Jake Reeves

'Love' connection quite a golfing influence as FDCC chief instructor

Chuck Cavalaris Contributor

As far as dissecting the golf swing is concerned, it would be easy to think Jake Reeves has superhuman powers.

It's almost as if the director of instruction at Fox Den Country Club is blessed with freeze-frame vision.

But that's just Jake.

Reeves, 48, was the 2016 Tennessee PGA Teacher of the Year and has been the Knoxville chapter's honoree three times since 2014.

He grew up in Americus, Georgia., and spent summers at Sea Island, Georgia. Jake had the good fortune to be good friends with Davis Love III and his brother, Mark. Everyone benefited from instruction by the legendary Davis Love Jr. and Jimmy Hodges.

Reeves, who is the cousin of former NFL player and coach Dan Reeves, has another cousin, Chan, who also was part of those glorious summers at Sea Island. Chan is now the director of instruction at Atlanta Athletic Club. His parents own a house in Sea Palms, just down from Sea Island.

"There's no way a kid like me with a strong grip

big-time and hook could have a better summer vacation," Reeves said. "We were usually at the golf course from 8 in the morning until 8 at night.



"We played golf and ate golf. We used to pound golf balls on the range from early in the morning until a little before noon. We ate a ton of hot dogs and drank a bunch of Cokes. I remember thinking one day, 'I own this deal.' It was beyond great to be able to do that as a kid from when I was about 13 until I turned 18."

Although Reeves was an all-region point guard in high school and continued the family tradition as a standout running back, he knew his meal ticket in life was golf. Much to the chagrin of many, he gave up football before his

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Malnati to be FDCC rep on PGA Tour

Chuck Cavalaris Contributor

Former Knoxville Open champion Peter Malnati has agreed to represent Fox Den Country Club on the PGA Tour.

Fox Den general manager Ryan Ott confirmed the verbal agreement and Malnati said he hopes to make it official in writing this month.

"Peter is literally one of the nicest guys in the world that you will ever meet," Ott said. "I do not



Malnati's Malnati trademark

floppy hat and name have been popping up on the leaderboards this season. His best finish was

tied for 9th with partner Billy Hurley in the Zurich Classic of New Orleans team event. Players were asked to select a walk-up song for their introduction, and Peter picked, "If You're Happy and You Know It."

How cool is that? Seriously ... "That's exactly who Peter is," Ott said, laughing. "He is one very happy person. He also is a former winner here and he's been playing some fantastic golf this year."

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Low scoring OPEN?

Despite rain, Fox Dex could be a 'firm, fast' course reducing scores: Ackerman

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Though many Web.com Knoxville Open champions have conquered the Fox Den Country Club course with scores of 20-under par or lower during the past 20 years, moving up the Knoxville Open to May from August in 2018 made surface conditions much more firm — and tougher.

And despite an extremely wet winter and spring in the Farragut area, FDCC head golf professional Danny Ackerman said all 18 FDCC greens were "extremely firm and fast. They drain well.

"It's probably one of firmist (conditions) I've ever seen the golf course," he added, comparing his six years at FDCC, about the par 72 course, which will be played at roughly 5,110 yards.

"Right now it's playing firmer than last year's (Knoxville Open)."

First-round play begins this morning, Thursday, May 16. Second and third rounds begin Friday and Saturday morning, May 17-18. Final round is scheduled to begin late Sunday morning, May 19.

If course conditions play as firm as Ackerman reported them

to be just a few day before play begins at Fox Den Thursday morning, "I would think (the winning score) would be in the middle teens, that would be my guess," he said.

Though August can be extremely hot and dry in the Farragut area, "we put a lot more water" on the greens in August "because we have to due to the heat," Ackerman said about keeping them softer and less slick, improving the overall putting and therefore player scores.

But in May, those same greens are still developing their roots — "letting them grow down" — and can't handle the same amount of water as August, Ackerman said.

With firmer fairways, "you're going to have a lot of runout" off the tee, "balls running into the trees ... you've got to play it a little smarter," he said. "It's not just bombs away, you know."

However, Ackerman said Web. com player feedback was "mostly positive" about the FDCC course in May, with one player pointing out softer courses favor "the big ball strikers who hit the ball a long way."

But for all Web.com players on a firm course, "you have to be a little more strategic."

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Celebrating 20 years "on the dot" as Director of Instruction at Fairways and Greens Golf Center in West Knox County, Walt Chapman of Farragut has found a different avenue toward golfing success: making novice and everyday golfers better including women.

