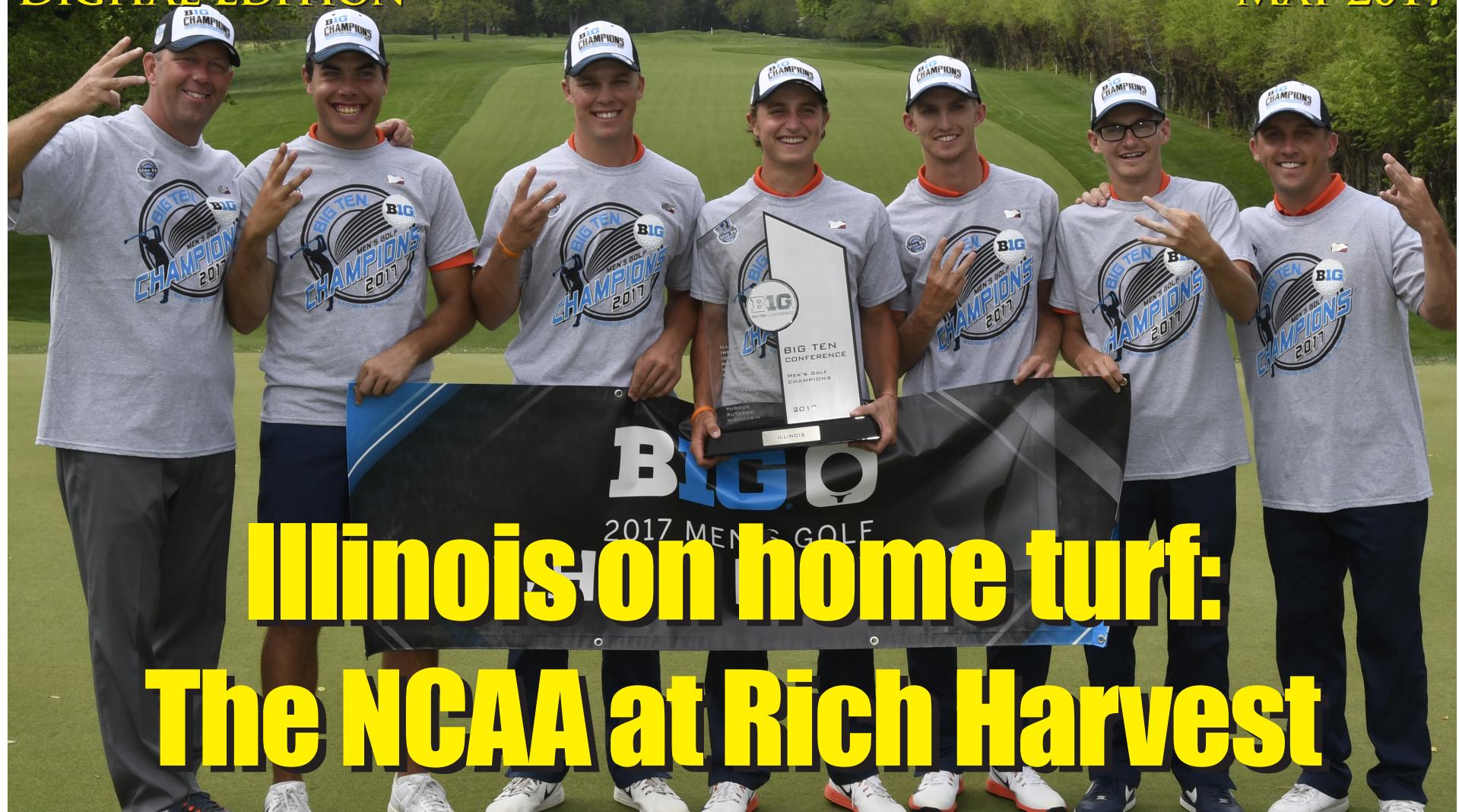


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**Illinois on home turf:
The NCAA at Rich Harvest**

The Buzz

New WWGA look coming

The Women's Western Golf Association, having gone it alone for decades but finding volunteer help harder to find, is pairing with the Western Golf Association for help in running tournaments and lining up tournament sites beginning in 2018.

The five-year pact, beginning Aug. 1, will give much-needed aid to the 115-year-old WWGA, formed to take over management of the Western Women's Amateur, as it was first known, after snafus with the match-play bracket by the WGA in 1901 and 1902. If all goes well, it will become permanent.

The WGA has been consulting for the WWGA for several years, and the groups work together on the WWGA's scholarship program.

The deal assures the continuation of the WWGA's Amateur and Junior, two important championships on the national calendar, at a time when the WWGA hierarchy has found itself spread thin, with more women working and unable to devote the hours needed to running their tournaments.

DRIVER VS. DRIVER RETURNING: Maybe the rollout of the winning club for the second season of Wilson's Driver vs. Driver will be smoother. As in the big stick not being recalled a few days after it went on sale because it didn't conform to USGA regulations.

You can be sure the bosses at Wilson Golf have installed safeguards to prevent a repeat of that fiasco for the second edition of the golf equipment reality tele-

Buy, but don't use here



Cell phones are banned at Augusta National, but you can buy a case for one.

THE COVER Three fingers means three straight Big Ten titles for Illinois' golf team (from left): head coach Mike Small, Edoardo Lipparelli, Nick Hardy, Giovanni Tadiotto, Michael Feagles, Dylan Meyer, assistant coach Zach Barlow. / Jenny Dewar, Illinois sports information

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vision show. "Driver vs. Driver 2" will debut on Golf Channel in the fall of 2018.

"Driver vs. Driver 2 will give viewers an exclusive, inside look at the complex process of designing a driver – from creating a functional prototype, to testing clubs with PGA Tour players, to showcasing head-to-head competitions in an effort to ultimately develop the next world-class driver from Wilson," a network spokesman said in a May 2 news release.

With that trumpeting came a call for entries. Dreamers, schemers, engineers, would-be Ralph Kramdens and golf nuts who think their idea is the next big thing can enter the contest at www.golfchannel.com/driver-vs-driver-2-application/ now through June 4.

The really technical part comes later. Individuals or groups must submit a short video explaining their driver concept, why it would be better than the rest, and explain who they are.

Like the first series, the sequel will cover the behind-the-scenes process in the development of the top prospects, from the early concepts through the final selection and manufacturing. Like the Triton, the winning driver in 2016, Wilson will sell the winner worldwide – ideally with the USGA giving the specs the thumbs up in advance this time.

Golf Channel's quest for not leaking the winner – the laws passed in the wake of the quiz show scandals of the 1950s apply to this show, because it's

a competition – had a great deal to do with the delay of Wilson to get the Triton to the USGA last time.

The Triton is on sale in the United Kingdom now, in time for their heavy sales season.

HAVE A BALL – A

BIRDIE BALL: The WGA has come a long way from the days when the major fund-raising efforts for the Evans Scholars Foundation was the Western Open and the Par Club, where golfers donate on a yearly basis, receiving in return a bag tag, other items depending on the donation, and a good feeling.

Among the newest initiatives, and coming from the grass roots of the group, is the Birdie Ball.

