



The Tour: Take a look at what the area has to offer

There are many choices of courses to play in Central Washington, from the Tri-Cities to Yakima to Wenatchee. See inside for the tour.

Yakima's Suntides Golf Course celebrates landmark 50th year

Suntides Golf Course in Yakima is celebrating a landmark anniversary this year with its 50th year in business. See inside for more on Suntides Golf Course.



Destination: Scotland

Scotland is the home of golf and the home for some of the most amazing courses you will ever see, including places like Cruden Bay (near right). There are several things to get used to when playing golf in Scotland including trying to master the tough bunkers (far right). There is so much more and Inside Golf's Steve Turcotte has the stories from a recent trip to the home of golf. Take a look inside for more.



A look at Central Washington

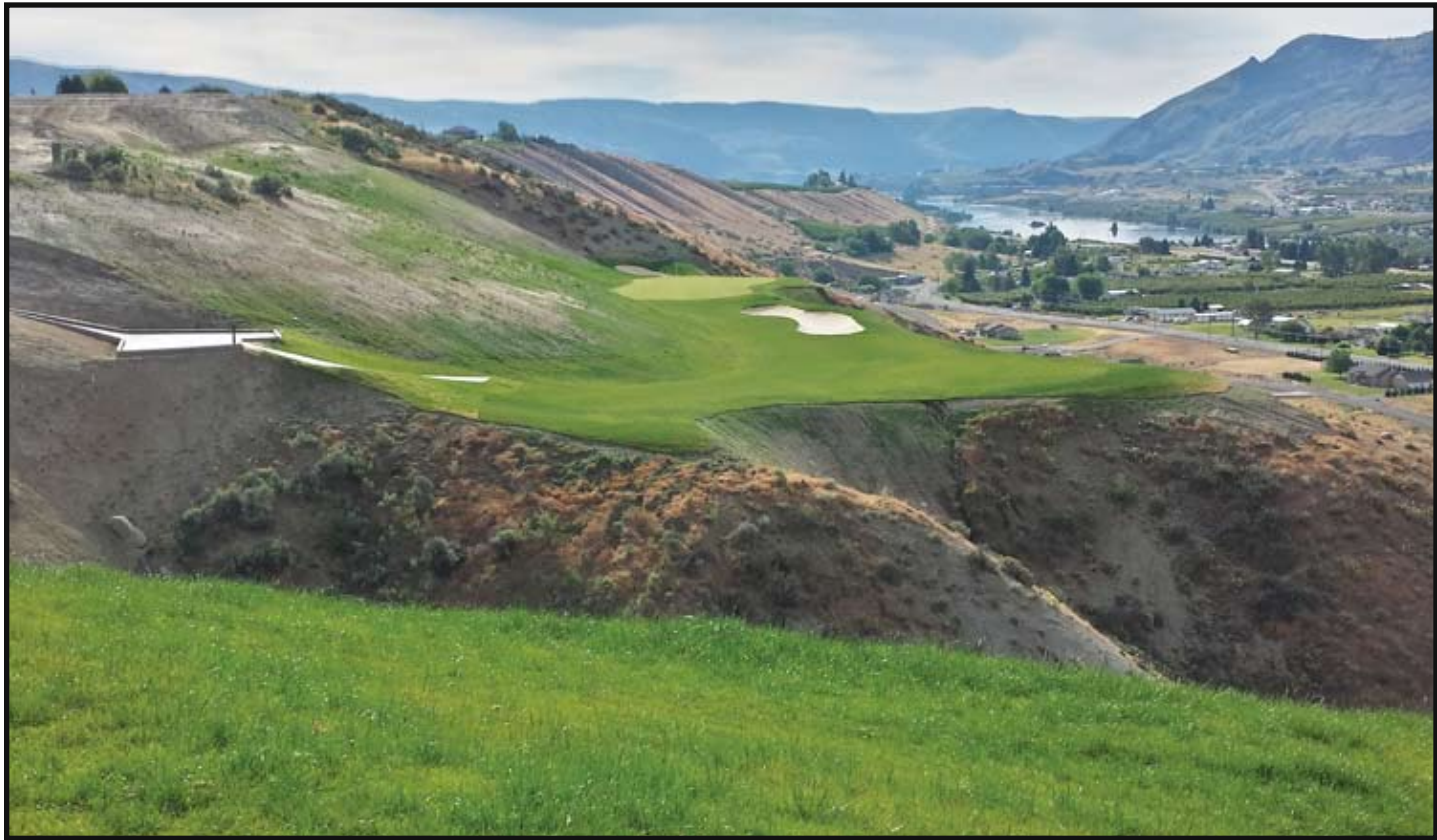
If you are looking for the great weather and even better courses, this is the place

In terms of an area that has it all, look no further than Central Washington. From Wenatchee to Yakima to the Tri-Cities to Walla Walla, Central Washington has the right kind of weather, the sights, the wineries and, of course, the golf courses.

Places like Highlander in East Wenatchee (right) as well as Bear Mountain Ranch in Chelan (lower left) and Columbia Point in Richland (lower right) are all treats to play.

