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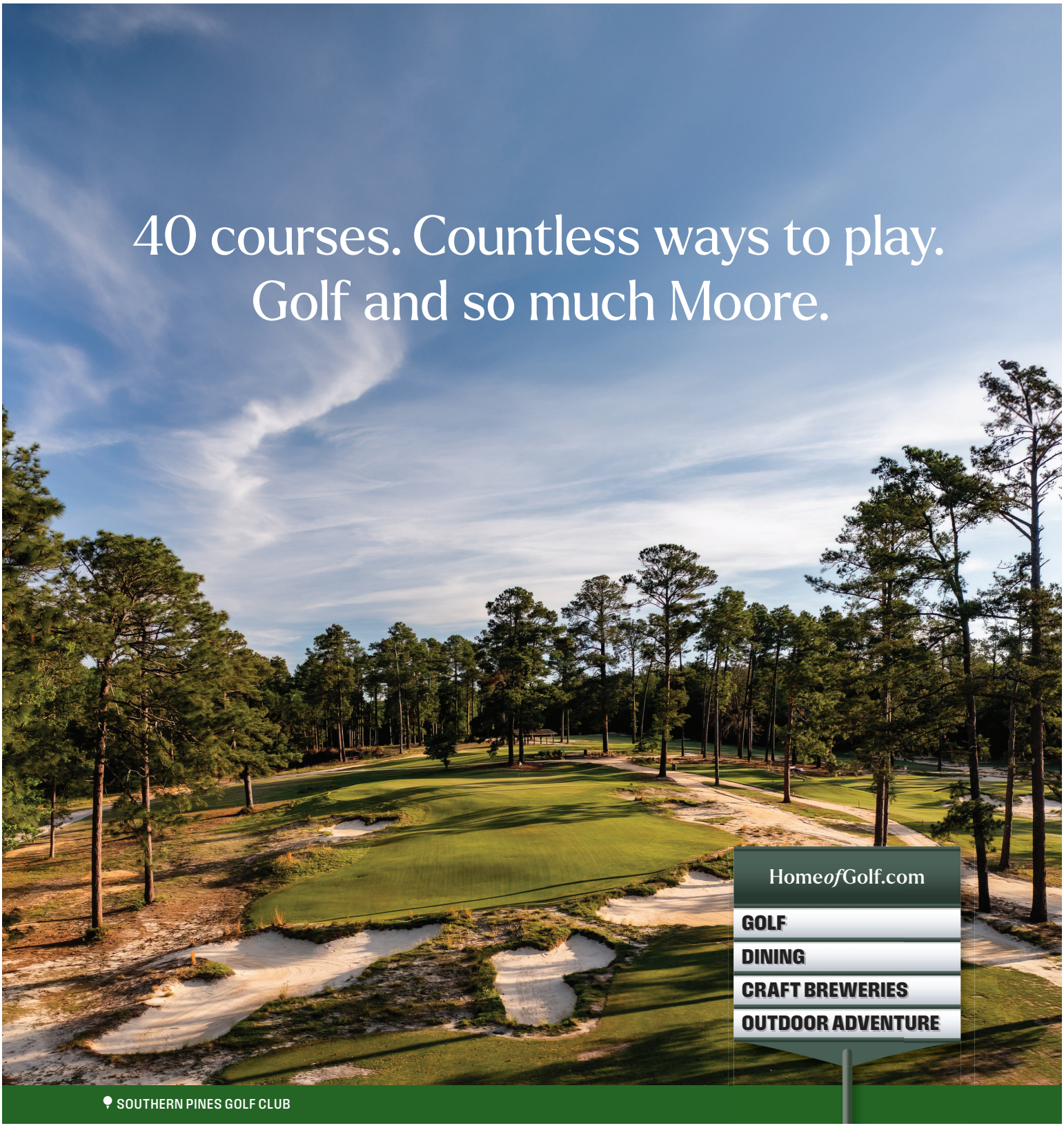


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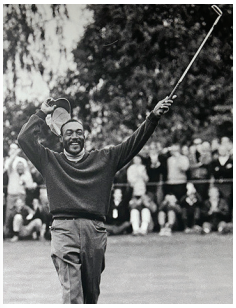
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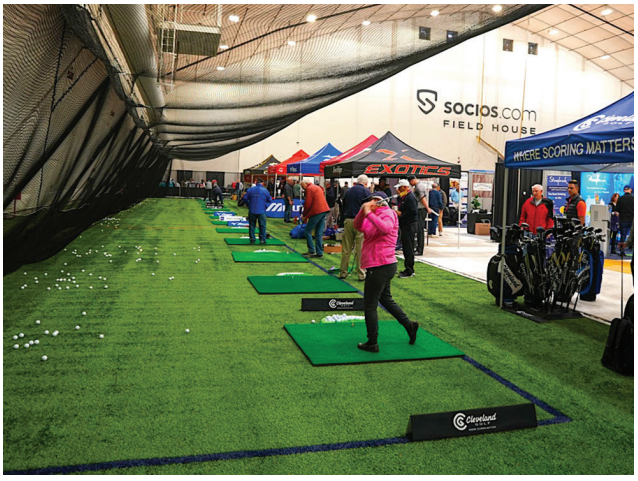


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The Start of the 2025 golf season began for the global golf industry at The PGA Show in Orlando January 21 – 24th. Know at "Golfs Major Event" this year's show was spectacular and one of the largest shows in recent history. For the event we launched our most prestigious issue ever with new heavy covers, new finishes and special sections on Indoor Golf, Travel, Game Improvement and New Gear, for the new year. We also introduced our readers to our new Pickleball feature, the fastest growing game in the country today, that is showing up at most country clubs in the U. S. today as an added amenity.

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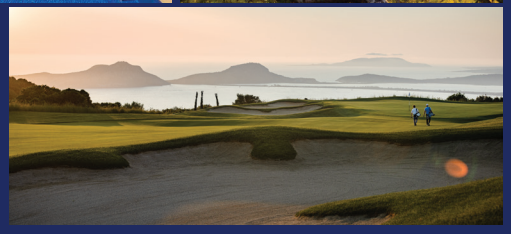
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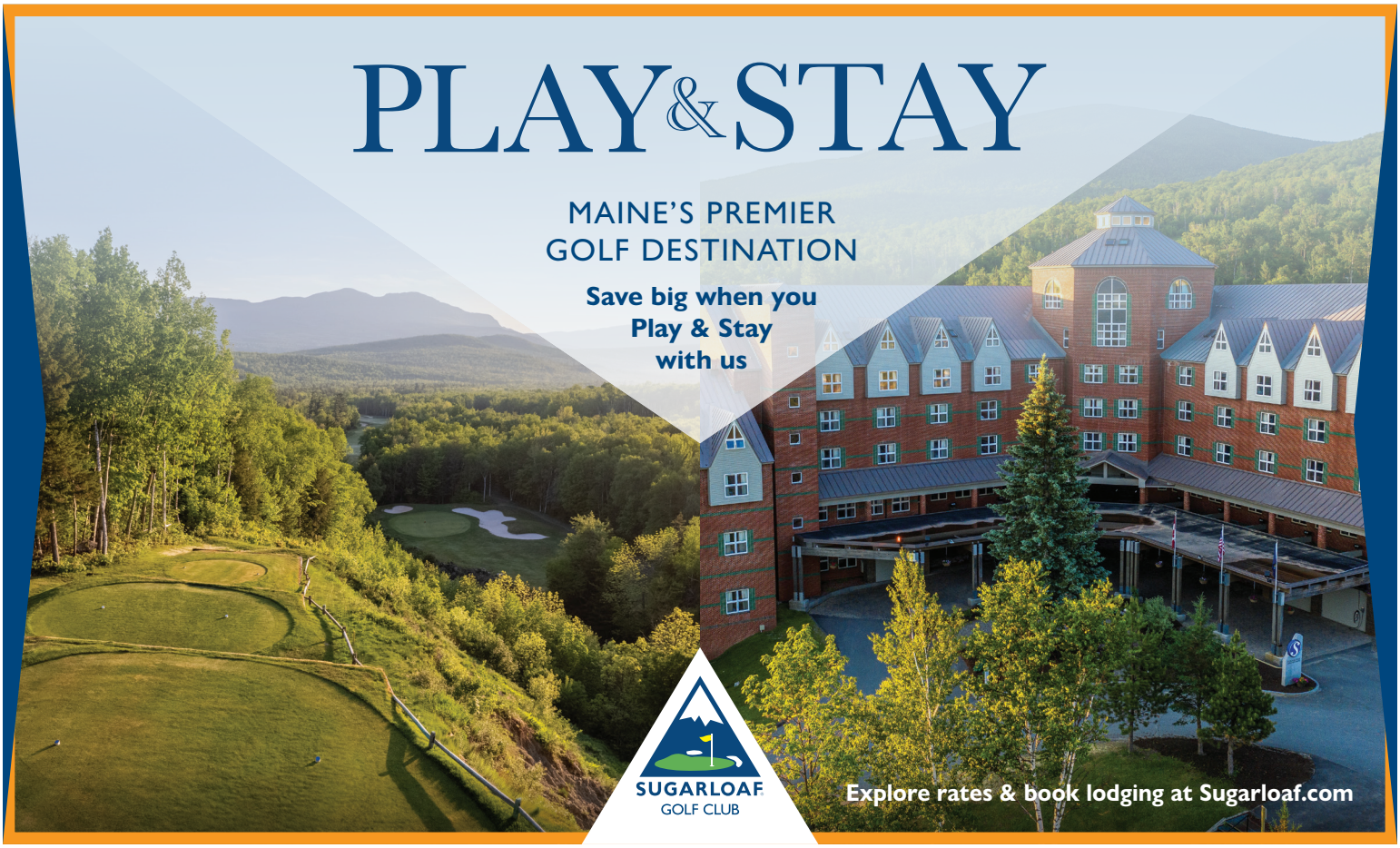


