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*A Guide to
Michigan Golf
Communities*

Photo: Hawke's Eye 11th Hole

Michigan Golf Communities for 2003



Beaver Creek Resort-Gaylord

Beaver Creek, a four-season resort located in Gaylord, started out as a family resort featuring RV facilities, an indoor pool, water slide, sport lake, miniature golf and tennis courts. To this mix they added a championship course designed by legendary golf architect, Jerry Matthews.

An ambitious building program taken on by owner Larry Bowden has spiked the growth at the resort. He began by building affordable cabins on his property, that could be utilized as rental units. His first 50 units have come close to selling out. Those cabins were priced from \$70,000. The newer models sell for \$165,000. They feature more bedrooms, a one car garage, fireplace and come

fully furnished. The cabins share the fairways of The Natural. They are located primarily on the back nine with units located around holes 11 through 15.

Beaver Creek Resort is now taking reservations on a new three bedroom two bath cabin with garage and 1/2 basement that will be built this summer.

Bowden is also putting Breckenridge Modular homes on their RV site with prices ranging from \$24,000 to \$50,000.

Video: Owner, Larry Bowden discusses the many reasons to buy real estate at Beaver Creek Resort
<http://michiangolfer.tv/2003shows/re/thenaturalre/>

Website: <http://www.beavercreekresort.org/>

add a lifestyle experience to the golf as Bucks Run announces the addition of Bucks Run North, a limited upscale real estate home development.

Bucks Run North is located on the northern section of the golf course near hole sixteen. The luxurious setting features hardwoods, wetlands, and wildlife as well as views of both the golf course and the Chippewa River. "The pristine home sites combined with the amenities offered with Bucks Run Golf Club, and our tremendous location provides a unique lifestyle opportunity in our market", Said Jim Zeh- General Manager at Bucks Run.

Lot prices will range from \$110,000-\$195,000. For more information please contact Bucks Run at 989-773-6830.

Website: <http://www.bucksrun.com/>

Above: Hole No. 7, The Tribute, Otsego Club, photo courtesy of Otsego Club.

Opposite page top: Buck's Run Putting Course, photo by The Umlex Group.

Opposite page bottom: Beaver Creek Resort, photo by Art McCafferty.

Bucks Run-Mt. Pleasant

Bucks Run GC, located just east of Mt. Pleasant offers one of the best golfing experiences in Central Michigan. Golfers can now

Grand Traverse Resort

Obviously, the biggest change this year, is the change of ownership to Michigan's flag-

ship resort. This property set the tone for the explosion of tourism to northern Michigan. A Governor's Conference, a meeting of the American Travel Writers, Association, a Senior Tour Championship and the emergence of one of the toughest golf courses in the world, The Bear, all led to an increased awareness of our great state. As a result property values skyrocketed during the late 80's and now into the new millennium

Larry Smith, Broker of Record at the Grand Traverse Resort, has seen this explosive growth during his 18 year tenure. The resort features year-round private residences at Wolverine Heights and Arrowhead Estates (Single Family Homes), Cottage Glens and Singletree Condominiums. To that mix, they also have condominium income property opportunities with the Shores, Bayview, Golfview, Hilltop, Valleyview and the Terrace. All told, the property has 480 condominiums sprinkled throughout its 1200 acres.

Wolverine Heights is a new subdivision located on the Gary Player, Wolverine course. The lots have taken some of the high ground on the course and are priced from 59,900 to \$89,900. They are currently offering a model home on the Wolverine that sells for \$399,000. With the purchase, the buyer gets a Bear Golfing Membership, which will allow them, free golf (they must pay for the cart) on any of the three golf courses for life.

The Singletree II complex will be nestled in around the 15th hole at The Bear, where there will be a total of 12 duplexes. Smith also want-

ed to let folks know that the Cottage Glen area still has a number of its 30 units left.

Website: http://www.grandtraverseresort.com/real_estate/real_estate.cfm

Hawks Eye-Bellaire

Tom Rowe, principal, of the new Hawks-Eye course, indicated that strong sales have enabled the developer to release the next section of homesites to the general public. These homesites are positioned along holes 5 and 6 of the golf course and offer spectacular views of the course as well as the countryside. Lots along hole 7 will also soon be available. These homesites will feature spectacular views of the 7th hole, 17th hole and the northern Michigan countryside.