A college golfer at the University of Tennessee who has played in two PGA majors and one U.S.

Open — who most recently was elected into the Greater Knoxville Sports Hall of Fame — Chapman, 57, wants to encourage women who may be considering golf as a new recreational hobby.

Some may back out before giving it a try, however, while other women can get frustrated early on when taking lessons because "golf can be intimidating sometimes" to both genders, Chapman said.

However, "I think women take a little more long-term approach, show a little more patience," he added. "... Us men sometimes don't have that."

A major first step "is getting started correctly with lessons," Chapman said, "because so many women start with their husbands giving them tips — and that generally doesn't work real well unless their husband really knows what's going on." As an alternative to individual lessons, at least

to feel out the game, "a big thing women can get $% \left({{{\left[{{{a_{a}}} \right]}_{i}}}_{i}} \right)$



Getting women on par'

Chapman

involved with are clinics," Chapman said. "Also, the women's organization here in Knoxville, the LPGA Amateur (Golf Association, Greater Knoxville Chapter, formerly known as Executive Women's Golf Association) ... they have events and clinics.

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"That gives them an opportunity to play with other women, to get more comfortable with golf," he added. "... And it kind of takes that fear factor out."

For more information, e-mail <u>president@lpgaa-</u> <u>mateursknoxville.com</u> or call 865-675-1333.

As for specifics, Chapman tries to help women who struggle with distance on their tee and fairway shots.

"A lot of times women won't have the clubhead speed of some men, but I do have women who do swing faster than men," he said.

Women often "hit all their clubs the same distance because they don't have the clubhead speed to get the ball up in the air," Chapman added.

As a result, "That's one thing that frustrates them tremendously about golf," he said. "So I try to train them how to swing the club faster so their clubs will (allow the ball) to get up in the air and go a little further."

However, "I do have some men who have that same issue," Chapman added.

To receive one-on-one instruction from Chapman or Jill Peeler, PGA teaching professional at Fairways & Greens (626 Simmons Road) or for information about beginner or other clinics, call 865-777-4653 or visit www.fairwaysandgreens.com

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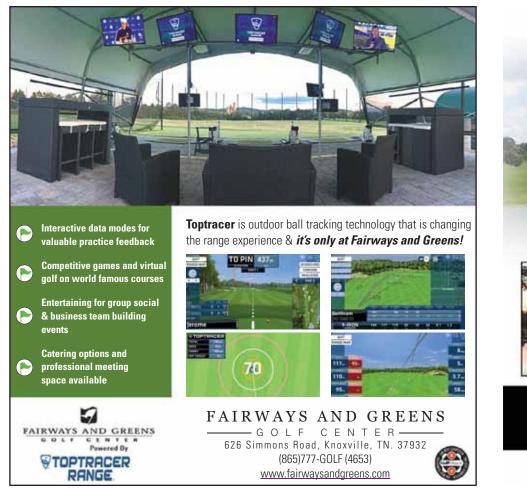
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Stephan Jaeger of Chattanooga holds the Jim Wakefield Memorial crystal cup after winning 29th Annual Knoxville Open (16-under par, 268) by three strokes after four days and 72 holes Sunday afternoon, May 13, 2018, at Fox Den Country Club.





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Basic 411 info for Knoxville Open

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Before following the Web.com Tour field, hole-to-hole, at the 2019 Knoxville Open at Fox Den Country Club during the next four days, follow one "piece" of advise:

Don't plan to "bag a lot" upon leaving home.

Tournament officials are banning all types of backpacks and containers — including clear ones — larger than "6- (inch long) -by 6- (inch wide) -by 6 (inch tall)," said Stan Norris, assistant tournament director for this Web.com Tour stop — the 30th in Knox County and 21st consecutive at Fox Den — Thursday through Sunday, May 16-19.

While one of only four surviving charter members on the PGA's "minor league" tour stops, created in 1990 as the "Ben Hogan Tour," the 30th Knoxville Open will feature other restrictions.

Those include banning "purses and seat cushions," Norris said. "Folding chairs are allowed, but the bag is not."

Exceptions are diaper bags and "medically necessary bags," he added.

While security officials will be checking for banned containers at the spectator parking area — the old Kroger parking lot, 11238 Kingston Pike, across from the Lendon Welch Way entrance to Farragut High School — "we'll have a magnetometer at the parking lot ... like security at an airport," Norris added about the Web.com Tour-required security checkpoint, prior to spectators entering the shuttle buses.

