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# Top 10 Michigan Golf Stories of 2006

## -- Random Order

The Otsego Club is sold to the Osprey Management Group, thus ending five decades of Gornick family ownership

Tiger shoots four rounds of 66 to win his 50th PGA golf tournament at the Buick Open.

Scott Hebert joins the Grand Traverse Resort & Spa team and wins the Michigan Open the same week.

Michigan Golf Hall of Fame inducts Raymond Bolo, Thomas Chisholm, John Grace, John Morse and Jeanne Myers

Chuck Kocsis, one of Michigan's greatest golfers, dies.

Eagle Eye GC is named MGCOA's golf course of the year

Another tournament bites the dust as the TPC Seniors folds its hospitality tents.. The tournament joins the Bay Mills Open, the Bank of Ann Arbor Futures Golf Classic, and the Farmers Charity Classic as defunct tournaments.

The Heather at Boyne Highlands Turns 40

Bill Paxton visits Birmingham to preview his great golf film, "The Greatest Game Ever Played"

"Thomas 'Tom' Bendelow: The Johnny Appleseed of American Golf", is published by Williams and Company. Written by his grandson, Stuart Bendelow, the book highlights the prolific golf course design career of Bendelow, who had his imprint on 53 Michigan courses. All told, Bendelow had a hand in the creation of over 500 golf courses in America.



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Gary Koch, Keith Gornick, and Rick Robbins celebrate the opening of The Tribute.



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Thomas Bendelow



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## Top 10 Michigan Open Champions

Al Watrous 1949, 1943, 1930, 1929, 1927, 1926

Scott Hebert 2006, 2002, 2001, 2000, 1999, 1997

Randy Erskine 1985, 1984, 1978, 1979, 1976

John Barnum 1961, 1960 1958, 1950

Chick Harbert 1953, 1948, 1942, 1937

Walter Burkemo 1970, 1957, 1955, 1951

Chuck Kocsis 1946, 1945, 1931

Marvin Stahl 1939, 1938, 1936

Buddy Whitten 1982, 1983 1956

Steve Brady 1996, 1992, 1991

## Top 10 Michigan Green Complexes

Crystal Downs

Lost Dunes

Oakland Hills (South)

High Pointe

Indianwood (Old)

Franklin Hills

Gailes

Medowbrook

Dunes Club

Barton Hills

-- Submitted by Dave Richards

## Top 10 Michigan PGA Players Money List

Scott Hebert	\$26,880.00
J.R. Roth	\$7,402.92
George Bowman	\$7,398.58
Randy Erskine	\$6,997.75
Kenneth Allard	\$6,967.08
Ian Ziska	\$6,753.13
Ron Beurmann	\$6,235.51
Bob Ackerman III	\$6,115.83
Brian Cairns	\$6,087.50
John DalCorobbo	\$5,744.00

[http://michigan.pga.com/index.cfm?content=dcms&option=PlayeroftheYear&edit\\_id=10856](http://michigan.pga.com/index.cfm?content=dcms&option=PlayeroftheYear&edit_id=10856)



# Top 10 Player Nicknames

Sphinx of the Links - Bob Charles - did not talk much  
Wild Thing - John Daly - enough said  
The Wee Ice Mon - Ben Hogan - cold blooded competitor  
Bugs Bunny - Don Massendale - large front teeth  
Harry Hitch - Arnold Palmer - always hitches his pants  
All Day - Glen Day - slow player  
Dr. Dirt - Brad Bryant - unscrubbed look  
Charlie Cigar - Charlie Sifford - always had a cigar in mouth  
Smokey the Bear - Mike Souchak - burly shape  
Urkel - Tiger Woods - Notah Begay's nickname for Tiger who had a nerdy look at Stanford

Source: <http://about.com>

# Top 10 Michigan PGA Champions

Al Watrous 1954, 1952, 1941, 1939, 1938, 1936, 1932, 1924, 1922  
Chick Harbert 1959, 1953, 1950, 1949, 1947, 1946  
Lynn Janson 1987, 1985, 1981, 1979  
John Barnum 1961, 1958, 1957  
Jeff Roth 2003, 1999, 1998  
Steve Brady 1995, 1993  
Gene Bone 1975, 1966  
Walter Hagen 1931, 1930  
Buddy Whitten 1983, 1977  
Al Mengert 1980, 1976  
Sam Byrd 1945, 1944

Source: Michigan Section PGA



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Rick Smith and Phil Mickelson