There are several other courses that provide a quality golfing experience and continue to attract players from around the Pacific Northwest and beyond. All of the courses share a great golfing climate that is warmer and dryer than the coastal environment and is especially appreciated in the spring and fall seasons.

Join us this month for a tour of Central Washington.





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David McLay Kidd comes up with design for new Central Washington golf course

New golf is on the way for Central Washington, courtesy of David McLay Kidd, the architect of Bandon Dunes Golf Course.

Kidd has created a course called Gamble Ranch, which sits on 1,000 acres of sand dunes near the town of Brewster. The land is owned by apple farmers and sits above the Columbia River with some terrific views.

The project had been rolling along a few years ago before the economy shut the work down. But now, Gamble ranch is back and could be open in 2014.

Kidd did his design work and even walked the course a few years ago when it seemed that things were rolling along. But the slowdown in the economy slowed the course down.

"There are ribbons all over that place," said Kidd. "I'd spent a month marking out the course and then it just stopped. There's no real estate, no big clubhouse and amazing views. It's pure golf. And working with sand dunes is butter."

Kidd has designs all over the world. He made his mark with his design of Bandon Dunes and has since created courses in places like Scotland (St. Andrews Castle Course) and even Central Oregon (Tetherow).

Kidd says the Gamble Ranch site reminds him of Sand Hills in Nebraska, a course which is considered one of the top in the country and a course which is carved through sand dunes.

Brewster is located about three hours from Seattle and sits in the north part of Central Washington.

• Suncadia Resort in Cle Elum will host its inaugural Suncadia Summer Classic August 5-7, 2013 at both of its public courses Prospector and Rope Rider.

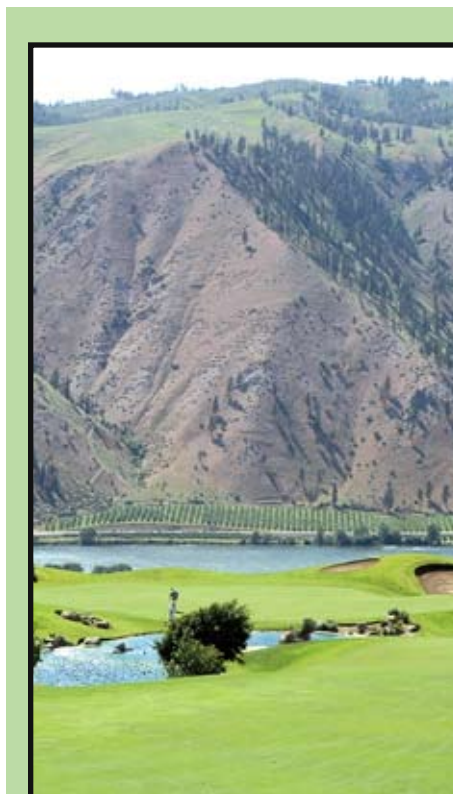
The format calls for two-player teams over three days at Suncadia. The tournament opens with a two-person scramble on the Prospector course before shifting to the Rope Rider course for a two-person best ball event. The event wraps up on the Prospector course with a two-person chapman.

Cost for the tournament is \$790 per team and features tee prizes, food and more.

• Wine Valley Golf Club in Walla Walla will host the Northwest Open Aug. 19-21 featuring the top professionals and amateurs from around the Pacific Northwest. Wine Valley is ranked second on the best courses in Washington and opened for play in 2009.



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Central Washington courses ranked high

The Central Washington area is well represented by *GolfWeek* when it comes to the top 10 courses in the state.

Chambers Bay in University Place is the top course in the state of Washington in *GolfWeek's* most recent rankings of top courses state-by-state, but right behind is Wine Valley in Walla Walla. Wine Valley opened four years ago and was ranked as one of the top new golf courses when it opened for play. In fact, the course has also hosted some of the Pacific Northwest top tournament since opening.

Desert Canyon (pictured left) in Orondo is ranked ninth on the list. Desert Canyon has been a regular on the *GolfWeek* list of top courses in Washington for years.

Suncadia's Prospector is ranked 10th the list. Prospector is one of three courses at Suncadia Resort which also has the private Tumble Creek and the new and award-winning Rope Rider course.

Leavenworth names Val Patrick new head pro, general manager

LPGA Teaching Professional Val Patrick has been named head professional and general manager at Leavenworth Golf Club in Leavenworth, Wash. Prior to moving to that position, she was a golf instructor in Seattle where her students included men, women and juniors of all skill levels.

She replaces Jim VanTuyt who passed away last year.



From the time she was a child, Patrick dreamed of being a member of the LPGA and playing on the professional tour. She credits her love of golf and teaching to her father and to Art Prior, who owned Par Mor Golf Course in East Lansing, Mich. She started playing at age 10 and was one of the first junior girls to play in a men's All-City Tournament.

Patrick played on the highly-touted women's golf team at Miami-Dade College in Florida. Her coach, Mary Dagraedt, was a charter inductee into the National Collegiate Golf Hall of Fame and will be honored in August as one of three inductees for the class of 2012 Ladies Professional Golf Association (LPGA) Teaching and Club Professionals (T&CP) Hall of Fame. Patrick plans to attend the ceremonies.