Created by a group of alumni who formed the Evans Leadership Council, this year's fourth edition raised over \$45,000, bringing the total to more than \$145,000, according to Evans director of development **Matt Starr**.

"Five years ago, we didn't have the Leadership Council," Starr said after the Apr. 29 celebration at Lincoln Hall in Chicago. "Now, we look to this group as our next generation of leaders. Thanks to the Leadership Council, we have a robust program that is helping our Evans Scholars find internships and jobs. This is taking our mission to the next level – caddies to college, to careers."

"It's been amazing to see the Birdie Ball grow each year," event chair **Mike Rice** said.



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The Grill Room by Tim Cronin

The Lexi decision: Don't call us (at all)

It is not difficult to mark a ball on the green. Place a coin behind the ball, pick the ball up, and when you replace it, put it down in the same place.

How hard is that?

It's one of the first things you learn.

Why it was so difficult for Lexi Thompson to accomplish in the third round of the ANA Inspiration, the first major championship of the year, is beyond us. The video evidence that came to light a day later, while she was leading the final round, and thus caused the four-stroke penalty and the upheaval that included her rallying to tie, then losing a sudden-death playoff, followed by a quick decision issued by the United States Golf Association and the R&A to lessen the chance for similar infractions to be penalized in the future, continues to create shock waves.

For one thing, video from this year's LPGA tournament in Thailand show her committing the same error on the 16th hole of the final round: placing her ball in the wrong place to the side of her mark compared to where it had been.

Additionally, she mismarked her ball – barely, but clearly on live TV watching a wide shot – on the seventh hole of the ANA's third round as well. It now was a hair closer to the hole.

At least, this is bad form. Or she just doesn't know how to mark her ball. Or it's deliberate and calls into question her motive.

Without the benefit of Thompson's deepest thoughts, we can make no judgment on the

reason behind her errors.

Nor can we know the motive of the person who emailed or texted the LPGA to alert them in the first place. That hasn't stopped commentators and writers from assuming the worst and barraging whoever it is with puerile name-calling.

The timing of the e-mail is also in question. It's possible it was sent Saturday and not read until Sunday. It's also possible it was received early Sunday afternoon and was read promptly.

LPGA officials at the ANA acted promptly when they got the word. Thompson was peeved, but played hard thereafter.

On April 25, the USGA and R&A reacted with Decision 34-3/10, covering the use of video evidence in making rulings. The full text is on page 26. To sum it up, the idea now is to not use video evidence if it is judged that someone couldn't have seen the infraction themselves while on the course.

"Video technology, especially the use of methods such as high resolution or close-up camera shots that can be replayed in slow motion, has the potential to undermine this essential characteristic of the game by identifying the existence of facts that could not reasonably be identified in any other way," the Decision goes. "Such evidence should not be used to hold play-



Lexi Thompson

ers to a higher standard than human beings can reasonably be expected to meet." It adds that a player's "reasonable judgment" should prevail against video evidence to the contrary.

"A "reasonable judgment" standard is applied in evaluating the player's actions in these situations: so long as the player does what can reasonably be expected under the circumstances to make an accurate determination, the player's reasonable judgment will be accepted even if later shown to be wrong by the use of video evidence," the Decision reads.

Now, welcome to the world of unintended consequences. Imagine this scenario: It's the final round of the U.S. Open and the leader's ball moves in the rough as he takes his club back to make a stroke. The other player and the referee for the group miss it. USGA staffers watching Fox somehow miss it.

Thousands of television viewers spot it. The USGA at Erin Hills is deluged with calls, looks at video and invokes the "reasonable judgment" phrase. The player agrees he didn't know and, having avoided a two-stroke penalty, wins by a stroke. But now there's a cloud over the player, loose talk about him because the movement was so obvious on TV. No penalty creates a tarnished image for him and for the USGA for not enforcing a rule.

There's the rub. Will the USGA risk the winner of the U.S. Open being considered a cheater, and making itself appear toothless?

ILLINOIS GOLFER COVER STORY

A Rich moment



The NCAA Finals
come to
Rich Harvest

RICH HARVEST'S JERRY RICH
AND THE NCAA TROPHY.
PHOTOGRAPH BY RORY SPEARS

Guess what powerhouse isn't favored in NCAAs?

Illinois men saddled with 2nd seed in Purdue regional

BY TIM CRONIN

REPORTING FROM SUGAR GROVE

Illinois' men's team won the Big Ten title by 16 strokes over runner-up Northwestern at Baltimore Country Club's Five Farms course on the last weekend of April.

It was the third straight conference title for the Fighting Illini, and their eighth crown in nine years. Dylan Meyer won the individual championship by a stroke, while Nick Hardy tied for sixth, Edoardo Lipparelli took eighth, and Giovanni Tadiotto tied for 10th.

That indicates dominance. But it didn't get the Illini a top seed in the NCAA regional that will lead into the end-of-month championship at Rich Harvest Farms.

Instead, the Illini were seeded second behind Florida, which didn't even win the Southeastern Conference (Vanderbilt did). In the grand scheme of things, it doesn't really matter, because everyone starts at zero, but it might grate a bit, and that could create a chip on the shoulder the Illini could use as motivation.

"When you get to this part of the season, the number of seed doesn't matter," Illinois coach Mike Small said when the field was announced

NCAA 2017

on May 4. "Location's a big deal for travel and things like that. You've got to play solid golf. You can overthink this thing, I think."

That said, Small will probably still put the bug in the ear of his players, noting once again the one bauble not yet in the Illinois trophy case.

"That would be huge," Small said of winning it all, and doing so at home. "We've come so close. We've done everything in college golf except win the national championship. We've finished second, third, third, had a bunch of top fives, we've had individual champions. That's our ultimate goal. To do it in Illinois would be huge."

"But we've got to get there first."

Illinois' lineup boasts Meyer, a Fred Haskins Award finalist and the reigning Western Amateur champion, and Hardy, the Northbrook native who romped in the Illinois Amateur last year. Lipparelli, Tadiotto and Michael Feagles round up the usual five starters.

"Rich Harvest is a solid well-kept golf course," Small said. "It's tricky. If you play from weakness and you get ahead of yourself and carelessness enters your game, Rich Harvest will tear you up. But if you can get it going, as we did in regionals a couple years ago, you can build confidence and really beat some people."

Continued on Page 8

The top seeds

Women's Championship
Top regional teams
Albuquerque, N.Mex.

1. Stanford; 2. Southern California; 3. Duke; 4. Miami (Fla.)
- Athens, Ga.
1. Alabama; 2. Georgia; 3. Northwestern;
4. Arizona

Columbus, Ohio

1. Florida; 2. Florida State; 3. South Carolina; 4. Arkansas

Lubbock, Tex.

1. UCLA; 2. Arizona State; 3. Furman; 4. Kent State

Illinois is seeded 8th at Albuquerque.

Men's Championship

Top regional teams
West Lafayette, Ind.

1. Florida; 2. Illinois; 3. Nevada-Las Vegas
- Austin, Tex.

1. Oklahoma State; 2. Wake Forest; 3. Texas

Baton Rouge, La.

