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WHAT DOES A GOLF TOURNAMENT that takes place more than 1,500 miles away have to do with Colorado?

For the last 10 years I've given some variation of the above response to people who ask how we're covering The Masters. After all, television, newspapers, national magazines and the Web pretty much exhaust every angle—from course changes and predictions on the winners to “exposés” on Augusta’s “other woman” (the one not named Condoleezza) and whether Augusta National, which this year again tops *Golf Digest's* 100 Greatest Courses, really just rides its reputation and Masters mystique.

After some consideration, I finally capitulated. The Masters, after all, isn't just a tournament; it's a rite of spring, a harbinger of the golf season—hope, heartbreak and heroism wrapped in 72 exquisitely landscaped holes. Colorado, you'll see, has numerous connections to the tournament and to Augusta National, starting with our very own Kaye Kessler, who will be covering his 50th this year and wrote much of what appears in the section beginning on page 66.

Our Masters package isn't the only new feature about Colorado AvidGolfer these days. This month marks the debut of CAG 2.0, our completely upgraded, overhauled and content-rich Website. On it you'll be able to read Web-only features and blogs, see instruction videos and learn about the latest in gear, travel and more. We even have some bonus Masters coverage, including exclusive Augusta National insights from Colorado resident Steven “Pepsi” Hale, who happens to caddie for Keegan Bradley. Log on to cast your vote for who'll win this year's Green Jacket.

The site represents countless hours of work put in by our staff, particularly our talented web manager, Kate Stromberg, and the team of self-professed golf geeks at Denver-based Arrae Creative, especially Senior Graphic Designer Olivia Scarborough, who developed an engaging, scalable site that will allow us to deliver all the information, programs and deals you've come to expect from our magazine and Golf Passport.

Like our approach to covering the Masters, our approach to developing our digital presence has evolved. The demise of print media, while somewhat exaggerated, nonetheless exists. The magazine is no longer the flagship. Nor is the Website or Golf Passport. The Colorado AvidGolfer brand is. That brand embraces our digital and print offerings, our social media presence, our exclusive e-newsletter, our Golf Passport, Tournament Series and Private Club Days, as well as our U.S. Bank Corporate Cup and Beaver Creek Couples Experience.

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With goose control taking up an increasingly larger percentage of maintenance budgets, Lakewood's Randy Claussen might have invented the golf course superintendent's best friend—the Goosinator. Inspired by his brother-in-law, the South Suburban Parks and Rec District's Lead Maintenance Specialist Mike

Ratcliff, Claussen spent three years applying his experience as a remote-control airplane designer to a product that would safely and humanely expel the feathered invaders.

"We had to imprint in the geese's minds that a predator lives in the area," explains Claussen. "And this predator will also come after them in water, which is always a goose's refuge from coyotes, dogs and people." Fashioning the fuselage from the durable expanded polypropylene foam used in automobile bumpers, Claussen outfitted his remote-controlled "predator" with a propeller and pontoon-like Lexan skids so it could travel as

easily on water and ice as it did on grass. He painted it the colors geese fear and gave it a ferocious mien. "It's more effective than even I thought it would be," says Claussen.

Folks at two-dozen golf courses already agree. Colorado courses like The Broadmoor, Hyland Hills, South Suburban, Flying Horse, and Riverdale all have Goosinators stalking, herding and exorcising. "You can't just have it chase," says Claussen. "You have to be patient, move them to the center, herd them into a tight ball and get them all to fly away at once."

"Since taking delivery in December, we've almost eliminated the daily

goose cleanup,” says CommonGround Director of Agronomy Tracy Richard, “and the goose pressure here has been higher than usual this year. The winter brings migratory geese, which are more skittish. The summer residents are going to be tougher to keep away.” Was it worth paying \$3,500? “Between the gas and labor savings, we’ve already gotten half our money back in only two months.” *goosinator.com; 303-916-1676*

Major Move

Stefanie Ferguson, the LPGA lead instructor at Green Valley Ranch Golf Academy, will compete this June in her first major, the **Wegmans LPGA Championship** at Locust Hill Country Club near Rochester, N.Y. The 26-year-old former Colorado State star qualified in October by edging out fellow Coloradan Sherry Andonian-Smith in a playoff at the LPGA Central Section Championship at Redstone Golf Club in Humble, Tex. “It was a bummer having to play Sherry,” says Ferguson of her friend, who has already competed in four LPGA Championships. “Since then, I talk a lot to her and to (fellow LPGA professionals) Dawne (Kortgaard), Elena (King) and Lana (Ortega) about what to expect, whom to bring as a caddie, and how to prepare my game.” What also helps, she says, is having a full-time job. “After a full day teaching, the last thing I want to do is practice or play nine,” she says. “But having something to work towards makes the little practice time I have more focused. It’s great motivation.” *gorgolfacademy.com; 303-371-8700*



THREE RIDE: Ferguson (center) qualified for the LPGA by beating friends Smith (left) and King.

Checks Mix

During its March 9 Golf-A-Rama, the PGA TOUR SuperStore in Greenwood Village announced \$5,000 grants to both **The First Tee of Denver** and **The First Tee of Green Valley Ranch**. The First Tee, which impacts the lives of young people by promoting character development and life-enhancing values through golf, reaches nearly 12,000 juniors in Metro Denver alone. The SuperStores are owned and operated by Golf & Tennis Pro Shop, Inc., whose controlling owner and chairman is Arthur M. Blank, retired Home Depot co-founder and owner of the Atlanta Falcons and a Trustee of The First Tee. “The First Tee provides young people with life-changing experiences,” said Golf & Tennis Pro Shop President and CEO Dick Sullivan. “Our associates are proud to help more youth gain access to The First Tee character education and golf instruction.”



TEED UP: From left, Paula Purifoy (Executive Director, The First Tee of Denver); Jerry Walters (Community Associate, PGA Tour SuperStore, Greenwood Village); Scott O’Sullivan (Board Chairman, First Tee of Denver); Kevin Laura (CEO, The First Tee of Green Valley Ranch); Tony Antista (Board Chairman, Colorado Open Golf Foundation); Mark Bazley, General Manager, PGA Tour SuperStore, Greenwood Village).

LETTER

In the Spring Gallery section, I see the article on Wounded Warriors, but I don’t see any of the programs that military courses run on a day-to-day basis as part of our mission. In Colorado Springs we have three golf operations: at Fort Carson, Peterson AFB and the Air Force Academy. We also have programs that not only support the Wounded Warrior Program, where we developed the teaching template at Fort Carson, but programs that support the resiliency of our returning soldiers and the spouses here during deployment. Our course is open to the public. Two great events to support soldiers and families are the July 15 “Christmas in July” tournament and the August 26 Fort Carson Summer Classic. Call 719-526-1927 for more information.

Frank Jacobson, PGA Master Professional Cheyenne Shadows Golf Club, Fort Carson

Get Girl Ready

On May 11 girls between the ages of five and 17 can get a jump on the golf season at the 2013 **Girl’s Golf Fair** at CommonGround Golf Course in Aurora. Presented by six allied associations, the free three-hour event starts at 10 a.m. and includes lunch. “We want to get girls energized about golf, especially with the Solheim Cup coming up,” says LPGAProfessional **Elena King**, who with fellow pro Erin Diegel and numerous others will be running nine stations where participants can learn not only full swing and putting, but also etiquette, nutrition, safety, fitness and more. “There will even be a golf ball coloring station,” King says with a laugh. Families are welcome. For more information contact Erin Diegel, *girlpowergolf@gmail.com*.



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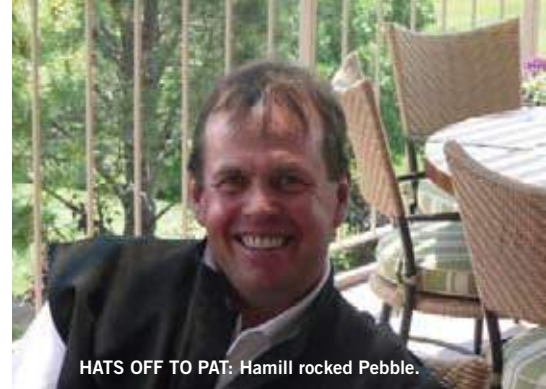
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was the four-day total for the 2013 AT&T Pebble Beach National Pro-Am team of Matt Every and Colorado Open Golf Foundation Founder **Pat Hamill**. Their 20-under score tied for 24th, only 11 shots off the lead and better than the 132 teams that missed the cut and didn't play Sunday. Individually, Every finished T30 at 5-under, which means Hamill, a 12-handicap, took care of 75 percent of their team score.



HATS OFF TO PAT: Hamill rocked Pebble.

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as a counterculture event may have gone up in smoke, thanks to Amendment 64. But the date certainly resonates for **The Golf Club at Ravenna**. The award-winning club near Waterton Canyon, having restructured its finances, plans to reopen that day.

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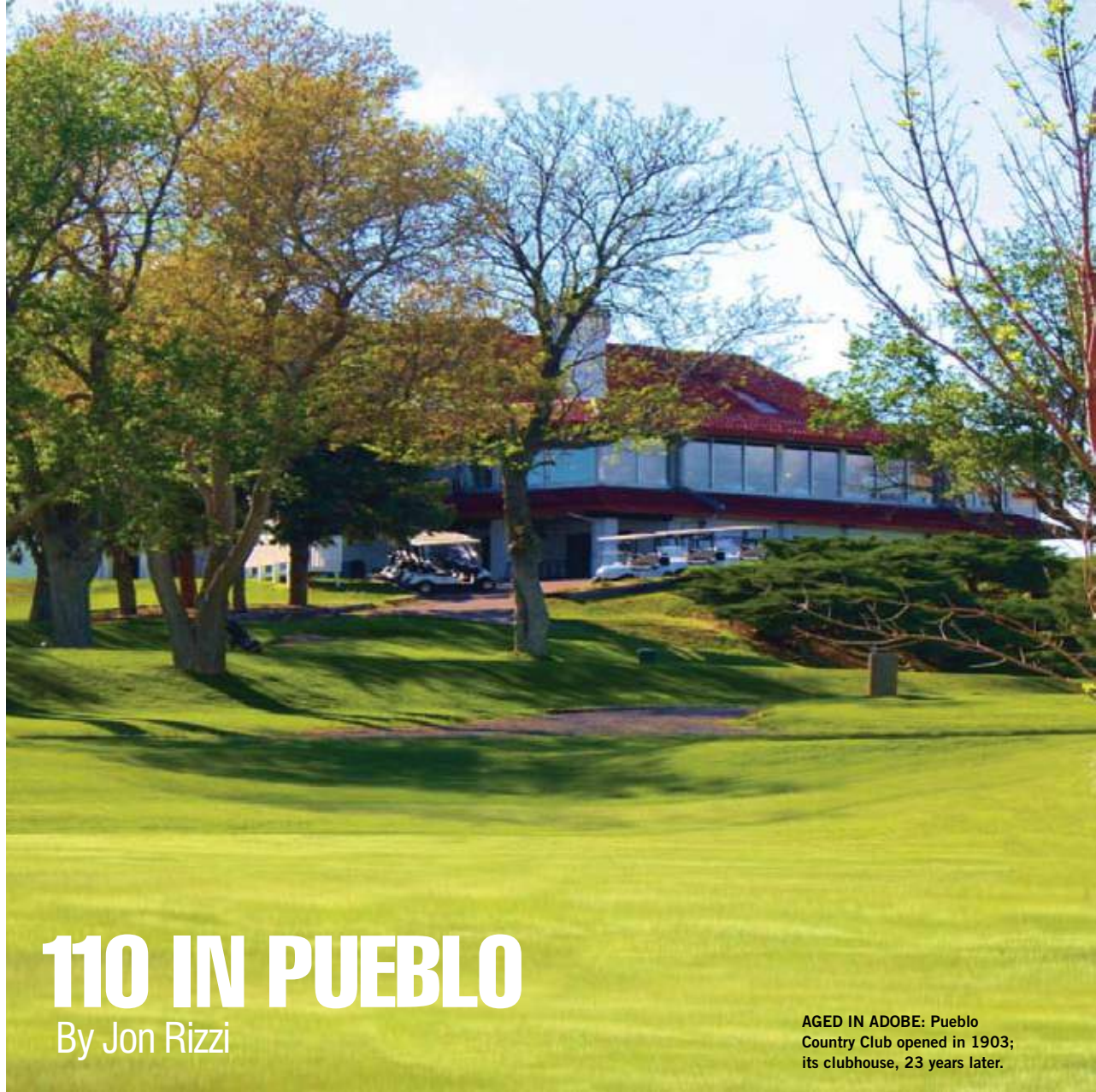
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110 IN PUEBLO

By Jon Rizzi

AGED IN ADOBE: Pueblo Country Club opened in 1903; its clubhouse, 23 years later.

THERE EXISTS ANOTHER old course with a Road Hole besides St. Andrews—and it's in Colorado.

The course is the 110-year-old Pueblo Country Club and a very public roadway—fittingly named 11th Fairway Drive—separates the back teeing area from the rest of the 555-yard dogleg-left 11th and runs along the entire left side of the fairway. The entire road lies out of bounds, which means the tee shot requires an official exception from Decision 27/20 to conform to *The Rules of Golf*.