Shuttles

Shuttle cost is \$5 per spectator, to and from the course each day, which will go to Knoxville Kerbella Shriners.

Buses will run roughly one hour before opening round tee-offs each day, and roughly one hour following each day's final round, Norris said.

Handicapped shuttles

For those spectators who have handicaps preventing them from either boarding and/ or riding the bus, Norris said to ask a security person on site, "and we can have them be dropped off at the front gate."

Tickets

Excluding shuttles, general admission ticket prices remain the same as recent years: \$25 for the entire four rounds, or \$10 per round.

General admission tickets, plus either of two special-perk packages that include admission, can be purchased at the gate or online at kopengolf.com/.

"All tickets will be available for pick up

at will call at the front gate. All sales are final and there are no refunds or returns," the website stated.

Special spectator perks

Copper Cellar 19th Hole features access to the indoor/outdoor hospitality suite adjacent to the 18th green, and includes all-you-can eat buffet from Copper Cellar Catering. Lunch runs from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. Heavy hors d'oeuvres are served from 3 p.m. until conclusion of play. Beverages are beer, wine, mixed drinks and soft drinks. Cost is \$140 per day.

16th Hole Hospitality Suite features an all-you-can eat buffet adjacent to the par 3, 215-yard hole. Buffet includes wings, hot dogs, chicken fingers, cole slaw, potato chips, cookies, beer and soft drinks. Cost is \$80 per day.

For more information, call 931-698-5740 or stannorris@pgatourhq.com/.

Security/emergencies

While Knox County Sheriff's Office will provide course security according to Norris, and Rural/Metro will provide first aid and emergency health assistance, the assistant director spelled out whom first to contact in case of an emergency along the course.

With event volunteers all around each hole wearing "a Knoxville Open-logoed

shirt with a Food City logo on the sleeve," he said, "go to a volunteer, they will have a radio" to contact Rural/Metro for a health issue — or KCSO in case of any threatening disturbance.

Autographs?

For spectators wishing to get a Web.com player's autograph, wait until "after their rounds," Norris said. "Don't try to get them while their playing" or between holes. **Purse**

Unchanged in recent years, Knoxville Open purse is \$550,000, with \$99,000 and the familiar Jim Wakefield Memorial crystal cup going to the winner — among a field of 158 — during the 18th-green championship ceremony Sunday evening.

"I do figure us to have a good field because we're opposite the PGA Championship," Norris said.

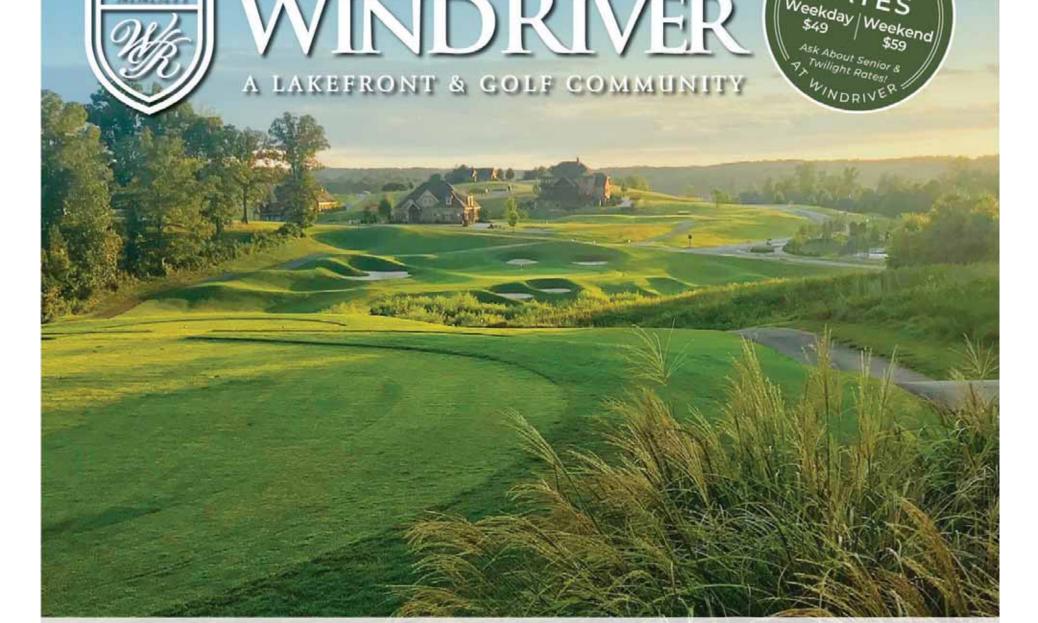
Vendors

In addition to basic refreshments, "We do have vendor booths that will be on site throughout the week where we'll have different sponsors handing things out," Norris said.

