

An aerial photograph of a golf course green situated on a grassy cliffside. The green is a vibrant green, contrasting with the surrounding yellowish-green grass. A red flag is visible on the green. In the background, the ocean waves are breaking against the shore under a blue sky with light clouds.

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“K” Club

Golfing Ireland

By Jason Deegan

It's hard to tell who's more excited as the 2006 Ryder Cup prepares to visit Ireland for the first time this September.

Is it the Irish? They're certainly a golf-happy bunch

who are legendary for their ability to throw a good party.

Or could it be the U.S. and European golf fans traveling to attend the event? Many will likely be first-timers to one of the world's greatest golf destinations.

It's a winning proposition for both parties. The

Ryder Cup, held at the lavish K-Club just outside of Dublin, will be the biggest sporting event ever held in the Emerald Isle. Many visitors will tee it up at several of Ireland's 400-plus courses, pumping a wealth of cash into an already booming economy.

For golfers, Ireland is

the game's version of Disneyland, an amusement park of courses from the legendary links of Waterville and Tralee to the unheralded inland layouts of Mullingar and Rathsallogh.

You've probably heard horror stories from friends

who have made the trip to Ireland, moaning about the pelting rain, the blistering cold and the tractors that can slow traffic on back roads to a crawl. Don't let them scare you away. It's a once-in-a-lifetime adventure to tee it up here.

If you're considering a

pre- or post-Ryder Cup romp through Ireland, an itinerary to consider might be the new Emerald Triangle, an alliance between three of the country's most elegant accommodations. A half-day's drive separates the Rathsallogh House Golf & Country Club in Wicklow, just



"K" Club Clubhouse

Photo courtesy of The K Club



Tralee Golf Club

south of Dublin; the Sandhouse Hotel in Rossnowlagh in the northwest tip of Ireland and Glenlo Abbey Hotel in Galway, a vibrant college town along the west coast. All three are family-owned and distinctly different, yet also among the finest properties on the island.

There's some tricky driving on the wrong side of the road involved to follow the Emerald Triangle (www.emerald3.com), but what a better excuse to travel a majestic countryside and discover some great golf along the way. The trip will also help steer you away from the crowds of golfers around Dublin proper.

A flight to Dublin on the

Irish airline, Aer Lingus (www.aerlingus.com), takes under eight hours from Chicago, the nearest portal for Michiganders. From Dublin, it's less than an hour's drive to Rathsalagh (www.rathsallagh.com), a large country house set on 530 acres in the rolling pastures of Dunlavin County.

The country house was converted from Queen Anne stables in 1798 and is the pride and joy of the O'Flynn family. The Rathsalagh dining hall serves country cooking, with specialties in fresh fish and game.

Staying here feels like miles from civilization. I was awakened by a crowing roos-

ter, a surprising alarm clock for my early tee time at the 7,200-yard course on the property. Designed by Christy O'Connor Jr. and Peter McEvoy, Rathsalagh Golf Club rambles around trees and over creeks. It's a good warm up for the tougher tracks that lie ahead. Two other championship venues, the K-Club, also home to the Smurfit European Open, and Mount Juliet, the site of the 2002 American Express Championship, are both within an hour's drive.

If you've got time, head to downtown Dublin, where the original Guinness Storehouse factory (www.guinnessstorehouse.com) draws the

thirsty from around the world for tours. Even if you're not a fan of the thick brew, you'll find the rumors are true: it does taste better here.

To break up the longest journey of the Emerald Triangle, golfers are welcome to stop at Mullingar Golf Club (www.mullingargc.com), a private club that boasts one of countryman James Braid's best designs. Founded in 1894, the 6,478-yard Mullingar moved five times before finding its home among the hills of Belvedere.

If your score suffers on what looks like a docile course, don't feel bad. It's good enough to host the Mullingar Scratch Trophy, a tournament with a history of identifying Ireland's greatest players. Former winners include Darren Clarke in 1989, Paul McGinley in 1991 and Pdraig Harrington in 1994 - three names the U.S. Ryder Cup team knows all too well.

The commute after the round will be rewarded by the understated luxury of the Sandhouse (www.sandhouse-hotel.ie), a pink landmark that abuts the beautiful Rossnowlagh beach on the shores of the Atlantic Ocean. The Britton family has

transformed the Sandhouse from a fishing lodge built in the 1830s to a modern country house with an award-winning restaurant, the Seashell, and The Marine Spa. The Sandhouse pub is home to a tribute of surfing, a sport many Brittons have mastered. Family trophies and surf boards cover the walls. Just a few miles from the hotel, massive waves offer some of the best surfing in Europe.

The same could be said for the golf. The 60-room Sandhouse is within an hour's drive of six of the Ireland's top links, all served by the travel agency West Coast Links (<http://www.-northandwest-coastlinks.com>). Closest is the Donegal Golf Club (<http://www.donegalgolfclub.ie>), called Murvagh by the locals. The par-73 Donegal plays long and demanding at 7,160 yards. The course,

designed by Irish icon Eddie Hackett, encompasses a windswept peninsula that juts into Donegal Bay, weaving through subtle duneland and providing soul-stirring views of the ocean.

Another must-play on the trip, the 27-hole Enniscrone Golf Club, rests 50 miles away in a small seaside hamlet known for its seaweed baths. English architect Donald Steel's nine-hole addition and redesign from 1999-2001 helped Enniscrone evolve into one of Ireland's most thrilling golf experiences. The dunes rise sometimes 130 feet above sea level, looking more like skyscrapers than hills of sand and grass. Both Enniscrone and Murvagh have been ranked among the top 100 in the British Isles by Golf World.

The final destination of the Emerald Triangle, Glenlo

Photo courtesy of Sandhouse Hotel



Sandhouse Hotel

Abbey (www.glenlo.com) in Galway, isn't positioned as well as the others when it comes to nearby courses, but its five-star elegance and soft beds will allow you a chance to recharge and become a regular tourist for a day.

The private estate on 138 acres opened as a 20-bedroom hotel in 1992. Owners Peggy and John Bourke have renovated the castle-like estate to include 46 bedrooms, nine meeting room and two restau-

rants. The Pullman Restaurant is one of Ireland's most unique dining experiences. Patrons eat tasty meals in dining carriages, one an original car from the Orient Express that carried the rich throughout Europe during its heyday.

A simple 9-hole, double-green course resides on the Glenlo Abbey property, but skip it to spend a day in Galway, home to a lively downtown center with shopping and some rowdy pubs.

From Galway, you've got two choices - make the cross-country trek back to Dublin to fly home or extend your trip to head south to the country's most popular golf destination and fly home through the regional airport in Shannon.

On my visit, I couldn't find time to visit Ireland's premier golf headliners in the southwest, Lahinch and Ballybunion. Still, I couldn't be happier with my choices.