Upon completion, the Hawk's Eye community will contain approximately 300 homesites. These homesites will be developed and offered for sale in three separate phases. Each of the homesites are approximately 1/2 acre in size and are located both on and off of the golf course. Prices range from 29 to 90K

Hawk's Eye, is a sister course to The Chief that opened a couple of years ago. Both courses were designed by John Robinson, a Canadian architect that has established an enviable reputation for his work. Besides his Michigan work, which also includes the new Hawk's Ridge in Grayling, Robinson is



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receiving rave reviews for Whistle Bear GC in Canada.

Website: <http://www.hawks-eye.com/property/index.html>

Lakewood Shores Resort

Lakewood Shores GM Craig Peters, is not only looking for some real estate prospects, he is also looking for some good neighbors. Craig, was one of the first buyers at St. George's Point, one of the golf real estate opportunities that is available to prospective buyers.

St. George's Point has been developed for those with the most discriminating tastes. This 24 lot, guarded gate subdivision is located on a peninsula set in the middle of Cedar Lake. Styled in a tranquil and secluded Cape Cod-like setting, St. George's Point offers some of the most unique and dramatic vistas in northeastern Michigan. And best of all it's located with-

Left: Blackshire, Lakewood Shores Resort. Photo courtesy of Lakewood Shores.

in minutes of Lake Huron and great golf at Lakewood Shores Resort.

Also, Lakewood Shores Land Sales is offering a special 2 for 1 special on golf course home sites with a limited quantity available. Buyers can purchase one lot and get another for only \$10.00 (lots must be contiguous) Lots start at only \$12,000. These lots are are located on the Serradella and Gailes courses.

Video: Craig Peters, General Manager of Lakewood Shores Resort, and owner of a home on St. George's Point, discusses the advantages of buying property there. <http://michigangolfer.tv/2003shows/re/lakewoodshores/>

Website: <http://lakewoodshores.com/home-sites.htm>

Otsego Club

If ever there were a perfect place to live or buy a second home in Michigan, this would be way up there on the list. For openers, the Otsego Club is one of the most storied resorts in our state. It was one of the first ski resorts and followed that up with the William Diddle designed Classic golf course. It stayed that sleepy and rustic way for many years, until owner Keith Gornick decided to get heavily involved. He expanded the golf opportunities recently with the newest member of the Otsego Club legacy, The Tribute.

When golfers take on The Tribute and its 1200 acres of beauty, they will see that only club members see in the wintertime, ski lifts, valleys, bluffs and some very spectacular terrain. Gornick will need to clear a wall for the awards this course will receive in the coming years.

For golfers that trade off summer fairways for winter slopes, you need look no further to settle down. We had the opportunity to do an Internet television show at the Otsego Club this past winter and caught some of the great skiing, snowboarding and winter pleasures so abundant at the resort. You can catch all of the on The Michigan Skier TV Show. <http://michiganskiertv.com>

Finally, how many other places in Michigan have a resort in town? In Gaylord, you can walk down to Diana's Delights for an early morning breakfast and newspaper or do some shopping and then return to the resort for continued recreation.

Scott Chesley is the real estate guru to see at the Otsego Club, if you are moved to "Just Own It". This is a relatively easy and pleasant task, as their office lies just to the left of the main entrance to the Club. For openers, Phase I of the highly successful Otsego Club Village condominiums has sold out. However, not to worry, there are a couple of units left in the final phase starting at \$262,000. Want to live on or be near the Classic Golf Course, they have about a dozen home sites left that range from \$19,000 to \$40,000.

However the much-awaited real estate on the Tribute will not be marketed for at least another year. According to Chesley, "we really want people to get a chance to play the course and see the terrain and the valley before we release or develop any of the prop-

