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Photo by Carter Sherline, Frog Prince Studios.

# Guest Editor: Alice Dye

## Annika's Challenge



By Alice Dye

If a mountain is there, it beckons mankind to climb it. The PGA Tour is like a mountain for Annika — it's there and she wants to attempt to play on it. Like mountain climbers, whether they make the summit or not, it is the attempt that challenges them.

So it is with Annika. She wants to challenge herself to compete against the mountain of the PGA Tour. It should not matter how she finishes. Just because it is there, she must try. She will not be the last. *MG*

In this issue of Michigan Golfer, we again focus on women, providing articles on instruction, equipment buying and fashion — for and written primarily by women golfers. We also look at opportunity from the eyes of an outstanding woman in golf, Alice Dye.

Alice is a woman who, all her life, balanced her interest in the sport with career and family. While attentively raising two sons, she and her husband, Pete Dye, became mainstays in contemporary golf architecture, creating masterpiece tracts world-wide. In addition, she played and continues to

play competitive amateur golf, and has taken her interest and advocacy for women in golf to influential arenas — as an officer and first woman president of the American Society of Golf Course Architects, and as the first woman elected to the PGA of American Board of Directors.

In conversation with Alice, one quickly learns that she's congenial, but serious, and that she truly understands the needs of women golfers. It's easy to see how devoted she is to creating courses that recognize varying skill levels. She also looks beyond male/female issues in golf and instead

focuses on what's fair, what's right and what's required to foster needed dialogue in resolving issues related to the sport.

Intrigued by Annika Sorenstam's desire to play on the PGA Tour, she says it's not just a matter of a woman edging aimlessly into a male dominion. She shares her thoughts above.

Enjoy our focus on women, and do whatever you can to introduce another woman to, or support another woman's involvement in, the great game of golf!

— Susan Bairley



# New Courses 2003

## Angels Crossing

By Art McCafferty

Bob Thompson graduated from MSU in 1978, bought a farm for \$1 down and began his journey to eventual prosperity in the intimate town of Vicksburg, located in southwest Michigan. Until recently, the biggest business in town was a 100-year-old papermill. However, the mill was closed and 250 jobs were lost.

At that time, Thompson stepped into the picture by buying the land from the paper mill with a mission to create a golf course. He felt a golf course would be a source of pride for the community and also create some permanent jobs.

He selected Matthews Design Group to create Angels Crossing and he indicated that he could not have made a better choice. "This will be Bruce Matthews' first signature course and we are pleased that our course is the one. Bruce is a very good architect and has not received the recognition he deserves," said Thompson.

Angels Crossing will most likely be ready for play in late summer. Its opening will depend on the type of growing season that awaits it. At first blush, the course looks like it has the blood lines of a terrific course. It

Above: Hawk's Eye, Hole No. 17.

will certainly rank as one of the top places to play in southwest Michigan.

**Web:** <http://angelscrossing.com>  
**Video:** <http://michigangolfer.tv/2003shows/newcourses/angelscrossing/>

## Crimson Ridge

By Art McCafferty

Begun as a dream just over 10 years ago, Crimson Ridge is now Sault Ste. Marie's newest championship, and only public access, 18-hole golf course. Former New Jersey Devils and Soo Greyhounds goaltender, John Vanbiesbrouck is the force behind Crimson Ridge golf course.

Vanbiesbrouck purchased 335 acres from Algoma University and then hired former Sault native Kevin Holmes, now with the MBTW Group of Toronto as the golf course architect. The Holmes design incorporates tree-lined fairways, large, gently contoured greens and strategically placed bunkers to create a true test of golf. Four sets of tees give players a course suitable to their game, playing from 5,274 yards to a demanding 6,728-yard challenge.

The course also has a splendid practice facility that hosts an emerging golf academy. The Director of Golf is Dan Missere and the Course Superintendent Gil Edwards.

Crimson Ridge is located just 60 minutes north of the Mackinac Bridge.

**Web:** <http://golfcrimsonridge.com>  
**Video:** <http://michigangolfer.tv/2003shows/newcourses/crimsonridge/>

## Diamond Springs

By Marc Van Soest

Nestled in the rural outskirts of greater Grand Rapids is what is bound to become one of the hidden pleasures of West Michigan golf, Diamond Springs. Measuring just over 6,800 yards from the tips, Diamond Springs is an incredibly good and affordable (\$39 including cart) test for golfers of all abilities. While not overly long nor exceptionally tight, Diamond Springs can bring a struggling golfer to his knees.

Premiums are placed on distance control and shot placement on nearly every hole. Miss the fairway by as little as five yards on the exceptional par-5, 507-yard, No. 16, and your ball will end up in a seemingly endless ravine. However, a well-placed tee shot will reward the golfer with a good chance to play a second shot into the green for eagle. The same can be said for the 322-yard, No. 15. While driving this challenging par-4 may be possible from the middle set of tees, it requires a carry of more than 260 yards to a

narrow bunker-guarded green. The safe play here is a long iron to a drastically sloping fairway. Then, flop a wedge close for a better chance at birdie.

In sharp contrast to many courses in the Grand Rapids/Holland area, the par-3s at Diamond Springs offer no respite. These four holes exemplify everything that is superb about this layout. Ranging between 143 yards and 211 yards, they demand careful club selection and well struck tee shots to sloping greens. Further complicating the holes are drastic elevation changes from tee to green.

If time only allows for nine holes, ask the starter to sneak you off the back. The final five holes at Diamond Springs comprise five of the best finishing holes in all of West Michigan. These holes alone justify the trip to Hamilton. Ravines sneak in and out of tightly cut fairways and par-3s Nos. 14 and 17 are all carry to tightly guarded greens.

Offering a banquet facility (although alcohol is not permitted on the property) and driving range, Diamond Springs offers the ideal location for an outing. Beware, the course is not easy to find on a first excursion. Yet the hunt is well worth the trip for a quality and inexpensive round of golf.

**Web:** <http://diamondspringsgolf.com>  
**Video:** <http://michigangolfer.tv/2003shows/newcourses/diamondsprings/>

## Eagle Eye

By Jason Deegan

If you've ever played any of the 27 holes at Hawk Hollow, you can appreciate how good the golf is. Now imagine golf on a grander scale, just across the road at its new sister course, Eagle Eye. Yes, as good as Hawk Hollow is, the expectations for Eagle Eye, a 7,247-yard, Pete Dye and Chris Lutzke design, are already soaring even higher.

The course, located in Bath near Lansing, is scheduled to open in late July or early August. "We definitely think it has the potential to be one of the best (courses) in the state," said Alex Coss, Hawk Hollow's general manager of golf operations. "It is just awesome. There's nothing like it anywhere around here with its mounding and bunkering. It brings a taste of Pete Dye to mid-Michigan."

Hawk Hollow's head golf professional, Kirk Sherman, said he picks out a new favorite hole each time he tours the 300-acre site, which used to be a potato, mint and sod farm. "It's just unique," Sherman said. "It looks so natural and wild with the hills and the mounds and lots of heather."

Lutzke, who worked under Dye for 16 years and helped shape Hawk Hollow and another Midwest gem, Whistling Straights in Wisconsin, said he designed the routing one hole at a time in the field, instead of on paper in the office. "That way is more fun," he said. "What it really does is it allows you to use any unique areas on the site. The course ties in better with the land. Any time you design in the field, you have a better product."

Hawk Hollow owner, D.L. Kesler, used his own construction company, D.L. Kesler and Sons Construction Co., to move more than one million cubic yards of dirt to spice up what was once flat land. "(Eagle Eye) has a chance to be the best course opened in the nation this year," Lutzke commented. "They didn't cut any corners in building it."

But the real draw at Eagle Eye will probably be one hole — the 142-yard 17th. It is an exact replica of the famed island hole of the stadium course at the TPC at Sawgrass in Florida. Legal ramifications keep club officials from comparing the two holes too much, but they know this is one tee shot every golfer wants to tame. Dye, who designed the TPC, gave his blessing on the remake. "It is gorgeous," Sherman said.

The clubhouse will be just as swanky as the course, which will cost \$85 to play. Coss said the clubhouse will hold three restaurants; a 12,000-square-foot exercise facility and 1,000 square feet of banquet space. Future plans call for a 64-room hotel on this budding golf complex, which features three driving ranges and an 18-hole putting course.

Coss is asked all the time how the course will survive during a struggling economy in an already crowded Michigan golf landscape. He just smiles and says, "If I felt the product was shaky, I would be (nervous). I have confidence that what we have will be worth the drive."

**Web:** <http://hawkhollow.com>  
**Video:** <http://michigangolfer.tv/2003shows/newcourses/eagleeye/>

## Forest Dunes

By Norman Sinclair

A dramatic landscape of sand dunes and grassy meadow, deep in the Huron National Forest and the George Mason Forest Preserve, is the setting for the Forest Dunes Golf Club, a Tom Weiskopf design that is one of the most stunning inland courses in the Midwest.

Dutch immigrants early in the last century inadvertently gave Weiskopf a hand by clearing several hundred acres for farming before abandoning the land to nature. Decades of wind and weather peeled away top soil, leaving sand dunes through which Weiskopf routed the golf holes.

The 18-hole golf course and a 38-acre lake anchors an upscale recreational-residential development that will eventually be private when the 250 homesites are sold. The project has been under wraps for more than three years, giving the course time to mature while legal proceedings to replace the original Arizona developers played out in court.

For now the course is open to public play with a modular building and deck serving as a clubhouse. With easy access off I-75, this is a must stop for golfers going north or south along the expressway. With sand and waste areas reminiscent of New Jersey's Pine Valley Golf Club, Forest Dunes looks more like golf courses in Weiskopf's home state of Arizona. In addition to the native sand, Weiskopf added 150,000-square feet of bunkers in his

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design strategy. One of the most striking holes is the 10th, which has a dual fairway with a sand dune dividing the fairways; one side is 45 yards wide, the other only 25 yards wide, but 45 yards closer to the hole.

The finishing stretch of holes, from 14-18, has broad expanses of wild untamed sandy landscape framing each fairway. The 18th is a 502-yard, par-5 that plays to a green that is almost surrounded by water and sits just below a ridge on which the clubhouse will be built.

The first and most striking view you get as you pull into the parking lot is that of a practice facility that may be the best in the state. There is a two-acre putting green, a range with five target greens, and hitting areas with variable sloping surfaces duplicating conditions on the golf course. There are tiered hitting areas at both ends of the facility, a big putting green, and waste areas to practice hitting off the sand.

A 19th hole for settling bets or just having fun features a 115- to 135-yard carry over water to a green that encircles a white sand

bunker. According to local lore, Chicago's notorious Purple Gang frequently visited nearby Grayling, attracted by the seclusion offered by the surrounding forests. With the added attraction of a world class course, Forest Dunes is a club they would appreciate.

**Web:** <http://forestdunesgolf.com>

## Hawk Ridge

**By Mike Terrell**

The other John Robinson course, Hawk Ridge, is being developed at Skyline, a ski area located just south of Grayling off I-75. The first nine holes were originally slated to open last summer and the second nine this summer, but things went drastically wrong with the sprinkler system. It ended up setting them back a year, according to developer and owner Jerry Balmes. "We ended up having to correct the whole thing and lost a summer," lamented Balmes. "I had to sue the contractor, but we're back on course now."

The first nine is expected to open late this summer, and the second nine will now

open in 2004. When finished it will not be a long course. It will play a little over 6,200 yards from the tips and around 4,800 yards from the forward tees. "It's going to be a shot maker's course," added Balmes.

"If you want to pound it, you'd better be accurate. The average player should find it very playable. Robinson likes to incorporate generous landing areas for the average hitter and large, deep greens. The farther a player hits the ball, the narrower the fairway gets."

This is only Robinson's third Michigan course. Considered to be one of the top golf course architects in North America, his first two courses, ironically, are located just a short distance away, at The Chief near Bellaire.

Hawk Ridge will feature bent grass tees and greens and blue grass fairways. It will also have lots of sand traps — over 50 — and several elevation changes. "After all, the golf course is being built on a ski hill," Balmes laughed. "The land drops well over 200 feet from front to back. Some of the holes are pretty dramatic and very scenic."

