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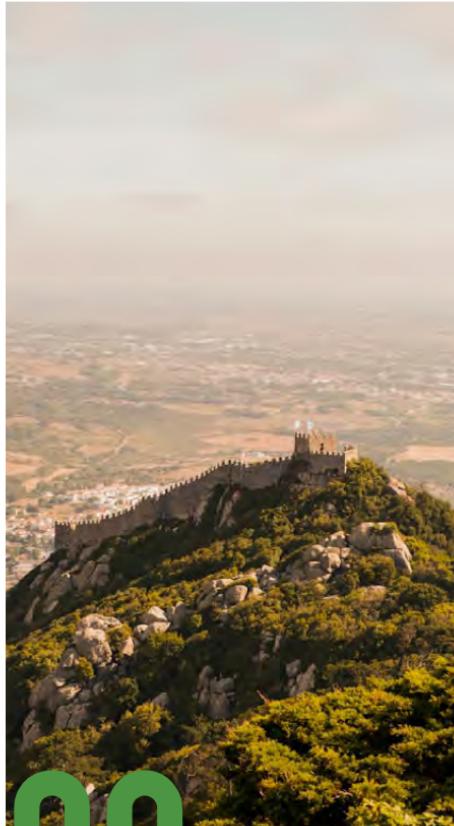


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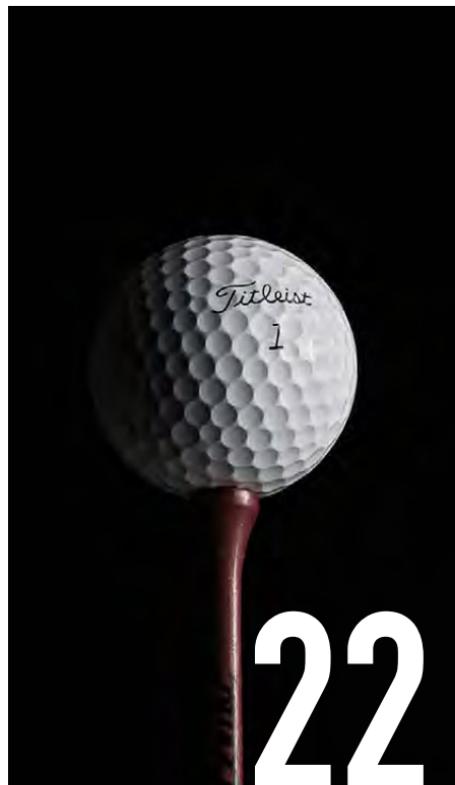
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Some Important Golf Tips To

SHARPEN YOUR GAME



SHARPEN

If you are a budding player, then here are some very important golf tips to help you sharpen your golf skills like the swing including the ball position, backswing golf tips and the down swing golf tips. If you are rather serious about your game, then make sure to practice these golf tips on a regular basis and watch the progress in your game.

SOME BALL POSITION GOLF TIPS:

To make the iron shots precise and crisp, make sure that you do not hit the golf ball in the downward manner. But in order to achieve the downward blow of the ball, position the ball in proportion to the stance that you have taken. Thus to hit the iron shots, practice the below mentioned golf tips while positioning your body in such a manner that the ball is at the centre of your stance for the shorter irons like the 8, 9 irons as well as the wedges. For the mid irons like the 5, 6 and the 7 irons, place the ball one forward from the centre and for the fairway clubs like the 3 and the 5 woods and the hybrid clubs, place the ball two forward from the center. In case of the driver, place the ball three balls forward from the center.

SOME FULL SWING GOLF TIPS:

In case of the back swing, rotate the club keeping the arms and the body at the back while moving the body weight to the inside of your back leg. For completing the back swing, hinge the wrists as they are approaching the waist level. While at the top of the back swing, make sure that the leading arm is straight and most of your body weight is on your back leg and also make sure that your back knee is flexed. Rotate your shoulders up to 90 degrees while at the top of the back swing and rotate your hips to 30 degrees.

DOWN SWING GOLF TIPS:

When you wish to down swing, shift your body weight to your front leg. This will make sure that your hips, arms and the shoulders will also follow this shift of the weight. Check that the head is behind the ball. Continue with the turning of your body even after the impact position so as to make your club and the arms extend towards the target.

