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COVER STORY 12 The Keep at McLemore Resort The Keep is the newest 18-hole golf course set along Lookout Mountain is now open for preview play. Spanning over one mile of the eastern cliff edge, The Keep promises to be one of the most scenic courses in the Southeast, adding a new level of natural beauty and challenge to McLemore golf as a walkable, links-inspired course unlike any other.





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Taking the Steps to Improve



"Learn the game from the hole out, not the tee in."



After the key point on putting Jack has a few tried and true simple tips for any player from a beginner to expert. Slow one-piece takeaway, don't sway, play with your own natural swing, never swing quickly, maintain your balance, and putt from anyplace you can. His most impactful tip in his career, thinking too much while playing will kill all the rhythm in anyone's game. Think about your game after you play, it is called reflection for a reason. In the 2016 Senior PGA Championship Jack Nicklaus walked up to a 110+ foot Johnny Miller put to show him how it is done, he took no more than 3 seconds to line it up, not much thinking there! and it went in, to mark one of the most famous moments in PGA Senior Tour history, it was amazing! and for the most part thoughtless!

Jack Nicklaus is arguably the best golfer who

has ever played the game. And he achieved his greatness at a time when technology and game improvement advancements were far and few. Today the game of golf has made extraordinary advancements in equipment, the ball itself, training systems and devices that literally track every athletic motion in our swing. Is it possible we have moved so far ahead, we all have forgotten to look behind at the simple things that made this game so great!

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The Destination

On the northwest corner of Georgia stands Lookout Mountain, as in "look out over the vast landscapes" or "look out, don't trip and fall off the cliff." The mountain ridge features deep canyons bordered by the Chattahoochee National Forest and extends into the northeast corner of Alabama, reaching into southeast Tennessee. The scenery is stunning in every season, from the delicate wildflowers and vibrant pink and purple shades of redbud trees, azaleas and rhododendrons in spring, to the fall foliage fireworks, the uncertainty of winter and the ecstasy of summer's greenery and light breezes. Rising Fawn, Georgia on Lookout Mountain, is home to McLemore Resort and epitomes natural tranquility, away from any hustle and bustle with double the tree species of the northeast and many spectacular waterfalls on display.

The Venue

Cloudland at McLemore Resort, Curio Collection by Hilton has been open for a year now, overlooking McLemore Cove - a conserved mountainside with pristine farmland far below. Pictures might be worth a thousand words, but some scenes must be experienced in real life, and this is one of those. Cloudland is a resort for luxury leisure travelers to come and do nothing but be pampered and awestruck by the views, from the moment of entry to the cliffside zero-edge pool, Skyside Bar and Grill, several other restaurants, and on the golf courses. A game lawn, mini green, complimentary speed bikes and hiking trails are interspersed among the relaxation spots. Superior rooms highlight the magnificent resort and mountain panorama with floor to ceiling windows and comfortable seating. Eastside positioning greets the morning

sunrises and nighttime sparkles with lights in the pool and stars in the dark sky. Cloudland is very romantic for couples, inspiring for corporate outings and just as ideal for buddy or gal pal trips.

The Golf

At McLemore Resort, Bill Bergin and Rees Jones partnered to redesign the former previous development course, renaming it The Highlands, and carved a second 18-hole beauty from scratch, called The Keep. The Creag is in the middle of it all, housing the pro shop and restaurant at the former location of the 18th green. In the exploratory process, Bill descended through the brush, reemerging bloodied and excitedly shouting about a plateau below, where they then created one of the most dramatic finishing holes on earth. Marketing Director Conley Crimmins loves the 17th







hole, calling it Christmas Eve for the anticipation of Christmas on the 18th. The steep, switch back path between them is riveting, much like the 6th hole, which is modeled after the nearby Fantastic Pitt famous for being the deepest vertical cave drop in the continental US. Golf balls disappear over or into crags making every day an Easter Egg hunt.

The Keep is for walking only, in preview play condition. While a cart barn is being built, pushing carts on the long layout is quite a workout. Caddies are wisely available. Five holes run along the ridge, with a hosted halfway house and a swilcan bridge on steroids on number 13. From the 16th you can see Pigeon Mountain and Chattanooga or review the catcher-mittshaped course. Make your final putt and carefully approach the precipice for a breathtaking finale, with butterflies flitting in your stomach.