Following college, Patrick returned to Michigan where golf is not a year-round sport. During the off-season, she pursued another passion – graphic arts and printing, eventually devoting 30 years to that career before resuming her quest to become an LPGA instructor.

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Yakima's Suntides Golf Course celebrates 50 years in business

Suntides Golf Course has reason to celebrate this year - the course in Yakima has turned 50 years old. Suntides incorporated in 1963, opened with nine holes in 1964 and then went to 18 holes in 1965. The course is a second generation family owned business.

Laura Johnson and Celia Cobleigh, daughters of Wally Johnson, one of the original partners, own and operate the Golf Course, Restaurant & Lounge, and 60-unit RV Park along with Paul Cobleigh PGA Professional /General Manager, Celia's husband of 28 years.

Suntides, located two miles West of Yakima on Highway 12, is an 18-hole par-70 course that is relatively flat with natural spring creeks running through it. Water comes into play on 14 of the 18 holes, which adds to the difficulty of the 6000 yard layout. Players come here and see a short fairly open golf course with a slope of 115 and think they can go low, but no one ever does. The subtle breaks in the greens are difficult to read, along with the greens speed makes for an interesting challenge.

Suntides hosts the Central Washington 2-Man Best Ball every year on the first weekend in May and the last weekend in September. Started in 1969, the spring best ball regularly draws over 200 players that play for one of the largest payouts in the state. Fred Couples played in it in the 1970s and co-held the course record of 62 until world #1 amateur Chris Williams

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Suntides Golf Course in Yakima has reason to celebrate, turning 50 this year.



Wine Valley in Walla Walla is ranked second among top courses in Washington.

Wine Valley: Walla Walla course getting awards and big events

Great golf and fine wine are what Wine Valley Golf Club and Walla Walla are mostly about. The course mixes the right amount of fun with the right amount of challenge.

This is not an easy task, but it has already afforded Wine Valley many accolades in its short history, including the ranking of second best course in the state you can play by *Golfweek* and current host of the Northwest Open for the fifth year running.

The course plays different than many of the other courses in the northwest. With wide, firm, fast rolling fairways and greens, the experience is more like something from the birthplace of golf. Wine Valley Golf Club, designed by Oregon native, Dan Hixson, blends immense scale, inspiring scenery and strategic challenges into a full-bodied championship golf experience.

But there is way more to the area than just this supreme golf experience. With over 100 wineries and a vibrant historic college town, the fun continues well beyond the golf course. From wine touring and tasting award-winning grapes to fine eateries and unique places to stay, the selections in Walla Walla Valley are quite a gallery.

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Canyon Lakes: An award winner

Rated 4 1/2 Stars by *Golf Digest* and one of the top 10 best public courses in the Pacific Northwest, Canyon Lakes in Kennewick is not short on accolades. In addition to the lofty rating, *Golf Digest* gives Canyon Lakes a nod as one of the top 200 value golf courses in the United States. Not bad for starters.

Then, consider things like the 12th hole, which ranks as the largest green in the Pacific Northwest at 12,000 square feet and the ninth hole, which has been selected as one of the Northwest's Dream 18. With five sets of tees measuring from 5,500 to 7,027 yards, Canyon Lakes will test the mettle of all types of golfers and a course which is one of the 18 best in the Pacific Northwest, as selected by *Northwest Travel Magazine*.

Canyon Lakes also features a putting course adjacent to the driving range, yet



Desert Canyon in Orondo (above) has a scenic setting; Lake Chelan (top photo) offers great golf with great views of the lake.

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Central Washington: The view from Highlander's 9th is terrific

another way for golfers to hone their skills. Canyon Lakes has added a 3,000 square foot Champions Room that is ideal for golf outings, weddings, company parties and special events. And don't forget about the GPS on all of the golf carts.

Canyon Lake was chosen as the Best Golf Course in the 2013 People's Choice Awards making it the favorite course in the Mid Columbia-Tri Cities area. With five sets of tees, the course measures from 5,533 yards to 7,026 yards.

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Bear Mountain: Scenic Challenge

Bear Mountain Ranch Golf Course is truly a beautiful sight for golfer's eyes and will surely leave visitors in awe of its lush grounds. There may not be a more aesthetically pleasing course in the Pacific Northwest.

Set among an incredible natural setting with golf course views that are equally as stunning as the course itself, Bear Mountain Ranch has been a wonderful addition to the Lake Chelan area since the golf course opened in 2005.

At over 7,230 yards from the back tees, Bear Mountain Ranch is a test for the low handicapper, but it also makes sure each and every golfer can find a proper teeing ground with four additional sets of tees. The course uses the natural terrain of carved plateaus and each hole features lake and mountain views. Located three hours from Seattle, Bear Mountain Ranch also features real estate opportunities for

those looking to get away from the city.

Highlander: A view from above

At 800 feet above the Columbia River is a breathtaking piece of property that boasts a golf course designed by John Steidel. This one is called Highlander and it lives up to the name. Laced with incredible views of the Columbia River, Highlander plays to over 6,500 from the back tees.

