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French Lick Resort is featured on our June Cover. If you have not been to Southern Indiana's historic resort, do yourself a favor and make a reservation.

Congrats to University of Toledo golfers, Otto Black and Colin Joseph for their stellar performance in the USGA Four-Ball Championship at Winged Foot.

The Toledo Golf Association, NWO Junior Golf Association, The First Tee of Lake Erie and PGA Junior Leagues will all hold events in Northwest Ohio. Junior clinics and academies being held in June and July at nearly every local golf facility is a perfect way to introduce your child to a game that can serve them their whole life.

With golf a part of the 2016 Olympics, being held in Rio de Janeiro, Brazil in August, the schedules for both the PGA and LPGA Tours have been affected and there are many big tournaments throughout June and July that will impact who will be in Rio in August.

Oakmont Country Club has been the site for eight memorable U.S. Opens and three PGA Championships. History will once again be made there over Father's Day weekend in the 116th U.S. Open.

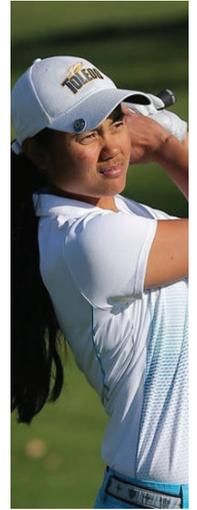
In a section devoted to Women Golfers, we preview the LPGA's Marathon Classic as it attempts to set a new record for charitable donations to Toledo-area children's charities. Congratulations are due the UT Rockets Women's Golf Team on another successful season and Rich O'Brien contributed an interview with Sandy Cross from the PGA of America about luring more women to the golf course.

Tom Doak's new course, "The Loop" at Forest Dunes, opens for play on June 27. Every golfer will want to put that reversible design on their bucket list. While you are in northern Michigan stop by and check out the nine golf resorts and 15 golf courses that make up the "Gaylord Golf Mecca." Michigan is truly the place to be for outstanding golf in the summer.

We hope you enjoy the June Issue of NWO Golf Links and I will see you on the "Back 9."

You are a Golfaholic if: You know what course has the "Church Pew" bunker and what two holes it splits.

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FRENCH LICK: A FIRST-CLASS GOLF DESTINATION IS STEEPED IN HISTORY



Nestled among Amish farms, in the rolling hills of southern Indiana, sits the historic French Lick Resort. The town and resort first became known for their mineral springs, when Dr. William Bowles opened the original French Lick Springs Hotel in 1845. The healing power of the waters drew people from all over the country to feel its soothing effects; the French Lick Hotel and Casino still occupy the same spot 180 years later.

Ten years after the construction of the French Lick Springs Hotel, in 1855, the West Baden Springs Hotel was built nearby to capitalize on the mineral waters, as well. The hotel was completely destroyed by a fire in 1901 and a new hotel was built on the site. It was reopened in 1904 and with its large domed ceiling, became the eighth wonder of the world. It is still a marvel today with its large open atrium that is awe-inspiring.

In 1901, local businessman and former French Lick Mayor, Tom Taggart recognized the business potential of the mineral springs and formed a syndicate to purchase the French Lick Springs Hotel. He built a spa, charged customers to use the springs and distributed the bottled spring water around the world.



Taggart also recognized the potential to draw more clients to his hotel by constructing a golf course. The Valley Course, designed by Tom Bendelow, opened for play in 1907. Golf became so popular at the resort that the most famous designer of the time, Donald Ross was commissioned to build a second course, the Hill Course. It opened for play in 1917 and hosted the 1924 PGA Championship, won by Walter Hagen.

Over the years both the French Lick Springs Hotel and the West Baden Springs Hotel fell upon hard times. All of that changed in 2005, however, when the Cook Group, a medical device manufacturing company headquartered in Bloomington, Indiana purchased both properties and began the huge task of restoring them to their former greatness.

Over \$550 million was injected into renovating and reviving both properties. The resort has provided needed jobs and benefited to the overall economy of Southern Indiana.

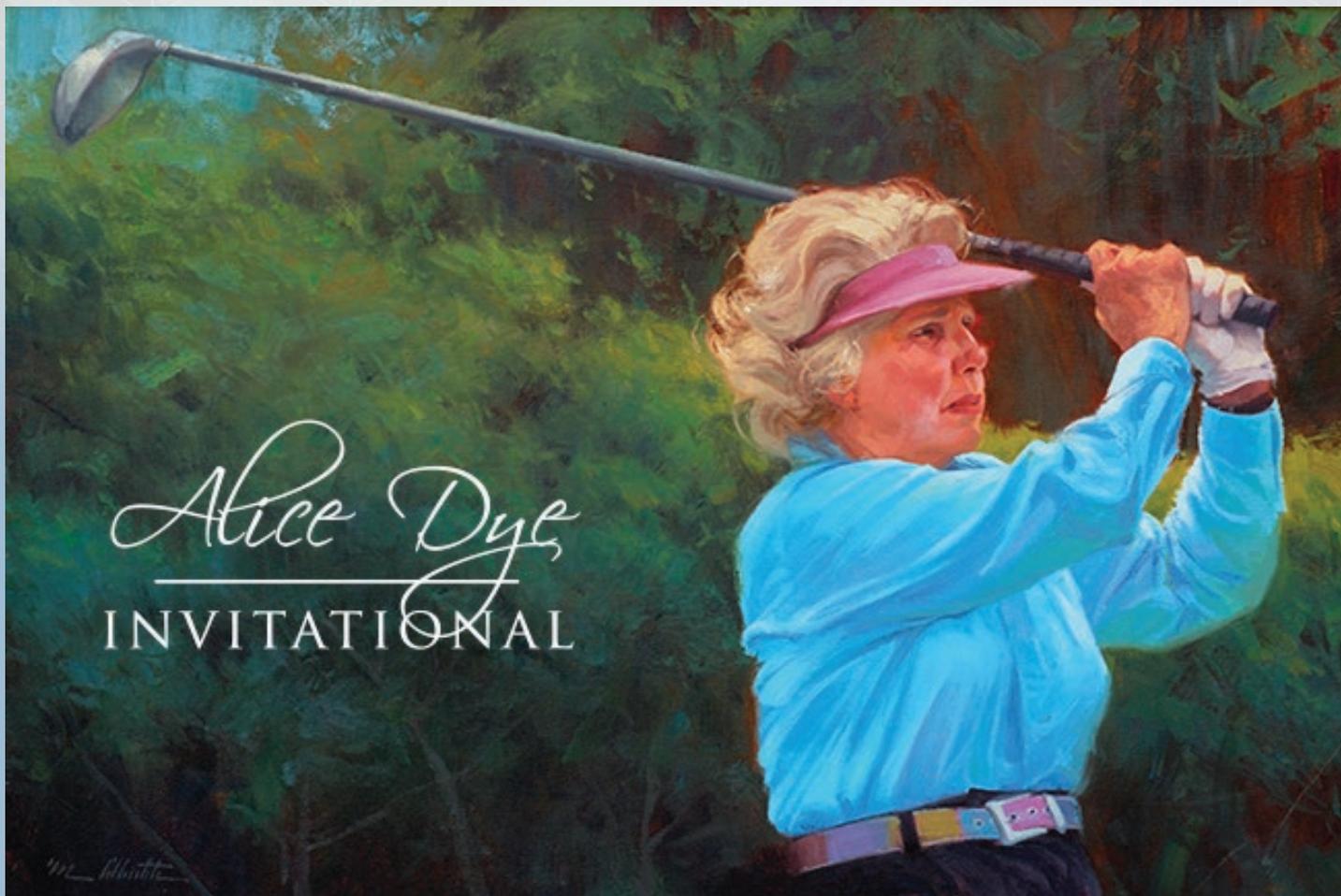
The West Baden Springs Hotel was restored to its original grandeur, plus a casino was added to the French Lick Springs Hotel. Both properties are now included in the French Lick Resort, which also includes spas at both hotels, along with The Donald Ross Course and a new Pete Dye Golf Course.