The Cairn is a bonus six-hole par 3 course that skirts the mountain's edge near

The Creag. GM Kyle Speaks says the lit putting green and The Cairn are very popular on long summer nights, with music and cocktails when no one wants to sleep. We found it to be a fun warm-up for the main courses.

Beyond McLemore, the Georgia Golf Trail spans the state, featuring many more incredible beach, mountain and lake courses.

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Geography and geology shape outdoor experiences such as hiking on the Appalachian Trail or visiting several waterfalls including Singing Sisters on the resort's access trail and others at Cloudland Canyon State Park, 12 minutes away. More adventurous guests might enjoy white-water rafting, exploring the deepest cave or how about hang gliding? We've already checked that off at Kitty Hawk – it was very thrilling! Nearby Chattanooga offers cultural events and festivals, as well as an incline railway and Rock City.

Our Takeaway

McLemore Resort is much more than we imagined. The service is polished with friendly, old-soul hospitality from valets to managers. Comfy accommodations meet every need, and the panoramic cliffside, valley and mountain views are mesmerizing. We are a busy, fast-paced couple, yet we could sit here for hours watching nature.

The Journey

Airports in three states provide flexible flight options. Chattanooga is the closest, just 30 miles away, while Huntsville, Knoxville, Atlanta, Nashville, and Birmingham are between 80 and 140 miles. A conference in Peach Tree Corners, Georgia was our impetus to fly into Atlanta. We then added Georgia Golf Trail's stops at the Dillard House, Sky Valley, and Valhalla Resort in the Bavarian town of Helen, before the grand finale at McLemore. The "Jawgian" people, scenery and golf never disappoint. www.mclemoreresort.com





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Fiji's Island Beauties

BY DAVID DESMITH

YOU HAVE TO BE A LITTLE CRAZY to

want to build a championship golf course on a remote island in the South Pacific. Either that, or exceedingly wealthy. Dieter Mateschitz was arguably both. As the billionaire founder of Red Bull, Mateschitz could afford anything. What he wanted was his personal retreat on Fiji's stunningly beautiful Laucala Island to have such a course-and he chose David McLay Kidd, designer of Bandon Dunes, to create it. Kidd said no to the project several times. But Mateschitz made him an offer he couldn't refuse. Three years later, the course debuted. But not before a storm at sea had drowned the special sprigs of bermudagrass Kidd had chosen for the greens and myriad other complications had arisen to show what an improbable venture it was. Fortunately for Mateschitz-and for the golfers who get to play Kidd's Fiji creation-David and his

team got the course done. And what a thrill ride it is.

One of 330 islands that make up the Fiji archipelago, Laucala's the kind that you'd expect a criminal mastermind in a James Bond film to choose for his secret lair. Hilly, smothered by dense jungle, surrounded by jagged coral reefs, with monkey-faced bats circling overhead in broad daylight, it didn't yield to Kidd's vision easily.

"We had to hack through the jungle on foot," Kidd said. "I'd identify a hole corridor, we'd open it up with a bulldozer, then look for the next one. There were no maps, no GPS. Just us and countless hectares of jungle and swamp. All that jungle would swallow the course back up in a heartbeat if they let it."

"All that jungle" can come into play a lot if you're not a straight hitter. But the variety of holes and shots required, the constant elevation changes, and the sweeping views of the turquoise blue ocean from many of the holes make it an exhilarating experience. Great holes abound—with none more memorable than the 8th, a short but tight par five called Kara ("The Devil's Pitch"), where you need to thread your uphill tee shot between a mountainside and a gully en route to a clifftop green with steep fall-offs all around and a dazzling view of the Pacific. Another standout par five, the 12th, snakes down to the edge of the beach, where the dramatically sloped green (like many at Laucala) yields few straight putts.

Now an uber-exclusive resort that's only accessible by plane, COMO Laucala Island isn't easy to get to. But it's even more difficult to leave. The 25 oceanfront and clifftop guest homes are more like sprawling, private compounds than villas, with

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stunning architecture, their own pools, and just about everything else you could possibly want. When guests aren't golfing, they indulge in sailing, deep-sea fishing, wellness experiences at the idyllic Shambala Retreat spa, lounging at the beach bar, or partaking in the epicurean delights served at the elegant Plantation House or pan-Asian restaurant, Seagrass, set amongst the treetops on a bluff overlooking the sea. The word paradise doesn't come close to describing COMO Laucala Island. It's paradise's idea of paradise.

