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# 'Gulf Golf!'- The Perfect Golf Getaway

By Susan Bairley

**W**hen you live in a fabulous golf state like Michigan, it's not always clear why anyone would golf elsewhere, except for one compelling reason - WINTER.

Once little white snowflakes begin to replace little white golf balls flying through the air, it's time for Michigan golfers to head south. And what better place than the Gulf Coast of Florida?

Wishing to explore 'Gulf golf' before the onslaught of northern snowbirds, my husband, Paul, and I participated in an October media 'Writer's Cup' tour of Florida's Gulf Coast. Guided by Heather Cooke, of Golf Placement Services Inc.

www.golfplacementservices.com, we and 13 other golf writers from the United States, Canada and Europe enjoyed a weeklong team competition as we toured and golfed nine different courses from Tampa, in northern central Florida, to Florida's southernmost Gulf resort destination, Marco Island.



Photo by Dick Durrance II

Copperhead Hole No. 15, Innisbrook Resort and Golf Club

From start to finish, our journey was a toasty continuation of the Michigan summer we had just kissed good-bye. And the golf was diverse and challenging as our descent in latitude was distinctively marked by changes in the vege-

tation, topography and style of the courses.

Our first stop was Innisbrook Resort and Golf Club [www.innisbrookgolfresort.com](http://www.innisbrookgolfresort.com) in Palm Harbor, near Tampa. Situated in a



Florida Golf Part I and Part II

<http://youtube.com - search: Florida golf Michigan golfer>



bustling urban area, this 900-acre resort is an amazing hideaway. Recently purchased by Sheila Johnson and her firm, Salamander Hospitality, Innisbrook is enjoying a massive infusion of investment capital and energy, which translates to multimillion dollar course and resort improvements.

Home to the Pods Championship and Fed/Ex Cup on the PGA Tour, Innisbrook has more than 600 renovated suites, 65,000 square feet of meeting space, six swimming pools - including its sizable 'Loch Ness Monster Pool,'

tennis and fitness centers, four restaurants and four 18-hole golf courses, including the tournament Island Course and top-ranked Copperhead, as well as Highlands North and South courses.

Playing Copperhead, we found the golf challenging, yet fair, and enjoyed the way the course showcased "Old Florida" with its traditional layout and native vegetation, including oaks, pines and Spanish mosses. At the edge of the Ocala Sand Ridge, the Innisbrook golf courses feature rolling hills and undulating greens, plus something

that's getting harder and harder to find at resorts - great walking courses for professional tournament play.

Stop Two on our tour was the 'most popular public golf course' in Tampa Bay's Pinellas Country - Bardmoor Golf and Tennis Club [www.bardmoorgolf.com](http://www.bardmoorgolf.com) Host to the PGA/LPGA JC Penney Classic for 13 years, and longtime home to numerous professional tennis tournaments, Bardmoor has local and international notoriety. The par 72 course was redesigned by Gary Koch in 2001 and measures 7,015



Photo courtesy of The Legacy Golf Club

Legacy Hole No. 11



### Venetian Hole No. 2

from the tips and 5,045 from the forward tees.

What makes Bardmoor so popular? General Manager and Director of Golf Jerry Moore says it's its location, "close to all of the beaches and Tampa," and its playability. "All ages and abilities...can come out and have a really good time," he said. "It's a classic layout - very eye-appealing, and it has good shot capability."

From there, we landed at

Emerald Greens Private Resort [www.stayandplaytampa.com](http://www.stayandplaytampa.com) Located on the site of the old Carrollwood Village Golf and Tennis Club, Emerald Greens is a luxury resort that has risen from the demolition dust of the old facilities. Our media group was literally the first guests to enjoy Emerald Greens luxury accommodations and facilities.

Designed by Dan Maples, Emerald Greens Golf & Country Club has 27 holes, 18 of which -

the Meadow and Cypress nines - were open when we were there. "Very playable, very challenging," said Dave Stewart, director of golf. And we agree.

Emerald Greens considers itself a 'boutique' golf resort. With the full-service elements of a private golf club,(including air-conditioned golf cars) and luxury hotel, it's a unique stay & play resort that offers luxurious two-bedroom, two-bath villa accommodations instead of hotel rooms. Each has a fully equipped



top-of-the-line kitchen, HD TVs and memory foam beds. Tennis and aquatic centers, gourmet dining, the Oasis Day Spa and an expansive Southern-style clubhouse terrace make Emerald Greens a wonderful place to relax amid attentive luxury.

Arnold Palmer's Legacy Golf Club [www.legacygolfclub.com](http://www.legacygolfclub.com) at Lakewood Ranch, near Bradenton was our first contemporary designed course on the tour. A Troon Golf property, the Legacy Club is everything you'd expect from a Palmer-designed course, making it a true quality golf experience. Big water and big sand bunkers, with greens that hold - yet allow heavy or wayward shots to slip into the water, are part of what I enjoyed about this beautiful tract.

At Venetian Golf and River Club [www.venetiangolfriver.com](http://www.venetiangolfriver.com) in North Venice, our most memorable experience was an eagle on the fourth hole - a real eagle, with feathers, talons, and piercing eyes that followed Paul's steps as he approached his tee shot, which somehow ended up right under the bird! Built four and a-half years ago, Venetian Golf and River Club is a Chip Powell design and WCI Communities property. Playing here, you really begin to experience Florida's Myakka river environment and natural wildlife habitats. Lots of water and wetlands, an open layout, white sands and flat terrain tell you, you're in Southern Florida. You also learn that a

ball in the water is a lost ball - no fishing 'em out of these waters, which are likely hosts to alligators and snakes.

Riverwood Golf Club in Port Charlotte [www.riverwoodgc.com](http://www.riverwoodgc.com) is also built off of the Myakka River. Designed by Gene Bates in 1992,

the course is host to a number of state and local championships. Rated four and a-half stars by Golf Digest for the nearly a decade and voted one of the most women-friendly courses in 2000, Riverwood offers two distinctive nines. The front nine has winding fairways and pines, while the back



Photo courtesy of The Riverwood Golf Club

Riverwood



### Corkscrew Par 3.

has salt marshes, natural areas and native plant life. There's lots of water, but it's a bit deceptive; you see it, but it really doesn't come into play.