1. Louisiana State; 2. Oregon; 3. Virginia
- College Grove, Tenn.

1. Vanderbilt; 2. Texas Tech; 3. Clemson
- Sammamish, Wash.

1. Southern California; 2. Kent State; 3. Texas A&M

Stanford, Calif.

1. Stanford; 2. Baylor; 3. Oklahoma
- Northwestern is seeded 5th at Baton Rouge.

The quirk of Rich Harvest

Rich Harvest Farms (2)

DEVIL OF A TIME Some holes at Rich Harvest Farms are quite straightforward. Some are breathtaking. Some are just different, and these two qualify. To the left is the fourth hole, also known as Devil's Elbow. While the synthetic turf tee at the bottom of this 2015 photo has been replaced by grass, the tee shot on the dogleg-left par 4 still has to clear or cut through trees standing in the fairway for a short pitch to the green. Below is the seventh hole, a downhill par 5 with a green guarded by a stream and by a rock face separating the putting surface from a narrow shelf of grass. It's possible to clear the water and end up smack against the rocks, necessitating a pitch sideways to create room to chip onto the green. Oddities of that sort are what has kept Rich Harvest from top-100 course lists aside from that of *Golf Digest*, which currently ranks it 88th.



The five best teams and one individual from each of six regionals advance to the men's championship, set for May 26-31 at Rich Harvest. The final round of stroke play and all the match play will be on Golf Channel, filling up Monday through Wednesday's daytime programming.

It would be a shocker if the Illini, with an adjusted scoring average of 70.94 and eighth in the Golfstat rankings (Florida is fifth), didn't make it from Purdue's Kampen Course at West Lafayette, Ind., to Rich Harvest.

Florida was knocked off in the SEC championship chiefly because the tournament was conducted at match play, as the NCAA finals are. The top eight teams of the 25 at Rich Harvest will go into the match-play grinder after four days of stroke-play qualifying – which will also decide the individual champion.

Northwestern is seeded fifth in Baton Rouge, where host and overall top seed Louisiana State and defending champion Oregon – albeit without Aaron Wise, last year's individual champion – are seeded first and second.

"We were there four years ago for the 2013 NCAA regional, and barely missed," NU golf director Pat Goss said. "But we have a better team this year. It helps having been there."

The Wildcats won the Big Ten match play tourney this year – Illinois skipped it for the match-play East Lake Cup – and have gotten better.

"We've been involved in a lot of tournaments that went down to the putt, which is unusual in college golf," Goss said, thinking that will help in Baton Rouge. "LSU's already a great team getting to play at home, so that helps. If we play well, we should advance."

"At the Big Ten Championship, we spotted Illinois too many shots the first day, and we able

to come back and beat them the last two days. We've got to be able to do it for three days."

The Wildcats are led by all-Big Ten first teamers Dylan Wu, who took ninth in Baltimore, and Ryan Lumsden, who, along with Ohio State's Will Grimmer, came within a stroke of tying Meyer for the individual title. Conor Richardson and Everton Hawkins finished in the top 23 for NU.

"Wu is on pace to break Luke Donald's Northwestern single-season scoring average," Goss said.

Donald, the most notable Northwestern golfer since Chick Evans – who was never on a Wildcats team – won the NCAA title in 1999, and is still coached by Goss.

As for the ladies...

The women go first at Rich Harvest, with the stroke-play portion of the tournament starting May 19, and match play on May 23-24. That tournament sets up differently from the men, with four regionals rather than six, and six teams and three individuals moving on to Rich Harvest from each site. But the concept is the same. Get there, and then see what happens.

Northwestern's women's team is seeded third in Athens, Ga., a loaded site that includes top-seed Alabama, the host Bulldogs and Arizona.

"I was ecstatic when I found out we were going to Athens," Northwestern women's coach Emily Fletcher said. "The first time we went to the NCAA Final, it was from Athens. And I'm very familiar with the golf course."

The Wildcats are 11th in Golfstats rankings, with Alabama third and Georgia eighth. In theory, Northwestern should have no trouble making the jump to Rich Harvest. But don't tell Fletcher it's a lock.

"It's the most pressure-packed four days of

the year," Fletcher said. "From a coach's perspective, it's about meeting expectations."

Northwestern and Michigan State tied for the team title at the Big Ten Championship, the Wildcats surrendering a 10-stroke lead over the final two rounds. Hannah Kim, usually the No. 1 Wildcat, scored 77 on the final day and finished tied for 12th, behind teammates Stephanie Lau (tied for fifth) and Kacie Komoto (tied for eighth). But all five Wildcats were in the top 16, with Sarah Cho tied for 12th and Janet Mao 16th, so the potential for a high regional finish is there.

The NCAA Championship is at Rich Harvest because owner Jerry Rich never gave up.

"It took 16 years and it was not easy," Rich said of the quest. "It was quite a process."

The course famously hosted the 2009 Solheim Cup, plus the Western Amateur and a previous NCAA regional, a stepping-stone to this.

An alum of Northern Illinois who made it big in computer terminals for Wall Street, Rich made Rich Harvest the Huskies' home course, building them an indoor practice center. While it's not in DeKalb, this is the first NCAA championship hosted by NIU.

Even the last few years with the switch to match play, the finals haven't drawn large crowds. Last year's run by Oregon to the title at Eugene Country Club, the Ducks' home course and a few miles from the campus, had a decent gallery, but it wasn't huge.

Rich is aiming for huge. He says Chicago-area companies have bought thousands of tickets to distribute to their employees, many of them alumna of the likely contenders.

"Getting people out during the week is a real challenge," Rich said. "But on the weekends, we expect huge crowds."



Looking back at Garcia's breakthrough win

*And other musings on
the 81st Masters*

BY TIM CRONIN

Looking back, it's easy to say Sergio Garcia's victory in The Masters was inevitable.

He had been playing better, getting engaged had given him piece of mind, and the combination had led to better results.

But finally win a professional major on top of that? At Augusta National Golf Club, the garden spot where he once said he didn't have the game to win? Inevitable?

Crazy talk.

Crazy happens sometimes.

Garcia's victory, achieved in the sudden-death playoff with Justin Rose, was not only well-earned, it was welcomed. The dashing young Spaniard who came into the world's spotlight as a 19-year-old in the 1999 PGA Championship at Medinah Country Club, but who failed to deliver on the big stages time and again, finally came through in a thrilling final round in which he, Rose and Thomas Pieters jostled while 54-hole contenders Jordan Spieth and Rickie Fowler scored 75 and 76, respectively, in the final round.

Is this, then, at long last, the breakthrough for Garcia, the one that will lead to a cascade of major titles?



Augusta National Golf Club

MEDIA WHIRL The main working area of Augusta National's new press center, with scoring and TV monitors at every seat, and a view of the practice range beyond to boot.

Let's wait and see on that. The last six winners of the four pro majors are first-timers. The last winner who already had one on his resume was Zach Johnson in the 2015 British Open.

By the way, by the traditional standard of major titles, including the U.S. and British amateurs, this is Garcia's second. He won the 1998 British Amateur at Muirfield.