You'll find Fiji's other top course, Natadola Bay, on the nation's main island, Viti Levu. Combining links-style holes that offer broad views of the ocean with hilly, inland holes routed through stands of jungle and palms, it played host to the Fiji International pro tour event right up until Covid. The inland holes may be its most memorable, and particularly the dropshot par-three 7th and steeply downhill-thenuphill, par-four 8th. The course is affiliated with the luxe InterContinental Fiji Golf Resort & Spa. Located in a secluded and peaceful corner of the island, it was designed to offer all the intimacy of a Fijian village. Whether you choose an oceanview accommodation or one of the lavish Club

InterContinental suites with private plunge pool, you'll know you're in a tropical utopia. In addition to golf, the resort features a seemingly endless white-sand beach, a spa named best in the South Pacific, multiple dining outlets—including the refined dining at the beachfront Navo restaurant—and just about every water sport you can shake a flipper at. Scuba diving is hugely popular—with the reef just moments away. And guests can access complimentary snorkeling gear, kayaks, and boogie boards.

Getting to Fiji is easy—and wonderfully comfortable. Fiji Airways flies modern Airbus A350 widebody jets from Los Angeles, San Francisco, and Dallas straight to Nadi International Airport on Viti Levu. From there, all the exotic delights of Fiji are right at your doorstep. And it's but a short hop to Australia from there, making Fiji the perfect stopover point for anyone looking to pair a visit to paradise with a second one to Oz.







The Greatest Green Ever Played

Walt Disney World Golf's Redesigned Disney's Magnolia Golf Course

BY DAVID HYLAND

THE MOST EXTENSIVE REDESIGN in

the 54-year history of Disney's Magnolia Golf Course is complete as Walt Disney World Resort and Arnold Palmer Golf Management just introduced four reimagined holes now affectionately named "Grumpy's Gauntlet" and a new 18-hole putting green is known as "The Greatest Green Ever Played."

Think of the "The Bear Trap" at PGA National or the "The Cliffs of Doom" at Pebble Beach Golf Links, and then take on Magnolia holes No. 14, 15, 16 and 17 -"Grumpy's Gauntlet" – presenting a challenging test of a golfer's skills toward the end of your round with a little whimsey along the trek. The experience reminded me Grumpy's classic line in Disney's 1937 animated motion picture Snow White where he gave ample warning to "Mark my words, there's trouble a brewin".

Led by One Club Limited and its head golf course designer, Ken Baker, the redesign of these holes has dramatically yet beautifully changed their look, demanding careful club selection to avoid massive waste bunkers, strategic shot-making around tricky doglegs and precise putting on some of the course's most undulated greens. They are already considered to be among the most challenging finishing holes you will find in Central Florida.

Once golfers get through No. 17, there will likely be little doubt why that stretch of the course is called "Grumpy's Gauntlet."

For instance, the par 4 No. 14 features a green that slopes away from the center on all four sides, which means getting approach shots to stop near the hole will be difficult. The par 5 No. 15 is a whopping 597 yards from the back tees. At 456 yards from the championship tees, the par 4 No. 16, it will be a huge challenge to reach the green in regulation for many golfers, especially with two bodies of water along the left side of the green. And the par 3 No. 17 is a test of skills with water on both sides of the hole and a green that slopes in multiple directions.

"We've assembled an incredible team that

has created the best possible experience for our guests from around the globe who travel here for a championship caliber golf vacation," said Bruce Gerlander, general manager of Arnold Palmer Golf Management, which operates the Walt Disney World golf courses. "For more than four decades, Disney's Magnolia served as a favorite stop on the PGA Tour and we have been methodically planning for this massive project for years."

Other aspects of the redesign include new fairways and greenside bunkers and new Bermuda grass greens, plus:

- No. 14 transitions from a par 5 to a par 4 with a new green location.
- No. 15 has been moved and goes from a par 3 to a par 5 with a dogleg to the right.
- No. 16 shifts to a different location and now has a dogleg to the left.
- No. 17 changes from a par 4 to a par 3 with new tee box locations.
- A new cart bridge runs through the forest to connect holes 16 and 17.