The showcase course of the writer's tour was easily Old Corkscrew in Estero [www.old-corkscrew.com](http://www.old-corkscrew.com). This Jack Nicklaus-designed signature masterpiece is a stand-alone course. No condos, no houses...just you, the course and nature...and it's spectacular. The Nicklaus architects have crafted a course that capitalizes on the area's natural beauty. With added mounding and plantings, it is a unique, and often breathtaking, Florida property.

Voted 2008 Florida Course of the Year by the National Golf Course Owners Association, Old Corkscrew opened in February 2007. As

described by Head Golf Professional Mike Collins, the course and its surroundings comprise 175 acres near the Everglades - "a pretty sensitive area." And for that reason it will never be further developed. The result is "a beautiful golf experience," he said. "You'll probably be shaking your head a little bit from a scoring perspective, but you'll certainly enjoy it."

Raptor Bay Golf Club in Bonita Springs [www.raptorbaygolfclub.com](http://www.raptorbaygolfclub.com) is the first resort golf course globally to receive Certified Gold Signature Sanctuary status from Audubon International. Designed by Raymond Floyd, this is a fun, pretty and very playable resort course. What adds to its speed of play and enjoyment are no sand bunkers. That doesn't mean there aren't other hazards, like water and crushed coquina shell areas with

scrub vegetation, which will either eat your ball or skid it off on its merry way.

Currently, Raptor Bay, which is associated with the adjacent the lavish Hyatt Regency Coconut Point [www.coconutpoint.hyatt.com](http://www.coconutpoint.hyatt.com) has two nines - the Hawk and Osprey - with a third, the Eagle, opening in about two years.

The final stop of our Writer's Cup Golf tour was The Rookery at Marco Golf Club on Marco Island [www.therookeryatmarco.com](http://www.therookeryatmarco.com). Part of the impressive Marco Island Marriott Beach Resort <http://www.marriott.com/hotels/travel/mrkfl>, The Rookery was recently rebuilt as part of \$187 million resort renovation, the largest cash investment in any Marriott property in its history. Redesigned by Robert Cupp, Jr.,



the course is nestled in shallow wetlands that attract many species of birds. Here, our golf car GPS, in addition to yardages, notified us of an occupied eagle's nest, visible in a tall tree behind one of the greens. At more than 7,100 yards from the tips, the Rookery has generous fairways, oversized greens, the option to play from one of five tee locations and of course, wonderful birds and wildlife.

Our weeklong trip was a great tour - and a doable one for weeklong travelers who want to golf the Gulf. Paul and I came back to Michigan with lots of great memories and with the winning team trophies - our challenging Michigan courses had taught us well! **MG**



Susan and Paul Bairley at Marco Island



Raptor Bay



Photo by Jennie McCafferty

Sweetgrass has five bridges on site. Frankly, recycling some of the surplus country bridges have given the course an identity like no other course in Michigan.

# Sweetgrass: Destined to be One of U.P.'s Finest

By Art McCafferty

**T**he golf architectural firm of Albanese and Lutzke has great blood lines.

Albanese, Harvard educated, got his training under Matthews and Associates and then partnered up with Ray Hearn, another Matthews alum. Under Matthews,

he worked on Hunters's Ridge, Wyandotte Shores and Timberstone. Under Hearn, he assisted with Moose Ridge, Quail Ridge and Royal Scott.

Lutzke, worked with Pete Dye, on the Ocean Course at Kiawah Island, Whistling Straits,

Barefoot Landing and is now working with Dye on the Dye Course at French Lick Resort and Casino. His first solo work was at Eagle Eye in Bath. In fact, in a real show of professional courtesy, Pete Dye dropped by to give Lutzke support on the Grand Opening.



In order for a golf architect to be invited to join the American Association of Golf Course Architects, they must have completed the equivalent of five 18-hole golf courses. In mid-year, the Albanese & Lutzke firm, will have two courses between them. If they are to reach their personal and professional goals of five apiece or 10 collectively, they will probably have to develop more outstate business.

Sweetgrass is the first course with Albanese as architect of record and it is sweet. Sweetgrass Golf Course is located behind the new 11-story Island Resort and Casino complex in Harris.

The course is scheduled to open this summer and should have no problems with the date, as much of it has grown in already.

Sweetgrass is built on some fairly flat farm land, with only a trace of woods to define some holes. There is a creek that runs through the property that gives the course some additional definition.

Sweetgrass is destined to be one of the Upper Peninsula finest. It will join Wild Bluff, Greywalls, The Rock and Timberstone as the U.P.'s top tracts. **MG**



Photo by Jennie McCafferty

**Sweetgrass is scheduled to open Summer 2008 and should have no problems with the date, as much of it has grown in already.**



