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The history of golf has taken us through a myriad of events over the last 150 years. From the formation of the first Open Championship in 1860, to the inception of golf clubs in America in the late 1800s, the formation of the USGA in 1894, and the first U.S. Open Championship at Newport Country Club in 1895, won by Horace Rawlins. The first 16 U.S. Opens were captured by U.K. golfers from 1895 to 1910. It was not until 1911 that the first American born golfer was to win our celebrated U.S. Open Golf Tournament. John McDermott from Philadelphia became the youngest golfer at the age of 19, to ever win a U.S. Open at the Chicago Golf Club. McDermott also won the U.S. Open again in 1912 at the Country Club of Buffalo in New York. In all, American born golfers went on to captured 87 victories in 123 U.S. Open Championships in the last 130 years. It would be over 60 years before an American golfer won the coveted British Open Championship, in 1922 Walter Hagan won at Royal St Georges in Sandwich, Kent England.

In 1913 Francis Ouimet, a 20-year-old amateur non-private club member, won the U.S. Open at The Country Club in Brookline, Massachusetts, igniting immense popularity for golf. In 1930 Bobby Jones won the Grand Slam of golf and then retired from competitive golf at just 28 years old. In the 1920s, the PGA of America began holding professional golf tournaments, which club pros competed in to make a little extra money. As the popularity of these events grew, and purses and spectators increased, players began searching for independence from the PGA of America. Subsequently in 1968 the players created The Tournament Players Division of the PGA. It went on to become today's PGA Tour.



**"It's not the individual tours ... it's the sport in its purest form of excellence and majesty."**



After more than five centuries, golf has evolved as a sport and a game to be enjoyed by nearly 100 million people worldwide. The game has seen a multitude of changes over time but pretty much has remained true to its earliest conception of a ball, a stick, and a hole. There are over 25 golf tours worldwide, with over 2000 world ranked professional players. The most recent statistic is that there are over 250,000 players worldwide vying for positions on all world golf tours, with aspirations of making it to the "Big Dance," The PGA Tour.

New tours, old tours, and any tours for that matter will come and go in the game of competitive golf worldwide. One thing that will never change, is the thrill and excitement each year as the calendar turns toward golf's coveted majors. It's not the individual tours that capture us, it is the sport in its purest form of excellence and majesty. The state of golf is just fine, let the games begin.

*Timothy R. Branco*

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A scenic view of a golf course. In the foreground, a large, leafy tree stands on the left. A path or fairway leads from the bottom left towards the center. In the middle ground, there's a large, well-maintained green fairway with a sand trap on the right. A large rock sits on the grass near the sand trap. The background shows more trees and a clear sky.

# MET LINKS

SHEDDING NEW LIGHT  
ON AN OLD CLASSIC





*by Trey Jensen*

Standing atop the hill where the clubhouse of the former Metacomet Country Club once stood, the majestic views over Watchemoket Cove extending to the Providence River are breathtaking. What it must have been like when Donald Ross first visited and stood on this exact spot, looking over a golf course in need of repair, holding in his mind a vision of what it could become.

Now, nearly 100 years after Ross completed his vision, golf course architect, Robert McNeil, looked out over the course, a shell of what it once was. The once bustling clubhouse was now just an empty gravel footprint, the fearsome bunkers had shrunk and filled with weeds, many of the classic greens had been stripped and abandoned. The golf course was once again in desperate need of repair, and a vision of what it could become.

“We wanted to breathe new life into as much of Donald Ross’ genius here as we could. We kept going back to the history in an effort to discover what we could restore and recapture from Ross’ vision of the golf course.”

After months of planning, building upon ownerships commitment to preserving open space and historic golf on the property, the team including McNeil, owner Marshall Properties and long-time Golf Course Superintendent Paul Jamrog settled on the best way to resurrect the remains of the old course – a nine-hole layout named Met Links (a historical nod to the former Metacomet Country Club) that would retain seven greens from the original front nine, with two new greens that were inspired by Ross’ work and vision. Many of the original features, strategy and character of the front nine has been carefully and intentionally reclaimed.

The new nine-hole routing begins just as the original Metacomet began. The first tee shot is from a high point down the hill toward Veteran’s Memorial Parkway. The greenside bunkers have been restored, producing what would be one of the most picturesque reveals on any other course, but that’s only the beginning at Met Links.

The second hole then plays along the banks of the cove with a daring, some locals would say iconic, par-five that turns nearly ninety degrees around the water until it finishes at another masterful, original Ross green complex .

The third hole continues to follow the path of the old front nine, playing 360 yards up the hill to a wonderfully contoured green surface nestled in an amphitheater of fescue.

Here the course changes direction. Instead of immediately playing down the hill to the left, golfers now play the old par-3 sev-





enth hole as the fourth hole in the Met Links routing. Tee boxes have been expanded and added, bunkers have been restored, and the cart path has been moved to improve the dramatic visual on this 165-yard par-3.

On the fifth hole the golfer encounters the first new hole on the course. What was once a wide, flat section of fairway, has been reimagined into a short par-4 with a green sitting atop a deep ravine. “We took inspiration from the large bunker that was already there,” said McNeil. “Ross used that bunker to create discomfort on the tee shot, so we used it in the same way.”

The sixth hole is a par-3 that plays over the ravine to the old eighth green with restored bunkers including the “gulch” bunker cut into the perimeter of the ravine. “The tee shot on six is meant to recapture the approach shot that you had on Ross’ version of the hole,” said Robert. “It is a wonderful, albeit testy, shot to hit.”

After the original green on the sixth you encounter the second new hole on the course. The seventh is a par-3 that looks like it was part of the course all along. The green rests atop the edge of the ravine with two bunkers benched into the slope on the left.

The construction process of the two new greens intentionally reached into the past to remain consistent with the origins of the golden-age course. “Seven of the greens are nearly 100 years old,” Robert explained. “We didn’t want the new greens to feel brand new, we wanted them to feel like well-established, hundred-year-old greens that fit with the rest.” To accomplish this, the construction team carefully excavated the greens mix that was under some of the abandoned greens on the property and utilized the soil for the new green sites. As a result, the two new greens feel as classic as the original seven.