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by Rick Sessinghas,

BRINGING YOUR GAME BACK TO **BASICS**

OBSERVE

As you approach your shot, take in the entire environment, including your lie, yardage, wind, hazards and your intended target. There's a lot of info to process, but with a little practice, it's easy to do

SEE

Analyze the shot's given circumstances. Take my situation here: Teeing off from a severely elevated tee box ("Lombard Street" at Moorpark Country Club in Moorpark, Calif.), the yardage book says I have 240 yards to the rough. If I hit my 5-wood (which normally goes 240), I'll drive through the fairway (remember, downhill shots go farther). Therefore, I must come up with a "hard" yardage, or what the shot actually plays. In this case, I've subtracted 15 to 20 yards to account for the elevation change and have selected a 3-iron instead.

FEEL

See how I've just made a practice swing? I'm rehearsing the shot exactly how I want to execute it. All too often, golfers take practice swings that don't resemble how the actual shot is going to be played. Don't underestimate the importance of a practice swing! They create a feeling of the shot at hand. Now I'm going to take that feeling to the next step: execution.

TRUST

At this stage, you're actually hitting the shot, so narrow your focus to a specific target, like I'm doing here (in this case, the 150-yard marker). If you've completed the first three steps correctly, then you'll be able to trust your shot. Stay focused on an external target and execute by just letting go. Maintain a focus on what you want the shot to do, not on where you don't want the shot to go.



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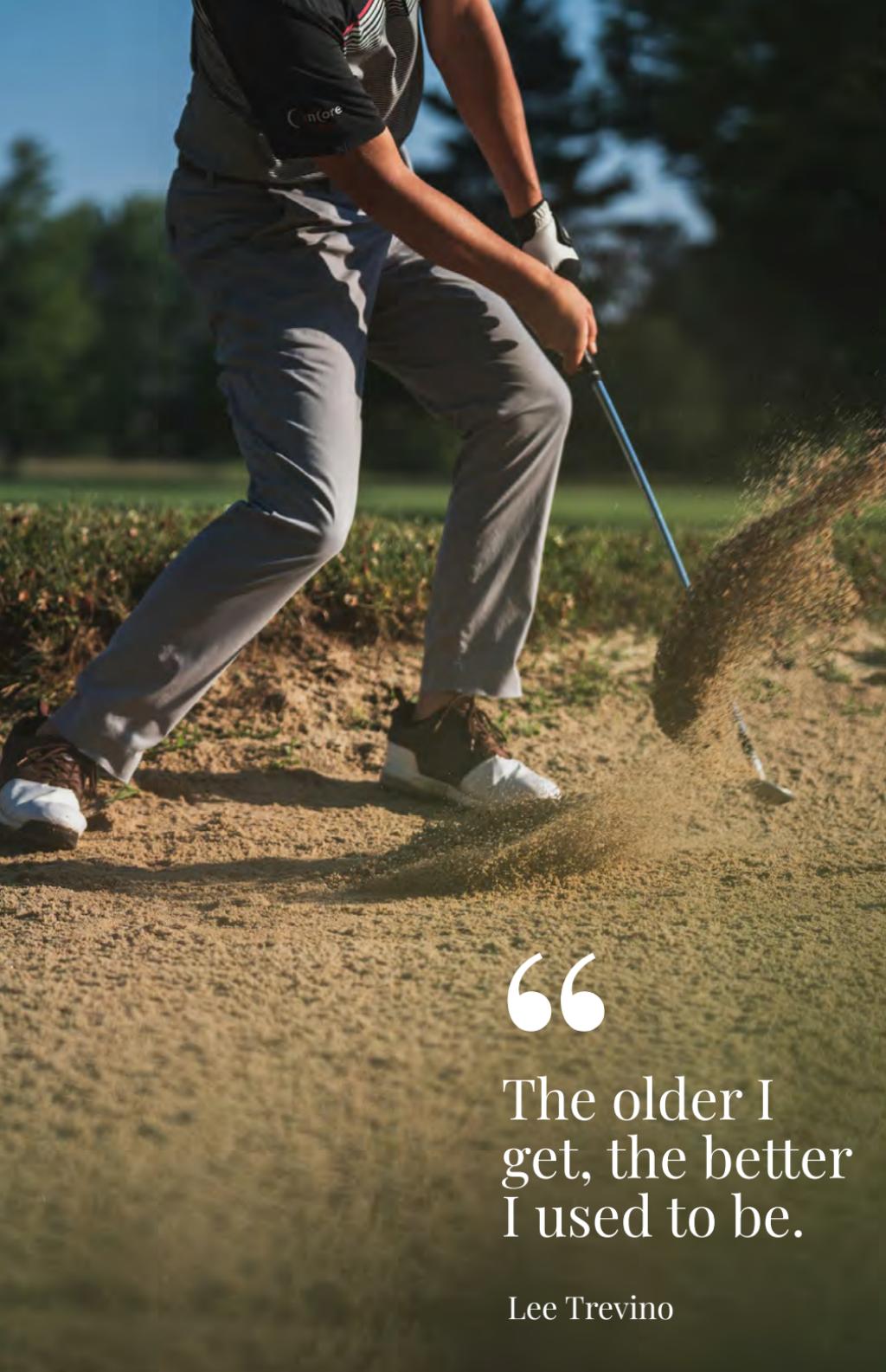
Rethinking Your Tee Box Strategy