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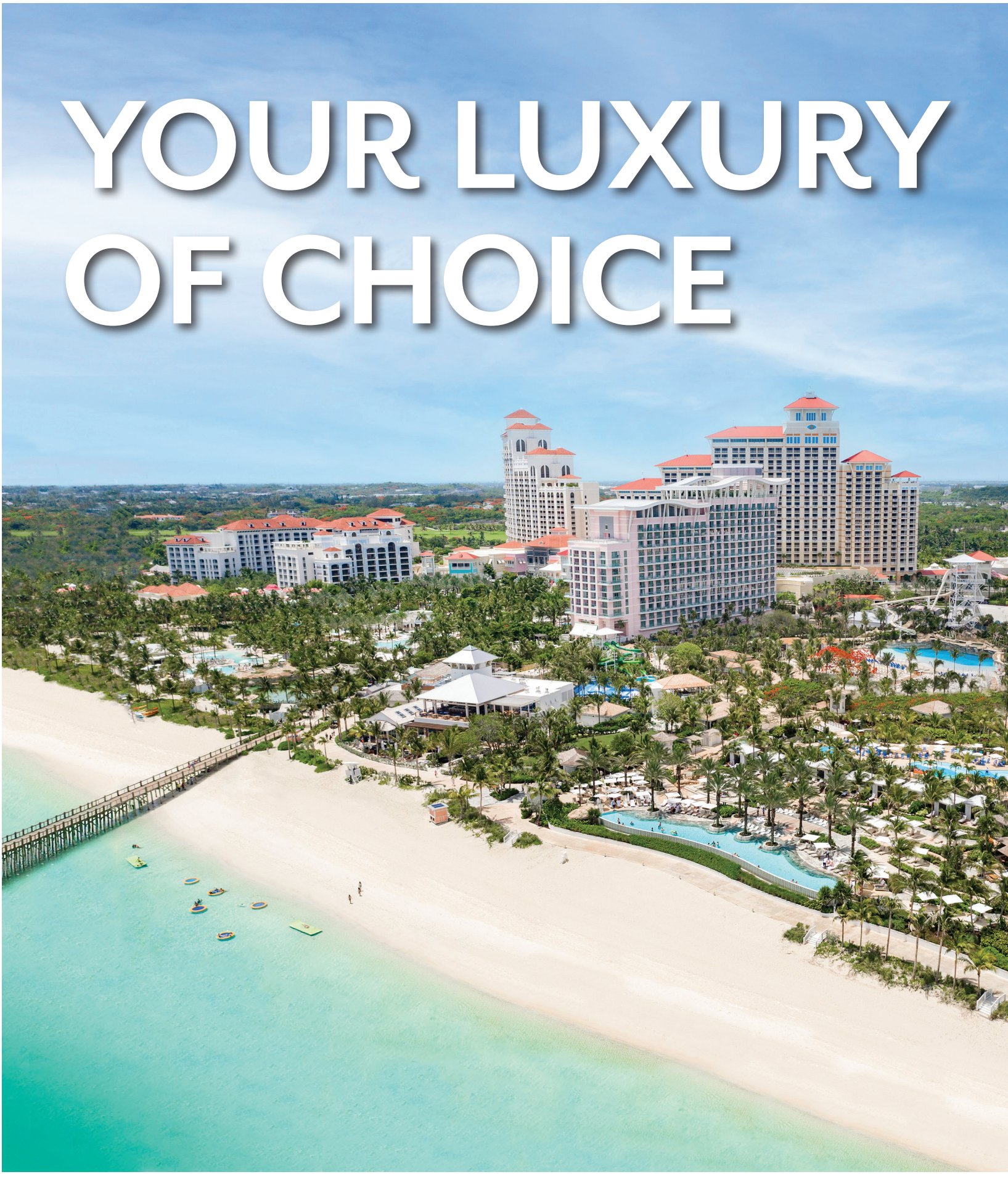
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Baha Mar is the Caribbean's leading integrated luxury resort of choice located in Nassau, The Bahamas. Perched on Nassau's storied Cable Beach, the resort destination is home to three iconic oceanfront hotels, the richly refined Rosewood, the playfully hip SLS, and the stylish and modern Grand Hyatt.

The destination features a sweeping array of amenities including luxe water park Baha Bay, an oceanfront casino, a Jack Nicklaus Signature golf course, a championship racquet club, two world-class spas, and an award-winning arts and convention center. Guests can also indulge in unrivaled dining by celebrity chefs Marcus Samuelsson and Daniel Boulud, and more than 45 restaurants, bars and lounges, over 30 affluent retail outlets, a marine sanctuary, a private island, a stunning selection of tropical pools and a pristine white-sand beach overlooking brilliant turquoise water.

Baha Mar curates authentic, unforgettable experiences for travelers from romantic getaways and family vacations, to large conventions and intimate celebrations.

Baha Mar's Royal Blue Golf Course is ranked #1 in The Bahamas by Golfweek's Best 2022 list and Top 20 of top golf courses in Mexico, the Caribbean, the Atlantic islands and Central America. The award-winning course's pros offer lessons, data analysis lessons, skill assessment, and playing lessons to resort guests and non-guests.

Two Courses in One

Golfers looking to hit the green can tee off on the Royal Blue Golf Course, which was designed by the legendary Jack Nicklaus. The most acclaimed golf course in Nassau, Royal Blue, features 18-holes unfolding over a gorgeous, naturally evolving landscape. Uniquely designed as two courses in one, the course begins with a front-nine featuring dramatic views of undulating fairways and rolling white-sand dunes, brackish ponds and glimpses of a turquoise Atlantic Ocean. Players are then transported to



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a back-nine that challenges them to navigate stunning limestone "moonscapes" and elevation changes through dense jungle and steep downhill terrain to get to the island green on the 16th hole, which precariously borders Lake Cunningham, making for a memorable island golf experience that is majestic to see and thrilling to play.

Freeform Teeing

Royal Blue also features a unique, single set of tees, course set up, ensuring a unique experience each time guests play. Each day the Royal Blue grounds crew places tee locations on the course according to the changing Nassau weather and playing conditions, to create a new and optimal golfing experience for guests. With freeform teeing areas rather than traditional tee pods, any one hole can change by as much as 100 yards each day. This also allows for guests to play multiple variations of the course throughout their stay, while maintaining a similar overall yardage.

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Golfers can also take advantage of Baha Mar's world-class "Better Than Your Own" golf club rental program in partnership with PING and enjoy an epic round at Royal Blue with a set of carefully curated PING Golf Clubs. PING provides a variety of full bag options from its latest product lineup, including the company's flagship g430 Drivers, Fairways Hybrids and Irons, and the popular iCrossover, made for long-iron performance through faster speed and further shots. Royal Blue's "Better Than Your Own" club rental program further creates the rare opportunity for players to test some of the world's finest clubs in unmatched playing conditions – as opposed to on the range or in a simulator. Each set of PING rentals are carefully chosen by Royal Blue's professionals with a player's skill set and preferences in mind. From forgiveness and advanced workability to distance and dispersion, each set takes personalized performance and fun to the extreme.

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Baha Mar is a breathtaking location with dynamic programming, activities, and guest offerings in one of the most beautiful places in the world – The Bahamas.

For more information and reservations visit https://bahamar.com/golf and follow @BahaMarResorts.