# Top 10 Greatest Teachers

Butch Harmon  
David Leadbetter  
Jim McLean  
Hank Haney  
Rick Smith  
Jim Flick  
Mike McGetrick  
Dave Pelz  
Chuck Cook  
Craig Shankland

-- Taken from a Golf Digest Rating



## Top 10 Collegiate Golf Schools - Men

UCLA  
Georgia Tech  
Pepperdine  
Rollins  
Florida  
Wake Forest  
Southern Cal  
Stanford  
Duke  
North Carolina

Source: <http://about.com>

## Top 10 Collegiate Golf Schools - Women

Duke  
UCLA  
Rollins  
Vanderbilt  
Virginia  
Stanford  
Southern Cal  
Cal-Berkeley  
Wake Forest  
Pepperdine

Source: <http://about.com>

# Top 10 US Golf Courses

Winged Foot Golf Club - West Course Mamaroneck, NY  
Bethpage State Park Golf Course - Black Course Farmingdale, NY  
Pebble Beach Golf Links - Pebble Beach Golf Links Course Pebble Beach, CA  
Pine Valley Golf Club - Pine Valley Course Clementon, NJ  
Oakmont Country Club - Oakmont Course Oakmont, PA  
Canoe Brook Country Club - North Course Summit, NJ  
Medinah Country Club - Championship Course Medinah, IL  
Deerfield Golf & Tennis Club - Deerfield Course Newark, DE  
Fossil Trace Golf Club - Fossil Course Golden, CO  
Augusta National Golf Club - Augusta National Course

<http://www.golflink.com/top-golf-courses/>

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# ***Top 10 Golf Courses in Canada***

The National Golf Club of  
Canada

St. George's G&CC

Hamilton G&CC

Devil's Paintbrush

Beacon Hall GC

Capilani G&CC

Highland Links

Jasper Park Lodge GC

Shaughnessy G&CC

The Links at Crowbush Cove

-- SCORE MAGAZINE

# **Top 10 Ontario Golf Courses**

St. George's G&CC

Hamilton G&CC

The National Golf Club of Canada

Redtail GC

Rocky Crest GC

Beacon Hall GC

Westmount G&CC

Glen Abbey GC

Toronto GC

Bigwin Island GC

[http://www.golfontario.ca/features/top50\\_bestofbest.shtml](http://www.golfontario.ca/features/top50_bestofbest.shtml)

# **Top 10 PGA Career Wins**

Sam Snead - 82

Jack Nicklaus - 73

Ben Hogan - 64

Arnold Palmer - 62

Tiger Woods - 54

Byron Nelson - 52

Billy Casper - 51

Walter Hagen - 44

Cary Middlecoff - 40

Gene Sarazen - 39

<http://golf.about.com/od/historyofgolf/l/blgolfalmanac.htm>





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# Top 10 LPGA Career Wins

Kathy Whitworth - 88

Mickey Wright - 82

Annika Sorenstam - 69

Patty Berg - 60

Louise Suggs - 58

Betsy Rawls - 55

Nancy Lopez - 48

JoAnne Carner - 43

Sandra Haynie - 42

Babe Zaharias - 41

<http://golf.about.com/od/historyofgolf/l/blgolfalmanac.htm>

# Top 10 Champions Tour Winners

Hale Irwin - 44

Lee Trevino - 29

Miller Barber - 24

Bob Charles - 23

Gil Morgan - 23

Don January - 22

Chi Chi Rodriguez - 22

Bruce Crampton - 20

Jim Colbert - 20

George Archer - 19

<http://golf.about.com/od/historyofgolf/l/blgolfalmanac.htm>

# Top 10 European Money Winners

Yearly money leaders on the PGA European Tour (£ - British pound)

2005 - Colin Montgomerie, Scotland, Euro: 2,794,223

2004 - Ernie Els, South Africa, Euro: 4,061,904.80

2002 - Lee Westwood, South Africa, Euro: 3,125,147

2003 - Ernie Els, South Africa, Euro: 2,975,374.43

2001 - Retief Goosen, South Africa, Euro: 2,862,806

2005 - Colin Montgomerie, Scotpand, Euro: 2,794,223

2000 - Retief Goosen, South Africa, Euro: 2,360,127.65

1999 - Colin Montgomerie, Scotland, Euro: 1,822,880

1998 - Colin Montgomerie, Scotland, £ 993,077

1996 - Colin Montgomerie, Scotland, £ 875,146

1995 - Colin Montgomerie, Scotland, £ 835,051

<http://golf.about.com/cs/historyofgolf/a/eurotourmoney.htm>

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# Top 10 Instructional Videos / DVD's for Golfers