The penultimate 8th hole is a par-5 that plays down the hill toward the cove and then up to an elevated green with a long strip bunker guarding the front left. On the old course this was the par-4 fourth hole, but with the creation of the new seventh, the tee could be lengthened, bringing some of the original hazards back into play that had been rendered mostly obsolete over the past century.

The final hole on the course is one of Ross’ finest par 3’s. Nearly 180 yards from the back tee, this hole plays uphill over two large bunkers to a classic crowned green. Pitch areas around the green have been expanded and restored, providing a variety of recovery options. While many of Ross’ courses open with a





## PUBLIC PLAY

Summer of 2024, Met Links will be availed to the public for play. Visit [metlinksgolf.com](http://metlinksgolf.com) to follow progress, get course updates, book an event and once open book tee times for play. Met Links will be managed by NGC/ CLUB9 Golf Operations

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“gentle handshake,” they tend to finish with a closed fist. Although not originally the closing hole, the ninth at Met Links continues that tradition, providing a stern test at the conclusion of the round.

Nearly 100 years ago Donald Ross took a mediocre golf course and made it something special. Today, after years of changes, hard times, and locked gates, Robert McNeil, Marshall Properties, Paul Jamrog and construction partner NMP Golf has resurrected a modern classic. With panoramic views, stunning topography, and a historic design to match, Met Links has been reborn, and will undoubtedly one of the most exciting new... “old” nine-hole courses in America.





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# Northern Exposure



## Prime Time Golf Travel Destinations for 2024

BY TIMOTHY BRANCO

**EACH YEAR IN THE SPRING** dozens of the nation's top golf travel destinations open for another season of spectacular golf at some of the most amazing resorts in North America. While winter golf travel winds down in southern destinations, northern golfers begin to plan spring and summer golf travel excursions at many of the top-rated golf resorts in our country. The idea of getting away to new courses, resorts, and regions is what makes golf such a universally loved sport. The game draws us to new places, destinations, and challenges. In most sports, the playing fields are pretty much the same, but in golf, every course is a different and unique experience. Years ago, golf trips were mostly taken by automobile with friends and family visiting their favorite resorts. In less than a day's drive, there are dozens of

world-class golfing resorts and regions that golfers from all over the world come to visit each year, right here in the Northeast. We are blessed with some of the finest seaside, mountainside, and countryside facilities with more diversity in design, terrain, and character than almost anywhere in the world. Road trips are always more fun than flying as we are far less limited by schedule, baggage, flexibility, and spontaneity.

Our "Northern Exposure" favorites in the Mid-Atlantic, New York, New England, Eastern Canada, and Michigan will offer you some of the most spectacular golf vacations at some of the nation's top golf courses and resorts. Some of the most prolific and historic venues in the game of golf are right here in our own backyard, spring and summer are prime times to visit

these amazing destinations to make great golf memories. Every journey begins with the first step, plan your journey today!

### HISTORIC ICONIC MUST STAY & PLAYS

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*The Sagamore Resort*

### **Woodstock Inn Vermont**

Set alongside the Marsh-Billings-Rockefeller National Park, the historic Woodstock Inn defines elegance and luxury as one of the oldest inns in New England. Located in the village of Woodstock Vermont, it is simply iconic and truly classic in every detail. Named one of the “Top 100” Golf Resorts by Golf Magazine, the Robert Trent Jones Sr. designed golf course at the Woodstock Inn is nothing short of spectacular. Founded in 1895, the Woodstock Country Club is the oldest public golf course in Vermont.

### **The Sagamore Resort New York**

For over a century, The Sagamore Resort in Bolton Landing, New York has been serving impeccable hospitality on the southern end of Lake George. Overlooking Lake George, the Donald Ross-designed hillside layout at The Sagamore Resort underwent an extensive, multi-million-dollar restoration in the mid-1980s. The original Sagamore Hotel opened in 1883, attracting the rich and famous of the period. The Donald Ross 18-hole championship resort course was built in 1927 and named by Golf Digest as one of America’s “Best Golf Resorts.”



*Omni Mount Washington Resort Hotel*

### **The Equinox Golf Resort & Spa Vermont**

The Equinox stands as an icon of life in New England over the past two centuries. Steeped in history, The Equinox has been a hotbed for American Revolutionaries, hosted presidents and served guests in one fashion or another since 1769. The Golf Club at Equinox is in beautiful Manchester Village, Vermont. This scenic 1927 Walter Travis design will test a player’s ability to hit a variety of shots to well-manicured, undulating greens. The Walter Travis Course was Redesigned by Rees Jones in 2022.

### **SEASIDE FAVORITES & COASTAL LINKS**

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Turning Stone Resort



Woodstock Inn

### Boothbay Harbor Resort

#### Maine

The Boothbay Harbor Oceanside Golf Resort is located at the water's edge in Boothbay Harbor, Maine. If you love fresh Atlantic seafood delights, then the resort's new restaurant "Coastal Prime" is the place. Boothbay Region Country Club opened its first 9 holes in 1921. Playing the course immediately became a favorite pastime for the vacationers to the area. The 9-hole gem designed by Stiles and Van Kleeck expanded to 18 holes in 1999, recently a complete redesign by renowned course architect Bruce Hepner was part of a multi-million-dollar renovation by new owner Paul Coulombe.

### Wequassett Inn

#### Cape Cod, Massachusetts

The Inn, on Pleasant Bay in Harwich, is one of the most spectacular luxury resorts in New England, and a member of Preferred Hotels & Resorts Worldwide. Guest have access to the esteemed Cape Cod National Golf Club, ranked as one of the top 20 best golf courses by Golf Digest, the 18-hole Cape Cod National course offers exceptional views and challenging play for both casual and competitive golfers. In 1998 this Brian Silva design opened for play and the accolades just keep on coming.

### Seaview Dolce Hotel

#### New Jersey

For more than 100 years Seaview in Atlantic City has been providing the very best in seaside golf and luxury vacations. Seaview, a Dolce Hotel is the quintessential seaside resort on the New Jersey shore on 670 acres blending the architectural beauty and historic charm of a turn-of-the-century resort. The Bay Course designed by Donald Ross and Hugh Wilson was opened in 1914 and is currently host to the LPGA Tour Shop Rite Classic each year.