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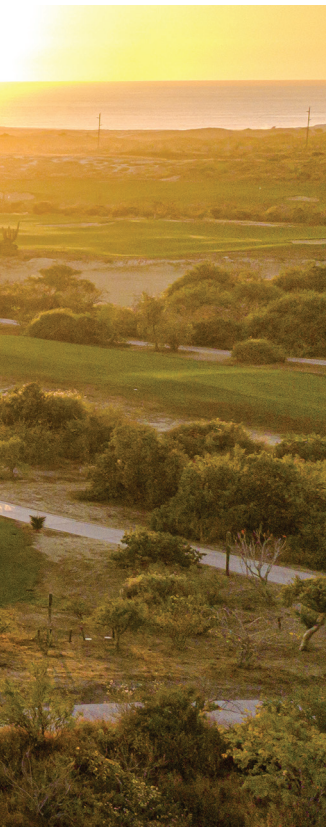
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- **El Cardonal:** Tiger Woods' first course, inspired by classic Southern California golf, with sweeping views of the sea and strategic shot-making challenges.
- **Quivira Golf Club:** Jack Nicklaus' crown jewel, featuring dramatic elevation changes, holes that take you from beach to cliffs to desert canyons, and some of the most breathtaking tee shots in the world.

After your round, luxury follows you off the fairway. Whether it's sipping a perfectly crafted cocktail on your private oceanfront balcony or indulging in freshly caught seafood at a world-class restaurant, Los Cabos ensures that every moment is extraordinary.

Beyond its renowned golf courses, Los Cabos continues to evolve as a culinary hotspot, earning international recognition with the MICHELIN Guide's arrival in 2024. This distinction has further positioned the destination as a must-visit for food lovers, and with the guide returning in 2025, its exceptional dining scene will keep gaining global attention.





Solmar Golf Links

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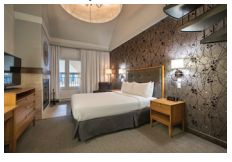
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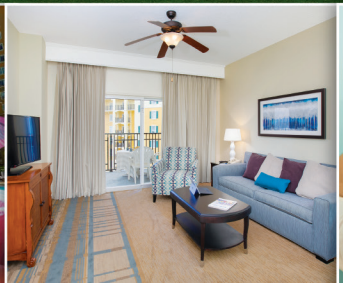
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The Destination

The Highlands region of Scotland encompasses miles of lochs, rugged coastlines, natural forests, castles, whiskey distilleries, kilted culture and great golf.

The Venues

Accommodations abound around Inverness including Kingsmill, Cabot Lodge or home rentals. At Northeast Golf / Golf Inspired recommendation, we booked the historic Culloden House where Bonnie Prince Charlie stayed before the Battle of Culloden and guests are now treated like kings and queens. The mansion made a cameo appearance in the Outlander series, and some say long time employee Kyle inspired the Jamie role. He won our Scottish character award for unparalleled humor.

Dining at the Culloden House delivers authentic Scottish ambience and elegance, from breakfast to dinner and high tea in between. A bagpiper plays in the evening, and a quaint little bar facilitates engagements with global travelers. The secret code to the Forbes Walled Garden is shared with guests and highland hospitality is second to none at the Culloden House.

The Golf

Cabot Highlands in Inverness anchors the golf scene, dishing up scrumptious sea vistas with phenomenal tracks. The clubhouse is tiered like a birthday cake with floor to ceiling windows on every layer, built for parties with a grand view of the courses and Moray Firth.

Starters offer a Scottish shortbread cookie with a comprehensive yardage book. Three pages present the experience and play philosophy by Gil Hanse and the late Mark Parsinen, co-designers of the Castle Stuart course. 18-hole layouts and descriptions include postcard perfect snapshots.

The fairways on Castle Stuart Golf Links are laid out in a stacked fashion such that nearly every hole peers over the estuary. It provides a calm occasion to bide your time watching the tide roll in on a casual round. Across the estuary, the sun shines on the green hill and village. The Chanonry Lighthouse beacons on Black Isle, opposite of Fort George which stands staunchly in gray on the Peninsula.

Castle Stuart's greens are fast, making it wise to note the approach advice kindly given in the yardage book. Bunkers with walled fronts contain soft tan sand requiring a full, fast, open-faced swing to pop out. Tin cups deliver a loud dink to reward successful putts.

The namesake Stuart Castle with the open spire that inspired the logo is faced on hole 4's par 3. It is also viewed from the Clubhouse and may be later toured. Built in 1625, the land was gifted to James Stuart by his half-sister Mary, Queen of Scots.

Kessock Bridge, connecting Inverness to Black Isle is another landmark seen from many holes. Views are stunning until the clouds blow in. It is advised when you can't see Kessock, to get your waterproofs on. We lucked out for 17 dry holes and finished 18 drenched by a downpour, nonetheless ecstatic about the experience.

A second course at Cabot Highlands by Tom Doak named Old Petty will open for preview play on August 1, 2025, until September 30, 2025, with a grand opening in the spring of 2026. It rambles through hillsides with several holes along the water. The second hole will play past Old Petty Church and the third past Castle Stuart. Celebrating its 400th year, the Castle is in view from 13 of the 18 holes on Old Petty.

Ben Dewar's fingerprints are all over Cabot Highlands. Employees note the kind owner's engagement with everyone he meets, a quality we too appreciated when introduced at Cabot Citrus Farms in Florida.

Numerous other highland courses satisfy golfers including Brora Golf Club, a James Baird original design. Nine holes span out along the Moray Firth culminating with an ocean front green. The next nine return with a parallel sea view on every hole. Sharing the course with free roaming sheep and cattle is a thrill where knitters can rejoice with enough sheep's wool strewn on the links to make a sweater if you know how to spin. And spin is the technique required when approaching the fast rounded greens which are encircled with an electric fence to ward off the critters, but low enough to hop over and sink birdies. Sheep antics are cute, leaping over the burns and the cows seem enthralled with the game, standing close to watch. It's quite distracting in a pleasant, amusing way.

And More

Après golf, there is no shortage of castles, gardens, beaches, architectural wonders, pubs, Loch Ness, and distilleries to visit. Glenmorangie is popular, themed with giraffes because the necks are the height of their tall stills. Daily tours feature tastings and a signature cocktail that pairs well with the lobster roll at their food truck.

Our Takeaway

The Highlands might not be the first thought of Scotland but there is nothing secondary about the adventures. A couple days are not enough to thoroughly explore the region.

The Journey

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Golfers at every level of the game cherish the opportunity to take their game on the road to visit new destinations with friends and loved ones. The most important facet of every golf trip is ultimately in the details, where even the best laid plans can go array. It is critical to ensure that you choose the right partner/ provider to make sure this does not happen to you. Golf travel is a big business, accounting for about 40% of the game's overall economic impact. In the U.S., golf tourism-related expenditures are over $31 billion. More than 15 million Americans traveled to play golf in the past two years, which is about 24% higher than the historical average. A National Golf Foundation survey found that 76% of golfers would travel more than four hours for a golf getaway, and almost a third would travel more than eight hours. Golf Travelers are seeking new destinations both in the U.S. and abroad, new places to play, new adventures to discover and great memories to experience. The first step with every golf journey is to reach out to a great provider to review your destinations and details for your trip.

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In April 2025 we are featuring a golf vacation to Liverpool England, packaging the Premier League with Royal Links Golf, offering 7 night / 4 rounds of golf at the Titanic Hotel in Liverpool and Tickets to Anfield Stadium for a match between Liverpool and Spurs on Saturday. Liverpool is currently during a historic season, this match against rival Tottenham is sure to be one of high stakes. Package pricing of only $3995.00, for this amazing experience in the United Kingdom. Liverpool also has a great night life and is home to the Beatles tour other famous venues.

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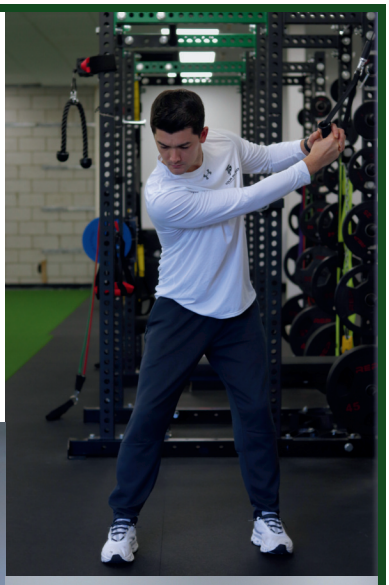




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Golf in 2025? No problem.

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Fox Run

BY SEAN MELIA

PLANNING A GOLF TRIP has become quite an endeavor. If Bandon Dunes, Streamsong, Sand Valley, or Pinehurst is on your wishlist, you'll most likely have to plan ahead to 2026.

Luckily, the Northeast has plenty of spots that could make for great golf trips on short notice that could be put together this golf season.

