

TOP 100 COURSES YOU CAN PLAY

11 new courses make our list of
America's best public-access tracks

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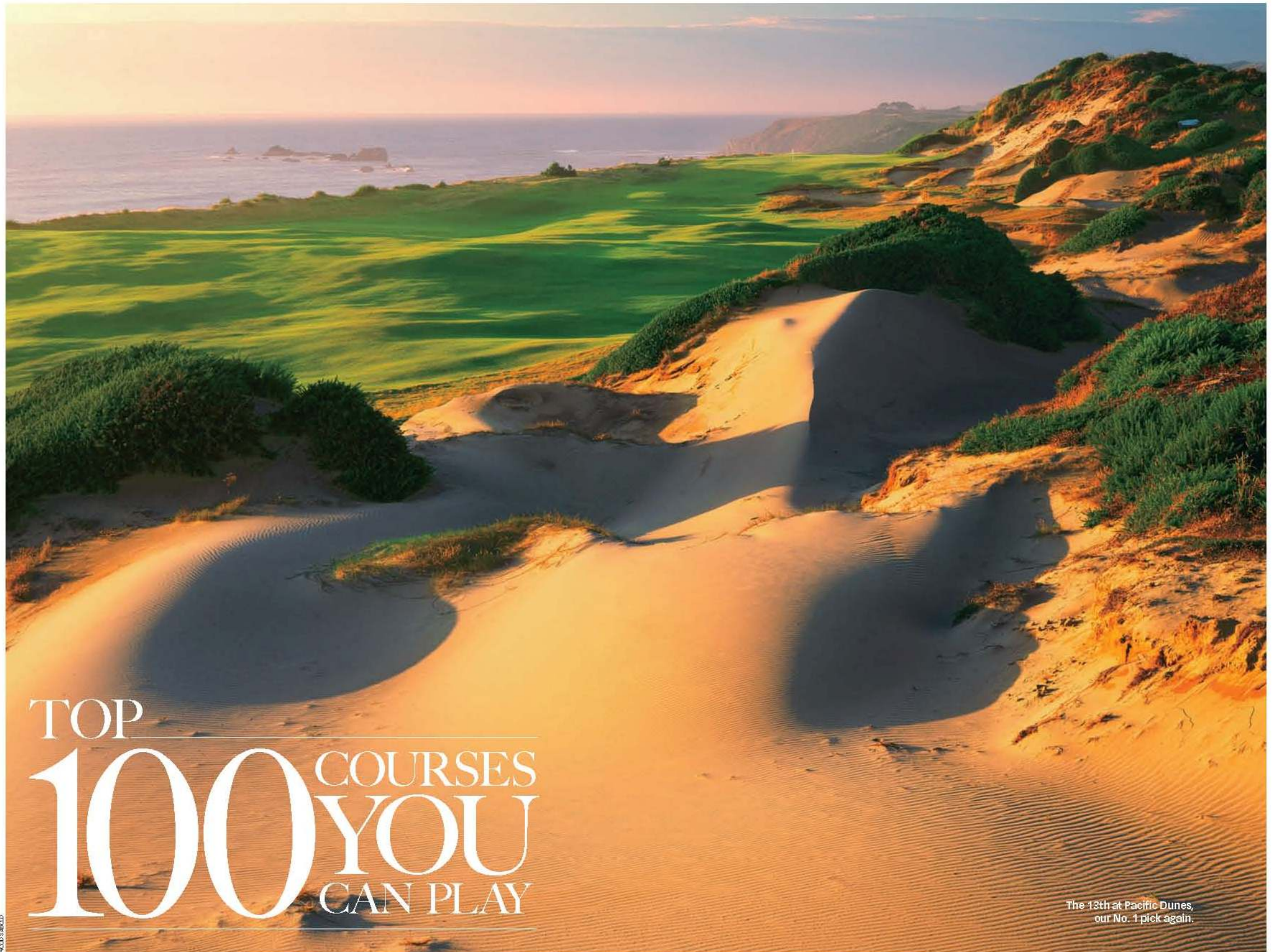
Golf course architect Robert Trent Jones Sr. used to say that all 400 of his designs belonged in any ranking of the Top 100 courses. His comment exhibited the pride of a master practitioner but was also a wry acknowledgment that there's never enough room on any ranking to give a nod to every deserving course. Undeterred, we enlisted our course-ranking panel, editorial staff and well-traveled course spies to select the 100 best courses worth spending your money on.

