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# 2024 Midwest Golfing Magazine's 19th Annual Editor's Choice Awards

*Rewarding Excellence in the Game of Golf*

By Glen Turk and the Staff of Midwest Golfing Magazine



## 1.) Finest On-Course Amenity – A Portable Massage Center at Blackwolf Run, Kohler, Wisconsin

We've heard of a course being a back breaker, so I guess it's only fitting that a property built around relaxation and hospitality offers this amazing service. Our very own Matt Tevsh blistered a 270-yard drive on the opening hole after his "adjustment" on the driving range.



## Honorable Mention – The Stretching Center at Sand Valley Golf Resort

If you can't post a Massage Therapist on the driving range, then this is the next best option just off the first tee at Sand Valley's original course. Complete with Orange Whips and stretching bands, you have no excuse not to send your opening tee shot deep.



## 2.) The Eagle Has Landed – Part 1 – Deb Patton at Ironwood in Sussex, Wisconsin

Deb Patton not only had the skill to hit her drive from 196 yards to seven feet, but also the calm to bury the eagle putt. It was Deb's 2nd eagle in less than 9 months and her fourth overall!



## 3.) The Eagle(s) Have Landed – Part 2 – Glen Turk Doing the Unthinkable in Back-to-Back Rounds in Northern Michigan

So much for being a consistent spray hitter like Glen's Turk's Takes subtitle says. In mid-July, Glen holed out for



eagle from 124 yards on the par-5 18th on the Arthur Hills course at The Highlands (BOYNE Golf), and then validated it the next day by holing out from 95 yards for another three on the par-5 17th at St. Ives in Stanwood, Michigan. Rumor has it he's moving to the Mitten for good!

## 4.) Finest Media Day – The Opening of Sedge Valley at Sand Valley Golf Resort, Rome, Wisconsin

Our ability to play the par-68, sub-6,000-yard Tom Doak masterpiece before it opened to the public was a memory that will last a lifetime. Everything The Keiser Family touches turns to gold, and Sedge Valley is no different.



## Honorable Mention – TPC Wisconsin, Madison, Wisconsin

Steve Stricker, who puts the "Pro" in Professional, could not have been nicer to our media group as we had the chance to experience his first design. The property will be the host of next year's American Family Championship.



## 5.) Best Pro-Am of the Year (Tie) Puerto Rico Open on the PGA TOUR and Island Resort Championship on the Epson Tour.

The opportunity to play with golfers who are amazing players and people was a real treat for our staff in 2024. MGM not only got to play 9 holes each with Justin Suh and Robert McIntyre in Puerto Rico, but also a full 18 with Emma Talley in Michigan's Upper Peninsula.





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The fact our media team won the latter with a score of 17-under was icing on the cake!

6.) Prettiest Par-3 in The Midwest – 16th Hole at SentryWorld, Stevens Point, Wisconsin

If a picture is worth a thousand words, then this one is worth the Magna Carta. Or as designer Robert Trent Jones Jr. stated, (it's) “very possibly my Mona Lisa.”



7.) Coolest Short Par-4 – 9th Hole at St. Ives, Stanwood Michigan

Standing on the tee you see nothing but beauty... and trouble. Every course in the Midwest should have a drivable, risk/reward par-4 on its dance card!



8.) Most Stunning Par-5 – 13th Hole on The Arthur Hills course, Harbor Springs, Michigan

This view never gets old, as double-digit hangtimes await players who tackle one of the most memorable par-5s in the Midwest.



BOYNE Golf is blessed to have WOW factor holes on each of their 10 courses in Northern Michigan.

9.) Best Way to Improve Your Game – Sign up for a Couples Golf Academy at BOYNE Golf

Joe Charles (pictured here) and his outstanding staff have created the perfect two-day couple's golf academy at Boyne Highlands.