Photo by Jennie McCafferty

**This firepit is an example of Native American themes which are incorporated throughout the course.**



**Sweetgrass Golf Club Preview  
Island Resort and Casino**

<http://michigangolfer.tv/2007shows/sweetgrass/>

# Club Rentals - A Pricey Alternative to Pack n' Haul

By Susan Bairley

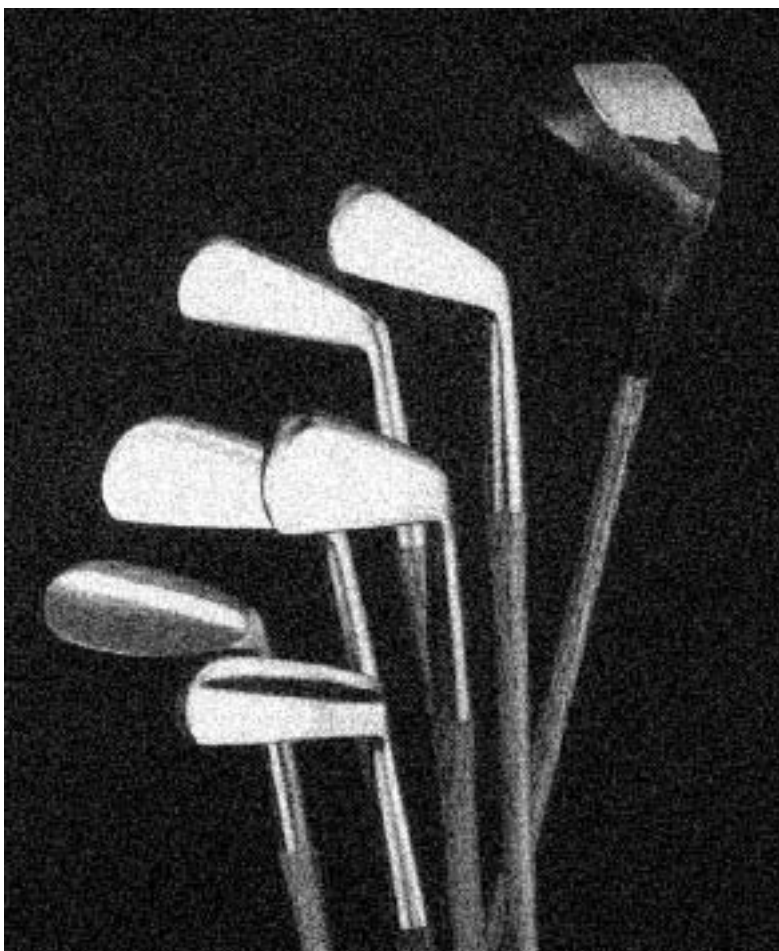
**K**nowing I'd be at nine golf courses and five hotels/condos in six days as part of the Florida Writer's Cup tour last October, the thought of hauling my golf clubs around seemed cumbersome and daunting. So I decided to board the rental-club train, and essentially borrow clubs at each location.

There were two benefits to this. One, the obvious, no pack n' haul. And two, I could test out new clubs, which I'm actually in the market to purchase soon.

At first I was nervous. Nine new courses, nine different sets of clubs? What would that do my average-at-best golf game? I packed my shoes, my choice of balls, my trusty old putter (which was starting to fail me), my tee bag and spare glove....my 12-year-old daughter had 'borrowed' my better glove and not yet returned it. That cost me one 'confidence' demerit. But with that bit of 'my stuff,' I was ready

to tackle the club rental adventure. What I learned was surprisingly interesting, game changing and worth sharing!

First of all, daily rentals are not cheap. Priced at \$35 to 40 or more



at each course, total rentals for our nine-course tour would have easily cost me somewhere around \$400. That's a good entry to the purchase range of a new set of

quality clubs! However, because I was 'comped' on the rentals for this trip, cost was luckily not an issue, and I could focus on the clubs themselves

Only a couple of rentals included one or two sleeves of balls. With water and hazards abound, one sleeve wouldn't have been enough for me. Two? Maybe. But I ended up buying a dozen more balls at one of the pro shops. With the nine or so that I brought from home, I'd be good to go. I could lose balls and take a few risky shots with peace of mind.

The best part about my rental experience is that every course we played offered me a quality set of clubs. I played with Nike, King Cobra, Taylor Made, Ping and Callaway sets, and Titleist,

TaylorMade, Cobra and predominantly Odyssey putters. Most of the clubs were in nearly new condition.



Previously shy of trying a new putter, I used the rental putters with grand curiosity - and they served me well. My old 'Baron' stayed in the bag while I mastered the greens - and improved my putting - with the benefit of newer designs and technology, balanced weighting and better grips. I basically found all of the putters acceptable and better than my old standby.

On the full set side, random clubs were a little more risky for me. I found the Callaway X-18 Gems to be too whippy and short for my game. As a result, I splayed the ball with miss-hits. One of my playing partners, Scott, with his fabulous Canadian accent and 'ehs' told me he'd never seen a golfer hit sideways like I did, eh?! Yikes! For me those clubs were a total mismatch - and I had to play with them twice, by default, on the tour.

On the other hand, when clubs worked for me, they really worked. The TaylorMade set helped me hit more solidly. And while using them, I improved my distance considerably - impressing my male teammates, who said they'd want me on their scramble team any day!

My favorite clubs were the King Cobra M Speed driver [www.cobragolf.com](http://www.cobragolf.com) and 3100 I/H irons and Taylor Made R7 Draws <http://www.taylormadegolf.com>. I hit the offset Cobra driver a country mile - OK, not a country mile, but