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America's best
public course?

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ANOTHER member of the Jones family—Robert Trent Jones II—makes the biggest splash this year. RTJ II's firm crafted the best new public course of the past five years, Chambers Bay, near Tacoma, Washington. This municipal layout on Puget Sound was our pick as the Best New Course You Can Play in 2007, and it's already been awarded the U.S. Open in 2015. Barely a year old, Chambers Bay is tops among 11 newcomers to the Top 100 You Can Play. At the other end of the age scale is Atlantic City Country Club, which opened in 1897. These two courses are far apart in history and architectural style, but they share one characteristic with the other 98 courses on this list: they are among the best public golf experiences your money can buy.



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The 13th at Pacific Dunes, our No. 1 pick again.

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Rank	Rank	Course Name	City	Designer	Green Fee	Website
08	06					
1	1	Pacific Dunes	Bandon, OR	Tom Doak (2001)	\$75-\$265	bandondunesgolf.com
2	2	Pebble Beach Golf Links	Pebble Beach, CA	Jack Neville/Douglas Grant (1919)	\$495-\$530	pebblebeach.com
3	4	Whistling Straits Golf Club (Straits)	Haven, WI	Pete Dye (1997)	\$230-\$290	destinationkohler.com
4	3	The Ocean Course at Kiawah Island	Kiawah Island, SC	Pete Dye (1991)	\$208-\$350	kiawahresort.com
5	6	Pinehurst Resort (No.2)	Pinehurst, NC	Donald Ross (1907)	\$339-\$410	pinehurst.com
6	5	Bandon Dunes	Bandon, OR	David McLay Kidd (1999)	\$75-\$265	bandondunesgolf.com
7	7	Bethpage State Park (Black)	Farmingdale, NY	A.W. Tillinghast (1936)	\$50-\$124	nysparks.com
8	NEW	Chambers Bay Golf Course	University Place, WA	Robert Trent Jones II (2007)	\$75-\$170	chambersbaygolf.com
9	9	Spyglass Hill Golf Course	Pebble Beach, CA	Robert Trent Jones Sr. (1966)	\$330-\$365	pebblebeach.com
10	11	TPC Sawgrass (Players Stadium)	Ponte Vedra Beach, FL	Pete Dye (1980)	\$275-\$375	tpc.com/sawgrass
11	12	Pasatiempo Golf Club	Santa Cruz, CA	Alister Mackenzie (1929)	\$200-\$230	pasatiempo.com
12	13	Blackwolf Run (River)	Kohler, WI	Pete Dye (1988)	\$154-\$248	destinationkohler.com
13	8	Shadow Creek	North Las Vegas, NV	Tom Fazio (1990)	\$500	shadowcreek.com
14	15	Harbour Town Golf Links	Hilton Head Island, SC	Pete Dye (1969)	\$165-\$295	seapines.com
15	10	Bandon Trails	Bandon, OR	Bill Coore/Ben Crenshaw (2005)	\$75-\$265	bandondunesgolf.com
16	16	Sea Island Golf Club (Seaside)	St. Simons Island, GA	Tom Fazio (1999)	\$250-\$325	seaisland.com
17	18	The Homestead (Cascades)	Hot Springs, VA	William Flynn (1923)	\$125-\$280	thehomestead.com
18	17	World Woods (Pine Barrens)	Brooksville, FL	Tom Fazio (1993)	\$30-\$145	worldwoods.com
19	14	Kapalua Resort (Plantation)	Kapalua, Maui, HI	Bill Coore/Ben Crenshaw (1991)	\$80-\$295	kapaluamaui.com
