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Golf Tees Off for 2024 Season in Poconos

New bridge, rescued course among highlights for golfers this year

April 10, 2024 – Golf is back in the <u>Pocono Mountains</u> thanks to warm temperatures and round-the-clock work by greenskeepers at courses across the region. The 2024 season is highlighted by new arrivals including a <u>permanent</u> <u>bridge</u> over the river at the historic Shawnee Inn & Golf Resort. The resort will officially dedicate the bridge on Sunday, May 5, 2024, at 3:00 P.M. The permanent bridge eliminates the need to install a temporary bridge for the season and allows the resort to allocate more resources to enhancing course conditions and developing new projects that will elevate the overall guest experience.

In fact, Shawnee did not close in the traditional off season so that golfers could keep playing when the course was able to accommodate due to mild winter weather. Others opened by the first weekend in April, weather-permitting.

Each Poconos golf course provides terrific views, challenges for advanced golfers or enjoyment for those just picking up the sport. Some were designed by golf legends like Donald Ross and PGA champs like 1959 Masters champion and Honesdale native Art Wall, Jr. The Pocono Mountains Visitors Bureau provides a <u>Guide to the Best</u> <u>Golf Courses in the Poconos</u> to help drive golfers to experience all the best the region has to offer. Watch Jim Hamill's series on Signature Holes in the Poconos from previous episodes of Pocono Mountains Magazine on the <u>@PoconoTourism YouTube channel</u>.

Also highlighting the 2024 Pocono golf season, the rescue of <u>Terra Greens Golf Course</u> from potential closure. Terra Greens opened for the season Friday, April 5th and celebrates its 60th anniversary. The golf course is maintained and operated by the new nonprofit "Friends of Terra Greens Golf Course." The nine-hole golf course is in the heart of the Poconos on Route 447 near East Stroudsburg.

Also new this year, <u>Golf'nGamble</u> is at your service with a specially prepared quote for groups looking for Stay & Play packages, Bachelor Parties and Group Day and Overnight Bus Trips.

- o Buck Hill Golf Club Open (private, members only Memorial Day Labor Day)
- o The Country Club at Woodloch Springs Open (Tuesday Sunday, off-season spring rates through May 7th)
- o Country Club of the Poconos Municipal Golf Course Open (\$29 weekday, \$39 weekend in April. \$25 Tuesdays.)
- Hideaway Hills Golf Club Open (offering stay and play packages, tournaments and events)
- o Jack Frost National Golf Club Open (new outdoor bar and pavilion for groups or post-round fun)
- o Mount Airy Golf Club Open (special opening rates \$50 before 2 p.m., \$35 after 2 p.m. until 4/18)
- <u>Pocono Farms Country Club Association</u> Open (memberships available, course designed by Art Wall Jr.)
- <u>Pocono Hills Golf Course</u> Open (planned opening, April 6th weather permitting)
- o Pocono Manor Golf Course Open (Until May 3rd Mon-Thurs: \$35, Friday: \$50, Saturday: \$60, Sunday: \$50)
- <u>The Shawnee Inn & Golf Resort</u> Open (New bridge in operation, dedication set for May 5th)
- Skytop Lodge Golf Course Open (Off-season rates for both resort guests and non-guests)
- Split Rock Golf Club Open (Includes golf simulator at the hub)
- <u>Terra Greens Golf Course</u> Open (memberships available, leagues and scrambles scheduled)

Golf courses in Wayne, Pike, Monroe, or Carbon counties that are interested in becoming members of the Pocono Mountains Visitors Bureau (PMVB) are invited to email <u>membership@poconos.org</u> for more information.

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