This quirk will come into play when Pueblo hosts the U.S. Senior Amateur Qualifying August 12. It's just one of the signature idiosyncrasies at a club that trails only Patty Jewett Golf Course (née the Town and Gown Club) and Denver Country Club as

the oldest in the state. Tucked into a quaint neighborhood on less than 100 acres above downtown, Pueblo Country Club hosted its first round in 1903 on a nine-hole course cleared of cactus and sagebrush by its original members. More than six decades would pass before architect Henry Hughes would design and construct the second nine holes, which debuted in 1966.

By that time, the club had expanded to its current 35,000-square-foot adobe clubhouse, which now overlooks the elm-lined fairways, aquatic center and an indoor tennis facility featuring three hard courts and two clay ones. The mounted head of Carl, a trophy elk, surveys the entrances to the elegant banquet rooms. Members and their families—some of whom drive the 45 miles from Colorado Springs or fly themselves in from towns like Lamar—

fill the fairways, pool area and restaurant, where Executive Chef Robert Huckels brings his 20 years of five-star experience at The Broadmoor.

"I said when I was hired four years ago, the members will no longer have to go to Colorado Springs for a gourmet meal," recalls Huckels. Among his most-requested dishes: a fall-off-the-bone Lamb Shank Osso Bucco braised in Chianti rosemary broth, and the Millionaire Braised Beef Brisket slow-cooked in Guinness and dark coffee over Texas Toast. Classic fare like the PCC Slopper—a cheeseburger smothered in green chile and fresh chopped onions—receives as much attention as the wild game sausage with chutney.

"We have a very diverse membership. The lawyers are right next to the plumbers. I like to show I value and care about them," says Huckels. "I want

them to be proud to bring friends and clients. We also want to be a place families can enjoy, so we have events for kids like pizza-building and cupcake workshops."

The club's family-friendliness attracted automotive dealer Derek Vidmar, a young father whose son will be a fourth-generation PCC member. Derek, an 8 handicap, and his wife find themselves eating, swimming and socializing with members of other young families that have recently joined. "It's such a nice refuge," he says. "I can bring my kids. The staff likes them, watches out for them."

The staff watches out for the golfers too, he notes. Rather than cater just to more established members who prefer gentler green speeds, he says Course Superintendent Ricky Shawcroft has sped up the putting surfaces enough to meet the expectations of younger members. "He's always asking, 'How are the greens, how's the rough?'" Vidmar says of Shawcroft. "He's open to ideas."

One of those came from Vidmar's parents, who took over the flower beds and other "beautification" projects on the course—at no expense to the club. "Members new and old take a real sense of personal pride in this club," says Vidmar. "It's very special."

"Everybody should know about this place and nobody does," marvels the club's enthu-

siastic PGA Head Professional Shawn Wills, who begins his second year at the helm after honing his chops around Denver as an assistant pro at Pradera and Lakewood.

Wills has injected new energy into the club. "When I got here," he says. "There was a hunger for new experiences, new ideas." Among those was posting the event schedule outside the golf shop, online and in an e-newsletter; introducing a tee sheet and increasing the number of events—"particularly for women, which is awesome," says member Raeann Herrick. He's staged a husband-wife championship with matching uniforms, which "got everyone buzzing," she says.

Wills even added some buzz to the Hacker's Holiday, reputed to be the state's longest-running member-guest at 54 years. Last year's winners partook of a Moscow Mule—the club's official cocktail—from a colossal copper chalice bearing the club's logo.

Wills has also sought to elevate the club's profile. The budding Division II golf powerhouses at CSU-Pueblo practice and compete at the course. In addition to August's Senior Amateur Qualifying, this month PCC will host the season's first Colorado PGA Pro-Am. The golf shop also displays the feats of members Ray and Jimmy Maklowski, the father and son who, respectively, won last year's CGA



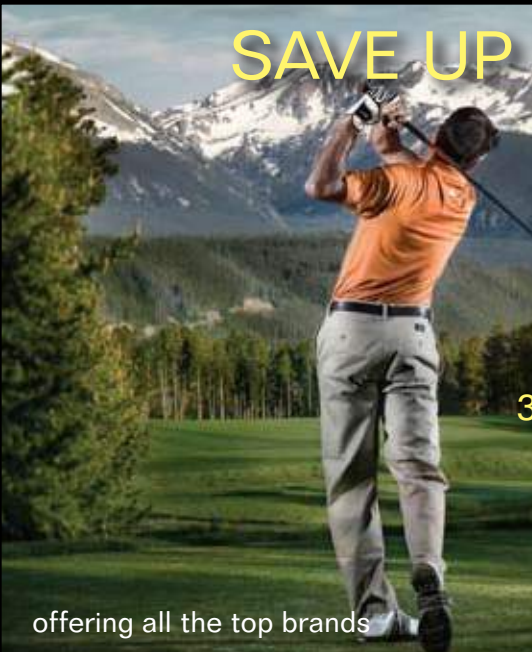
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The 6,660-yard course may be short but, Wills says, "It's old-school golf, where your angle is more important than power." Is it a course he'd want to play every day? "Absolutely. My goal this year is to play 80 rounds of golf with 80 different members and get their feedback. If you take care of people, the bottom line will take care of itself." 

Jon Rizzi is Colorado AvidGolfer's editor. Initiation at Pueblo Country Club (719-543-4844; pueblcountryclub.com) is \$1,000; dues run \$350 monthly plus \$100 quarterly for food and beverage.

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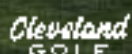
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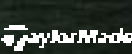
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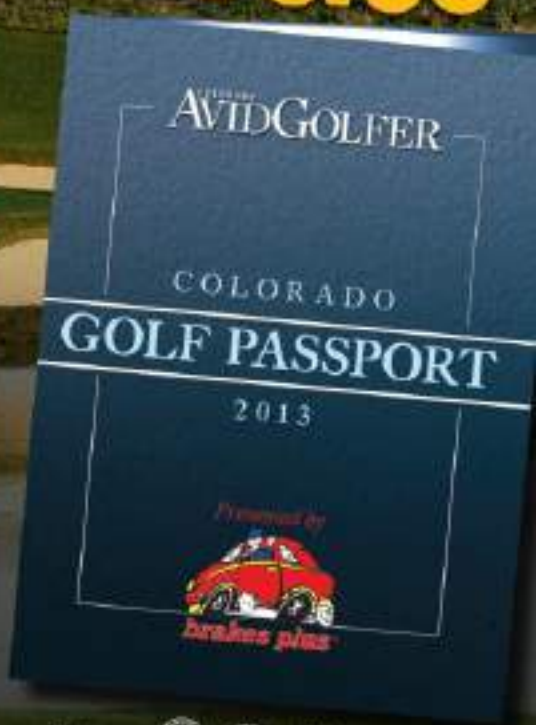
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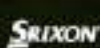
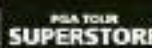
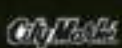
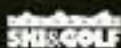
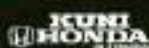
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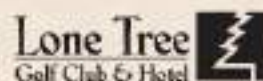
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PUT SOME BOUNCE IN YOUR SHORT GAME

By Stan Sayers

LONGER DRIVES DON'T EQUATE TO LOWER SCORES. A 30-yard chip that checks up within inches of the pin serves you far better than a 300-yard tee shot.

But how do you hit those short chips and pitches that spin and check? In the past I always cited two things: swing speed and clean contact. Pros achieve both consistently; amateurs mix in dropkicks, chunks, blade runners and chili-dips.

Aside from raw talent, pros also shine in the short game because they have customized bounce/grind on their wedges—a feature unavailable to most amateurs. But thanks to Top 100 Teacher Mike Adams and David Edel of Edel Golf, there's now a Tour-quality way to custom-fit wedges so the average player has the ability to control his or her chips and add some bite to these shots.

The key is matching the angle of attack with the bounce in the wedge, then matching it with the correct grind and shaft.

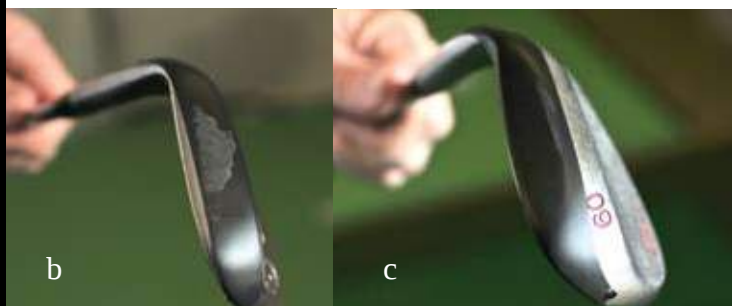
1. During the wedge fitting the student hits a 30- to 40-yard shot with a 60-degree wedge off of a lie board (*photo a*). This teaches him or her to use the bounce of the wedge and making sure the motion is sound.

2. Taping the bottom of different wedges provides the necessary feedback to determine the amount of bounce to have the person try. I look at the tape to see the shape and location of the mark. A smear closer to the front edge of the sole means the club needs more bounce. When the mark is smaller and towards the rear of the sole, the club needs less bounce (*photo b*).

3. I then confirm this with them hitting the same shot off of grass finding the wedge that goes smoothly through the turf.

4. Designing optimum bounce location entails grinding the curvature of the sole and radius of the leading edge. This is called grind (*photo c*).

5. I finally determine the correct shaft by analyzing which stiffness results in the most consistent ball flight, control, distance and spin. (*photo d*) Once the wedge is fit, the real teaching begins.    



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Bounce is resistance to digging. It helps prevent fat shots by neutralizing the downward angle of the wedge by lifting the club out of the ground in much the same way the flap on an airplane wing gives lift.

Grind is the way the club, specifically the camber (or curve) of the sole and the radius of the leading edge, is hand-ground. Altering the club through grinding makes it more versatile.

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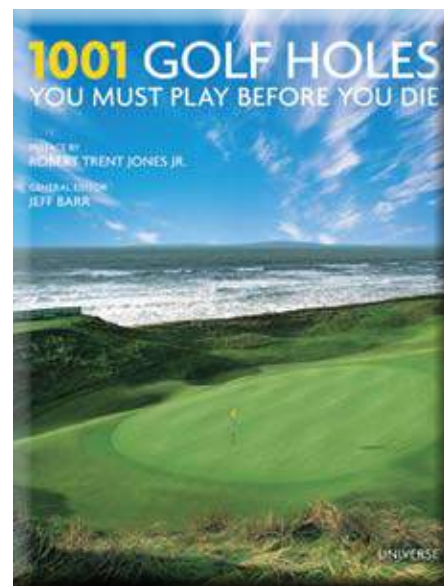
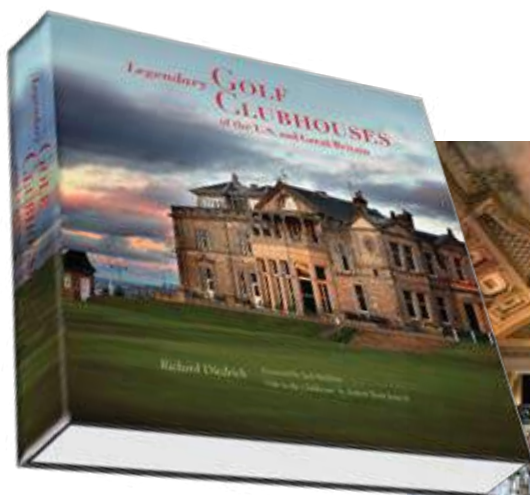
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THE SUBLIME AND THE (ALMOST) RIDICULOUS

By Jon Rizzi



IT'S A MANSE WORLD: Medinah's formal dining room (top left) and England's palatial Stoke Park.

TWO GORGEOUS tomes from Rizzoli are coming to a coffee table near you. *Legendary Clubhouses of the U.S. and Great Britain* (\$75) selectively celebrates those edificial extensions of the course itself; *1001 Golf Holes You Must Play Before You Die* (\$35) compiles a Sisyphean bucket list not even the most peripatetic golfer could complete.

Written by award-winning architect Richard J. Diedrich, *Legendary Clubhouses* includes superb photographs and drawings of 44 of the most stately and exclusive buildings from clubs on both sides of the Atlantic: on this side, Augusta, Baltusrol, Medinah Winged Foot and the Valley Club of Montecito; across the pond, Sunningdale, St. Andrews, Muirfield and Royal Liverpool. With the exception of Royal Birkdale's Art Deco clubhouse, the buildings all express the classic construction of a regal manor, and none is less than a half-century old. For each, Diedrich explores the building's relationship between the members, course and surrounding

landscape. We see plush interiors as well as exteriors. Although the author could have used a proofreader ("Bobbie" Jones? "Automotive zion" John DeLorean?), the lush photographs offer a rare glimpse into some of the game's most rarefied redoubts.

There's nothing rarefied about *Golfweek* editor Jeff Barr's *1001 Golf Holes*. It includes the usual suspects (the 16th at Cypress, Royal Troon's "Postage Stamp" 8th) and some exotics (no. 9 at Vietnam's Ocean Dunes, Royal Johannesburg's 11th). But before leaving the mortal coil, *must* you play the 10th at Manila Southwoods in the Philippines? As far as Colorado holes go, Cherry Hills (Nos. 14, 16, 17 and 18), Ballyneal (No. 4), Colorado Golf Club (No. 7) and Castle Pines (No. 10) make sense. But the 10th at Copper Creek? Vail Golf Club's 14th? And two holes from The Broadmoor West and none from the East? And why not one from Sanctuary—nor, for that matter, any designed by Jim Engh? As a compendium of 1001 cool golf holes, the book's a winner; as a mandate, it kind of whiffs.