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

<http://golf.about.com/od/golftips/tp/instructiontape.htm>

## Top 10 Michigan Golfer Television Shows 2006



Photo courtesy of the Loon

The Loon GC

DATE	SHOW	VIEWERS
2003	-Golf and Stay Packages	37,432
2001	-GAM Women's Senior Championship	19,058
2005	-Ryder Cup	15,457
2005	-The Loon GC	15,205
2006	-Golf Packages	9,327
2004	-Out State Getaways	9,811
2003	-Golf Real Estate	9,751
2005	-Michigan Golf Hall of Fame	8,761
2004	-Preview of New Golf Courses	8,249
2003	-Walter Hagen	8,144
Total viewership* in 2006		560,691
*(10/30/2005 to 11/01/2006)		

# Top 10 Golf Instructional Books

*The Golf Instruction Manual*

*The Golf Handbook: The Complete Guide to the Greatest Game*

*Harvey Penick's Little Red Book*

*Practical Golf* -John Jacobs

*The Golf School: The Tuition Free Tee-To-Green Curriculum ...* -Jim McLean

*The Golf Swing* -David Leadbetter

*Five Lessons: The Modern Fundamentals of Golf* -Ben Hogan

*Golf Digest's Ultimate Drill Book*

*David Leadbetter's Faults and Fixes: How to Correct ...*

*The Scrambler's Dozen: The 12 Shots Every Golfer Needs to Score Like the Pros* -Mike McGetrick

<http://golf.about.com/od/golftips/tp/generalinstruct.htm>



## Top 10 Golf Movies

*The Greatest Game Ever Played*

*Tin Cup*

*Dead Solid Perfect*

*Happy Gilmore*

*Follow the Sun*

*Caddyshack*

*The Legend of Bagger Vance*

*Bobby Jones - Stroke of Genius*

*The Caddy*

--Brent Kelley & Art McCafferty  
<http://golf.about.com/cs/top5lists/tp/golfmovies.htm>

## Top 10 Golf Schools

Advantage Golf School

Butch Harmon School of Golf

Grand Cypress Academy of Golf

Golf University

Kiawah Island Golf Academy

Dave Pelz Scoring Game Schools

Pine Needles Learning Center

David Leadbetter Golf Academy

Roland Stafford Golf Schools

The Phil Ritson-Mel Sole Golf School

[About Golf http://www.golfschoolinfo.com/golf-instruction-1/](http://www.golfschoolinfo.com/golf-instruction-1/)

## Top 10 Golf Tournament Formats

Scramble

Best Ball

Alternate Shot

Modified Stableford

Chapman (Pinehurst)

Bingo Bango Bongo

Flags

Lone Ranger

Peoria System

Callaway System

## Top 10 New Golf Products

Never Compromise, Milled Series Putters

SkyCaddie

Nike SasQuatch Driver

Nike Women's Wear

Callaway X-18 Irons

Srixon Z-UR/Z-URS Balls

The Golfing Machine, by Homer Kelly

David Leadbetter Swing Setter

Adidas Tour 360 Shoes

Electric Spin Golf Launchpad

[http://www.edmontonplus.ca/feature/golf\\_guide/12755/top\\_products.jsp](http://www.edmontonplus.ca/feature/golf_guide/12755/top_products.jsp)

## Top 10 Golf Communities

Santa Lucia Preserve

The Bear's Club

Isleworth

Kiawah Island

Mayacama

Wade Hampton

Estancia Sea Island

The Cliffs Communities

Promontory: The Ranch

<http://www.travelandleisure.com/tlgolf/articles/golf-americas-top-100-golf-communities/?page=2>



# Top 10 Golf Websites

PGATour.com & GolfWeb

<http://www.golfweb.com/>

USGA

<http://usga.org>

Golf Online - Golf Magazine

<http://www.golfonline.com/golfonline>

WorldGolf.com

<http://worldgolf.com>

Golf Digest

<http://golfdigest.com>

The Golf Channel

<http://thegolfchannel.com>

PGA.com

<http://pga.com>

Golfcourse.com

<http://golfcourse.com>

LearnAboutGolf.com

<http://learnaboutgolf.com>

PGA Professional

<http://golfprofessional.com>

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# Top 10 Funny Golf Quotes

Golf combines two favorite American pastimes: taking long walks and hitting things with a stick.

