

12 local courses pick up accolades from Golfweek

Twelve local courses were recently honored by Golfweek Magazine in its America's Best Public-Access Courses which was released in March.

Golfweek listed the top courses by state.

Of the local courses honored in our area, five of them each came from Louisiana and Mississippi list, while one each came from the Alabama and Florida lists.

In Louisiana, The Bluffs Country Club and Resort in St. Francisville (designed by Arnold Palmer) was named the state's top facility followed by Carter Plantation in Springfield (designed by David Toms), TPC of Louisiana in Avondale (designed by Pete Dye), Gray Plantation (designed by Rocky Roquemore) in Lake Charles and The University Club in Baton Rouge, which was designed by Jim Lipe.

In Mississippi, Grand Bear Golf Club in Saucier (designed by Jack Nicklaus) took home top honors, followed by Dancing Rabbit Golf Club's Azalea Course in Philadelphia (designed by Tom Fazio and Jerry Pate), Shell Landing Golf Club in Gautier (designed by Davis Love III), Dancing Rabbit's Oaks Course (a Fazio/Pate design) and Canebrake Golf Club in Hattiesburg, which was designed by Pate.

On the Alabama list, Kiva Dunes in Gulf Shores, which was designed by Pate, was the second-best course in the state according to Golfweek, while Camp Creek in Panama City (designed by Fazio) was 10th on the Florida list.



No. 2 at The Bluffs Country Club and Resort



No. 9 at Grand Bear Golf Club

FACILITY CLOSURES

The following is a list of facilities that have been closed as a result of Hurricanes Katrina and Rita. If you have any updates on these facilities to pass along, please call (800) 643-4053. In addition, please log onto our website (www.teetogreenmagazine) for current updates on these facilities.

Aviation Oaks Golf Club (New Orleans)
Bartholomew Memorial Golf Course (New Orleans)
Bayou Oaks Golf Club (New Orleans)
Golf Club of New Orleans at Eastover (New Orleans)

Great Southern Golf Club (Gulfport, Miss.): Planning limited opening Spring 2006
Hidden Oaks Golf Club (Braithwaite, La.)
Lakewood Country Club (New Orleans)
Oak Harbor Golf Club (Slidell, La.): Planning to re-open Spring 2006
Pine Shadows Golf Club (Lake Charles, La.): Planning to re-open Spring 2006
Port Sulphur Golf Course (Port Sulphur, La.)
President Broadwater Golf Club (Biloxi, Miss.): Planning 2008 opening
Southwind Golf Club (Biloxi, Miss.)
The Oaks (Pass Christian, Miss.)
TPC of Louisiana (Avondale): Planning to re-open in Fall 2006
Tramark Golf Club (Gulfport, Miss.)

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seminars. The two seminars mentioned above will be the last chance for those clubs not having attended a seminar to meet this requirement prior to the deadline set forth by the USGA. The TMS seminars will be available to any LGA Member Club that participates in the LGA Handicap Network and will be free of charge. The USGA Handicap System Seminars are open to any Louisiana

facility. Cost for the Handicap System seminars are \$40 for LGA Member Clubs and \$80 for LGA non-member clubs.

See you next month.....Inside the Ropes!

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