To check on the opening of the new course or to reserve a tee time, call (989)

*Above: Seven Lakes Hole No. 4, photo by Mike Piskovic*



275-5445 or click on [www.skylineski.com](http://www.skylineski.com). Skyline also features a full-service restaurant and lounge which are open year 'round, and, situated on top of the ski hill, offering some dramatic views.

**Web:** <http://skilineski.com>  
**Video:** <http://michigangolfer.tv/2002shows/show5/>

## Hawk's Eye

By Mike Terrell

**H**awk's Eye, the sister course to The Chief, is set to open its second nine holes this summer. The first nine opened late last summer to rave reviews, according to developer Tom Rowe, whose father, Grant, helped develop nearby Shanty Creek into one of the premier golf properties in the region.

Located in the highlands just above Bellaire, the new course is just down the road from the entrance to The Chief. "Play was way up on The Chief last season, and many of those who played it also took advantage of our low offer to play the nine holes we opened on the new course," Rowe said. "Comments were quite favorable for Hawk's Eye. Most golfers found it a little less intimidating than our first course."

The Chief, with a 145 slope rating, is tough. Designed by Canadian John Robinson who some consider to be one of the top 50 golf course architects in North America, it is one of the toughest courses in Northern Michigan. "We asked Robinson to build a difficult course with The Chief, and he did," laughed Rowe.

"With Hawk's Eye he was allowed to incorporate his philosophy, which is to make the course more user friendly. We wanted it to complement the first course, not duplicate it."

The new nine holes, slated to open in mid-July, will actually be the front nine. The nine holes opened last summer are the second nine. The new course will feature large landing areas and large greens. For those who seek challenge, they can play from the tips. It will play over 7,200 yards from the back tees and slightly over 5,000 yards from the forward tee boxes. It has four sets of tees.

Carved through a northern Michigan hardwood forest the course pitches and rolls over hill and dale, much like the other course, but does not feature nearly as many blind shots as Robinson's other course.

A new clubhouse, slated for Hawk's Eye, is scheduled to open in 2004.

Homesites are available around the new course. For more information on the new course and real estate development, call (866) 4-HAWK-18 or click on [www.golfthechief.com](http://www.golfthechief.com).

**Web:** <http://hawks-eye.com.com>  
**Video:** <http://michigangolfer.tv/2002shows/show5/>

## Seven Lakes

By Art McCafferty

**S**even Lakes GC is yet another reason to cross over and play some Canadian golf this year. It is a new course from the Matthews Design Group.

Bruce Matthews has added a championship 18-hole course to an existing nine-hole course conceived originally by Mr. Robert Williamson in 1970. In 1996, new ownership took over, with a Master Plan consisting of a new 18-hole championship course, renovating the old course and adding a residential community of 250 dwellings. Seven Lakes Estates is a high-quality residential development where privacy, beauty, comfort, a natural environment, good neighbors and, of course, golf, are highly-valued.

"Transforming a flat, featureless site into a golf course with topography, water, color and texture is a very rewarding experience. The golfer should arrive at the first tee with great expectations," said Matthews.

"We asked that Bruce cut no trees unless it was mandatory," said Ralph Meo, president of Seven Lakes. "We also stipulated he build six more lakes into the course. Both stipulations were fully and creatively fulfilled."

"The project team was great to work with," said Matthews. "And with over 100 bunkers, it's a very strategic course."

The course is located about 10 kilometers or six miles from the Ambassador Bridge, and with the border crossing considerably faster than in recent months, it is time well spent. Also, U.S. currency goes farther in the consumer friendly Canadian environment.

**Web:** <http://www.teeoff.ca/courses/on459.htm>

## The Wyngate

**T**had Gutowski interviews Director of Golf, Kevin Muir, of Westwynd for Michigan Golfer Television. Adjacent to Wyngate Country Club in Rochester, Westwynd is open for public play.

**Web:** <http://westwyndgolf.com>  
**Video:** <http://michigangolfer.tv/2003shows/newcourses/westwynd/>

## Yarrow

**M**ichigan Golfer Television dropped by Yarrow in the Fall of 2002 and talked with long time employee Frank Boyd. The course has grown in since then and is now open for play. This is another course from Ray Hearn and Paul Albanese.

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# Sisters Recognized by NGCOA



By Kelly Thesier

**N**ine-year-old Nick Mily was getting frustrated after his mom, Sandy, kept hitting the ball farther than him on every hole except the short par-3 holes. "Why can't there be

more short holes Mom?" Nick asked. He had no idea the spark he had just elicited in his mom.

Ask and you shall receive. Her son's innocent question prompted Sandy Mily to help initiate a par-3 golf course called the Strategic Fox. Welcome to the family business, Nick.

For Kathy Dul Aznavorian and Sandy Dul Mily, it is all part of the family business. The two sisters have turned Fox Hills Golf Course in Plymouth into a nationally recognized facility. In October, the sisters won the National Golf Course of the Year award from the National Golf Course Owners Association. For the sisters, who are co-own-

ers, it was recognition for all the hard work that has come from years of being involved in the family business. The family tradition began when Aznavorian and Mily's father decided to go out and buy a golf course when he couldn't find a place to play.

"My husband was a golfer, he played in a league," said Estelle Dul, Kathy and Sandy's mother. "His league partners suggested that he buy his own course and the next day he went out looking for a course."

The course that the Dul family first purchased in 1963 was in Romulus and part of Burchills. Estelle Dul named it Shady Hollow because as she puts it, "it had no trees." The purchase of the course was a bit of a shock because the family had no experience with golf courses. Estelle Dul was involved in manufacturing and her husband was involved in building. However, this endeavor quickly became a family affair.

"I was a sophomore in high school when we bought the first course," said Aznavorian. "I started working right away flipping burgers in the little concrete shack we called the clubhouse." Mily was only seven at the time but she soon began helping her father.

"I lived and breathed working at the golf course because it was all that I knew,"

Mily said. "My dad and I would water the course together because in those days you had to hand move the sprinklers. We would sometimes be at the course until midnight making sure that every spot had been watered."

The course, before long, became so busy that the family had to send golfers to other courses. They then heard about a golf course called Fox Hills, which was out in the country, but where golfers from the city could always get on. "The course was run down and the lady who owned it had lost her husband," said Aznavorian. "It needed a lot of TLC but my dad thought it would be a great investment."

The small family business of owning a golf course soon expanded to two courses. It took over the family's life when the Duls purchased Fox Hills in 1974. "I was 18 when we bought this course and I helped my dad to run it," Mily said. "I lived in the house that was on the course and I would spend the entire day running back and forth from the house to the clubhouse to make sure that the few golfers that we had would get their hot dog at the turn and be greeted when they got off the course."

The most important thing for the Dul family was to create a family atmosphere at the golf course. "The key then, and still today, is taking care of the customer, to be there for them," said Mily. "For us to be where we are today we had to listen to what the customer wanted and to help them in any way that we could."

"We feel it is so important to treat our employees as family and to create an atmosphere at the golf course that feels like home," Aznavorian said. That family atmosphere has continued even as the course has grown and expanded. When the golfers kept coming at the 18-hole Fox Hills, Mily knew that something had to be done. "We started having waits on the tees so I told my dad that we had to do something," Mily said. "So my dad got a contractor and an architect and we built another nine holes." This addition was not enough, however, as the golfers continued to flock to the course that was known for treating their customers with the utmost respect.

"Our dad taught us so much about what works in this business and what doesn't," said Mily. "We learned so much from him and as he allowed us to take over more control of the golf course, we knew that we had to keep expanding to bring in more golfers." Expand they did.

The sisters embarked on a project to acquire more land and to build an entirely new course. This new course was designed by the famous Arthur Hills and was called the Golden Fox. A new, upscale clubhouse was designed and built by a reputable clubhouse designer from Chicago. "With this project we wanted to do everything right," said Aznavorian. "It turned into a \$7 million pro-

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ject and we had no idea if it was even going to work."

"We built this beautiful course, this clubhouse that we think will work, but our huge worry was what if no one likes the course?" Mily said. The sisters had no need to worry, as the course rapidly became a huge draw and business for the family doubled. The sisters were moving to the forefront of upscale golf and created a whole new dimension to the game in that area. "I don't think that we really knew what we were doing at the time," said Mily. "We sensed what we thought would work, we just had a gut feeling," Aznavorian said.

The sisters have continued to follow that gut feeling when deciding not only what makes for good business but also what would be good for golf. This continued search for ways to advance golf has helped the sisters to create a facility that is accessible to everyone.

"A few years back, we were discussing at one of the golf course owners meetings about how, with the plethora of golf courses in Michigan, the demand for golf had flattened out," said Aznavorian. "Our goal became how to introduce golf to more people because there were so many excuses that people had as to why they weren't playing." This was the beginning of the development of the Strategic Fox, an 18-hole, par-3 course that would be designed for golfers of all abilities. "It was really my son Nick that sparked the whole idea and it made perfect sense to

use the extra property that we had near North Territorial Road to build a course that would fit every golfer," said Mily.

The expansion with Strategic Fox has increased the awareness in the junior golf program at Fox Hills and has even increased the number of golfers that have joined leagues at the course. "The reaction to the course has been phenomenal," said Mily.

*"The key then, and still today, is taking care of the customer, to be there for them."*

"The number of leagues we have has almost doubled again this year."

The sisters have been so successful in maintaining a conditioned course and helping to increase awareness of the game that the golf course was recognized with the special award from the National Golf Course

Owners Association. "It is very humbling to win such an award," Aznavorian said. "It's so rewarding and thrilling to think that we've achieved what we've achieved and to be recognized for it."

"As women owners, in this business dominated by men, we have gone up against a lot of feeling as to why we are in this business especially from other golf owners," said Mily. "So to be recognized by our own peers is even more special."

The sisters have accomplished so much in their careers, but they only look to what they can do in the future, together as a family. "I feel so blessed to be able to work with my mom and my sister because in so many families they are separated by distance," Aznavorian said. "By having a family atmosphere it creates a long term perspective for not only us as owners but also the customers." The sisters feel blessed to have been exposed to parents who were so devoted to their work and who were supportive of them in anything they pursued.

"My parents always were there for anything we needed," said Mily. "At times, they thought we were crazy but so were they in starting this business. However, they had a love for what they were doing and we inherited that."

"If you enjoy your job like we do and enjoy what you are doing, then you can achieve anything. We are an example of that." **MG**

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# COLOR!

## That's the Word in Golf Apparel



By Janina Parrott Jacobs

**C**ool shoes, hot colors, and warm summer breezes. What's not to look forward to in a brand new golf season?

For the longest time, golf fashions were stuck in the doldrums: the requisite khakis, the loose fitting

white or light colored logo shirt. You couldn't go wrong and actually still can't. If you like to play it safe, no one will think you out of place – just unimaginative.

But golfers this year, both men and women, can be a little bit bolder, a tad more daring, and let their individuality shine. Such became obvious on a recent trip to Doral Resort and Spa, where the finishing touches had been lavished upon an updated Lilly Pulitzer boutique – awash in magenta pink walls – and that was the most muted part of the place. It was as if Barbie lived there – but a Barbie who could hit it. Hot pinks, corals, lime greens, lemon yellows, turquoise, and yes, even orange, showed up in tops, slacks, shorts, hats, gloves and capris.

The name 'Johan Lindeberg' may not mean much, but if you have ever commented on Jesper Parnevik's or Charles Howell III's attire, Lindeberg is the designer responsible. While Parnevik's pink pants may be a bit much for most golfers, Lindeberg's fashion philosophy is sound: individual style is in and includes the use of fabrics that produce a tighter yet movable fit. Have a few extra pounds and are a bit leery of showing it? Lindeberg suggests that you be proud of your body, whatever the shape. If it works and you can play golf, let it out.

Unlike the blaring colors from the past, the newer fashions are bright and fun, yet tasteful. Forget the polyester, it's micro fiber, silks, cottons, knits, and other breathable form-fitting fabrics.