The original Hill Course underwent a \$5 million renovation in 2007 and reopened as the Donald Ross Course at French Lick. It has received rave reviews and was restored to the original design Ross envisioned, when he built the course.

In 2009, Indiana's own, Pete Dye was commissioned to build a golf course of major-championship caliber on the second highest peak in Indiana, above the West Baden Springs Hotel. Dye at first scoffed at the idea of building a course on the site, but soon came around and scratched out the original routing on a napkin, which is framed and hangs in the pro shop today.

This is a video of Pete Dye talking about the design of the Dye Course at French Lick:





Because it sits at such a high elevation, golf becomes secondary as gorgeous vistas can be viewed for up to 30 miles on a clear day.

The PGA of America held the 2010 PGA National Professional Championship on the course and it has since hosted the 2015 Senior PGA Championship. It was won by Colin Montgomerie and is a major on the Champions Tour.

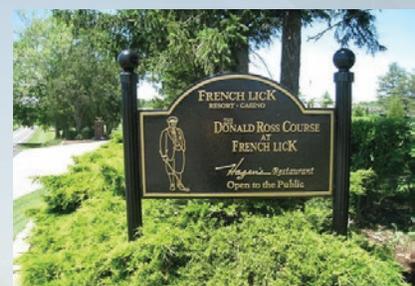
Pete's wife, Alice is always involved with any design the Dye family tackles and she made sure the French Lick course was playable for women. The LPGA Legends Tour holds an event on the Pete Dye Course every year.

The [2016 Legends Championship](#), which features the best women golfers from the past 30 years, will be held August 19-21 on the Pete

Dye Course at French Lick. Lori Kane won the inaugural Legends Championship in 2013, Laurie Rinker hoisted the trophy in 2014 and Julie Inkster captured the title last year. Players in the field for 2016 include, Hall of Fame members, Laura Davies, Donna Caponi and Sandra Haynie.

In addition, Alice Dye even hosts her own tournament that attracts women from all over the country to travel to French Lick for the [Alice Dye Invitational](#). The 2016 tournament will be held August 7-9.

The healing effects of the mineral waters started it all for French Lick in the 1840's. The spas at both the French





Lick Hotel and the West Baden Springs Hotel will pamper you and provide world-renowned service to soothe every achy muscle in your body. They offer a complete line of options; manicure, pedicure, facials, wraps, scrubs, baths, waxing, as well as, massage are all available from the certified and trained staff.

One of the lesser known facts about French Lick is that it was the winter home for the Hagenbeck-Wallace Circus from 1913-1929. A museum is open today to celebrate the history of the circus in the French Lick area.

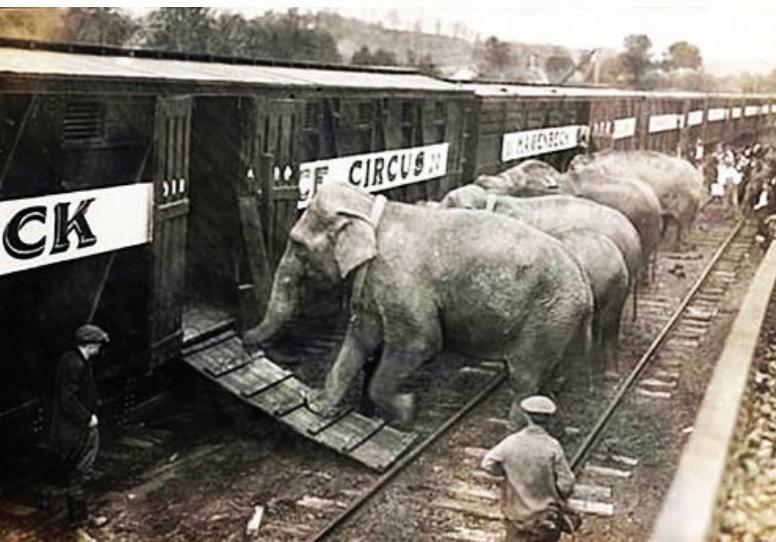
Other local attractions that make any visit to French Lick Resort enjoyable for the whole

family include; the French Lick Scenic Railway, Big Splash Indoor Adventure Water Park and Wilstem Ranch, which is the home for a herd of elephants from May-October.

Man does not live by golf alone and French Lick Resort offers a variety of activities for the whole family to enjoy during their stay. Biking, hiking, historical tours, horseback riding, tennis, swimming, and carriage rides through the village are all available for guests of the resort.

The French Lick Resort is a first-class golf destination, just like The Greenbrier, Pinehurst, Pebble Beach or Bandon Dunes, it has every amenity any golfer could want with two championship golf courses to please even the most discerning golfaholics.

Check it out for yourself at their website and then plan a visit to the French Lick Resort.



INVERNESS CHOSE BYRON NELSON OVER BEN HOGAN

BY: *FRED ALTVATER*



Long-time Toledo Blade sportswriter and golf historian, Dave Hackenberg related this story to me not too long ago.

Most Toledo-area golf fans know that Byron Nelson spent four years in Toledo as the Head Professional at Inverness Club.

What many do not know is that Nelson was chosen over Ben Hogan for the job.

In the early days of professional golf, most touring professionals maintained a full-time club professional job to supplement their income. Even though Byron Nelson was one of the leading players on tour in 1940, he still needed a steady club professional job to provide additional income.

Nelson had already won the 1937 Masters and he, along with, Sam Snead and Ben Hogan were the cream of the tour at that time, although Hogan had yet to win a major.

Just two weeks after Nelson signed a contract to become the Head Professional at Inverness

in June, 1939, he won his second major title at the U.S. Open in a playoff with Ohio's Denny Shute and Craig Wood at Philadelphia Country Club.

Nelson would go on to win the 1940 PGA Championship and the 1942 Masters, while employed at Inverness. After he left Inverness in 1945, he authored one of the greatest seasons in golf history, when he won 18 titles, 11 consecutively, plus a second PGA Championship.

In addition to being one of the brightest stars on the PGA Tour at the time, Nelson was also its consummate gentleman and was as well known for his pleasant demeanor off the golf course as for his superb ability on it.