"These are dramatic changes to the





Jason Day recently played Disney's Magnolia

Magnolia course that are creating a playing experience that will be challenging yet fun for all golfers," said Adam Ball, vice president of ESPN Wide World of Sports, Water Parks and Mini Golf. "We know our guests expect a magical experience every time they come to play golf at Walt Disney World and this redesign is part of our ongoing commitment to achieve that for every golfer who steps up to that first tee.

Each hole now has a Disney theme and an inspiring quote from Walt Disney or golf legend Arnold Palmer. For instance, hole No. 6 is called "The Mouse Trap" and features Walt Disney's quote "I hope we never lose sight of one thing – that it was all started by a mouse." Hole No. 15 is called "The Dinglehopper" in reference to the Disney movie The Little Mermaid with an Arnold Palmer quote that says, "It's a funny thing; the more I practice, the luckier I get."

Speaking of practice, the 18-hole putting green features a scorecard and pin locations that change almost daily. It has more than ample undulation, challenging putts and fast greens that offer a good warmup before hitting the course as well as a fun activity after the round. The green's new name pays homage to the biographical Walt Disney

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Pictures sports film, "The Greatest Game Ever Played," which is based on the early life of amateur golf champion Francis Ouimet and his surprise victory at the 1913 U.S. Open.

In all, the "Greatest Green Ever Played" and "Grumpy's Gauntlet" represent the most extensive redesign of the Magnolia course and the latest changes since 2015 when several enhancements were completed, including reshaping the bunkers.

Two major winners - Sergio Garcia (2017 Masters) and Gary Woodland (2019 U.S. Open) - got a sneak peek at the redesign and both walked away quite impressed.

"It will be amazing. The 15th (becoming) a big par 5; 16 is a long par 4 and they've brought in water perfectly," said Woodland. "You're going to have four closing holes down the stretch that will test every aspect of your game. It'll be a great finish here at Magnolia."

Added Garcia: "It's a fun course to play. When (golfers) finish their rounds, they can't wait to come back and I think that's something the Magnolia course will have."

2015 PGA Champion Jason Day recently teed it up for a practice round during the PGA TOUR's "Florida Swing", the week prior to the Arnold Palmer Invitational and had high praise for the layout.

"It's been a while since I've been here. I remember a lot of the holes, which were fantastic. The course looks phenomenal, so congratulations on that because, you know, it seems like you guys are coming into really nice weather here, and the course and the way that the grass has come in is fantastic too. Yeah, I mean, overall, we had a lot of fun."

Disney's Magnolia long hosted the PGA TOUR beginning with Jack Nicklaus' incomparable three peat (1971-73), continuing over the years for Tiger Woods second rookie victory in 1996 and again in 1999 and through 2012. These days all three of Disney's championship courses are open year-round for guests.

More than a decade ago, the Walt Disney World Resort and Arnold Palmer Golf Management (APGM) entered into a long-term agreement which included a commitment to continually upgrade and enhance the golfing experience for all visitors. The Magnolia course's major redesign follows substantial course changes to Disney's Palm Golf Course in 2013, which involved Arnold Palmer himself, Disney's Oak Trail Golf Course in 2014 and 2018 and Disney's Lake Buena Vista Golf Course near Disney Springs seven years ago.

As one of the original Walt Disney World Resort golf courses which opened in 1971, the "Mag" is a well-manicured, par-72 course which features elevated tees and greens, rolling terrain and a familiar Mickey Mouse-shaped greenside bunker on the par-3, 6th hole.

Located across from Disney's Grand Floridian Resort & Spa, the course was designed by Joe Lee and is aptly named for its more than 1,500 magnolia trees. With tee boxes ranging from 5,252 to 7,560 yards from the back tees, it is the longest of the four Disney golf courses.

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A Day Trip to A Day Deck Star Neck Star Than You Think

BY SEAN MELIA

OVER THE LAST TWO WINTERS, Farm

Neck Golf Club on Martha's Vineyard has undergone some changes that are worth seeing in person. Their shoulder-season pricing makes the trip all that more enticing.