- P. J. O'Rourke

Golf is a game in which you yell 'fore', shoot six, and write down five. - Paul Harvey

It took me seventeen years to get 3,000 hits in baseball. I did it in one afternoon on the golf course.

- Hank Aaron

If I had cleared the trees and drove the green, it would've been a great shot.

- Sam Snead

I know I am getting better at golf because I am hitting fewer spectators. - Gerald Ford

Golf is a game whose aim is to hit a very small ball into an even smaller hole, with weapons singularly ill-designed for the purpose. - Winston Churchill

The only sure rule in golf is - he who has the fastest cart never has to play the bad lie. - Mickey Mantle

The reason the pro tells you to keep your head down is so you can't see him laughing. - Phyllis Diller

Golf is a good walk spoiled. - Mark Twain

Sex and golf are the two things you can enjoy even if you're not good at them. - Kevin Costner

[http://www.dontquoteme.com/feature/topten/funny\\_golf\\_quotes.jsp](http://www.dontquoteme.com/feature/topten/funny_golf_quotes.jsp)

# Top 10 Private Michigan Golf Clubs

Country Club of Detroit  
Crystal Downs  
Pointe O Woods  
Oakland Hills (south)  
Indiandwood Old  
Franklin Hills  
Oakland Hills (north)  
Plum Hollow  
Detroit Golf Club (north)  
Battle Creek Golf Club

-- Submitted by *Brian Cairns*



Photo by Niles Young, Jr.

Point O'Woods, Hole No. 4

# Top 10 Public Michigan Golf Clubs



Photo by Kevin Frisch / Resort & Golf Marketing

The Heather, Boyne Highlands

The Orchards  
The Fortress  
Arcadia Bluffs  
The Gailes  
Lost Dunes  
Ross Memorial  
The Fazio Treetops North  
The Heather  
The Preserve  
Thousand Oaks

--Submitted by *Brian Cairns*

# Top 10 Things to Be Thankful for in Michigan Golf

Oakland Hills Golf Course  
The Gornick Legacy at The Otsego Club  
Greywalls Golf Course  
Favorite Son Tom Doak  
The Heather at Boyne Highlands  
Long Summer Days to Play Golf  
The Celebrity of Rick Smith of Treetops  
Boyne Mountain Renaissance  
The Buick Open and Tiger Woods  
Chuck Kocsis



Greywalls

## *Top 10 Lines from Caddy Shack*

"Cinderella story. Out of nowhere. A former greenskeeper, and about to become the Masters champion, It looks like a mirac-it's in the hole."

"I bet you have a lot of ties...you want to tie me up with some of your ties, Ty?"

"Oh you are a funny kid. When are you due back in Boys Town?"

"We're just about to tee off now, so call the hospital and have them move my appointment with Mrs. Bellows back thirty minutes. Oh well, just stick a tube down her throat and I will be there in four hours."

"This is the worst looking hat I have ever seen. You buy a hat like that, I bet you get a free bowl of soup with it."

"If you ever want to rap or talk, or just get weird with someone...you know, buddies for life."

"The last time I saw a mouth like that, it had a hook in it."

"This calls for the old Billy Baroo."

"You're a lot of woman, you know that? How would you like to make \$14 the hard way?"

"Did somebody step on a duck?"

*Taken from "A Disorderly Compendium of Golf" by Loren Rubenstein and Jeff Neuman*

# T I M E

## Top 10 Golf Covers on Time Magazine

Edith Cummings-August 25, 1924-won U.S. Women's Amateur- First woman  
on Time cover

Bobby Jones-August 31, 1925-prior to his defense of his first U.S. Amateur

Bobby Jones-September 22, 1930-prior to his win at Merion for his Grand Slam

Johnny Goodman, June 6, 1938-hot amateur

Ben Hogan, January 10, 1949-the science of his swing

Sam Snead, June 21, 1954-story about the 1954 U.S. Open, where he finished  
11th, never to win this tournament

Arnold Palmer, May 2, 1960-power golfer

Jack Nicklaus, June 29, 1962-on his turning professional

Lee Trevino, July 19, 1971-games new superstar

Tiger Woods, August 14, 2000-a very special golfer

*--Taken from " A Disorderly Compendium of Golf" by Loren Rubenstein and Jeff  
Neuman*