On the other hand, Hogan was still a rising star in 1939. His shyness and short answers to sports writers came off as being aloof and unapproachable, which did not play well with the scribes. Negative articles or unfavorable quotes littered the leading papers of the day and Hogan was not portrayed as a likeable figure.

Hogan's immense talent and work ethic were appreciated, but he only had one tour win in 1938. Though he added four more in 1939, he was known more, at the time, for the ability to lose tournaments on the final day,

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rather than the steely-eyed major champion, he would become.

In 1939, he held an assistant professional position at the Century Country Club in White Plains, New York. Although he was always polite to the membership, his shyness prevented him from being a back-slapping, smiling politician required of a club professional then and now.

A past president of the Inverness Club, Cloyd Haas was assigned the task of finding a suitable Head Professional for Inverness and his decision came down to Nelson or Hogan.

Hogan simply did not have the favorable press of Nelson and he certainly did not possess the down-home humor and personality that a club like Inverness was seeking at the time.

Haas and Inverness Club chose Nelson. The rest is history.



DETERMINE YOUR MENTAL GAME STRATEGY

BY *GREG LIBERTO*

I teach the concept of a Mental Game Strategy to help every golfer identify exactly what is required to play your best, every single time you go to the course.

Energy is Contagious

This past month I played a round of golf with my brothers. Around the 14th hole, I noticed the body language of my brother Bob began to wane. He survived brain cancer two years ago, and while his health is constantly improving, his full energy has not returned. He was not playing, as well as, he did on the first nine holes, plus he was losing mental focus.

Watching his body language and hearing him say he felt tired, also made me tired. While I did not think of it much during the round, something profound hit me a few days later. I had allowed

my mental and physical state to change as a direct result of how my brother was feeling.

I am sharing this with you for three reasons.

1. I love my brother and feel extremely fortunate that he is alive and healthy enough to play golf again.
2. Emotions are contagious. If you sense that someone in your group is angry or tired or frustrated, it can directly impact your mood. I let myself feel tired because I forgot to practice what I preach.
3. You must always play golf with a Mental Game Strategy and say it **Aloud** Often.

Say Your Strategy Aloud

As I mentioned earlier, A Mental Game Strategy is a high-level thought process designed to help you identify what is required to always play

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your best. It allows you to stay calm, confident and focused from the first shot to the last, and makes you The HEAD Coach of your game.

My Strategy for this round of golf with my brothers was, **Smile**. I wanted to remind myself how fortunate I am to have my brothers alive and to also enjoy the day. It was a great Strategy and it was effective, except when I started feeling tired. I realized that I was not saying it aloud, and I let my own negative energy affect my game.

If I would have said **Smile**, when I started feeling

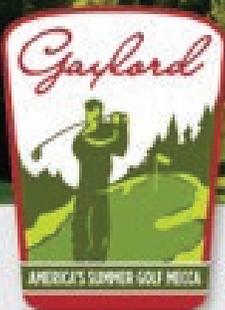
tired, it would have stopped that negative feeling immediately. Saying it would have reminded me to stand tall, smile and focus on feeling great. It is amazing what a simple **Strategy of Smile** can do for your golf game, or your life. Smiling changes your body chemistry and will improve your mental and emotional state.

Advice from The HEAD Coach

The next time you play a round of golf, determine the Mental Game Strategy that will assure you feel great from the first shot to the last, and say it **Aloud** Often.

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TIPS TO PLAY A GOLF SCRAMBLE RESPONSIBLY

BY *BRYAN RENIUS*



GOLF IS THE BEST
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For many, golf has been described as a sport designed to allow men to drink and act like adolescents outdoors. Golf outings with a scramble format can take drinking, poor decisions and golf, to a whole new level.

Many people enjoy playing in a scramble because they are not very good, but enjoy the social aspects of the game. A scramble allows even the beginning duffer to compete and still have the opportunity to contribute at least once over the course of 18 holes.

If not with a golf shot at least being a good drinker, partier,

or dancer. After your second consecutive ball finds a watery grave, a little dance, along with a cold beverage, couldn't hurt.

Once, while participating in a scramble with my so-called golf buddies, we had the bright idea for each of us to down a shot for every successful birdie. Feeling confident, we stocked up with some of Kentucky's finest, before the round began. As they say on the television commercials, don't try this at home, we were trained professionals.

As you know, if you have at least one or two decent golfers



on your scramble team, birdies are not that difficult to come by. We were slightly disappointed with our first hole, as all of our birdie efforts lipped out. The good news was, however, that the booze was safe for the time being.

We birdied the second hole with ease and the challenge began. Shot one was consumed and we were off!

I will save you the play by play, but after the first seven holes our team was six-

under-par and my face was beginning to go numb. Six shots of liquor within a little over one hour was beginning to take a toll on my team, as well as myself.

What seemed like a good idea to add a little spice to our scramble, turned out to be a rather poor decision and more than any of us bargained for.

Only one-third of our round was complete and we were totally wrecked!

We finished the scramble

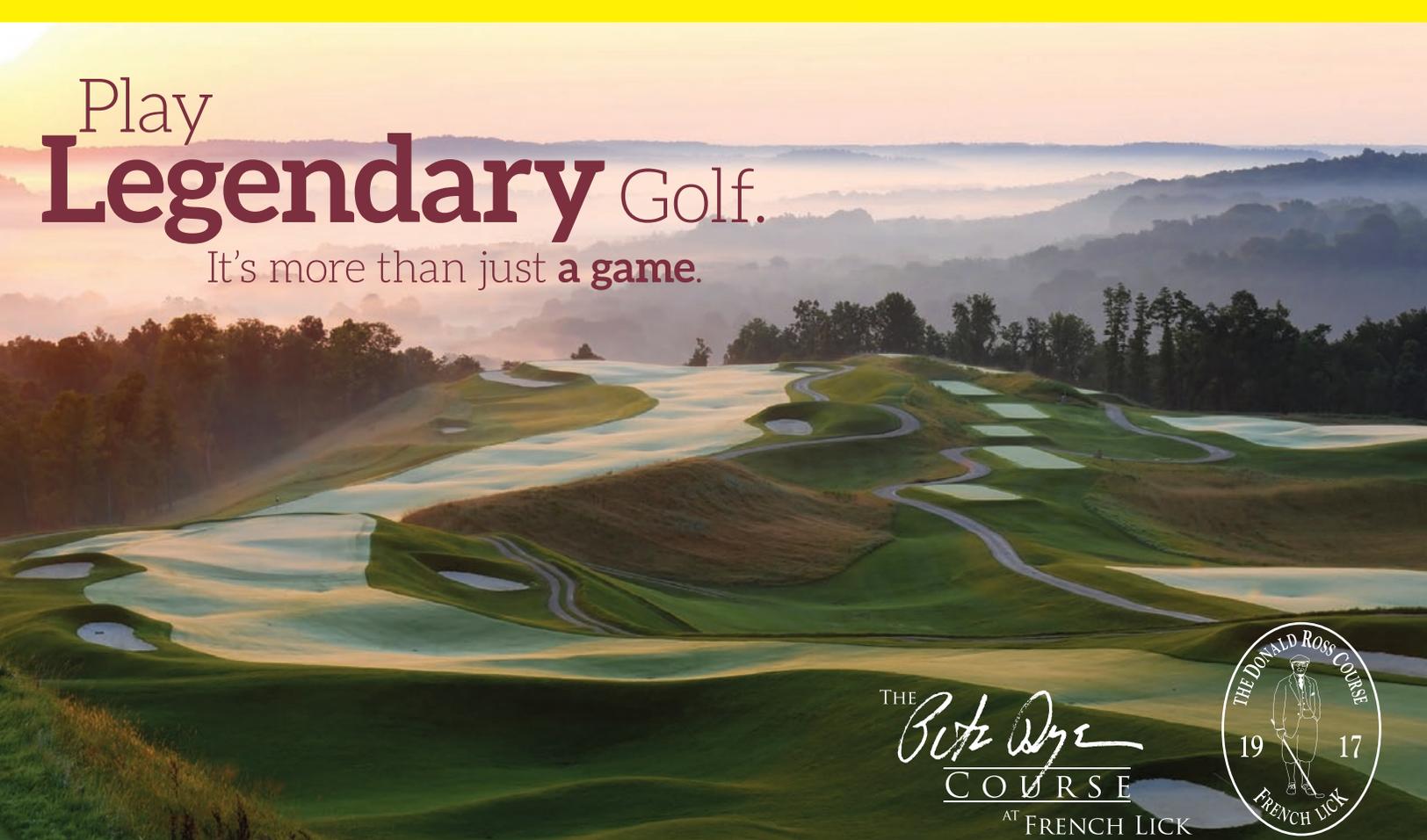
at six-under-par, we think. We weren't quite sure of the actual outcome. We were somewhat afraid to score more birdies, because it was nearly impossible to decide which one of the three balls, staring back at us, to hit on every stroke.