Here are five ideas for golf trips around the region:

SOUTHERN MAINE

Ledges - York, Maine
Old Marsh - Wells, Maine
Cape Arundel - Kennebunk, Maine
The Links at Outlook - Berwick, Maine

These four courses in southern Maine are not far from Boston; Portsmouth, Kittery, or Kennebunkport are good places to stay.

The Ledges is a brawny, tough course that once hosted a Korn Ferry Tour Monday Qualifier. It can play very long and the massive rock outcroppings and high points give a feeling that you're in Maine.

Old Marsh is a relatively new course on the scene. Brian Silva designed it in 2008. While some holes play in close proximity to a housing development, much of the course is set out in the woods, weaving between trees and water hazards.

Cape Arundel is the most "splurgy" round on this entire list, at $250 in peak season. This private course allows the public to call three days in advance. While it's not a long course, built in the Golden Age, the Walter Travis design is known for its incredible set of greens.

If that price is too much, the Links at Outlook is another excellent option in southern Maine. It's an open, links-style course designed by Brian Silva.

VERMONT

Fox Run - Ludlow, Vt.
Green Mountain National - Killington, Vt
Quechee Club - Quechee VT

Fox Run might be one of the best public golf courses in the region. It's well-maintained, challenging, and in a beautiful setting. There's a stay-and-play option that might work as a central location for this trip. Ludlow is a cool ski town that has some good restaurants and bars.

Green Mountain is about 40 minutes from Fox Run and offers more excellent

public golf. It's carved through the mountains with incredible views and great golf.

Quechee Club has two courses - Highland and Lakeland. Public can only make tee times five days in advance, so this stop on the trip might require some more flexibility. If 54 holes is your goal, Fox Run or Green Mountain would be worth playing twice if Quechee Club didn't have tee times. The Woodstock Inn Country Club could be another option in the Quechee area. But if you can make a tee time at Quechee Club, both courses are very good. Highland is probably the better of the two, but it's also a tougher walk and more of a challenge.

WESTERN MASSACHUSETTS

Taconic GC - Williamstown, Mass.
Waubeeka - Williamstown, Mass.
Berkshire Hills - Pittsfield, Mass.

Like Quechee Club, Taconic and Berkshire Hills has limited tee times for public. They can call five days in advance to book tee times. So this trip might be more of a short notice type experience.

Taconic is one of the best courses in Massachusetts, public or private. The course rolls through hills and hollows with tough green complexes and wonderful views. It's also in the shadow of the Williams College campus and owned by the school.

Waubeeka, just a few miles down the road from Taconic, is a pleasant course that plays through more extreme land than Taconic. Tight tee shots, uneven lies, and lovely par 3s make it a good course for a weekend trip.

Berkshire Hills is the only A.W. Tillinghast (Winged Foot, Baltusrol, San Francisco GC) design in Massachusetts. The bold designer never held back. Five par 3s and five par 5s make this a unique experience. Tillingahst was known for bunkers that visually intimidate players along with undulating greens that make 2 putts well earned.

If you want to mix in an emergency nine, Forest Park in Adams, Mass. is steeped in history and provides a low-key spot for some twilight golf.

CAPE COD

Cranberry Valley - Harwich, Mass.
Captains GC - Brewster, Mass.
Highland Links - Truro, Mass.

Cranberry Valley hosted the Mass. Mid-Am in 2024. It's a playable championship-level course with Cape Cod energy. It weaves through pine trees and subtle rolling land.

Just up the road from Cranberry Valley is Captains Golf Course, which boasts two 18-hole courses: Starboard and Port. The Starboard is the better of the two, but they make for a good 36-hole day if that's what your group is looking for.

About 40 minutes away is Highland Links, a charming nine-hole course on the water that really makes you feel like you're on Cape Cod. It might even make you feel like you're in Ireland or Scotland with the heaving land, lighthouse, fescue, and constant wind.

WESTERN NEW YORK

Turning Stone Resort and Casino- Verona, NY

A one-stop shop, Turning Stone is a four-hour drive from Boston and New York. It is a perfect meeting place where golfers can play three different courses. The Atunyote course hosted a PGA Tour event until 2007. With three 18-hole championship courses and solid amenities, Turning Stone is a great option for people looking for easy access to courses and additional entertainment.

They also have a short course called Sandstone Hollow on the property for golfers who can't get enough.


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TEE 2 TABLE

BY MYLES MURRAY

FROM TEE

The Crumpin-Fox Club, located in Western Massachusetts, is truly a premier golf destination in New England. It has a championship-level course, a fantastic restaurant, and a newly-updated hotel. The course hosts regional amateur and PGA-qualifying events and they offer stay-and-play packages at their hotel. Crumpin has everything you need to enjoy a day or weekend of golf.

Before you start your round you can get warmed up at the practice facility located next to the clubhouse and 1st tee box. There is a double-sided driving range with mats and grass, and there are two putting greens on opposite sides of the clubhouse. They also set up a golf simulator for use during the colder months.

When you tee off at Crumpin, prepare yourself for a strategic challenge. The diverse hole designs demand careful consideration for every shot. It isn't a course for the overly aggressive golfer. The narrow fairways and well-guarded greens, with hazards like water, sand, fescue, and natural ravines, demand precision. You definitely don't want to come up short on your approach shots.

The 7th hole is a 350-yard dogleg left that gives you a glimpse of a shortcut over the trees on the left. However, you can't see the tall maple tree or sand bunker that guard the left side of the fairway. I was able to get around them, but then proceeded to hit two balls into the water protecting the green. The next hole offers a different type of challenge. The iconic 8th hole is a 570-yard giant that has a lake running parallel to the left side of the fairway and trees on the right. Even if you hit two good shots on the fairway, your approach will be over that lake to get it to the green.

Besides the challenging layout of Crumpin you will also appreciate the pristine conditions, showcasing a blend of natural beauty and thoughtfully crafted hole designs. I met a ranger named Hugo during my round, and he told me about the upgrades and changes the course has undergone to make it so likeable. It also turns out that Hugo is the course historian, ranger, member, and the florist! With his 40+ years of knowledge, he offers tremendous

insight and knowledge to those playing.

The course's natural beauty is quintessential New England, but what truly sets it apart is the seclusion of each hole, especially on the back-9. Unlike many public courses where fairways are packed closely together, Crumpin-Fox features dense forests separating most holes. This design gives each hole a unique, isolated feel, making your round feel like a series of individual adventures.

A bonus when playing at Crumpin is their effort to maintain the pace of play and take care of the course. When a course goes out of their way to maintain the pace and their high quality that is always a good sign. They do this by posting pace-of-play markers on each hole and additional signs asking players to repair ball marks, fill divots, and rake bunkers. This is a big reason why the course is in such excellent shape year-round. It also motivated me to make sure I repaired my ball marks plus a few others as a way to pay it forward.

Attention to details, high standards, and an amazing course make Crumpin-Fox one of the best public courses in New England, and a must-visit for any golfer.

TO TABLE

Right next to the clubhouse, you'll find Zeke's Bar and Grill, perfect for all your food and drink cravings. Named after a stray dog that made the golf course its home, Zeke's will make you feel just as welcome. The menu is packed with pub favorites, and they offer a wide selection of beers, wines, and cocktails. Open year-round and offering takeout, Zeke's is a fantastic local spot, even if you're not a golfer.

Zeke's has a modern pub vibe, with seating options at the bar, high-tops, and low-tops. The highlight is the expansive outdoor patio overlooking the 18th green, which I consider one of the best 19th holes in Massachusetts. With awnings for sunny days and fire pits for cooler ones, it's a perfect spot year-round. This is a great spot to enjoy one of the many beverages available at the bar. I was impressed with how many different beer selections they have. From normal beers to IPAs, to stouts and sours, it has everyone's tastes covered. I had the Crumpin Hop NE-IPA which was very flavorful and hit just right after a hot day on the course.

The food menu is full of high quality ingredients and very generous portions. You can start your meal with a variety of delicious appetizers, soups, and salads. The nachos are loaded with toppings and the wings are crispy and bursting with flavor. I have had their cobb salad as a meal, and you can add proteins to any of their salads if you are going for a healthier option. The roasted brussel sprouts were a nice healthy appetizer full of flavor and lasted about two seconds on our table.

For the main part of your meal you can choose from sandwiches, burgers, or entrees. My go-to sandwich is called the Giacomo, which is hot pastrami, red onions, melted cheese, and mustard on grilled rye. I always get the onion rings as my side because they are so crunchy and tasty. The burgers are made with quality ground beef and the toasted buns are a nice touch. The entrees cover all of the major food groups: chicken, seafood, beef, and pork. There are plenty of options to keep everyone in your group satisfied after the round. The food from Zeke's and the amazing golf course are more than enough reasons for you to make a trip to Crumpin-Fox.