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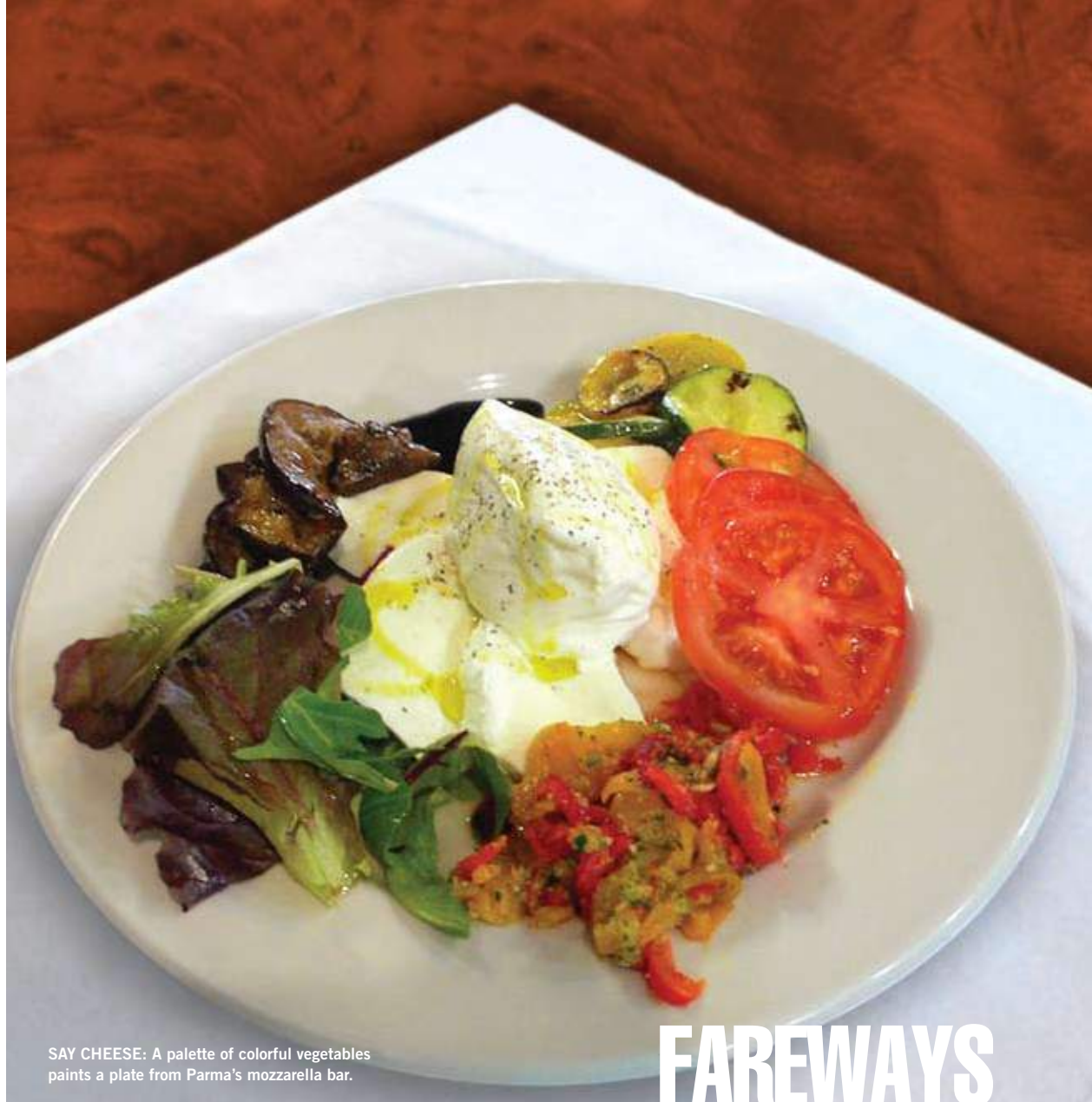
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MINING LOUISVILLE

Equidistant to two challenging courses, this former coal town's best restaurants invite golfers to dig in. By Gary James

Parma

There's an added value to a round at Coal Creek or Indian Peaks golf course. When you're finished, you can treat yourself to any number of great eateries in Louisville, a town that's become a mainstay in national Best Place To Live polls. From Coal Creek, take Dillon Road west across McCaslin—about, say, a par 15—and you land at Parma, named after an Italian town known for meats and cheeses. The authentic “real Italy”

cuisine offered by the partners (chef/owner Silvio Cuomo has been the engaging host during my visits) is top-shelf, but what matters to 19th-holders is the happy hour: from 3:30 to 6 p.m., seven days a week, dinner entrees are proffered in \$3, \$4 and \$5 plates. Load up on the *frittura* (earthy marinated Hazel Dell mushrooms or baked asparagus with Prosciutto and reggiano cheese), the *pesce* (mussels or grilled shrimp with herbs, lemon and olive oil) and the *vegetali* (my fave was *melanzana*, succulent egg-

plant in a citrusy garlic sauce). Add a glass of Chianti and you've still haven't cracked the \$25 mark. The sublime mozzarella bar brims with house-made and imported cheeses (I suggest pairing them with the organic rose peppers). Bonus points for having only one 50-inch TV monitor in the place—and, instead of some junk sports broadcast, it's a feed of the crew in the kitchen preparing your Italian feast. Must-eat TV! 1132-1 West Dillon Road; 303-284-2741; parmamozzarellabar.com

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Of the many old town Louisville dining options, I'm partial to The Porch Deli & Market, where the husband-and-wife team of Pete and Anne Pflum have created a friendly neighborhood environment—the coolest touch is tables made from old doors with glass on top. All of the delicious sandwiches are based on freshness and quality ingredients. I rarely depart from the Jersey Joe—two meats (make it turkey and roast beef), Swiss cheese, coleslaw and Thousand Island dressing on light rye. Anne is forever experimenting with a delicious homemade Italian wedding soup or white bean chicken chili. But the Porch's coup is the pork roll breakfast sandwich. In Jersey and Philly, pork roll is a traditional morning treat, but not many folks out West know about this salty upgrade from the other breakfast meats. With an egg and cheese on a kaiser roll...well, whaddya know, breakfast is the most important meal of the day. 641 Main Street. 303-604-0999; theporchdeli.com.

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ALSO RECOMMENDED

Lucky Pie Pizza and Taphouse (637 Front Street; 303-666-5743; luckypiepizza.com) has opened a second location in LoDo, but we'll waive our "no chains" policy to hail owner Brendan McManus' take on Neapolitan-style pizza—fragrant and tender with a crispy char. This avowed carnivore can't resist the Winter Wild Mushroom. Great beer menu, and they manage to be both kid-friendly and serve delicious roasted vegetables. **Lulu's BBQ** (701 B Main Street. 720-583-1789; lulus-bbq.com) does it Texas-style, shredded and saucy, and the beef brisket is top-shelf. I'm usually satisfied with an order of dry-rubbed smoked wings and any of the cold beers on tap, but no mere mortal can resist the Friday night dinner special, smoked Prime rib. **The Empire Lounge & Restaurant** (816 Main Street. 303-665-2521; theempirerestaurant.com) is a destination for superior libations and all-American bar food. My favorite dish is the crispy calamari salad, an ample portion of seafood sharing a mélange of greens and miso balsamic dressing on a (wait for it) squid-pro-quo basis. [CBO](#) [f](#) [t](#) [i](#)

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IN CLASSES BY THEMSELVES

The Skip Barber Racing School sets a high bar; so does the new Mazda 6. By Isaac Bouchard

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THOSE WHO MAINTAIN you can never really go home again should have accompanied me on my recent return to the Berkshires for the Skip Barber 1-Day Racing School.

I worked for the company almost 30 years ago while in high school. By that time it had already grown dramatically from its humble beginnings of two borrowed cars and four students. When Skip, an accomplished international racer, started teaching in 1975, the very idea that you could coach high performance and race driving was a bit controversial; many thought you either “had it or you didn’t.” Today Skip’s is the world’s largest high performance and racing drivers’ school; its programs have produced more American road racing champions than any competitor.

My 1-Day Racing School had a class of ten people—most of whom had no on-track experience—and a group of talented and irreverent instructors, all past or current racers, lead by Bruce MacInnes. Unlike many schools I’ve attended, Barber confines classroom “chalk

talk” to a quick safety review. Instead, time was maximized on one of the country’s most historic and scenic tracks, Lime Rock Park.

During a brief rest, Bruce explained what separated the Skip Barber program from its competitors: whereas others might start with basic skills and later try to correct bad habits, the Barber curriculum is designed and administered by racers who teach advanced techniques from the get-go, such as trail braking into corners and balancing the car with the throttle (not just the steering wheel).

To manage on-track risk, new students follow an instructor-driven vehicle and are shuffled into groups based on the skill, speed and—perhaps—foolhardiness they demonstrate. Seat time begins in Mazda MX-5 race cars—fast enough to be fun yet benign even when driven in a ham-fisted manner.

The most thrilling part of the experience is saved for the afternoon track sessions, which take place in 1100-lb. single-seaters, equipped with wings and sequential-shift gearboxes. To telegraph better when these machines have

reached their prodigious limits, they run radial tires instead of the slicks used in the Skip Barber race series. This makes it easier for the students to feel the transfer of forces under braking, turning and acceleration.

I was surprised by the amount of trust shown in students. To send students in very fast machines onto one of the country’s most unforgiving tracks is much more audacious than riding with them in a parking lot. The inherent problem with this approach comes down to communication—or a lack thereof. It’s hard to have real-time feedback when the instructors are viewing from trackside and staying in touch via radio.

The company does offer more involved, multi-day programs for those who want to go to a higher level. But viewed as an exhilarating experience, not to mention one that teaches real racing skills—the kinds that can also be vital for safely negotiating the hazards of street driving—the 1-day Skip Barber Racing School provides a vibrant and unique thrill. skipbarber.com; 866-932-1949



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Size is usually an asset in the car business. A bigger company can command more resources and offer more variants to appeal to more customers. Mazda, a small player, has turned that conventional wisdom on its head. The new Mazda6 is one of the two best-looking cars in its ultracompetitive sector, ties for best-in-class fuel economy, has an unmatched interior and is the most pleasing to drive.

The 6 debuts the 2.5-liter version of the Skyactiv-G four-cylinder, whose outputs of 184hp and 185lb-ft of torque understate its

willingness and revability, imbuing this midsize sedan with an alacrity commensurate with Mazda's driver-oriented marketing message. Yet its EPA ratings of 26-city and a (class best) 38-highway mean having one's cake and eating it too. Later this year we'll see a diesel 6, with more torque and even higher mpg figures. Either of two super-slick six-speed transmissions (auto or manual) translate torque to forward motion, and both are joy to use.

Mazda is one of the few companies who've figured out how to make electric power steering feel natural, and the 6's helm is no exception, with precise on-center feel, excellent linearity and even a modicum of feedback. The chassis serves up taught body control, commendable neutrality and a deftness of touch approached—but not equaled—by the Ford Focus and Honda Accord, the other two best driving cars in the midsize category. All that was expected; what wasn't expected in the Mazda is a refined, polished ride and excellent road noise suppression. In these regards the Mazda reminds me of the VW Passat, another excellent competitor.

Where the 6 pulls definitively ahead of these is in cockpit design and execution. The overall look is restrained elegance; the polished detailing suggesting CNC-machined surfaces and many of the moldings being richly textured and soft to the touch. There's plenty of available tech, from blind spot monitors to rear cross-traffic alert to sensors that will brake the car to a stop automatically to prevent a one rear-ending the car in front to bi-xenon lights that shine around corners.

Design-wise, the Ford Fusion provides the only real riposte to Mazda's slinky "Kodo" look, a major—and needed—improvement over the outgoing model's innocuous, smiley-faced visage. While the 6 doesn't have anywhere near the breadth of powertrain offerings of the Ford, it comes across as much better value, with its premium-level ride/handling and interior, yet a price that is thousands less.

The Mazda6 is so good that it should easily bring a whole new raft of buyers into the fold while also allowing the company to hold on to those who have already experienced the excellence of its other offerings. Who says smaller's not better?    

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FOR YEARS we've heard of about the challenges faced by private clubs. They've fallen prey to the recession, tax laws, public misperceptions, populist backlash, dwindling membership rolls and a shrinking pool of golfers to draw from. This perfect storm of struggles resulted in some clubs declaring bankruptcy; others closed forever; and the majority resorted to unprecedentedly low initiations and creative financing and incentives to attract new members. Between 2005 and 2012, the average Colorado club initiation dropped 53 percent, from \$49,000 to \$23,000. Even monthly dues dipped 3 percent, from \$402 to \$388. There was never a more affordable time to join a club than during the last few years.

Well, it looks like the sale will be ending soon.

With real estate on the rebound, stocks rallying and the economy again creating the psychological comfort that allows for disposable income, the average initiation has jumped back to \$40,000. A number of clubs either have waiting lists or are just a few members shy of starting one. What's more, in 2012

Colorado courses saw a 7.8 percent increase in rounds over 2011. Whether people playing more rounds equates to more people playing golf is somewhat irrelevant. When demand rises, supply responds.