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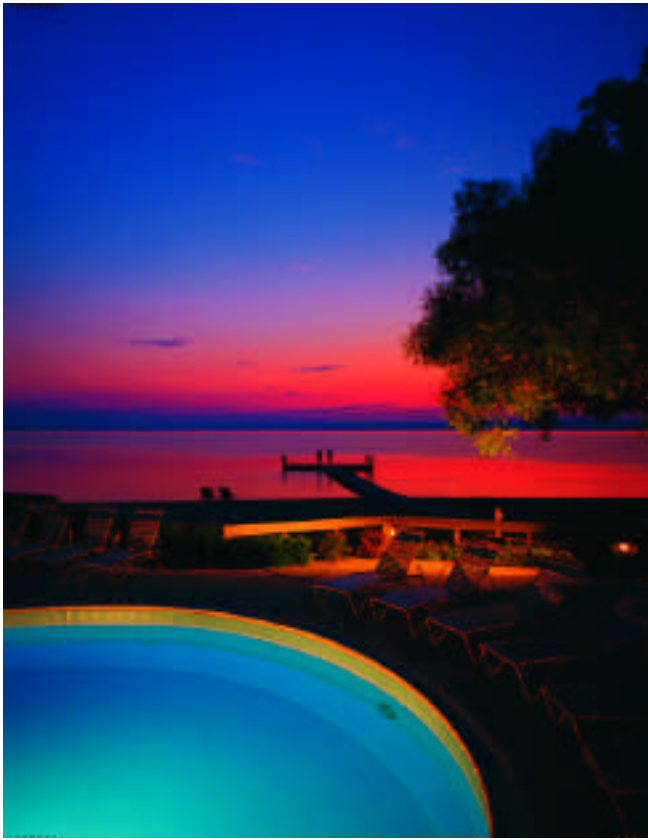


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erty out there. We remain focused on the condos and homesites in and around the resort/main lodge core.

Videos: Jim Neff, host of the Michigan Skier TV show had the opportunity to visit the Otsego Club for some winter skiing. http://michigangolfer.tv/miskier/season_1/show9/index.html

Bill Shelton, host of the Michigan Golfer TV Show had the opportunity to visit the new Tribute Golf Course. <http://michigangolfer.tv/2001shows/show33/>

Website: http://otsegoclub.com/oc_realestate_05.htm

Gull Lake View

The Woods at Stonehedge is Ross Township's first Open Space community. Over 15 acres have been permanently set aside as non-developed, open space. This ensures that every lot backs up to beautiful, natural landscapes, forever! The Woods at Stonehedge combines the gracious living of a golf course community with the best of Michigan's natural beauty.

Located half-way between Kalamazoo and Battle Creek, The Woods at Stonehedge is a

Above: The Shores, Grand Traverse Resort and Spa, photo courtesy of Grand Traverse Resort.

Opposite page: A-Ga-Ming clubhouse, photo by Art McCafferty.

perfect mix of country living and urban convenience. Situated in Michigan's beautiful lake region; home sites are minutes from Kellogg Forest and Bird Sanctuary, serene Gull Lake and only minutes more from downtown Kalamazoo and Battle Creek.

In addition to the beauty and splendor of The Woods at Stonehedge, you can also enjoy the remarkable amenities of the surrounding community. Six golf courses within three miles of your home and lovely views of Stonehedge South from your windows will appease the golfing desire in you. Extensive recreational opportunities, such as hunting, fishing, biking and boating, along with a superior school system make this a fantastic place to live.

The Woods at Stonehedge invites you to experience living in a

natural environment while preserving and promoting the habitat. Enjoy the opportunity to live in a golf course community ideal for any individual, couple or family. Be part of the Woods at Stonehedge and experience something special.

Video: Jon Scott, Director of Real Estate Sales at Gull Lake View, gives an overview of the plans that will encompass the Woods of Stonehedge. <http://michigangolfer.tv/2003shows/re/gull-lakeviewre/>

Website: http://gulllakeview.com/content.php?link=real_estate.php

True North Golf Club of Harbor Springs

True North Golf Club of Harbor Springs is a private, gated community with just 72 home sites on the 320-acre property. Conveniently located only five miles from downtown Harbor Springs, home sites are nestled in woods surrounding the championship-caliber course designed by national award-winning architect Jim Engh of Castle Rock, CO.

Nearby Harbor Springs and Petoskey on the shores of sparkling Little Traverse Bay, have been favored vacation and second-home destinations for generations of Midwesterners for more than a century, and offer dining and shopping choices with an ambience befitting one of the world's most scenic areas.

Thousand Oaks

For more than four years golfers in west Michigan have been enjoying the award winning, Rees Jones-designed Thousand Oaks Golf Club in Grand Rapids. And some have enjoyed the experience so much they've decided to stay. "The popularity of the housing at Thousand Oaks rivals that of the golf course," says Jeff Schreur, president of AJS Realty in Grand Rapids. "It's a peaceful, serene setting and the quality of the homes is outstanding."