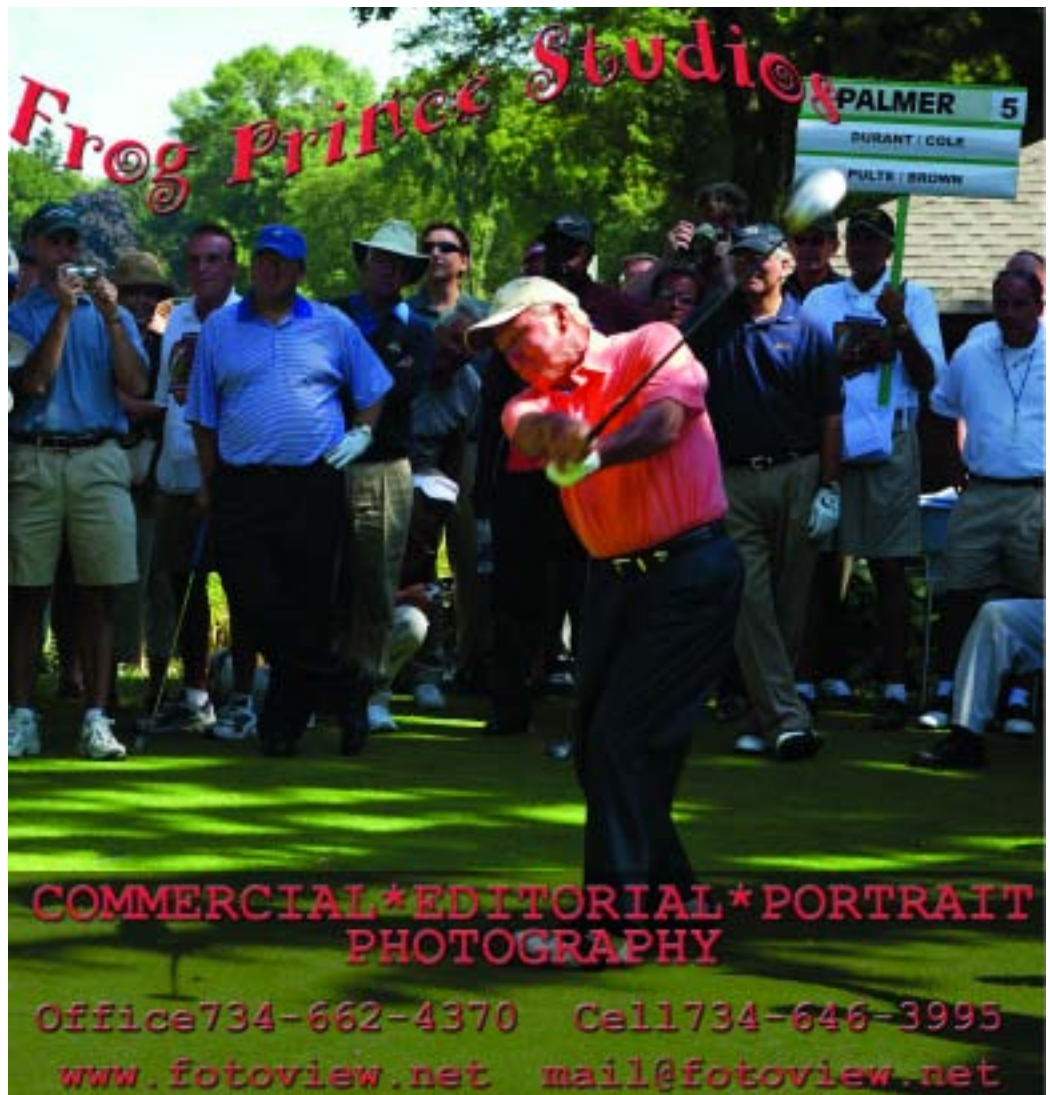
consistently in the 180 to 20-yard range, which for me, is really far. And the rest of the Cobras worked well for me, too.

I also found that I wasn't a hybrid club fan. I like 'me mashie!'... just give me irons and woods. Because of this, I was often at a disadvantage as a set often didn't include a three iron, instead opting for some kind of hybrid mix.

At one course, I played with plastic wrapped demos, which was annoying. And at another I was missing a pitching wedge - again one of my stronger short-game assets.

My club rental experience was really variable - but overall, very positive. My game changing lessons were that 1.) Equipment matters; and 2.) New is good. And with the plusses and minuses of each set, I think overall, I played better than I usually did with my own clubs.

My Baron putter will probably never forgive me its now permanent retirement, but the White Hot Odyssey XG ([www.odysseygolf.com](http://www.odysseygolf.com)) really is hot. And I now have another big decision to make... Which new club set do I want and when?! MG



# “Opening the Trunk, Closing the Season”



Photo by Art McCafferty

The winter version of the Otsego Club entrance is much more festive.

**By Rob Franciosi**

A fresh dusting of snow graced the lawn and “Sleigh Ride” droned. I sat in the car knowing it was time. I’d resisted until the sixth of December, but at last my golf clubs had to make their journey from trunk to basement.

The moment is always bitter-sweet, whether it happens, as it often does in Michigan, around Halloween or during the year’s final month. For this northern golfer the game is laid

to rest, buried under a layer of brilliant white.

I admit that snow can have its golfing benefits. Two weeks before Christmas the normally scruffy course I pass each day shows newly revealed beauty, its humble terrain a giant sculpture gallery. Snow fences, like velvet ropes surrounding a precious work of art, protect all-too-tempting greens from skiers or marauding snowmobilers.

Whatever the visual dazzle of a course in winter, though, the scene saddens me. Golf is a game of aesthetic pleasures, its raptures coming less from successful strikes or well-played holes than from a brilliant white ball in flight against blue sky, across fiery autumn hardwoods, down a fairway’s vivid greens. Today’s overwhelming whiteness only reminds me just how fleeting are such joys, like the rare perfect shot.



I must have presented a curious sight to anyone peering out the window to learn whether the snow had begun again and whether to resume the West Michigan rhythm of shovel-wait-shovel-wait. Hauling clubs from the trunk in my electric blue winter coat and heavy black mittens, I thought, These colors are wrong, or I could pantomime the scene on my Christmas tie--Santa gripping a large candy cane to putt out, while Rudolph tends the flag.

The weight of my unwieldy black bag, stuffed with a late season's harvest of balls, soon brought other scenes to mind as I lugged it from driveway to front porch. A funeral hearse I had just passed on the road. Then a poignant moment from *Deadwood* in which Sheriff Bullock carries across his porch a coffin he has just built to hold his stepson.

To call my rite a funeral was overstatement, though it did formally bury the golf season. My clubs would now rest in a dark and cold basement corner, beside shelves of wooden clementine boxes filled with shag balls instead of golden citrus. Dozens and dozens of them, always to be hoarded, seldom to be hit. Someday, I tell myself, someday. But season after season, no matter how many I add to a small bucket at the driving range, the stacks grow taller, bursting with used Top Flites, Maxflis, and Pinnacles uncovered in the weeds or woods,

Photo by Art McCafferty

scooped from muddy shallows.

Each lost ball, I suppose, ties me to hundreds of unknown golfers whose hopes--for a moment--were shattered with the sickening thwack of surlyn against pine, or the grim certainty of a hook that starts left and continues its curve, on and on, seemingly forever. A mausoleum of golf dreams.