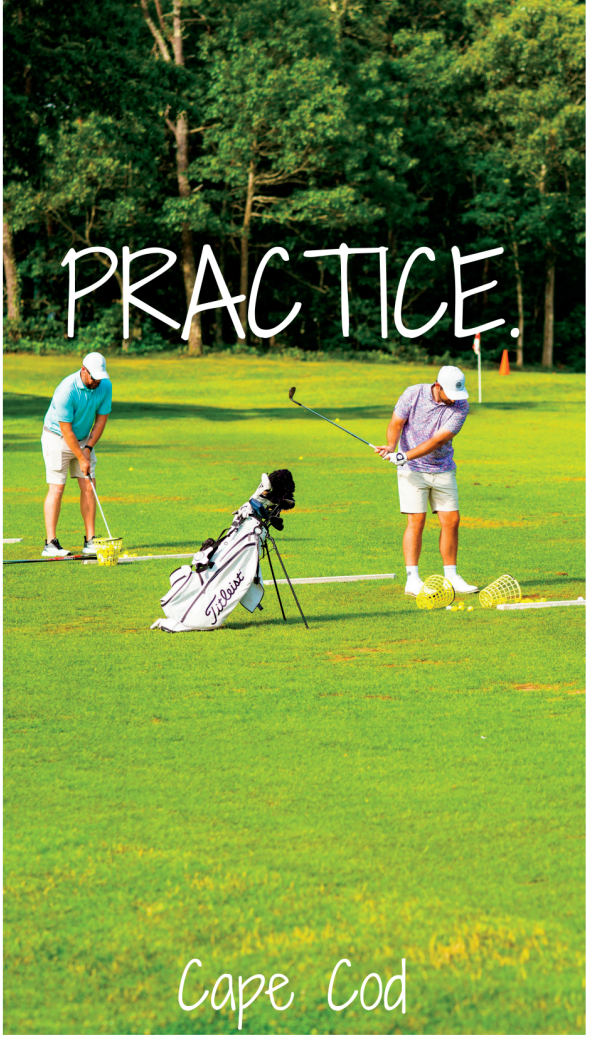
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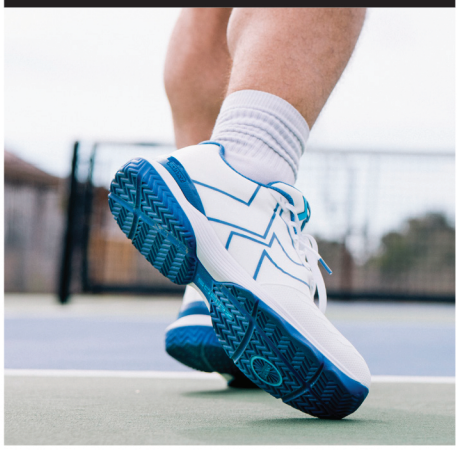
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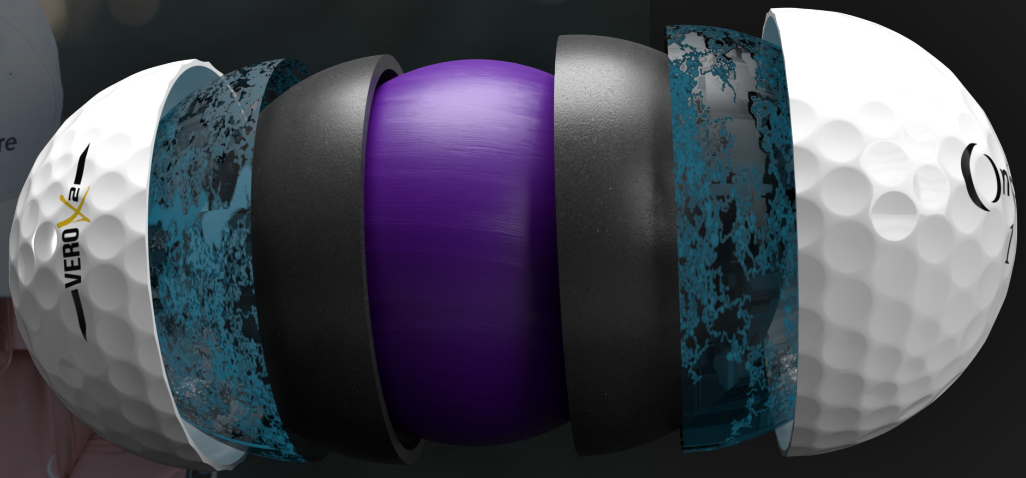
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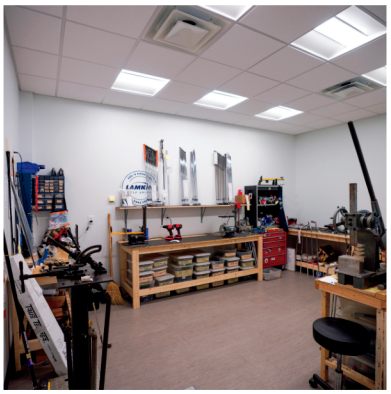
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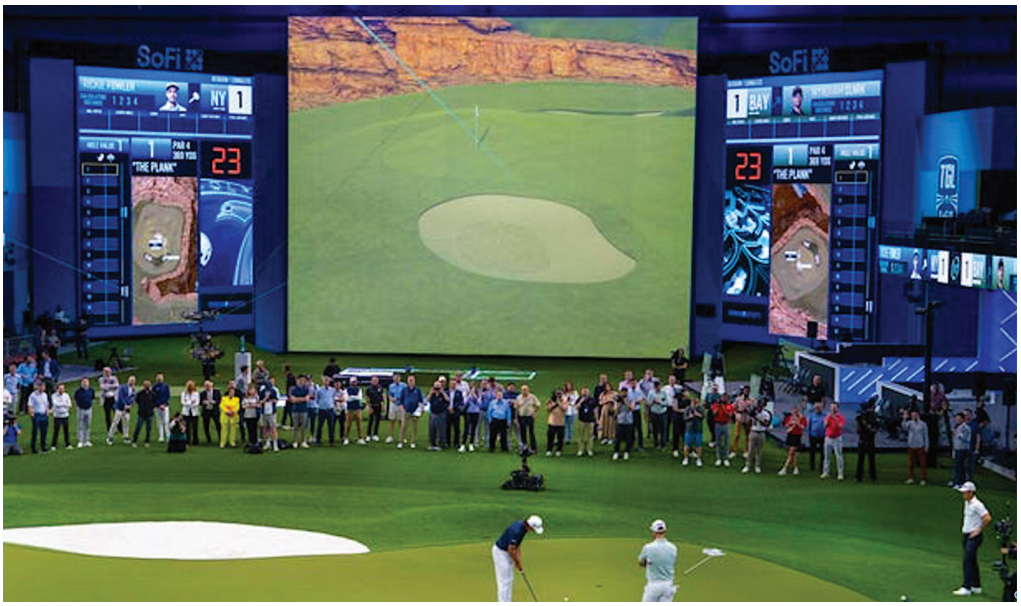
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The TGL Golf League

Indoor Golf and Reality Television

BY JACK ROSS



AS I WRITE, my television is tuned to the third round of the AT&T Pebble Beach Pro-Am. Rory McIlroy is at the top of an illustrious leaderboard, but it's no picnic this afternoon on the Monterey Peninsula. Cold temperatures, rain, and wind buffet the players. Caddies are struggling to keep clubs dry. Tom Kim is wearing a knit hat. This is my kind of golf. Top players battling tough conditions on a renowned course.

But after the tournament, McIlroy will board a private jet so that he can get to the SoFi Center Dome in Palm Beach, Florida in time to compete with his Boston Common teammates in a TGL match on Tuesday night. This will be a quite different experience than Pebble Beach: indoor simulator golf featuring an IMAX-size screen that is 64 feet wide and 53 feet tall, along with a 41-yard wide, rotating green complex for shots within 50 yards. 1,500 fans will watch in proximity, while perhaps a million more (on a good night) will tune in on ESPN.

As I watch McIlroy getting drenched at Pebble Beach, I wonder if he'd rather be playing in the TGL event where he will be dry and warm, bantering with his teammates, powering tee shots into the mammoth screen and reading putts on the synthetic grass. Trying to lead his team to a victory over the L.A. team anchored by Colin Morikawa and Justin Rose. More importantly, how many traditional golf fans will have any interest in the TGL match?

TGL, the indoor golf league founded by Tiger Woods and McIlroy, debuted in January with much fanfare. Its six teams are each composed of four Tour players. Along with McIlroy, the Boston Common team (owned by Fenway Sports Group) is rounded out by Keegan Bradley, Adam Scott, and Hideki Matsuyama. Other notable TGL participants include Justin Thomas, Patrick Cantlay, Tom Kim, Max Homa, Billy Horschel, Sahith Theegala, Tommy Fleetwood, Xander Schauffele, Ricke Fowler, Matt Fitzpatrick, and Shane Lowry.