Sandhouse Hotel

Photo courtesy of Sandhouse Hotel



Rathsallagh House Golf & Country Club

The trio of Doonbeg, Tralee and Waterville all proved memorable.

At Doonbeg Golf Club (www.doonbeggolfclub.com) in County Claire, Greg Norman found what some people consider to be among the last great sites for a modern links design. The Lodge at Doonbeg, offering luxury suites and a new clubhouse, is set to open this spring. I played this 6,885-yard track in

winds gusting up to 50 miles-an-hour. Two members of my foursome quit in what became a three-club wind. It was a rude welcome to the famously fickle weather of Ireland's southwest coastline.

Conversely, the following day at Tralee Golf Club, my foursome basked in sunshine. A recent redesign has elevated the stature of Tralee (www.traleegolfclub.com). The playability of the course, the

first Arnold Palmer design in Europe, no longer takes a back seat to its stunning setting. Several holes follow cliffs that plummet to Barrow Beach along the Tralee Bay. Ruins of a stone tower sit beside the third tee box. More ruins, a 12th-century medieval castle on nearby Fenit Island, dominate the horizon.

The next day, two hours south in County Kerry, Waterville unfortunately lived



Photo by Steve Uzzell

Doonbeg Golf Club, Hole No. 6

up to its name. Rain drenched us all 18 holes, again forcing several players to retire to the warmth of the clubhouse for a pint. But I refused to relent, considering the praise bestowed upon the course since its revamping by Tom Fazio. Golf Monthly, a European publication, ranks

the 7,309-yard course No. 5 among the top 120 courses in the world.

Waterville (www.watervillegolflinks.ie) doesn't have the dunes of Enniscrone or the awe-inspiring vistas of Tralee, although its three finishing holes do hug the coastline. It is lauded as a true test of golf, a

rarity for a links. Less than five percent of the world's 144 links courses are considered good enough (and long enough) to be of championship caliber. Tiger Woods and Mark O'Meara have made it a regular stop in their preparation for the British Open. The late Payne Stewart visited so often,

Waterville officials honored his legacy with a statue, much like Pinehurst Resort in North Carolina.

The ride back to the airport offers one last chance to soak up Ireland at its core -- the thatch roofs on quaint homes, the rolling pastures

divided by old-world stone walls, the flocks of sheep. They're images to cherish. Even if you can't find time in 2006 for the Ryder Cup, Ireland must surely be on your list of

dream destinations. For more information, visit <http://www.tourismireland.com>. *MG*

Video: Golfing in Ireland with Jack Berry
<http://michigangolfer.tv/2005shows/golfireland/>



Photo by Steve Uzzell

Doonbeg Hotel as seen from the 5th tee

Michigan's Century-Old Golf Courses



Harbor Point Golf Club

By Art McCafferty, Publisher and Kelly Hill, Managing Editor

There is a most interesting Michigan map on the wall at Mission Pointe Resort on Mackinac Island. The map highlights Michigan's development and also lists the population of the state in its earlier days. At least two of the top-five population areas were in the north. Perhaps that is why many of our early golf courses were established there.

It was during an era when cruise boats plied the Great Lakes and brought vacationers from Chicago to Harbor Springs or Mackinac Island. Detroit vacationers were taken to Mackinac Island, the Les Cheneaux islands or Sault Ste. Marie. In the Upper Peninsula, Michigan mines were in full production and places like Houghton-Hancock and Iron Mountain were densely settled.

What better way to spend one's vacation time in beautiful Northern Michigan than on the links? Here is a quick look at Michigan's courses that were established during that era, over a century ago.

Harbor Point Golf Club (1896)

This course was listed on GOLF Magazine's 1995 list of "The First 100 Clubs in America."

Located on South Lake Shore Drive in Harbor Springs, Harbor Point is a classic course that is challenging but not overwhelming and meticulously maintained. It is semi-private from late June through the first week in September and fully public in the spring and fall.

Two ponds come into play on three holes. The fairways are narrow and were built on rolling terrain. The greens are undulating and some of them are elevated. Originally designed by David Foulis, course architect David Gill added three new holes and redesigned the other 13 in 1972. Harbor Point is a relatively short test of one's game, as the forward

tees measure just 5,034 yards and the championship tees stretch to only 6,003 yards.

This club opens up to the public after 1:30 p.m. daily, during the summer months.

Wequetonsing Golf Club (1896)

In 1888, New York's St. Andrews opened. Six years later it provided the site for the nation's first invitational amateur championship. 1894 also was the year when some pioneering Michigan golfers teed it up at Roaring Brook Course in Harbor Springs. Roaring Brook Course is gone now, but Harbor Point and Wequetonsing Golf Club remain. According to Nancy Duray of Harbor Point and 'Red' Wilson of Wequetonsing, these two Harbor Springs courses opened for play in 1896.

One of the more colorful character's in Wequetonsing's storied history is former caddy master Ford A. Moulton. In 1972, Moulton was featured in the Harbor Light, the weekly newspaper of Harbor Springs.

"When the majority of summer residents arrive in the Harbor Springs area and start to play golf, those playing at Wequetonsing Golf Course will undoubtedly say hello to a man who is starting his 25th year as caddymaster at the course, Ford A. Moulton." the Harbor Light story read, in 1972.

"Now 67, Ford, as everyone called him, remembers when he had 175 caddies under his direction. Those times have

passed. "Now I am down to about 60 caddies. The reason is other jobs. Kids are looking for other jobs, not caddying. The boys are getting younger and smaller every year," he said.

In his 25 years, Moulton served under three golf pros, starting with Cliff Booth, then Lee Kosten and then with Frank "Red" Wilson, who was the pro in 1972.

John J. Wilson is now the head professional at Wequetonsing. "He still trains new caddies on the 18th green, next to the caddymaster's shop, and the instruction is based on 25 years of experience," the Harbor Light story read. "I have enjoyed my 25 years here at the course. The most memorable things I can remember is a hole in one on hole 10 by Ernest Breech, and the day that Red Wilson tied the golf course record. Those would have to be the things I remember best," Moulton said. "There hasn't been too many changes in the course in 25 years, mostly just the enlarging of the tees. This is a very beautiful course," he concluded.

A private course, Wequetonsing also is not particularly long, given today's standards. Wequetonsing usually plays 5,201 yards from the front and 6,150 yards for the average club member.

Les Cheneaux Club & Golf Links (1898)

Located in Cedarville, in the eastern Upper Peninsula, Les Cheneaux is traditional links in its essential features. The nine-

hole Les Cheneaux Golf Club was laid out and chartered by the early members of the Les Cheneaux Club and was ready for play in May of 1898.

Play is from the water and back to the water, sand and water are both natural hazards, as are forest and rock, and the design of the grounds is dictated by the land, not imposed on it. By 1900, the club had posted both a professional nine-hole record score of 38 (by W.V. Hoare) and an amateur record of 41.