It should be a scramble to hit the ball into the hole..... not to scramble to walk a straight line.

Take a tip from the "Old Pro," everything in moderation my friend. Hit'em straight!

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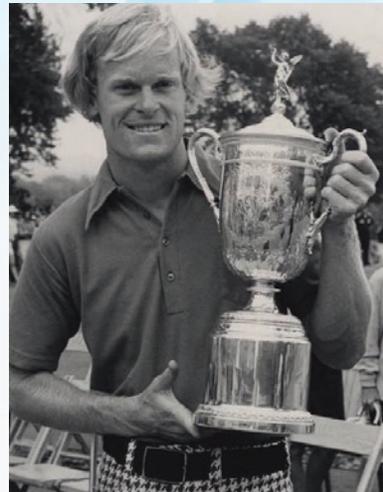
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OAKMONT COUNTRY CLUB HOSTS 9TH U.S. OPEN



BY FRED ALTVATER



Throughout its 113-year history Oakmont Country Club has been the site of some of the most memorable wins in golf. The only golf course attributed to designer Henry Fownes, it was built using shovels and mule teams.

The course can be stretched to 7,255 yards for championship play and the member's par of 71 is trimmed to a par 70, when the professionals visit. It has long been recognized as one of the most difficult courses in the country.

This iconic golf course has hosted 18 national championships including, eight U.S. Opens, three PGA Championships, two U.S. Women's Opens and five

U.S. Amateurs. Some of the most memorable wins in the history of golf have been engineered on Oakmont's verdant fairways and slick greens.

Gene Sarazen won the first of two consecutive PGA Championship victories at Oakmont in 1922, when it was still played as a match play format. He also won the PGA at Pelham Country Club in New York the following year and added a third PGA in 1933 at Blue Mound in Wisconsin.

Bobby Jones won his first of five U.S. Amateur titles at Merion Country Club in 1924 and added his second at Oakmont in 1925.

Sam Snead won the 1951 PGA Championship, when it was played here, but could only finish runner up to Ben Hogan in the 1953 U.S. Open. Snead finishing after Hogan in 1953, thought he needed birdies to catch him, when par would have done the job. Oakmont was the site of one of Snead's biggest disappointments. He would never win a U.S. Open.

When Hogan won the U.S. Open in 1953 after returning to the tour from severe injuries suffered in an automobile accident, it was the second of his three major victories that year. It would also be his fourth and last U.S. Open title.

In 1962, Jack Nicklaus, just 22-years-old and playing in his first U.S. Open as a professional, announced his presence to the world by winning at Oakmont in an 18-hole Monday playoff with hometown favorite Arnold Palmer. It began a competitive friendship that has lasted both of their lives.

Although Arnold never won a major at Oakmont, he made his first appearance in a U.S. Open there in 1953, and his last appearance in a U.S. Open came at Oakmont in 1994, when Ernie Els hoisted the trophy.

Oakmont was also the site of the famous final-round 63 posted by Johnny Miller in the 1973 U.S. Open. Miller's iron play was superb that day with 15 of his 18 approach shots finishing within 15 feet of the hole.

With an injured thumb that required surgery after her win, Paula Creamer gutted out a win in the US Women's Open in 2010. She put on a masterful performance of consistency, hitting fairways with her driver and finding greens with her irons.

All eyes will once again be on historic Oakmont Country

Club for the U.S. Open being held June 14-17. Can Jordan Spieth join the ranks of the great heroes of the past and defend his U.S. Open crown or will Jason Day, or possibly Rory McIlroy etch their name in Oakmont's storied history?



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WHEN GOLF BALLS COLLIDE!

BY RICHARD TODD

Did you happen to see Louis Oosthuizen's **hole-in-one** on the 16th hole on Sunday in the final round of the Masters this year?

It landed on the green and careened off his playing partner, JB Holmes' ball before finding the bottom of the cup.

Does that count as an ace? You bet it does! But how, do you ask?

USGA Rule #[19-5](#) states **when a player's ball in motion is deflected by another ball at rest that player must play his ball as it lies**. In this case, Oosthuizen

got some help from Holmes' ball in play, directing it towards the cup.

What about JB? Does he gain any preferential treatment? Sorry, not in this case. USGA Rule #[18-5](#) states, **if a ball in play and at rest is moved by another ball in motion after a stroke, the moved ball must be replaced**. JB's ball had to be placed in its original position before it was nudged by Louis.

Note, the rules says 'placed', not 'dropped'. There are times when you put a ball back into play by dropping, but on the green, like in this case, isn't one. Also note, **the**

ball must be replaced by the person who lifted/moved the ball, the player or his partner (USGA Rule #20-3). If placed by someone other than listed, a one stroke penalty is assessed.

Many golfers that have been playing for decades still make incorrect rulings. Read [The Golf Rules](#) series for additional help in tackling the rules and etiquette of golf.

If the exact original lie of a ball to be placed isn't known or can't be determined then USGA Rule #20-3b applies, the ball must be placed as near as possible to the place where it lay but not in a hazard.

Who would purposefully place their golf ball in a hazard?

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SPORTS MASSAGE THERAPY GETS YOU INTO THE SWING OF THINGS

BY *BRENDA WHETRO*



As golfers prepare to hit the fairways, their yells of “**FORE**” might easily be replaced by yells of “**SORE**” if they didn’t take the time to prepare their bodies for the new season.