# Top 10 Clubs in Willie Park's Bag When He Won the 1887 British Open

Bulger Driver  
Straight-faced Driver  
Spoon  
Brassie  
Cleek  
Iron  
Massie  
Iron-nibblick  
Wooden Putter  
Park's Patent Putter

*Taken from "A Disorderly Compendium of Golf"*

*by Loren Rubenstein and Jeff Neuman*

## Top 10 Jerry Matthews Courses

Timberstone GC-Iron Mountain  
Sundance GC-Kewadin  
Buck's Run GC-Mt. Pleasant  
Timber Ridge GC-East Lansing  
Hawk Hollow GC-Bath  
St. Ives GC-Stanton  
The Natural GC- Gaylord  
The Majestic at Lake Walden-Hartland  
Elk Ridge GC- Atlanta  
Twin Lakes GC-Rochester Hills

Photo courtesy of Jerry Matthews Natural Course Design



**Jerry Matthews**

# Top 10 Golf Betting Games and Side Bets

Nassau

Round Robin

Sandies

Bingo Bango Bongo

Barkies.

Wolf

Arnies

Aces and Dueces

Gruesomes

Criers and Whiners

<http://golf.about.com/cs/beginnersguide/tp/bettinggames.htm>

## Top 10 Reasons Why Golf is Better than Sex - David Letterman Show

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## Top 10 Golf Putting Books

*Lights-Out Putting : A Mind, Body, and Soul Approach to Golf's Game Within the Game*, by Todd Sones, David DeNunzio

*Dave Stockton's Putt to Win: Secrets for Mastering the Other Game of Golf*, by Dave Stockton

*The Art and Science of Putting*, by Rik Degunther

*The Master of Putting*, by George Low, Al Barkow

*The Mental Art of Putting: Using Your Mind to Putt Your Best: The Psychology of Great Putting*, by Patrick J. Cohn Ph.D., Robert K. Winters

*The Putter's Pocket Companion*, by Jim McLean, Fran, Dr. Pirozzolo  
*Dave Pelz's Putting Bible*, by Dave Pelz

*The Secret of Holing Putts*, by Horton Smith, Dawson Taylor

*Precision Putting*, by James A. Frank, et al

*See It and Sink It : Mastering Putting Through Peak Visual Performance*, by Craig L. Farnsworth

Source: Amazon's Listmania

# Top 10 Decommissioned Courses

The Hawk at Partiridge Creek-Macomb  
Hickory Hollow-Maconb  
Bogie Lake CC-Commerce Township  
Matheson Greens-Traverse City  
Wolverine GC-Detroit  
Coyote-South Lyons  
Mitchell Creek-Traverse City  
Sycamore Hills-Macomb  
El Dorado Walled Lake  
Sparrow Hawk-Jackson

## Top 10 Bird Names

Hawk Hollow-Bath  
Hawkhead-Saugatuck  
Hawk's Eye-Bellaire  
Sparrow Hawk-Jackson  
Golden Hawk-Macomb  
Eagle's Eye-Lansing  
Eagle Ridge  
Eagle Crest-Ypsilanti  
Eagle Glen-Farwell  
Pheasant Run-Canton

## *Top 10 Toughest Michigan Courses to Spell*

Kincheloe Memorial GC  
Scalawags CC  
Wequetonsing Golf Club  
Washakie Golf & RV Resort  
Blythefield Country Club  
Dunmaglas GC  
Les Cheneaux Club & Golf Link  
Wawashkamo Golf Club  
Meceola Golf Club  
Gogebic Country Club  
Ye Nyne Olde Holes  
Idylwyld Golf Course  
Alwyn Downs Golf Course (Public)  
Lyopawa Island Golf Course (Semi-Private)

# Top 10 Chokes of All Time

T.C. Chen, 1985 U.S. Open. Blew all four strokes of the lead with a quadruple bogey on the fifth hole of the final round, including a penalty for a double hit, and lost by one.

Ken Venturi, 1956 Masters. Shot a closing 80 to lose by one attempting to become the only amateur to win The Masters.

Patty Sheehan, 1990 U.S. Women's Open. Wasted a nine-stroke lead over the last 27 holes.

Retief Goosen, 2001 U.S. Open. Three-putted from 12 feet on the 72nd hole to slip into a playoff.

Sam Snead, 1939 U.S. Open. Gambled on the final hole not knowing he only needed a par to win. Made triple bogey.

Scott Hoch, 1989 Masters. Missed a two-foot putt for victory on the first playoff hole.

Arnold Palmer, 1961 Masters. A double bogey on the 72nd hole turned a one-stroke win into a one-stroke loss.