Though there have been some changes since the very early years, such as lengthening some holes, the essential character of the links has changed little. Many of the hazards are overgrown piles of the fieldstone cleared from the original fairways and the perpetual hazards of the forest and rock outcrops remain challenging.

Les Cheneaux is open to the public and plays 2,852 yards from the middle tees. For more information, visit: www.lescheneaux.org/recreation/golfing.html.

Wawashkamo Golf Club (1898)

Wawashkamo Golf Club is a semi-private club on Mackinac Island. The course was designed by Alex Smith in 1898. This nine hole gem has been pretty much untouched in its lifespan. One of the bunkers on the course was actually dug by soldiers on the



Tom Bendelow

Island during the times when the Island was under attack.

Saginaw Country Club (1899)

A Saginaw businessman, Charles Davis, noticed the growth of golf on many of his travels to the Eastern part of the United States in the late 19th century. Upon returning from one of his trips, he staked out a nine hole course on his property in 1898. In 1899 the Saginaw Country Club was formed.. In 1909 the nine hole course was purchased and a few years later a

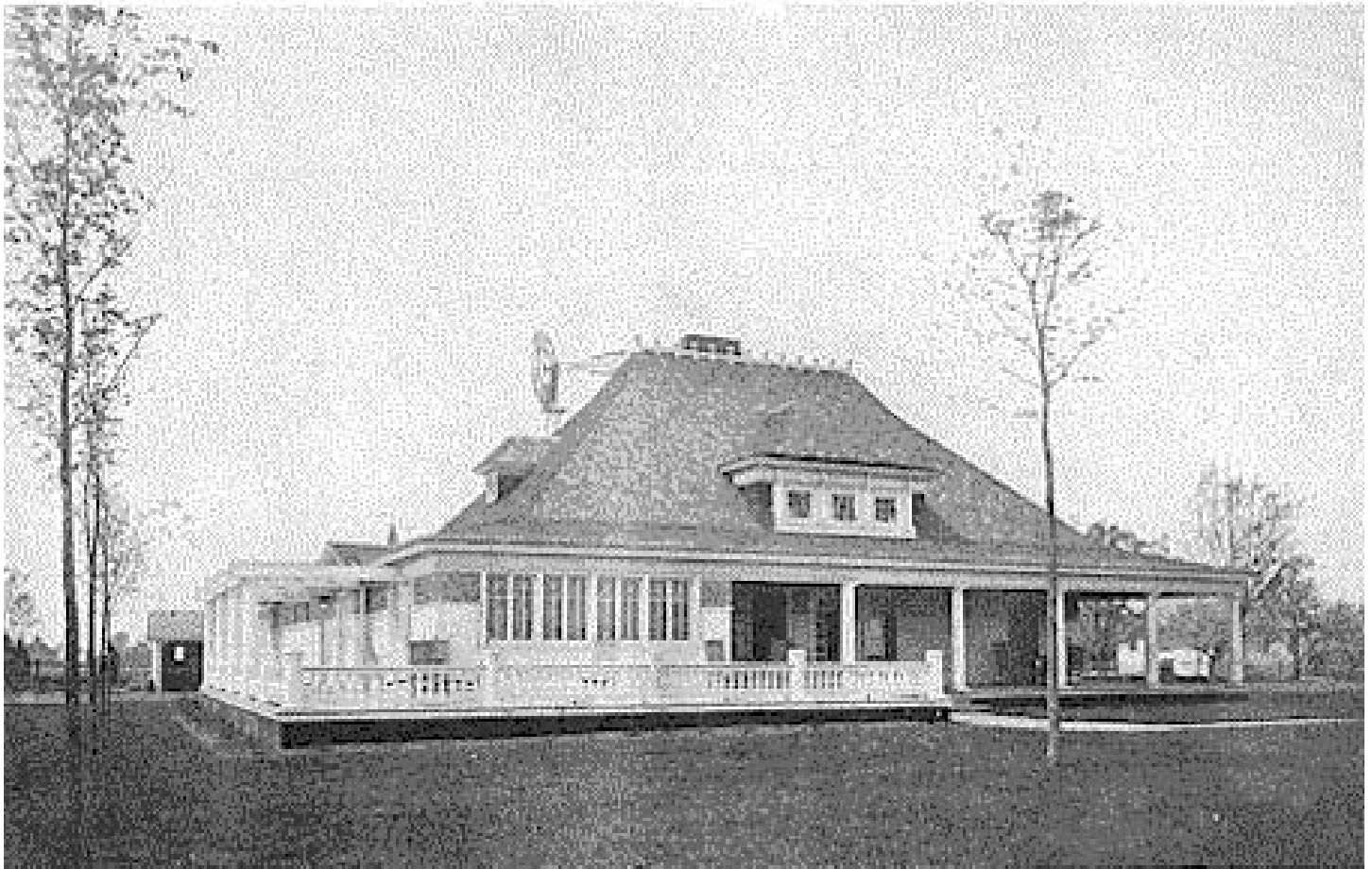
second nine was designed by Tom Bendelow .

Washtenaw Country Club (1899)

In the fall of 1898, two young, entrepreneurial Ypsilantians, Cora (Cornwell) Henry, having just returned from a summer vacation on Martha's Vineyard, and I. Newton Swift, a student at Yale, introduced their friend, Daniel L. Quirk, Jr., to "a wonderful game" being played on the East Coast.

Convincing a friendly farmer on the west edge of Ypsilanti to allow them to sink three topless tomato cans in his freshly-cut hay field, the threesome invited friends to join them for the new game of golf. Enthusiasm for the game was infectious.

On July 11, 1899, a group of 15 Ypsilanti and Ann Arbor residents met and officially formed Washtenaw Country Club. Signers of the Articles of Association included A.A. Van Cleve, S.E. Dodge, R.W. Hemphill, Jr., E.C. Cornwell, J.B. Colvan, H.S. Platt, Charles D. Church, Henry W. Douglas, William Gardam, David B. Dodge, D.L. Quirk, Jr., I. Newton Swift, W.L. Pack, Duane Spalsbury and David R. Morford. On July 18, 1899, the club was incorporated.



Saginaw Country Club

While it has been acclaimed “the second-oldest golf club in Michigan,” Washtenaw actually is the third. Detroit Country Club was started as a nine-hole layout in about 1889, while Saginaw Country Club opened its course in early 1899, a few months ahead of Washtenaw.

For more information, visit: <http://washtenawcc.com>.

Ann Arbor Golf and Outing Club (1890)

The Ann Arbor Golf and Outing Club is a small private club in Ann Arbor located on 38 acres just south of the University of Michigan's football

stadium. As indicated by their website, the actual date of the Club's formation cannot be verified but it is generally thought to be between 1890 and 1903. The club has nine holes of golf that play to a little over 2500 yards. Facilities include a clubhouse with dining rooms and a tennis house with two courts. They do sell a book of their hundred years of golf in the clubhouse.