TGL is all about technology. A state-of-the-art simulator. A rotating green which can vary the undulations, contours, and slope from hole to hole through motorized actuators embedded beneath the surface. (Unlike normal simulator golf, the players will hit full shots from real turf and take divots.) Music. Cameras which will catch every angle. "This isn't real grass, but it's the closest thing we can get to it, and I think it reacts very similar in the sense of the shots you can hit," Horschel said of the short-game area.

TGL has even introduced a shot clock to keep the matches within the 2-hour television limit. Players have 40 seconds to play a shot. (In a recent match, Woods was penalized for a shot clock violation.) The matches consist of 15 holes: nine holes with

three players in an alternate shot format, and six holes of singles matches. The holes were custom designed by several prominent design groups and feature a variety of settings, including links, canyons, coastline, desert, and even a volcano. All the players wear microphones, with a goal of capturing some good-natured trash talk.

What is the core TGL concept? McIlroy explained at the start of the season: "It's golf, but it's reimagined, sort of trying to take golf into the 21st century. We have teams, obviously there's a lot of technology involved, trying to bring it to the digital era. A lot of things we have taken from other sports, like a shot clock, a timeout. We're trying to appeal to that bigger sports audience out there."

After a month of competition, the question remains: will TGL sell, and to what type of fans? The ESPN telecasts have drawn respectable ratings -- the highest, naturally, when Woods competes. His debut drew over 1 million viewers, which nearly doubled the ratings for a Duke basketball game the same evening. Although ratings tapered off somewhat the following two weeks, a recent match between Boston Common and Jupiter Links Golf Club, featuring a head-to-head competition between Woods and McIlroy, averaged 864,000 viewers. TGL is tracking 33% better than college basketball. Not too shabby.

Who is watching? As expected, TGL is drawing a younger audience than PGA Tour events, and fewer women viewers. But feedback is positive. Fans like the fast pace, the technology, and the banter among the players. One fan commented: "This was better than any PGA Tour event I've seen in a year."

It's too early to predict whether TGL is here to stay. There is a novelty factor at work. Interest could fade. The stars and the technology might not be enough to sustain interest. A big factor is whether fans will buy into the team competition. Boston Common v. Jupiter Links isn't exactly the Ryder Cup. Is the league building loyalty to teams? Is this sports or entertainment? Time will tell. Call me old school, but I think I'd rather watch Rory play in the rain at Pebble Beach.

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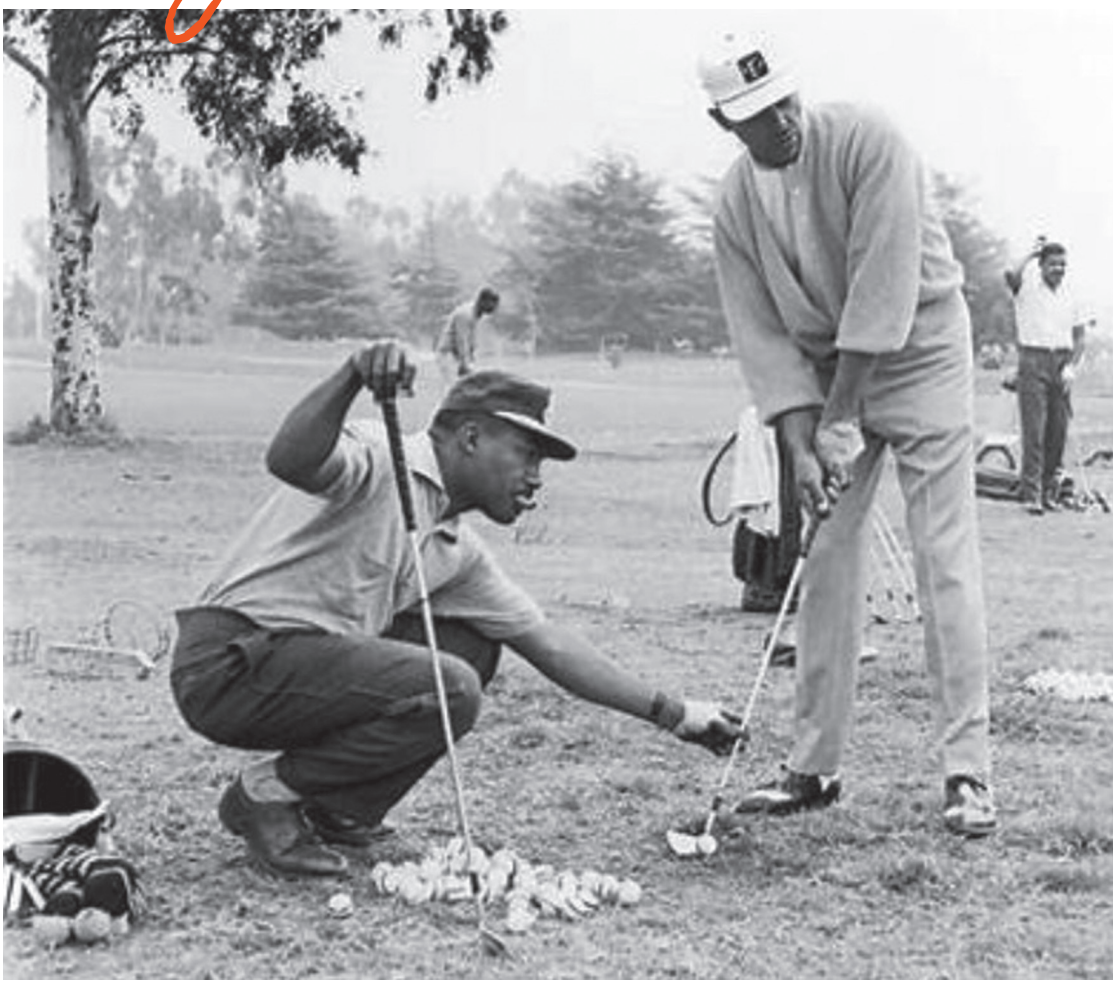
BY MARK WAGNER

ON A WINTER NIGHT in early 1940 a 17-year-old Charlie Sifford, with his fellow caddy Slim Ferguson, hopped a bus going north. Weeks prior, Sifford had been arrested for assaulting a White man. He faced the dual threats of lynching mobs and the flaws of the Justice system in the Jim Crow South. Russell Crockett Jr. is Chair of The Charlie Sifford Scholarship Fund at Cobbs Creek, along with Charles Sifford Jr. - they might be the last men on earth to have heard the facts of that midnight run from the horse's mouth.

"Eliza (Charlie's mom) had been giving refuge to a local store owner's wife," Crockett recalls. "Her husband, the corner store owner, was a large man and an abusive drunk and his woman needed protection."

Sifford's oldest son, Charles Jr. recounts the events a similar way: When Eliza had her son Charlie pick up some dry goods for dinner, "The drunk began calling him names and saying things about my grandmother. . .. Yeah, they both knew he would not get a fair trial. He would say talk to Walter (Slim). He knew more than I did."

Mr. Crockett has a long history with Sifford - Crockett laughs as he recalls that he made us all call him Doctor (Sifford was awarded a Doctor of Letters Degree by the University of St. Andrews in 2006): "I had some clients that belonged to the Deerwood Club in the mid 1990's. It struck me as very odd that they had Charlie's book (Just Let Me Play) in the country club. The guy in the pro shop says go out the driving range - Pro is out there practicing. Out there by himself, Charlie is smoking a trademark cigar and hitting balls. I pulled up a chair about 25 yards behind him. After a while of me just sitting there, he turned, reached in his pocket and said, 'don't make me pull out my pistol.' We laughed loudly and that was the start of our friendship."



Sifford giving a lesson to Eckstine: "The only thing Eckstine liked more than singing was golf."

About the night of Sifford's run, Crockett continues the story: "The drunk was using slurs and demanding Charlie send his wife back to him. Called him the N word, telling him when you get back tell my wife to come home." The 17-year-old Sifford warned the store owner not to call him the N-word again. When he did, Crockett relates, "Charlie picked up a Coca-Cola bottle and hit him upside the head. He was arrested, and those in his circle all knew he would not get a fair trial. That's why he had

Sifford schooled Eckstine enough to play with the big boys. To his left and behind are Jackie Robinson and Joe Louis (1956).

to leave North Carolina."

Sifford's father Pasco and Carolina Country Club owner, Sutton Alexander, encouraged Charlie and Slim to make their run.

"Sutt and Pasco knew about a golf course up north (Cobbs Creek) where Blacks and women, all were welcome," Crockett continues. "Charlie would spend close to 16 years there. He and Slim landed a job in shipping at Nabisco." Sifford and Slim learned you could take the streetcar out to Cobbs. Home and free, Charlie married Rose Crumbley, and he and Slim both started families while playing the game they both loved.