Due to the repetitive nature of the sport, golfers have a tendency to suffer injuries to their lower back, shoulder, wrists, and elbows. Couple this with muscles gone dormant during the off-season or strained through winter activities, such as shoveling snow, one can quickly see how their performance on the greens may seem underwhelming, if not painful. Fortunately sports massage can help to release and improve muscle function. It also helps prepare the body for optimal performance and can prevent injuries.

Sports massage therapy combines several different massage techniques, including medical, trigger point, stretching, and resistance to help ease soft tissue fatigue, pain, or injury. Swedish massage may be used to energize and invigorate sore, tired muscles and can be used in conjunction, with deep tissue massage, to release knots in muscles. Regular sports-massage sessions can correct muscle imbalance that lead to poor posture. Posture is essential for power and performance on the fairways. Improper posture creates

faulty movement patterns that will adversely impact a golf-swing. Correct posture can make a huge difference, when it's your turn at the tee.

Sports massage also offers other benefits to golfers, including increased blood circulation, reduction of muscle spasms and adhesions, improved mental focus, and decreased anxiety and stress levels. When the body is healthy and relaxed, it will function efficiently, providing consistent shots.

There are two primary types of sports massage:

-Pre-event: a short, stimulating massage focused on warming-up the major muscles to be used.

-Post-event: provided after an event to normalize the body's tissues; conditioning, given during a golfer's training routine to help them reach

peak performance; and rehabilitative, aimed at alleviating pain due to injury and promoting faster recovery.

Prior to your appointment, discuss with the therapist any concerns, issues, or injuries that need to be addressed and ask what types of massage techniques would best suit your needs. During your appointment, expect discomfort, especially for tight muscles and long-neglected, old, or untreated injuries. Be sure to keep your therapist informed of your comfort levels.

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Junior Golf at Heather Downs Country Club



Dan Sutton at Heather Downs Country Club has a few spots open for the **Summer Junior Academy** open to all golfers under the age of 18. All sessions are held on Saturday throughout June and July.

The Heather Downs **Junior Golf League** is open to all golfers under 18 begins Wednesday, Jun 8th and runs for 10 consecutive weeks.

Heather Downs is also hosting a **High School League** for golfers 13-18 at 11 AM every Monday from June 6-July 25.

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Hidden Hills Ladies Day will be held June 15th. This is one of the largest women's only golf outings of the year in the Toledo area and all proceeds will go to benefit the Victory Center.

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The UT Women's Basketball Golf Outing will be held June 27th at Heather Downs Country Club with a 9 AM Shotgun Start. Various sponsor packages are available by contacting: Lauren.Flaum2@utoledo.edu or phone: 419-530-2363.



100% of the proceeds from the 9th Annual Buffalo Wild Wings “**Big Give Outing**” will go the **Promedica Toledo Children's Cystic Fibrosis Fund**.

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There are a few spots remaining for **The First Tee Coaches Club's** 2016 fundraiser at Inverness Club on June 27th. The event will be an excellent opportunity to play historic Inverness, enjoy a first-class meal and help The First Tee of Lake Erie.

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True Linkswear Uses Space Material in Their Element Golf Shoe

BY: MATT SATERNUS, PLUGGEDINGOLF.COM

The concept behind the [TRUE Linkswear Elements](#) is simple enough: make a shoe that you can wear, regardless of the conditions. The result, however, was unexpected, the most comfortable shoes in golf got more comfortable.

The [Elements](#), just like all TRUE Linkswear golf shoes, are tremendously comfortable in terms of the cushioning and flexibility. They have a zero-drop design, meaning that your heel isn't elevated above your toes. This barefoot feel is essential to feeling

the ground and having great balance.

What's new in the Elements is the addition of Outlast, a material developed by NASA to keep the wearer from getting too hot or too cold. Outlast is available in other apparel and it never fails to impress, however True Linkswear may have found the best use yet for the space age product. It's one thing for a shoe to be breathable, but the Elements felt like there was a fan blowing on my feet while I was walking on hot days. On colder days, the Outlast kept my toes warm and toasty.

The look of the [TRUE Linkswear Elements](#) is very much in line with past offerings from TRUE. It has an athletic street-shoe look, but it's done in a toned down way that any golfer could wear. The three color choices are black, white, and grey with a splash of lime, which make them perfect for an everyday golf shoe.

The headline feature for the [Elements](#) is the waterproofing. Rather than simply telling you that they're waterproof, I walked through heavy dew and puddles, without

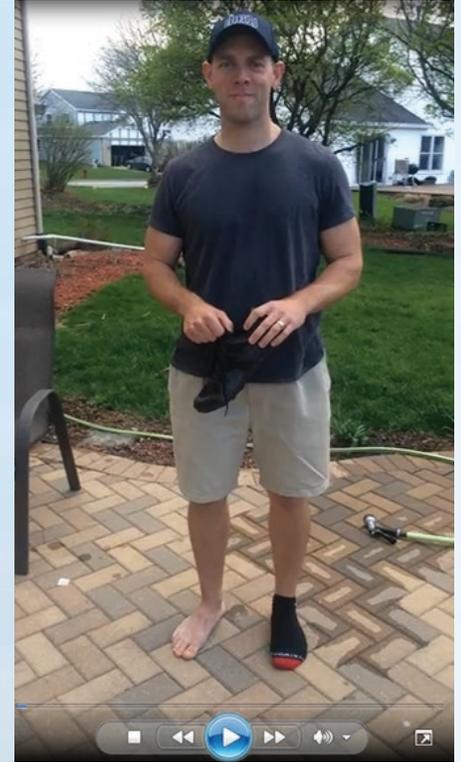


getting wet. Watch this video demonstration of the garden hose torture test. Did I fail to mention, these shoes are **guaranteed waterproof for two years**, which is as good as anything you'll find in the industry.

One thing you will notice about TRUE Linkswear's zero-drop, flexible sole is that in addition to improving balance, it also enhances traction. Traditional rigid soles lose contact with the ground as you swing and shift your weight, the best spikes in the world cannot maximize

ground force. TRUE's flexible sole will stay in touch with the ground throughout the swing and helps generate more power. This is a serious performance booster, especially in slippery, wet conditions.

Every serious golfer has at least two pairs of golf shoes, a comfortable pair for good weather and a waterproof pair that you tolerate on wet days. TRUE Linkswear Elements provide the best of both worlds in one shoe. They are completely waterproof and comfortable.



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PGA OF AMERICA'S EFFORTS TO GROW WOMEN'S PARTICIPATION IN GOLF

BY *RICH O'BRIEN*

The golf industry is looking to grow participation in the sport and the PGA of America is answering by encouraging and inviting women to give golf a try.

According to the National Golf Foundation, there were 5.7 million women golfers in the United States in 2014. Women represented 23% of the 24.7 million golfers. Based on the fact that women are now the fastest growing segment of new players entering the game, the strategy seems to be working.

In an interview, **Sandy Cross, the Senior Director of Diversity and Inclusion for the PGA of America**, listed the top efforts to grow women's participation and retention in the game.

