

## **COG HILL HOSTS WESTERN OPEN FOR THE 15<sup>TH</sup> YEAR**

Cog Hill Golf & Country Club, located in Lemont, Illinois will again host this year's Western Open, the PGA Tour's oldest championship, on June 27-July 3. The prestigious tournament has been held at Cog Hill since 1991, and this year marks the 15th anniversary of its return to Cog Hill.

The Western Open made its debut in 1899 at the Glen View Club in Golf, Illinois and since 1930 has benefited the Evans Scholars Foundation of the Western Golf Association. Named for Chick Evans, the Foundation has sent more than 7,400 caddies through college and has well over 800 caddies currently in college.

Nestled in the Des Plaines River Valley, Cog Hill Golf & Country Club has been attracting local and visiting golfers to the area since 1927. This privately-owned golf complex is located in a lovely rural setting less than 30 miles southwest of Chicago. The public is invited to play on one of four 18-hole regulation golf courses, including the world-famous Course No. 4, "DUBSDREAD." The complex also includes a driving range/learning center, a golf shop, a restaurant and patio, along with a 280-seat banquet hall located within the historic clubhouse. The setting is ideal for weddings, business meetings, or other special events.

### **THE COURSES**

Unique layouts and well-conditioned courses have enticed local and visiting golfers to Cog Hill for well over 70 years. With four regulation courses, Cog Hill tests players at all levels. **Courses No. 1 and No. 3** tend to be wooded and gently rolling with mostly elevated greens. They range from very tight to fairly open, including a blend of lengths requiring a good range of shot-making ability. Courses No. 1 and No. 3 have enough sand, woods and water to test the accomplished player, but not to punish the beginner.

**Course No. 2, Ravines**, is a very sporty layout with championship caliber. Three new holes, a par 3, par 4 and par 5, were constructed for the U.S. Amateur Championship, and when substituted for the usual par 3, 4 and 5, are known as the tournament setting. They also permit a hole to be rotated in and out for construction or repair. Course No. 2 is every bit a championship course with tree lined-fairways, ravines, water, sand and testing greens.

**Course No. 4, Dubsdread**, has been ranked nationally since it opened in 1964. Ranked 43<sup>rd</sup> among *Golf Magazine's* "Top 100 Courses" for 2004, it is known not only for its demands on shot-making, but for its vast displays of natural beauty. Tight landing areas combined with large, heavily-bunkered, undulating greens make the course a test for the best. It is on this infamous track that the Western Open is contested every year.

*With Cog Hill's proximity to downtown Chicago and convenient location to Midway Airport and its complex of wonderful hotels, you can fly into the airport and conduct business in Chicago, play a round of golf at Cog Hill in the afternoon, and fly out in the evening. Cog Hill is a course to add to your "Must Play" list this year when visiting the Windy City.*