"That love was deep," Russell sighs. "I witnessed a call between fellow golfer Jackie Burke and Charlie. Jackie told him when you die, make sure you have a blade putter in your casket, cause when we get up to heaven, Jimmy Demaret is gonna have those greens running fast. Jackie and Charlie spoke with the enthusiasm of two 6- or 7-year-old talking - even though both were in their early 90's. This encounter was an example of why Charlie was loved by many of his contemporaries. Jack, Arnie, Gary Player, they all loved Charlie."



FOR THE WIN

Though denied a shot at titles during what would arguably be an athlete's prime, Sifford pushed on. After receiving his PGA Tour card in 1960, at the age of 37, he took top honors at the 1963 Puerto Rico Open, the 1967 Greater Hartford Open Invitational, 1969 Los Angeles Open, the 1971 Sea Pines championship, the 1975 Northern Ohio PGA Championship, and the 1980 Suntree Senior PGA Tour Classic.

AROUND THE GAME

CHARLIE SIFFORD

Divine Intervention is how Mr. Crockett's describes Doctor Sifford's life journey.

"Crazy things happened," Crockett says. During World War 2, Sifford was in Japan in one of the bloodiest battles of World War 2 (Okinawa). His infantry job was to put up telephone poles for communications. "He said there were many days he'd be on the poles and there'd be fire fights all around him. He could have been killed at any time."

And what about driving through the deep south in the 40s with singer Billy Eckstine (Mr. B) and his band, which was integrated?

"The only thing Mr. B loved more than singing was golf, is what Eckstine's son told me," Crockett laughs. Eckstine and Sifford were inseparable. Billy kept Charlie employed for 10 years until he started to win some money. Miles Davis, Joe Louis, Jackie Robinson, - all of them help make Sifford's career possible. . . Along with his midnight run with Slim.

"In 1947," Russell says, "after the war, Charlie declared that he was a golf pro - allowing him to come in contact with many black stars. Charlie told Jackie Robinson about his plans to play professionally. Jackie had one question for him. Are you a quitter? If you aren't a quitter, then give it a shot. He loved golf so much that there was nothing that would stand in his way. Like Robinson, as a Black man, he would have to endure a lot, he did and he never quit."

There's another story Mr. Crockett likes to tell about the good Doctor, a day when he and Sifford were at the Kingwood club. "On hole 3, Charlie starts yelling at me - stop moving your body and hit the ball down there. I thought to myself, who the hell is he yelling at? And to this day, I still don't exactly know what he meant by hit it down there."

We come to the 6th hole, a short par three. Mr. Crockett takes a 9 from 129 and makes the best swing of his life with solid contact ... .

"Doctor Sifford screams excitedly from the cart. 'That's it. That's the swing right there.' I mean, I see the ball going at the flag - so I knew it was a good shot, We walk up to the hole, and Charlie says, you're not gonna believe this. The ball is in the hole!" Charlie then lets out a hearty laugh, takes a puff of his cigar and says to the group - this son of a gun is going to tell everyone he had a hole in one on Charlie Sifford.

Mr. Crockett grows a little quiet after remembering his only ace and says, "Rose had only been gone six months. She was his angel and now I felt like she was my angel too. That hole in one felt like her thanking me for looking after her old man."

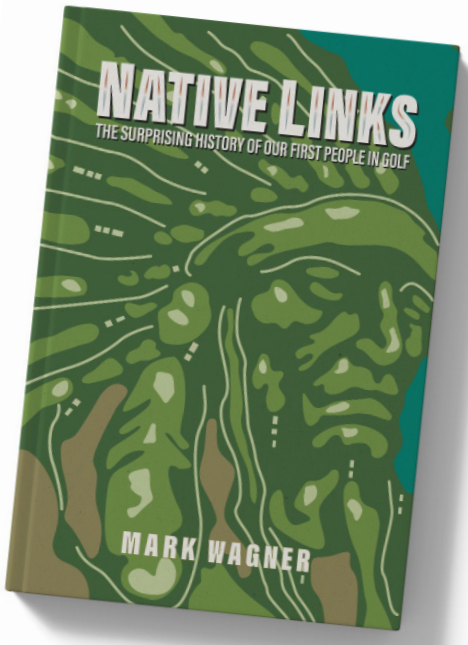
As we know, Sifford's drive toward greatness culminated in his 1967 PGA victory at the Greater Hartford Open, a promethean win at the age of 45. He would also win the LA Open at the age of 47. Sifford's barrier-breaking history is celebrated each year at both events - The Genesis and The Travelers Championship.

And the place that sheltered Charlie and Slim all those years ago? Tiger Woods, who called Sifford his grandfather and named his only son after him, is building his second TGR learning center as part of the current restoration and reconfiguration at Cobbs, which is being overseen by Jim Wagner and Gil Hanse.

The Travelers this year will mark the 4th Charlie Sifford Golf Outing at Wethersfield Country Club in CT. Tuesday, June 18, 2025. For details: https://travelerschampionship.com/charlie-sifford-golf-outing.

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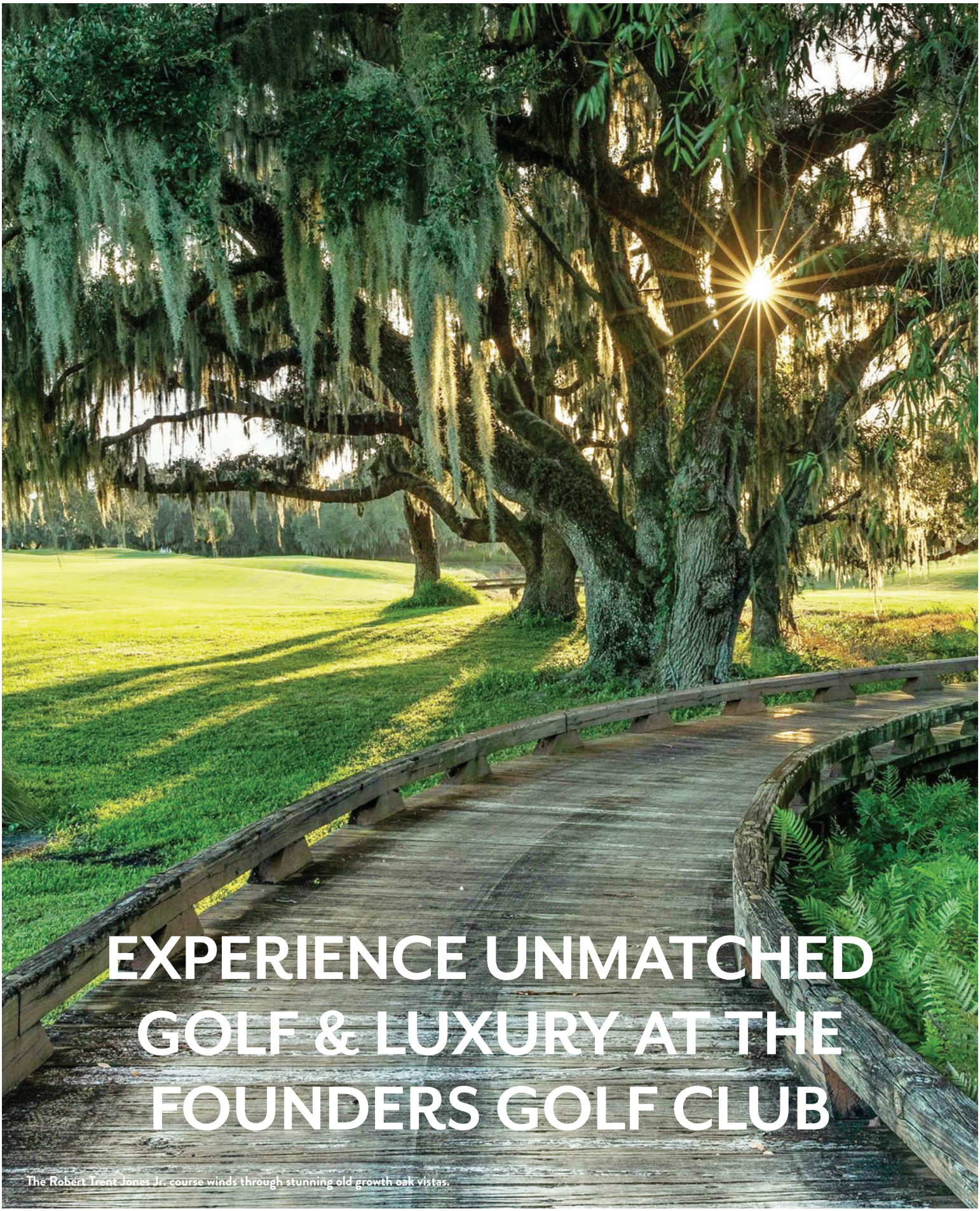
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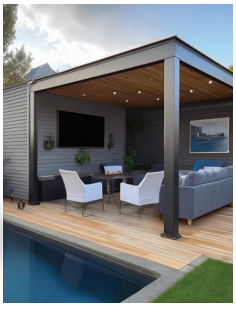