### DRAMATIC MOUNTAIN

#### GOLF AT ITS BEST

#### Stowe Resort / Spruce Peak

#### Vermont

The lodge at Spruce Peak offers some of the most luxurious resort accommodations in the Northeast. Accommodations range from cozy studios overlooking mountain views, to spacious 4-bedroom Penthouse residences complete with all the comforts of home. The resort offers two championship courses to guests, the spectacular Mountain Course and The Stowe Country Club which is a valley course. There is also an extensive golf academy for all aspects of game improvement. The scenery is amazing, the service impeccable, and the golf is fantastic.



## DESTINATIONS

### NORTHEAST GOLF TRAVEL

#### **The Owl's Nest New Hampshire**

One of the fastest-growing resorts in the country, The Owl's Nest in the White Mountains has four-season amenities and a full portfolio of accommodations from rooms to home rentals. This living community boasts the only Jack Nicklaus-designed golf course in New Hampshire. The course was named #6 best Nicklaus-Designed course by value worldwide by NBC Golf Pass. Soon to open will be the new 18-hole championship Vineyard course and the Hoot, a nine-hole course built alongside Lake Harold.

#### **Sunday River Maine**

The Jordan Hotel at Sunday River offers

spectacular mountain accommodations overlooking the Mahoosuc Range. One of the most spectacular and scenic courses in New England, the Sunday River Golf Club is a Robert Trent Jones, Jr. design featuring an 18-hole champion course that winds through the Maine woods and overdramatic elevation changes in a stunning mountainside setting. The course follows the natural topography of the landscape while striking the perfect balance between challenge and playability.

#### **Sugarloaf Resort Maine**

Set in the Carrabassett Valley against the Appalachians, Sugarloaf is a demanding Mountain course and has been part of Golf Digest's 100 Greatest Public list. Sugarloaf Golf

Club offers stay-and-play packages to combine your rounds of golf with discounted lodging in the Sugarloaf Mountain Hotel or resort condominiums. The Robert Trent Jones design was built in 1985 and is one of the most spectacular mountain courses in the country.

## EPIC NORTHEAST DESTINATIONS

#### **Crystal Springs New Jersey**

Recognized as the Northeast's largest four-season golf, spa and culinary resort, Crystal Springs Resort is in the Kittatinny Mountains of northern New Jersey and is just 43 miles from New York City. The two-hotel resort features Grand Cascades Lodge and Minerals Hotel with extraordinary amenities. There are six championship-caliber golf



*Wequassett Inn*



*Seaview Dolce Hotel*



*The Fox Hollow Golf Resort & Spa*



*Ocean Edge Resort*



*Boothbay Harbor Resort*



## DESTINATIONS

### NORTHEAST GOLF TRAVEL

courses here, highlighted by NJ's #1 public course, Ballyowen Golf Club. Other courses include Cascades, Black Bear, Crystal Springs, Wild Turkey, and Minerals.

#### Boyne Golf Resorts

##### Michigan

One of the nation's most iconic resort collections makes Boyne Resorts a must-visit. There are 10 championship golf courses at three resorts along Michigan's northern shores with designs by Robert Trent Jones, Arthur Hills, and Donald Ross. The Bay Harbor Resort and Golf Club is truly epic with the Links Course, Quarry Course, and Preserve Course. Stunning views of Lake Michigan abound making Boyne Resort a new Bucket List entry for all in the game.

##### Turning Stone Resort

##### New York

One of the Northeast's largest gaming and golf resorts opened in 2004 on 3400 acres with 4 hotels and over 800 rooms. The Oneida Nation has created a world-class golf, gaming, entertainment, dining, and spa & fitness mecca in Upstate New York. There are 72 holes of golf, a teaching academy, an indoor sportsplex, and a golf dome. Courses by Tom Fazio, Robert Trent Jones Jr., and Rick Smith, Turning Stone Resort is a must Stay and Play in the Northeast.

##### Nemacolin Resort

##### Pennsylvania

One of North America's premier luxury resorts with 5 distinct hotels on over 2000 acres in Farmington, offers luxurious guestrooms, suites, townhomes, and private residences. The resort has two championship Pete Dye Golf Courses, The Mystic Rock Course and the Shepard's Course, an extensive golf academy and world-renowned spas, 15 restaurants, and expansive guest amenities. A Forbes Five Diamond experience.





# TPC Sawgrass Florida's Historic Coast

BY ALICE & DANNY SCOTT

## The Destination

Florida's Historic Coast on the state's northern Atlantic shoreline is anchored by the oldest city in America, St. Augustine. Founded in 1565, many of the original sites have been preserved like the oldest jail, oldest store, oldest schoolhouse and more. The ancient city has brick lined streets and quaint attractions depicting America's history. The coastal climate is near perfect year-round, drawing visitors from around the globe.

Ponte Vedra Beach, home to the PGA Tour, TPC Sawgrass and The Ponte Vedra Concert Hall, is thirty minutes up the coast on scenic highway A1A. Stops along the way could make it a day trip to stroll the white sandy beaches, watch the rolling waves, surf, shop and dine.

## The Venues

TPC Sawgrass is a whole community with a magnificent clubhouse front and center. The restaurant and bar are open to the public with indoor or patio gallery seating and free guided historic tours are conducted on the hour, including a cart ride to the famed 17th island green, for photo ops.

Sawgrass Marriott is elegantly positioned with full frontal windows overlooking water and the lush Florida landscape. Alice and Pete's restaurant honors the deceased Dye couple and outside, a mini-island green provides guests with hit

and giggle amusement.

Hilton Garden Inn at the entrance to TPC Sawgrass, is more moderately priced with all the amenities a traveler needs, including Mulligans for breakfast, lunch, and dinner.

## The Golf

TPC Sawgrass was built to host The Players Championship on its Stadium Course which takes place each year in March. In January, many of the grandstands were already erected and the fairways were the most plush and brightest green of any we have seen or felt. Is it real, or is it artificial turf? The Stadium Course is a bucket list hit for golfers with excitement building on the 17th green, a shot for glory you never forget.

