

2007 COURSE CLIPPINGS

LASALLE BANK OPEN Returns for Fifth Year to The Glen Club May 28 – June 3

The Glen Club, a nationally acclaimed Tom Fazio-designed championship golf course, will host the **LaSalle Bank Open** for the fifth year in a row from **May 28 – June 3**. The tournament, a premier stop on the PGA Nationwide Tour circuit is the largest among all full-field Nationwide Tour events in the U.S. and Canada, complete with live coverage from The Golf Channel. The Glen Club owned and operated by KemperSports, opened in 2001, will again host the illustrious event. For more information about the LaSalle Bank Open, visit www.lasallebankopen.com.

CANTIGNY GOLF Hosts 2007 US Amateur Public Links Championship July 9 - 14

The **U.S. Amateur Public Links Championship** has been an unqualified success since its inception in 1922, giving exposure to many public-course players who otherwise might not have an opportunity to compete in a national championship. The APL will be held on **July 9-14** at **Cantigny Golf** in Wheaton, Illinois, one of the country's finest public golf courses. The APL attracts as many as 6,000 entries with the majority of the field comprised of high school and college students. Past champions who have gone on to professional careers include Jodie Mudd, Billy Mayfair, David Berganio Jr., Tim Clark, Trevor Immelman, Hunter Haas, D.J. Trahan, Brandt Snedeker and Ryan Moore.

PLAY WITH THE STARS August 12-15 in Tom Dreesen's Celebrity Event at Bolingbrook Golf Club

In 2006, the Tom Dreesen Celebrity Invitational was more successful than ever. The four-day event included 27 holes of golf and two exclusive gala events with sixty of today's biggest stars. The **Tom Dreesen Celebrity Invitational**, benefiting the United Way of Will County, provides a unique opportunity to rub elbows with some of the greatest names in sports and entertainment, including MLB, NBA, NFL, and NHL Hall of Famers, Gold Medal Winning Olympic Athletes, and Grammy Award Winners. Making its fifth consecutive run at the award-winning **Bolingbrook Golf Club** on **August 12-15**, the event has established itself as a favorite stop on the **Celebrity Players Tour** circuit with play from stars like host and longtime comedian Tom Dreesen, John Elway, Johnny Bench, Mike Ditka, Lou Holtz, Jim McMahon, Smokey Robinson, Jim Thornton, Andy Van Slyke and Maury Povich, among many others.

BMW CHAMPIONSHIP to be played at Cog Hill Golf & Country Club September 3-9

BMW, PGA TOUR and the Western Golf Association announced a 6-year partnership agreement to create the **BMW Championship**, third of four PGA TOUR Playoff tournaments. The tournament is to be played at **Cog Hill Golf & Country Club, September 3–9** and will benefit the Evans Scholars Foundation. This is the Western Golf Association's 102nd professional championship, oldest on the PGA TOUR. Among all U.S. tournaments, only the U.S. Open, first held in 1985, is older. Ticket prices for this event are \$37 in advance for daily tickets or \$40 at the gate; practice rounds are \$20 and the price for a weekly ticket book is \$100 with parking included in the ticket/book fees. For more information, contact the Western Golf Association at 847-724-4600.

FAIRWAYS, GREENS & CLUBS EXHIBIT – America's Newest Golf Museum

Wheaton, Illinois is the home of the first 18-hole golf course in the nation, Chicago Golf Club. Since that time, six other golf clubs have made Wheaton their home over the course of time, including **Cantigny Golf**. **Wheaton's Center For History**, a facility of the Wheaton Historic Preservation Council, now brings the history of American golf to the Chicago area with the opening of a unique golf exhibit, **Fairways, Greens & Clubs**. The diverse evolution of golf and its relationship to society come alive through this must-see exhibit!

OAK BROOK HILLS MARRIOTT RESORT Undergoes \$15 Million Renovation

An extensive \$15 million property renovation is underway, repositioning the elegant **Oak Brook Hills Marriott Resort** located in Oak Brook, Illinois as the area's leading business and convention destination. This comprehensive makeover, incorporating all public areas, guestrooms, suites and meeting space will conclude early 2007, and offer a stunning new look and feel throughout. Guests will enter into a striking, new lobby, embellished with a full-service business center and café featuring Starbucks®. Guests are enticed by the luxurious Revive® bedding package, featured in each of the richly-redesigned guestrooms and suites, all adorned in lavish comfort. Planners will be exceptionally pleased to discover a dynamic transformation of the 14,342 square-foot Grand Ballroom and 35 breakout rooms...all part of an impressive overall 40,000 square-feet of flexible space. For more information, please call **(630) 850-5555** or visit www.oakbrookhillsmarriott.com.

FREE GOLF MEMBERSHIP at Sand Creek Country Club with the purchase of a Gierczyk Development

A **free** golf membership at **Sand Creek Country Club**, a premier private club in NW Indiana minutes from Lake Michigan shores, **valued at \$25,000** is included with the purchase of **any** Gierczyk condominium, townhome or cottage development; and, 97% financing is available including closing costs with 40-year amortization. Visit the Links and Living section for more information on his developments or see ad on pages 72-73. Also visit www.gierczyk.com for more information.

LAKE MICHIGAN HILLS AND BERRIEN HILLS GOLF CLUBS Team Up On Getaways

Located just 90 minutes from Chicago and just two miles from Lake Michigan, **Lake Michigan Hills Golf Club** one of the top destination courses in the area, and the once-private **Berrien Hills Golf Club**, now open to the public since 2006, have teamed up to offer stay and play golf packages in Southwest Michigan. Call the courses directly for a list of participating hotels in the St. Joseph/Benton Harbor area. For a fun, after-golf recreational activity, **Candlewood Suites in Stevensville**, located minutes from both courses, offers an exciting **Hot Air Balloon Escape**. Call 269-428-4400 for information on the Candlewood Hot Air Balloon Escape Package.