20	20	Princetonville Resort (Prince)	Princetonville, Kauai, HI	Robert Trent Jones II (1991)	\$55-\$200	princetonville.com
21	59	Troon North Golf Club (Pinnacle)	Scottsdale, AZ	Tom Weiskopf/Jay Morrish (1991)	\$45-\$295	troonnorthgolf.com
22	19	The Golf Club at Cuscowilla	Eatonton, GA	Bill Coore/Ben Crenshaw (1998)	\$35-\$135	cuscowilla.com
23	41	Torrey Pines Golf Course (South)	La Jolla, CA	William F. Bell/Rees Jones (1957/2001)	\$145-\$238	torreypinesgolfcourse.com
24	24	Red Sky Ranch Golf Club (Norman)	Wolcott, CO	Greg Norman (2003)	\$195-\$250	redskygolfclub.com
25	25	Caledonia Golf and Fish Club	Pawleys Island, SC	Milke Strantz (1994)	\$79-\$155	fishclub.com
26	27	Arcadia Bluffs Golf Club	Arcadia, MI	Rick Smith/Warren Henderson (1999)	\$75-\$180	arcadiabluffs.com
27	NEW	Erin Hills Golf Course	Erin, WI	Michael Hurdzan/Dana Fry/Ron Whitten (2006)	\$95-\$184	erinhills.com
28	30	Paa-Ko Ridge Golf Club	Sandia Park, NM	Ken Dye (2000)	\$47-\$99	paakoridge.com
29	NEW	Fallen Oak at Beau Rivage Resort	Biloxi, MS	Tom Fazio (2006)	\$200-\$300	fallenoak.com
30	26	Bulle Rock	Havre de Grace, MD	Pete Dye (1998)	\$110-\$150	bullerock.com
31	31	Bay Harbor Golf Club (Links/Quarry)	Bay Harbor, MI	Arthur Hills (1996)	\$79-\$199	bayharborgolf.com
32	32	Dancing Rabbit Golf Club (Azaleas)	Choctaw, MS	Tom Fazio/Jerry Pate (1997)	\$85-\$150	dancingrabbitgolf.com
33	34	Crosswater at Sunriver Resort	Sunriver, OR	Bob Cupp/John Fought (1995)	\$109-\$175	sunriver-resort.com
34	38	Trump National Golf Club Los Angeles	Rancho Palos Verdes, CA	Donald J. Trump (2005)	\$275-\$375	trumpnational.com
35	36	We-Ko-Pa Golf Club (Cholla)	Fort McDowell, AZ	Scott Miller (2001)	\$45-\$210	wekopa.com
36	35	Black Mesa Golf Club	La Mesilla, NM	Baxter Spann (2003)	\$35-\$82	blackmesagolfclub.com
37	29	PGA West (Stadium)	La Quinta, CA	Pete Dye (1986)	\$79-\$235	pgawest.com
38	37	Pumpkin Ridge Golf Club (Ghost Creek)	North Plains, OR	Bob Cupp (1992)	\$30-\$166	pumpkinridge.com
39	33	The Challenge at Manele	Lanai City, Lanai, HI	Jack Nicklaus (1993)	\$210-\$225	fourseasons.com
40	42	The Links at Spanish Bay	Pebble Beach, CA	Robert Trent Jones II (1987)	\$260-\$295	pebblebeach.com
41	28	Taconic Golf Club	Williamstown, MA	Wayne Stiles (1928)	\$30-\$145	taconicgolf.com
42	43	Reynolds Plantation (Great Waters)	Greensboro, GA	Jack Nicklaus (1992)	\$135-\$205	reynoldspanitation.com
43	45	Pine Needles Lodge & Golf Club	Southern Pines, NC	Donald Ross (1927)	\$95-\$235	pineneedles-midpines.com
44	NEW	We-Ko-Pa Golf Club (Saguaro)	Fort McDowell, AZ	Bill Coore/Ben Crenshaw (2006)	\$45-\$210	wekopa.com
45	21	Troon North Golf Club (Monument)	Scottsdale, AZ	Tom Weiskopf/Jay Morrish (1991)	\$45-\$295	troonnorthgolf.com
46	39	Cascata	Boulder City, NV	Rees Jones (2000)	\$350-\$550	golfcascata.com
47	46	Dunes Golf & Beach Club	Myrtle Beach, SC	Robert Trent Jones Sr. (1948)	\$95-\$200	thedunesclub.net