Proceeds

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Malnati From page 1C

Malnati has three finishes in the Top 20 this season and ranks among the Top 100 worldwide.

He was all smiles after winning the 2013 event at Fox Den while slipping into the champion's traditional orange blazer. He did so after a remarkable closing stretch of five birdies in the final seven holes.

The confidence gained from that birdie barrage helped Mal-

nati achieve his career-changing breakthrough in the 2015 Sanderson Farms Classic on the PGA Tour.

His storybook pro career ---from a mini-tour in North Carolina to a Monday qualifier on the Web.com — has added to Knoxville's presence on the PGA Tour. It includes Scott Stallings and Wes Roach — a trio anyone could be proud of.

Now, it looks as if Malnati is officially coming home ... again. "I look forward to getting that Fox Den logo on my bag," said the 31-year-old Malnati, whose dedication to practice and fitness regimens have helped his remarkable improvement from junior golf. "I know the folks at Fox Den will take great care of me."

Malnati also has playing privileges at Holston Hills and grew up playing golf at Patriot Hills in Dandridge. He is taking this week off from the PGA Tour and hopes to attend at least one round of this week's Knoxville Open.

Instead of making another move up the leaderboard, he and wife, Alicia, are wrapping up the move from Pleasant Ridge to a home close to Bearden High School.

It's fitting to have the popular and personable tour pro a little closer to Farragut and where he trilled a very supportive "hometown" gallery.

"That was really a fun time for me," Malnati said. "... Fox Den will always be incredibly special to me and my family. It was my

first big professional win. It was my first Web.com. It was the first time I got a PGA Tour card. The membership has practically adopted me and that's really, really special. I also was adopted at Holston Hills and I love them, too."

Malnati also is a two-time winner of the Missouri Open — once as an amateur and once as a pro.

He accepted a full scholarship to Missouri, which he picked over MTSU, and that's where his game really blossomed.

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Basic Golf Terms

Approach - The shot a player takes from the fairway to the green.

Birdie - Scored by a player who sinks the ball in the cup one stroke under par for that hole. For example, if a player takes four strokes to put the ball in the cup on a par five, he or she gets a birdie.

Bogey - When the number of strokes it takes to sink the ball in a hole exceeds the par by one. On a par three hole, a score of four is called a bogey, and the golfer scores one over par on that hole. A double bogey is two over par and a triple bogey is three over par.

Chip Shot - A shot used on a short approach, in which the ball is popped up in the air in such a manner as to have it roll toward the pin when it lands on the green.

Divot - The clump of grass dug up from under the ball on fairway iron shots.

Dog Leg - Any golf hole where the fairway bends either left or right toward the green - like a dog's leg.

Eagle - When a golfer is two strokes under par for a given hole. On a par four, for example, if a player hits his or her second shot into the hole, the player gets a score of two and it counts as an eagle.

Double Eagle (or Albatross) is when a golfer is three strokes under par on a single hole. It is quite rare.

Fairway - The long stretch of neatly trimmed grass that runs between the tee box and the green.

"Fore!" - A warning shouted by players who fear a hit golf ball may strike another person on the course.

Green (or Putting Surface) - The short grassy surface where the cup is located.

Par - The number of strokes per hole it should take a player to sink the ball in the cup. Holes measuring up to 250 yards are called par threes; from 251 to 475 yards are par fours; and any hole above 475 yards is considered a par five.

Rough - The taller grass that lines the fairways and greens on each hole.

Sand Trap (or Bunker) - Sand-filled pits on fairways and next to greens that are placed as hazards on a course.

Slice (or Fade) - The opposite of a hook. It is when the ball starts straight in flight then fades considerably to the right. (For right-handed golfers.)

Tee - The small stick used to hold the ball off the ground on drives. A tee may only be used when in the tee box.

Playing through the rain

Food City Kids Clinic at Fairways and Greens Golf Center













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A little rain did not dampen the spirits of all who attended the Food City Kids Clinic at Fairways and Greens Golf Center held Saturday morning, May 11. Everyone had a blast looking forward to attending the Web.com Tour's 30th Annual Knoxville Open at Fox Den Country Club May 16-19. Food City donated to the Golf School for Kids with a \$2000 donation to the Boys & Girls Clubs of the Tennessee Valley.