When stepping onto the tee box, many golfers default to a straightforward goal: hit the ball as far or as straight as they can. However, our instructors, recognized for their expertise, suggest a more nuanced approach is crucial, especially with a driver in hand. They observe that many players fail to adequately assess the landing area's specifics before choosing their target.

Our instructors emphasize the importance of envisioning not just the ball's landing spot but also its subsequent behavior on the ground. They point out that landing areas often have slopes that significantly influence the ball's final position. For example, aiming for the middle of a fairway that slopes from left to right could result in the ball rolling off course due to its slope-induced momentum.

In practical advice, our instructors advise aiming not at the fairway but at the left side of the rough in certain conditions. This strategy accounts for the anticipated roll of the ball back onto the fairway, leveraging the terrain's slope to the golfer's advantage.

They also recommend observing the ball behavior of fellow players as a valuable tactic. Watching how their balls react upon landing can offer insights and aid in refining your target strategy. This approach to selecting targets can lead to more frequent fairway hits and potentially lower scores.



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The older I
get, the better
I used to be.

Lee Trevino

PORTU

A wide-angle, high-angle photograph of a cityscape, likely Porto, Portugal. The foreground is filled with numerous buildings featuring traditional red-tiled roofs. In the middle ground, a bridge spans a river, and the city extends towards rolling hills in the distance under a clear blue sky.

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PORTUGAL'S QUIET REVOLUTION

A wide-angle, high-angle photograph of a city skyline, likely Lisbon, Portugal. In the foreground, the ornate facade of a cathedral with multiple towers and a large arched entrance is visible. Behind it, a dense cluster of buildings with red-tiled roofs stretches across the hillside. In the background, a large, dark hill rises against a clear blue sky. The overall scene is a mix of historical architecture and modern urban sprawl.

Once overshadowed by its flashier neighbors, Portugal is now drawing global golfers with a winning mix of soulful culture, striking scenery, and world-class courses.

For decades, Portugal stood quietly in the shadow of Western Europe's tourism darlings. Spain had the sizzle. France had the flair. Italy had the romance. And Portugal? Port wine and a few sunny beaches. But that's changing—dramatically.

Today, Portugal is having its moment. Its capital hums with creativity, its coastline rivals the world's most dramatic, and for golfers seeking a

blend of culture and competition, Portugal is a revelation. This is a land where fairways are draped in sea breezes, where Michelin stars mingle with medieval castles, and where a morning round might be followed by an afternoon cruise past hillside vineyards.

In other words: Portugal no longer just deserves your attention—it commands it.



LISBON: CITY OF HILLS, HEART OF GOLF

Portugal's capital, Lisbon, is a vibrant blend of old-world charm and modern edge. From atop São Jorge Castle, the city spills out below in a cascade of terra-cotta rooftops and tiled facades. It's São Francisco with fado music, where trams still climb cobbled hills and neighborhoods like Alfama pulse with history and haunting melodies.

Lisbon isn't just a feast for the senses—it's a fine base for golfers with a taste for discovery. Less than an hour south, the Dunas Course at Terras da Comporta—a 2023 David McLay Kidd design near the Sado Estuary—is earning acclaim as

Europe's most exciting new layout. Routed through soaring pines and sandy corridors, it's a young course that plays with maturity, offering the movement of links with the drama of inland design.

To the northwest in Sintra, the Atlântico Course at Penha Longa Resort weaves through Roman ruins and lush hillsides, where castles perch like storybook sentinels. The resort's two Michelin-starred restaurants and on-site 14th-century monastery offer an après-golf experience that borders on transcendent.