48	52	The Greenbrier (Greenbrier)	White Sulphur Springs, WV	Seth Raynor/Jack Nicklaus (1924/1977)	\$130-\$195	greenbrier.com
49	55	The Harvester Golf Club	Rhodes, IA	Keith Foster (2000)	\$64-\$89	harvestergolf.com
50	56	The Quarry at Giants Ridge	Biwabik, MN	Jeff Brauer (2003)	\$28-\$89	giantsridge.com
51	58	Wolf Creek Golf Club	Mesquite, NV	Dennis Rider (2000)	\$85-\$195	golfwolfcreek.com
52	53	May River Golf Club at Palmetto Bluff	Bluffton, SC	Jack Nicklaus (2004)	\$175-\$260	palmettobluffresort.com
53	40	Linville Golf Club	Linville, NC	Donald Ross (1924)	\$57.50-\$115	eseola.com
54	44	Arnold Palmer's Bay Hill Club (Champ.)	Orlando, FL	Dick Wilson (1961)	\$110-\$225	bayhill.com
55	48	Golden Horseshoe Golf Club (Gold)	Williamsburg, VA	Robert Trent Jones Sr. (1963)	\$79-\$165	goldenhorseshoegolf.com
56	49	Wynn Las Vegas	Las Vegas, NV	Tom Fazio (2005)	\$500	wynnlasvegas.com
57	47	Longaberger Golf Club	Nashport, OH	Arthur Hills (1999)	\$50-\$99	longabergergolfclub.com
58	60	Reynolds Plantation (Oconee)	Greensboro, GA	Rees Jones (2001)	\$155-\$260	reynoldspanitation.com
59	51	Karsten Creek Golf Club	Stillwater, OK	Tom Fazio (1994)	\$175-\$300	karstencreek.net
60	50	Wild Horse Golf Club	Gothenburg, NE	Dan Proctor/Dave Axland (1999)	\$33-\$51	playwildhorse.com
61	61	Atunyote at Turning Stone Resort	Verona, NY	Tom Fazio (2004)	\$225-\$275	turning-stone.com
62	NEW	The Highland G.C. at Primland Resort	Meadows of Dan, VA	Donald Steel (2006)	\$200	primland.com
63	64	Shenandoah at Turning Stone Resort	Verona, NY	Rick Smith (2000)	\$90-\$150	turning-stone.com
64	54	Reflection Bay at Lake Las Vegas	Henderson, NV	Jack Nicklaus (1998)	\$85-\$295	lakeLasvegas.com
65	66	CordeValle	San Martin, CA	Robert Trent Jones II (1999)	\$380	cordevalle.com
66	62	Hawktree Golf Club	Bismarck, ND	Jim Engh (2000)	\$65-\$82	hawktree.com
67	69	Barton Creek Resort (Fazio Canyons)	Austin, TX	Tom Fazio (2000)	\$45-\$250	bartoncreek.com
68	75	Whistling Straits Golf Club (Irish)	Haven, WI	Pete Dye (2000)	\$109-\$183	destinationkohler.com
69	57	Coeur d'Alene Resort	Coeur d'Alene, ID	Scott Miller (1991)	\$200-\$270	cdaresort.com
70	71	La Quinta Resort (Mountain)	La Quinta, CA	Pete Dye (1980)	\$79-\$179	laquintaresort.com
71	68	Barton Creek Resort (Fazio Foothills)	Austin, TX	Tom Fazio (1986)	\$45-\$250	bartoncreek.com
72	65	The Glen Club	Glenview, IL	Tom Fazio (2001)	\$75-\$175	theglenclub.com
73	70	Grand National Golf Club (Lake)	Opelika, AL	Robert Trent Jones Sr. (1992)	\$43-\$79	rtgolf.com
74	78	Ginn Hammock Beach Resort (Ocean)	Palm Coast, FL	Jack Nicklaus (2000)	\$82-\$159	hammockbeach.com
75	80	Lakota Canyon Ranch Golf Club	New Castle, CO	Jim Engh (2004)	\$75-\$95	lakotacanyonranch.com
76	74	Branson Creek Golf Club	Hollister, MO	Tom Fazio (2000)	\$48-\$99	bransoncreekgolf.com
77	77	Belgrade Lakes Golf Club	Belgrade Lakes, ME	Clive Clark (1998)	\$60-\$140	belgradelakesgolf.com