Schreur's optimism in the upscale development is justified. Building sites at Thousand Oaks are located in numerous attractive spots close to the golf course-but not too close. When Jones designed the course, he felt it best the sites sat above his layout, looking down on the course, but not intruding upon it. Thus, homeowners are situated in prime spots adjacent to Thousand Oaks, but don't have to live in fear of golf balls whizzing past their windows.

Located in Plainfield Township, Thousand Oaks' real estate is located in the highly regarded Northview School district, and early residents of the property include families from areas such as East Grand Rapids, Grand Rapids Township and Ada, long thought to be the top real estate areas in suburban Grand Rapids. Home sites begin at about \$100,000 and are generously sized at almost an acre. There's also condominiums at The Village at Thousand Oaks, a cooperative venture involving Schreur, architect Wayne Visbeen of Visbeen Associates and builder Doug DeHaan of Caledonia. "The condos look fabulous," says Schreur. "Wayne and Doug have teamed up for some great designs and people have been extremely satisfied with the end product."

Located only ten minutes from downtown Grand Rapids, Thousand Oaks' real estate offers peaceful living in a pastoral setting just minutes from the heart of Michigan's second largest city.

Website: <http://www.thousandoaksgolf.com/realestate.html>

Canadian Lakes

Last year, Canadian Lakes Development Company opened a select number of properties throughout the resort. These properties averaged an acre in size, with underground utilities, including natural gas, and paved streets that will allow access to these rustic and peaceful sites. Property types include Golf front, Lakefront, and Wooded interior parcels.

Norm Browning has been beaming since the introduction of the latest course at Canadian Lakes, Tullymore. The course was wonderfully received by the press, but more importantly by golfers. In addition, the opening of the Inn at St. Ives provides 44 elegant rooms to house those golfers and travelers that wish to stay and play at their marvelous complex.

But instead of just staying overnight, how about a lifetime?

In 1962, Canadian Lakes, which is located 60 miles north of Grand Rapids, was launched with the mission of being one of the great recreation communities in Michigan. Since then, they have built a total of 1800 homes there and average a hundred new ones each year. The attractions are bountiful, but among them are two private and two very exceptional public courses. The new Tullymore designed by Jim Engh, which opened last year and the Jerry Matthews designed St. Ives, which opened a number of years ago. There are nine tennis courts an airport and a 1000 acres of water on the complex.

They have wooded lots, golf course lots and waterfront lots, and basically lots of lots. The go-to person in all of this is Dan Bollman, who is the director of sales at Canadian Lakes. He knows every lot on the property and knows exactly which one will fit you.

Video: Norm Browning, co-owner of the Canadian Lakes Development, spends some time with Real Estate expert, Thad Gutowski in discussing the opportunities at Canadian Lakes. <http://michigangolfer.tv/2003shows/re/canadianlakesRE/>

Website: <http://www.canadianlakes.com/>

A Ga Ming

A-Ga-Ming has a variety of real estate opportunities available this coming year. The best real estate at A-Ga-Ming can be acquired for the price of an adult beverage. I am referring to the enchanting views of sunrises and sunsets at one of the best clubhouse views in all of Michigan.

They have a number of residential lots on Fairway Ridge which overlook A-Ga-Ming Golf Course. The lot sizes vary from half an acre to one acre in size. The lots offer beautiful views of the golf course and seasonal views of Torch Lake. Prices start at \$39,000.

They have an additional eight lots of the same size, on Mooney Way, that will be surrounded by holes 2, 3, and 8 of the new Torch Course. The Torch Course, scheduled to open next year, will be the latest offerings from one of Michigan's foremost golf architects, Jerry Matthews. In addition to the property on Mooney Way, there are another 15 prime wooded lots with Torch Lake and golf views. Known as Bill's Court, this development will consist of .75 acre to one acre



residential lots. These will be situated on the Torch Course between holes 16 and 17.

A-Ga-Ming has a very nice representation of the lots available on their Website.

Video: Mike Brown, Co-Owner of A-Ga-

Ming, discussed the real estate opportunities available at the property as well as thoughts on the new golf course. <http://michigangolfer.tv/2003shows/re/agaming/>

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