Jean Van de Velde, 1999 British Open. Needed a double bogey to win on the 72nd hole, but made a triple.

Doug Sanders, 1970 British Open. A miss from three feet on the 72nd hole dropped him into a play off with Jack Nicklaus, which he lost.

Greg Norman, 1996 Masters. Shot a 78 to become the only player to blow a six-stroke lead after 54 holes in a major.

Source- Golf Digest Editors <http://www.successclinic.com/topgolfchokes.html>

## Top 10 Michigan Golf Tournaments

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Par 3 Shootout, Treetops



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# Top 10 Michigan Golf Courses - *Golf Week*

Arcadia Bluffs, Arcadia

Tullymore, Stanwood

Bay Harbor (Links/Quarry),  
Harbor Springs

Lakewood Shores Resort  
(Gales), Oscoda

Treetops North (Smith), Gaylord

Wilderness Valley GC (Black  
Forest), Gaylord

Black Lake, Onaway

Belvedere, Charlevoix

High Pointe, Traverse City

Treetops North (Fazio),  
Gaylord

*Source: Golfweek Magazine*



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**Belvedere**



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**High Pointe**



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Michigan Golf News <http://www.webgolfer.com/news.html>

Michigan Running News <http://www.michiganrunner.net/news/>

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# *Top 10 Michigan Golf Courses - Neil Kotlarek*



Bay Harbor

## **Bay Harbor G.C. (Links/Quarry)**

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### **Treetops - Jones Masterpiece.**

Overshadowed by the Fazio and Smith courses, this 18 put Gaylord golf on the map. The par-3 No. 6 is the epitome of Northern Michigan Golf due to its panorama of trees as far as the eye can see.



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**Jones Masterpiece, Hole No. 6, Treetops**



The Legend, Shanty Creek

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### **Tullymore.**

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### **Greywalls.**

Golfwriters from across the Midwest have been almost reverential in their praise of this course which *Golf Digest* claimed was the nation's best new layout in 2005. Towering rock formations on some of the holes are unique and inspiring.



## Arcadia Bluffs.

A landmark golf course spread over 3,100 feet of Lake Michigan shoreline which cleverly links old Scottish design with new architectural concepts. The multi-tiered greens on this course are down-right diabolical.

## Donald Ross Course, Boyne Highlands.

While the Heather is considered Michigan's best course by many state professionals, this quirky layout is tricky, pretty and delightful.

## Hawk's Head.

Arthur Hills considers this to be one of his finest designs. A number of holes are framed by natural dunes which gives the layout a Cape Cod feel.

## High Pointe.

Tom Doak's first design continues to delight even after changes significantly altering its original look and feel. Fantastic green complexes and Scottish feel.

## Thoroughbred.

Art Hills' "Million Dollar Miracle"--a fantastic golf course laid out over cranberry bogs for a modest budget. The 18th hole is worth the price of your green fees. *MG*