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ALGARVE: EUROPE'S GOLF COAST

Drive three hours south of Lisbon or fly into Faro, and you'll land in the Algarve—Portugal's golf capital. With over 30 courses along 100 miles of sun-drenched coastline, it offers top-tier golf with fewer crowds and better value than its European counterparts. Quinta do Lago stands out with three standout tracks—South, North, and

Laranjal—each carved through umbrella pines and citrus groves. Vilamoura adds a touch of glam, with solid layouts like the Millennium and Old Course near a bustling marina. For serious players, Monte Rei, a Jack Nicklaus design near Tavira, delivers championship pedigree with bold bunkers and dramatic elevation.



SILVER COAST: WAVES, WIND, AND WILD GREENS

Venture north along the Silver Coast and you'll swap castles for cliffs. Near Nazaré—home to the world's tallest rideable waves—West Cliffs Golf Links delivers a stunning yet punishing links experience, where the Atlantic is visible on nearly every hole. Undulating dunes, shifting breezes, and bold greens make it both breathtaking and brutal. Further

south, Oitavos Dunes in Quinta da Marinha offers a rugged, wind-swept challenge, while Praia D'El Rey blends forested inland holes with ocean vistas. If time allows, cap off your journey at Royal Óbidos, Seve Ballesteros' strategic masterpiece, where elevation changes and lakes create Portugal's ultimate parkland test.

PORTO: PORT WINE AND LINKS-STYLE PLAY

In the country's far north, the city of Porto offers a different rhythm. The Douro River winds through steep vineyards, and the scent of grilled seafood lingers in the breeze. Here, golf takes a supporting—but compelling—role.

Just outside the city, Estela Golf Club hugs

the coast with true links character and raw Atlantic exposure. It's a course with nuance, built for players who enjoy shotmaking and strategy. Post-round, a glass of aged tawny in Porto's riverside wine cellars tastes especially earned.



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BEYOND THE FAIRWAY

Of course, what makes Portugal so seductive isn't just the golf—it's everything wrapped around it. The seafood is world-class, the wine vastly underrated, and the history layered into every cobblestone and cathedral. You can spend a morning on the course, an afternoon exploring a medieval village, and an evening listening to fado with a glass of vinho verde in hand.

This is golf travel for the curious, for those who want more than spa treatments and sea views. Portugal is for those who see golf as a gateway—not a destination. A reason to roam. A way to live richly.

And if you're lucky, a round that lingers long after the final putt drops.



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JAN 2 - 5, 2025	The Sentry	Kapalua, Maui, HI
JAN 9 - 12, 2025	Sony Open in Hawaii	Waialae CC, Honolulu, HI
JAN 16 - 19, 2025	The American Express	La Quinta, CA
JAN 22 - 25, 2025	Farmers Insurance Open	San Diego, CA
JAN 30 - FEB 2, 2025	AT&T Pebble Beach Pro-Am	Pebble Beach, CA
FEB 6 - 9, 2025	WM Phoenix Open	Scottsdale, AZ
FEB 13 - 16, 2025	The Genesis Invitational	Pacific Palisades, CA
FEB 20 - 23, 2025	Mexico Open at Vidanta World	Vallarta, México
FEB 27 - MAR 2, 2025	Cognizant Classic in The Palm Beaches	Palm Beach Gardens, FL
MAR 6 - 9, 2025	Arnold Palmer Invitational presented by Mastercard	Orlando, FL
MAR 6 - 9, 2025	Puerto Rico Open	Rio Grande, Puerto Rico
MAR 13 - 16, 2025	THE PLAYERS Championship	Ponte Vedra Beach, FL
MAR 20 - 23, 2025	Valspar Championship	Palm Harbor, FL
MAR 27 - 30, 2025	Texas Children's Houston Open	Houston, TX
APR 3 - 6, 2025	Valero Texas Open	San Antonio, TX
APR 10 - 13, 2025	Masters Tournament	Augusta, GA
APR 17 - 20, 2025	RBC Heritage	Hilton Head, SC
APR 17 - 20, 2025	Corales Puntacana Championship	Punta Cana, Dominican Republic
APR 24 - 27, 2025	Zurich Classic of New Orleans	Avondale, LA
MAY 1 - 4, 2025	THE CJ CUP Byron Nelson	McKinney, TX
MAY 8 - 11, 2025	Truist Championship	Philadelphia, PA
MAY 8 - 11, 2025	Myrtle Beach Classic	Myrtle Beach, SC
MAY 15 - 18, 2025	PGA Championship	Charlotte, NC
MAY 22 - 25, 2025	Charles Schwab Challenge	Fort Worth, TX
MAY 29 - JUN 1, 2025	the Memorial Tournament presented by Workday	Dublin, OH