**T**hese happy colors also have invaded the hat and shoe department where comfort and style are finally wed. The market has exploded with a number of companies sporting designer styles formerly relegated to the high-end Walter Genuin, some with prices easier on the pocketbook – or should I say credit card. For years, Genuin had little competition in the ultra-chic shoe category. Now Golfstream, J. M. Weston, Bally, Unutzer, Nebuloni, Copenhagen, and Stuart Weitzman, have joined

the likes of Foot Joy, Dexter, Etonic, Lady Fairway, and Nike in the quest for most popular classic leather and skins footwear. Styles as varied as sneakers, saddle shoes, bowling style lace-ups, buckle straps, wing tips, and loafers, in colors and materials such as red python, white ostrich, fawn leathers and kidskins, and blue, seafoam and Jesper colors are looking for happy feet. Prices range from \$40-\$750.

ECCO, one of the leading street shoe manufacturers, has introduced a new golf shoe collection for women. Like its regular goods, ECCO strives for its shoes to fit the foot. Created with suede and leather uppers, the shoes utilize interchangeable soles which absorb the moisture that causes the wet crinkly feet golfers hate. With saddle, lace-ups, and retro stripes available, some with crocodile embossed leathers, comfort and styling are a sure bet. Contact [www.ecco.com](http://www.ecco.com).

Cyclonic produces a very functional and comfortable shoe though a bit more cutting edge: a pure spikeless rubber sole is 25 per-

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cent larger than the norm allowing better balance and traction, which has been a problem with the advent of spikeless shoes. While these treaded shoes are certainly different looking, they deliver on their promise of stability. Available in men's sizes only, women with shoe sizes eight and larger can wear the smaller sizes. Call 888-540-9699 or log on to [www.Cyclonicgolf.com](http://www.Cyclonicgolf.com).

Callaway Golf's saddle shoe collection features the new Big Bertha spikes, with their asymmetrical profile designed for better traction. Call 800-228-2767 for more information.

Dexter sports some fun styles in fun colors: their Sport-motion' shoes resemble the old 'high-top' tennis shoes (but without the high top) in colors such as berry, lime, white, and sand; available for \$80. Dexter also carries a wide variety of reasonably priced shoes from sandals to classics. See [www.bogeysandbirdies.com](http://www.bogeysandbirdies.com) for these and other manufacturers' goods.

Speaking of the sandal craze, this latest innovation is making its way through the golf trenches. While they may be comfortable and airy, their merits as a good source of

base support for the golf swing leave the jury still out on this one.

**W**ith sun protection an ever increasing concern, it is no surprise that this year's newest ideas in headgear are reflective of the problem.

The 'Ever-tan' broad brim hat says so long to sweaty-head syndrome with a technical fiber that lets cooling breezes flow through to your head. Available in multiple colors and prints, the Wild Cheetah, Aspen Roses, Summer Garden, and Silhouette styles can be folded into a pouch for easy storage. It's less than \$25, also on [www.bogeysandbirdies.com](http://www.bogeysandbirdies.com). Also check out the \$36 straw visors with assorted solid and print bands and bows.

Physician Endorsed brand name hats are just that: protective from damaging UV rays – and they look cool too. All hats are 90-99 percent effective against UVA and UVB rays, crushable, packable, and hand washable. They have black or natural sweatbands to hide make-up or sweat stains. Styles include the 'movie-star' wire-brimmed London, the denim Capri, and the Posh, which are all large, three- to six-inch brim hats; the St. Tropez is a cotton canvas style hat which comes in pink, sage, ecru, and tan; the Sun Chaser is an oversized visor that has a removable top piece which can be replaced to convert to a hat on hot, blistering days. Colors are lavender, peach, pistachio, pink, blue, and white. Prices on all the Physician hats range from \$35-\$53.

The Michelle McGann broad-brimmed fancy hats are still stylish and popular; easily recognizable and colorful, the McGann collection has long been a favorite for those who want pizzazz as well as full sun protection coverage of the neck and ears.

Regular visors are great for keeping the sun off of the face and for sparing the hairdo to some extent. Look for more elaborate designs and prints as well as a broader range of colors in the 2003 season.

The 'Dorfman', a crushable raffia hat, is great for travel as it packs easily and is very durable and affordable, around \$20. The 'Miller' is a plain, floppy, bucket hat made of poplin or terry that the USGA has used forever. Now, a number of players are sporting this style, including the recent winner of the Kraft Nabisco Championship, Patricia Meunier-Lebouc.

And last but certainly not least is the plain, old baseball hat, which can be anything but plain and old. In fact, with this season's emphasis on individuality, the more outrageous and unique, the better. Sporty and casual, this chapeau is the mainstay of the college circuit. Wear one of these and you will be guaranteed to hit it far and straight and look 20-30 years younger doing it. Well, maybe. **MG**

By Susan Bairley

There are few golfing couples whose partners are recognized for similar accomplishments.

In tennis, you have Steffi Graf and Andre Agassi. In politics, there are Elizabeth and Bob Dole, Bill Clinton and Hilary Rodham Clinton. And in Hollywood, leading men have been carrying their on-camera passions off the set since the golden age of cinema and the birth of gossip columnists.

Although rare in golf, there is at least one couple that fits the dynamic-duo bill -- golf course architects Pete and Alice Dye.

While it is Pete whose name more proliferates the world of golf course design, Alice has been an equal and vocal partner in nearly one half of Pete's course designs. In addition, they have been partners, parents, competitive amateur players and influential voices in golf since the 1950s. Alice was the first woman elected to the American Society of Golf Course Architects and served as the ASGCA's first female president. She also was the first woman named to the PGA of America Board of Directors.

Alice Dye became involved in golf as a young girl in her home state of Indiana. She started playing golf when she was 11 years old and competed in Indiana's junior state tournaments. Influenced by Peggy Kirk Bell, she attended Rollins College where she played on the golf team and competed in the National Intercollegiate Championship.

At Rollins, she was captain of the women's team when she met and started dating the captain of the men's team, Pete Dye. They married in 1950, had two children -- Perry, in 1952, and P.B., in 1955 -- and three years later, began their work in golf course architecture.

"We grew the bent grass for our first course in our front yard," Alice said. "We started as a partnership and we talked about all of the ideas, from routing and yardages to tee angles and types of bunkering."

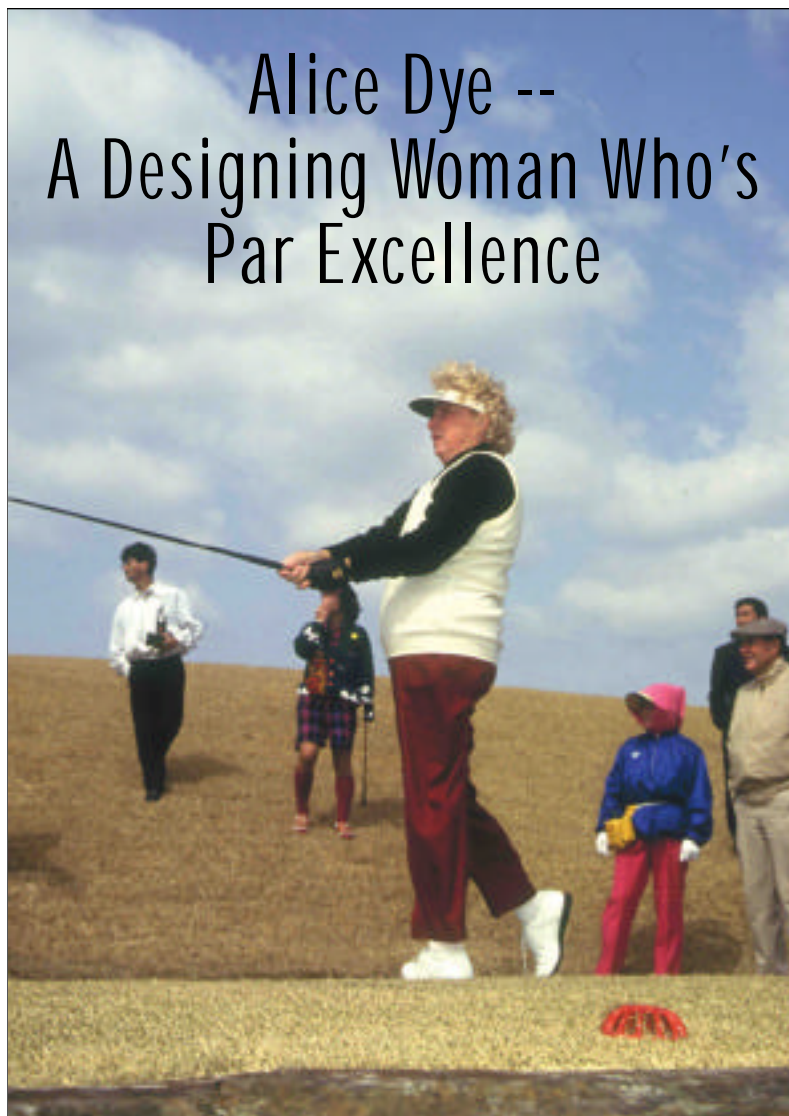
Alice has made an impact in the game of golf, but she has forged important paths for women, in particular. As a course designer, she introduced women's interests in a realm where they seldom were considered. "In the early days, there were few women who played golf and as a result, they weren't considered in course design and construction. The idea of forward tees came much later," she said. "Even in my early days of competitive play, all the women were scratch players. It wasn't until I played in higher handicap events, like ladies invitationals, that I could see what a struggle it was for some on courses of more than 6,000 yards."

Alice's guiding philosophy in course design for women is to make the course manageable. The key to that, she said, is providing a good starting opportunity on every hole -- in other words, well-thought tee placements. But that's not all. Other than on par-3 holes, where reasonable tee placements can challenge without conquering, it's important to have "no forced carries," she said. "You want to leave a part of the green open -- put the problems to the side, so women, and all players can have approach the green with options (that fit their abilities)."

While women's considerations in course

*Photo of Alice Dye by Ken May.*

## Alice Dye -- A Designing Woman Who's Par Excellence



design are always a priority for Alice, the recognition of golfers with varying abilities is really what it's about, she said. "The golf cart has really changed golf," she said. In addition to taking players where walking courses never before could, golf carts have extended the range of abilities even further.

"Beyond the differences represented by senior and women players, the elderly continue playing golf. So it is essential to have multiple tees to fit each skill level," she said.

In her upcoming book, *From Birdies to Bunkers*, which will be published in the spring 2004, Alice will share her experiences as a player and golf architect, plus offer tips and information for men and women. And while she works to keep golf fun for all players, she is proud that she has been able to represent women in the sport and open doors for women who may follow.

"When I first started playing golf, it was an iffy sport for girls. It just wasn't the thing for

women to do," she said. "So I've been especially pleased to promote the presence of women and women's issues in the golf world." **MG**

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## *The Upper Peninsula-- Michigan's Other Golf Mecca*

**T**he golf industry in Michigan's Upper Peninsula is getting very serious about attracting nearby neighbors, from Ontario, Wisconsin and the Lower Peninsula, to its courses and facilities.

For openers, the Upper Peninsula Golf Association has become more active in promoting its properties. The spokesman for the organization, Frank Guastella, who is the owner of Red Fox Run GC, indicated that the organization has a new website: <http://upga.org>. Guastella was recently selected by the president of the PGA, M.G. Orender, to be on the President's Council to help promote the game of golf.

The UPGA website is designed to attract the golfing public not only to the courses in the Upper Peninsula, but also to courses in nearby Ontario and

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Wisconsin. In its opening message the association states that there is "a collection of 55 unique nine- and 18-hole layouts throughout the U.P., into Canada and neighboring Wisconsin. Here you will find everything from quaint nine-hole runs hidden deep in the National Forests of the U.P., to magnificent 18s, designed by the Midwest's biggest names.

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 Wyandotte Hills Golf Club **MG**

# Escanaba Golf

By Art McCafferty  
 Publisher

According to the Bays de Noc website -- <http://www.travelbaysdenoc.com> -- Bays de Noc means "Bays of the Noke Indians." The Potawatomi tribes were driven to this area by the Iroquois and first settled on "Noquet Island," which was later named Washington Island. Of late it is known for its terrific golf.