Yet like the faithful who believe in the body's resurrection, in eternity's promises, doesn't the golfer believe with all his soul in spring's return, the reawakening of a green so alive that the shining ball in descent yields its cold whiteness to a vast verdant life?

Too deep a question, perhaps, for one who mostly wanted to squeeze out one last sunny day above 45 degrees, one more round whose blank and pristine scorecard whispers so much hope, so much possibility. All to be betrayed in the end,

of course, as the smudged scorecards in my bag's pockets remind me.

I bid farewell to those bogey-free fantasies for the long, dark months to come and pull my putter from the bag. My nemesis, the destroyer of low-scoring dreams. With the practice greens resting under a hard white frosting, the dining room rug will have to suffice. If I spend enough time hitting ten-footers across its blues, creams, and violets, somehow ingraining precision and calm, routine and inspiration, who knows what might happen by July?

From a large stack of Christmas cds I hunt one that suits my mood--Jingle Bell Jazz seems right, with Billie Holiday singing "I've Got My Love to Keep Me Warm." I place a winter white Titleist on the carpet and assume my stance. Follow the line, I tell myself, then focus on the stroke. Don't be distracted by the robin's song or the fresh scent of the new grass. **MG**



A blanket of snow covers the 4th fairway of the Jones course at Treetops.

# Tom Doak: From High Point to Sebonack



Photo by Art McCafferty

## Highpoint Hole No. 18

By Art McCafferty

**S**ebonack Golf Club, the Jack Nicklaus and Tom Doak collaboration, was rated as America's Best New Private Course of 2007 by Golf Digest. Ron Whitten in his review, said "Someday, maybe sooner rather than later, Sebonack might join neighbors Shinnecock and the National Golf Links in that pan-

theon of course architecture, America's 100 Greatest."

If there was any doubt of the greatness of Tom Doak as an architect, that announcement should put all the critics to rest.

'Infante Terrible' was the early name they hung on Tom Doak before he started getting covers on

state and national golf publications. Dave Richards was Doak's original public relations representative and made sure that we all knew Doak was someday going to be someone special. He also could become an apologist if Doak went too far with one of his candid comments about other designers' work.



**An Evening With Tom Doak**

<http://youtube.com/watch?v=N1Ef64EjCSs>



Doak has always been very sure of himself, but really, why not? He had gone to Cornell University and went through the same program as Robert Trent Jones. He got a scholarship from the university and studied in the British Isles and Australian for a year. Not only did he study, but he took photographs of what he liked and disliked to compliment his own photographic memory. After that, and we might be rushing his life story a little bit, he spend some time with Pete Dye.

His first course was High Pointe GC in Williamsburg, was followed by Black Forest in Gaylord and then eventually, his final course in Michigan, Lost Dunes Golf Club in Bridgman. Below is listed the body of the work for his Renaissance Golf Design company, which is located in Traverse City.

His reputation began to take off with his work at Pacific Dunes and then got he received international acclaim with his masterpiece in New Zealand, the Cape Kidnappers GC.

During an "Evening With Tom Doak" that took place at High Pointe GC in the summer of 2004, Doak talked about the upcoming collaboration with Nicklaus that was to produce the Sebonack Golf Club. This seemed quite a stretch for Doak, as he had been critical of Nicklaus' early work. However, he indicated a bit of a change on his thinking with the later works of Nicklaus and that he felt that they could work together. Such was the enormity of the project in both the cost and location of the, neither architect wanted to turn down the opportunity. The land itself cost \$44 million. As it turned out,



Tom Doak

the collaboration was hugely successful.

As with many of our articles, we have created a video as a companion piece. We ask you to go to <http://youtube.com/watch?v=N1Ef64EjCSs> In the video, Doak talks about his early work at High Pointe and how his nascent golf design philosophy had the chance to express itself with his first course. **MG**

## The Courses of Renaissance Golf Design

### Public

- Apache Stronghold Golf Club - Globe, AZ
- Barnbogle Dunes Golf Links - Bridport, Tasmania, Australia
- Beechtree Golf Club - Aberdeen, MD
- Black Forest at Wilderness Valley - Gaylord, MI
- Cape Kidnappers Resort - Napier New Zealand
- Charlotte Golf Links - Charlotte, NC
- High Pointe Golf Club - Williamsburg, MI
- Pacific Dunes Golf Club - Bandon, OR
- Quail Crossing Golf Club - Evansville, IN
- Riverfront Golf Club - Suffolk, VA
- The Legends Golf Club - Heathlands Course - Myrtle Beach, SC
- The Rawls Course at Texas Tech University - Lubbock, TX

### Private

- Atlantic City Country Club - Northfield, NJ
- Ballyneal, Holyoke, CO
- Lost Dunes Golf Club - Bridgman, MI
- The Golf Club at St. Andrew's Beach - Rye, Victoria, Australia
- Sebonack Golf Club - Southampton, NY
- Stone Eagle Golf Club - Palm Desert, CA
- Stonewall Golf Club - Old Course - Elverson, PA
- Stonewall Golf Club - North Course - Elverson, PA
- The Village Club - Sands Point, NY
- Tumble Creek at SunCadia - Cie Elum, WA

### Michigan Courses and Websites

- High Pointe Golf Club-Williamsburg  
<http://www.highpointegolf.com/course.php>
- Black Forest at Wilderness Valley-Gaylord  
<http://golfospreyonline.com/page/290-12542.htm>
- Lost Dunes Golf Club-Bridgman  
<http://www.lostdunes.com>

# Top 10 Michigan Golf Stories 2007

## -- Random Order

Indianwood CC Selected as Site of 2012 Senior Open  
[http://www.usga.org/news/2007/November/2007\\_80.html](http://www.usga.org/news/2007/November/2007_80.html)

Jack Berry Awarded PGA Lifetime Achievement Award in Journalism  
<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=4FnZoYiixgY>