And the supply in Colorado is continually responding with deals and enticements, as the following pages show.

Two trends of note are the rise of the multiple-club membership and the non-equity membership.

A number of multiple-club concepts exist across the country. Canongate, which started almost 50 years ago in Georgia, delivers membership at two Colorado clubs—Black Bear in Parker and Blackstone in Aurora—for a reasonable initiation (\$3,000 for a family) and monthly dues (\$290). Nominal cart and green fees apply, and members also have access to a national network of more than two-dozen clubs. Other companies using the multiple-club model could soon enter the Colorado market.

Clubs are converting equity memberships for lower-priced non-equity memberships. The initiations for these usually run far less

than the aforementioned \$40,000 average (which was calculated based on equity membership price when both were available). A non-equity membership gets you a better price when joining. But with no skin in the game, you can't vote on club issues and you won't get penny back if you resign. The club benefits from non-equity members initiation because it can apply the money to whatever capital improvements are necessary. It's seen as an asset rather than as a liability—which is the case with an equity initiation because it needs to be refunded to the member if he or she resigns.

Each of the clubs on the following pages makes a strong pitch for your membership dollar. Try to base your decision on more than just cost. Joining a club can define your social life—and your family's. A private club is an investment in the experience of belonging. It's where you play and whom you're with.

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“FUNKY” isn’t a word often associated with country clubs.

So when Cherry Creek Country Club owner Karen Hart uses it to describe her oasis at Iliff and Yosemite, she certainly catches your attention. “We do everything with a twist and funky,” she says. “We provide all the services, facilities and amenities to fit the lifestyles of the modern family.”

Hart isn’t making a sales pitch. With CCCC membership at capacity, she doesn’t need to. She’s justifiably proud that she and her staff have created a culture that honors golf’s most cherished traditions while tailoring them to their members’ needs. It’s an approach that has allowed the club to thrive—and not just survive—during a period of record attrition in the private-club industry.

The success story starts with the golf. “We baby the heck out of the course,” Hart says of the Jack and Jackie Nicklaus design that stretches from 4,981 to 7,450 yards, features water on half the holes and abounds in risk-reward opportunities. Director of Grounds Matt Lombardi’s rigorous attention to detail and innovative turf-maintenance practices have created unparalleled playing conditions. He’s also overseen the plantings and beautification of the entire course and community, adding to the value of the development’s real estate.

PGA Head Professional Jeff Carlson has set it up so members and

guests never have to worry about getting a tee time. “We’re about maximum accessibility,” he says. He judiciously schedules member events, and facilitates communication through online tee sheets, instant messaging and a smartphone app. Carlson and Assistant Professional Scott Wells both provide members with state-of-the-art instruction. The club even has an onsite master club fitter and repairman, Bob Glanville, to ensure that members get the most from their equipment, and the club’s unique member pricing structure keeps down the cost of gear, apparel and other golf shop items.

Committed to cultivating the next generation of golfers, Wells leads the club’s robust junior golf program. CCCC kids participate in Junior Metro League interclub events and the club has a CGA-rated special set of junior tees.

The club also caters to the younger set with individualized programs in tennis and swimming. Offering a wide range of activities for children between the ages of four and 11, CCCC’s highly successful Kids’ Camp will expand to five weeks this summer.

CCCC doesn’t pamper just kids. It’s the only private country club in Denver Metro area to offer a full-service day spa, providing every possible treatment—from manicures to massages to muscle activation—in its six resort-style treatment rooms. Serenity awaits spa-goers on





the private meditation deck appointed with chaises, a soothing water feature and tropical décor. Four steam rooms and a hot tub help melt away stress, and a specialty boutique stocks all manner of necessities and indulgences.

The spa adjoins the club's high-tech fitness center, complete with personal trainers and complimentary group exercise classes. Two tennis courts, a luxurious outdoor pool with a spacious, party-friendly deck and full-service juice bar providing healthy, fresh and family-friendly options (grilled fish and chicken, fruit smoothies) complete this high-activity area of the club.

That doesn't complete the entire picture however. Far from it. Much of Cherry Creek's jam-packed social and dining calendar revolves around its 34,000-square-foot clubhouse. The elegantly appointed locker rooms lack for nothing, and the sophisticated dining areas spill onto a sprawling patio that accommodates all styles and sizes of private parties and member events. The club treats members to weekly entertainment such as HBO comedians, country-and-western bands, dueling pianos, impersonators, belly-dancing teams and a fireworks display staged by the same company that lights up the July 4th sky above Coors Field.

"We're not your grandfather's country club," says Food & Beverage

Manager Greg Selvey. "We're always looking for new twists to add value to our members' experience"

Among those twists is not having a food and beverage minimum, because, Hart says, Executive Chef Cody Dunson's food "is good enough to compete with any restaurant in Denver." It is. With a fully updated and outfitted kitchen, Dunson and his staff make everything from scratch, constantly expanding their menu and blowing away members with inspired creations and accommodations for all dietary restrictions. A new soup and chili appears daily, and Dunson pulls out all the stops for special-event buffets. "I'd put our Easter brunch up against even The Broadmoor's," Hart says.

Adding to the resort ambience, the kitchen also delivers to members' homes and to their carts on the golf course. The club also provides 24/7 limousine service to as far away as Aspen, and will retrieve members who stay out a wee bit later than anticipated.

The chauffeur service is just one of the myriad points of distinction between Cherry Creek and other clubs. "We're the best value in town," Hart says, factoring what a family would spend on golf, gym memberships, spa visits, kid programs and all the other amenities Cherry Creek offers inside its gates. "You'd honestly have to go to an expensive resort to get the kind of treatment members receive here every day."



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Adam's Mountain Country Club	1094 Frost Creek Dr., Eagle	866-490-2622	\$60,000/\$150,000	\$750/mo.	No	300
Aspen Glen Club	0545 Bald Eagle Way, Carbondale	970-704-1905	\$100,000	\$875/mo.	No	535
Ballyneal	1 Ballyneal Lane, Holyoke	970-854-5900	\$10,000	\$4,000/yr. Regional \$2,500 Natnl	No	250
Bear Creek Golf Club	12201 Morrison Rd., Denver	303-980-8700	\$40,000	\$790/mo.	No	350
Bookcliff Country Club	2730 G Rd., Grand Junction	970-243-3323	\$2500-\$3500	\$295-\$365	No	520
Boulder Country Club	350 Clubhouse Rd., Boulder	303-530-4600	\$22,500	\$487/mo.	No	475
Broadmoor Golf Club	One Lake Circle, Colorado Springs	719-577-5833	\$70,000	\$575/mo.	Yes	N/A
Canongate at Black Bear	11300 Canterbury Pkwy., Parker	720-346-2367	\$1500-\$3,000	starting at \$139/mo.	No	N/A
Canongate at Blackstone	7777 Country Club Dr., Aurora	720-346-2367	\$1500-\$3,000	starting at \$190/mo.	No	N/A
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Catamount Ranch & Club	33400 B Catamount Dr., Steamboat Springs	970-871-9300	\$45,000	\$8,800/yr.	No	395
Cherry Creek Country Club	2405 South Yosemite St., Denver	303-597-0300	\$65,000	\$550/mo.	No	450
Cherry Hills Country Club	4125 S. University Blvd., Englewood	303-350-5200	\$120,000	\$785/mo.	Invitation only	500
Colorado Golf Club	7803 E. Stroh Rd., Parker	303-840-0090	\$50,000	\$699/mo.	Invitation only	425
Colorado Springs Country Club	3333 Templeton Gap Rd., Colorado Springs	719-634-8851	\$10,000	\$445/mo.	No	425
Columbine Country Club	17 Fairway Ln, Littleton	303-794-2674	\$30,000	\$545/mo.	No	420
Cordillera, The Club at	655 Clubhouse Dr., Edwards	970-569-6460	\$30,000-\$40,000	\$12,500/yr.	No	1,085
Cornerstone Club	1000 Cornerstone Trl., Montrose	970-650-2000	TBD	TBD	TBD	TBD
Country Club of Colorado	125 E. Clubhouse Dr., Colorado Springs	719-538-4084	\$27,500	\$400/mo.	No	450
Country Club of the Rockies	676 Sawatch Dr, Edwards	970-926-3080	\$125,000	\$9,000/yr.	Yes	350
Denver Country Club	1700 E. First Ave., Denver	303-733-2441	\$105,000	\$650/mo.	Invitation only	585
Eagle Springs Golf Club	28521 U.S. Highway 6 & 24, Wolcott	970-926-4400	\$60,000	\$13,200/yr.	Invitation only	250
Eaton Country Club	37661 Weld Country Rd. 39, Eaton	970-454-2106	\$1,000	\$185/mo.	No	485
The Club at Flying Horse	1880 Weiskopf Point., Colorado Springs	719-487-2601	\$39,000	\$505/mo.	No	450
Fort Collins Country Club	1920 Country Club Rd., Fort Collins	970-482-1336	\$5,000/\$9,000	\$440/mo.	No	500
Fox Acres Country Club	3350 Fox Acres Dr. E., Red Feather Lakes	970-881-2191	\$97,500*	\$13,500/yr.*	No	250
The Fox Hill Club	12389 E. Highway 119, Longmont	303-651-3777	\$3,000	\$290-\$390/mo.	No	450
Garden of the Gods Club	3320 Mesa Rd, Colorado Springs	719-632-5541	\$15,000	\$330-\$465/mo.	No	N/A
Glacier Club	40290 Highway 550 North, Durango	970-382-7809	\$30,000/\$70,000	\$650/mo.	No	675
Glenmoor Country Club	110 Glenmoor Dr., Englewood	303-257-1313	\$50,000	\$500/mo.	Yes	475
Greeley Country Club	4500 W. 10th St., Greeley	970-353-0528	\$500/\$4,500	\$185-\$426/mo.	No	500
Harmony Club	4176 Club Dr., Timnath	970-224-4622	\$6,500/\$12,500	\$310/mo.	No	350
Hiwan Golf Club	30671 Clubhouse Ln., Evergreen	303-674-3366	\$25,000	\$500/mo.	No	N/A
Inverness Hotel & Golf Club	200 Inverness Dr., Englewood	303-397-7878	\$4,370	\$3,870/yr. renewal	No	400
Ironbridge Golf Club	430 Ironbridge Dr., Glenwood Springs	970-384-0630	\$0	\$298/mo.	No	N/A
Lake Valley Golf Club	4400 Lake Valley Dr., Longmont	303-444-2114	\$5,000	\$305-\$359/mo.	No	478
Lakewood Country Club	6800 W. 10th Ave., Lakewood	303-233-4614	\$30,000	\$540/mo.	No	450
Maroon Creek Club	10 Club Circle Rd., Aspen	970-920-1533	\$200,000	\$22,000/yr.	Invitation only	350
Meridian Golf Club	9742 S. Meridian Blvd., Englewood	303-799-8412	\$6,000	\$380/mo./ \$490 mo. per family	No	475
Monument Hill Country Club	18945 Pebble Beach Way, Monument	719-481-2272	\$2,000	\$293/mo.	No	1,300
Perry Park Country Club	7047 Perry Park Blvd., Larkspur	303-681-3305	\$6,500	\$423/mo.	No	300
Pinehurst Country Club	6255 W. Quincy Ave., Denver	303-985-1551	\$32,000	\$520/mo.	No	450
Pinery Country Club, The	6900 E Pinery Pkwy., Parker	303-841-5157	\$20,000	\$410/mo.	No	650
Plum Creek Golf and Country Club	331 Players Club Dr., Castle Rock	303-688-2612	\$1,750-\$4,600	Annual renewal	No	500
Pradera, The Club at	5225 Pradera Pkwy., Parker	303-607-5672	\$31,000	\$420/mo.	No	450
Ptarmigan Country Club	5416 Vardon Way, Fort Collins	970-226-8555	\$5,000-\$7,500	\$350/mo.	No	500
Pueblo Country Club	3200 8th Ave., Pueblo	719-543-4844	\$1,000	\$335/mo.	No	850
Ranch Country Club, The	11887 Tejon St., Westminster	303-460-9700	\$7,000	\$435/mo.	No	425
Ravenna, The Golf Club at	11118 Caretaker Road, Littleton	720-956-1600	\$35,000	\$500	nonequity	N/A
Red Rocks Country Club	16235 W. Belleview Ave., Morrison	303-352-2030	\$7,000-\$15,000	\$450/mo.	No	425
Red Sky Golf Club	1099 Red Sky Rd., Wolcott	970-754-8400	\$140,000	\$9090/yr.	No	425
Roaring Fork Club	100 Arbaney Ranch Rd., Basalt	970-927-9000	\$120,000-\$200,000	\$7000-15000/yr.	Invitation only	500
Rolling Hills, The Club at	15707 W. 26th Ave., Golden	303-279-3334	\$40,000-\$45,000	\$414-\$561/mo	No	425
Snowmass Club	0239 Snowmass Club Cir., Snowmass Village	970-923-5600	\$50,000	\$650/mo.	No	375
Valley Country Club	14601 Country Club Dr., Aurora	303-690-6373	\$20,000	\$600/mo.	No	470