Altogether there are nine golf courses in the Escanaba and Gladstone area. Escanaba Country Club is a nice tract within the city. Gladstone Golf Club -- <http://www.gladstone-mi.org> -- is a very interesting golf course with huge and exciting swings in elevation. The Terrace Bluff Golf Club -- <http://www.terrace-bay.com> -- offers lodging, great golf and a spectacular view, all for a nominal fee. The Highland Golf Club is on the way out of town, and the very nice course has a great view from its clubhouse.

While the area has some very nice hotel properties, try staying downtown. The House



of Ludington is a more-than-100-year-old historic hotel. It has but 13 rooms, but it has lots of charm. You are also in the shopping district and a short walk from Lake Michigan. The area has a marvelous park there and you can take in a walk or get out the door for a quick 5K to loosen up before your round.

While "Escanaba in da Moonlight" has added fame to this town, Escanaba in the daylight, or anytime, is well worth the investment of your time. MG

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## Upper Peninsula News



There are a couple of special tournaments of note in the UP this year. The first is the Second-Annual Bay Mills Open, held at Wild Bluff Resort and Casino - <http://baymillsopen.com>. The tournament will be held from August 18-24 with a purse of \$250,000, of which the winner will take home \$40,000.

The tournament, co-directed by Mike Husby and Judy Mason, received such rave reviews from players and the Canadian Tour administration, that they decided to have the Bay Mills Open carry the distinction of being the "Canadian Tour Players Championship."

Jeff Quinney, a former U.S. Amateur Champion, is the defending champion. His victory last year gave him a spot on the

*Photo above: Steve Mariucci (left) and Tom Izzo at Timberstone.  
Photo right: Hessel Ridge GC, photo by Art McCafferty*

# Go East Young Man



By Art McCafferty  
Publisher

As you come off the Mackinaw Bridge as you head into our Upper Peninsula, you have the opportunity to scatter, much like a golf car that suddenly leaves the paved path onto a brilliantly green fairway. To the North is Wild Bluff, Sault Ste. Marie CC and further up the new Crimson Ridge in Ontario. To the West are such gems as Indian Lakes, Red Fox Run, Gladstone CC, Terrace Bluff and the mountain courses of Timberstone and Oak Crest CC. Finally to the East are Les Cheneaux Club Golf Links, Hessel Ridge and The Rock at Drummond Island.

My first visit, when I turn East is Les Cheneaux Club Golf Links. I just love trudging around this 105 year old course. It is golf in its purest sense and one of Michigan's great treasures. I have only played the course once, but I have walked it many times. It is a quiet love affair.

My Eastern path then takes me to Hessel Ridge GC. This is a terrific Jeff Gorney course that is excellently managed by Joan Gilchrest. I talked with Jeff Gorney last year,

and he said that Hessel Ridge was one of his better efforts. He managed to scatter 28 bunkers around the course and threw in some water here and there for good measure. Especially challenging to golfers is the finishing hole and the watery grave that awaits their shot.

Hessel Ridge GC is also near one of the UP's many casinos and for those that want to fly in and play, an airport is nearby. Golfers might also want to visit the town of Hessel, which is quaint and a throwback to less hurried days. Hessel Ridge, quality golf at an affordable price. <http://hesselridge.com>

Finally, you near the end of the Eastern route by jumping on a very short ferry ride to the world's largest fresh water island, Drummond Island. After a bit of a drive, you are at Drummond Island Resort & Conference Center, and the The Rock. The Rock is one of those courses that everyone has on their list to play, because of its history or because it is one of Michigan's many island courses.

Of note this year, is the fact that Drummond Island is celebrating 150 years of being, well, Drummond Island. So when you reach the apex of the Mackinaw Bridge and the Upper Peninsula begins to open her arms to your arrival, think East. **MG**

Nationwide Tour. In five tournaments this year he has earned one check for \$14,000 at Tucson.

The really big news this year, is that the entire Bay Mills Open will be carried by the **Golf Channel**. This is a huge endorsement of the Canadian Tour, honoring both the Wild Bluff Golf Course and the tournament's administration.

The second tournament of note is the Izzo- Mariucci Classic -- <http://imclassic.org> -- on July 27 at

Timberstone and Pine Grove CC. It is hosted by Suzie Fox and Mike Healy, respectively. This is one of the hottest tickets in the U.P. as the locals get a chance to mingle with two of the biggest names in coaching, Tom Izzo of MSU and Steve Mariucci of the Detroit Lions.

Izzo and Mariucci were stars athletes at Iron Mountain High and Northern Michigan University in Marquette. It should be another great year, especially since Mariucci is now back in his home state. **MG**



# Golf Canada's Rocky Mountains

By Jack Berry

We have Canada to thank for Gordie Howe and Steve Yzerman, the dollar versus the loony, Molson's and Labatt's, Dan Aykroyd and Michael J. Fox, Mike Myers and Austin...oh well, can't win 'em all.

But Canada produced a world class winner in Stanley Thompson and his two golf courses at Banff Springs and Jasper Park Lodge in the Canadian Rockies and another pair of winners at Kananaskis by a Thompson pupil who went out and did quite well on his own -- Robert Trent Jones.

How good are Thompson courses? So good that they're living memorials to the bushy-mustached Scot who died in Toronto at the age of 58. Thompson courses rank 1-2-3 in the 2002 rankings of Canada's Top 100 Courses by SCORE Magazine. The top three are St. George's in Toronto, Highlands Links in Cape Breton, Nova Scotia and Capilano in West Vancouver, British Columbia.

As great as they are, however, they don't have the magnificent setting of the Canadian Rockies.

"I've been to Alaska, been to the American Rockies but there's something about the Canadian Rockies that sets them apart," a doctor friend of mine said. "You can't put your camera down."

One thing that sets the golf apart was the talent of Thompson, one of five brothers and the four others were internationally known players as professionals and amateurs. Flamboyant and nicknamed "The Toronto Terror," Thompson apparently went through money like an aquaphobe going through balls on a course with 18 water holes.

There was no denying his ability to meld courses into the landscape and the two major golf course "developers" of his time, the Canadian Pacific Railway and the Canadian National Railways, both hired him. The Canadian National was first. It figured a golf course at its Jasper Park Lodge was the way to draw customers away from the CPR's established Banff Springs Resort, 200 miles to the south.

It worked so well that three years after the Jasper course opened in 1925, Canadian Pacific opened its Thompson course along the Bow and Spray rivers. Then, as now, Jasper Park Lodge went for the rustic, woody outdoor look with log cabins spread around the grounds by Lac Beauvert and the Athabasca River. Banff Springs went for the castle look and its imposing brick and stone complex, set into a backdrop of hundreds of thousands of lodgepole pines and firs growing up the

mountainside, is the quintessential dream resort.

Somewhat surprisingly in these days of megacourse resorts, Jasper remains at 18 holes and Banff has 27, the third nine added in 1989 and designed by Geoffrey Cornish, an American who had worked with Thompson, and Bill Robinson, Toronto-born but educated at Penn State, and he had worked for Robert Trent Jones.

Thompson's philosophy was that a course should stand on its own merits regardless of its surroundings. Jasper and Banff stand on their own but those surroundings enrich the experience. Thompson also was a risk/reward designer. He used a lot of sand and gave players the option of playing over fairway bunker corners for a shorter shot to the green or playing safe and taking longer to get there. My favorite Banff holes were the second, third and fourth and the 15th. The par-3 second (179, 171, 147 and 127 yards) is called "Rundle," as

it is backdropped by Mt. Rundle. The par-5 third (536, 528, 501 and 465) is wedged into the side of the mountain and is named Gibraltar -- it looks just as imposing as that famous rock. Along the left side of the fairway is a grove of trees that Banff's elk herd -- which roams everywhere, like those sacred cattle in India -- uses to rub its horns against leaving bare patches on the trunks.

The par-3 fourth (199, 192, 165, 79) is the Devil's Cauldron, a dropshot over a glacially-formed pond to a heavily-bunkered green. I hit a 3-wood to 15 feet and was elated. The par-4 15th (480, 475, 459 and 405) is named Spray, for the river you have to carry. You do not want to spray the ball. Originally it was the first hole, playing from a building that now is a German-themed restaurant with an English-flavored pub on the lower level. To reach the tee it seems as though you're leav-

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## Crystal Mountain's Women's-Only Golf School is Top Notch

By Phyllis Barone and Susan Bairley

**T**here is good, and then there is great. It's no mistake that Crystal Mountain's Women's-only Golf School is among the "greats." Two names and a super facility make it that way.

First and foremost are the instructors — Elaine Crosby and Brad Dean. Crosby is a former LPGA Tour player and longtime women's golf advocate, while Dean, a PGA professional, has twice been named Teacher of the Year by the Michigan Section of the PGA, and earned the section's 2002 honor of Professional of the Year.

Give these two instructors the tools needed to teach in the best way possible and the combination is unrivaled. Crystal's 10-acre practice facility includes a practice range and short-game area, which includes bunkers and practice greens. Class size is small and videotape analysis is part of the program. About half of the instruction offered by Crystal's Women's-only

Golf School is on the short game. It also includes a playing lesson on Betsie Valley, one of Crystal's championship courses.

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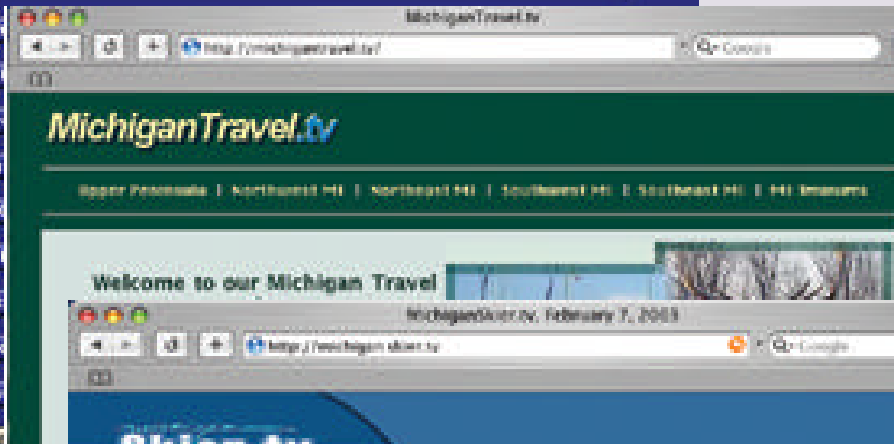
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“The Haig”

## Upcoming Shows

### *The Golf Architects — A Series*

#### Arthur Hills/Steve Forrest & Associates

#### Oakland Hills CC, Birmingham

How do you toughen up a course that is about to host a Ryder Cup. Bill Shelton, asks that question and more as Art Hills and Steve Forrest discuss Michigan's most legendary course.

#### Fieldstone GC, Auburn Hills

This is one of the great ones in Michigan and it is just coming into its own. Our cameras capture the magic of the course and check out the plans for the new clubhouse.

#### Pheasant Run GC, Canton

Pheasant Run GC is a 27 hole golf community that is the pride of Canton Township.

#### Inverness CC

One of Ohio's storied courses, Inverness played host to the U.S. Senior Open this year. Our show will let you in on the significant changes that have been made to this venerable course.

#### Red Hawk GC

When we started talking about this course, both Steve Forrest and Arthur Hills were eager to share their knowledge of this spectacular layout near Tawas.

#### Ray Hearn and Paul Albanese

Paul Albanese dropped by our studio and discussed their newest courses in Michigan, The Grande, Yarrow GC, Hemlock and the award winning Strategic Course at Fox Hills.

## Tournaments

#### Detroit Newspapers Michigan Open-The Bear at Grand Traverse Resort

This will be the second year of our coverage. Who can forget the Scott Hebert bunker shot on the 17th hole that went in for a birdie? <http://michigangolfer.tv/2002shows/show20/>

#### 8th Annual Jeff Daniels Comedy Golf Jam, Polo Fields, Ann Arbor

The *Golf Channel* and *Michigan Golfer* covered this zany tournament for the first time this year. MG writer Craig Brass describes the wildest tournament since Alex Karras was roaming the fairways of Torrey Pines.