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DATES	TOURNAMENT NAME	LOCATION
JUN 5 - 8, 2025	TRBC Canadian Open	Caledon, Ontario
JUN 12 - 15, 2025	U.S. Open	Oakmont, PA
JUN 19 - 22, 2025	Travelers Championship	Cromwell, CT
JUN 26 - 29, 2025	Rocket Mortgage Classic	Detroit, MI
JUL 3 - 6, 2025	John Deere Classic	Silvis, IL
JUL 10 - 13, 2025	Genesis Scottish Open	North Berwick, Scotland
JUL 10 - 13, 2025	ISCO Championship	Louisville, KY
JUL 17 - 20, 2025	The Open Championship	Portrush, NIR
JUL 17 - 20, 2025	Barracuda Championship	Truckee, CA
JUL 24 - 27, 2025	3M Open	Blaine, MN
JUL 31 - AUG 3, 2025	Wyndham Championship	Greensboro, NC

FedExCup Playoffs (3 events)

AUG 7 - 10, 2025	FedEx St. Jude Championship	Memphis, TN
AUG 14 - 17, 2025	BMW Championship	Owings Mills, MD
AUG 21 - 24, 2025	TOUR Championship	Atlanta, GA

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JAN 30-FEB 2	Hilton Grand Vacations Tournament of Champions	Orlando, Florida	\$2M
FEB 6-9	Founders Cup	Bradenton, Florida	\$2M
FEB 20-23	Honda LPGA Thailand	Pattaya, Thailand	\$1.7M
FEB 27-MAR 2	HSBC Women's World Championship	Singapore	\$2.4M
MARCH 6-9	Blue Bay LPGA	People's Republic of China	\$2.5M
MARCH 20-23	FIR HILLS SERI PAK Championship	Palos Verdes Estates, California	\$2M
MARCH 27-30	Ford Championship presented by Wild Horse Pass	Phoenix, Arizona	\$2.25M
APR 2-6	T-Mobile Match Play presented by MGM Rewards	Las Vegas, Nevada	\$2M
APR 17-20	JM Eagle LA Championship presented by Plastpro	Los Angeles, California	\$3.75M
APR 24-27	The Chevron Championship	The Woodlands, Texas	\$7.9M
MAY 1-4	Black Desert Championship	Ivins, Utah	\$3M
MAY 8-11	Mizuho Americas Open	Jersey City, New Jersey	\$3M
MAY 22-25	Riviera Maya Open	Cancun, Mexico	\$2.5M
MAY 29-JUN 1	U.S. Women's Open presented by Ally	Erin, Wisconsin	\$12M
JUN 6-8	ShopRite LPGA Classic presented by Acer	Galloway, New Jersey	\$1.75M
JUN 12-15	Meijer LPGA Classic for Simply Give	Belmont, Michigan	\$3M
JUN 19-22	KPMG Women's PGA Championship	Frisco, Texas	\$10.4M
JUN 26-29	Dow Championship	Midland, Michigan	\$3.3M



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DATES	TOURNAMENT NAME	LOCATION	PRIZE MONEY
JUL 10-13	Amundi Evian Championship	Evian-les-Bains, France	\$8M
JUL 24-27	ISPS Handa Women's Scottish Open	Ayrshire, Scotland	\$2M
JUL 31-AUG 3	AIG Women's Open	Wales, United Kingdom	\$9.5M
AUG 14-17	The Standard Portland Classic	Portland, Oregon	\$2M
AUG 21-24	CPKC Women's Open	Ontario, Canada	\$2.6M
AUG 28-31	FM Championship	Norton, Massachusetts	\$4.1M
SEP 11-14	Kroger Queen City Championship presented by P&G	Maineville, Ohio	\$2M
SEP 19-21	Walmart NW Arkansas Championship presented by P&G	Rogers, Arkansas	\$3M
OCT 1-4	LOTTE Championship presented by Hoakalei	Oahu, Hawaii	\$3M
OCT 9-12	Buick LPGA Shanghai	Shanghai, People's Rep. of China	\$2.2M
OCT 16-19	BMW Ladies Championship	People's Rep. of China	\$2.3M
OCT 23-26	Hanwha LIFEPLUS International Crown	Goyang, Republic of Korea	\$2M
OCT 30-NOV 2	Maybank Championship	Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia	\$3M
NOV 6-9	TOTO Japan Classic	Shiga, Japan	\$2.1M
NOV 13-16	The ANNIKA driven by Gainbridge at Pelican	Belleair, Florida	\$3.25M
NOV 20-23	CME Group Tour Championship	Naples, Florida	\$11M
DEC 12-14	Grant Thornton Invitational	Naples, Florida	\$2M