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EQUITY	FACILITIES	COURSE ARCHITECT	CONTACT
No	Swimming, tennis, fitness, fishing, spa, equestrian center	Tom Weiskopf (2007)	Joe Cranston
No	Swimming, tennis, fitness center, spa	Nicklaus Design (1997)	Jess Westley
No	Outsourced Upland game hunting, bocceball court, practice facilities	Tom Doak (2006)	Matt Payne
Yes	None	Arnold Palmer/Ed Seay (1985)	Kirk Rider
No	Swimming, tennis	Dick Phelps (1958)	Kari Canaday
No	Swimming, tennis, fitness, dining	Press Maxwell (1965)	Kate Kippenberger
No	All resort privileges	East: D. Ross (1918); West: R. T. Jones (1964); Mountain: J. Nicklaus (2006)	Sherry Clark
No	Privileges at all Canongate facilities	Jeff Brauer (1996)	Tiffanie Trenck
No	Swimming, tennis, fitness, privileges at all Canongate facilities	Jay Morrish (2006)	Tiffanie Trenck
Yes	Fitness center; dining	Jack Nicklaus (1981)	Keith Schneider
Yes	None	Jack Nicklaus (1985)	Brian Nishi
No	Swimming, tennis, private lake, water sports, fitness, skiing	Tom Weiskopf (2000)	Nicole Piret
No	Swimming, tennis, Full Fitness Facility, spa	Jack Nicklaus/Jack Nicklaus II (2002)	Karen Hart
No	Swimming, tennis	William Flynn (1922); Renaissance Golf (2009)	B.J. Johnson
Yes	Par-3 course, hiking and biking trails, fitness, indoor practice facilities	Ben Crenshaw/Bill Coore (2006)	Tom Ferrell
Yes	Swimming, tennis	Dick Phelps (1957)	Cathy Matthews-Kane
No	Swimming, tennis, Par 3	Henry Hughes (1956)	Darin Dickson
No	Swimming, tennis, Nordic center	Valley: T.Fazio (1997); Mountain: H. Irwin (1994); Summit: J. Nicklaus (2001)	Suzanne Morgan
TBD	Equestrian center, swimming, fishing, 25 miles of trails	Greg Norman (2007)	Eric Feely
No	Swimming, tennis, fitness, fishing, sailing	Pete Dye (1973)	Jessica Emerson
Yes	Facilities through Arrowhead development	Jack Nicklaus (1984)	Pentii Tofferi
No	Swimming, tennis, ice rink	James Foulis/Bill Coore (1902)	Ryan Granthru
No	None	Jay Morrish/Tom Weiskopf (1995)	Mike Steiner
50%	None	Frank Baumgarner (1968)	Shelly Bowden
No	Swimming, tennis, fitness, spa, indoor golf facility	Tom Weiskopf (2005)	Wendy McHenry
No	Swimming, tennis, spa, golf school	Henry Hughes (1960); Pete Dye (2001)	Scott Szymoniak
No	Tennis, fitness, fly fishing, spa, horseback riding	John Cochran (1983)	Joey Moncayo
Yes	Swimming, tennis, fitness	Frank Hummel (1972)	Heather Martin
No	Swimming, tennis, fitness, dining, spa, salon, lodging	Press Maxwell (1961)/ Mark Rathert (1997)	Tracey Kalata
No/Yes	Swimming, tennis, fitness	Arthur Hills (1974), Todd Schoeder (2004)	Nancy Bennett
No	Swimming, tennis, fitness	Pete Dye (1985)	Teri Ramirez
Yes	Swimming, tennis, racquetball, access to Ft. Collins & Fox Hill CCs	Perry Maxwell/Tom Bendelow (1932)	Amy Fiedler
No	Indoor, heated golf facility	Jim Engh (2007)	Renee Benzel
No	Swimming, tennis, fitness center, Fishing	Press Maxwell (1962)	Daniel Sherman
No	Swimming, tennis, fitness	Press Maxwell (1974)	Dave Steinmetz
No	Swimming, tennis	Arthur Hills (2003)	Doug Rohrbough
No	Dining, practice facilities, private swim and fishing lake	Press Maxwell (1964)	Rob Mount
No	Swimming, tennis, fitness	Tom Bendelow/Donald Ross (1908)	Carol Kaiser
No	Swimming, tennis, fitness, spa	Tom Fazio (1995)	David Chadbourne
No	none	Jack Nicklaus (1984)	Jim Shoemaker
No	Swimming, tennis, fitness	Press Maxwell (1969)	Jim Nodurt
Yes	none	Dick Phelps (1969)	Herb Miller
No	Swimming, tennis	Press Maxwell (1960)	Kristi Meacham
No	Swimming, indoor/outdoor tennis, fitness	David Bingham (1972)	Laura Bracken
No	Swimming, tennis, fitness	Pete Dye (1984)	Alysse Cole
No	Tennis, fitness	Jim Engh (2005)	Brittney Freyschleg
Yes	Swimming, tennis	Jack Nicklaus (1988)	Ryan Flack
Yes	Swimming, tennis	Henry Hughes (1902)	Kevin Dowding
Yes/No	Swimming, tennis	Dick Phelps (1974)	Shaun Poe
TBD	TBD	Jay Morrish (2006)	Amy Rome
Yes	Swimming	Stanley Harwood (1976)	Ali Canyon
No	Amenities through Vail Resorts	Tom Fazio (2002); Greg Norman (2003)	Mike Gibbs
No	Swimming, tennis, fly-fishing	Jack Nicklaus (1999)	Lauren Salzer
No	Swimming, indoor/outdoor tennis, fitness, dining, banquet facility	Press Maxwell/Dick Phelps (1967)	Aisha Oldham
Yes	Swimming, tennis, fitness, cross-country skiing	Jim Engh (2003)	Dusty Diaz
No	Swimming, tennis, fitness	William Bell (1960)	Kristen Tetrick

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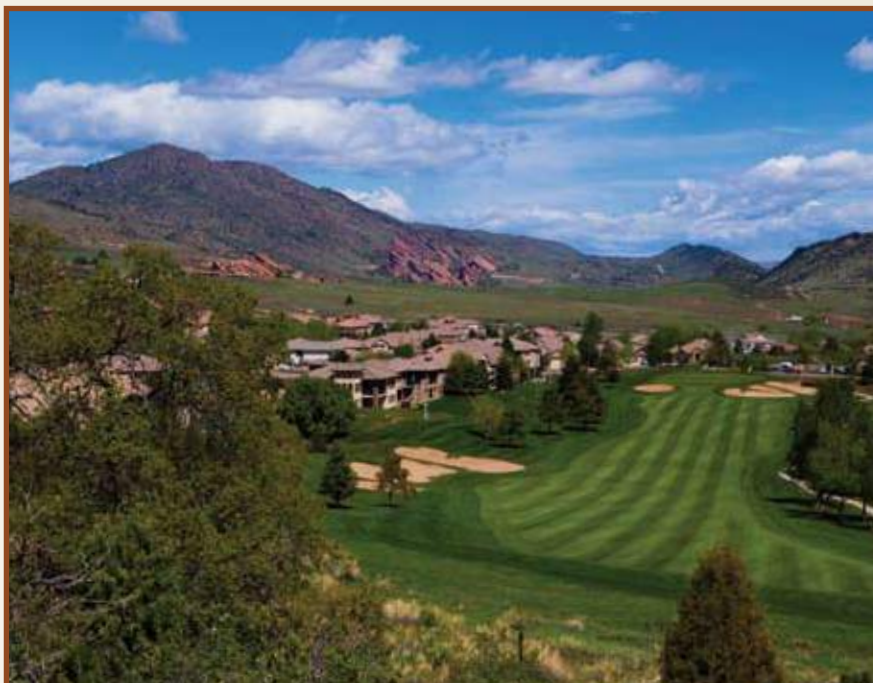
6,831 yards / Phelps-Atkinson

Amenities

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Course Yardage/Architect

7,049 yards / Billy Bell Jr.

Amenities

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COURSE YARDAGE / ARCHITECT

7,123 yards / Frank Hummel

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Course Yardage/Architect

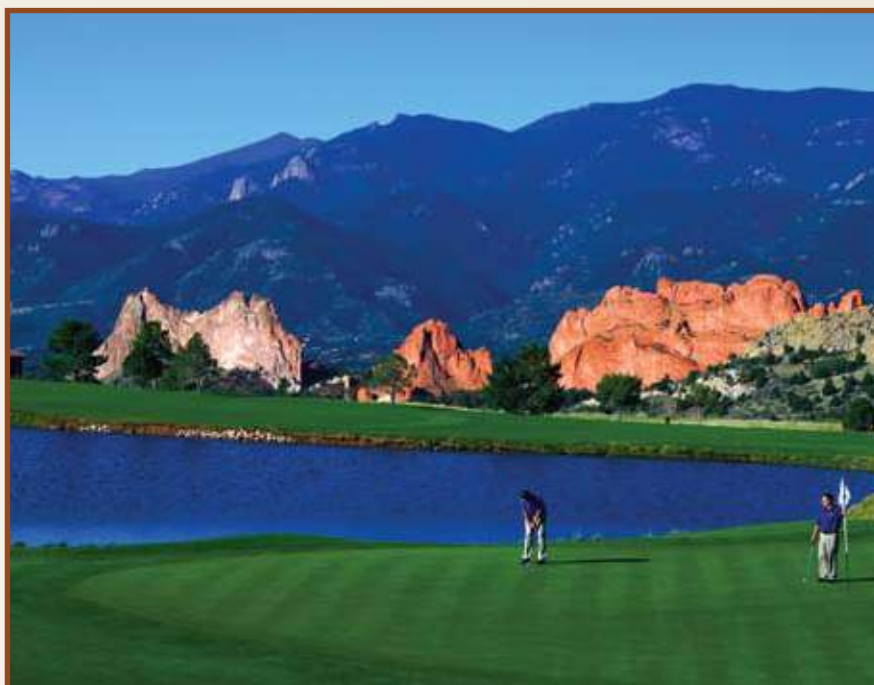
6,973-7,051 yards / J. Press Maxwell, Mark Rathert, Lee Schmidt

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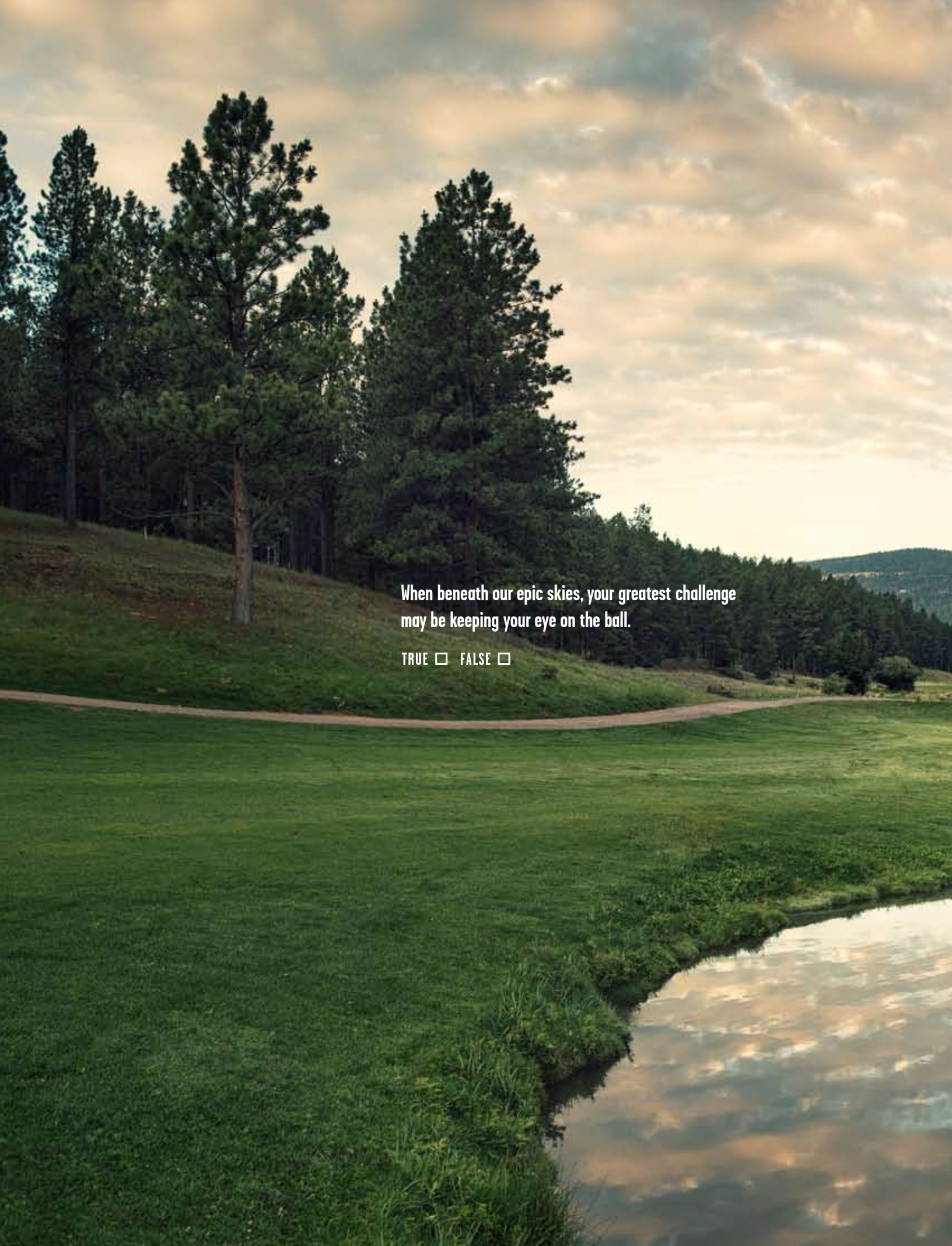
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THROUGH THE RUGGEDLY desiccated beauty of New Mexico weave a surprisingly high number of challenging and inviting layouts. Worthy of a few divots are Black Mesa Golf Club near Santa Fe; Paa-Ko Ridge, east of Albuquerque; and Isleta Eagle and the Championship Golf Course at the University of New Mexico in Albuquerque.

