

Hidden Valley adds women's golf clinics

Gaylord, Michigan—

Women are really enjoying the sport of golf. Eight-hundred thousand women were new golfers on the links last year. This figure represents 40 percent of 2 million new golfers in 1992. The growing interest in ladies golf is an exciting trend in the golf industry.

Golf destinations like Hidden Valley Resort in Gaylord, Michigan, are aware of this new trend. The resort is located in the heart of the "Gaylord Golf Mecca" and offers 18 holes of

championship caliber golf on The Classic, an ideal course for women.

Designed by course architect William H. Diddel and host to the 75th Women's State Amateur in 1991, The Classic has proven to be a fair test. It is carved from the beauty of Northern Michigan (bring a camera!) and has a distance of 5591 yards from the red tees. The impeccable greens have been noted as the best in Michigan and the hazards are designed so that the ladies may play around them, making the course less

demanding for the average golfer.

In May, Hidden Valley Resort welcomed PGA Apprentice Judy Mason on board as assistance golf professional. "I enjoy the game of golf," Judy says. She adds that she hopes to do a lot of teaching this season because she has fun making the game more enjoyable for others.

Judy recently completed a Ladies Clinic at Hidden Valley along with assistant golf professional, Todd Nannenburg and head golf professional, Mark Hill. The clinic format includes fundamentals of a golf swing, rules and etiquette of golf and

short game instruction. A second clinic is scheduled for June 29, 30 and July 1. Advance registration is recommended.

Private or group lessons and golf outings can also be arranged anytime throughout the season on The Classic, where ladies are always welcome.

Please call 800-752-5510 or 517-732-GOLF for more information.

Hidden Valley Resort, home of the Otsego Ski Club, is a four season resort and conference center overlooking the Sturgeon River Valley, in Gaylord, Michigan.

Harbor Springs course features dramatic views

Harbor Springs, Michigan—

Excellent design and breathtaking vistas make Little Traverse Bay Golf Club a rewarding golfing experience.

Starting with the first tee, with its 35-mile view of Little Traverse Bay, golfers are continuously treated to nature's grandeur. The course winds through the picturesque northern Michigan countryside and provides lake views on 12 holes.

Designed in the tradition of Donald Ross and Dr. Alister MacKenzie, the course at Little Traverse Bay Golf Club complements the natural terrain of hills and valleys, and is framed by mature stands of hardwoods and pines.

Bentgrass tees, greens and fairways provide one of the best playing surfaces in the area. Wind factors, terrain undulation and green locations require golfers to demonstrate accuracy and skill.

The four tee complexes were designed with the assistance of PGA and LPGA professionals. This variety allows golfers a challenging day on the course and provides each individual a fair test.

The public clubhouse facility, open throughout the year, presents visiting golfers and dining guests with a private country club atmosphere. The panoramic seasonal views and the elegant, yet casual, dining are a



BAY WATCH— Golfers at Little Traverse Bay Golf Club are treated to a 35-mile panoramic view of Lake Michigan.

perfect signature to a day on the course.

The Little Traverse Bay Golf Club Restaurant, open year round, presents a spectacular dining experience. Nestled high above Little Traverse Bay, the restaurant provides magnificent views of the bay and close proximity to the finest inns and hotels in the area. It is just minutes from Harbor Springs' two ski resorts.

For tee time reservations, call 616-526-6200. For dining reservations, call 616-526-7800.

Thoroughbred reins in pro

Rothbury, Michigan—

Thoroughbred Golf Club at Double JJ Resort has announced the selection of Jeff Howland as its PGA Head Professional. The Thoroughbred, a 6,900 yard championship layout designed by noted architect Arthur Hills, is poised to make a spectacular debut this month.

Howland brings 17 years of professional experience to the Thoroughbred, the past six years as the head professional at The Highlands, home of the Grand Rapids Senior Tour stop.

Howland is a native of West Michigan and a 1971 graduate of

Muskegon High School. After earning a degree from Michigan State University and attending graduate school at the University of Arizona, Howland began his golf career at Rio Rico, a resort in Southern Arizona. He has also held positions at Riverside Country Club, Grand Haven Golf Club, and Lapeer Country Club, where he was head professional.

In addition to this summer's opening of the Thoroughbred Golf Club, the Double JJ will be expanding its equestrian center with professional boarding, training, instruction and weekly rodeos in a new outdoor arena.

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