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FEB 6-8	Trophy Hassan II	Royal Golf Dar Es Salam Rabat, Morocco
FEB 14-16	Chubb Classic	Tiburon Golf Club Naples, Florida
MAR 7-9	Cologuard Classic	La Paloma Country Club Tucson, Arizona
MAR 21-23	Hoag Classic Newport Beach	Newport Beach CC Newport Beach, California
MAR 28-30	The Galleri Classic	Mission Hills Country Club Rancho Mirage, California
APR 4-6	James Hardie Pro-Football Hall of Fame Invitational	The Old Course at Broken Sound Boca Raton, Florida
APR 25-27	Mitsubishi Electric Classic	TPC Sugarloaf Duluth, Georgia
MAY 2-4	Insperity Invitational	The Woodlands CC The Woodlands, Texas
MAY 15-18	Regions Tradition	Greystone G&CC Birmingham, Alabama
MAY 22-25	Senior PGA Championship	Congressional Country Club Bethesda, Maryland
MAY 30-JUN 1	Principal Charity Classic	Wakonda Club Des Moines, Iowa
JUN 6-8	American Family Insurance Championship	TPC Wisconsin Madison, Wisconsin
JUN 19-22	Kaulig Companies Championship	Firestone CC Akron, Ohio
JUN 26-29	U.S Senior Open Championship	Broadmoor Golf Club Colorado Springs, Colorado
JUL 11-13	Dick's Open	En-Joie GC Endicott, New York
JUL 24-27	The Senior Open Championship	Sunningdale Golf Club Berkshire, England
AUG 8-10	Boeing Classic	The Club at Snoqualmie Ridge Snoqualmie, Washington
AUG 15-17	Rogers Charity Classic	Canyon Meadows G&CC Calgary, Alberta, Canada
AUG 22-24	The Ally Challenge	Warwick Hills G&CC Grand Blanc, Michigan
SEP 5-7	Ascension Charity Classic	Norwood Hills Country Club St. Louis, Missouri
SEP 12-14	Sanford International	Minnehaha Country Club Sioux Falls, South Dakota
SEP 19-21	PURE Insurance Championship	Pebble Beach Golf Links Pebble Beach, California
OCT 3-5	Constellation FURYK & FRIENDS	Timuquana Country Club Jacksonville, FloridaCary, N.C
OCT 10-12	SAS Championship	Prestonwood CC Cary, North Carolina
OCT 17-19	Dominion Energy Charity Classic	The Country Club of Virginia Richmond, Virginia
OCT 24-26	Simmons Bank Championship	Pleasant Valley Country Club Little Rock, Arkansas
NOV 13-16	Charles Schwab Cup Championship	Phoenix Country Club Phoenix, Arizona