#### Western Amateur, Point O'Woods, St. Joseph

Our cameras will follow the final day action of the Western Amateur.

#### Dick Weber Memorial Open, Michaywe GC, Gaylord

Dick Weber was first of all, an absolutely wonderful person. Secondly, he was one of the masterminds in developing the Gaylord Golf Mecca. This is a tournament of love and respect for one of Michigan's finest golf ambassadors.

#### Bank of Ann Arbor FUTURES Golf Classic, Lake Forest GC, Ann Arbor

We will cover the final day action of the Futures Golf Classic now in its third year at Lake Forest GC.

#### Bay Mills Open, Brimley-Wild Bluff GC

The *Golf Channel* will bring viewers the day to day action. *Michigan Golfer* cameras will capture the back story of the tournament as we will follow co-directors Judy Mason and Mike Husby around as they perform their duties.

## Destinations

#### Traverse City

Our cameras take you Traverse City for a virtual "fam trip" to find out about not only the terrific courses, but also about the vineyards and the great "Sip and Chip" golf packages that await you at the Park Place Hotel

#### Trumbull County, Niles, Ohio

You have probably seen these fine folks at the golf shows, but in case you have not, we will take you there to view the new monster Avalon Lakes GC redone by Pete Dye. We will also visit the latest Giant Eagle Classic LPGA Tournament.

## Now Showing

- A Michigan Golf Architect Family: Harley and Greg Hodges
- Indiana Golf Hall of Fame
- Michigan Golf Hall Of Fame
- The Caddies of French Lick
- Mississippi Golf
- Grand Geneva Resort and Spa, Wisconsin
- The Bull at Pinehurst Farms - Wisconsin
- 2002 Michigan PGA Championship at Shanty Creek
- Timberstone Golf Course
- The Preserve Golf Course
- Arnold Palmer at the ESPN Par 3 Shootout
- 2002 The Detroit Newspapers Michigan Open Championship
- Pheasant Run's Newest Nine
- Craig Brass - How to Quit Golf
- Golfing Ontario
- Bay Mills Open
- Michaywe Pines Golf Course
- The Natural GC at Beaver Creek Resort
- A Tour of Wild Bluff Golf Course
- Quail Chase Golf Club of Louisville, Kentucky
- Sandhills, North Carolina Golf
- The Tribute
- 2001 GAM Women's Senior Amateur Championship
- Wild Bluff Junior Golf Academy
- The Ryder Cup According to Jack Berry
- Jack Berry Discusses the Majors
- Jack Berry & Detroit Golf

## Architects

- Robert Trent Jones on Treetops
- Mike Husby Talks About Designing Golf Courses
- An Interview with Ray Hear n
- An Interview with W. Bruce Matthews III
- An Interview with William Newcomb

## "The Haig" Returns to Michigan — A Series

The *Michigan Golfer* is proud to bring you a new series of Internet Television programs depicting the life and times of Walter Hagen. We hope you enjoy our shows on one of the most famous golfers of our time. Walter will be with us through the 2004 Ryder Cup year.

- "The Haig", Vintage Club Golf Classic, Elmbrook GC, Traverse City
- The Haig Returns to Cadillac
- Walter Hagen and the Ryder Cup
- The Early Days
- Watter Hagen Visits Traverse City
- Walter Hagen returns to Rochester, NY.
- Walter Hagen and Oakland Hills CC.



# The Michigan Runner Television Show

Channel: <http://michiganrunner.tv>

## Upcoming Shows

### Harvest Stompede, Leelanau Peninsula

This race is one of the fastest growing running events in Michigan. Put on by the Leelanau Peninsula Vintners Association <http://lpwines.com>, the course is set up to run by and through some of Michigan's finest vineyards.

### Detroit Free Press/Flagstar Bank Marathon

One of the nation's oldest marathons, the Freep as it is called, crosses over the Ambassador Bridge, where the course then travels parallel to the Detroit River before going through the Detroit Tunnel. It is a fantastic run and we will bring all of the action and drama to you.

### The Crim Festival of Races. Flint

15,000 runners of all sizes and ages are turned loose in the City of Flint to celebrate yet another Crim Festival of Races. It is the top 10 Mile event in the country and brings international running stars to our state.

### Steve's Run, Dowagiac

This is one of the first trail runs in Michigan and it has been going strong for decades. We get the chance to catch up with Ron Gunn, one of the most outstanding coaches in America and see just how he prepares one of Michigan's most legendary running courses.

### Celebrate Westlake, Westlake, OH

Westlake, Ohio is a suburb of Cleveland that puts together one of the state's greatest races. Our cameras will be there to watch the action and then to, of course, celebrate.

### 25th Annual Big Bird Run, Roseville

The Michigan Runner and the Big Bird Run, both celebrate their 25th birthday, at this terrific 10K event. We follow the action and the eventual distribution of the big birds after the run.

### Belle Isle 33rd New Years Eve Run, Detroit

Jeannie Bocci has had people lining up on

the starting line for this New Year's extravaganza for 32 years. It is a festive run and we will let you enjoy the last run of the year in Michigan.

### Dances with Dirt - Pinckney

One of America's great trail marathons, Dances with Dirt, attracts people from all over the United States. We will follow the runners over hill and dale and provide you with all the dirt on the race.

### Chris Lear — Sub 4:00, Alan Webb and the Quest for the Fastest Mile

Chris Lear is one of America's rising stars on the running writers circuit. His first book, *Running with the Buffaloes*, was a major hit.

## Now Showing

### Events

- The Great Race-Elkart, IN,
- Michigan Indoor Track Series High School Championship, Ann Arbor, MI
- LaSalle Bank Shamrock Shuffle, Chicago
- Great Wall Marathon, Peking, China
- Running Fit Trail Marathon and Half Marathon-Pinckney, MI
- Forest City Road Races, London, Ontario
- Walt Disney World Marathon, Orlando
- NCAA Cross Country Championships, Terre Haute, IN
- Standard Federal 10K, Auburn Hills, MI
- Billy Mills Fun Run, Sault Ste. Marie, MI
- Zanglin Downriver Run, Trenton, MI
- Rose Run, Jackson, MI
- Dexter Ann Arbor Run, Ann Arbor, MI
- Susan G. Komen Race for the Cure, Detroit
- Frozen Foot Race, Traverse City, MI



- LaSalle Bank Chicago Marathon, Chicago
- Witch's Hat Run, South Lyon, MI
- FIAMM-Heritage Labor Day Race, Cadillac, MI

## Interviews

- World-Class Wheeler, Jean Driscoll
- Paul and Jill McMullen
- Kermit Ambrose, Legendary Track and Field Coach
- Boaz Cheboiwo, one of American Best Distance Runners
- John Goodridge, Eastern Michigan Men's Distance Coach
- Dick Beardsley: *Staying The Course*
- Keith and Kevin Hanson, Olympic Development Program
- Nancy Clark: *Food Guide for Marathon Runners*
- Frank Shorter, *Catching the Cheaters*
- Mark Will-Weber: *The Quotable Runner*
- Allan Steinfeld, Directing the New York Marathon
- Collette Liss, LaSalle Bank Shamrock Shuffle Champion
- Shaun Creighton- LaSalle Bank Shamrock Shuffle Defending Champion



# The Michigan Skier Television Show

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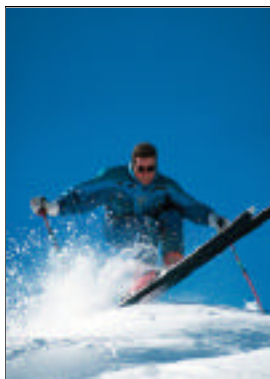
## Upcoming Shows

### Michigan Skiing 2003

Our host, Jim Neff, interviews anybody and everybody in the Michigan Ski Industry as we get ready for yet another great year of skiing in Michigan.

### Getting Geared Up-Don Thomas Sporthaus

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for the coming ski season. The fine folks from Don Thomas Sportshaus let us in on the latest ski wear.

### Skis, Shoes and Boards-Don Thomas Sporthaus

Bob Thomas, shows us the latest trends on what we will wear on our feet for the coming year. See the latest on snow skis, snowboards, and snowshoes.

### Caberfae Peaks at Cadillac

One of Michigan original ski areas, we visit with the architects who turned it into a resort with two peaks, a new lodge and a golf course.

### Blue Mountain, Collingwood, Ontario

We cross the border to visit our friends from Blue Mountain and catch some of the excitement of their multi million dollar expansion.

### Mt. Brighton — Top Guns

We visit Mt. Brighton, one of the pioneers in the utilization of ski guns. The area can

put a ton of snow on this slopes as soon as it hits 28 degrees.

### Don Thomas — Michigan Ski Pioneer

One of Michigan ski pioneers, Don Thomas established his business around the same time that Everett Kircher began building Boyne Mountain. Don has a fascinating story and we have captured it.

## Now Showing

- Skiing The Otsego Club
- Skiing at Crystal Mountain Resort
- Jeannie Thoren and her Ski School at Crystal Mountain Resort
- Skiing at Treetops Resort
- Cross Country Skiing in Michigan with Mike Terrell
- Boyne Mountain's Carnival Days
- The Everett Kircher Story
- Michigan Senior Olympics at Treetops
- Jeep King of the Mountain Series
- Bob Thomas of Don Thomas Sporthaus Tuning Your Skis
- Michigan Winter Special Olympic Games



# The Michigan Travel Television Show

Channel: <http://michigantravel.tv>

## Upcoming Shows

### Start Up Nation

Chris Cameron, of WJR's *Start Up Nation* and *The Digital Hour* radio programs, visits Eagle Crest Resort and the marketing students of Eastern Michigan University. Chris is there to judge EMU's Elevator Pitch Contest.

### Traverse City Virtual Fam Trip

We had the opportunity to follow 35 meeting planners during a Fam Trip to Traverse City. Our cameras visited the Music House Museum, Downtown Traverse City, the Grand Traverse Dinner Train, the Leelanau Sands Casino, the Nauticat, five vineyards and the Leelanau Club at Bahle Farms golf course. And finally, we had the opportunity to enjoy a nice dinner at the Top of the Park on the 10th floor of the Park Place Resort. We had a great time exploring the city and our video should do the same for you.

*Photo above: courtesy of Petoskey-Harbor Springs-Boyne Country. Right: photo by Art McCafferty.*

### Fall in St. Joseph

Our cameras capture fall in St. Joseph. We explore the river, the town, the vineyards and we also stop by Pointe O'Woods Golf Course.

### Labor Day in Michigan

We celebrate Labor Day at the Arts, Beats and Eats festival in Pontiac, the Detroit Montrose Jazz Festival and the Labor Day Parade in Detroit.



## Now Showing

- Snowmobiling at Beaver Creek Resort
- Halloween on Mackinac Island
- The Boyne Lifestyle
- The North American Snowmobile Festival, Cadillac
- Hockeytown Celebrates the 2002 Stanley Cup, Detroit
- Internet Advisor 5th Anniversary-Detroit
- The Michigan Wine and Food Festival At Meadow Brook
- Washtenaw: Your Advantage
- Ypsilanti Heritage Festival
- The Michigan Legacy Art Park Crystal Mountain Resort
- Garland Resort Celebrates its 50th Anniversary -Lewiston
- Michigan State Firemen's Memorial - Roscommon
- Hotel Connectivity in the State of Michigan

# Equipment That Suits Your Game

By Sheila Tansey  
LPGA Professional

Enjoyment of the game of golf can be enhanced with the proper equipment. When addressing the ball, a player should look down to see a club that not only appeals to the eye, but one that feels well balanced, promotes a smooth swing and provides solid contact with the ball. It is vital to pick out clubs and balls that fit your game and physique. Considerations when purchasing equipment vary with each golfer. Here are a few items to consider before investing in new clubs and purchasing balls.