The closing hole at We-Ko-Pa's Saguaro Course, which debuts at No. 44.

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78	73	Weaver Ridge Golf Club	Peoria, IL	Michael Hurdzan/Dana Fry (1997)	\$49-\$93	weaveridge.com
79	NEW	Osprey Meadows at Tamarack Resort	Tamarack, ID	Robert Trent Jones II (2006)	\$75-\$129	tamarackidaho.com
80	81	The Broadmoor (East)	Colorado Springs, CO	Donald Ross/Robert Trent Jones Sr. (1918/1965)	\$100-\$225	broadmoor.com
81	76	Deacon's Lodge at Grand View Lodge	Nisswa, MN	Arnold Palmer (1999)	\$50-\$109	grandviewlodge.com
82	63	The General at Eagle Ridge Resort	Galena, IL	Roger Packard/Andy North (1997)	\$85-\$155	eagleridge.com
83	83	Rustic Canyon Golf Course	Moorpark, CA	G. Hanse/J. Wagner/G. Shackelford (2001)	\$37-\$72	rusticcanyongolfcourse.com
84	88	Innisbrook Resort (Copperhead)	Palm Harbor, FL	Lawrence Packard/Roger Packard (1972)	\$150-\$240	innisbrookgolfresort.com
85	97	Lake of Isles (North)	North Stonington, CT	Rees Jones (2005)	\$115-\$195	lakeofisles.com
86	95	Barefoot Resort (Love)	North Myrtle Beach, SC	Davis Love III (2000)	\$100-\$155	barefootgolf.com
87	87	Grayhawk Golf Club (Talon)	Scottsdale, AZ	David Graham/Gary Panks (1994)	\$50-\$225	grayhawkgolf.com
88	NEW	Sunday River	Newry, ME	Robert Trent Jones II (2005)	\$80-\$120	sundayriver.com
89	79	The Links at Lighthouse Sound	Bishopville, MD	Arthur Hills (2000)	\$59-\$179	lighthouseound.com
90	89	The Boulders Club (South)	Carefree, AZ	Jay Morrish (1984)	\$75-\$285	bouldersclub.com
91	93	Beechtree Golf Club	Aberdeen, MD	Tom Doak (1998)	\$70-\$95	beechtreegolf.com
92	90	Grand Bear Golf Course	Saucier, MS	Jack Nicklaus (1999)	\$65-\$99	golfgrandbear.com
93	NEW	Circling Raven Golf Club	Worley, ID	Gene Bates (2003)	\$40-\$95	cdacasino.com
94	99	Pinehurst Resort (No. 8)	Pinehurst, NC	Tom Fazio (1996)	\$265	pinehurst.com
95	96	St. Ives Resort (Tullymore)	Stanwood, MI	Jim Engh (2002)	\$65-\$125	stivesgolf.com
96	NEW	The Golf Club at Redlands Mesa	Grand Junction, CO	Jim Engh (2001)	\$59-\$100	redlandsmesa.com
97	72	Pinehills Golf Club (Nicklaus)	Plymouth, MA	Nicklaus Design (2002)	\$65-\$110	pinehillsgolf.com
98	98	Doral Resort (Blue Monster)	Miami, FL	Dick Wilson (1961)	\$210-\$325	doralresort.com
99	NEW	Atlantic City Country Club	Northfield, NJ	Reid Park Jr./Flynn/Doek (1897/1923/1999)	\$65-\$225	acountryclub.com
100	NEW	Tidewater Golf Club & Plantation	North Myrtle Beach, SC	Ken Tomlinson (1990)	\$109-\$209	tidewatergolf.com