Sault Ste. Marie Country Club (1906)

Ranking among the oldest golf courses in the state, the Sault Ste. Marie Country Club will turn 100 years old this summer. Over

the past century there have been many stories that have evolved concerning the course. Among the more interesting historical notes is that former club pro John Rueter designed the original "Bulls eye" putter while working at the Sault Country Club. He sold the patent rights to Acushnet, and the "Bulls eye" went on to become the best-selling putter of all-time under the Titleist brand name.

The Sault course has also had its list of prominent players. One that stands out is former club member Vonnie Colby, who won the Upper Peninsula women's championship in 1949 and 1951 and went on to play on the LPGA Tour. Golfers have the option of



Washtenaw Country Club

joining the Country Club or just paying greens fees to play this public course. The daily rates are \$16 for 9 holes and \$25 for 18. Annual golfing memberships are available starting at \$420. Past members may rejoin the country club for an anniversary special of \$100.

Once a private club founded by a group of Union Carbide employees, the Sault golf course has been a 9-hole layout for most of its existence. But in the mid 1980s, the course was expanded to 18 holes, all of the ponds were added and three of the old holes were also redesigned. A fund-raising project was spearheaded by club member Roger Paris; well-known Michigan architect Jerry

Matthews designed the new layout.

Enjoy a casual round of golf, and watch a freighter cruising through the St. Mary's River while you putt on the 17th green. Or take on a serious round on the challenging layout. To post the lowest scores possible, a successful golfer has to play "aggressive, but conservative," according to fifth-year Sault club pro Jim Sipes. The course has many wide-open fairways which can favor long ball hitters. However, "postage stamp" size greens put a premium on approach shots, and a 60-degree pitching wedge is a prized club to have in your bag. "There are times when you need

to be aggressive and times when you need to be conservative," Sipes said. "Knowing the situations to employ that theory is the only way to be successful. You can't overpower this golf course."

While challenging the course, Sipes suggests to jump on the par-5 first, fourth and 17th holes, and try not to get more than bogey on Nos. 9 or 10, which can make or break a round. The 360-yard ninth hole is a long par-4 which features a green guarded by a bunker on the left, while water and out-of-bounds loom on the right. The 355-yard, par 4 No. 10 features a tee shot over a pond. Most will lay up which leaves a difficult,

long approach shot of around 180 yards to a narrow green.

The country club offers its members use of the clubhouse, dining area and banquet room, bar and pool. A fine dining menu includes dishes ranging from several seafood specialties to prime rib and steak. The current club membership of 302 features 74 percent American and 26 percent Canadian, although the percentage of players is nearly the opposite ratio.

The country club has approximately 44 employees, manager Laura Kempfort said. "It's a team effort to keep everything running smoothly from mid-April to mid-October," Kempfort said. "It's like being with a second family. We're lucky to have a very good staff."

The club membership includes many longtime golfers, as well as a influx of second generation members and new members. Lifetime members (50 years or more) include Ken Bailey, Larry Brownlee, Don Findlayson, Harold Stevens and Cora Lee Gustafson. There are four leagues which play at the club. The Elks League plays Monday nights, followed by the Ladies League on Tuesdays, Men's League on Wednesdays and Seniors on Thursdays.

Superintendent Michael Smith and his staff spend approximately 90 hours per week keeping the course in finely-tuned condition. "Mike Smith and his crew keep the course in great shape," Sipes said. "They really do a great job. As far as the membership, this is the fifth golf course I've worked at and the

members here are more friendly than anywhere else I've been."

The biggest annual event is the 36-hole, medal play Lock City Open men's tournament, which draws around 180 golfers. The club hosted the U.P. Men's championship last year and the women's championship the previous year. This year there will be a 100th anniversary, two-person, member-guest scramble on June 2. Men's and women's club championships as well as a junior tournament and the annual Old-Grand Dad event are other marquee events. For a complete list of tournaments contact the pro shop at (906) 632-7812.

Hillsdale Golf & Country Club (1907)

Hillsdale Golf and Country Club was formed in 1907 by Hillsdale citizens who contracted the Spaulding Company of Chicago, Illinois to design a nine-hole golf course. Scotland native Thomas Bendelow laid out a very challenging design with emphasis on the short game. The 5,775-yard course has humbled many a fine golfer over the years. The clubhouse opened in 1910 and has been an institution in the area ever since.

Located on the west side of Baw Beese Lake in Hillsdale County, the Hillsdale Golf and Country Club is a one-of-a-kind establishment. A challenging nine-hole course with beautiful views of the 420-acre lake provides for a relaxing round of golf.

The course is accompanied

by a beautiful dining room overlooking the lake, a grill room for that after-round drink, and a banquet room that can be rented for meetings. An expansive deck overlooking the lake is often used for the club's varied social calendar filled with fun events.

Bendelow designed the challenging 5,775-yard course with emphasis on the short game. The course is known for excellent greens and course conditions geared with the player in mind.

With a PGA professional always available, one's golfing experience will be more than pleasant with opportunities for lessons, club fitting, and merchandise. Tee times are readily available, and leagues and tournaments are scheduled throughout the summer.

After a round, whether you choose the Baw Beese Dining Room for an elegant dinner, the Grill Room for the casual social after golf, or the outside deck terrace overlooking magnificent Baw Beese Lake, the facilities may exceed your expectations. The club can accommodate a luncheon for 10, a casual barbecue for 50, or a gourmet banquet for 100.

The recently remodeled clubhouse, overlooking the lake, is central to the social events of the club, which include theme parties, live entertainment, bridge groups, a euchre club, wine-tasting club and private parties. Additional amenities include a lakefront swim area, great sledding, boat-slip rental, and reciprocity with other Golf Association of Michigan clubs. For more information, visit: <http://hillsdalegolf.com>. **MG**

Michigan Golf History from 2001 - 2005

By Art McCafferty

After having set records for golf course construction in the 80's and 90's, the turn of the century brought a significant downturn in golf course construction. This, in turn, led to golf architects leaving the state for work, trying to get by with renovations or just totally getting out of the business.

The new course openings in the first part of this century found some of Michigan's favorite architect's Jerry Matthews, Art Hills & Steve Forrest and Ray Hearn still very busy. There were also newcomers to our state and to the



Photo by Art McCafferty

Jim Engh and Jack Berry chat about True North Golf Club.



Photo by Art McCafferty

Arnold Palmer, Fred Couples, Lee Trevino and Phil Mickelson at the Treetops Tylenol Par 3 Shootout.