It's easy to picture Martha's Vineyard as a faraway place for the rich and famous, but it's actually quite close to the Massachusetts mainland, making a day trip is completely plausible. While the summer rate is a pricey \$330 dollars (\$195 twilight rate from 4-6pm), there are some enticing off-season and shoulder season prices that are worth taking advantage of this spring.

Their off-season rates (May 2 to May 22 and from Nov. 3 to Nov. 30) costs \$150; their shoulder season (May 23 to June 16 and September 15 to Nov. 2) costs \$220.

Completing the Master Plan

The public course was built by Geoffrey Cornish, Bill Robinson and Patrick Mulligan and opened in 1980.

Mark Mungeam, a Cornish protege, is overseeing a master plan that will make the course more playable while maintaining the intent and spirit of the original design.

Before the work began, Farm Neck Golf

Club had around 90 bunkers. When all is said and done, roughly 60 will remain. Some bunker complexes were combined to make one bunker while others were completely removed. This helps with maintaining the course, as bunker maintenance, including the grass that divides bunkers, is tricky, time-consuming, and expensive.

Mungeam also created more areas for players to hit a variety of shots around some of the greens.

The signature 14th hole has a yawning bunker guarding the front of the green; but instead of growing rough around it, Mungeam has decided that it should all be

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short grass. This allows players to use their putter. Short grass also gives more skilled players a number of options to play high or low shots, too.

Come for the golf and stay for the views

The course offers some stunning views of Vineyard Sound. The changes to the course enhanced the eye candy, too. Vistas have been opened up on a number of holes.

The signature moments on the course happen on both the front and back nine.

Hole No. 3-5 will leave an impression long after the ferry ride home. The third tumbles downhill and Mungeam's work is on full display after removing a copse of trees that split holes 3 and 5. Now, splashy, rugged bunkers fill that space and opens up a lovely panoramic view of the water and even a peek at the par-3 fourth hole, which sits on the water's edge. While the fifth hole plays away from the water, the bunkering and an old farm equipment relic befitting the course's name and history, add charm and intrigue.

The seventh hole returns players to the water and the eighth hole, which runs along the water requires an arrow straight drive and a brave second to try and reach the only bunkerless green on the property.

The 14th and 15th holes are the highlights on the back nine. The par-4 14th is a short hole at 348 yards from the back tees, but trouble lurks left off the tee and the water comes into the play on the approach shot. The par-3 15th is more welcoming after Mungeam removed a left bunker and softened the green to help players hold it with a mid-iron shot.

A day trip is in the cards

The trip is longer for some than others, depending on the drive to Woods Hole or

Hyannis. The ferry ride from Woods Hole is about 40 minutes and from Hyannis it's about 60 minutes. Farm Neck is about a 10 minute drive from the Vineyard Haven ferry.

It's a doable day trip for a golfer looking for an excellent golf experience early in the season when sometimes the golf courses on the mainland are still working through the winter bruises they suffered.

Over the course of the 18 holes, players will certainly be tested with some tough tee shots, challenging bunkers, lurking water hazards, and quick greens.

If you're a bargain hunter with a sense of adventure, Farm Neck is a great option this spring and fall to take advantage of cheaper rates.

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Left: The third tee shot is dramatic, with waste area bunkers and water in the distance. Above: The view from the water at holes three (left), four (center), and five (right) Below: Hole 14 returns players to the water for one last stunning view.









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SHOW

The official start of the golf season in New England is when the Northeast Golf Show takes place at Gillette Stadium in March over St. Patty's Day weekend. Hundreds of vendors and thousands of golfers converge on the field house to celebrate golf...and say goodbye to winter. Whether you are looking to buy new golf gear, find new courses to play this season, or sample the newest cocktails for the golf course, you will have a great time. There are so many golf-centrique things to do that it is worth the trip with your golf buddies.