1. What are the most important considerations for women to try golf?

According to Golf Data Tech, women that play golf have found that the three most positive attributes of the game

are health benefits (90%), the challenge and competition of the game (80%) and the social interaction of playing the game that allows them to connect better and more deeply with family and friends (70%). And from a business professional standpoint, it is something that women should have in their tool kit.

2. Research showed that millions of women want to play golf, but don't feel welcome. How has the PGA tried to welcome these women to the game?

The Get Golf Ready program has proven to be an excellent entry point for new players as they are taught the basic elements of the game in a friendly group learning environment. The social aspects of the program seem to resonate especially with women. The PGA found that 62% of the participants in the program are women and that upon completing the program 86% continue to practice and play the game.



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3. Recently another exciting way to engage women has been the development of the GolfForHer.com website. What does that website offer women?

It provides answers to many questions that women and girls may have, but have never had the opportunity to ask. It's a warm, welcoming resource for women and girls to get engaged or further engaged in golf.

4. Women are now the fastest growing segment of new players entering the game of golf. How

many new women players have entered the game in the past few years?

In the past two years over 660,000 new women golfers have begun playing golf. That represents almost a 15% increase and is proof that the programs are paying dividends.

5. What is the strategy to tear down the perceived barriers?

Within the PGA, a long-term effort has started that will bring more women and minorities into PGA membership so that it reflects the society as a whole. Secondly, the

organization is striving to create a sense of belonging that resonates with all races, ethnicities and genders.

6. What is your message to women who play golf?

One of the main reasons that many women don't play is that they have not yet been invited. An invitation can be a powerful thing.

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Chella Choi will return to defend the title she captured here last year. It was the second LPGA Tour win for the 25-year-old from South Korea, who is currently ranked No. 26 on the 2016 LPGA Tour money list with \$197,000 in earnings.

World No. 1, **Lydia Ko**, who won the Marathon Classic in 2014, will once again visit Toledo and attempt to add a second Marathon Classic title to her impressive resume. With two wins this season, plus six top-10 finishes, she leads the money list with over \$1 million in prize money.

Local product **Stacy Lewis**

will also be at Highland Meadows. Stacy has never won in Toledo, but has held a spot in the top-10 of the Rolex Ranking for over four years.

In addition, Inbee Park, Brooke Henderson, Amy Yang, 2015 Rookie of the Year, Sei Young Kim, 2015 U.S. Women's Open winner, In Gee Chun, 2015 Marathon Classic runner-up, Ha Na Yang and ShanShan Feng have all committed to be in Toledo in July.

Sunday's final round will be broadcast live on CBS and will be the only non-major to be aired live on network television this season. This is a huge opportunity to showcase the Toledo area and should be a boost for northwest Ohio.

The Marathon Classic is annually held at Highland Meadows Golf Club and generates much needed

funding for area children's charities. The total generated from the 2015 Marathon Classic was \$538,000, which was doled out to over 30 area charities.

Over 1,200 volunteers and 400 local businesses join forces to make the Marathon Classic one of the most successful and longest running LPGA events in the country.

Tournament Director, Judd Silverman has set a goal of \$800,000 in charitable donations for the 2016 tournament, which would bring the total donated over the history of the tournament to \$9 million.

Tickets are available at area Kroger stores. A **'Buy one get one FREE Weekly Grounds Pass'** special is available that also includes a free parking pass.

For more information visit: <http://marathonclassic.com/>

UNIVERSITY OF TOLEDO WOMEN'S GOLF TEAM HAS RECORD YEAR

The University of Toledo Women's Golf Team led by coach Nicole Hollingsworth continued its climb to improve and reached new heights this season.



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The Rockets set school records by winning five tournament titles and achieved a new low by recording a 298.3 stroke average per event. They finished second to perennial Mid-American Conference Champion Kent State, by just four strokes this year, in the conference championship for the third time over the last four years. They have also finished inside the top-3 in the conference six of the last seven years.

Finishing her collegiate career, senior Sathika Ruenreong was named the Most Valuable Player for the fourth consecutive season. Her 73.83 stroke average, set new a new school record, plus she played the most rounds, had the most rounds under 80 and won two titles.

Ruenreong was also named first-team All-MAC for a fourth year. She set records for an entire collegiate career with the lowest stroke average of 74.94, most rounds under 80 with 122 and she won a total of four tournaments. She also became the first Rocket ever to appear in the NCAA Championship Regionals, tying for 36th place out of 96 golfers at the Shoal Creek Regional this year.

At their season-ending awards banquet, Coach Hollingsworth said,

"We are sad to say goodbye to our three seniors, Sathika Ruenreong, Manisa Isavas and Morgan Salm. They helped take our program to another level, and I want to thank each of them for their hard work and wish them the very best."



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Monica Isavas and Ruenreong shared the Rocket Award and Hannah Kockendoerfer was named the winner of the **Stephen Tobin Hopkins "Serving Before Self" Community Service Award.**

The 2017 Rocket Women's Golf Team will have some big shoes to fill with the loss of Ruenreong, Isavas and Salm, but Coach Hollingsworth has another strong crop of talented young women golfers entering the Freshman class this fall.

The UT Women's Golf Team also announced an opportunity to travel with the team to Ireland and play some of the most famous Irish courses. The trip will be from July 31-August 8 and includes stops at Old Head Golf Links, Ballybunion Golf Club, Waterville and Tralee Golf Club.

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For more information contact Coach Hollingsworth at: nicole.hollingsworth@utoledo.edu

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Black Lake Golf Club is a Rees Jones design and is always in pristine condition. Black Lake is a championship design that offers golfers of all abilities an enjoyable day on the golf course.



Elk Ridge was created by famed Michigan designer, Jerry Matthews. It has been honored by Golf Digest as One of the Best Places to Play for Women and is also home to some of Michigan's largest elk herds.

Gaylord Country Club was established in 1924 and is one of Michigan's oldest courses. The course is a true parkland design, which meanders over hills and through hardwood forests. It has a private country club atmosphere, but offers daily fee play.



The **Loon Golf Resort**, opened for play in 1994 and offers "stay & play" packages. The restaurant creates fantastic food choices and two championship golf courses make it the perfect golf resort. The Loon is also the Michigan home of the Butch Harmon School of Golf.



The **Pines Course at Michaywé** was originally designed and recently renovated by Don Childs. The five sets of tees can stretch from 5,200 yards to over 7,000 yards for the big hitters. The Woods Restaurant provides excellent dining in a casual and relaxed



environment and makes the perfect spot for a post-round meal or libation.

The complete Northern Michigan experience is available at **Otsego Club & Resort**. A variety of accommodations are available to make every visitor comfortable and can handle large groups up to 500. Two 18-hole championship golf courses, the Tribute and the Classic, will test any golfer. In addition, Otsego has a four-season outdoor thermal pool, lighted tennis courts and a 1,200-acre wildlife preserve for those wanting to commune with nature.

Jerry Matthews also designed **The Natural at Beaver Creek Resort**, which winds through native forests and around some of the most scenic wetlands found in Northern Michigan. The clubhouse overlooks both the wetlands and the course. Golf Digest rated The Natural four stars



and Matthews captured “the natural Michigan flavor” for this creation.