Photo by Art McCafferty

Jerry Matthews is one of the latest inductees to the Michigan Golf Hall of Fame.

craft, namely, Jim Engh, Canadian John Robinson and Michigan's Mike DeVries.

Michigan's soft economy and the overbuilt golf market helped contribute to a stagnant golf industry. In addition, the state lost two of its prestige tournaments, the LPGA Oldsmobile Classic and The Farmers Charity Golf Classic. However, Michigan did remain in the national spotlight with the U.S. Amateur, The U.S. Publinx, The Arnold Palmer Turning Point Invitational, Par 3 Shootout and The Ryder Cup all being held here

The Michigan Golf Hall of Fame recovered from its 10-year respite and brought 19 golfers into a fold that includes golf legends Walter Hagen, Horton Smith, Al Waltrous, Dave and Mike Hill, Gene Bone, Ben Smith, Shirley Spork and Warren Orlick. The turn of the century inductees included; Mary Fossum, Meg Mallon, Robert Mc Masters, Betty Richart, Clarence Wolfrom, Jack Berry, Cindy Figg Curier, Joyce Kazmierski, Greg Reyjnolds, Mary Jane Anderson Hiestand, Jack Saylor, Lloyd, Dan Pohl, Elaine Crosby, Jack Berry, Sara Wold, Stan Aldridge, Jeff Roth and Jerry Matthews.

Scott Hebert, Jeff Roth, Bob Ackerman and Michael Harris were the Michigan professionals to watch in the past five years, while Dan Pohl, Meg Mallon and Tom Gillis were making some noise on the professional side.

Web:

<http://michigangolfer.com/history.html>



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The Ryder Cup was a tremendous success at Oakland Hills.

On the amateur side, Jeff Cuzxort, Mandi McConnell, Casey Baker, EMU's Korey Mahoney and young phenom Ryan Brehm of MSU were the headliners. Bart Lower, former EMU star, became a TV star on the Big Break II and Big Break IV television show during this time.

The three major golf associations in Michigan remained strong during the past five years. The Michigan PGA Section, changed leadership, after Ken Devine stepped down and Kevin Helm took over the helm. David Graham and his GAM team continued their strong leadership on the amateur side. Kate Moore solidified her position with the MGCOA

Photo by Art McCafferty



Scott Hebert has a total of five Michigan Open wins.

and continued to focus the organization on the business of golf.

As we head into the second five years of the century's first decade, we will no doubt experience more course closings, tepid response to tournament sponsorships and few new course openings. The awesome golf boom of the 80's and 90's is past history and the next one, will likely be quite some time from now.

2001

Blackshire at Lakewood Shores Resort
Oscoda
Designed by Kevin Aldridge

Calderone Farms
Jackson
Designed by Bill Newcomb

The Chief GC
Bellaire
Designed by John Robinson

Fox Hills Strategic Course
Plymouth
Designed by Ray Hearn

The Grande GC
Jackson
Designed by Ray Hearn

The Jackal GC
Brighton
Designed by Bruce Matthews III

Kingsley Club
Kingsley
Designed by Mike DeVries

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Sandy Dul Mily, Estelle Dul, and Kathy Dul Aznavorian of Fox Hills cut the ribbon on their new Fox Hills Strategic course.

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The 3rd hole at Moose Ridge. The course was designed by Ray Hearn.

Lochenheath GC
Traverse City
Designed by Steve Smyers

Moose Ridge GC
South Lyon
Designed by Ray Hearn

The Tribute GC, Otsego Club
Gaylord
Designed by Gary Koch and Rick Robbins

2002

Pheasant Run GC
Canton
Designed by Art Hills & Steve Forrest

Lyon Oaks
South Lyon
Designed by Art Hills & Steve Forrest

Hawk's Eye GC
Bellaire
Designed by John Robinson

Rifle River GC
Sterling
Designed by Richard Moll

Forest View GC
Midland
Designed by Brian Wilson

Tullymore
Stanwood
Designed by Jim Engh

2003

Hemlock GC
Ludington
Designed by Ray Hearn

Eagle Eye
Bath
Designed by Chris Lutzke

Diamond Springs
Grand Rapids
Designed by Mike DeVries

Hawk Ridge GC
Grayling
Designed by John Robinson



Photo by Art McCafferty

Gary Koch, Keith Gornick and Rick Robbins at the opening of the Tribute Golf Club at Otsego Club.



Photo by Art McCafferty

The 7th hole at Forest View Golf Course near Midland.

Photo courtesy of Greywalls



The 6th hole at Greywalls, Mike DeVries new course in Marquette.

Forest Dunes
Roscommon
Designed by Tom Weiskopf

Wyngate GC
Rochester Hills
Designed by Craig Schreiner

Yarrow
Augusta
Designed by Ray Hearn

Royal Scot
Lansing
Designed by Ray Hearn

2004

Angels Crossing
Vicksburg
designed by Bruce Matthews III

Sundance GC
Kewadin
Designed by Jerry Matthews

College Field
Okemos
Designed by David Savic and Tom Mead

2005

Greywalls GC
Marquette
Designed by Mike DeVries

The Mines GC
Grand Rapids
Designed by Mike DeVries

Macatawa Legends
Holland
Designed by Ray Hearn

True North GC
Harbor Springs
Designed by Jim Engh *MG*

Photo by Art McCafferty



The 18th hole at True North

Michigan Golfer's Second Annual New Year's Day Top 10 List

*Should auld acquaintance be forgot
and never brought to mind?
Should auld acquaintance be forgot
and days of auld lang syne?
For auld lang syne, my dear,
for auld lang syne,
we'll take a cup of kindness yet,
for auld lang syne.*

- Robert Burns

Top 10 Michigan Golf Stories of 2005 - Random Order

1. MGCOA Launches League Championship Series

Video: [http://michigangolfer.tv/2005 shows/ghf/](http://michigangolfer.tv/2005%20shows/ghf/)

2. Matthews, Garety, Roth and Aldridge Elected to Michigan Golf Hall of Fame
3. Launch of the Native American Cup
4. Loss of Farmer's Charity Classic and Futures Tournaments
5. V.J. Singh beating Tiger Woods

- at the Buick Open
6. Michael Harris Wins Tournament of Champions, Michigan Open, Bay Mills Open
7. Treetops Named Course of the Year by MGCOA
8. The addition of Greywalls, Macatawa Legends, The Mines, College Field and True North to Michigan's golf inventory
9. Calvin Peete and Leo Diegel Elected to the Michigan Sports Hall of Fame
10. Golf for the Gulf

Top 10 Michigan Golf Tournaments - Random Order

1. Buick Open
2. Ford Senior Players Championship
3. Par 3 Shootout
4. Michigan Open
5. Michigan Amateur
6. Western Amateur
7. Bay Mills Open
8. Native American Cup
9. PGA Championship
10. Women's Open