But they're not the most intriguing courses in the Land of Enchantment.

Before arriving in Santa Fe, hit all 27 holes at **Towa Golf Club**, just north of the capital and part of Buffalo Thunder Resort. Designed by Hale Irwin, the Piñon and Valley nines each rumble about 3,600 testing yards, while the William Phillips-designed 3,640-yard Boulder Nine boasts the only island green—on the 185-yard fourth hole—in New Mexico.

Heading towards Albuquerque, you'll find **Sandia Golf Club**, a picturesque Scott Miller course affiliated with the resort of the same

name. Serving up awesome mountain views, Sandia stretches 7,772 yards from the tips, more than any course in New Mexico. It's forgiving off the tee but the bunkering and green complexes put your short game to the test.

Those same Sandia Mountains frame **Twin Warriors Golf Club**, a 7,284-yard Gary Panks test threading through 20 ancient cultural sites, grassy knolls, arroyos and ridges dotted with juniper and piñon. Affiliated with the Santa Ana Pueblo's Hyatt Tamaya, Twin Warriors hosted the PGA Professional National Championship in 2003 and in 2009 shared the duties with its sister course, the 27-hole **Santa Ana Golf Club**.

If the two-hour drive from Albuquerque didn't keep Natalie Gulbis away, what's stopping you from heading to **Sierra Del Rio**, the 7,331-yard course at Turtleback Mountain Resort? Gulbis, Nancy Lopez and Rosie Jones have all competed in the New Mexico Shootout on this 2008 layout by Colorado's own Phelps-Atkinson Course Design.

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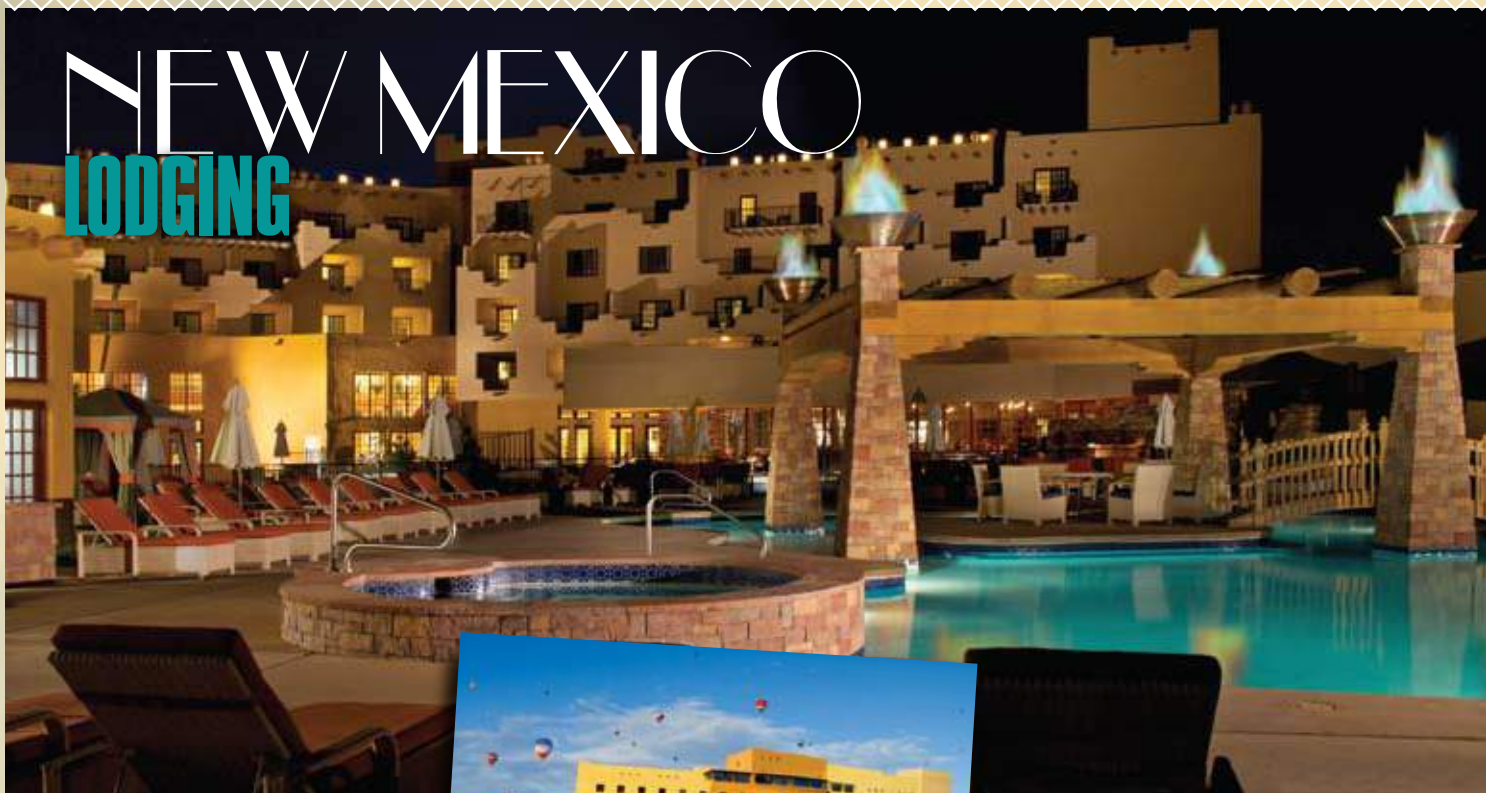
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Just north of Santa Fe lies **Buffalo Thunder Resort and Casino** (coincidentally a Hilton property owned by the Pojoaque pueblo). The five year-old resort boasts a museum-like space containing hundreds of tribal artwork pieces and guest rooms appointed with Native décor. The action in the hotel's 61,000-square-foot casino contrasts with the serenity of its Wo' P'in Spa, which specializes in native-inspired treatments.

Heading towards Albuquerque, you'll find the 350-room **Hyatt Tamaya** on the Santa Ana Pueblo. Its 200 acres comprise a 16,000-square-foot full-service spa and fitness center, aquatic area, horseback riding, hot-air ballooning and a variety of authentic

Native American cultural activities such as dance shows, huruna-bread tastings and pottery-making. The nearby Santa Ana Star provides your gaming fix.

Also in Albuquerque, **Sandia Resort & Casino** features oversized luxury guest rooms combining the comforts of a deluxe resort with the Sandia pueblo's rich heritage. Its Green Reed Spa reduces stress, the 140,000-square-foot gaming area features the state's largest non-smoking poker room, and the 4,000-seat outdoor amphitheater draws top-flight entertainers.

Downtown Santa Fe's Inn of the Anasazi, La Posada, Inn & Spa at Loretto and La Fonda on the Plaza (among others) all put you in the heart of the action. In Albuquerque, the recently refurbished 107-room boutique Hotel Andaluz now inhabits the building of the original Hilton. Other upscale options include The Hotel Albuquerque in Old Town and the five-star Hyatt Regency.

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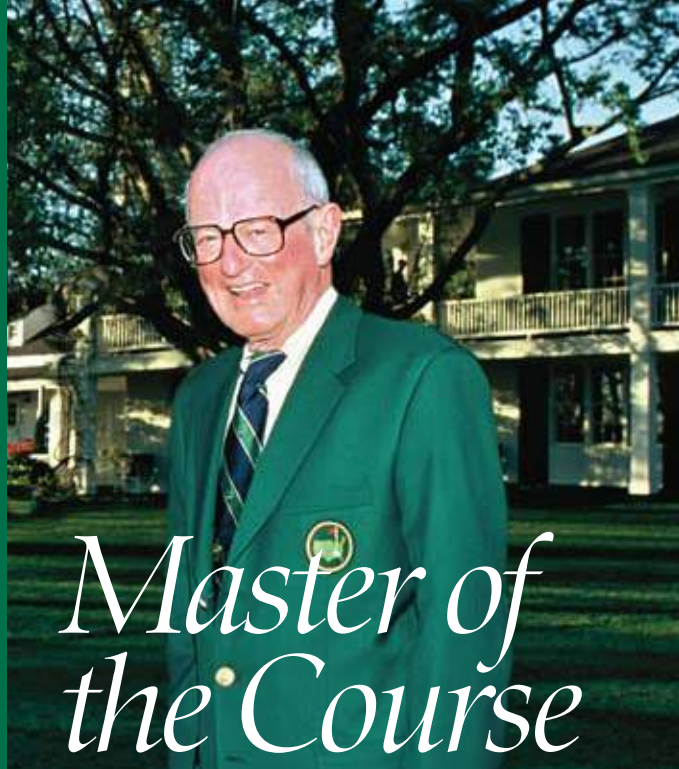
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Master of the Course

DENVERITE WILL NICHOLSON'S SETUPS AND RULINGS AT AUGUSTA MAKE COLORADO PROUD. BY KAYE W. KESSLER

FIFTY YEARS AGO, the revered golf scrivener Herbert Warren Wind gave the readers of *Esquire* 11,000 words refuting the notion The Masters was an overrated tournament.

It won't take me nearly as many. Simply put, The Masters is the event by which all others are measured. And I have covered it since 1963.

Among the qualities that distinguish it, as Wind pointed out, is The Masters, unlike many other professional golf tournaments, is beholden only unto itself. It relies solely on invited players and patrons. It controls all pricing, it controls play, course condition and qualifications for player invitations. The club chairman and his appointed committee members run it.

And did you know one of the most influential club members at this incomparable event lives some 1,550 miles from Augusta, in Denver?

Will F. Nicholson, Jr., a lifelong Colorado resident, has been a guiding light for the Masters almost from the moment he joined Augusta National Golf Club in 1981, the same year he ascended to the presidency of the United States Golf Association. Nicholson retired 18 years ago as Chairman, CEO and President of Colorado National Bankshares, Inc., but before and since has been on more boards than a master carpenter—and has chaired them all.

None has been more compelling, more fulfilling or more up his avenue of expertise than when in 1991 he was named Chairman of the Masters Competition Committee.

"I have just two comments to make," Will said to me recently when I tried to pry into his depths about The Masters.

"One, was right after the dinner announcing Jack Stephens would succeed Hord Hardin as chairman of Augusta National. As we walked out of the dining room, Jack said to me, 'You're going to play golf with me tomorrow.' The next day, after we'd teed off and rode to the bottom of the hill on No. 1, he stopped and said, 'I don't know anything about running a golf tournament and you do. Would you agree to run the tournament for me?'"

"I said I was honored, flattered and most appreciative, and of course I would run it. And, I told him with a smile, 'Of course you know you have a thirty-second resignation from the committee if it doesn't work out.'"

"We went up the hill and, flashing that great big smile of his, he said, 'Of course you know, the resignation has a shorter fuse than 30 seconds.'"

And two? "What a great pleasure it was to work with Jack Stephens. The weekend following the first tournament where I was in charge, we discussed the tournament and changes I'd like to make. I asked him to go with me to the second green, where the ropes had been placed right up to the edge of the green. I told him I wanted to move them back to bring the huge swale behind the green into play. Jack looked at me and said, 'I agree with you. Go ahead and do it.' The next year I said I had some other changes I wanted to make. 'You were exactly right on No 2,' he said. 'You do what needs to be done.'"

Nicholson knew whereof he spoke, having chaired the event's Rules Committee virtually from the day he joined the club in 1981. Adding the Competition to his charge was tantamount to shouldering the whole load—course set-up, pin and tee placements, pairings, starting times and Rules. Although he's quick to single out capable committee members such as Fred Ridley and David Graham, Nicholson for 17 years was the man on the hot seat.

Nicholson never felt the heat. Yes, he says, he erred in 2004, when Phil Mickelson beat Ernie Els. "We'd had a terrible ice and windstorm in late January, lost trees and had branches all over the course. In the third round Ernie called for a ruling when he drove into the left trees off No. 11, into a pile of loose branches stacked for removal, a number of which had fresh saw cuts. We just don't have loose branches at Augusta, so my ruling was that he would get relief. The ruling wasn't a mistake; the mistake was not emphasizing to the Rules Committee about the piles of broken branches in the woods." It mattered not that Phil won and Ernie wasn't close.

Nicholson's rapport with the players generally was impeccable. Nicholson was ever amenable lending an ear and hearing what contestants thought. At the 2004 event he encountered defending champion Mike Weir, the first lefty to win the Masters, dejectedly leaving the clubhouse after missing the cut with rounds of 79-70. "I offered Mike my condolences and asked what he thought any problems might be. He eyed me and quietly replied, 'I think you cut the pin way too close to the slope on the back of the 18th green.' I said, 'Mike, I've looked at it you are absolutely right.' And that was that.