The most talked about hole is the par-3 ninth, a 185-yard bear that requires a tee shot over a canyon – and you'd better be able to land your ball softly. The green slopes dramatically making a two-putt no easy feat. And after you make the turn you can enjoy the gorgeous back nine that has sweeping views of the river.

In the spring of 2013, the back nine was the focus of many upgrades including the development of Highlander Estates. A 32-home site development with stunning territorial views and fairway fronted building lots creating a community with a decided recreational lifestyle focus. Two brand new holes were built (17 & 18) and major changes to four others (10, 14, 15, & 16) plus the addition of evergreen trees and more water making this par 70 course the buzz of the region.

Wine Valley: Wine and golf mix fine

Walla Walla is no stranger to new vintages. The once-sleepy hamlet in the southeastern corner of the state has become one of the premier wine destinations in the United States. But if you were looking to pair fine



Canyon Lakes in Kennewick is one of the most popular courses in the Pacific Northwest.



The views from Highlander Golf Club are just part of the rewards for playing the course.

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public-access golf with wine touring and tast- ing, the pickings were slim. The uncorking of Wine Valley Golf Club in 2009 has changed all that – for the area and for the Pacific Northwest.

Ranked the No. 2 course in Washington by *Golfweek*, Wine Valley has been added to the must-play list for golf enthusiasts. It is also 84th on the list of top Modern Courses.

Wine Valley Golf Club, designed by Or- egon native Dan Hixson, blends immense scale, inspiring scenery and strategic chal- lenges into a full-bodied championship golf experience. The course is getting some big events already. Wine Valley will host the Northwest Open for the fifth straight year and has hosted the PPGA Men’s Amateur in the past.

Desert Canyon: Unmatched challenge

Desert Canyon has undergone plenty of changes in the last two years from being sold to on-course improvements. Despite the changes, the course continues to be one of the top layouts in the Pacific Northwest.

This 18-hole public facility delivers an ex- perience unmatched in Central Washington. Spectacular desert terrain creates a course with desert style target golf.

The course has received numerous ac-



Columbia Point Golf Course in Richland offers a course with plenty of hazards and mounds to keep your shots away from.

Central Washington: Golfers with RV's are in luck

The summer is the perfect time for RVs and golf to mix. And the Central Washington area has it all. From Sun Country in Cle Elum to Desert Aire to, Quincy Valley Golf Course, Central Washing- ton offers some nice destinations for golfers with RVs. The popularity of Golfers traveling in RVs is growing and golf courses are catering to them. Places like Suntides, Sun Lakes Resort, Sage Hills, Crescent Bar and Royal City Golf Course have become popular with RV campers. With full hookups, golfers are not just parking, but staying for several days at a time.

- Suntides: Suntides Golf Course in Yakima offers 60 full hook ups for golfers traveling in RV’s, There is a laundry room with showers, a dog run and, of course, the 18-hole golf course.
- Desert Aire: Located along the Columbia River, Desert Aire offers 10 RV spots with full hooks and a course that is a treat. The original nine opened in 1972 and the next nine came in 1993. Views of the Columbia River are an added bonus. Packages for RV golfers run from \$89.
- Sage Hills: The resort is a place where the golf and RV’s mixed perfectly. The course measures 6,591 yards and is a solid test and nearby, there are 40 RV spots with full hooks ups. And that’s not all. The RV area has a recreation facility, swimming pool and picnic area.

* Sun Lakes Resort: Vic Meyers Golf Course and Sun Lakes Resort were built in 1949, all thanks due to one Vic Meyers himself, former Lieutenant Governor of Washington State. Vic’s vision was to turn this chain-link string of lakes 40 miles north of Moses Lake into the “Palm Springs of the Northwest.” After some serious lobbying on Vic’s part, the 4,000 acre resort was a reality with a 9-hole golf course included. The Sun Lakes Resort is now one of the state’s most popular parks.

- Othello Golf Course: Othello Golf Course is a dandy nine-holer that plays like 18 holes with dual tees on every hole. There are several RVs spots with electrical and water hook up. The place is also a gem for tournaments with the traveling golfers with RV’s.
- Sun Country Resort: When Jim Hembree was looking for an investment a few years ago, he came across Sun Country Resort near Cle Elum. He liked what he saw, but he knew there could be more. Now, nearly five years after buying Sun Country, Hembree has added golf holes and made the facility a user-friendly place for golfers with RVs.



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Central Washington: Island green a gem at Apple Tree; Suncadia's golfing trifecta

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Apple Tree: New head professional

Apple Tree in Yakima is a big and beautiful part of the Central Washington golf scene. The course features a signature apple-shaped island green hole that has been highly regarded as one of the state's best. Having been featured in almost every golf publication, the 17th hole is only one of many great holes at this 4-Star rated *Golf Digest* course. The course is carved through apple orchards as well.

Kevin Anderson was recently promoted from assistant to head golf professional at Apple Tree after spending four years at the course and graduating from the Golf Academy of America in Carlsbad, Calif. Anderson's emphasis has been on managing Apple Tree's full calendar of tournaments but moving forward he looks forward to his involvement with all aspects of the golf operations at the golf course. It is a dream come true for Anderson.