- Final-round television ratings on CBS dropped from 7.7 last year to 6.8 this year. That's the lowest final round since the 6.8 of 1993, when Bernhard Langer won.

- At Augusta National, things are not done in half measures. They are either accomplished be-

yond anyone's expectation or not done at all.

The new press building is an example. Replacing the old one because it was in the way of more on-site housing for members and guests, it was built in the 51 weeks between last year's Masters and this year's at the end of the relatively new range.

The price tag? Including buying other properties to clear the way, estimates of the happy total range from \$50 million to \$63 million. The work area is so comfy and complete, officials asked reporters to mosey down to the interview area so players would have someone to ask them questions.

A dozen in Hall of Fame race

Four-way tie forces expansion of finalists for Selection Night

FROM IG NEWS SERVICES

Three hours of discussion last month narrowed a field of 28 candidates for the Illinois Golf Hall of Fame down to a dozen deserving finalists.

Some two hours of presentations to the 21-person selection committee on May 23 will, after a final vote, result in the 17th Hall of Fame class being deduced.

Those committee members don't have it easy, thanks to the quality of the field.

How does someone with five spaces on the ballot select from the select dozen, a group full of outstanding players and influential behind-the-scenes people, and even a couple of writers?

There are well-known names and less-known names, but the overriding theme is excellence.

As an example, consider the least-known of the 12 finalists. Coal baron Francis Peabody, when president of Hinsdale Golf Club over a century ago, stirred his fellow club presidents in the Chicago area to create the Chicago District Golf Association, a force in the game since. He also had a soft heart for caddies, and insisted the CDGA take up the caddie's plight as well.

Greg Kunkel, not a coal baron, has a similar philanthropic streak in him. The longtime caddie-master at Sunset Ridge Country Club, Kunkel has taken countless caddies under his wing. In recent years, he's known for beating cancer.

The finalists

Doug Bauman: winner of five state majors, including three Illinois PGA Match Play titles

Emil Esposito: winner of three state majors, including two Illinois Opens, noted teacher

Gary Groh: won 1975 Hawaiian Open on Tour, five state majors while at Bob O Link

Gary Hallberg: Walker Cup and four-time All-America in college, won 3 times on PGA Tour, '79 NCAA

Phil Kosin: impresario of *Chicagoland Golf*, pioneered golf radio show on WSCR, headed charity

Greg Kunkel: ace caddie and philanthropic caddie-master headquartered at Sunset Ridge CC

William Langford: golf architect famed for Butterfield, Lawsonia, Wakonda, ASGCA co-founder

Carol Mann: schooled at Olympia Fields CC, winner of two majors, 38 LPGA titles

Francis Peabody: his prodding over a century ago led to creation of CDGA

Gary Pinns: five-time Illinois Open winner, only player to win in three decades

Horton Smith: won 28 times on Tour, including 1st and 3rd Masters while at Oak Park CC

Len Ziehm: in 49th year as expert writer, first for *Sun-Times*, now *Daily Herald*

Three others known not for their playing ability, but other contributions, are on the ballot.

William Langford, a solid player and standout at Yale, became one of the most respected

architects of the 20th century. Headquartered in Chicago, Langford and shaper Ted Moreau crafted some of the outstanding layouts anywhere, including the famed Lawsonia Links in Green Lake, Wis., and Butterfield's 27 holes in Oak Brook.

Writers Len Ziehm and Phil Kosin, the latter the proprietor of Chicagoland Golf and founder of the Chicago Friends of Golf charity, represent the Fourth Estate.

Of those known for their playing, Carol Mann and Horton Smith have had the largest impact, so much so they're both in the World Golf Hall of Fame. Mann, who learned her golf at Olympia Fields, won 38 times on the LPGA circuit, including a pair of majors, and was president of the circuit when it hired its first commissioner. Smith was president of the PGA of America for a time in the 1950s, but well before that, while at Oak Park Country Club, won the first and third Masters Tournaments and about 40 percent of his 32 titles on the larval PGA Tour.

Gary Hallberg and Gary Groh won on the modern PGA Tour, Hallberg with a stellar amateur career first, including a Walker Cup berth, Groh dominating the local scene later. Gary Pinns (five Illinois Open titles), plus Doug Bauman and Emil Esposito, popular club pros with similarly stylish state major resumes – Bauman is a match-play expert, while Esposito parlayed one of his Illinois PGA titles into a tenure at Kemper Lakes, are also on the ballot.

It's all Wright in Will County Am

BY TIM CRONIN

REPORTING FROM CRETE

How to win the Will County Amateur:

1. Birdie the first three holes in the final round.
2. Scatter four threes across your card on the back nine.
3. Bogey the final hole.

Well, not the last one, though John Wright did do that on Sun., Apr. 23 at Balmoral Woods. No matter. The Aurora resident's final round of 1-under 71 and 36-hole aggregate of 4-under 140 on the 6,626 yard layout was good enough for a two-stroke victory over Grant Goltz, earning him a second Will County Amateur title and the right to don the famed Brown Jacket.

Wright, who won the I-80 Amateur at Sanctuary in New Lenox last year and twice captured the Illinois Public Links title, opened 4-3-4 on Balmoral's first three holes, a par of par-5s with a par-4 sandwiched between. That moved him to 6-under and opened a three-stroke lead on Grant Goltz, his closest pursuer, who birdied the par 5s.

The margin dropped to one stroke after Wright's bogeys on the 10th and 14th holes, but Goltz gave a stroke back on the par-4 15th, and when Wright rolled in a birdie putt on the par-4 17th, the lead was three again, and the cushion was more than he needed to annex the Will County bauble for the second time. Wright also won in 2005.

Goltz carded a pair of 71s to lock up second.



Tim Cronin / Illinois Golfer (left); Brian Snell / Balmoral Woods (right)

BROWN JACKET TIME John Wright tears into his tee shot on the second hole of the final round of the Will County Amateur. He won by two strokes and accepted the Brown Jacket from head pro Bill Abrams.

29th Will County Amateur

John Wright	-4 69-71-140
Grant Goltz	-2 71-71-142
Andy Roderique	+1 75-70-145
Terry Werner	+1 72-73-145
Cully Johnston	+2 73-73-146
Joe Zawaski	+3 78-69-147
Cody Sundberg	+4 75-73-148

Glenn Przybylski	+5 72-77-149
Ryan Frederick	+6 77-73-150
Tony Albano	+6 76-74-150
Rich Balla	+6 73-77-150
John Quinlan	+6 75-75-150
K.C. Matkaitis	+7 79-72-151
James Connors	+7 79-72-151

Graham O'Connor-Brooks	+7 78-73-151
Curt Trizzino Jr.	+7 74-77-151
Gabe Aprati	+8 78-74-152
Josh Sellers	+9 80-73-153
Evan Berna	+9 80-73-153
Jeff Fiorella	+9 79-74-153
Three others also tied at +9 153	

Rolfing: Jax Park redo will lower costs

But green fees expected to skyrocket if proposed reconstruction goes forward

BY TIM CRONIN

Mark Rolfing is sure the proposed \$30 million reconstruction of the Jackson Park and South Shore golf courses into one 18-hole championship course, and some frills, is right for Chicago.