"I always remember my dad (former Denver Mayor and Colorado Golf Hall of Fame member Will Nicholson Sr.) saying, 'When you make a mistake, admit it and get on with your business.'"

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dency or sitting in those electric chairs at Augusta?

"Comparable in a way," he allowed. "USGA duties last all year; at Augusta it's the long haul nine very intense days from early morning and deep into the evening. You think you'll get to sleep in on Saturday and Sunday mornings because the field is cut sharply and play doesn't start until maybe 10:30—and you're wrong because of weather problems. Invariably you'll have Friday rounds finishing Saturday, Saturday rounds finishing Sunday and on occasion the final round Monday."

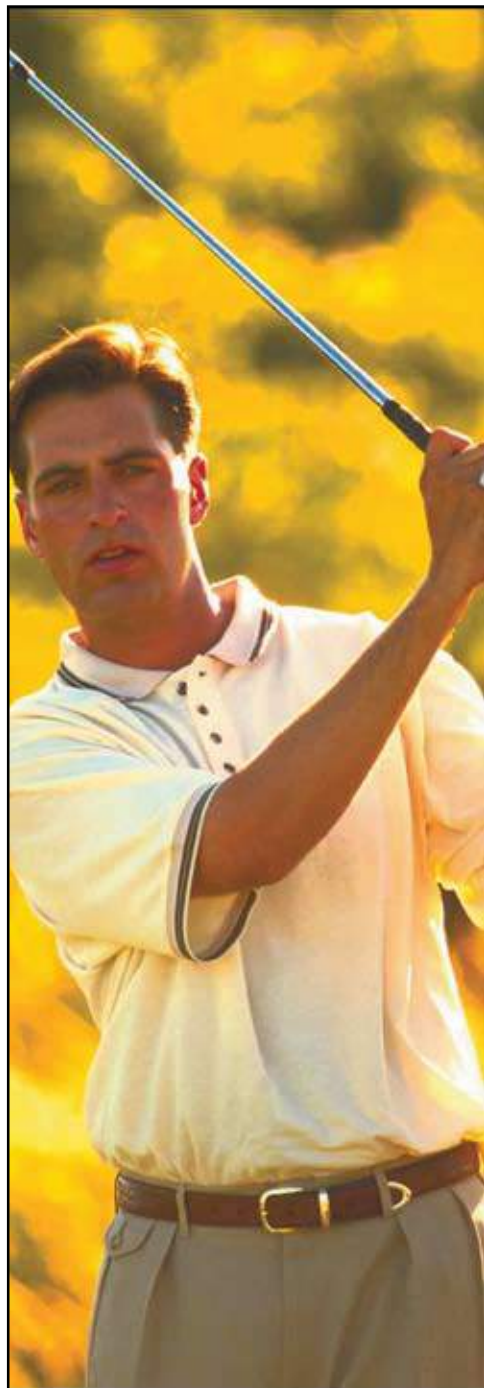
Conservative with words, he incessantly was the go-to man for sticky questions at Augusta, whether regarding rulings, course setup or playing conditions. And as the right hand for Chairman Jack Stephens, whenever the media raised thorny queries during the traditional Wednesday morning State of the Masters sessions, Stephens would pause, slowly clear his throat, eye the messenger and reply, "I believe I'll lateral that one to Will."

Nicholson would reply with the same laconic, decisive precision with which he would continue to run the Competition and Rules committee after Hootie Johnson succeeded Stephens in 1998. Eight years later, after the 2006 Masters, Nicholson retired from the committee when the club's current chairman, Billy Payne, took the helm. Fred Ridley, who had served on Nicholson's committee, now runs it.

Far from retiring, even in his golden years Will never found a chair he didn't fit. He most recently was named chairman of the Colorado Golf Association's new Colorado Golf Foundation, which came about as the result of a \$2 million lead gift from George and Carol Solich. He once chaired the U.S. Chamber of Commerce, is on the Colorado Golf Association board of governors and is a member of Jack Nicklaus' Memorial Tournament Captain's Club; was confidante and advisor to Jack Vickers' International Tournament, and so on. The man should open a furniture store, he so revels in chairing major projects, be it in business, sport or pleasure.

Does he miss the Masters duties? "I don't miss the long hours, but I do miss the excitement. I'm still involved to a degree. My wife Shirley and I go down every year for three days before the week of the tournament and play golf—though my golf isn't what it once was—and we stay for the entire tournament. And I still have some daily assignments."

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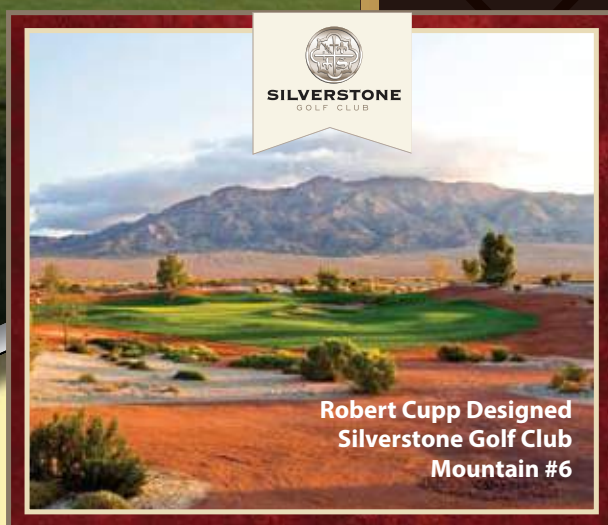
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MARK WIEBE In three Masters appearances, the Colorado Golf Hall of Famer made the cut once, finishing 35th in 1987.

GARY HALLBERG The 1985 Masters saw the Castle Rock resident tie for sixth.

DOW FINSTERWALD At the 1962 Masters, the 1958 PGA Champion and longtime Broadmoor pro lost to Arnold Palmer in a three-way playoff with Gary Player.

STEVEN "PEPSI" HALE Nicknamed for his preferred beverage, the Parker-based caddie will man the bag for Keegan Bradley at this year's Masters. This will be Hale's third time around Augusta National, having looped for Bradley last year and Johnson Wagner in 2008.

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MARTIN LAIRD Colorado State's PGA Tour rep tied for 20th at the 2011 Masters.



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CRAIG STADLER At the 1982 Masters, twelve years before joining the Colorado sports scene, "The Walrus" won a green jacket in a playoff with Dan Pohl.

BRANDT JOBE The Kent Denver product's highest finish in three Masters is T14 in 1999



HALE IRWIN Between 1974 and 1978, the legendary Buff finished in the top eight at The Masters.

CHARLES "BABE" LIND In 1947, this Colorado Golf Hall of Famer became the first native Coloradan to play in The Masters finishing as second-low amateur with a 15-over 303.

BILL LOEFFLER One of Colorado's most decorated players earned a trip to the 1987 Masters by virtue of his victory in the 1986 U.S. Mid-Amateur. He missed the cut.

PETE COORS "It's a real thrill to play there," the Augusta National member and brewing magnate told us in 2002, "especially looking at those bleached white bunkers and knowing you'll be in every one of them."

VERNE LUNDQUIST Famous for his calls from the tower at the par-three 16th green (the ones following Jack Nicklaus' birdie putt in 1986 and Tiger Woods' 2005 birdie chip-in come to mind), this Steamboat Springs resident will work his 29th Masters this year.

CONDOLEZZA RICE

Last August, the former Secretary of State joined financier Darla Moore as Augusta National's first female members. Moving to Denver at age 12, Rice attended St. Mary's Academy and received her B.A. and Ph.D. in political science from the University of Denver.



JACK VICKERS The Wichita-born oilman and longtime Augusta National member brought green-jacketed tradition west in 1981 when he founded Castle Pines Golf Club—home to a national membership and, for 20 years, The International tournament on the PGA Tour.

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Ingredients:

1½ lb. finely hand-grated extra-sharp cheddar cheese
8 oz. softened cream cheese
½ cup pimentos
Hot sauce or Worcestershire sauce to taste

Prep:

Hand-mix all together in a bowl. Makes one quart. Serve on white bread. Note: Mayonnaise and cream cheese are usually interchangeable.

Georgia Peach Cobbler

According to Editor-at-Large and Georgia native Tom Ferrell, whipping up a peach cobbler, like taking on Amen Corner, "can appear to be a daunting task. But just as simple shot-making will get you through 11-13 at Augusta National, so will simple baking produce a fine showing on your Georgia Peach Cobbler."

Ingredients:

1 cup white sugar
½ cup butter (room temperature)
1 cup self-rising flour
1 cup whole milk
1 can (15 oz.) peaches in syrup

Prep:

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Add flour and milk, mix until smooth
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■ Augusta National never announces attendance figures, which conservative guesstimates put in excess of 60,000 daily.

■ No other tournament has its own television theme music.

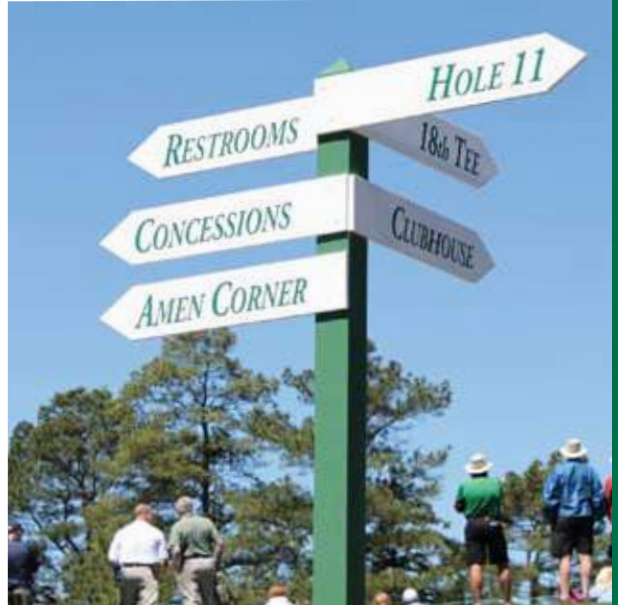
■ Autograph-seekers are not allowed.

■ What other courses call "rough," Augusta calls "second cut."

■ Spectators at Augusta are "patrons," not "fans," "spectators" or, as CBS's Jack Whitaker fatefully described them in 1966, "a mob."

■ There is no running—with your feet or mouth. Cases in point: the vanquishing of TV analysts Whitaker (who also commented on the blue dye in muddy Rae's Creek) and Gary McCord, who referred to the slick 17th green as "bikini waxed" and some of the mounds resembling "body bags."

■ The Masters is the only major annually played at the same location, anchored since its 1934 inaugural at one spectacularly immaculate, floral-bedecked course ranked annually as the first, second or third best in America.



■ Unparalleled is the Wednesday Par Three Tournament (a one-day ticket available to the public) on arguably the finest short course extant. All Masters entrants compete, generally with one of their children caddying. Or playing.

■ The tournament and course are not run by committee; its chairman (Billy Payne) nominally has the final word.

■ Refreshment stands abound with prices Wendy's and McDonald's can't match.

■ Permanent restrooms (no Porta Potties) abound and have attendants.

■ Parking is free.

■ There are no gallery marshals brandishing "QUIET" paddles; there are only crossing attendants.

■ Only players, caddies, officials and cameramen are allowed inside gallery ropes.

■ No other tournament treats amateur qualifiers to a special bedroom above the clubhouse called the Crow's Nest.

■ Masters champions are awarded copies of the members' bright green jackets, and everything on the grounds—from merchandise to sandwich wrappers and refuse receptacles—radiates with what has now become, enviously, Masters' Green.

■ Permanent and massive patron stands are placed strategically throughout the course, and greenside areas roped off for spectators with folding sling chairs. Patrons also enjoy the privilege of coming to the course at the 8 a.m. opening, placing their chairs at the 18th, 13th, 15th, third greens or wherever knowing if they then walk the course, their chairs will be awaiting their return late in the game. Those needing chairs find competitively priced ones at the massive merchandise tent.

■ Greens superintendents from Georgia and nearby states are instant saviors for damage control.

■ Finally, The Masters has the smallest (109 in 1962 was the largest) field of all majors, inviting amateurs and foreign players at its own discretion.

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No Jacket Acquired

WINNING THE MASTERS CAN MAKE A CAREER.
LOSING IT CAN MAKE FOR A GOOD STORY.

BY KAYE W. KESSLER



NO OTHER SPORT

discards second-placers more punitively than golf does. And no event magnifies this cruelty with greater intensity than The Masters. So as the 77th tournament approaches, with pundits forecasting their choice for the Green Jacket, let's take the measure of a few ill-fated shag bags who got skewered at Augusta.

MAJOR DISAPPOINTMENTS

Yes, there are major winners among the also-rans.

Johnny Miller and Tom Weiskopf felt the pain of close-but-no-Jacket seven times, with Weiskopf matching Jack Nicklaus' Masters record of four seconds and Miller tying the three of Greg Norman, whose losses in 1986 (Nicklaus' Sunday charge) and '87 (Larry Mize's playoff chip-in) seemed like bad luck compared to '96, when he choked away a six-shot lead in the last round, carding a 78 to finish six back of Nick Faldo.