"Becoming a head golf professional has been a goal of mine for many years and it's an incredible opportunity for me here at Apple Tree. In my role I hope to continue to learn and grow as a teacher, player and leader but most importantly I hope my passion for this game becomes contagious to all who play Apple Tree."

Suncadia: A golf trifecta

Located in Roslyn, just about an hour drive east of Seattle, Suncadia Resort is a more recent addition to the ever-expanding Central Washington golf destination landscape.

With three courses open, Prospector, the private Tumble Creek and the new Rope Rider, Suncadia offers up a trifecta of golf.

Prospector meanders through tall pines, with lakes and creeks dotting the landscape of the 18-hole layout while Tumble Creek offers a private golf experience. Rope Rider gets its name from the men who rode the roped coal cars in the nearby mines.

Designed by the Palmer Design Company, Prospector's signature hole is the 10th—a par-4 playing from 318 to over 411 yards. Offering dramatic views of the Cascade Mountains and Cle Elum River Valley, the tee ball falls 120 feet to the fairway.

Kahler Glen: Mountain golf

Kahler Glen Golf Resort lives up to its name. If you are a golfer, then the Leavenworth resort (located at Lake Wenatchee) has 18 terrific holes to challenge you. If you are a skier, then there are miles of cross country



The 14th hole at Apple Tree in Yakima features a watery challenge near the green.



Leavenworth Golf Course plays in a valley surrounded by mountains and trees.

Yakima's Suntides turns 50

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bettered the record by three shots with a 59 in 2011. Chris and his father are also former best ball participants. Suntides also hosts 4-nines tournaments in July and October. The favorite tourney of the year is our annual backwards 18 competition, which all golfers play the course backwards.

For example, Suntides starts in front of the 18th green and play to #17 then 17 to 16, etc. The course starts and ends the season with this event beginning in early March and in November. Tournament entries and results can be obtained on our website: suntidesgolf.com.

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The resort was created in the late 1980s by a couple of logging families, trying to get the best use out of their logging lands in Central Washington. The original nine holes opened for play in 1989 and the second came along in 1995. The course might not belong (measuring 5,893 yards from the tips) but you better hit it straight. Most holes are surrounded by tall trees, giving you the perfect feel for Pacific Northwest golf. Before your round try the unique Aqua driving range, complete with floating greens.

Othello: 9 holes=18 holes

Othello Golf Course is a place with nine holes, but actually feels like an 18-hole round when you make the tour. There are two sets of tee boxes for the 18 holes giving you a feel for a 6,200-yard course.

RV's are welcome at Othello and there are plans to add nine holes said course owner Doug Buck. The course has just about everything you need in a round of golf including a couple of water hazards along the way and white sand bunkers.

Buckskin:: Quick round after work

Buckskin Golf Club in Pasco is a nine-holer, designed and operated by Jeff Marcum. Marcum is so hands-on you will find him mowing greens and working behind the counter.

Marcum has worked hard to keep the course in good shape. It's a good place

to go if you are looking for that quick, challenging round and the perfect kind of place that golfers head to for a quick round before or after work.

Sun Willows: A local favorite

Sun Willows Golf Course, in Pasco, is a Robert Muir Graves designed public 18-hole, par-72 course. It opened in 1963 and was redesigned in 1980 by local golf course architect John Steidel. The club features a pro-shop, driving range and restaurant.

A favorite of Tri-City golfers, it is a traditional and challenging Northwest style course with mature trees that line rolling fairways and large undulating greens. You can play the course from 6,715 yards at the tips or as short as 5,695 yards from the forward tees. There are 32 bunkers and five lakes that will keep you focused.

Sun Willows is also managed by the same group that runs Columbia Point Golf Course.

Leavenworth: Bavarian fun

There's more to the town of Leavenworth than just Bavarian fun like Oktoberfest and the annual Christmas tree Lighting ceremonies.

This is a fun course that might not play long, but with the tall trees lining the fairways it sure seems like it does play longer that its 5,711 yards.

The course got its start in 1927 with nine holes and sand greens. It has come a long ways since then. A second nine was added in 1969.

If it's challenges you want, Leavenworth has what you want. Not only are there the tall trees, there are plenty of hills on just about every hole and some



Alta Lake offers up a challenging golf course and a nearby hotel for some stay and play.

slick putting surfaces.

And don't be surprised if you run into wildlife during your round. In fact, in 1996 Washington State Wildlife officials shot a young black bear with a tranquilizer gun and captured that bear, its mother and another and moved them.

West Richland: A new look

Things are getting newer at West Richland, as it opened up a new clubhouse two years ago. The course is a daily fee 18-hole regulation par-71 links-style course that is playable and fair - and especially popular with beginners because of the relatively tame layout. The price is always right at West Richland, too.

The course is also host to one of the largest Pro-Am's in the Pacific Northwest every year which attracts the profes-

sionals from around the NW to play for a big purse.