High Pointe

Photo by Art McCaffery

# *Top 10 Most Influential People in Michigan Golf*

Rick Smith

Steve Kircher

Chris McInnes

Vartan Kupelian

Dave Richards

David Graham

John Dodge

Kevin Helm

Kate Moore

Mike Bieber

*Source: Michigan Golfer  
Magazine, Winter 2006*



Photo courtesy of Treetops

**Rick Smith**



Photo courtesy of Boyne USA

**Steve Kircher**



# Top 10 Views in Michigan Golf

Clubhouse at Arcadia Bluff

Clubhouse at Shanty Creek

Clubhouse at Little Traverse Bay

The Tower at Grand Traverse

Resort and Spa

The Cuppola at the Grand Hotel

The 6th hole at Treetops

The 6th hole at Bay Harbor

Lobby of the Otsego Club

The Clubhouse at Oakland Hills CC

The Clubhouse at Buck's Run

*Source: Michigan Golfer  
Magazine, Winter 2006*



Photo courtesy of the Otsego Club

View from Otsego Club Lobby



Photo courtesy of Jerry Matthews Natural Course Design

Bucks Run

# Top 10 Instructional Golf Programs in Michigan

Boyne Golf Academy with Brian O'Neil and Jim Flick

Grand Traverse Resort & Spa-Jim McLean Golf School with Jason Jenkins

Treetops-Rick Smith Golf Academy with Henry Young

Homestead-Dave Peltz Short Game School

Crystal Mountain Resort-Crystal Mountain Golf School with Brad Dean

Miles of Golf-Dave Kendall's Golf Academy

Carl's Golfland Schools with Dick Bury

Treetops -Ladies Golf School with Judy Mason

Patti Butcher's Golf Academy

*Source: Michigan Golfer Magazine, Winter 2005*

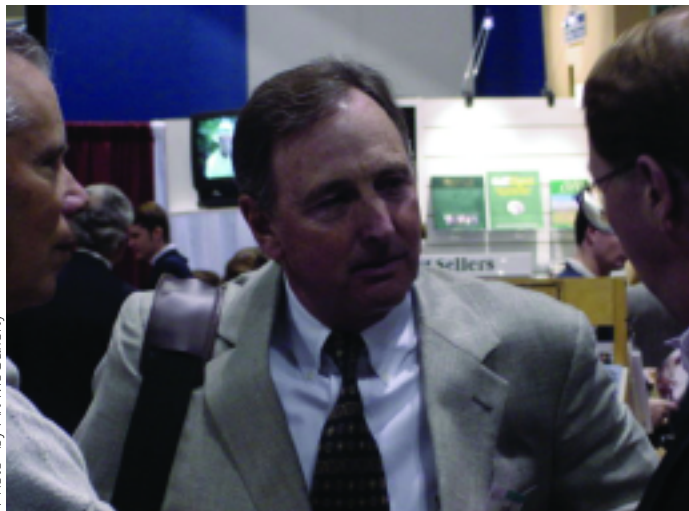


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Henry Young

## Top 10 Teachers in Michigan

Rick Smith, Treetops Sylvan Resort, Gaylord

Dave Kendall, Miles of Golf, Ypsilanti

Bradley Dean, Crystal Mt. Resort, Thompsonville

Henry Young, Treetops Sylvan Resort, Gaylord

Jeff Ferry, Franklin Hills C.C., Franklin

Steve Brady, Oakland Hills C.C., Bloomfield Hills

Charley Vandenberg, Kent C.C., Grand Rapids

Glenn Hall, Westbrooke G. Cse., Novi

Dick Bury, Carl's Golfland, Bloomfield Hills

Jack Seltzer, Insideswing, Burton

Source: Golf Digest [http://www.golfdigest.com/instruction/americasbest/index.ssf?instruction/americasbest/gd200108\\_teacherstate.html](http://www.golfdigest.com/instruction/americasbest/index.ssf?instruction/americasbest/gd200108_teacherstate.html)



Photo by Art McCafferty

Brad Dean



# Top 10 Golf Books of All Time

*Bernard Darwin On Golf* by Bernard Darwin, edited by Jeff Silverman (2003)

*The Golf Omnibus* by P.G. Wodehouse (1980)

*The Story of American Golf* by Herbert Warren Wind (1948)

*Down the Fairway* by Robert T. Jones Jr. and O.B. Keeler (1927)

*Golf In The Kingdom* by Michael Murphy (1972)

*Dead Solid Perfect* by Dan Jenkins (1971)

*The Mystery Of Golf* by Arnold Haultain (1908)

*Five Lessons: The Modern Fundamentals of Golf* by Ben Hogan (1957)

*Scotland's Gift: Golf* by Charles B. Macdonald (1928)

*Golf Dreams* by John Updike (1996)

Source: *Travel and Leisure* [http://www.travelandleisure.com/tlgolf/invoke.cfm?  
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# Top 10 Toughest Golf Courses in the United States

Koolau Golf Course, Oahu, Hawaii

The International Golf Club, Bolton, Massachusetts

Whistling Straits, Kohler, Wisconsin

Ocean Course, Kiawah Island, South Carolina

Concord Resort and Golf Club Monster Course, Kiamesha Lake, New York

Lagoon Legend, Marriott's Bay Point Resort, Panama City, Florida

PGA West's Stadium Course, La Quinta, California

Renegade Course at Desert Mountain, Scottsdale, Arizona

Bayonet Course, Fort Ord, Seaside, California

PGA West's Jack Nicklaus Tournament Course, La Quinta, California

Source: *Jeff Williams, Newsweek*

# *Top 10 Courses in the Upper Peninsula*

Wild Bluff GC

Timberstone GC

The Rock at Drummond Island

George Young Golf Course

Gladstone GC

Keweenaw Mountain Lodge

Red Fox Run

Greywalls of Marquette CC

Sault Ste. Marie CC

Newberry GC

*Source: Michigan Golfer  
Magazine, Winter 2006*



Photo courtesy of Timberstone

Timberstone GC at Pine Mountain

# Top 10 Natural Rules of Golf

Since bad shots come in groups of three, a fourth bad shot is actually the beginning of the next group of three. 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.