The NBC / Golf Channel commentator explained why in a recent interview on WGN-AM, extolling the virtues of the project and the underlying reason behind his support.

"Three problems really that golf is faced with in today's world is, golf is too difficult, it takes too long and it costs too much," Rolfing said April 10. "Everything we're trying to do here is dedicated to solving those three issues in the game."

"We have to spend less money maintaining our courses, and that translates into lower costs."

Leaving aside that the rebuilt course will be harder and likely take longer to play, there is unintended irony in Rolfing raising the cost issue. Jackson Park costs \$30 weekdays and \$33 on weekends now, and South Shore's nine can be toured for \$18 weekdays, \$20 weekends. The revamped layout is expected to be at least \$50 for Chicago residents and \$200 for non-residents.

Rolfing insists the redo, which could start on South Shore this year and close Jackson Park from 2018 through 2020, will be good for the neighborhood players who have frequented Jackson Park for over a century.

"We're going to end up with 18 champion-

Chicago Parks Golf Alliance South Shore & Jackson Park Fundraising Goals				
Phase	Description	CPGA Projects	Anticipated Timeline	CPGA Fundraising Goals
I	South Shore Golf Course Restoration		May 2017 - September 2018	\$ 10,000,000
II	Jackson Park Golf Course Restoration		March 2018 - September 2020	\$ 15,000,000

Chicago Park District

THE MONEY SPLIT It may be hard to fathom how the planned renovation of Jackson Park and South Shore golf courses would need \$10 million for South Shore alone, but that's what's anticipated in the Dec. 16, 2016 agreement between the Chicago Park District and the Chicago Parks Golf Alliance.

ship holes that are still playable for the community guys that play down there, and ladies, and we're going to develop a short course," Rolfing said. "We feel this is a project that can change the game and change the culture of the community down there when it views golf."

Early opposition has quieted. A variety of watchdog groups, including Jackson Park Watch and the Jackson Park Advisory Council, are monitoring, but golfers seem to be in favor, as long as their green fees don't go through the roof.

"The reception has been just phenomenal," said Rolfing, who was not at the Jan. 9 meeting in which much of the opposition was voiced. "I wouldn't have gone along as far as I did if there had been significant opposition. Those two courses have been there over 100 years and they haven't been fixed up since. Irrespective of whether the BMW Championship ends up there, I believe the

community needs those two courses fixed up. The drainage is terrible, it needs a new irrigation system, a lot needs to be done."

Among Rolfing's contributions is getting Tiger Woods to involve his design group in the project. They toured the courses last Aug. 11.

"We spent the entire day down there, and he just was astonished by what he saw at South Shore," Rolfing said. "Astonished with the potential for lakefront holes, saw this par 3 right on the lake. He saw a way to take the hole that goes along Lake Shore Drive where people are pinging cars all the time and bend it inward."

"But what really convinced him this was worth doing was, he must have asked me 10 times that day, 'Where are all the kids?' It was a beautiful Thursday afternoon, summer in Chicago and he kept saying, 'Mark, where are all the kids?' That's what put him on this thing."

AROUND ILLINOIS

Cardinal Creek is back in business

Beecher course open again under new ownership after 2015 closure

BY TIM CRONIN

There's a saying in the golf business that has unfortunately become a truism: When a golf course closes because of business reasons, it never comes back.

Happily, in the case of Cardinal Creek Golf Course in far south suburban Beecher, that truism has been proved false. Shuttered in 2015 when a bank foreclosed on it, and briefly left to go to seed, Cardinal Creek is back in business.



Aside from an ad in *Golf Plus* and the course's website, there has been little publicity about the reopening. The Kankakee *Daily Journal* hasn't even written about it. But the 27-hole layout on Route 1 is back in business. As such, it's been returned to the ILLINOIS GOLFER Directory. Look under Kankakee County.

The website (www.cardinalcreekgolfclub.com) doesn't have full rates at the moment, but their seven-day prices via online registration are \$21 for weekday play and range from \$37 to \$21 on weekends. Additionally, Cardinal Creek is offering two-year memberships for \$225 (week-



Courtesy Golf.Give.Gala

IN THE SPOTLIGHT Jason Day (left) and all-time Olympic gold medal winner Michael Phelps are the headliners for a two-day high-dollar charity bash in St. Charles that will benefit their respective charities.

days) and \$425 (every day), with the player needing only to pay a \$16 cart fee on top of that.

Cardinal Creek, on 191 acres with a subdivision winding through the northern third of it, and which dates to 1927, when it opened as 18-hole Shady Lawn, is the second south suburban course to come back to life.

Last year, University Park Golf Course in that suburb was shuttered by the village at the start of the season, but was reopened late last summer

when Billy Casper Golf made a deal with the village to operate it.

Play with Day and Phelps? Good luck

The May 21-22 charity affair with headliners Jason Day and Michael Phelps, centered around a concert by an as-yet-unnamed artist in St. Charles and a golf outing at St. Charles Country Club, is certainly a good cause. Proceeds after expenses go to Day's Brighter Days Foundation and the Michael Phelps Foundation, the former benefit-

ting families in need, the latter booting swimming and healthy lives for American youth.

It's called "Golf.Give.Gala," but don't expect to be in a foursome with Day or Phelps. Those places have already been sold — at \$100,000 a foursome — as have lesser-prices foursomes that include autographed items and other perks. In fact, all that appears left are six threesomes (plus a celebrity) at \$15,000 each, as well as one at \$30,000.

Add up the sold outing spots and other items on the brochure, and the two-day deal will bring in over \$400,000. But the idea of teeing it up with either Day or Phelps? That's long gone.

But if you're lucky, you might get to play with former Chicago Bulls center Toni Kukoc, who is an absolute golf nut. For more information, call (855) 802-9842.

Brookhill, Cross Creek remain open

The Rantoul Park District's Brookhill Golf Course will be open this year. Tee times are being sold online (www.brookhillgolfcourse.com/request_tt/) and at the front desk. The park district accepted the city's bid of \$50,000 to mow and maintain all the park district property this year, with the exception of the golf course, which it will maintain itself.

The course, which has lost money for years, opened in mid-February, the earliest it has been available for play.

In Morrison, Cross Creek Golf Course owner Dixie Vegter decided to open her nine-hole course for the season after the final bid of \$460,000 at a March 25 auction was below her reserve price.

"We'll see what happens at the end of the year," Vegter, 73, told *SaukValley.com*.

Cross Creek sits on 65 acres on the west side of Morrison, which is north of Interstate 88, and

west of Sterling and Rock Falls.

A grand slam of an idea

Baseball and golf mix in many ways, not the least of which is big-leaguers seeking out a morning game on the links when the schedule has a night game slated for the diamond.

Now come the Quad Cities River Bandits with a twist on the idea. A golf course — miniature, to be sure — adjacent to Modern Woodmen Park in Davenport, just across the Mississippi River from Illinois.

"This would bring people to downtown Davenport," River Bandits general manager Andrew Chesser told the *Quad-City Times*.