Ryan Brehm Wins Michigan Amateur  
<http://www.webgolfer.com/summer07/summer07.pdf>

Par-3 Shootout Takes a Bye  
[http://www.golf.com/golf/tours\\_news/article/0,28136,1613867,00.html](http://www.golf.com/golf/tours_news/article/0,28136,1613867,00.html)

Rick Smith Out as Phil Mickelson's Coach  
<http://www.msnbc.msn.com/id/18252689/>

Lynn Janson Fired in Egypt Valley Meltdown  
[http://blog.mlive.com/grpress/2007/10/harassment\\_allegations\\_shake\\_u.html](http://blog.mlive.com/grpress/2007/10/harassment_allegations_shake_u.html)

Brian Bateman Wins Buick Open  
<http://www.pga.com/news/tours/pga-tour/rank070207.cfm>

Oakland Hills Renovation  
<http://www.worldgolf.com/newswire/browse/9141-Oakland-Hills-Country-Club-course-renovation-finished-by-Jones>

John Lindholm, Steve Maddalena, Bruce Fossum, Mark Wilson, and Ted Woehrl Elected to Michigan Golf Hall of Fame  
<http://michigan-golf-foundation.com>

Tough Michigan Golf Economy - Futurist Dave Pearce Snyder and John Dodge Define the Problems at MGCOA Conference  
<http://youtube.com/watch?v=yoyMnbtRddk>



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Ryan Brehm won this year's Michigan Amateur at Red Run CC



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Brian Bateman wins the Buick



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# Top 10 Characters in Golf



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- Lee Trevino
- Chi Chi Rodriguez
- John Daly
- Walter Hagen
- Mac O'Grady
- Payne Stewart
- Moe Norman
- Peter Jacobson
- Tommy Bolt
- Doug Sanders

-- Source: *The Golf Channel*



Photo by Art McCafferty

Photo above left: Lee Trevino wins the Treetops Par-3 Shootout Million Dollar Hole-in-One prize.

Below left: Trevino chats with an upcoming golfer at the Shootout.

## Top 10 Michigan PGA Money Winners

Scott Hebert	\$13,117.50	Thomas Harding	\$7,290.83
Brian Cairns	\$11,400.00	Bradley Dean	\$7,100.00
Dave Kendall	\$8,488.75	Scott Hayes	\$7,000.00
Randy Erskine	\$8,048.83	Ron Beurmann	\$6,585.00
Frank McAuliffe	\$7,908.75	John Seltzer	\$5,805.83

-- Source: *Michigan PGA*



Photo by Art McCafferty

Scott Hebert has won the Michigan Open six times; he is pictured here with his fifth win.



## Top 10 GLSP Shows

Amazing Race, Treetops - Michigan Skier  
U.S. Olympic Team Trials, Men's Marathon  
- Michigan Runner  
Jack Berry Accepts PGA Lifetime Achievement in  
Journalism Award - Michigan Golfer  
Harbor Point Golf Club- Michigan Golfer  
Pepsi Fall Charity Invitational, Treetops  
- Michigan Golfer  
Dances with Dirt, Indiana, 100K Relay, 50K & 50  
Mile - Michigan Runner TV  
Hillsdale "Gina" Relays, Henry Rono Interview  
- Michigan Runner TV  
Around the Bay 30K, 30K - Running Canada TV  
Steve's Run - Ron Gunn on the 10K course  
- Michigan Runner TV  
Tullymore Golf Club, St. Ives Resort  
- Michigan Golfer TV



Paul Aufdemberge, Redford, Michigan, wins Around the Bay 30K Masters title.

## Top 10 US Golf Stories

FedEx Cup Launched  
Tiger Woods Continues to Dominate Game  
Lorena Ochoa Becomes Latest Megastar  
Phil Michelson Takes on Butch Harmon and Drops Rick Smith  
USGA - Makes a Comeback With Set Up of Oakmont Course for the Open  
Crackdowns - USGA Gets Involved With Golf Gear Again  
Oakmont - The Course Gets Rave Reviews After Taking Out 5,000 Trees  
Woody Austin - Mr. Splashdown  
Drug Testing - Gary Player Speaks Up  
Major Breakthroughs - New Faces Winning Majors

*Source: Golf World <http://golfworld.com>*

# Top 10 Oldest Michigan Tournaments



Photo by Carter Sherline / Frog Prince Studios

Tiger Woods at the Buick Open

- 1958 Buick Open Invitational
- 1955 Michigan Amputee Golf Association Tournament
- 1955 State Match Play Championship
- 1935 Pro-Amateur Championship (State Pro-Am)
  - Walter Hagen Trophy
- 1935 Assistant Professional Championship
  - Dave Griffith Trophy
- 1922 PGA Championship - Gilbert A. Currie Trophy
- 1920 GAM Championship
- 1916 Michigan Open Championship
  - James D. Standish Jr. Trophy
- 1915 Michigan Women's Amateur
- 1910 Michigan Amateur

## Top 10 Views in Michigan Golf – Random Order

- 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
- Clubhouse at the Otsego Club
- The Clubhouse at Oakland Hills CC
- The Clubhouse at Buck's Run

*Source: Michigan Golfer Magazine, Winter 2005*



Photo by Art McCafferty

Grand Traverse Resort and Spa



# 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)

## Top 10 U.S. Golf Schools



Photo by Art McCafferty

Dave Peltz@opens his short game school at the Homestead.