Top 10 Michigan Golf Courses - Golfweek

1. Arcadia Bluffs, Arcadia
2. Tullymore, Stanwood
3. Bay Harbor (Links/Quarry), Harbor Springs
4. Lakewood Shores Resort (Gailes), Oscoda
5. Treetops North (Smith), Gaylord
6. Wilderness Valley GC (Black Forest), Gaylord
7. Black Lake, Onaway
8. Belvedere, Charlevoix
9. High Pointe, Williamston
10. Treetops North (Fazio), Gaylord

Source: Golfweek Magazine

Top 10 Most Influential People in Michigan Golf - Random Order

1. Rick Smith
2. Steve Kircher
3. Chris McInnes
4. Vartan Kupelian
5. Dave Richards
6. David Graham
7. John Dodge
8. Kevin Helm
9. Kate Moore
10. Carlos Monarrez

Top 10 Views in Michigan Golf - Random Order

1. Clubhouse at Arcadia Bluff
2. Clubhouse at Shanty Creek
3. Clubhouse at Little Traverse Bay
4. The Tower at Grand Traverse Resort and Spa
5. The Cuppola at the Grand Hotel
6. The 6th hole at Treetops
7. Anywhere at Bay Harbor
8. Clubhouse at the Otsego Club
9. Clubhouse at Oakland Hills CC
10. The Clubhouse at Buck's Run

Top 10 Instructional Golf Programs in Michigan - Random Order

1. Boyne Golf Academy with Brian O'Neil and Jim Flick
2. Grand Traverse Resort and Spa-Jim McLean Golf School with Jason Jenkins
3. Treetops-Rick Smith Golf Academy with Henry Young
4. Homestead-Dave Peltz Short Game School
5. Crystal Mountain Resort-Crystal Mountain Golf School with Brad Dean
6. Miles of Golf-Dave Kendall's Golf Academy
7. Fox Hills-Crystal Mountain Resort-Crystal Mountain Golf School with Brad Dean and Scott Wilson
8. Carl's Golfland Schools with Dick Bury
9. Treetops -Ladies Golf School with Judy Mason
10. Patti Butcher's Golf Academy

Top 10 Teachers in Michigan

1. Rick Smith, Treetops Resort, Gaylord
2. Dave Kendall, Miles of Golf, Ypsilanti
3. Bradley Dean, Crystal Mt. Resort, Thompsonville
4. Henry Young, Treetops Sylvan Resort, Gaylord
5. Jeff Ferry, Franklin Hills C.C., Franklin
6. Steve Brady, Oakland Hills C.C., Bloomfield Hills
7. Charley Vandenberg, Kent C.C., Grand Rapids
8. Glenn Hall, Westbrooke G. Cse., Novi
9. Dick Bury, Carl's Golfland, Bloomfield Hills
10. Jack Seltzer, Insideswing, Burton

Source: Golf Digest

Top 10 Michigan PGA Players on Money List

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|---------------------|-------------|
| 1. John DalCorobbo | \$17,925.00 |
| 2. Scott Hebert | \$12,750.00 |
| 3. Ron Beurmann | \$11,328.52 |
| 4. Joseph Pollack | \$11,045.00 |
| 5. Jordan Young | \$10,550.42 |
| 6. Kenneth Allard | \$9,367.08 |
| 7. Bob Ackerman III | \$7,527.50 |
| 8. Jeff Sobczak | \$6,931.25 |
| 9. Robert Makoski | \$6,452.50 |
| 10. Brian Cairns | \$6,325.83 |

Source: Michigan PGA

Top 10 Michigan Golfer Television Shows - Random Order

1. MGCOA Launches League Championship Series
<http://michigangolfer.tv/2005shows/mgcoaleaguementournament/>
2. Matthews, Garety, Roth and Aldridge Elected to Michigan Golf Hall of Fame
<http://michigangolfer.tv/2005shows/ghf/>
3. Celebration of the Ryder Cup
<http://michigangolfer.tv/2005shows/irish/>
4. The Loon Golf Club
<http://michigangolfer.tv/2005shows/Loon/>
5. Bay Mills Open Players Tournament
<http://baymillsopen.com>
6. The Natural
<http://michigangolfer.tv/2005shows/natural/>
7. The Majestic at Lake Walden
<http://michigangolfer.tv/2005shows/majestic/>
8. True North
<http://michigangolfer.tv/2005shows/truenorth/>
9. Michigan Open
<http://michigangolfer.tv/2005shows/michiganopen/>

10. Native American Cup
<http://michigangolfer.tv/2005shows/nativeamericancup/>

Top 10 Golf Books of All Time

1. Bernard Darwin On Golf by Bernard Darwin, edited by Jeff Silverman (2003)
2. The Golf Omnibus by P.G. Wodehouse (1980)
3. The Story of American Golf by Herbert Warren Wind (1948)
4. Down the Fairway by Robert T. Jones Jr. and O.B. Keeler (1927)
5. Golf In The Kindom by Michael Murphy (1972)
6. Dead Solid Perfect by Dan Jenkins (1971)
7. The Mystery Of Golf by Arnold Haultain (1908)
8. Five Lessons: The Modern Fundamentals of Golf by Ben Hogan (1957)
9. Scotland's Gift: Golf by Charles B. Macdonald (1928)
10. Golf Dreams by John Updike (1996)

Source: Travel and Leisure

Top 10 Reasons Why Golf is Better than Sex

10. A below par performance is considered good.
9. You can stop in the middle and have a cheeseburger and a couple of beers.
8. It's much easier to find the sweet spot.

7. Foursomes are encouraged.
6. You can still make money doing it as a senior.
5. Three times a day is possible.
4. Your partner doesn't hire a lawyer if you do it with some one else.
3. If you live in Florida, you can do it every day.
2. You don't have to cuddle with your partner when you're finished.
1. If your equipment gets old and rusty, you can replace it.

Source: David Letterman Show

Top 10 Golf Videos

1. "Jack Nicklaus: Golf My Way"
2. "Phil Ritson Video Encyclopedia of Golf"
3. "The 8-Step Swing by Jim McLean"
4. "How I Play Golf" (Bobby Jones)
5. "Lessons with Leadbetter"
6. "David Leadbetter: Simple Secrets for Great Golf"
7. "Arnold Palmer: Play Great Golf"
8. "Fred Couples on Tempo"
9. "Butch Harmon DVD Series"
10. "Harvey Penick's Little Red Video"

Source: About.com Website

Top 10 Classic Golf Instruction Books

1. "The Golf Instruction Manual"

2. "The Golf Handbook: The Complete Guide to the Greatest Game"
3. "Harvey Penick's Little Red Book"
4. "Practical Golf"
5. "The Golf School: The Tuition Free Tee-To-Green Curriculum"
6. "The Golf Swing"
7. "Five Lessons: The Modern Fundamentals of Golf"
8. "Golf Digest's Ultimate Drill Book"
9. "David Leadbetter's Faults and Fixes: How to Correct ..."
10. "The Scrambler's Dozen: The 12 Shots Every Golfer Needs to Score Like the Pros"

Source: Brent Kelley-Your Guide to Golf.