Golf Director Brian Redding says the whole community comes to support The Players Championship for the 50th year in 2024. Pete Dye architected the Stadium Course as well as Dye's Valley Course. While it may be lesser known, and lacks an island green, Dye's Valley is equally challenging. As our caddie Chris noted, number 18 on Dye's Valley is like 18 on the Stadium Course without the \$80m clubhouse behind it. The caddies' main jobs are to steer you clear of the water positioned on every hole which is habitat to the beautiful Floridian aviary.

Ten minutes away, Ponte Vedra Inn and Club delivers two fun runs - the par 71 Ocean Course and par 70 Lagoon Course.



In St. Augustine, the World Golf Hall of Fame has been relocated to Pinehurst, but its two adjoining courses, King & Bear and Slammer & Squire remain in play.

## And More

Beyond beach walks, St. Augustine has some 30 attractions to explore. Hop on and off the Old Town Trolley at any interesting spot, with entertaining narration along the way. We recommend the 1700s seaside fort, Castillo de San Marcos and then the Scenic Cruise aboard Victory III for a waterside view of the town with dolphins perhaps surfing on cue.

Climb the second highest lighthouse in Florida for a bird's eye view or view the pink flock of roseate spoonbills cohabitating with the giant lizards at the Alligator Farm.

The Flagler College Tour is anything but boring with grand décor and tales of the robber baron, though that title is not





invoked. The Pirate Museum is amusing, and The Oldest Jail is intact with original cells, gallows, and sheriff's office where a child asked about the wooden box on a wall and could not fathom that it was a phone.

Saunter down the colonial alleys of St. Augustine and dine at Catch 27's English garden patio. For Southern BBQ flavors with a twist and a view, visit Valley Smokehouse on the intracoastal water bank in Ponte Vedra. Special occasions merit Sawgrass Marriott Cabana Beach Club's 1912 Ocean Bar & Rooftop. A romantic beachfront setting pairs with exquisite cuisine. Rooftop it off upstairs with a specialty mock or cocktail, looking out at the ocean and up at the stars.

#### Our Takeaway

We love visiting the whole state, but Florida's Historic Coast is special for its



endless beaches and myriad attractions with extra events always popping up. TPC Sawgrass is a magnet for golf lovers and every day brings encounters with new people, all with their own stories, and that is what we love the most about golf travel.

#### The Journey

Several airports are within a two-hour drive including Orlando, Daytona, and Jacksonville. Intercoastal water cruisers may dock at the St. Augustine marina.

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# LOS CABOS

## LUXURY GOLF TRAVEL

There are only a handful of international golf destinations in the world that the PGA Tour has chosen to host events at each year. In 2023 the Tour came to Los Cabos to host the World Wide Technology Championship for five years. Los Cabos commitment to excellence, hospitality, amazing resorts, and home to 18 great new golf courses (12 recognized as the “Best in Mexico” by Golf Digest) may just be the newest hotbed of world luxury golf travel.

To say that Los Cabos has arrived on the international golf scene is very much understated, Los Cabos has become a global destination for luxury golf vacations. It is very rare for a golf tourism destination to climb to the ranks as one of the very best in the world, Los Cabos is the exception. Los Cabos has been the top golf travel destination for some time now in Latin America, over the last 10 years this world-class luxury golf destination has taken a world stage in international golf travel. The ultimate accolade on golf’s world stage was in 2023 when the PGA Tour chose Los Cabos as the new home for the next five years of The World Technology Championship at Tiger Woods’ first golf design, El Cardonal, at Diamante Cabo



The destination has become one of the most popular luxury golf destinations in North America and throughout the world. Where the Pacific Ocean meets the Sea of Cortez, bliss exists in the form of fresh mangoes and slow sunsets, unparalleled luxury golf resorts set in subtropical sunshine, on just about every day of the year. If your idea of golf heaven is a diverse array of spectacular courses woven into a dazzling seaside landscape, Los Cabos is the destination for you. Mexico’s premier tourism destination, Los Cabos, is home to some of the world’s most luxurious hotels and resorts, outstanding spas, award-winning



## ABOUT LOS CABOS

Los Cabos, located at the tip of the 1,000-mile-long Baja California Peninsula, is one of the world's most diverse tourism destinations. Boasting a dramatic desert backdrop nestled between the Sierra de la Laguna Mountain range and coastlines of the Pacific Ocean and Sea of Cortez, Los Cabos is home to award-winning resorts, dynamic wellness experiences, and exquisite culinary offerings often regarded by many as some of the finest tourism offerings available anywhere. A growing list of championship golf courses, rejuvenating spas, and world-renowned sport fishing tournaments add to the destination's unmatched appeal.



**“Hosting the PGA TOUR tournament in Los Cabos marks a significant milestone for our destination and serves as a testament to the world-class competitiveness of our golf courses on a global scale. ... We firmly believe that the PGA TOUR will not only help us showcase the exceptional golf experiences we offer but also highlight the extraordinary beauty and warm hospitality that Los Cabos extends to a worldwide audience. ...”**

Rodrigo Esponda, Director of the Los Cabos Tourism Board

restaurants as well as top-ranked golf courses, amazing tours, activities, and adventures. The growing popularity of Los Cabos has gone viral in the golf and luxury travel industry.

Nearly nine years ago Tiger Woods celebrated his first golf course design, El Cardonal at Diamante, a private resort oasis in Los Cabos. The PGA Tour Worldwide Golf Championship was held October 30th through November 5th showcasing the venue to the world. Los Cabos has been recognized as one of the top destinations for golf enthusiasts, boasting three courses that have been ranked among the world's best by Golf Digest magazine in its 2022-2023 edition. Los Cabos has also made Golf Digest's list of “Best Golf Resorts in Mexico” 4 times in the last two years. Topping off the list of this year's best resorts was Cabo Del Sol, featuring a design by Jack Nicklaus which he described as, “the best golf property I've ever seen.” The course features 36 holes spread out along the Sea of Cortez. Embedded within a desert landscape, golfers will have a mix of challenging shots with some of the most beautiful backdrops. Guests can choose to stay on the property in one of several luxury villas and resorts with a long list of amenities.