When you walk into the expo the field house layout looks like a city's bustling downtown district, with intersecting streets full of golf pedestrians and businesses. You are given a plastic bag when you enter, and by the time you are done it will be full of golf balls, tees, koozies, tee times, clothes, stickers, and whatever else you can fit in it. The vendors sell everything you can think of related to golf. Fist on everyone's list should be the Rock Bottom Golf pro shop where you can find the best deals of the season on new/used equipment, bags, clothing, shoes and more. There are representatives from a variety of New England courses, like Dennis



Pines, Shining Rock, and Wentworth Hills, that offer discounted rates. There are also destination resorts also offering deals to places like BOYNE, Owl's Nest and Sunday River. Clothing companies, like FN3P, Oyster, and SwingJuice, are showing off their new gear for the season or offering huge discounts on last year's inventory. Golfers can also work on their game with training aides like hitting nets, putting greens, and swing speed sticks.

Aside from the courses and gear, the expo does a great job of highlighting all of the great local influences that are helping spread the love of golf. They have a section called Women's Row that showcases local, womanowned golf businesses from New England. Naomi Nesenof, PGA pro and founder of She's My Golf Pro, provides information and instruction for women to learn the game of golf and how to enjoy it on the course. There is also a section of the expo for junior golfers that has fun, interactive games, and a drive, chip & putt contest. Local organizations, such as Mass Golf and First Tee MA, offer attendees the chance to learn about their goals and missions about growing the game. If you are wanting to enhance your charity golf tournament or league, Leaderboard New England demonstrates how they can manage and scale your event.

The Northeast Golf Expo is like an arcade for golfers with games, raffles, and prizes at almost every booth. Challenge yourself at St. Germaine's Simulator Shop to compete in the longest drive and closest to the pin challenges. There is a chance to chip into a hot tub or to break glass with a 5-iron with Leaderboard New England. But the ultimate game at the expo is the SYNlawn putting challenge where you try to make a 50' putt. Anyone who does this gets to take another putt on the last day for \$1000!

Before or after doing the contests, make sure to take advantage of getting fitted for new clubs by a professional at the OnCore Golf driving range right inside the field house. With all of the major name brands, like Titleist, Mizuno, and Srixon, on-site with cases full of the newest models of every club. And after choosing your new clubs, you can go get a swing analysis from a member of the PGA of New England.

The expo truly has everything you need to get ready for the golf season. For me, I think part of the appeal is hanging out with some golf buddies, seeing the latest trends in golf equipment, and getting excited for the season to start. The 2026 show is March 13-15 so mark your calendars. Visit www.NortheastGolfShow.com

DAVIO'S

After the Northeast Golf Expo head over to Patriot Place, an outdoor shopping center with plenty of great restaurants for foodies. The perfect way to end the full day is going to Davio's Northern Italian Steakhouse for top-shelf cocktails and dinner. The extensive menu at Davio's is a celebration of Northern Italian cuisine, where the food is prepared with the finest ingredients, ensuring that each dish is both flavorful and unique.

Every meal at Davio's starts with delicious popovers for the table, and these light and fluffy pastries covered in butter are a great way to start whet your appetite. The extensive drink menu offers the traditional cocktails and wines, while also providing some truly creative cocktails and craft beers. And while other restaurants might offer one or two nonalcoholic drinks, Davios has every imaginable mocktail, non-alcoholic beer, and wine.

Now I'm going to suggest an item to try at an Italian steakhouse that may seem out



of the ordinary but trust me, you have to try the spring rolls. But these aren't just typical spring rolls. No, Davios has the most light, flaky, and mouthwatering Steak and Cheese spring rolls. And they've expanded their spring roll offerings to include Chicken Parm and Buffalo Chicken. I'll save you some time right now, and tell you to order the delicious Sampler Spring Roll as an appetizer.

Service at Davio's is consistently praised for its attentiveness and professionalism, and our experience lived up to this reputation. Our waiter was spot-on with his food recommendations, particularly when he suggested his favorite dinner option, the short ribs, and described them as "comforting".

That suggestion intrigued me enough to order them, and the meal was incredible. The meat was tender and savory, and the blue cheese infused mashed potatoes were delicious.

They have a great selection of homemade desserts to finish your meal, and we tried the espresso creme brulee and bananas foster. They were great, but the problem was we were so full from the apps and dinner we had to battle through to eat them. The food, drinks, and ambiance at Davio's are top-notch and make you feel like you are eating a special meal. There is no better way to end your experience at the golf expo than to go here for a meal.

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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 have 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 provides space for relaxation and replenishment with endless spa treatments, state-of-theart acoustic sound wave therapy and luxurious massages and facials.

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