10 Toughest Golf Courses in the United States

1. Koolau Golf Course, Oahu, Hawaii
2. The International Golf Club, Bolton, Massachusetts
3. Whistling Straits, Kohler, Wisconsin
4. Ocean Course, Kiawah Island, South Carolina
5. Concord Resort and Golf Club Monster Course, Kiamesha Lake, New York
6. Lagoon Legend, Marriott's Bay Point Resort, Panama City, Florida
7. PGA West's Stadium Course, La Quinta, California
8. Renegade Course at Desert Mountain, Scottsdale, Arizona

9. Bayonet Course, Fort Ord, Seaside, California
 10. PGA West's Jack Nicklaus Tournament Course, La Quinta, California
- Source: Jeff Williams, Newsweek*

Top 10 Golf Courses in America

1. Pine Valley G.C. 6,853 70 Pine Valley, N.J.— George Crump & H.S. Colt (1918)
2. Augusta National G.C. 7,290 72 Augusta, Ga.— Alister Mackenzie & Bobby Jones (1933)
3. Shinnecock Hills G.C. 6,821 70 Southampton, N.Y. — William Flynn (1931)
4. Cypress Point Club 6,509 72 Pebble Beach, Calif. Alister Mackenzie & Robert Hunter (1928)
5. Oakmont C.C. 7,279 71 Oakmont, Pa. — Henry Fownes (1903)
6. Pebble Beach G. Links 6,840 72-Pebble Beach, Calif.— Jack Neville & Douglas Grant (1919)
7. Merion G.C. (East) 6,852 70 Ardmore, Pa. — Hugh Wilson (1912)
8. Winged Foot G.C. (West) 7,229 72 Mamaroneck, N.Y. — A.W. Tillinghast (1923)
9. National G. Links of America 6,876 73 Southampton, N.Y. C.B. Macdonald (1911)
10. Seminole G.C. 6,836 72 Juno Beach, Fla. Donald Ross (1929)

Source: Golf Digest

Top 10 Courses in the Upper Peninsula - Random Order

1. Wild Bluff
2. Timberstone
3. The Rock at Drummond Island
4. George Young Golf Course
5. Gladstone Golf Club
6. Keweenaw Mountain Lodge
7. Red Fox Run
8. Greywalls of Marquette CC
9. Sault Ste. Marie CC
10. Newberry Golf Club

Top 10 Natural Rules of Golf

1. Since bad shots come in groups of three, a fourth bad shot is actually the beginning of the next group of three.
2. When you look up, causing an awful shot, you will always look down again at exactly the moment when you ought to start watching the ball if you ever want to see it again.
3. There are two things you can learn by stopping your back swing at the top and checking the position of your hands: how many hands you have, and which one is wearing the glove.
4. Golfers who claim they don't cheat, also lie.
5. It's surprisingly easy to hole a 50-foot putt when you lie 8.
6. It's not a gimme if you're still away.
7. If you want to hit a 7-iron as far as Tiger Woods does, simply try to lay up just short of a water

hazard.

- 8 Hazards attract; fairways repel.
9. The shortest distance between any two points on a golf course is a straight line that passes directly through the center of a very large tree.
10. Every time a golfer makes a birdie, they must subsequently make two triple bogeys to restore the fundamental equilibrium of the universe.

Source: Jim McIntyre

Top 10 Golf Courses in Southeast Michigan

1. The Orchards, Washington Township — 18 holes, 7,036 yards, par-72
2. Salem Hills, Northville - 18 holes, 6,992 yards, par-72
3. Dunham Hills, Hartland 18 holes, 6,771 yards, par-71
4. Fieldstone, Auburn Hills - 18 holes, 7,002 yards, par-72
5. Shepherd's Hollow, Clarkston - 27 holes, par-72
6. Plum Brook, Sterling Heights - 18 holes, 6,300 yards, par-71
- T-7. Boulder Pointe, Oxford - 27 holes, par-72
- T-7. Carrington, Monroe - 18 holes, 6,871 yards, par-72
9. Lyon Oaks, Wixom - 18 holes, 6,837 yards, par-72
10. Twin Lakes, Oakland Township - 18 holes, 6,745, par-71

Source: Carlos Monarrez, Detroit Free Press MG

<http://michigangolfer.tv>



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- The Natural with Jerry Matthews
- The Majestic Golf at Lake Walden with Jerry Matthews
- Timberstone Golf Course with Jerry Matthews
- The Tribute Golf Course with Gary Koch
- The Loon Golf Club with Mike Husby
- The Concession with Tony Jacklin, Jack Nicklaus and Vanessa Bell
- True North Golf Club with Jim Engh
- Sundance Golf Course with Jerry Matthews

Destination Golf

- Golfing in Ireland with Jack Berry
- Grayling Golf-Grayling CC, Fox Run, Grandview and Twin Birch
- Ireland Golf & the Ryder Cup with Vanessa Bell

Michigan Golf Hall of Fame Series

- Dan Pohl with Jack Berry
- Elaine Crosby with Jack Berry
- Jerry Matthews with Jack Berry
- Stan Aldridge with Jack Berry
- Joan Garety with Jack Berry

Michigan Golf History

- The Ryder Cup Opening Ceremonies with Vanessa Bell
- Arnold Palmer and the Turning Point Invitational
- Memories of the Ryder Cup with Vanessa Bell
- The Irish Invasion of the Henry Ford
- An Evening with Tom Doak

Tournament Golf

- 2005 Michigan PGA Championship
- 2005 Bay Mills Open Players Championship
- 2005 Detroit Newspapers Michigan Open
- Treetops Pepsi Challenge
- Native American Cup with Notah Begay III

Books for the Holidays

Lines of Charm **By Geoff Shackelford**

The latest from Ann Arbor Media Group chronicles the great master golf designers from the turn of the twentieth century until the Great Depression. A number of the architects chronicled, Ross, Willie Park Jr., Donald Ross, C.H. Alison and H.S. Colt built courses in Michigan. The book helped fill in a lot of holes in my own knowledge about the game and those who created the challenges it brings. While not for everybody, it is definitely a book for those that find golf course architecture the fascinating subject that it is.
<http://annarbormediagroup.com>

Pebble Beach Golf and the Forgotten Men **By Jerry Stewart**

Ann Arbor Media Group went back to the well for another caddie themed book, this time about the caddies at famed Pebble Beach. In 2004, the publishing firm came out with the book; "Men on the Bag: The Caddies of Augusta National" and did very well with it.