MGM found out firsthand that couples will improve their game through video analysis, drills, on-course playing lessons, and unlimited golf after your Saturday and Sunday sessions. Visit [www.boynegolf.com/golf-academy/couples-golf-school](http://www.boynegolf.com/golf-academy/couples-golf-school)

10.) That Christmas Morning Moment – When you see Midwest Golfing Magazine Being Prominently Displayed at One of Your Favorite Courses

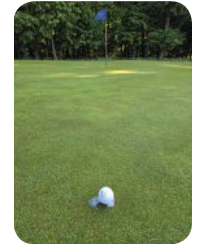
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all the fine folks around the Midwest that distribute our work!

11.) Craziest Moment on the Course – Greywalls GC, Marquette, Michigan

Glen Turk's perfectly struck gap wedge was heading right for the hole, when it got stuck in a dot of foam used to protect the putting surface. Instead of a tap-in birdie, Glen was left with a downhill slider he three-putted. Ouch!



12.) Best On Course Food – Trappers Turn, Wisconsin Dells, Wisconsin

Are you kidding me? After devouring this post-round spread, I wondered why I am not the Editor of Midwest Culinary Magazine. Oh, the perks, but oh the pounds as well!



13.) Best Place to Spend Your 50th Birthday – The Golf Courses of Lawsonia, Green Lake, Wisconsin

A special shout-out to Lawsonia's entire first-class staff for making this a day I will never forget. The Links Course never looked better thanks to a perfect day and newly renovated bunkers.



14.) A Course We Could Play 10 Times Per Year – The Club at Lac La Belle, Oconomowoc, Wisconsin

Is it any wonder that *Golf Digest* recently named the course the 6th Most Fun Course in the Nation? Our advice, get there early and stay late as their clubhouse is a museum and their putting green is ultra-cool.



15.) Best Way of Making a Difficult Hole a Little Easier – The Bull at Pinehurst Farms, Sheboygan Falls, Wisconsin

The 18th hole at Jack Nicklaus' only Wisconsin Signature Design now features a bail out area short and right of the putting surface that will allow players to not only find, but likely play their chip shots.





16.) Most Incredible VIP Experience – Bunker Hill Farms in Illinois

Illinois' Best Keep Golf Secret is now available for golf groups and corporate retreats with all proceeds going to local charities. For a glimpse of the par-72, 6,709-yard championship layout with only eight greens, head to [www.bhfarms.com](http://www.bhfarms.com).

17.) A Photo That Says It All – Jack Shoger at Abbey Springs in Fontana, Wisconsin

Even though Jack is sitting down in this photo, he is showing no signs of slowing down. Amazingly, Jack is in his 42nd year at Abbey Springs, a true



testament to his work ethic and personality!

18.) Rules to Live by For Every Round – Hermitage Course, Nashville, Tennessee

The top public facility in Tennessee is also home to “Pro Shop, this is Chris” – a must follow on Instagram @hermitagegolf



19.) A Cool Machine with an Even Cooler Name – Funicular Elevator at El Conquistador Resort in Puerto Rico.

“Funicular” means angled elevator and is the coolest way to travel at the premium resort.



20.) If Only All These Were in Our Office – Swag Putter Cover Wall of Fame

Swag Golf will be moving into a larger location – we can't wait to see what their new display looks like! Stay tuned for a profile on a bold company that specializes in cool golf life style accessories, putters, and wedges in our 2025 Golf Show Issue.



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21.) Iron Set of The Year – Wilson's DynaPower Forged Irons

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22.) A Near Ace for Dario Melendez at Dismal River

Our Director of Photography, Paul Seifert, took WISN Channel 12 Sports Director on a trip to Nebraska with him and he almost came back with his first ace!



23.) Golf Ecstasy Expressed in a Photo Brian Weis Finally Gets His Ace!

After a career of near misses and even a hole-in-three, the GolfTrips.com Publisher joined the exclusive club this August at of all places, Milwaukee Country Club. A 7-iron from 167 yards went in like a putt and got Brian off the schneid.