The miniature golf layout would be located beyond the center field fence of the Midwest League team's home, adjacent to a Ferris wheel, a bumper-cards track and other attractions in the works, replacing recently-removed horseshoe pits.

Coosome twosome golf

Here's something new. Park Hills Golf Course in Freeport now offers a discount for married couples on weekends after 3 p.m., an extension of its twilight golf rates designed to entice families to play.

"We're really trying to promote Saturday and Sunday," Jeff Hartman, Park Hills' head pro, told the *Rockford Register-Star*.

People

Marty Schiene is the new head men's coach at DePaul, replacing the retiring **Betty Kaufmann**. Three-time Illinois Open champion Schiene, previously the head coach at Chicago State for five seasons, plus a year as an assistant at Loyola, was Kaufmann's assistant this season. The Blue Demons finished fourth in the Big East Championship, nine strokes behind champion Marquette.

TOUR GUIDE



D.A. Points
\$648,492 in 10 starts
Best: 1st Puerto Rico
71.121 scoring average



Kevin Streelman
\$639,792 in 15 starts
Best: T4 Mayakoba
71.277 scoring average



Luke Donald
\$937,255 in 12 starts
Best: 2nd Heritage
70.598 scoring average



Mark Wilson
\$88,222 in 8 starts
Best: T26 Sanderson Farms
71.488 scoring average



Scott Langley
\$49,308 in 3 starts
Best: T33 RSM
71.348 scoring average



Luke Guthrie
\$28,251 in 7 starts
Best: T12 Colombia
71.450 scoring average



Jeff Sluman **Champions Tour**
\$290,058 in 5 starts 12th Schwab
Best: T2 Legends of Golf
69.940 scoring average

FEC: FedEx Cup; through Zurich Classic 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**

May

11-14	Players Championship, TPC Sawgrass / Stadium, Ponte Vedra Beach, Fla.
17-21	Walgreens Championship (LPGA Legends Tour), Geneva National, Lake Geneva, Wis.
19-24	36th NCAA Women's Division I Championship, Rich Harvest Farms, Sugar Grove
25-28	78th Senior PGA Championship, Trump National GC, Washington, D.C.
26-31	120th NCAA Men's Division I Championship, Rich Harvest Farms, Sugar Grove
27-31	3rd U.S. Amateur Four-Ball, Pinehurst Resort, Pinehurst, N.C.
	3rd U.S. Women's Amateur Four-Ball, Dunes C, Myrtle Beach, S.C.

June

8-11	2nd Rust-Oleum Championship (web.com Tour), Ivanhoe C, Ivanhoe##
9-11	Four Winds Invitational (Symetra Tour), Blackthorn GC, South Bend, Ind.
12-17	117th Women's Western Amateur, River Forest CC, Elmhurst
15-18	117th United States Open, Erin Hills, Erin, Wis.
16-18	Decatur-Forsyth Classic (Symetra Tour), Hickory Point GC, Decatur
19-22	100th Western Junior, Park Ridge CC, Park Ridge
22-25	2nd Lincoln Land Charity Championship (web.com Tour), Panther Creek CC, Springfield
23-25	2nd American Family Insurance Championship (Champions Tour), University Ridge GC, Madison, Wis.
29-7/2	U.S. Senior Open, Salem CC, Peabody, Mass.
29-7/2	63rd Women's PGA Championship, Olympia Fields CC / North, Olympia Fields

July

7- 9	Inaugural Donald Ross Centennial Classic, French Lick Resort / Ross, French Lick, Ind.
9-12	Inaugural Senior LPGA Championship, French Lick Resort / Dye, French Lick, Ind.
10-14	91st Women's Western Junior, Dubuque G&CC, Dubuque, Iowa
13-16	47th John Deere Classic, TPC Deere Run, Silvis
13-16	72nd U.S. Women's Open, Trump National GC, Bedminster, N.J.
13-16	Senior Players Championship, Caves Valley GC, Baltimore, Md.
17-22	U.S. Junior Amateur, Flint Hills National GC, Andover, Kan.
20-23	146th Open Championship, Royal Birkdale GC, Southport, Eng.
24-29	U.S. Girls Junior Amateur, Boone Valley GC, Augusta, Mo.
27-30	British Senior Open, Royal Porthcawl, Bridgend, Wales
31-8/ 5	115th Western Amateur, Skokie CC, Glencoe
	August
3- 6	42nd Women's British Open, Kingsbarn GL, Fife, Scotland

7-13
10-13
14-20
26-31

117th U.S. Women's Amateur, San Diego CC, Chula Vista, Calif.
99th PGA Championship, Quail Hollow C, Charlotte, N.C.
117th U.S. Amateur, Riviera CC, Pacific Palisades, Calif.
U.S. Senior Amateur, Minikahda C, Minneapolis, Minn.

September

9-10
9-14
14-17
14-17
21-24
26-28

Walker Cup, Los Angeles CC / North, Los Angeles, Calif.
U.S. Senior Women's Amateur, Waverley CC, Portland, Ore.
114th BMW Championship (Western Open), Conway Farms GC, Lake Forest
24th Evian Championship, Evian Resort GC, Evian les Bains, France
31st Tour Championship, East Lake GC, Atlanta, Ga.
USGA Women's State Team, Club at Las Campanas, Santa Fe, N.M.

October

7-12
7-12

U.S. Mid Amateur, Capital City C, Atlanta, Ga.
U.S. Women's Mid-Amateur, Quail Creek CC, Naples, Fla.

USGA Qualifying

www.usga.org; generally conducted locally by CDGA

May

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U.S. Open Local Qualifying, Illini CC, Springfield
U.S. Open Local Qualifying, Midlane GC, Wadsworth
U.S. Open Local Qualifying, Cantigny G, Wheaton

June

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12
21
29

U.S. Senior Open Qualifying, Aurora CC, Aurora
U.S. Women's Open Qualifying, Prestwick CC, Frankfort
U.S. Junior Amateur Qualifying, Fox Bend GC, Oswego
U.S. Women's Amateur Qualifying, Bridges of Poplar Creek, Hoffman Estates

July

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10
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26

U.S. Amateur Qualifying, Midlane GC, Wadsworth
U.S. Amateur Qualifying, Village Links of Glen Ellyn
U.S. Amateur Qualifying, Weibring GC at Illinois State, Normal
U.S. Senior Amateur Qualifying, Wilmette GC, Wilmette

August

21
23

U.S. Mid-Amateur Qualifying, White Deer Run, Vernon Hills
U.S. Mid-Amateur Qualifying, Mt. Hawley CC, Peoria

September

5
13

2018 U.S. Amateur Four-Ball Qualifying, Bolingbrook GC, Bolingbrook
U.S. Mid-Amateur Qualifying, Heritage Bluffs, Channahon

October

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11

2018 U.S. Women's Amateur Four-Ball, Glenview Park GC, Glenview
2018 U.S. Amateur Four-Ball, Twin Orchard CC, Long Grove

Illinois PGA

www.ipga.com • Key tournaments
May

Pro-Superintendent Championship, site TBA
Match Play Championship, Kemper Lakes GC, Hawthorn Woods