Pebble Beach: Golf and the Forgotten Men traces the caddies that worked at Pebble Beach and those golfers that helped to immortalize the course. Author Jerry Stewart, like Ward Clayton of

"Men on the Bag" has spent a portion of his journalistic life at the site of his research. Stewart has worked as a correspondent for the Monterey County Herald and was a contributing writer for a book on Tiger Woods' victory at the 2000 U.S. Open." *The Major: 7 Days at Golf's Greatest Championship.*"

It brings back memories for those that have watched the various events at Pebble Beach over the years or have had the opportunity to tee it up for an amazing day of golf. The book brings back the memorable days of Crosby, Nicklaus, Kite, Watson, and Phil Harris as seen through the eyes of those that carried their bags.

It is a quick and delightful read.

The book will be available just in time for the holiday season. Published by Ann Arbor Media Group, it will retail for \$24.95. It has yet to appear on their website <http://annarbormediagroup.com>

Another recent book from Ann Arbor Media Group, "Sam: The One and Only Sam Snead", written by Al Barkow, is also available in book stores.

Adventure Golf **By Ian Cross**

Reading this book is like hitting a golf ball in a tile bath-

room, it is all over the place. Ian Cross and the crew of Pilot Guides, globetrot the world visiting some very exotic golf courses. "Adventure Golf" takes you to courses in Scotland, South Africa, United Arab Emirates, Japan and California. The book is much like an expensive diary as it chronicles their many travels. The real surprise here is the DVD. It allows the reader to see the author and the places he visits. After seeing the DVD, I wanted to go back and re read some of the book's passages.

The Globe Pequot Press publishes the book. For more info: http://www.pilotguides.com/tv_shows/adventure_golf/index.php

Get Yourself in Golf Shape **By Cindy Reid and Steve Eubanks**

This is yet another golf book on getting yourself in shape to maximize your golf game. Cindy Reid and Steve Eubanks have put together an excellent book with well thought out photographs to bring the readers a no nonsense plan to get them in shape. Their "11-Day Fitness Program is guaranteed to make you suddenly subtle.

Rodale Press is the publisher and Holzbrinck Publishing is the distributor. The cost is \$17.95
<http://rodale.com>

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Golf: Lower Your Score with Mental Training By Dr. Tom Saunders

This is a re-release of a book that originally appeared in 1996 as “The Mind-Body

Connection: Lower Your Score with Mental Training”. Written by Dr. Tom Saunders, who now teaches at the University of Calgary, the revised edition features a CD that helps the reader, more easily grasp the contents through audio support.

The book has been a success in the past and should continue to do so in the future with this new revised edition.

Saunders picked up an MA in medical education from MSU. <http://www.CHPUS.com>. **MG**

SLICE OF LIFE



By Terry Moore

'Old School' Communication

I don't know if it was from a parent or a teacher but I was always taught a prompt reply to a phone message or to a recent correspondence-- is a form of courtesy and good etiquette.

Such Emily Post-it notes of social etiquette came to mind after a few recent occurrences. One involved a college senior who contacted me via email and asked me for some advice and assistance in pursuing some job prospects in the golf industry. Knowing him and his family for a number of years, I was happy to oblige. I took extra time in my research for him and even compiled a comprehensive list of possible contacts. I emailed it to the young man and waited for

his reply. Several days went by and still no word from him. In this day of spam filters, I fretted whether or not the email ever arrived. So I sent another email, after double-checking his address, and simply inquired if he had received my previous email. Later that day and to his credit, the student did call me at my office and said he had indeed received my emails, thanking me for my efforts. He admitted he just "hadn't gotten around" to sending a reply. Biting my tongue, I didn't lecture or admonish him for this minor breach of courtesy and we went on to have a cordial conversation. But in the back of mind, I wanted to impart one tip from Job Search 101: be prompt and courteous in getting back to people, especially those who do you a favor. And if you're too busy to hand write a classy "thank you" note (still the best and most memorable touch) at least break a little digital sweat and drop them an email.

You see, it still amazes me in this age of email with its convenience and immediacy how lax and indifferent some people can be in communication. I mean, how

much time and energy does it take to read an email, hit the reply button, and compose a few sentences of acknowledgement?

The other occurrence started several months ago when I had a meeting with a young marketing "executive" to discuss a golf project of mutual interest. The person expressed genuine interest in the matter and said she would follow up with me shortly. In my mind, it was a perfectly fine business encounter with all the standard courtesies observed. As such, I didn't even try to contact the person for over a month. When I finally did, I fully expected some further conversation. Well, after leaving several yet never pestering phone voice mails (all after listening to the standard promised script of "I'll be happy to return your call etc") and a few politely written emails, I've yet to receive a single reply. This is now some three months in duration. Now unless this person has assumed a new aide slot working for Madam Secretary Condi Rice, I can't fathom why she can't or won't find less than thirty seconds in her day to make a reply. And it seems so

wasteful of each other's time. Tell me "thanks, but no thanks" but tell me something so we can move on. In my early career days, I recall reading some of the management principles of IBM. One that has stuck with me is simply this: "Return all phone calls within 24 hours." Certainly, there's a sales incentive at work here but the practice speaks volumes about how IBM wanted to act in an energetic manner but also how it wanted to be perceived.

Okay, where is all of this leading? For sure, I had to get off a rant here. But I also wanted to share a story about a communicator from the Old School. I cherish two letters written to me by the esteemed golf writer Herbert Warren Wind who passed away last May. As a fledgling editor of *Michigan Golfer*, completely wet behind the ears, I wrote a letter in 1984 to Mr. Wind asking his permission to interview him for the magazine. He promptly wrote back, thanking me for the request but humbly declining to be interviewed. He wrote, in part: "I will be at the Masters and, of course, would be pleased to talk to you, but I really do not want to be interviewed for a piece...I hope you understand. See you down there.

Yours very truly, Herb Wind."

A month later in Augusta, I nervously introduced myself to Mr. Wind (who insisted I then call him Herb) and we struck up a wonderful conversation. He was a gentleman in the best sense of the word, kind and thoughtful and never arrogant or pretentious in spite of his lofty literary reputation.

Moving ahead a few years, I even had the good fortune to share a table with Herb in the Augusta National clubhouse and watch the Masters telecast during a Friday round marked by incessant rain. After the tournament, I wrote him a letter and within a week or two I received from him a handwritten note on that iconic *The New Yorker* stationary. "Dear Terry, thanks very much for your good letter. I very much enjoyed not going out in the rain on the Friday at Augusta, and sitting comfortably in the clubhouse and chatting and kibitzing on what TV showed us. I have finished with my piece. There is awful lot of bad weather in it...Hope to see you at the U.S. Open. Yours very truly, Herb Wind."

Thankfully, he never relied on email. *MG*

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