Every Golfaholic is familiar with **Treetops Resort**. Four championship courses designed by Robert Trent Jones, Tom Fazio and Toledo’s own, Rick Smith, make

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BY KURT WEINEKE



Now that warmer weather is here, after your round of golf, have a glass (or two) of white wine on the deck. Wine always seems more enjoyable to me when consumed outdoors. I am not sure why, but let's chalk it up to, *that's where it comes from.*

Winemaking, after all, is simply a way of getting the grapes from the vine into the glass.

Here are some white wines that will cap off a perfect day and sunset.

Riesling – The main thing to remember is to find one from Germany, where this grape shines best. Look for the three (increasing) levels of sweetness listed on the label – kabinett, spatlese, and auslese. If none of these are listed, it's probably a Qualitätswein or QbA in the fine print, which is the entry level and also a good starting point. A couple of rieslings to look for would be the Leitz Dragonstone or the 'Dr. L' (Loosen Bros.)

Albarino – This Spanish white wine is a delight even to the

most jaded connoisseur. If you like Chardonnay, you will also like Albarino, it has a similar textural profile (I call it 'fatness'). Pour a glass of chilled Albarino at your next outing and you'll be traveling to Spain without the airfare.

Sauvignon Blanc – There are many regions from which to choose when shopping for Sauvignon Blanc; California, New Zealand, and, even Bordeaux. California's Geyser Peak's version is very fruity with good balancing acidity. Some choose the New Zealand varieties, they have a more concentrated and in-your-face style. If you are more traditional, a classic White Bordeaux is the real Sauvignon Blanc.

Pinot Gris – Translated as "gray pinot," this refers to

the hint of gray color in this grape's skin. There are three regions where this wine is most popular. Pinot Grigio is the Italian version. Pinot Gris, from the Alsace region of France, is the textbook version. The Oregon versions are a true revelation, with a fruit-forward style that will have you smacking your lips. Try the King Estate or the 'A to Z' Winery for starters.

Where can I find these wines, you might ask? Well, you can probably find a decent Riesling or Sauvignon Blanc in your local supermarket. Outside of that, the best place to find more variety is your local wine merchant or a larger liquor store chain.

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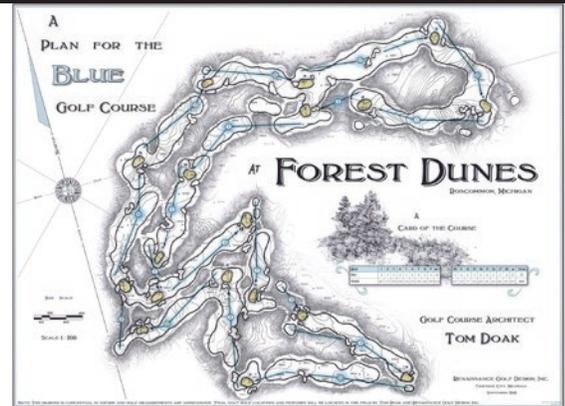
BY **FRED ALTVATER**

On June 27th one of the most significant and anticipated events in golf course architecture will occur in the middle of the lower peninsula of Michigan. In the wooded countryside outside of Roscommon and just a short drive down back roads, off I-75, **Forest Dunes Golf Club** will unveil its newest course "The Loop," designed by Michigan resident, **Tom Doak**.

Doak has earned a reputation as one of the leading golf course designers of the day. Projects such as, Pacific Dunes, one of the premier courses at Bandon Dunes, Streamsong's Blue Course in Florida and Sebonack on Long Island, have received rave reviews and hosted major tournaments. He is also recognized internationally for his work at Cape Kidnappers in New Zealand and Barnbougle Dunes in Tasmania, Australia.

Forest Dunes has long been recognized for its signature Tom Weiskopf design, which opened for play in 2002 and was immediately awarded "Best New Course in America" by Golf Digest. With nine holes winding through a thickly wooded forest and the back nine more links-like, it is a delight to play. It even offers a 19th hole for an "emergency par-3" to end your round and settle the odd wager.

With the addition of The Loop to Forest Dunes, resort guests can now play three completely different golf courses on two distinctively different layouts.



With a reversible routing, The Loop will be the first course of its kind in North America and is actually two courses in one. There are courses in Europe, especially in Scotland and the United Kingdom, that can accommodate a reversible format. The Old Course at St. Andrews can be played in the opposite direction, although it is no longer used.

Designed in the shape of a huge arc, golfers play away from the clubhouse on the outside of the arc and back on the inside for their back nine. The next day the tees and routing are reversed to go out the inside of the arc for the first nine holes and come back on the outside nine to complete the round.

Fairways and greens had to be designed to accept shots from opposite directions. With the natural undulation of the sand dunes and contoured greens, this was no simple task to accomplish.

Doak is known for keeping it simple and he has simply achieved a masterpiece in the middle of Michigan. Every golfer needs to add this unique venue to the top of his/her bucket list. The golf world will be buzzing about this concept for some time to come.

For more information and to make reservations visit: <http://www.forestdunesgolf.com/>

THINGS YOU NEED TO KNOW ABOUT GOLF IN THE 2016 RIO OLYMPICS

Golf will be a competitive sport in the 2016 Olympics held in Rio de Janeiro in August. Golf was originally contested in the Olympics in the early 1900's, but was dropped by the International Olympic Committee (IOC).

The 2016 Olympics from Rio will feature, a 72-hole individual stroke play tournament for both men and women. In case of a tie for either first, second or third, a three-hole aggregate playoff will determine the medal winner.

Only the top-15 ranked players in the [Official World Golf Rankings](#) (OWGR) and [Rolex Rankings](#) will gain automatic exemptions to the 60-man fields that will make up the men's and women's portion of the Olympic

Golf competition.

Additional players will be added to complete the 60-man field via a country's ranking of its players on the OWGR and Rolex Rankings. There will be a maximum of four players eligible from any single country.

The presence of the Zika Virus transmitted by mosquitoes has become an issue and several high-profile golfers have already announced they would not participate in the 2016 Rio Olympics, even though they were eligible.

A second issue arising is the political instability of the current government in Brazil, as well as, the large number of gangs that

present a concern for the safety of the athletes away from the Olympic compound.

Rio's water quality has also been an issue for water sports, but should not affect the golfers.

The IOC only voted to admit Golf to the Olympics for 2016 and 2020. They will vote after the 2016 games whether or not to extend golf as an Olympic sport in the future.

The IOC has announced a 10% increase in advertising revenue and an uptick in exposure due to the inclusion of golf to the games. If money talks then Golf will probably gain a permanent spot in the Olympics after the 2020 games.