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In 2015, FAM Asset Management acquired the Owl's Nest Resort and began the quest to create a new vision, aiming to establish one of the most impressive resorts in the Northeast. A well-thought-out plan was launched to create one of the most spectacular destinations and was implemented to perfection for every season of the year. In the hospitality sector the team added family nano cottages to their guest homes portfolio, lakeside suites and guest rooms, contemporary residences for larger groups, and the new Lafayette Lodge, with king and queen suites. Lake Harold, the largest man-made lake in New Hampshire became the centerpiece for Waterscapes, a private resort living community at Owl's Nest. The lake side amenities have now grown to include the Lakehouse with 39 rental units, and event space. The Boathouse with a heated Olympic size pool and oversize Jacuzzi, and lake recreation rentals. There is also a new restaurant and raw bar as well. The resort also now features, four restaurants, wedding and function facilities and an indoor sports bar with golf simulators.

The Owl's Nest New Vineyard Golf Facility

In 2022 the team continued its expansion of resort facilities with the acquisition of The White Mountain Country Club and the adjacent 10-acre vineyard. A six-million-dollar renovation of the original 18-hole championship design by famed golf course designer, Geoffrey Cornish, along the banks of the Pemigewassett River in Ashland, New Hampshire was recently completed and will be open for play in 2025. The Vineyard Course just 10 minutes from the main resort, adds a new 18-hole course to the Owl's Nest famed Nicklaus Course. In addition, the clubhouse is finalizing a new restaurant, and there are townhomes being renovated at the Vineyard Course as well for added accommodations. The Vineyard, the largest in New Hampshire, is planning their first wine production in 2026.

About our Four-Season Resort

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 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 a new seafood restaurant.

The resort's main restaurant, Panorama Six82, is open daily for lunch and dinner, Slice Pizzeria & Sports Bar offers games and golf simulators and Butch's Brooklyn Deli & Provisions provides snacks, supplies, and lighter fare. If you've gone electric with your ride, there are 10 Tesla superchargers at the resort for quick charging. The SportsNest, home of the golf pro shop, now includes a new WellNest Spa & Rejuvenation Center and a new racquet pro shop with a viewing deck overlooking the championship pickleball courts. The spa will provide space for relaxation and replenishment, with IV therapies, state-of-the-art acoustic sound wave therapy and luxurious massages and facials.

The Owl's Nest Living Community

The Owl's Nest master plan organizes the homes around communal outdoor spaces all connected by multi-use trails. At Waterscapes each home is nestled perfectly throughout the resort, giving you spectacular views of the White Mountains. The proximity to the Owl's Nest gives you full access to all the White Mountain's major attractions and tourist areas while living in a quiet private resort community. These new mountain homes offer open floor plans, light-filled homes, designed with luxury features and modern conveniences for perfect four-season mountain living.
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The Owl's Nest Resort is in New Hampshire's White Mountains, less than two hours north of Boston and one hour from Manchester-Boston Regional Airport. The Nest is situated on 600+ acres with spectacular panoramic mountain and forest views. For more information, please visit www.owlsnestresort.com or call 603.726.3076.

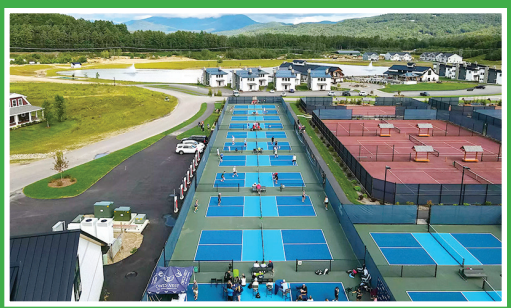
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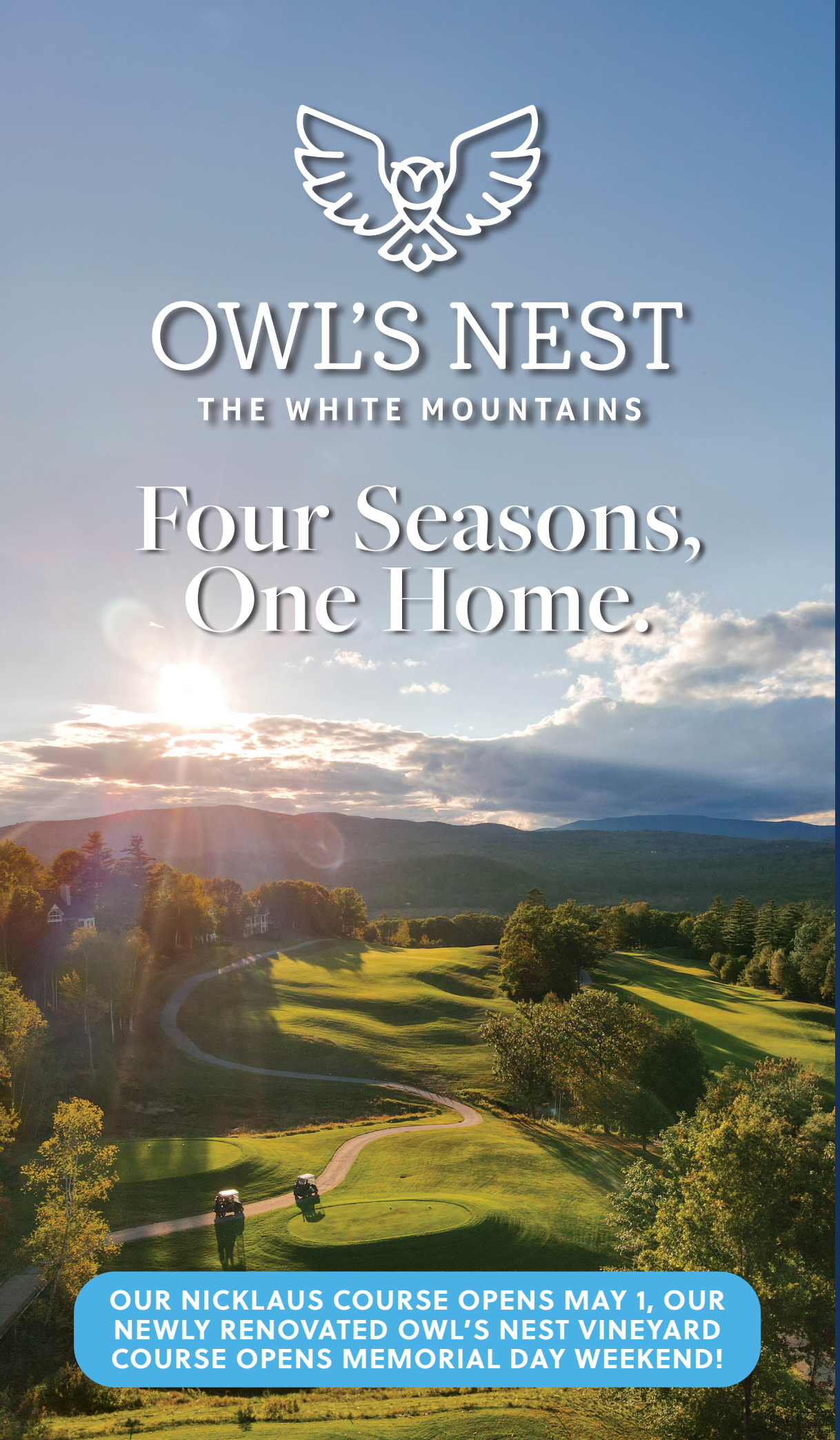
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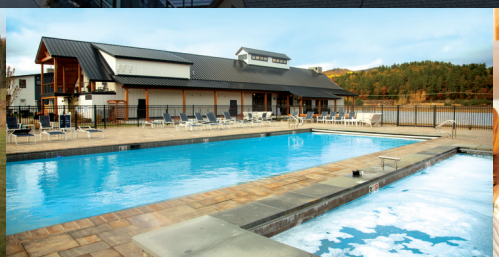
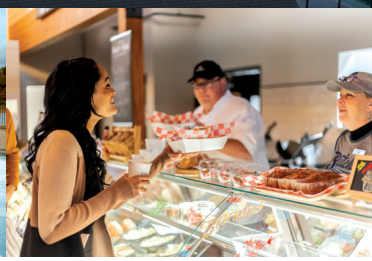
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