Then there's Arnold Palmer. In between winning his second and third Jackets, in 1961 he approached the 72nd green with a one-stroke lead on playing companion Gary Player. Thinking his second shot was safely on the green for a two-putt victory, the popular Palmer went to the ropes to shake hands with a friend only to discover both he and Player were greenside bunkered. Arnie flew the green into the opposite bunker and scored a disastrous double bogey; Player got up and down for a winning par.

**"No one remembers
who came in second."
—Walter Hagen**

Countless times since then, Palmer has lamented that handshake: "I lost my concentration... and the tournament."

TAINTED VICTORIES

The '61 Masters is remembered more as the one Palmer let get away rather than the first Player won. A similarly wrenching scenario befell the 1968 event.

It has tormented a trio for 45 years, making a rueful runner-up of the self-deprecating Roberto DeVicenzo; a baffled, if not bitter, winner of Bob Goalby; and a scarred scorekeeper of Tommy Aaron.

DeVicenzo, the stylish Argentine, shot a final round 65 that would have put him into a playoff for The Jacket with Goalby, who closed with a 66. But Aaron, DeVicenzo's

playing partner and scorer, recorded a par 4 on the 17th hole, on which Roberto had a birdie 3. In the scorer's tent Roberto signed his card for a 66 that included the incorrect par 4.



"STUPID": Roberto DeVicenzo.

"What a stupid I am," he famously lamented.

Forty-five years later, the stains remain. Roberto forever blamed himself, not Aaron—though too many did. It's woefully different for Goalby, who returns to Augusta every year, the right of champions, but remains justifiably hacked that 1968 is more notable for DeVicenzo's loss than his triumph.

"You're damned right I'm still upset about it," the feisty former Illinois quarterback told me again at the last Masters. "I'm certainly not mad at Roberto, a great guy, but I'm mad as hell at everybody today who still seem to think I was given that championship. I played my butt off to get a 66 that last round, and even if Roberto was credited with the birdie at 17 and a 65, we'd still have tied and gone into a playoff."

Ironically, at the '73 Masters, Aaron would benefit from catching a last round scorecard error. Playing partner Johnny Miller gave him a par 5 on 13 instead of a birdie 4 and a 69 total instead of 68. Tommy caught the mistake before signing his card and won the Masters by a shot over J.C. Snead.

The only comparable shot in the foot caused by a player's rules hiccup actually cost Dow Finsterwald the title in 1962. Dow eventually lost to Arnold Palmer in a three-way playoff with Gary Player. However, he would have won outright but for a two-stroke first round penalty for taking a practice putt at the fifth green after missing 2-foot par putt.

RHYMES WITH DISASTERS

Through the years, the Masters patrons have witnessed feats both heavenly and heartbreaking—often simultaneously.

• **CRAIG WOOD, 1935.** Wood felt the first shockwave in the second Masters when, in the clubhouse with a three-shot lead, he was spooned by Gene Sarazen's 235-yard double eagle 2 on no. 15. His name already on the \$1,500 winner's check, Wood instead had to face Sarazen in a 36-hole playoff, which he would lose by five strokes. He did eventually win The Masters—and U.S. Open—in 1941.

• **KEN VENTURI, 1956 & '60** As an amateur, he led by nine into final round, shot 80, and lost by one to Jackie Burke. Four years later, he was sitting pretty until Palmer birdied 17 and 18, clipping him by one.

• **HUBERT GREEN, 1978.** Hubie took a 7-stroke lead into the last round only to get

stung by Player, who birdied seven of the last 10 holes for a 64 to nip him by a stroke.

- **ED SNEED, 1979.** Six up going into the last round, he missed a 6-foot putt at 18 for a third straight bogey and fell into a three-way playoff with Tom Watson and eventual champion Fuzzy Zoeller.

- **TOM KITE, 1986.** Two years after blowing a two-shot lead to Texas rival Ben Crenshaw, Kite fell victim to Nicklaus' epic charge—and to missed birdie putts on 17 and 18 that came painfully close to dropping. Either would have earned him a playoff.

- **MARK CALCAVECCHIA, 1988.** The victim of Sandy Lyle's remarkable 7-iron from the fairway bunker and 10-foot downhill birdie winner, Calc wasn't the only one to suffer. At the following year's Champions Dinner, Lyle served haggis.

- **SCOTT HOCH, 1989.** The outspoken former Demon Deacon missed a winning two-footer on the first playoff hole then bowed to Faldo's 25-foot birdie at 11.

- **DAVIS LOVE III, 1995.** His closing-round 66—the best of the day—became forgotten window dressing as Ben Crenshaw birdied 16 and 17, then canned a key par putt to close.

- **LEN MATTIACE, 2003.** Nine back after two rounds, he shot 68-65 to catch Mike Weir, then doubled the first playoff hole to lose to Weir's only bogey of the day.

- **LOUIS OOSTHUIZEN, 2012.** During last year's playoff, the South African felt the sting of Bubba Watson's blind, looping 135-yard twister from the trees that led to victory. To think, only a few hours earlier Louie had hit the shot of the young century, canning a 243-yard 4-iron on the par-5 second hole. It was his first double eagle and only the fourth in Masters history.

But who remembers?    

Contributing Editor and Colorado Golf Hall of Fame member Kaye W. Kessler will be covering his 50th Masters this April.

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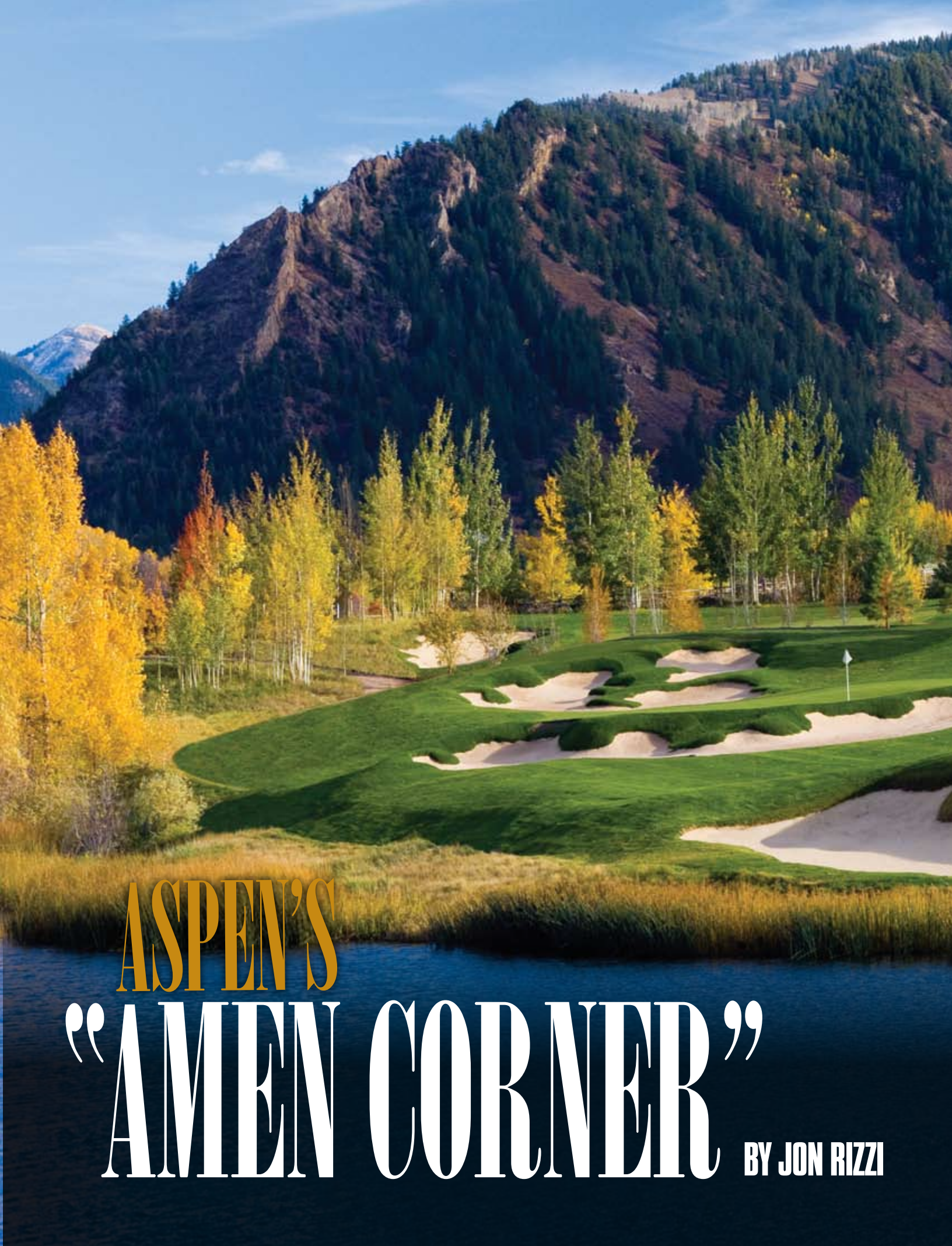
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ASPEN'S “AMEN CORNER”

BY JON RIZZI

MAROON'S BELLE:
The new risk-reward 17th.

An entirely new golf experience awaits members when the Maroon Creek Club opens its course for play next month. Thanks to a recent remodeling by Tom Fazio, who originally designed it in 1995, par will now be 71 instead of 70. Holes 4 to 18 have become holes 2 to 16.

The long par-4 17th and 18th holes have, respectively, become the long par-4 15th and 16th. Hole No. 3, formerly a 397-yard par-4 is now the reachable 326-yard 17th; it leads to the 516-yard par-5 finisher, which until last September had served as the 453-yard par-4 second hole.

"The last four holes are all risk-reward now and have water coming into play," explains PGA Head Professional Mark Lampe.

"They're our 'Amen Corner,'" says former club General Manager Scott Erwin, who served as the renovation's project manager and owner representative. "But the members call them 'The Final Four.'"

What Lampe, Irwin and members also like about the new arrangement is that players will now finish right in front of the clubhouse instead of across Highway 82.

More than the routing, however, Fazio's team redesigned the greens on all 18 holes, plus two more to use as practice greens near the remodeled 17th and 18th. "When the course was originally built, you couldn't realistically get greens to Stimp higher than 9.5, so Fazio put in a lot of slope and undulation," Erwin explains. But with improvements in grasses and greens mowers, green speeds commonly Stimp at 11 or 12. "The greens had become very member-unfriendly," says Lampe. "Each green had maybe four pin positions and poa was taking over."

Led by Fazio Senior Designer Dennis Wise, the team softened the slopes and used a Doppler-based program called ezLocator to determine pin positions where the slope is 3 percent or less. "A member could play the golf course every day during the summer and never see the same pin position twice," says Lampe. "We'll have a custom printout of the day's pin position."

Completion of the remodeling—which also included rebuilding some target greens, existing bunkers, tees and moving 23,600 tons of greens mix, gravel and top soil—took Wadsworth Golf Course Construction a scant 22 workdays under the superintendence of Bob Kelly.

Wise, a 30-year veteran of Fazio Design, said he'd "never seen or heard of this scope of golf course construction being completed in this amount of time, and certainly not at this quality." Erwin ensured that quality by consulting with experts and cultivating "new greens" cultural practices with Course Superintendent Kaleb Anderson.

"As of May 10," Lampe says proudly, "the members will have a new golf course—especially from 150 yards in."    

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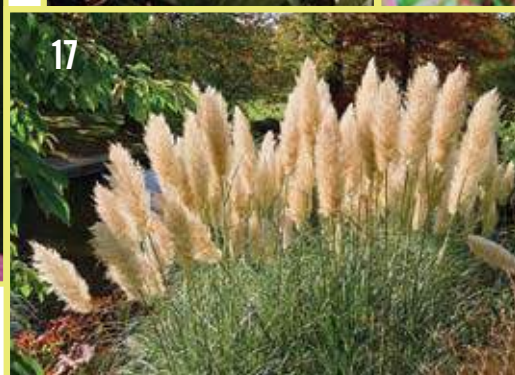
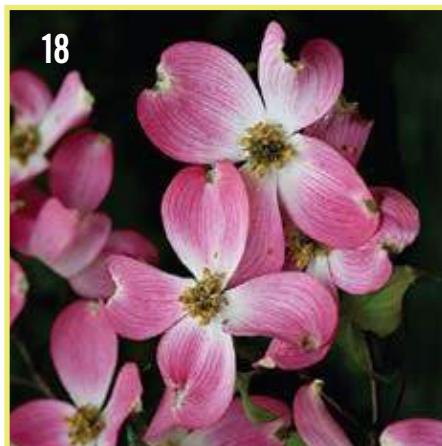
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AS ANY GOLF FAN with a color television knows, Augusta National's holes each bear the name of flora that blossoms along its hallowed fairways. Here are some hints: In the 2012 tournament, White Dogwood yielded the most bogeys, Azalea the most eagles and Tea Olive the highest average score. Redbud saw two aces, while a rare albatross landed on Pink Dogwood.

- MAGNOLIA
- FIRETHORN
- CHINESE FIR
- PINK DOGWOOD
- AZALEA
- FLOWERING PEACH
- HOLLY
- WHITE DOGWOOD
- FLOWERING CRABAPPLE
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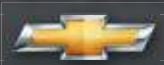


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