## Budget

A full set of clubs can run anywhere from \$200-\$2,000. The price depends on the company making the club, the quality and cost of the material used in the clubs, and the research that went into designing the product. If a player is a beginner and not bitten by the golf bug yet, I recommend a set on the low end of the price range, such as the Kathy Whitworth 88 by Square Two. It is a typical

beginner package, which includes woods, irons, putter and carry bag, but has less than the maximum 14 clubs allowed by USGA rules. If the club buyer is an average player and athlete, most of the time they are happiest with a brand name product in the mid-range of \$800-\$1,200 per set. When the buyer is a tournament player or the type of person who likes custom made equipment instead of that off the shelf, a single driver or putter can cost between \$200 and \$500.

## Size

Size or proper length of the club is important because it influences how the club head lies on the ground and how the shaft bends or flexes. In the last few years, the golf industry has done a great job in making several different sizes of junior clubs, which are commonly available in retail outlets and pro shops. The majority of women's clubs only come with graphite shafts, because the light weight means more control and a better-balanced swing for the average woman. The lighter weight also helps speed up a swing, so the ball travels farther, which is why most players

want their drivers and woods to have graphite shafts. Graphite also helps to prevent injuries like tendinitis or joint pain from shot vibrations, although some steel shafted irons made since 2000 do the same thing.

## Club fitting

Club fitting for length, lie, shaft flex, club head design, and grip size should be done when a player is hitting golf balls. During a typical fitting, I have the player try several different clubs that vary these components. The higher the skill level of the player, the more precise a professional may fit the equipment. Do not buy any clubs without hitting a demo model first. The club head can help a player get the ball up in the air, hit the ball lower, with a draw, or straighter if you are a slicer. Ask questions about how the club head's design influences the ball flight.

Don't worry about what the shaft flex says, use the one that fits your swing. Remember, swing speed is not the final word in which shaft is best for you. Many boys, ages 10-13, use women's clubs for

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the best result, while some women use men's senior or regular shafts. What works for your friend may not be the best for your game. The biggest problem some men have is peer pressure to hit the ball farther using the stiffest shaft possible. Demonstrate your golfing prowess by outscoring your playing partners with the help of proper club selection.

Some retail stores have sales people trained in club fitting and others who will sell you whatever equipment will get them the greatest commission. This varies from store to store (even within franchise stores) and even within the store itself, so get to know your salesperson and store. By purchasing a name brand, you will generally get a warranty on the equipment and bag, and will have a place to exchange them if not satisfied.

Many hobby enthusiasts buy component parts and put them together to make sets of clubs for friends or to sell. As in all handmade items, quality control varies widely and so does the warranty. For every well put together set that fits the player, I see three or four sets that aren't put together properly or don't fit the player. Make sure you know who is making the clubs, their background and experience.

## Golf balls and grips

These offer the cheapest way to enhance your golf game. If the grip is too slick it is hard to hold onto and causes bad shots and swing fatigue. Regrips cost \$4 to \$9 per club depending on the grip you choose. Grip size affects the grip tension and fluidity of the swing, so make sure to be fitted for the correct width to fit your hand. The size of your golf glove can be good indicator for grip size.

Since 1995, dimple patterns and ball covers have become more important than compression. Read the box or ask the salesperson about what the ball is suppose to do. There is a golf ball out there for every type of golfer. Once again, do not get into the name game, trying to hit a PRO-V by Titleist (basically you need to be a tour professional) when its NXT will do better and cost less. Many senior golfers and women golfers love the Precept Laddie or Lady and the Maxfli Noodle, while juniors like the oversized Top-Flite. When shopping for golf balls, make sure you understand the ball flight design, then look for bargains within that type of ball. The biggest injustice golfers do unto themselves is not starting each round with a new golf ball.

## Philosophy

These days, purchase decisions often are influenced by corporate reputation, regarding things such as environmental issues or human rights. My philosophy has always been to support those who support the game of golf, not always the lowest price retailer. If you belong to a private club and your club's golf pro offers full service and is helpful, you may want to purchase your clubs there. The same thing applies when it comes to companies like Callaway, Square Two, Titleist, Top-Flite and others that support educational and research programs for all golfers, including juniors and women.

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### Golf Canada, continued from p. 15

ing the golf course and climbing to the hotel but, suddenly, there are tee boxes and a Wow! of a view over the Spray to the fairway.

Banff probably says "Canada" more than any course, but Jasper, ranked No. 1 golf resort by SCORE Magazine, doesn't have to take a backseat. Thompson worked his magic, working in the mountain views like hand in glove. The par-5 second hole is Old Man and the mountain ridge in the distance looks like the profile of a face.

The par-4 eighth (427, 409, 395 yards), Tekarra's Cut, is a neat dogleg right with the green tucked behind a hill. The tee shot should be through a saddle straightaway from the tee. According to Alan Carter, Jasper's Director of Golf and a native of Sarnia, Ont., Thompson puckishly designed the par-3 ninth, Cleopatra, as a voluptuous woman with strategically placed mounds and bunkers. When the railroad president saw it, he demanded that Thompson alter it. But in the distance behind the hole is a mountain formation called the Pyramids so it still has the Egyptian touch.

And the par-5 10th is The Maze. Thompson scattered 10 bunkers of varying size but he didn't sprinkle sand everywhere. Lac Beauvert comes into play on the 14th and 16th holes and neither has a bunker. Thompson's pupil and later partner, Robert Trent Jones, learned from the master. There are 76 bunkers on the Mt. Kidd course at Kananaskis and 67 on Mt. Lorette. The icy Kananaskis River is in play on the final five holes of Mt. Lorette, however, and that more than evens it up.

All three resorts are operated by the upscale Fairmont chain. The Delta Lodge at Kananaskis hosted the G-8 Conference a few days before we were there. President Bush didn't have time for golf but he did jog. A few miles up the road is the Nakiska Ski Area which hosted the 1988 Winter Olympics. Kananaskis is about an hour west of Calgary and Banff is less than an hour farther west. Jasper is 200 miles north of Banff, up the incredibly scenic Icefields Parkway. But, hey, the speed limit is 110. Of course,

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The course features a total preservation of golf holes totaling a par of 36. The design team also brought into play an island hole in addition to serving as a natural buffer between the residential properties and the adjacent golf course. The par 3 hole hole will be especially challenging to require the golfer to avoid water on both the second and approach shot to the green. Bunkers and tree stands will also add challenges and an aesthetic element throughout the series of golf holes. The golf course is now open for daily play.

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# Timber Ridge to Host LPGA T&CP Championship

The LPGA Teaching and Club Professional Sectional Championship is coming to Michigan after more than decade. Timber Ridge Golf Course in Lansing will be the host site for the 2003 LPGA Midwest T&CP Sectional Championship, Oct. 5-7.

Timber Ridge Golf Club owner and manager, Judy Cunningham, a graduate of Harvard Business School, collaborated with Sheila Tansey, owner of the Women's Golf Academy, on the LPGA proposal that won the hosting rights. As an LPGA member, Tansey is the designated tournament chair. Both women are delighted that the National LPGA Headquarters accepted the proposal.

Shelby Bailer, former tournament director of the LPGA Oldsmobile Classic, is also on the tournament committee. All three women are hoping to rekindle the community involvement that was the hallmark of the LPGA Oldsmobile Classic.

Elaine Crosby, former LPGA Tour player and Michigan resident, has made a commitment to play in the Sunday pro-am that precedes the tourney. Each pro-am team will include four amateurs and a LPGA T&CP professional. The pro-am will have prizes for diverse teams including: All Men and Pro, All Women and Pro; and Mixed Team and Pro. It will also have a prize for the best corporate or business-sponsored team.

The entry fee for the pro-am is \$1,000 for a team of four, or \$250 per player. Volunteer pro caddies can enjoy the dinner for just \$75.

The 36-hole tournament event will be Oct. 6-7. Lisa Grimes of Alexandria, Minn., won the championship last year and will return to try for a second-straight victory. Joyce Kazmeirski (former MSU All-American and LPGA Tour player) won the senior division in 2002, and she also will return to defend her title.

The LPGA Midwest Section is made up of members living in Illinois, Indiana, Iowa, Kentucky, Michigan, Minnesota, Missouri, Nebraska, North Dakota, Ohio, South Dakota, Wisconsin and central Canada. On Oct. 3-4, the LPGA Midwest Section also will hold an educational seminar for its members at Timber Ridge.

To register for the Pro-Am or for more information, visit: <http://timberidge.s-tewire.net/Tourn.asp?TID=23>. **MG**

## Publisher's Note

In my note to you in our May/June issue, I indicated how much had happened in the 25 years that Great Lakes Sports Publications has served the Michigan sports community. Great Lakes Sports Publications, Inc. has created a number of print and online products in our 25 years of service.

When our *Michigan Golfer* came out 22 years ago, there were not a lot of magazines covering the sport in our state. We thought there was room for a statewide magazine at the time and came out with *Michigan Golfer*. Since then, a number of other very fine golf publications have come along. The arrival of these publications, not unlike the arrival of so many new golf courses, has, frankly, saturated the market. Our advertisers, who have had some difficult times of late, have retreated from their past spending patterns. In addition, they have indicated they are putting less emphasis on print and more on e-commerce. It is their feeling that there is more bang for the buck with internet marketing.

In 1995, we launched the nation's first online golf magazine -- <http://michigan-golfer.com> -- and followed that with the

nation's first online golf television show -- <http://michiangolfer.tv> -- in 2001.

Our online readership this year is currently up 18 percent from last year, when we had just under a quarter of a million online readers at <http://webgolfer.com/log-stats/www2003/frames.html>.

Our television production will draw approximately 150,000 viewers in just its third year. Clearly, with almost a half million readers and viewers projected this year, our future is with our online audiences.

Because of this rather dramatic swing in the audience utilizing our products, we have decided to cut back our print production by two issues this year. We had planned to move to four issues in 2004, but the poor golf economy accelerated our plans.

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# Off-Season Golf Paradise Found — in Scottsdale

By Paul Bairley

Scottsdale, Ariz. offers the best of desert golf. Here is a minute sampling of the options available:

## SunRidge Canyon

Located just east of Scottsdale, in the town of Fountain Hills, our group was taken by the rustic beauty of the McDowell Mountain range. Golf course architect Keith Foster decided to uncover the remarkable experience that is SunRidge Canyon. Finished in 1995, Foster's work is awe-inspiring. The 6,823-yard, par-71 layout, begins at the upper mouth of the canyon, and descends gradually to its floor.

Along the way, the course follows the rugged natural terrain of stony ridges, with large orange boulder outcroppings, mesquite trees and giant saguaro cactuses everywhere. All the way down the front nine, players enjoy terrific views of Four Peaks Mountain to the east and the Mazatzal mountain range to the north. The generous fairways and clearly defined landing areas make the course quite playable for players of varying skill levels, plus any forced carries over natural desert are reasonable.

The back nine plays a little longer, as you rise back out of the canyon on your way back up to the clubhouse, in true links fashion. There is water on the course, including a small waterfall on the back nine. And the 17th hole, a par-3 with optional tee sets from completely different approach directions, allows you to choose one of two pin placements on this unique signature hole.

## We-Ko-Pa Golf Club

A new and exciting track called We-Ko-Pa Golf Club was developed by the Yavapai Nation. We-Ko-Pa is the Yavapai pronunciation for "Four Peaks Mountain." Designed by golf architect Scott Miller, the course opened in December 2001, and plays a challenging 7,225 yards from the back tees. Multiple tee boxes accommodate all levels of players, and the enormous undulating greens are a test for even the best putters.

Perhaps the greatest feature of We-Ko-Pa, and one that distinguishes it from almost all other Scottsdale courses, is the fact that there are no homes on the golf course. As a result, some of the most dramatically natural views of the surrounding mountains can be enjoyed from nearly every hole. And within the course itself, nature is on parade, with mesquite and palo verde trees, saguaros and

desert shrubs that sprawl through the countless arroyos and canyons of We-Ko-Pa.