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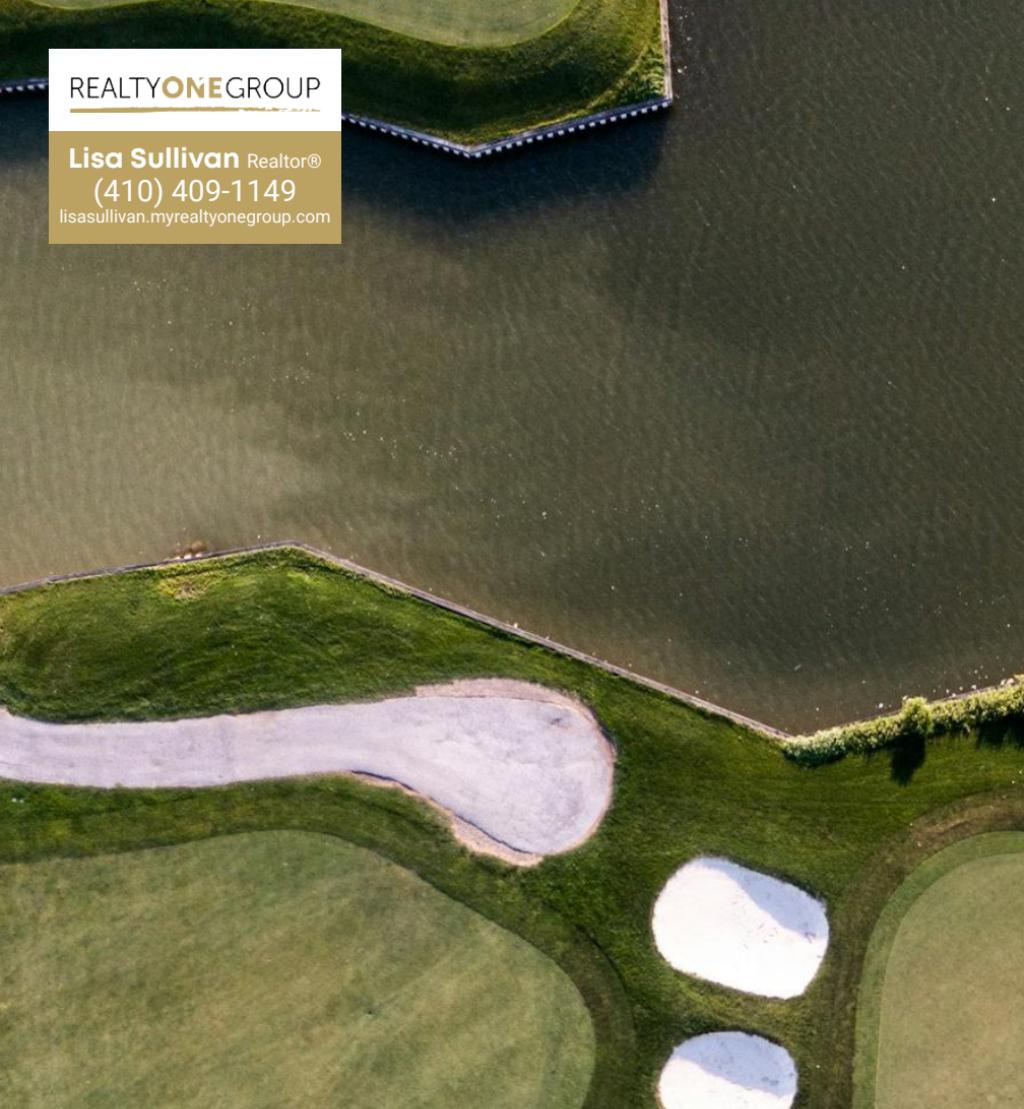
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THE PLAYERS CHAMPIONSHIP TURNS 51 THIS
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To celebrate the 50th playing of the event in 2024, we dug into the tournament's history to uncover fascinating facts. In honor of this year's event, here's one more—plus all the stats that help tell the story of The Players.



SECOND ROUND LEADERS	
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2	FRANK LICKLESEY -2
3	GARY MOGGLAND -2
4	MARC TURNER -1
5	SPENCER LEWIN -1

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TOTAL DIFFERENT WINNERS OF THE PLAYERS CHAMPIONSHIP.

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NUMBER OF BACK-TO-BACK CHAMPIONS—SCOTTIE SCHEFFLER MADE HISTORY IN 2024 BY DEFENDING HIS 2023 TITLE.

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BEST FINISH BY A DEFENDING CHAMP BEFORE SCHEFFLER

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NUMBER OF DEFENDING CHAMPIONS WHO MISSED THE CUT THE FOLLOWING YEAR

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MOST WINS BY ANY ONE PLAYER—JACK NICKLAUS.

07

PLAYERS WITH MULTIPLE WINS AT THE PLAYERS: NICKLAUS, ELKINGTON, SUTTON, COUPLES, LOVE III, WOODS, SCHEFFLER

32.26

AVERAGE AGE OF A PLAYERS CHAMPION.

\$50,000

PRIZE FOR THE INAUGURAL WINNER IN 1974 (JACK NICKLAUS).

\$250,000

TOTAL PURSE IN 1974.

\$4.5M

FIRST-PLACE PAYOUT IN 2025.

\$25M

TOTAL PURSE FOR THE 2025 CHAMPIONSHIP.

\$9,046,200

MOST CAREER EARNINGS AT THE PLAYERS – SCOTTIE SCHEFFLER

5,948,528.43

SECOND-MOST—SERGIO GARCIA (22 STARTS).