Advantage Golf School  
Butch Harmon School of Golf  
Grand Cypress Academy of Golf  
Golf University  
Dave Pelz Scoring Game Schools  
Pine Needles Learning Center

David Leadbetter Golf Academy  
Roland Stafford Golf Schools  
The Phil Ritson-Mel Sole Golf School

-- Source:

<http://www.golfschoolinfo.com/golf-instruction-1/>

## Top 10 Most Exclusive Golf Clubs

Augusta National GA  
Cypress Point CA  
Seminole-FL  
National Golf Link of America NY  
Chicago Golf Club Ill  
Fishers Island Club NY  
Nanea Golf Club HA  
The Country Club, MA  
Muirfield, Scotland  
Royal County Down, Ireland

Source:

<http://www.golf.com/golf/gallery/article/0,28242,1647422,00.html>

## Top 10 Best Dressed Golfers of all Time

Walter Hagen  
Jimmy Demaret  
Ben Hogan  
Doug Sanders  
Teddy Rhodes  
Payne Stewart  
Davis Love III  
Ian Poulter  
Jesper Parnevik  
Camilo Villegas

-- Source: Golf Magazine

<http://www.golf.com/golf/gallery/article/0,28242,1681546,00.html>

## Top 10 Most Prolific Michigan Golf Course Architects



Photo by Art McCaiffery

Jerry Matthews visits one of his early courses, Antrim Dells

Tom Bendelow  
Jerry Matthews  
W. Bruce Matthews  
Donald Ross  
W. Bruce Matthews III  
Bill Newcomb  
Harley Hodge  
Jeff Gorney  
Art Hills  
Warner Bowen



# Top 10 Most Aces by Golf Professionals

Art Wall	45
Chi Chi Rodriquez	37
Sam Snead	32
Scott Hoch	30
Bob Tway	28 or 29
Paul Runyan	25
Tiger Woods	19
Steve Elkington	18
Gary Koch	18
Gene Littler	15*
Jack Nicklalus	15*
David Toms	15*

\* tied for 10th

Interesting side note: Bobby Jones only had 2 Aces.

*Submitted by Dave Kaiser*

## 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*

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

*The Golf Swing*

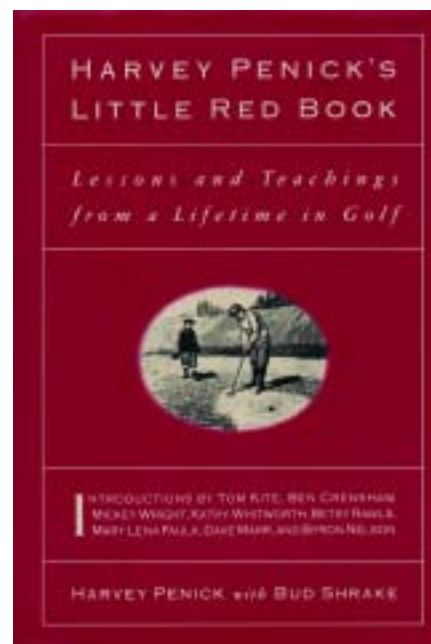
*Five Lessons: The Modern Fundamentals of Golf*

*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*



*Source: About.com: Golf*

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

# Top 10 Michigan Golf Tournaments - Random Order

Michigan Amateur  
Michigan Open  
Michigan Women's Open  
Buick Open  
Tournament of Champions  
Western Amateur  
Michigan PGA Championship  
Michigan Publix Championship  
GAM Championship  
Michigan Women's Amateur



Photo by Art McCafferty

This year's Michigan Amateur was held at the Red Run CC.

## *Top 10 Nicklaus Courses You Can Play*

Cabo del Sol (Ocean Course), Cabo San Lucas, Mexico  
Cap Cana Resort (Punta Espada Course), Santa Domingo, Dominican Republic  
The Challenge at Manele, Lanai City, Lanai, Hawaii  
Reynolds Plantation (Great Waters Course), Greensboro, Georgia  
The Greenbrier (Greenbrier Course), White Sulphur Springs, West Virginia  
May River Golf Club at Palmetto Bluff, Bluffton, South Carolina  
Reflection Bay at Lake Las Vegas, Henderson, Nevada  
The Ocean Course at Ginn Hammock Beach Resort, Palm Coast, Florida  
Old Works Golf Course, Anaconda, Montana  
Grand Bear, Saucier, Mississippi



# Top 10 Michigan Golf Courses - Golfweek



Photo courtesy of Greywalls

**Greywalls Hole No. 5**

- |  |  |
|--|--|
| Arcadia Bluffs Golf Club                             | Bay Harbor Golf Club - Links Course      |
| Marquette Golf Club - Greywalls Course               | Bay Harbor Golf Club - Quarry Course     |
| Forest Dunes Golf & Country Club - Forest Dunes      | Lakewood Shores Resort - Gales Course    |
| Tullymore Golf Club - Tullymore Course               | Treetops Resort - Signature Course       |
| Black Forest & Wilderness Valley - The Valley Course | Black Lake Golf Club - Black Lake Course |

- Bethpage State Park Golf Course
  - Black Course (20)
- Pebble Beach Golf Links
  - Pebble Beach Golf Links Course (20)
- TPC at Sawgrass - Stadium Course (19)
- Spyglass Hill Golf Course
  - Spyglass Hill Course (18)
- Pinehurst Resort & Country Club
  - #2 Course (17)
- Blackwolf Run Golf Course
  - River Course (16)
- Pasatiempo Golf Club
  - Pasatiempo Course (15)
- Bandon Dunes Golf Resort
  - Bandon Dunes Course (15)
- Kiawah Island Resort - Ocean Course (15)
- Whistling Straits - Straits Course (15)
- The Homestead Resort
  - Lower Cascades Course (15)
- Shadow Creek Golf Club
  - Shadow Creek Course (15)

# Top 10 Most Awarded Courses



Photo by Art McCafferty

**Whistling Straits, Hole No. 18**

# *Top 10 Courses in the World You Can Play*



Photo courtesy of Tom Doak

## **Cape Kidnappers, Hole No. 4**

Pebble Beach  
The Old Course at St. Andrews  
Royal County Down  
Bandon Dunes  
Kiawah Island  
Cape Kidnappers  
Straits Course at Whistling Straits  
Ballybunion (Old)  
TPC at Sawgrass  
Kapalua (Plantation)

*Source: The Weather Channel - [http://www.weather.com/activities/travel/vacationplanner/destination/top10/?from=vac\\_top10\\_theme](http://www.weather.com/activities/travel/vacationplanner/destination/top10/?from=vac_top10_theme)*



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## Top 10 Toughest Holes in U.S.