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senior year in high school — after missing four games as a junior due to an injury.

Although Davis Love Jr. and Jimmy Hodges always stressed the fundamentals, they tragically lost their lives in a small plane crash in 1988, a couple of weeks before Thanksgiving. It was a short flight, but the plane went down in the fog.

The memories — and lessons learned about life as much as golf — are still strong more than three decades later.

Mr. Love talked about striving to go lower than your lowest score. He said to pretend the butt of the golf club was a hammer and the back of the golf ball was the nail.

"He was big on posture," Reeves said. "He talked about swing path and learning how to curve the ball."

But it probably wasn't anything the Davis Love family said that made the biggest impression on the kid from Americus.

"When I saw the house they lived in, "Jake said with a chuckle, "that inspired me to play golf for a living."

It turned out pretty well right off the bat.

Jake Reeves was just 17 when he won an American Junior Golf Association event at storied Pinehurst No. 2.

The field included Phil Mickel-

son, David Duval and Brian Gay. Unlike a plethora of tournaments these days, there were just four main AJGA events back then. It was a big-time victory.

"That one opened some doors," Reeves said. "It essentially opened every college door."

He picked Tennessee and was a freshman on the Vols' 1990 SEC championship team.

Jake's game continued to progress and he tried to gain status professionally. His best year was 2003 as the leading money winner on the Hooters Tour. He had three wins, three runner-ups and also was third three times.

He made it to the finals of PGA Tour School in 2004 and achieved status on the Web.com Tour.

"The end of that year, my (left) hip really started to bother me," Reeves said. "After I finally learned how to play, the hip just kind of shut things down. I was mostly getting by on grit and effort."

Two surgeries to repair a torn labrum did not work out. The third surgery was hip replacement.

It was natural to pursue a career in golf instruction, and he's on the Callaway staff. It's a short list of names that received worldclass teaching growing up and then had multiple victories as an amateur and pro.

Now a part of the Callaway staff, what are his best three tips for amateurs?

"Number one is to know where you are aligned," he said. "Number two is know what causes the ball to curve. This can be difficult because the golf swing is all about opposites. The last thing is just be nicer to yourself ... because it's a hard game."

This advice helped Reeves early in his teaching career at Holston Hills and then Fairways and Greens for almost four years. He took over at Fox Den Feb. 15 and has the left side of a lavish indoor instructional facility. The stateof-the-art building has two large indoor hitting bays between the practice putting green.

PGA head golf professional Danny Ackerman, LPGA golf professional Wallace Hamerton and assistant pro Lee Whitehead mostly use the right half of the instructional center.

"That building is top notch and I have never seen a better facility," said Reeves, who has 60 fulltime students and also helps nonmembers of Fox Den. "You can get in there and take swings and hit balls — no matter if the weather is good or bad. We just open up the big doors and get to work."

Reeves tries to avoid computer technology in golf swing evaluations and instruction, but it is available. He prefers to watch the ball flight, while the divot also tells a story. He said one greatly overlooked aspect is whether the golfer has a dominate right eye or left eye. One common fault is aiming too far to the left.

Reeves has helped everyone from PGA Tour winner Peter Mal-



nati, who had a storybook victory in the 2013 Knoxville Open, to his very next lesson with a 12-year-old girl that had never even picked up a golf club.

That's how someone covers the spectrum on a day planner.

"Two hours with Peter Malnati," Jake said. "Then I get to try and help a brand new golfer. You've got to love that." His students include numerous standouts, including touring pro Wes Short; fellow PGA pro Casey Flenniken; South Carolina freshman standout Ryan Hall, whose father, Brian, is the superintendent at Centennial in Oak Ridge; Cade Russell of UTC and long-hitting Tanner Harris of Tennessee Wesleyan University.