Adding to the 13 world class golf resorts in Los Cabos, the Cabo del Sol, Park Hyatt and the St Regis Los Cabos Quivira with a Jack Nicklaus signature golf course have recently opened. The newly planned Ernie Els course at OLEADA is the newest addition to the growing golf portfolio in Cabo, which is approaching 20 courses in total. The property sits directly between two other notable golf developments – Diamante, with courses from Tiger

Woods and Davis Love III; and the newer Grand Solmar at Rancho San Lucas with its Greg Norman-designed course.

Los Cabos now offers a diverse array of options, ranging from public and resort public to semi-private and private courses. It has become a benchmark for playing award-winning designs by prolific architects such as Jack Nicklaus' Quivira, Cabo del Sol Cove Club, Puerto Los Cabos II, Campestre San Jose, Palmilla, El Dorado, to Tom Fazio's Querencia, Tiger Woods' Diamante Cardonal, Davis Love's Diamante Dunes, Greg Norman's Solmar Golf Links, Puerto Los Cabos I, Fred Couples' Twin Dolphin, Robert Trent Jones' Cabo Real, Tom Weiskopf's Cabo del Sol Desert, among a few others.

There are so many things to do in Los Cabos and you can do them safely, without concern. Los Cabos was named by Forbes as the world's first verified travel destination by Sharecare Digital Heath. Scattered across a 20-mile corridor connecting the touristy Cabo San Lucas to the cultural town center of San José del Cabo in the east, nearly 288,000 people call this scenic cape of Los Cabos, Mexico home. Known for its luxury hospitality, exuberant nightlife, and diverse culinary delights, Los Cabos exceeds expectations. Los Cabos boasts a mountain-desert-ocean environment unique in the western hemisphere. It is truly an incredible golf destination that continues to add new courses, new resorts and unlimited activities and amenities.

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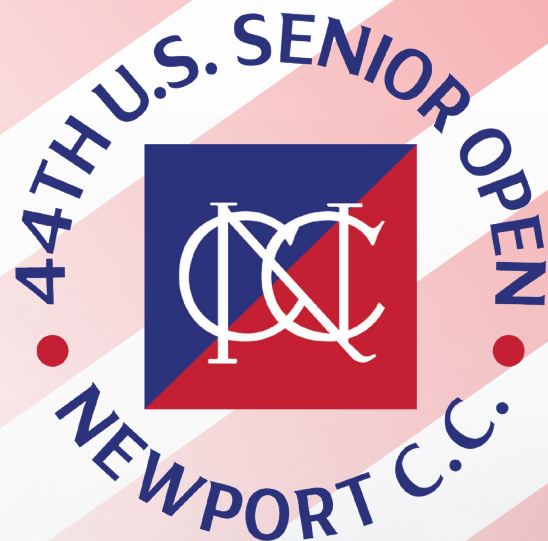
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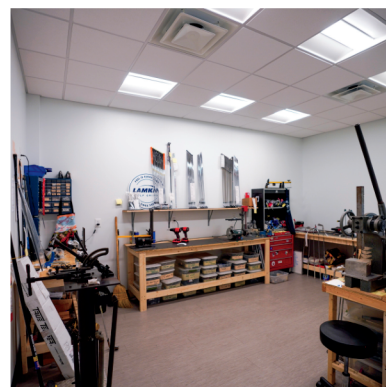
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This dynamic new wedge line is available with a system of bounce and grind variations to suit different lies, shot characteristics, and wedge-swing scenarios. There's a W5 Wedge for anyone.

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The striking brushed copper model's face features a protrusion RIB between the score lines strategically etched by precise milling. The Full Score Line design, with the grooves spanning from heel to toe, allows more skilled wedge players to open and close the face as they desire for a broad array of scoring shots. The W5 wedge provides forgiveness that inspires confidence from any lie condition. The unique copper finish also reduces glare and prevents rust, making this a wedge you can keep in your

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# Could It Really Be Your Wedges' Fault?



***Texas wedge designer Terry Koehler is focused on your game, not tour players. Here's why.***

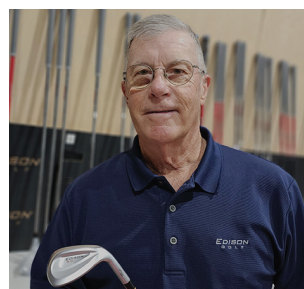
A visit with accomplished wedge designer and founder of Edison Golf, Terry Koehler, is a deep learning experience. Since receiving his first wedge patent for the “dual bounce sole” in the early 1990s, this unsung hero of the category has been committed to engineering his wedges very differently than the major brands. Rather than focus on the exquisite skills of elite tour professionals, Koehler is committed to helping the everyday serious recreational golfer.

“Leaving raw power aside ... everyday golfers differ most from the game’s elite players in the skills they exhibit inside prime scoring range,” explains Koehler. “Any tour-level player can hit a 40-foot pitch shot into a two-foot circle a dozen different ways.”

Koehler pointed out that most recreational golfers’ wedges show a wear pattern about the size of a silver dollar centered several grooves higher on the face than that of the tour players’ penny-sized spot between the 2nd and 5th grooves. And that is the key to wedge play challenges.

When you bring up the topic of bounce and grind, Koehler makes a point against the proliferation of variations in the market. His first patent was for a sole design that has both a high and low bounce to expand shotmaking versatility over a wide range of turf conditions, lies and swing paths.

“I’ve always challenged this notion of fitting bounce,” says Koehler. “There’s not a golfer alive who knows exactly what their next lie will be, or exactly what size divot they’re going to take. How



***“Robotic testing proves that traditional tour design wedges lose 15% to 25% of their efficiency when impact is made above that 4th or 5th groove. ... I simply engineered the Edison wedges around that typical impact pattern instead of the low-face impact the tour players exhibit. That makes your best shots better and brings a level of forgiveness to wedges that we have long demanded from our irons and drivers.”***

*Terry Koehler, Edison Golf founder*

can you fit something that is constantly changing?”

The last area where Koehler shows his “contrarian” approach to wedges is the importance of the shaft to good wedge play, and to Edison’s 100% custom-fit, custom-build business model. Online, Edison offers their proprietary WedgeFit® Scoring Range Analysis, an in-depth survey that allows Edison to recommend just the right lofts, shaft, grip and custom specs for length and lie.