Alta Lake, Rock Island

Owner Don Barth got his golf ownership start with Alta Lake Golf Course and then took over the operations at Rock Island. Alta Lake, located in Pateros, now has 18 holes and a hotel allows golfers to stay on site. Every room in the lodge has a view of the golf course and there is a swimming pool and area for picnics or to just stretch out in the Eastern Washington sunshine,

Rock Island located near Wenatchee became an 18-hole course a few years ago with the opening on a new nine, designed by Barth. Nothing wrong here either, especially with the 13th hole, a dogleg that runs along a large water hazard.

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2. Suncadia Resort Two courses Roslyn, Public	12. Moses Pointe Golf Resort 18 holes, 7,428 yards Moses Lake, Public	22. Buckskin Golf Course 9 holes, 2,600 yards Richland, Public	32. Alta Lake Golf Course 18 holes, 6,659 yards Pateros, Public
3. Ellensburg Golf Club 9 holes, 2,946 yards Ellensburg, Public	13. Potholes Golf Course 9 holes, 2,269 yards Othello, Public	23. Desert Canyon Golf Resort 18 holes, 6,923 yards Orondo, Public	COUNTRY CLUBS
4. Quincy Golf Course 18 holes, 5,979 yards Quincy, Public	14. Sage Hills Golf Course 18 holes, 6,591 yards Warden, Public	24. Lake Chelan Golf Course 18 holes, 6,440 yards Chelan, Public	33. Yakima Country Club 18 holes, 6,494 yards Yakima
5. Crescent Bar Resort 9 holes, 3,034 yards Quincy, Public	15. Othello Golf Course 9 holes, 3,066 yards Othello, Public	25. Bear Mountain Ranch 18 holes, 7,000 yards Chelan, Public	34. Yakima Elks Club 18 holes, 6,640 yards Yakima
6. Desert Aire Golf Course 18 holes, 6,501 yards Mattawa, Public	16. Royal City Golf Course 9 holes, 3,106 yards Royal City, Public	26. Kahler Glen Golf Course 18 holes, 6,105 yards Leavenworth, Public	35. Wenatchee Country Club 18 holes, 6,405 yards Wenatchee
7. Suntides Golf Course 18 holes, 6,232 yards Yakima, Public	17. West Richland Golf Course 18 holes, 6,103 yards West Richland, Public	27. Leavenworth Golf Course 18 holes, 5,711 yards Leavenworth, Public	36. Moses Lake Country Club 18 holes, 5,341 yards Moses Lake
8. Westwood West 9 holes, 2,691 yards Yakima, Public	18. Columbia Point Golf Course 18 holes, 6,555 yards Richland, Public	28. Three Lakes Golf Course 18 holes, 5,327 yards Wenatchee, Public	37. Meadow Springs Club 18 holes, 6,957 yards Kennewick
9. Apple Tree Golf Club 18 holes, 6,892 yards Yakima, Public	19. Sun Willows Golf Course 18 holes, 6,715 yards Pasco, Public	29. Highlander 18 holes, 6,650 yards East Wenatchee, Public	38. Wine Valley Golf Club 18 holes, 7,360 yards Walla Walla
10. Mount Adams Golf Course 18 holes, 6,524 yards Toppenish, Public	20. Canyon Lakes Golf Course 18 holes, 6,973 yards Kennewick, Public	30. Rock Island Golf Course 18 holes, 7,153 yards Rock Island, Public	39. Tri City Country Club 18 holes, 4,900 yards Kennewick, Public

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Destination: Scotland and the home of golf

By Steve Turcotte
Inside Golf Editor

There are some things you have to realize about Scotland and what you are getting into if you are heading there for the first time.

First, the weather is always a factor. Sometimes it can be sunny, a shorts weather and golf shirt kind of day. The next it might be windy and chilly. After that, it could be rainy and windy with the kind of wind that can blow your umbrella inside out. Just ask me, I will let you know about that. You better have at least one change of clothes in your golf bag. One round, I changed clothes four times on the course.

But that's about the weather. Now, let's get to the golf. Golf in Scotland? Are you kidding me? It might just be the best you will ever see. There are the legends, the Old Course and Royal Dornoch. There are the new award winners, Castle Stuart and Trump International. There are the hidden gems, Cruden Bay, Montrose, Meldrum House and Boat of Garten. There are over 550 golf courses total – and they keep on building.

There are the links courses. The courses with spectacular views of the North Sea. There are courses inland that have a Pacific Northwest feel. There are courses hundreds of years old. You realize just about every course in Scotland has a historical story once you step to the first tee. As I stood on the first tee of the Old Course at St. Andrews, I had to step back and do a doubletake. The Old Course is the most sought-after tee time in Scotland. At \$242 it is also one of the most expensive, but the golf history lesson you get and the chance to play a British Open course is unmatched.

But there are other courses with stories equally as interesting. Glen Dornoch had golfers roaming the grounds in 1616 and Montrose saw its first golf game nearly 450 years ago. There are also the newer courses that give Scottish golf a new look – Castle Stuart is the host of the Scottish Open and opened for play four years ago. The new Trump International course opened last year and The Donald is hoping for a British Open or Ryder Cup.