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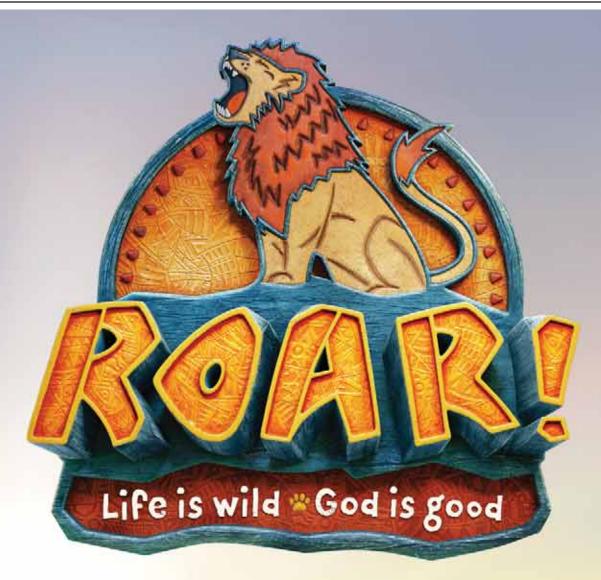
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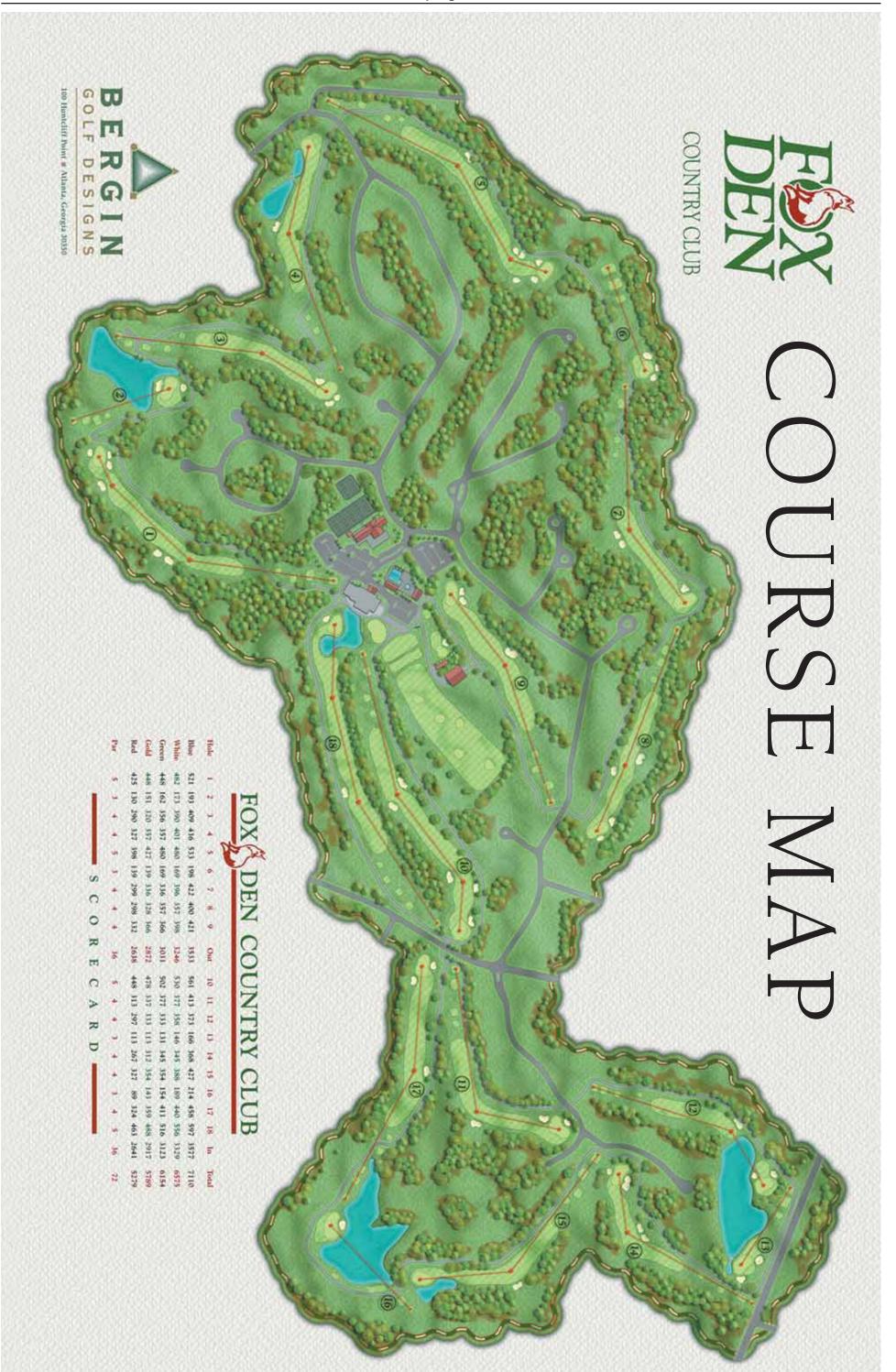


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