Augusta National 12th  
 Oakmont Country Club 18th  
 Pinehurst #2 5th  
 Pebble Beach 9th  
 Pebble Beach 8th  
 Cypress Point 16th  
 Riviera County Club 18th  
 Doral Golf Resort, Blue Monster 18  
 Olympic Club 17th  
 Bay Hill Club 17th

Source: ForbesTraveler -  
<http://www.forbestraveler.com/golf/toughest-golf-holes-prints/1.html>

## Top 10 Michigan Women Golf Icons

Elaine Crosby  
 Cindy Figg-Currier  
 Joan Garety  
 Meg Mallon  
 Morgan Pressel  
 Betty Richart  
 Sally Sessions  
 Shirley Spork  
 Jenny Weiss  
 Sara Wold

## Top 10 Michigan Men Golf Icons

Jack Berry  
 Walter Hagen  
 Chuck Kocsis  
 Everett Kircher  
 Dan Pohl  
 Ben Davis  
 Al Watrous  
 Horton Smith  
 Dave Hill  
 Mike Hill



# Top 10 Most Powerful People in Michigan Golf - Random Order

Rick Smith  
Steve Kircher  
Mike Biber  
Dave Richards  
David Graham  
Kate Moore  
Kevin Helm  
Chris and Jim McInnes  
Brad Dean  
Stan Aldridge  
Richard H. Bayliss, Jr.



## Top 10 Collegiate Golf Schools - Men

Stanford  
Duke  
Southern Cal  
UCLA  
Pepperdine  
Northwestern  
Vanderbilt  
Wake Forest  
Notre Dame  
Davidson

Source: <http://about.com>

## Top 10 Collegiate Golf Schools - Women

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

Source: <http://about.com>

# Top 10 Toughest Courses

- The Ocean Course
- The International (The Pines)
- Koolau Golf Club
- PGA West (Sradium Course)
- Oakmont Country Club
- Bethpage State Park Golf Courses (Black)
- Tot Hill Farm Golf Club
- Whistling Straits
- Pine Valley Golf Club
- Tobacco Road Golf Club
- 18. Grand Traverse Resort-The Bear

Source: *Golf Digest* - [http://www.golfdigest.com/rankings/courses/toughest/2007/americanstoughest\\_0703](http://www.golfdigest.com/rankings/courses/toughest/2007/americanstoughest_0703)

## Top 10 Best American Courses

- Pine Valley G.C.
- Shinnecock Hills G.C.
- Augusta National G.C.
- Cypress Point Club
- Oakmont C.C.
- Pebble Beach Links
- Merion G.C. (East)
- Winged Foot G.C. (West)
- Seminole G.C.
- Crystal Downs C.C.
- 17. Oakland Hills C.C. (South)
- 46 .Arcadia Bluff G.C.
- 83. Tullymore G.C.

Source: *Golf Digest*

<http://www.golfdigest.com/image/s/rankings/gd200705100greatest-public.pdf>



Photo by Art McCafferty

Oakland Hills, home of this year's PGA Championship



# Top 10 Money Makers



Photo by Art McCafferty

**Phil Mickelson at the Par Three Shootout**

Tiger Woods	\$98,941,827
Phil Mickelson	\$44,256,505
Arnold Palmer	\$27,542,850
Vijay Singh	\$24,811,026
Greg Norman	\$22,627,202
Michelle Wie	\$20,235,224
Ernie Els	\$18,366,435
Jim Furyk	\$17,986,084
Jack Nicklaus	\$17,680,167
Retief Goosen	\$16,024,184

*Source: Golf Digest -*

[http://www.golfdigest.com/rankings/2006/GolfDigest50\\_gd2006](http://www.golfdigest.com/rankings/2006/GolfDigest50_gd2006)

# SLICE OF LIFE



By Terry Moore

At the urging of my therapist who also moonlights as a palm reader at winter carnivals, I'm going out on the limb with this column and offering my Top Ten Golf Predictions for 2008. Please print out this page so as events happen throughout the coming months, you can repeat after me, "I told you so!" Here we go, in no particular order of significance:

- 1 Health Magazine and a leading golf manufacturer jointly release a research study claiming a certain hybrid club actually lowers bad cholesterol.
- 2 A well-known television golf commentator will mysteriously and sadly choke to death after uttering live on-air, "I bet Rory's dinner will taste better tonight after making that putt."
- 3 The Golf Channel launches a new reality series in conjunction with Court TV called "The Big Break-Out" where nine tethered convicts serving time for victimless crimes will compete against each other in Las Vegas. At the end, one lucky con will be paroled as a sports agent.
- 4 TrackMan, the revolutionary Doppler-radar measuring device, will introduce a new feature indicating in exact yards and inches the distance between one's wallet and the guy who still owes you money from last Saturday's game.
- 5 A leading national golf publication breaks through the clutter by publishing a new magazine with ads on every page but with compelling yet concise editorial printed on dozens of subscription blank-size cards that fall out on the carpet.
- 6 The most visited golf website in 2008 will be [www.mostvisitedgolfwebsite.com](http://www.mostvisitedgolfwebsite.com) followed closely by [www.ngulbisgonewild.com](http://www.ngulbisgonewild.com)
- 7 The hottest golf infomercial will be one that amazingly depicts a single product guaranteeing a flatter stomach, more one-putt greens, invisibility, and a smaller carbon footprint.
- 8 The best-selling audio book in golf is oddly entitled: "Marvelous Courses I Can No Longer Stomach Hearing About From Rich Friends and Golf Writers Alike."
- 9 The LPGA establishes a local rule banning caddies from standing behind players to check their pre-shot alignment. Yodeling, as a concession, is now permitted.
- 10 The most repeated golf joke of the year starts off, "Two bachelor Irishmen were playing at Lahinch near dusk when they noticed a ewe and a duck in a pot bunker...."

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