There are two things you can learn by stopping your backswing at the top and checking the position of your hands: how many hands you have, and which one is wearing the glove.

Golfers who claim they don't cheat, also lie.

It's surprisingly easy to hole a 50-foot putt when you lie 8.

It's not a gimme if you're still away.

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.

Hazards attract; fairways repel.

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.

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 10th Holes- Random Order

Pine Knob GC, Clarkston, Michigan, Par 4- 351 yards (Eagle course)

Indianwood GC, Lake Orion, Michigan,-The Old Course, Par 4 -351 yards

Gailes GC, Oscoda, Michigan,Par 4, 348 yards

Cattails GC, South Lyons,Michigan, Par 5, 499 yards

Country Club of Detroit, Detroit, Michigan, Par 5, 581

Augusta National GC, Augusta, Georgia, Par 4, 495

Pine Valley GC, Clementon, New Jersey, Par 3, 146

Winged Foot (West Course), Mamaroneck, New York. Par 3, 190 yards

San Francisco GC, San Francisco, California, Par 410

Carnoustie Golf Links, Carnoustie, Scotland, Par 4, 466

# SLICE OF LIFE



By Terry Moore

*Since Editor/Publisher Art McCafferty is still smitten with Bo Derek, I'm following orders by submitting a Top Ten list. Luckily, Art also said the column could be about "anything" so I don't have to compile my "Top Ten O.B. Shots" of the year. Instead, I can look back on the year-both on and off the course-and report on what caught my attention.*

*Is this a great country or what? So with little rhyme or reason here's my Top Ten list for 2006:*

- Silverado wins Truck of the Year-Yes, I'm leading off with the prestigious Motor Trend award because we live in a car/truck state and that industry is absolutely critical to the state's economic lifeblood. The Chevy Silverado was redesigned and GM spent more than \$200 million re-tooling its factories. It was first time in several years the award went to an American truckmaker.

- The modified scramble format-This is the ideal format when playing with infrequent golfers who just happen to be one's in-laws on

a busy Saturday afternoon. Everyone drives off but then you pick the best drive and play the hole, scramble format, from there. Little pressure, lots of fun, and speedy.

- Tiger and the Tigers-My 85-year-old Dad had a tough health year with a heart attack and pneumonia but he was sustained and uplifted by the exploits of the Detroit Tigers and Tiger Woods. Thanks to both for bolstering my Dad's spirits.

- Darren Clarke at the Ryder Cup-Clarke's remarkable play during the Ryder Cup, only a few months following his wife's passing, was transcendent and stirring and proved that the Americans never had a chance at reclaiming the Cup.

- Byron Nelson's death-I was fortunate to have met this icon and consummate gentleman several times over the past decade or so. The first time was in the early '90s when he was honored at The Monument at Boyne Mountain. I'll always remember Lord Byron watching pro Ronnie Black hit tight little draws during a practice session. And the last time was at the Masters when I got up early to watch him for the ceremonial tee shot. And to think it all started with the 14-year-old Nelson beating fellow caddy Ben Hogan in a caddy tournament in Fort Worth.

- Health lesson reminder-I'm a stickler for staying cool and hydrated in the heat of summer play but I shanked when stupidly cutting the yard in 100 degree

weather. Pushing the bodily limits for more than an hour without rest or water, I confronted heatstroke and lost one-down.

- Tiger Woods-yes, again. His win at the Buick Open was the 50th of his remarkable career. I thanked my lucky stars to be in the gallery to witness a piece of it.

- Powercaddies-As an aging baby boomer, I enjoy walking and playing golf but the days of carrying one's bag are long past. But with my battery-powered Hill Billy USA golf cart toting my clubs, I have the best of both worlds. As the golf sage once said, "riding in a cart destroys the journey of the game."

- Favorite little joke: A skeleton walks into a bar and says, "I'll have a beer and a mop."

- Lessons from the Amish-In a world increasingly cruel and chaotic, the Amish of Nickel Mines, PA, gave us an indelible lesson in love and forgiveness when the community reached out to a killer's family, giving food and raising money for his wife and children. In comparison, it makes harboring silly golf grudges and slights a shameful embarrassment.

And to paraphrase Miller Barber, I know it's kinda early, fellas, but Happy Fourth of July!

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