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Welcome to our 2006 annual issue of **Golf Now! Chicago.** What an exciting year it is for those who love golf! Choose to play many of Chicagoland's top-rated golf courses as featured in **"The Courses"** section, or take in any of the exciting professional and amateur golf events coming to the area this year.   Don't miss our **"Course Clippings"** for some exciting golf highlights and a chance to win a "2006 PGA Championship VIP Experience" for the event's last day.

This year's **"Great Escapes"** section features some of the very best getaways – no matter what your budget. From a luxurious 5-star "Stay and Play" experience at **The Glen Club** on Chicago's North Shore, rated one of the "Top 100 You Can Play" by *GOLF* Magazine, to value-added golf packages where you can mix & match from a choice of 5 stunning courses at **Gull Lake View Golf Club & Resort**; you will find a great escape that meets your needs and your budget.   New for 2006 is the exciting **Southern Illinois Golf Trail** featuring 3-Day Getaways with "mile after mile" of dazzling golf greens. Start planning your golf extravaganza now by visiting **www.enjoyillinois.com/golf**.

Chicagoland's professional concierges continue to be a wealth of knowledge when it comes to things to do in and outside of the Windy City, golf recommendations and tee times. We are also excited to announce our "**Concierge Golf Classic**" slated for June at **Chalet Hills Golf Club** – rated one of *"Zagat's* Top 5 Public Courses" in Illinois. Visit Chalet Hills on Page 21 for a chance to win a free round of golf!

Don't forget to visit our special editorial feature in our **"Event Planning"** section, devoted entirely to the **88th PGA Championship** hosted by Medinah Country Club on August 14 through August 20. This is one experience you will not want to miss this summer!

As always, please continue to support the area's fine golf courses, our hospitality partners, and the many wonderful advertisers who make this publication a reality.   Lastly, for 2006 …

Grip It and Rip It!