There are many things to learn about the way golf is played in Scotland before you head over. You need to know about the links layouts. You must be ready for some wind. You might see some rain. There could be a chill on the air. You will see terrific sights from the seaside links courses and if you think you are going to light it up with your eight handicap, think again.

There are plenty of factors with Scottish golf. Most courses have fairways with more uneven lies than you can believe. The greens are huge. I had three putts of over 100 feet at the Old Course at St. Andrews. And the bunkers Well, they are like nothing you have ever seen. They are deep. They are around the greens. They surround the fairways. And they are sometimes hard to extract yourself from in one shot.

The bunkers are so popular that sometimes courses even name them. The Old Course has its Hell Bunker on the 17th hole and you will also see a series of bunkers at the Old Course called the Coffins. The name alone says what will happen to you if you go into them.

But along the way, Scottish golf is something you will enjoy. If you don't mind the occasional scorecard beating, this is golf at its best. And the stories you will never get tired of hearing them.

At Royal Dornoch, the starter named Roderick said he watched Masters champion Mike Weir tee off during a round and slice it out of bounds. Weir said he was going to tee up a mulligan. Roderick said "no, you are hitting three." Weir proceeded to drive the par-4 first green and make a putt for four.



Why go to Scotland?

Now is probably the best time to go. Their tourism organizations are in the middle of a four-year plan to promote tourism to the United Kingdom. Because of this, the variety – and value – of the golf packages that are available are quite literally once-in-a-lifetime opportunities.

With the 2014 Ryder Cup being held at Gleneagles, outside of Edinburgh, it's just another reason to go.

And if you're even thinking of going, it's best to start looking now. Things book up fast, especially when a major event is in town. Rooms in the town of Gullane, where the 2013 British Open will be held at Muirfield, were booked months ago.

The best place to start is www.vis-itScotland.com/golf.



The Old Course (top) is golf history; Dunnattor Castle (lower) is a piece of Scottish history

Scotland: What to see, what to do

- Flirt with the bartender inside the clubhouse at Cruden Bay. Christine Middleton is the 7-time Ladies Club Champion, and when she tells you what to drink, just do it.
- At the Fiddler's Pub in Drumnadrochit (in Loch Ness), ask the bartender what he thinks of Coca Cola.
- Stay at the Green Hotel in Kinross. Good food, big rooms, country charm. And right across the street are two golf courses. What else do you need? www.green-hotel.com
- Make an appointment with Archie Baird, the curator of the golf museum at Gullane Golf Club.
- Have a pint in the Cave Bar inside the Meldrum House Hotel in Aberdeenshire. Feel what it's like to sit in a bar that's 800 years old.
- Ask Roderick, the kilt-wearing starter at Royal Dornoch, to tell you his favorite first-tee story.
- Don't go to Muirfield without first making an appointment (don't ask us how we know this).
- If you want to play as a foursome before 9:30 am at Nairn Golf Club, be willing to take on the wrath of a twosome of ladies (again, don't ask us how we know this).
- At Trump International, be sure you have a lot of golf balls, because you don't want to have to buy them in their golf shop (once again, don't ask us how we know this).
- Get up at dawn in St. Andrews and put your name on the ballot to try to play the Old Course. You gotta do it.
- Ask Les Durno, the general Manager at Cruden Bay, to show you archived footage of the course. He will convert you to all things holy.
- In the lobby of the Gleneagles clubhouse, ask the hostess for directions (to anywhere, it doesn't matter where), and then be prepared to be transfixed by her accent and her beauty.

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Ryder Cup headed to Gleneagles for 2014; Trump course is carved through the dunes

In 2014 the Ryder Cup will head back to Europe as the Europeans will try and win the Ryder Cup again. The host resort is Gleneagles, a facility that has three courses and sits between Glasgow and Edinburgh. The Ryder Cup will be held on the resort's Jack Nicklaus-designed PGA Centenary Course, and it should be a great host course next year.

Gleneagles is a resort facility that has the King's Course, Queen's Course and PGA Centenary course. The Centenary course has been getting prepped for years and will be a terrific host. It is challenging as well as spectator-friendly. Plenty of room for the players to make their shots and even more room for the spectators to get a look at some of the best players in the world.

The event means big bucks to the local economy. Scotland expects a \$150 million economic boost while Gleneagles has spent over \$1 million making preparations to the course. Over 250,000 spectators are expected to see one or all three of the Ryder Cup days.

A quick Muirfield exit

All our small group wanted to do was buy some British Open gear and take a quick look at Muirfield, the site of this year's British Open. We knew something was out of our league when we pulled into the parking lot and were surrounded by BMWs, Mercedes and other luxury rides.

When we saw guys with sport coats and slacks pulling their golf clubs from the parking lot to the clubhouse this seemed like another clue that this was high rent district. We walked into the clubhouse and I asked a woman in the restaurant where the pro shop was so we could buy some gear.

"We don't have a pro shop here," she said, as she looked at our group and wondered how we got in.

As we walked out the clubhouse a guy in a sport coat and name tag asked us if we were there for an appointment. We said no. He suggested that heading to our car might not be a bad idea.

We didn't get any British Open gear but we did get some pictures from the 18th green.