“Regardless of your skill and scores, you’ll take your game to the next level by improving your wedge game,” professes Koehler. “Whether it’s winning on tour or breaking 80, 90 or 100 ... it almost always comes down to how well you perform inside 100 yards or so. My life’s work has been to give golfers better tools to achieve their scoring goals.”

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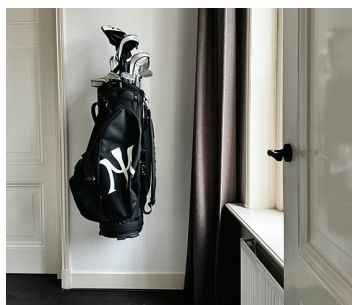
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The Neo Classic Line of Putters was introduced in early 2024 featuring a precisely milled progressive groove configuration, every Evnroll putter imparts a consistent energy transfer at impact across the entire hitting area for unmatched distance control, and an even roll from center and off-center hits. Hence the name Evnroll. The inventor of grooves on putters back in the mid-90s, Rife has taken his original breakthrough roll technology to the ultimate level with SweetFace Technology. By far the most popular head shape in the Evnroll Neo Classic lineup, the ER2 features a single-bend shaft that mounts directly in the head, creating a slight toe hang. The result is the look and feel of a blade with a longer sightline for both perpendicular and parallel alignment. A unique feature to Guerin Rife putter designs, the top line is thinner behind the ball and over the cavity giving the ER2 a more elegant presentation at address.

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Packed full of the latest technology, the FXT irons feature a dual material face, marrying a 431 stainless steel body with a 17-4 super-hot stainless-steel face, while a heat-treated hot muscleback design delivers a forged-like effect, with fast ball speeds and outstanding forgiveness.

A lower center of gravity provides improved stability and maximum forgiveness on off-center strikes, ensuring that even less-than-perfect shots reach their intended target.

Also new and unique to the FXT irons is a precision weighted side screw in the toe end of the club which has been optimised to help raise the club's MOI and reduce the impact of twisting on off-center strikes, leading to straighter shots across the entire clubface.

The high MOI construction and perimeter weighting work well to keep the ball on target, and the solid build quality contributes towards ensuring that spin rates don't fluctuate too aggressively when shots are struck out of the toe or heel, a key consideration for players who struggle to consistently find the center of the club face.

FXT irons are powerful, strong lofted, and very forgiving, making them an ideal choice for amateur golfers looking for as much power and forgiveness as they can get from their irons.

If you're looking for a really solid set of irons, and you don't want to break the bank to do so, then the RAM FXTs are well worth your time and attention.

Offered in a classy anodised black finish or a more traditional chrome satin finish, the FXT irons are available with a choice of high-quality aftermarket shafts, including KBS Tour 90 steel shafts or UST Recoil graphite shafts in a choice of four flexes, and premium Lamkin Crossline grips. Shaft lengths can also be customised plus or minus 1-inch, at 1/4-inch intervals to ensure the perfect fit.

Golfers can also choose how many clubs they prefer to have in the set with a range of options being available online: 5-PW, 5-GW, 4-PW and 4-GW are all available in right hand and 5-PW available in left.



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# Cranberry Valley Beyond the Trees

## TEE 2 TABLE

BY MYLES MURRAY

### FROM TEE

Cranberry Valley Golf Course in Harwich, MA is well worth the drive to mid-Cape. Winding through tall pine trees lays this beautiful track that is fun to play but also challenging for any golfer. It was designed by Geoffrey Cornish and William Robinson and utilizes nature to weave the course through a typical Cape Cod landscape.

### Quality

From the tees to the greens this course is pristine, and well worth the price for a round whether you walk or take a cart. The golf carts are electric and so quiet you can't tell if it is turned on. The carts have an

interactive GPS screen that has yardages, hole layouts, music, and food options.

The course does a great job of maintaining pace of play so 18 should take around 4 hours to complete. The greens are rolled out perfectly, and a key tip that members tell you is there is very little break so don't overdo it and aim for the cup.

### Playability

The course has five sets of tees with the tips playing at just under 6500 yards. The fairways utilize the natural geography of the land with subtle hills and curves, but they are relatively wide open.

There are fairway bunkers diabolically placed at landing areas for both short and long hitters. Sounds simple, but the key to shooting low at CV is to keep it in the fairway. You might have some long approach shots, but it is better than going into the thick second cut or hitting out of the trees.

A few of the greens are guarded by

deep, soft sand bunkers that require accuracy with the wedges to put it on the dance floor. The signature hole is #18, which is a u-shaped par-5 playing at 521 yards from the tips. You can't see the green until after your second shot because it is like having two dogleg rights on the same hole.

### Amenities

When you play Cranberry Valley, you should show up early to take advantage of the practice facilities. There is a large putting green with multiple targets to help get you dialed in. There are 2 chipping greens that both allow for shots up to 40 yards, and one has three sand bunkers. The driving range is grass to help get you ready for the round with true feedback from your swings. The range is for all clubs as it tops out at a distance of over 230 yards.

Additionally, if you are traveling to the Cape, their website is a solid resource as it provides links to local accommodations,





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dining, shopping, and events available. There are so many things to do and visit in the area, so I appreciated that they had all of this available.

The clubhouse houses both the Pro Shop and Jake's Restaurant so grab some CV swag with your beers and food.

## TO TABLE

Before, during, or after your round you can stop into Jake's at Cranberry Valley for either a quick bite, or a sit-down meal. Located within the clubhouse, Jake's has an old-school golf course vibe with plenty of seating, golf swag on the walls, and traditional pub food.

### Food and Drink

Jake's has a variety of food options, all at reasonable prices. They have the traditional grab-and-go breakfast options like warm muffins, but what I really appreciated was all the different breakfast items. If you hit up

the practice greens before your tee time or finish your round early (they stop serving breakfast at 11:30), grab breakfast with a Bloody Mary overlooking the 10th hole. They have every breakfast option anyone would want from eggs and pancakes to avocado toast and western omelets.

For those finishing later in the day, the lunch menu offers traditional pub food like burgers, subs, and sandwiches. But since this is the Cape, they also have two different types of lobster rolls – warm and cold, which they called “Traditional New England Lobster Roll” and “Connecticut Lobster Roll.” Now, I've never heard of a lobster roll called a Connecticut style, but I thought it was an interesting way of distinguishing the two.