## TPC of Scottsdale

Another golfing gem, and one of the older and perhaps most famous courses in Scottsdale is the Tournament Players Club of Scottsdale, home of the PGA Tour's Phoenix Open. One of Tom Weiskopf's early course designs, the TPC of Scottsdale has withstood the test of time. And unlike some desert courses, it boasts an incredible amount of turf, partly because of the numerous berms and viewing mounds created to accommodate what have been, for the past several years, the largest crowds to attend any PGA tour event.

*"... some of the most dramatically natural views of the surrounding mountains can be enjoyed from nearly every hole."*

There are a few desert carries here, but primarily only on the par-3s, and there is ample desert if one wanders too wide of the generous rough. Some golfers refer to desert golf as "target golf," but this is generally not the case. While native desert vegetation may define and surround the courses here, they usually have continuous turf from tee to fairway to green. Without forced carries, they play much like our traditional parkland courses. This is especially true of the TPC.

The par-4 11th hole is a favorite, a treacherous hole that has length, desert right and water left that runs the entire length of the hole. The par-5 15th hole, with its island green, reachable in two, has decided many a Phoenix Open and is a true risk-reward hole. The short par-3 16th is where Tiger Woods made his dramatic hole-in-one just a few years ago to win his Phoenix Open title, and the short par-4 17th made PGA tour history when local resident Andrew Magee aced it during the tournament, the only par-4 to be holed in one stroke in a PGA Tour event.

This all culminates at the exciting 18th hole, a long par-4 that requires a forced carry over water that extends up the entire left side of the hole. Fairway bunkers on the right side

await those that steer too clear of the water hazard, and the tall hillside that comprises the right rough sees more spectators than any other finishing hole in tournament golf.

History aside, the TPC of Scottsdale's Stadium Course is a fantastic test of golf. If the bunkers, water, desert and rough don't pose enough challenge, the gigantic greens certainly will.

## Grayhawk Golf Club

Challenging the TPC for notoriety is the Grayhawk Golf Club. Located at the north end of Scottsdale, Grayhawk features two distinctive 18-hole layouts. The Talon course, designed by U.S. Open and PGA Champion David Graham and architect Gary Pranks, opened in December 1994. It ranks as one of the most exciting courses to be built in the Southwest. Complementing The Talon, is Grayhawk's newest course, The Raptor, designed by Tom Fazio. The 7,108-yard track meanders over gentle hills and across deep arroyos, and offers panoramic vistas of the nearby McDowell Mountains and Pinnacle Peak. The bunkers are plentiful, huge and deep. The greens are very large with severe contours, and are fast. No one will survive Grayhawk without his or her fill of three-putts. On The Raptor, putts generally break toward Pinnacle Peak, not that such knowledge would necessarily help.

Four great courses played, about 190 to go. The Scottsdale Convention and Visitors Bureau is a great resource for accommodations. We stayed at Resort Suites of Scottsdale. Gordon Zuckermann, the congenial owner of Resort Suites, has created a luxury resort that caters principally to golfers. Its unique room configurations make them ideal for golf groups. They feature one-, two- and four-bedroom suites with up to 1,800 square feet of living space. Plenty of room, and all the comforts of home. Additionally, the resort grounds and facilities feature four swimming pools, three whirlpool spas, a fitness center, and a business center. They also have a fantastic bar and restaurant on the premises, JimE's Grill, which is a local favorite as well. Personal vacation planners also can book your tee times directly, and by so doing can often obtain preferred tee times and discounted greens fees. For non-golfers, they will gladly arrange for other activities, including horseback riding, hot air balloon rides, jeep tours, city tours and transportation.

For information on Resort Suites of Scottsdale, call (800) 541-5203, or visit [www.resortsuites.com](http://www.resortsuites.com). For the Scottsdale Convention & Visitors Bureau, dial (800) 782-1117, or visit [www.scottsdalecvb.com](http://www.scottsdalecvb.com). **MG**

# Tips for the Seasonal Woman Golfer



By Judy Mason

Director of Golf, Wild Bluff Golf Course and  
Director of Ladies Golf School, Treetops Resort

For women who pack their clubs away with the end of Michigan's golf season or who have had injuries keep them away, returning to the sport after some time off can have its challenges. Here are some tips to avoid common golf pitfalls.

First of all, it is important to remember golf is a sport. Golf can put a great deal of strain on your body. Be sure to take time to improve your strength, endurance and flexibility. Simple weight training, walking and stretching will not only improve your golf game - but your overall health and fitness.

No matter how much women work on their strength and fitness, few will ever hit the ball the distance of a phenom like Michelle Wie or superstar Annika Sorenstam. Because of this disappointing fact, women must maximize the efficiency of their short games. Sharpening your chipping, pitching, bunker play and putting must be a priority. The majority of practice time should be spent around a green.

Practice makes perfect - as long as you are using the proper fundamentals. Seeking professional instruction early in the golf season will insure that your practice time is not wasted repeating bad habits. Lessons from your local LPGA or PGA professional are a wise investment and will ultimately make the game of golf more enjoyable.

Periodically, evaluate your golf clubs. Ill-fitted equipment is a detriment to your swing and ability to score. Be sure to seek out some professional advice or a fitting, to be sure your clubs suit you and your swing. Seven-, 9- and 11-woods have grown in popularity over the past few years. Try a more lofted wood and you will hit the ball higher with ease.

Finally, it is to your benefit to learn more about the rules and etiquette of golf. Reading books, magazines, online articles and watching videos are great information sources. There are only 34 key rules of golf. If you

don't know them, read one rule a night for just over one month. If you have read them, refresh your memory. You will feel more confident and probably save a few strokes on the course. **MG**

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# Golf Getaways



By Susan Bairley

## Double Your Pleasure at Double JJ

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Rothbury's Double JJ is the perfect place for both.

With children in tow, the Back Forty Ranch offers an "Old West" town. Designed for families or kids-exclusive vacations, it features a general store, dining hall, swimming pool -- with 145-foot waterslide, zip line and log roll, crafts shop, street shows, entertainment, petting farm, child care corral and equestrian

*Above: The Monument at Boyne Mountain, photo courtesy of Petoskey-Harbor Springs-Boyne Country.*

*Right, top: Kinlochen--home to Crystal Mountain's new Pro Shop and The Thistle Pub & Grille*

*Right, bottom: Indoor pool, Grand Traverse Resort, photo courtesy of Grand Traverse Resort.*

center. Families can stay together in attractive cabins or kids can enjoy their own vacation, with 24-hour supervision, in accommodations that range from Conestoga wagons to teepees and log cabins.

Alternatively, Double JJ offers an adults-only ranch, where only those 18 and older are permitted. At the adult ranch, there's day and night recreational activities, evening entertainment, horseback riding and of course, championship golf on The Thoroughbred. In addition, solo vacationers are welcomed and will even be paired with a roommate if requested.

For more information, call (800) Double JJ or visit [www.doublejj.com](http://www.doublejj.com).

## Grand T for Two -- or More

Another families-optional golf getaway is Grand Traverse Resort and Spa. Located along the shore of Lake Michigan's Grand Traverse Bay, the resort offers top-notch accommodations; 54 holes of championship golf, including The Bear, designed by Jack Nicklaus, Spruce Run, and Gary Player's Wolverine; a full-service spa; shopping gallery; restaurants and lounges; plus, swimming, tennis and a children's center.

A look online, at [grandtraverseresort.com](http://grandtraverseresort.com), introduces you to a wide array of packages -- from couples getaways to golf and spa packages -- the latter which can even include a cherry essence massage.

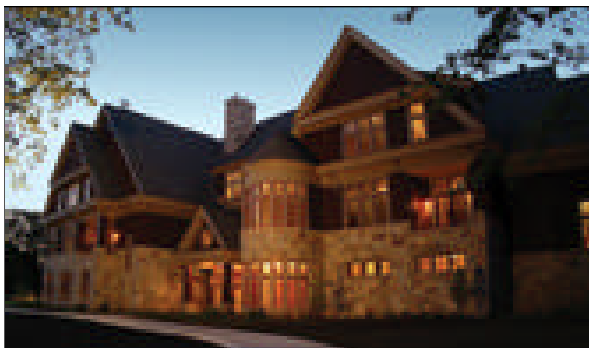
Its licensed childcare facility, the Cub House, provides expert care and a variety of programs for children. Add casino fun among all of the nearby Traverse City attractions, and the setting is pretty hard to beat in terms of something for everyone.

The resort offers accommodations in its 17-story glass tower, six-story hotel or in one of more than 200 condominiums -- again, allowing vacationers to select the kind of holiday, from dawn to dark, that best fits their needs.

## A Perfect Vacation? See this Crystal ball

There's no place like home -- unless it's Crystal Mountain Resort. This year hosting the Fifth Third Bank Michigan Women's Open, Crystal Mountain consistently seems to win the hearts of thousands of women who visit, play and relax there. At Crystal, the wel-

come mat is out for everyone, but women find it to be especially accommodating. Kids programs and a comfortable child care center await families, while some of the best golf instruction around -- from two-time Michigan PGA Teacher of the Year Brad Dean and former LPGA Tour Professional Elaine Crosby -- awaits the new or ready-to-improve golfer.



Owners Chris and Jim MacInness put a lot of love into Crystal Mountain and it shows. From the lovely lush plantings and Crystal's 36-holes of scenic golf to its roomy condominiums and the dramatic addition of the new Kinlochen Lodge, Crystal is as beautiful as it is comfortable.

Crystal Mountain's amenities include: indoor and outdoor pools, a fitness center, two clay tennis courts and mountain biking trails. A winter ski haven, it also touts 34 downhill slopes. In addition, it is home to the Michigan Legacy Art Park, a woodland collection of sculptures representative of Michigan's history and culture. A family walk on the trail last summer proved to be a fascinating, unique and fun experience.

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# Tri-City Golf

By Ken Tabacsko

Where does the north start anyway?

Golf course owners in Saginaw County and the Saginaw County Convention and Visitors Bureau would like folks beaming up Interstate 75 to think it begins when you hit that county's line. A major push is being made to market the region — especially to metro Detroiters— as a spot to stop and play some great golf on the way to those better-known courses farther up the interstate or as a closer-to-home destination in its own right.

"By putting together some great golf courses we think we have developed a product just as good as golf way up north," said Jason Swackhamer, director of communications for the Saginaw County Convention and Visitors Bureau. "This is our fifth year and it has proven to be quite successful.

"We think we've been overlooked. We have a great location just off I-75 and some top quality courses. We're especially aiming at golfing groups that might head up north four to five times a year. We'd like them to consider us for even, say, one of those trips and see what we have to offer."

Here is a tour of some of the region's top courses:

*Above: Sawmill Golf Club, Hole No. 12, photo courtesy of Sawmill Golf Club. Opposite page: Maple Leaf Golf Course.*

## Apple Mountain

Apple Mountain pro Chad Maxim says his facility is trying to appeal to golfers who desire a quality, up-north experience, "without having to drive all that distance." Four tee boxes make the Freeland-area course fun for players of all skill levels. Big hitters who want a real challenge can step back to the black tees and face a 6,962-yard test, while the other three options offer a fun outing for someone still trying to hone their game.

Much of the land that houses Apple Mountain was once — you guessed it — an apple orchard. In addition, the facility operates a ski hill in the winter months and that elevation produces two of the course's signature holes. No. 5 plays 175 yards from the black tees and golfers hit from the back side of the ski hill. The elevation is considerable—the cart lumbers its way to the top. The elevation makes the hole play shorter, so club selection is critical. Water frames the front of this par-3 gem, with bunkers in the back— so hit the green or suffer. Oh, yes, the green is in the shape of an apple, with the bunker in the shape of the apple's leaves.

Subtle slopes on the green make putting interesting. No. 6, a par-4 at 425 yards from the blacks, goes off the north side of the ski hill. Golfers need an accurate tee shot to avoid marshland on the right, and the iron shot will aim for a small green that slopes

hard, back to front. Linger a bit to enjoy the view from both tee boxes. Saginaw County is quite flat so you have a "on top of the world" feeling.

Much of the back nine winds around a housing development. No. 12, a 563-yarder, features a large waste bunker that creates havoc for anyone hitting it and staying in right. "We're not a target golf course," said Maxim. "Our fairways tend to be generous and the greens are generally pretty large. Most of the obstacles are off to the side, although there is quite a bit of sand and water. "It's a place where all golfers, regardless of skill level, can enjoy themselves."