Trump course just like The Donald

Donald Trump is known for excess. No exception with his new golf course just north of Aberdeen, Scotland called Trump International Scotland.

This is a course that has been years



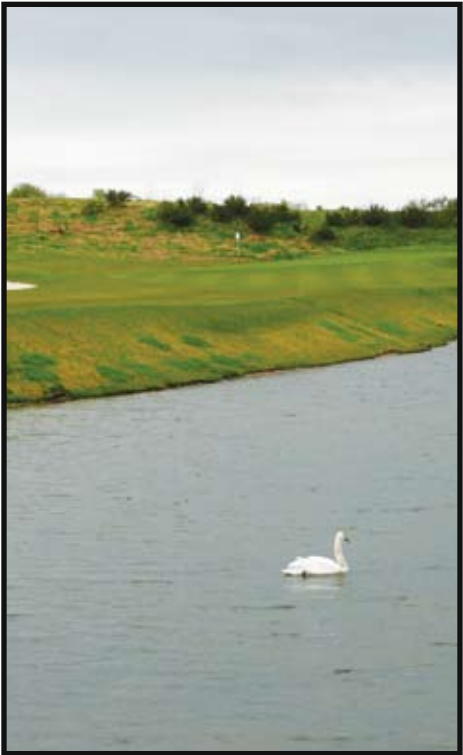
Trump International Scotland has 18 holes carved through the dunes with terrific views.

in the making before opening for play in 2012. Trump bought the land seven years ago, fought the locals in a prolonged court battle to get the permits and finally won his necessary battles to get the course rolling.

And now, Trump International Scotland is open – and is truly a golf masterpiece. Under the design work of European designer Martin Hawtree, something which did make the locals happy, Trump International offers 18 holes of golf through the Scottish dunes, local vegetation and some of the most terrific views of the North Sea around.

And about those excesses there are plenty. But what would except with something The Donald has his hand in. The course is spread over 600 acres, there are 10 acres of grass used as paths between greens and tees, there is a putting course spread over acres that has over 20 holes and a castle has been built which will offer lodging. The price for all these extravagances? How about \$297 weekdays and \$328 on weekends. And the course is getting the play. Over 10,000 rounds were played in the three and a half months the course was open in 2012.

Trump has praised the course as being one of the best in the world. He might not be far off. The site is a spectacular setting



Gleneagles will host the 2014 Ryder Cup.

along the North Sea, running up and down the North Sea coast line. The dunes the course plays through are the biggest on the Scottish coast. The views from some of the back nine holes are spectacular.

Scotland

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and when you drive around the country, there are fields everywhere filled with crops, sheep and cows. The small towns all look like movie sets, with old brick buildings. It's almost like you have gone back in time. And pay attention to the road signs: There's an overtaking sign, a lay sign, and some others that are hard to understand.

But what all golfers head to Scotland for is the golf. And there are a variety of courses to check out – from the links to the inland courses. Links-style courses like Cruden Bay, Royal Dornoch, Nairn, and The Old Course are places that must be seen to be believed with their rolling fairways and stiff ocean breezes.

The inland courses like Gleneagles, Meldrum House and Boat of Garten are more like Northwest layouts.



Montrose Medal shows what Scottish golf is like with its fields of gorse and rolling links.

A tour of selected Scotland Courses and how they rank in the top 100 in the country

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- **Meldrum House**
#74 on best of top 100
www.meldrumhouse.com
- **Cruden Bay**
#11 on best of top 100
www.crudenbaygolfclub.co.uk
- **Trump International Scotland**
Too new to be ranked
www.trumpgolfscotland.com
- **Royal Dornoch**
#3 on best of top 100
www.royaldornoch.com
- **Castle Stuart**
#12 on best of top 100
www.castlestuartgolf.com
- **Nairn Golf Club**
#13 on best of top 100
www.nairngolfclub.co.uk
- **Boat of Garten**
#37 on best of top 100
www.boatofgarten.com

SOUTHERN SCOTLAND

- **St. Andrews Old Course**
#1 on best of top 100
www.standrews.org.uk
- **Gleneagles – Queens Course**
#25 on best of top 100
www.gleneagles.com
- **Gleneagles – PGA Centenary Course**
#47 on best of top 100
www.gleneagles.com
- **Gullane #1**
#19 on best of top 100
www.gullanegolfclub.com
- **Montrose Medal**
#31 on best of top 100
www.montrosegolflinks.co.uk



Steve Turcotte models Scottish attire.

Scottish Slang Information

- Trolley** – Golf pull cart
- Buggy** – Golf cart
- Give way** – Yield
- Lift** – Elevator
- Loch** – Lake
- Two ball** – Two player group
- Four ball** – Four player group
- Game** – Round of golf
- Burn** – Small creek
- Bloody mental** – Term for Steve Turcotte wearing shorts in Scotland by a local
- Wee** – Little. A short putt is a wee putt.
- Shire** – A county
- Tatties** – Potatoes
- Neeps** – Parsnipp
- Haggis** - You don't want to know
- Pint** – The way you order a beer
- Lay By** – Area on the freeway to pull over and let cars pass



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