Senior Match Play Championship, Shoreacres, Lake Bluff
June

Rust-Oleum Qualifier, Stonewall Orchard, Grayslake; White Deer Run, Vernon Hills
58th Radix Cup Match, Oak Park CC, River Grove
Stroke Play 3, Onwentsia C, Lake Forest

July

Senior Masters Championship, Onwentsia C, Lake Forest
Thompson Cup Match, Olympia Fields CC (South), Olympia Fields
Illinois PGA Senior Championship, Merit C, Libertyville

August

68th Illinois Open, Glen Club, Glenview; 2nd site TBA
99th* Illinois PGA Championship, Medinah CC (No.1), Medinah (*-including three Middle States PGA Championships)

September

Birdies for Charity, River Forest CC, Elmhurst
Pro-Women's Club Championship, site TBA
Assistant Championship, Mistwood GC, Romeoville
Fall Pro-Pro, Bull Valley GC, Woodstock
Illinois Senior Open, McHenry CC, McHenry
Pro-President, Evanston GC, Skokie

October

Illinois PGA Players Championship, Eagle Ridge (North), Galena
Pro-Club Championship, Glen Club, Glenview
Salesman-Pro Invitational, Ivanhoe C, Ivanhoe
Senior Players Championship, Old Elm C, Highland Park

Chicago District GA

www.cdga.org

May

16th CDGA Senior Amateur, Ridge CC, Chicago
3rd CDGA Mid-Amateur, Mistwood GC, Romeoville
CDGA Net Better Ball of Pairs 1, Bull Valley GC, Woodstock
June

56th Radix Cup Match, Oak Park CC, River Grove
CDGA Net Better Ball of Pairs 2, Royal Fox GC, St. Charles
98th CDGA Amateur, Briar Ridge CC, Schererville, Ind.

July

87th Illinois Amateur, Calumet CC, Homewood
CDGA Net Better Ball of Pairs 3, Kenosha CC, Kenosha

August

7-10	2nd CDGA Amateur Four-Ball, Wynstone GC, North Barrington
28-29	25th Illinois Mid-Amateur, Exmoor CC, Highland Park
28	CDGA Net Better Ball of Pairs 4, Naperville CC, Naperville
	September
7	5th CDGA Super Senior Championship, Idlewild CC, Flossmoor
11-13	31st Illinois Senior Amateur, Senica's Oak Ridge GC, LaSalle
18	CDGA Individual Net, Cog Hill G&CC, Lemont
19	CDGA Net Better Ball of Pairs, Stonebridge CC, Aurora
28	46th CDGA Mixed Championship, Aurora CC, Aurora
	October
2- 5	2nd CDGA Senior Amateur Four-Ball, Itasca CC, Olathe

Chicago Women's District GAwww.cwdga.org

	June
22	One-Day Stroke Play, Ridgemoor CC, Chicago
	July
12	Better Ball of Pairs, Indian Hill C, Winnetka
	August
14-16	86th CWDGA Championship, St. Charles CC, St. Charles
24	Senior Better Ball of Pairs, Oak Park CC, River Grove
	September
14	Tournament of Team Champions, Ruth Lake CC, Hinsdale

Illinois Women's GA<http://iwgaa.org>

	June
19-22	84th Illinois Women's Amateur, Pine Meadow GC, Mundelein
	August
1- 2	38th Illinois Junior Girls Amateur, U. of Illinois / Orange, Savoy
	September
19-21	48th Illinois Senior Women's Amateur, Rockford CC, Rockford

Notable Tournaments

	May
20-21	I-80 Amateur, Sanctuary GC, New Lenox
20-21	Peoria City Men's Stroke Play, Newman GC, Peoria
25-26	Olympia Fields Four-Ball Invitational, Olympia Fields CC
	June
3- 4	52nd Joliet Amateur, Wedgewood GC, Plainfield
3- 4	Central Illinois Amateur, Lincoln Greens GC, Springfield
10-11	69th Pine Hills Invitational, Pine Hills GC, Ottawa
10-11	Metropolitan East Side Amateur, Spencer T. Olin GC, Alton
23-25	Cook County Amateur, Columbus Park GC, Chicago
23-24	McHenry County Amateur, McHenry CC, McHenry
24-25	Blackberry Amateur, Blackberry Oaks GC, Bristol
	July
1- 2	35th Zigfield Troy Open, Zigfield Troy Par-3 C, Woodridge
15-16	62nd North Shore Amateur, Highland Park CC
15-16	Southern Illinois GA Championship, TBA
21-23	Chicago Amateur, Jackson Park GC, Chicago
29-30	Lake County Amateur, Lake Bluff GC, Lake Bluff

29-8/6	Springfield City Amateur, Panther Creek CC, Springfield
	August
7-12	Peoria City Men's Match Play, Newman GC, Peoria
12-13	Midwest Amateur, Marovitz (Waveland) GC, Chicago
	September
6- 7	Merit Amateur, Merit C, Libertyville
9-10	Chicago International Amateur, Robert A. Black GC, Chicago
12-13	Pontiac Elks Invitational, Pontiac Elks GC, Pontiac

13-15	Championship at Harborside, Harborside International, Chicago
19-20	Invitational, Highlands of Elgin GC, Elgin
28-29	Girls Championship, Flossmoor CC, Flossmoor
	July
24-25	Illinois State Classic, Weibring GC at ISU, Normal
27-28	Prairie Landing Classic, Prairie Landing GC, West Chicago
	August
1- 3	MAJGT Championship, The Den at Fox Creek, Bloomington
	October
21-22	Autumn Open, Thunderhawk, Beach Park
28-29	Fall Shootout, Bull Valley GC, Woodstock

NIMAGAwww.nimaga.org • Key tournaments

6	May Jamboree, Naperbrook CC, Plainfield
6	May Jamboree, Springbrook GC, Naperville
4	Summer Classic, Blackberry Oaks GC, Bristol
4	Summer Classic, Coyote Run GC, Flossmoor
15-16	NIMAGA Club Championship, Hughes Creek GC (high), Elburn; Red Tail GC (low), Lakewood
5	August Classic / North, Bridges of Poplar Creek, Hoffman Estates
6	August Classic / South, Heritage Bluffs GC, Channahon
26-27	NIMAGA Players Championship, Bartlett Hills GC, Bartlett
23	NIMAGA vs. Milwaukee, Evergreen GC, Elkhorn, Wis.