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## Sawmill Golf Club

John Sanford Jr., a course designer from Jupiter, Fla., incorporated natural wetlands, pine groves and a hilly creek side area into this gem, just a few minutes' drive from Apple Mountain. The two give the area a wicked one-two punch. Andy Bethune, director of golf at the Sawmill, says his course appeals to those "who like a challenge."

"Our course is not the easiest to play from the blacks (6,757 yards) and the blues (6,351 yards) because numerous hazards come into play," said Bethune. "We cater to the more experienced golfer who wants to test himself, but that doesn't mean an experienced 18-20



handicapper can't come out and have a great time."

Both nines at the Sawmill, which is entering its sixth season, feature both wide open, swing-away, holes and some tightly wooded tests. Water hazards tend to be off to the side. Generous greens, the average size is 6,500 square feet, do make things fun if golfers can stay out of trouble. "The front nine may be a little easier overall, but the back nine finishes easy so you'll walk away from your round not feeling like you've been beat up," said Bethune. "We sell value, service and a well-conditioned course. We have an up-north feel without going all the way up north. Last year our play was up 10 percent and we're quite pleased with that."

On the front nine, Bethune said No. 5, a 408-yarder, features plenty of beauty as golfers tee off in a dense pine grove, hitting to a tight landing area, also framed by pines. The second shot, requiring a short to medium iron, is to a neat green that offers varied looks depending on pin placement. On the back nine, No. 12 at 309 yards looks like an easy par, but beware. The green, again framed by pines, is fair but tricky enough to punish the aggressive golfer who doesn't hit an accurate shot.

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### The Fortress

The Zehnder family, of Frankenmuth chicken fame, has owned the resort-style Fortress since 1985. It plays a par-72 at 6,813 yards from the back tees but two other positions help make it an entertaining

experience for anyone. The Dick Nugent-designed layout features wide fairways—especially in novice landing areas -- and large greens. Nugent used gentle contours and different native grasses to give the Fortress a links feel and get the most out of the property. Not surprisingly, pro Mark

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the course. The following hole, No. 14, is a par-5, 496-yarder that has plenty of “talkability.” It’s the hole folks remember when they chat about their round on the way home. The hole makes a hard right turn with the steeple of the historic St. Lorenz Church in the background. Picture-postcard pretty.

For more information call (800) 863-7999.

## Bay Valley Golf Club

This is the granddaddy of resort courses in the area, and just over the county line in Bay County. The Desmond Muirhead-designed layout, just off I-75, opened in 1973 to great reviews and it continues to lure folks with its fun and fair test. Muirhead’s touch is evident in the large greens and plentiful water which comes into play on 13 holes. The layout is relatively flat, as it had a previous life as a farm. But with the water and 50 bunkers scattered about, it’s plenty challenging.

“We’re a links-style course and wind really plays a role here,” said Brian Ballard, the director of golf. “The large greens we have make us very playable.” There is usually enough room to stay out of any serious trouble, unless shots really go astray. Although there is a lot of sand about, shots usually don’t have to clear it to reach those spacious greens. Players can hit short and run up.

The course plays from 4,965-6,656 yards. The pretty No. 5, par-3 Heather Hole is a gem. The 176-yarder looks like it was cut right out of a Scottish landscape with thick heather covering almost the entire area short of the green. A ball hit in this mess is a goner and there is little room for error with only about 10 yards from the end of the heather to the green. Hit the putting surface or you’re in deep trouble — literally. A tough green makes any birdies here well earned.

Hit left and you’re in dire straights on the 560-yard, par-5, No. 14 as water lines that entire side of the fairway. A huge green serves as a nice target. Ballard said Bay

Black says many of his clientele come from metro Detroit as part of a visit to the many attractions of Frankenmuth. “It’s a winning combination among couples— golfers and shoppers, well, shop.” Birch Run’s outlet mecca nearby adds other browsing opportunities.

The Fortress has a real manicured feel. Black and his staff do everything they can to make sure golfers have a positive experience. No. 13 is a pretty par-4, 410-yarder with water on each side of the green. Winds require an adjustment to keep your ball in play. Some call it one of the toughest holes on

*Above: The Fortress  
Opposite page: Apple Mountain, Hole No. 5, photo by Dave Richards.*

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The West Course has more of a links feel. Two holes were revamped and get their debut this year. No. 5 plays as a par-3, 210-yarder with plenty of heather to hide sprayed shots. No. 6 was lengthened into a par-5, 568-yard test with — surprise — more heather to contend with.

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Not surprisingly, the Timbers, located just five minutes east of Frankenmuth, features plenty of — you guessed it— trees. This layout just east of Frankenmuth is cut right out of the woods with beech, maples, oaks, birches and pines lining the fairways. If hitting 'em straight is a challenge, bring plenty of balls as you enjoy the beauty. The course features eight man-made lakes, 47 bunkers and more than eight miles of wetlands. From the back tees, you often can't find the danger that lurks ahead. Think before you hit.

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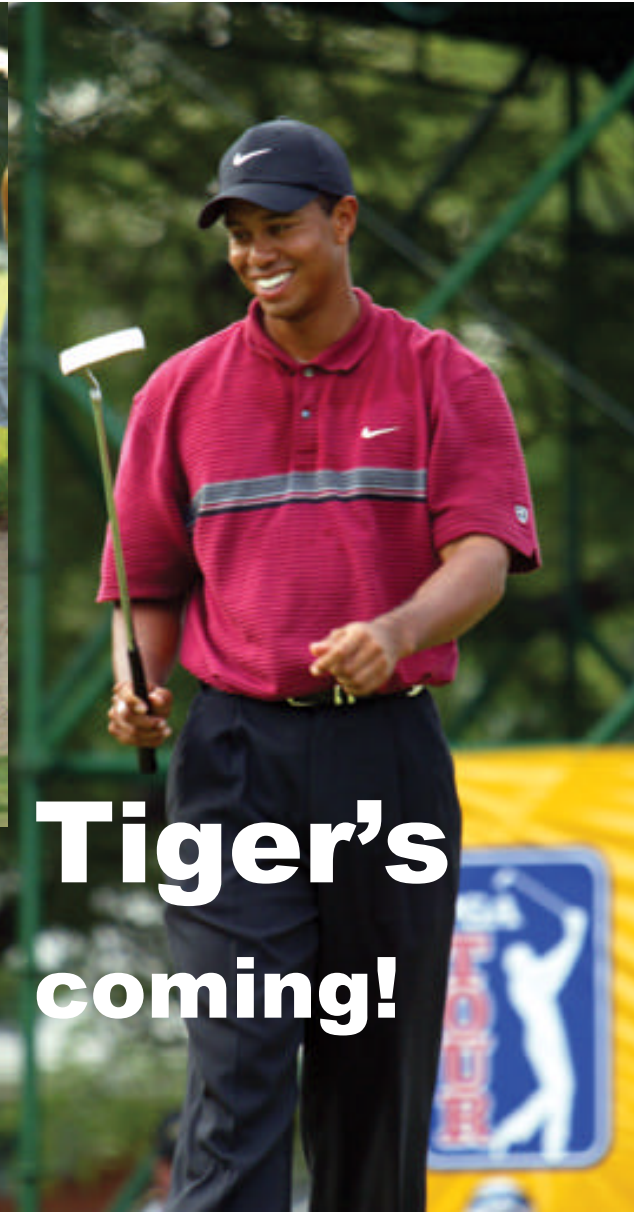
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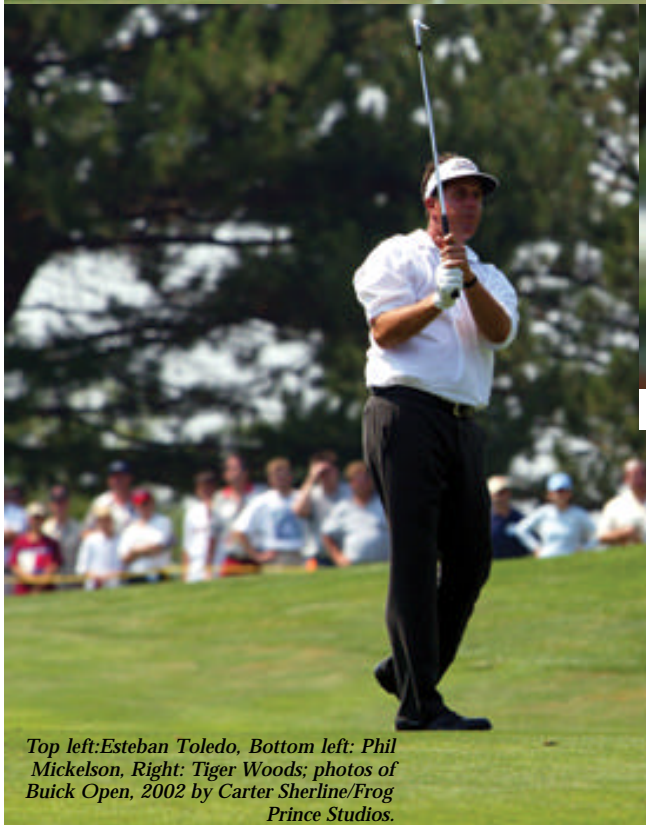
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# SLICE OF LIFE



By Terry Moore  
Editor Emeritus

Before we return to regular programming—er reading, permit me to conduct my annual review of a few of the golf commercials seen thus far this year.

**Signboy Redux:** Kudos to Foot-Joy for dumping those garish cartoons last year and re-signing Matt Greaser (Signboy in real life) to his iconic comic persona for the shoe and glove company. But is it me or has something been lost while Signboy was away? Yes, some of the spots are funny but there seems to be something forced about them as well. Maybe fame is indeed fleeting when it comes to characters of this sort. Or maybe the writing was just not up to the return engagement.

**Titleist and John Cleese:** As I admitted last year, I'm a huge Cleese fan so I'm pleased he's returned as the maniacal course designer Ian MacCallister ever protesting the new and

longer golf balls. Again, I don't care for the subtle and nefarious knock on designers in the distance vs. course debate but the commercials are still hilarious. The spot where MacCallister has assembled a protest concert in a virtually empty field is inspired. And each time I see MacCallister throwing himself into the peopleless mosh pit and landing with a thud, it makes me laugh.

**MacGregor Tourney:** I have a soft spot for MacGregor inasmuch as I grew up with MacGregor Tourney irons. So I'm pulling for the company to regain its once proud position in the club business. I'm just not too sure about staking one's reputation around such struggling players as Jose-Maria Olazabal and Lee Janzen. I mean Olly hasn't hit a fairway consistently with a driver since the first Clinton Administration while Janzen switches golf companies it seems on a biannual basis. Yes, they have won majors and give the company some credibility of sorts but I'm not convinced these player endorsements do the trick. However, adding up-and-comer Aaron Baddeley was a good move for attracting the younger demo.

**Callaway Golf:** No one capitalized more on Annika Sorenstam's historic play at the

Colonial than Callaway. (Okay, maybe Bank of America did better.) It featured Annika in spots leading up to the event and then quickly produced new spots the weekend of Colonial with new "impress the boys" footage from her first two rounds. Now here's one time when the player endorsement is worth every penny to the company. Annika is now at another level in terms of the golfing public and Callaway will be riding the wave of her increased popularity every step of the way.

**PGA Tour:** The PGA Tour has taken a page from the ever inventive ESPN commercials and come up with some clever renderings to tout its players and Tour. As a baby boomer, I really like the spot with Fred Funk and his son—in a wonderful take-off on the opening of The Andy Griffith Show—skipping balls across the pond to the green. Funk became a huge fan favorite after his stellar play and devil may care attitude at last year's PGA Championship. This spot nicely pairs up "nice guy" Funk with a perfect role—Mayberry's rock solid sheriff Andy Taylor. Only trouble is I keep thinking about what Tour players fit the bill for playing Ernest T. Bass, Otis, and Goober. **MG**

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