A lot of the courses I've played at recently have been adding local craft beer to their drink menu, and Jake's did not disappoint. Devil's Purse Brewing Company, Cape Cod Beer, and Hog Island Beer were local craft beers offered among the regular beer and drink options. I've

been on an IPA kick lately, so I opted for Outermost IPA by Hog Island Beer. It's a traditional American IPA with an ABV 6.2%. It poured a mostly clear amber color with a frothy white head and a crisp flavor.

### Atmosphere

Jake's has a traditional “old-school clubhouse” vibe where you can grab some beers with friends. The casual restaurant has both high- and low-top tables available for seating as well as a bar with seating.

The walls are covered in golf-related swag that have clever golf phrases and dad-jokes. The outside patio also has seating and overlooks the 10th green and it's a great place to hang out during the summer months. The wrap around patio gives you views of both the course and the practice facility. When we played, it happened to be a cold and windy afternoon, but I imagine that it can get packed on the patio during warmer days.





## ***Tickets On Sale for the 2024 FM Global Championship***

Tickets are now on sale for the LPGA Tour's return to New England! From Aug. 29 to Sept. 1, the 2024 FM Global Championship, being held at TPC Boston, will feature a field of 144 of the world's best golfers competing for a \$3.5 million purse, one of the largest prize funds on the LPGA Tour.

The 2024 FM Global Championship marks the LPGA Tour's return to New England for the first time since 2004. Massachusetts native Megan Khang, a three-time member of the U.S. Solheim Cup Team, is expected to lead the world-class field.

Tickets are available for purchase at [SeatGeek.com](https://seatgeek.com). Daily general admission tickets are \$54, with weekly general admission passes available for \$118. For an elevated competition experience, Champions Club packages, which include a parking pass, start at \$385 for daily admission and \$1,420 for weekly access. The Champions Club at the 16th green will provide incredible views of the featured par-3 hole, along with access to shared food and beverage service, which includes light bites, afternoon snacks, water, soft drinks, beer and wine, as well as access to upgraded restroom facilities.

Additionally, a special Inside-the-Ropes experience is available for \$1,500. This unique opportunity allows two guests to walk inside the ropes with a featured group. The experience also includes access to the Champions Club and general parking.

In partnership with SERVPRO, the LPGA is pleased to offer both current and former members of the U.S. Military and certain guests complimentary grounds tickets regardless of sell-out.

Juniors aged 17 and under will receive complimentary admission with the purchase of an adult ticket. For more information on junior tickets, visit [SeatGeek.com](https://seatgeek.com).

Finally, volunteer opportunities are available for fans who want to participate in the week's festivities. The inaugural event is seeking more than 550 volunteers to fill roles on 20 committees, including Marshals, Standard Bearers, Walking Scorers and Hospitality. While some committees require golf knowledge, there are plenty of opportunities that require no golf knowledge or experience.

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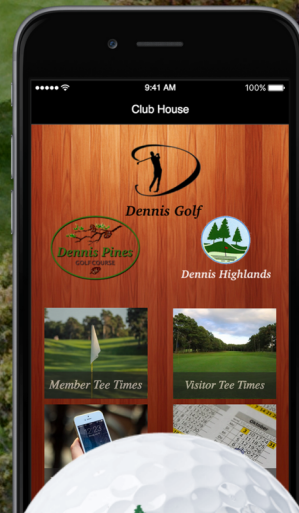


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# The Reinvention of *Chandler Withington*

## How a Top PGA Professional Gained Life Balance (and a New Career) By Drawing Trophies and Club Logos

BY JACK ROSS

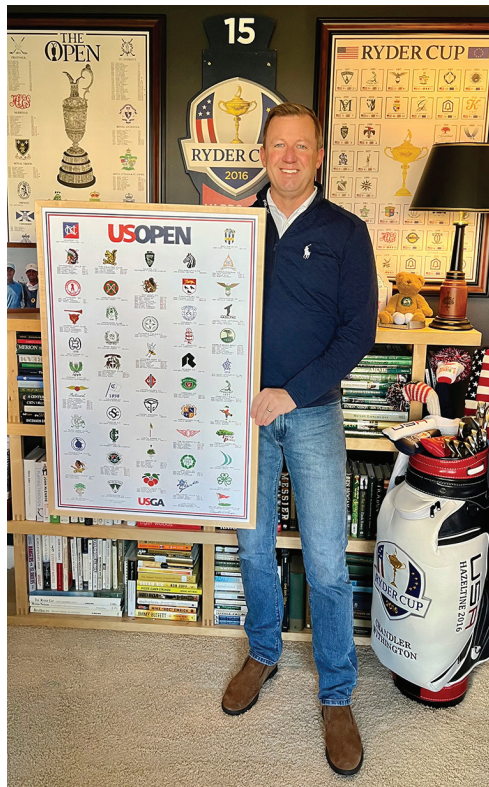
### WHEN CHANDLER WITHINGTON

became the head pro at prestigious Hazeltine National at age 34 in 2013, having had assistant positions at Seminole and Merion, he figured he and his wife, Maureen, were there for life. He would have a chance to help oversee the Ryder Cup matches in 2016. “The previous pro was there for 37 years. It was our forever job.”

Things changed. First, a family medical crisis. After the birth of their third daughter, Maureen experienced chest pains while driving home from the hospital. Tests revealed a pulmonary embolism (a blood clot in the chest). “I had never heard that word before,” he recalled. “I asked ‘is that serious?’” It was serious enough to trigger a “paradigm shift” for Withington. “The things you think are important in life kind of get turned upside down,” he commented.

Second, the 90-hour work weeks were taking their toll on family life. His work hours precluded time with his youngest daughter; he left for work before she arose and returned home after she was asleep. One morning Withington came into the kitchen and his daughter asked: “What are you doing in mommy’s house?” “She didn’t know who I was,” he admitted.

That jolted Withington into rethinking



everything. (As it turns out, you might say he “went back to the drawing board.”) He resigned his position at Hazeltine. “I needed to be a Dad. We jumped off the ship without a safety net.”