Weekly Challenge Golf Tourwww.wcgt.com • Key tournaments

25	May Naperville CC, Naperville
3	June Glenwoodie GC, Glenwood
10	Stonewall Orchard GC, Lakemoor
	July
6	Village Links of Glen Ellyn, Glen Ellyn
15	Heritage Bluffs GC, Channahon
29	Bolingbrook GC, Bolingbrook
	August
5	Cog Hill G&CC / Dubsdread, Palos Park
10	Glen Flora CC, Waukegan
31	Ruffled Feathers GC, Lemont
	September
16	Balmoral Woods GC, Crete
2	October Tournament of Champions, Bull Valley GC, Woodstock

Mid-America Junior Golf Tourwww.ijga.org/majgt • Illinois tournaments

13-14	May Fox Bend Open, Fox Bend GC, Oswego
7- 8	June Second City Classic, Ravisloe CC, Homewood

Illinois Junior GAwww.ijga.org • Key tournaments

15	May Medinah Shrine Junior Invitational, Medinah No. 1, Medinah
27-29	June 48th Illinois Junior Amateur, Makray Memorial, Barrington
12-14	July IJGA-CDGA Junior Amateur, Mill Creek GC, Geneva
24-28	37th Chick Evans Match Play, Itasca CC, Itasca
7	August Player of the Year Tournament, Highlands of Elgin GC, Elgin

Notable Junior Tournaments

18-21	June Pepsi Little People's Championships, Quincy
25-28	Country Youth Classic, The Den at Fox Creek, Bloomington
	October
15-16	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

SCOREBOARD**Illinois State Scramble**

Village Greens of Woodridge • April 29-30

Cancelled because of soaking rains, making course unplayable

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GREATER CHICAGO COOK COUNTY / NORTH

Anetsberger	9: 27 / 1,128 / unrated	
1750 Techny Ct., Northbrook • (847) 291-2971 • www.sportmansgolf.com	Michael Wenzel	
Arlington Lakes	18: 68 / 5,336 / 65.8 / 115	
1211 S. New Wilke Rd., Arlington Heights • (847) 577-3030 • www.ahpd.org/programs/golf	Tim Govern (GM)	
Bartlett Hills	18: 71 / 6,463 / 71.7 / 130	
800 W. Oneida, Bartlett • (630) 837-2741 • www.bartlethills.com	Phil Lenz	
Billy Caldwell	9: 35 / 3,108 / 69.6 / 115	
6150 N. Caldwell Ave., Chicago • (773) 792-1930 • www.forestpreservegolf.com		
Bridges of Poplar Creek	18: 70 / 6,500 / 71.2 / 136	
1400 Poplar Creek Dr., Hoffman Estates • (847) 884-0219 • www.poplarcreekcc.com	Brian Bechtold	
Canal Shores (Peter Jans)	18: 60 / 3,904 / 57.9 / 86	
1031 Central St., Evanston • (847) 475-9173 • www.canalshores.org	Tony Frandria (Spt.)	
Chick Evans	18: 71 / 5,626 / 67.2 / 122	
6145 Golf Rd., Morton Grove • (847) 965-5353 • www.forestpreservegolf.com	Grit Suyarsi	
Edgebrook	18: 66 / 4,567 / 61.2 / 88	
6100 N. Central Ave., Chicago • (773) 763-8320 • www.forestpreservegolf.com	Jim Tourloukis (GM)	
Fox Run	18: 70 / 6,287 / 70.1 / 119	
333 Plum Grove Rd., Elk Grove Village • (847) 228-3544 • www.foxrungolflinks.com	Thomas Klaas (GM)	
The Glen Club	18: 72 / 7,149 / 74.8 / 140	
2901 W. Lake Ave., Glenview • (847) 724-7272 • www.theglenclub.com	Alex Prior	
Glencoe	18: 72 / 6,527 / 71.6 / 130	
621 Westley Rd., Glencoe • (847) 835-0250 • www.glencogolfclub.com	Matt Radde	
Glenview Prairie	9: 31 / 1,955 / 29.7 / 94	
2800 W. Lake Ave., Glenview • (847) 657-1637 • www.golfglenview.com	Kristen Kechik (GM)	
Glenview Park	18: 70 / 6,109 / 68.9 / 123	
800 Shermer Rd., Glenview • (847) 724-0250 • www.golfglenview.com	Michael Stone	
Golf Center Des Plaines	9: 27 / 1,050 / 70.0 / 113	
353 River Rd., Des Plaines • (847) 803-4653 • www.dparks.org/golfcenter		
Grayslake	9: 27 / 1,137 / unrated	
2150 Drury Ln., Grayslake • (847) 548-4713 • www.glpd.com	Mike Perez (GM)	
Highland Woods	18: 72 / 6,934 / 72.5 / 124	
2775 Ela Rd., Hoffman Estates • (847) 359-5850 • www.forestpreservegolf.com	Joe Bidro (GM)	
Hilldale	18: 71 / 6,432 / 71.6 / 135	
1625 Ardwick Dr., Hoffman Estates • (847) 310-1100 • www.hilldalegolf.com		
Indian Boundary	18: 72 / 6,068 / 69.0 / 116	
8600 W. Forest Preserve Ave., Chicago • (773) 625-9630 • www.forestpreservegolf.com		
Lake Park	9: 27 / 1,515 / unrated	
1015 Howard St., Des Plaines • (847) 391-5730 • www.dparks.org		

ABOUT THE DIRECTORY

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Course detail (yardage, rating, slope from back tees) supplied by courses and the CDGA. Head pro or GM listed if known. Please e-mail changes to illinoisgolfer@earthlink.net. **Expanded listings** are available; please e-mail or call (708) 638-1164.

Makray Memorial **18: 72 / 7,015 / 74.1 / 132**
1010 S. Northwest Hwy., Barrington • (847) 381-6500 • www.makraygolf.com Don Habjan

Marovitz (Waveland) **9: 36 / 3,265 / 35.2 / 124**
3600 N. Recreation Dr. (at Addison), Chicago • (312) 742-7930 • www.cpdgolf.com Mark McCord (GM)

Mount Prospect **18: 71 / 6,305 / 71.3 / 135**
600 S. See Gwin Ave. (at Shabonee), Mount Prospect • (847) 259-4200 • www.mppd.org/golf.php Brett Barcel

Nickol Knoll **9: 27 / 1,163 / unrated**
3800 N. Kennecott Ave., Arlington Heights • (847) 590-6050 • www.ahpd.org/programs/golf/nickol Tim Govern (GM)

Old Orchard **18: 70 / 6,119 / 70.1 / 130**
700 W. Rand Rd., Mount Prospect • (847) 255-2025 • www.oldorchardcc.com Doug Brezeau

Palatine Hills **18: 72 / 6,800 / 72.5 / 127**
512 W. Northwest Hwy., Palatine • (847) 359-4020 • www.palatinehills.org Dan Hotchkiss

Rob Roy **9: 36 / 3,022 / 37.8 / 119**
505 E. Camp McDonald Rd., Prospect Heights • (847) 253-4544 • www.robroygc.com

Robert A. Black **9: 33 / 2,361 / 31.7 / 100**
2045 W. Pratt Blvd., Chicago • (312) 742-7931 • www.cpdgolf.com Jerry Losos

Schaumburg
Tournament / Baer 18: 71 / 6,644 / 71.7 / 130
Players 9: 35 / 3,189 / 34.7 / 124
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.sportmansgolf.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.chevchasecountryclub.com Margie Arnold (GM)

Twin Lakes **9: 29 / 1,460 / 35.0 / 113**
1200 E. Lake Dr., Palatine • (847) 934-6050 • [saltcreek.multisportsystems.com](http://www.saltcreek.multisportsystems.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 Kwiatkoski

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.wnpark.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., Palos Park • (630) 257-5872 • www.coghillgolf.com

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

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

Flagg Creek **9: 33 / 2,493 / 31.9 / 104**
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