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3	Rory McIlroy	IRL	33	Francesco Molinari	ITA
4	Bubba Watson	USA	34	Yuta Ikeda	JPN
5	Rickie Fowler	USA	35	Ricardo Gouveia	POR
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18	Emiliano Grillo	ARG	48	Jhonattan Vegas	VEN
19	Kiradech Aphibarnrat	THA	49	Brendon de Jonge	ZIM
20	K.T. Kim	KOR	50	Camilo Villegas	COL
21	Bernd Wiesberger	AUT	51	Nicolas Colsaerts	BEL
22	David Lingmerth	SWE	52	Angelo Que	PHI
23	Thongchai Jaidee	THA	53	Adilson da Silva	BRA
24	Anirban Lahiri	IND	54	Siddikur Rahman	BAN
25	Victor Dubuisson	FRA	55	Roope Kakko	FIN
26	Jaco Van Zyl	RSA	56	Felipe Aguilar	CHI
27	Fabian Gomez	ARG	57	Rodolfo Cazaubon	MEX
28	Thomas Pieters	BEL	58	Cheng Tsung Pan	TPE
29	Martin Kaymer	GER	59	Wen-Tang Lin	TPE
30	Joost Luiten	NED	60	Gavin Kyle Green	MAS

Women's Olympic Golf Rankings

As of May 16th

RANK	PLAYER	COUNTRY	RANK	PLAYER	COUNTRY
1	Lydia Ko	NZL	31	Julieta Granada	PAR
2	Inbee Park	KOR	32	Mariajo Uribe	COL
3	Lexi Thompson	USA	33	Paula Reto	RSA
4	Stacy Lewis	USA	34	Gwladys Nocera	FRA
5	Brooke Henderson	CAN	35	Nanna Koerstz Madsen	DEN
6	Amy Yang	KOR	36	Alena Sharp	CAN
7	Sei Young Kim	KOR	37	Christel Boeljon	NED
8	In Gee Chun	KOR	38	Marianne Skarpnord	NOR
9	Shanshan Feng	CHN	39	Gaby Lopez	MEX
10	Minjee Lee	AUS	40	Kelly Tan	MAS
11	Suzann Pettersen	NOR	41	Ursula Wikstrom	FIN
12	Anna Nordqvist	SWE	42	Laetitia Beck	ISR
13	Ariya Jutanugarn	THA	43	Klara Spilkova	CZE
14	Harukyo Nomura	JPN	44	Noora Tamminen	FIN
15	Teresa Lu	TPE	45	Maria Verchenova	RUS
16	Charley Hull	GBR	46	Giulia Sergas	ITA
17	Pornanong Phatlum	THA	47	Christine Wolf	AUT
18	Lee-Anne Pace	RSA	48	Leona Maguire	IRL
19	Candie Kung	TPE	49	Anne Van Dam	NED
20	Shiho Oyama	JPN	50	Diana Luna	ITA
21	Carlota Ciganda	ESP	51	Fabienne In-Albon	SUI
22	Karrie Webb	AUS	52	Stephanie Meadow	IRL
23	Azahara Munoz	ESP	53	Chloe Leurquin	BEL
24	Xiyu Lin	CHN	54	Alejandra Llaneza	MEX
25	Karine Icher	FRA	55	Michelle Koh	MAS
26	Sandra Gal	GER	56	Liv Cheng	NZL
27	Caroline Masson	GER	57	Aditi Ashok	IND
28	Catriona Matthew	GBR	58	Victoria Lovelady	BRA
29	Pernilla Lindberg	SWE	59	Miriam Nagl	BRA
30	Nicole Larsen	DEN	60	Albane Valenzuela	SUI

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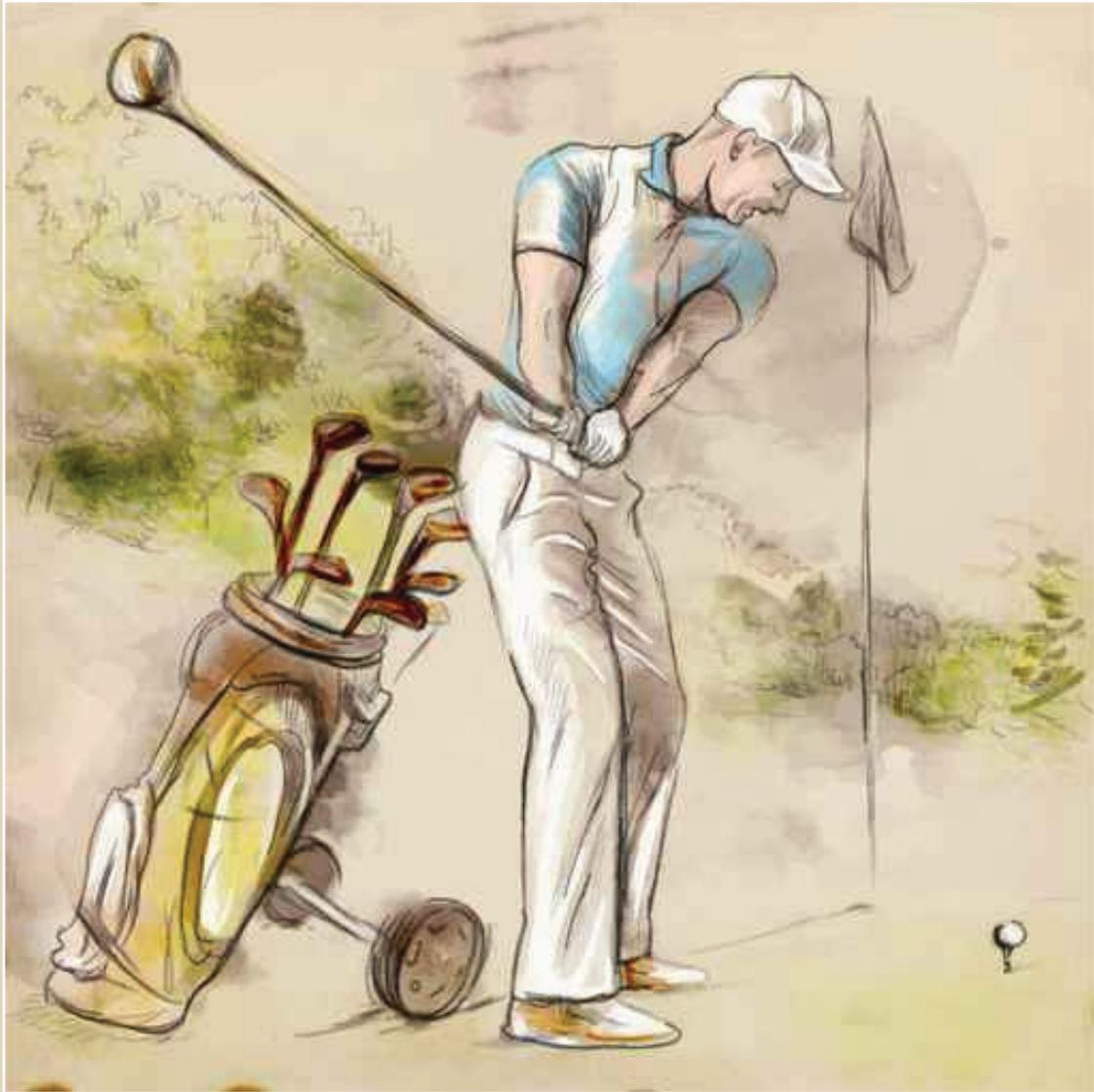
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