

# Golf News And Notes

## A Golf Mecca For Aces And Duffers Alike

(NAPSA)—With nearly 70 public and private courses in Pennsylvania's golf-crazy Valley Forge area, there's no shortage of links from which visitors and locals can "hit it flush."

For example, Raven's Claw in Pottstown is poised to become one of the premier golf destinations in southeastern Pennsylvania. Named one of the top 10 new courses in the region by Northeast Golf magazine, it was specifically designed for players of different levels. Carved out of farmland, the course offers an appealing canvas of rolling terrain, wooded areas, streams and environmentally protected areas for challenging carries off the tee.

Turtle Creek, located in Limerick, is described by Golf Digest and Zagat as being impeccably maintained with some of the best turf of any course in the Northeast. Built on land that was originally owned by William Penn, the course's focal point is a Virginia-style Colonial stone farmhouse built in 1734. It stands near the 18th hole, which takes the player over water rimmed with a stone wall that came from the majestic barn that once stood near the house.

Despite its name, Westover Country Club is a public course with just the right mix of hills, hazards and natural obstacles. Its clubhouse, Michael's—named for baseball star Mike Piazza, whose family owns the course—was recently voted the best "19th hole" in Montgomery County by Inside Golf.

The Valley Forge area also offers many other places to tee up, including:



**The Valley Forge area offers a variety of courses and facilities for golfers of all skill levels.**

Jeffersonville Golf Club, an 18-hole, par-70 public course opened in 1931; Bella Vista, a superbly designed and meticulously maintained course in Gilbertsville that's been designated one of the top places to play by Golf Digest for the last four years; and the ACE Club in Lafayette Hill, a private course that's a favorite among the pros.

Even if you don't shoot par, the Valley Forge area has a wealth of places to duff around, including Par Breakers, the largest indoor golf facility in the Philadelphia area. The golf academy offers instruction, golf camps and group clinics. And Play-a-Round Golf, in Malvern, lets you learn, practice and play year-round, without worry about weather, time or experience, in a spectacular family-friendly golf environment.

Whatever your skills, the Valley Forge area is a hole in one for any golfer. To learn more, visit [www.valleyforge.org](http://www.valleyforge.org).