But a net was already in the making. After her medical ordeal and while he was still at Hazeltine, Maureen wanted Chandler close to home. In the evenings, for his own recreation, he began experimenting with

drawing golf images: trophies, course maps, and club logos. Withington had dreams of being an architect. (After reviewing his grades, his high school guidance counselor encouraged a fallback plan – which became golf.) Now he finally had his chance to pull out that drawing board.

What evolved was a series of posters, with golf trophies (the Ryder Cup, the U.S. Open trophy, the Claret Jug) surrounded by the logos of the clubs that hosted the events. He gave them to friends. People loved his precise, handcrafted style (he draws each image by pencil). But he had no thought then of launching a business. “I had a job. This was just for fun. And it was a back door into doing something I had wanted to do as a kid.”

A major breakthrough came when his friend Tom Coyne handed out the posters on his tour of U.S. Open clubs for his book *A Course Called America*. They were a hit. Withington began receiving requests for more posters. “It turned into an accidental marketing tour,” he remarked. He began to see the seeds of a new career. All those hours drawing trophies in the evenings were developing into that safety net after he left Hazeltine in search of family-life balance.

Still, a daunting impediment surfaced. The USGA was behind his plan, but told Withington that in order to sell his posters he would need approval from every club that



## AROUND THE GAME

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was depicted. “I had never heard of the term ‘intellectual property’ before,” he confessed. Some clubs balked initially, but Withington was persistent, skillfully using negotiating tools he discovered in the book *Getting to Yes*. “I was patient, and explained to them how this could be a good thing for both of us.” Ultimately, all 51 clubs signed off.

Withington explained that his technique allows him to provide a more detailed representation of a trophy – rendering even minute engraving legible – than a photograph. This enhances the popularity of his artwork. But such fastidious work takes time; he spent over 250 hours on the U.S. Open poster.

Withington’s recreational drawings have developed into a full-fledged business, Archive22 ([www.archive22-store.com](http://www.archive22-store.com)). He and Maureen do all the work. He calls it “a company of two.” They have plans to expand beyond golf, and are working on a project involving the NHL.

But Withington sees more than artwork in his future. He wants to hear other people’s stories. He wants to learn how others have managed (or not managed) the inordinate expectations placed on golf (and perhaps other) professionals. Withington has plans to release a podcast on the subject. “I’d like to build a community focused on golf and life,” he explained. “What mistakes have we made? What have we learned? What picture do you have for your life?”

Chandler Withington’s picture for his life has changed dramatically. He didn’t stay at Hazeltine for the rest of his life. Maybe his high school guidance counselor was wrong -- he has done pretty well with that drawing board (even branching out into architectural renderings of clubhouses). Most importantly, the Withingtons have found a radically different work-life balance. And it’s safe to say his youngest daughter probably recognizes him these days.

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### ***Spring/ Summer Golf Season Begins***

We are preparing for another great season of golf at the Owl's Nest. Our Jack Nicklaus Resort Course is the only Nicklaus course in New Hampshire and one of only four in New England. The course was named #6 best Nicklaus-Designed course by value worldwide by NBC Golf Pass which considered 400+ design courses in 40 states and 45 countries throughout the world. The course at Owl's Nest sits among the magnificent White Mountains, giving golfers the ultimate scenic vistas throughout the season. From the serious to the casual golfer, elevation changes and pristine conditions show off Owl's Nest's charm and challenge. The newly branded Owl's Nest Vineyard Course (formerly White Mountain Country Club) is currently undergoing a course redesign under the supervision of Robert McNeil and Northeast Golf Company. The Vineyard Course will also have a 10-acre vineyard, a new restaurant, func-

tion facilities, and new townhomes are also planned at the property. Also underway is The Hoot, a new 9-hole championship course. There will be 45 holes for golf enthusiasts at the resort when completed, the most at any resort in New England.

### ***New Updates on Resort Expansion Plan***

The Owl's Nest has just opened Slice Woodfire Pizzeria & Sports Bar, featuring 10 wide-screen televisions, and two new aboutGOLF Golf Simulators. aboutGOLF offers the very best in indoor golf technology. Watch your favorite sporting events while playing some of the best golf courses in the world with friends and family. The new sports bar is located adjacent to the resort's main restaurant Panorama Six82, it is rated #1 in the White Mountains by the NH Lodging and Hospitality Association. The vision that has empowered the redevelopment of this truly beautiful location has been carefully conceived to create the ultimate vacation and living experience in the Northeast for all seasons and all celebrations of life and family, it is a very special place. Not only is The Owl's Nest the fastest-growing resort in New England, but it is also the perfect serene setting for weddings, events, and corporate outings, with proximity to all major attractions in the region. The Owl's Nest expansion and extensive ongoing development



and growth have now made the facility the largest four-season destination resort in the Northeast. The resort and living community offer a vast array of amenities for every season and unparalleled choices of rental homes, cottages, condos, hotel rooms, and suites to choose from for couples, groups, and families. There are few places anywhere in the Northeast that offer unprecedented choices for golf, four-season vacationing and living, and full-service amenities and recreational opportunities every month of the year. The new Lafayette Lodge has now opened at the resort offering 9 king rooms and 24 double queen-sized rooms and new accommodations are in the planning stages as well.

**Four Season Fun and Resort Amenities**

The Owl’s Nest is truly a full four-season resort so there is never an offseason here at the Nest. The Owl’s Nest is home to 25 racquet courts including 8 clay tennis courts, 13 pickleball courts, and 4 radiant heated platform tennis courts. The resort’s Lake Harold is the largest man-made recreational lake in New Hampshire. Fishing, boating, swimming, paddleboarding, and other watersports are all offered at the facility. In addition, the resort has added a new Olympic-sized pool and Jacuzzi complex adjacent to the newly completed Boathouse. It currently features an outdoor swimming pool and jacuzzi, boat rentals, indoor and outdoor showers, radiated heat decks, locker room facilities, and beach access, with plans to open a poolside bar and seafood restaurant. The resort’s main restaurant, Panorama Six82, is open

daily for lunch and dinner, Slice Sports Bar & Pizzeria with games and golf simulators, and Butch’s Deli & Provisions for snacks, supplies, and lighter fare. If you have gone electric with your ride, there are 10 Tesla superchargers at the resort for quick charging.

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