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MOST STARTS IN TOURNAMENT HISTORY—JAY HAAS AND DAVIS LOVE

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ROOKIES WHO HAVE WON THE PLAYERS.

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BEST FINISH BY A ROOKIE—DAVID LINGMERTH IN 2013.

TPC Sawgrass: The Iconic Venue

25.9

AVERAGE FAIRWAYS RANKING OF CHAMPIONS SINCE 1992.

13.47

AVERAGE GREENS-IN-REGULATION RANKING SINCE 1992.

11.94 under par

AVERAGE WINNING SCORE AT THE PLAYERS.



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The most rewarding things you do in life are often the ones that look like they cannot be done

Arnold Palmer





The Island Green: Hole 17

4.34

AVERAGE SCORE ON 18TH HOLE—TPC'S TOUGHEST.

3.116

AVERAGE SCORE ON 17TH–7TH TOUGHEST.

100'1"

LONGEST PUTT IN PLAYERS HISTORY—BEN CRANE (2007, HOLE 14).

More Historic Milestones

105 PLAYOFFS IN PLAYERS HISTORY (LAST IN 2015).

127 MOST BIRDIES IN A SINGLE TOURNAMENT—SAM RYDER (2024).

108 NUMBER OF MONDAY FINISHES.

124 NUMBER OF WEATHER-DELAYED TOURNAMENTS.

Still debatable as a "fifth major"? Maybe.

But one thing is clear: after 51 years, The Players Championship has built a legacy of its own—one thrilling moment, heart-pounding shot, and submerged golf ball at a time.



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Hit the shot
you know you
can hit, not
the one you
think you
should.

Bob Rotella



THE VILLAGES WHERE THE FAIRWAYS NEVER END

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In the middle of Central Florida, where the palm trees sway and the sun feels like it was designed specifically for your backswing, lies a retirement community unlike any other. It's not gated in the traditional sense, and it's certainly not sleepy. In fact, with over 50 golf courses, more than 2,900,000 rounds played last year, and golf carts serving as the primary mode of transportation, The Villages might just be the most golf-obsessed place in America.

Welcome to The Villages: a self-contained, 55+ wonderland often described as "Florida's Friendliest Hometown"—but in truth, it's more like a golf town with a retirement problem.

THE TOWN THAT BUILT GOLF



To understand The Villages is to understand how deeply golf is embedded in its DNA. There are 12 championship courses, 38 executive courses, and four practice facilities, making it the largest single golf community in the world—even bigger than China's Mission Hills.

That's 648 holes of golf, all accessible by cart, most within minutes of any front door. Membership to the championship tracks is lifetime and included with residency. Walking the executive courses? Free. And if you're good enough—or just lucky enough—you might be one of the six people each day who notch a hole-in-one (yes, that's the daily average).

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One local summed it up: “In The Villages, if you’re not playing golf, you’re talking about your last round—or heading out for your next.”

Life at 25MPH

The rest of life in The Villages unfolds at the same comfortable pace as its golf carts, which hum quietly along 90 miles of designated paths. It's not uncommon to see a foursome finishing up a morning round, heading straight to lunch at a country club patio, or pulling into a live music event at one of the three town squares—all in the same cart.

With over 2,500 clubs to choose from and nightly live music, residents are rarely bored. But golf is what ties it all together. Whether you're a scratch player, a new retiree finally taking the game seriously, or just in it for the scramble tournaments and camaraderie, there's a course—and a league—for you.

And the numbers back it up. Executive courses in The Villages see 3.5 times the national average in rounds played. Championship courses? Nearly double the national average. In short, this is a golfer's paradise dressed up as a retirement community.

More Than Just a Game

But what keeps people here isn't just the golf—it's what the game brings with it. Community. Routine. Challenge. A way to stay active and social. In The Villages, everyone has

a story about a favorite playing partner, a bucket-list round, or the scramble that got a little too competitive (in the best way).

Some have played their age. Some are chasing that elusive ace. Others are simply playing every day, because they finally can.

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And that might be the magic of The Villages. Yes, it's the largest golf community in the world. But it's also a place where golf is a common language—spoken fluently across generations of retirees, from all walks of life, who find themselves here not just to live out their golden years, but to fill them with birdies, banter, and the kind of joy that can't be manufactured.

Unless, of course, you build an entire town around it.

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