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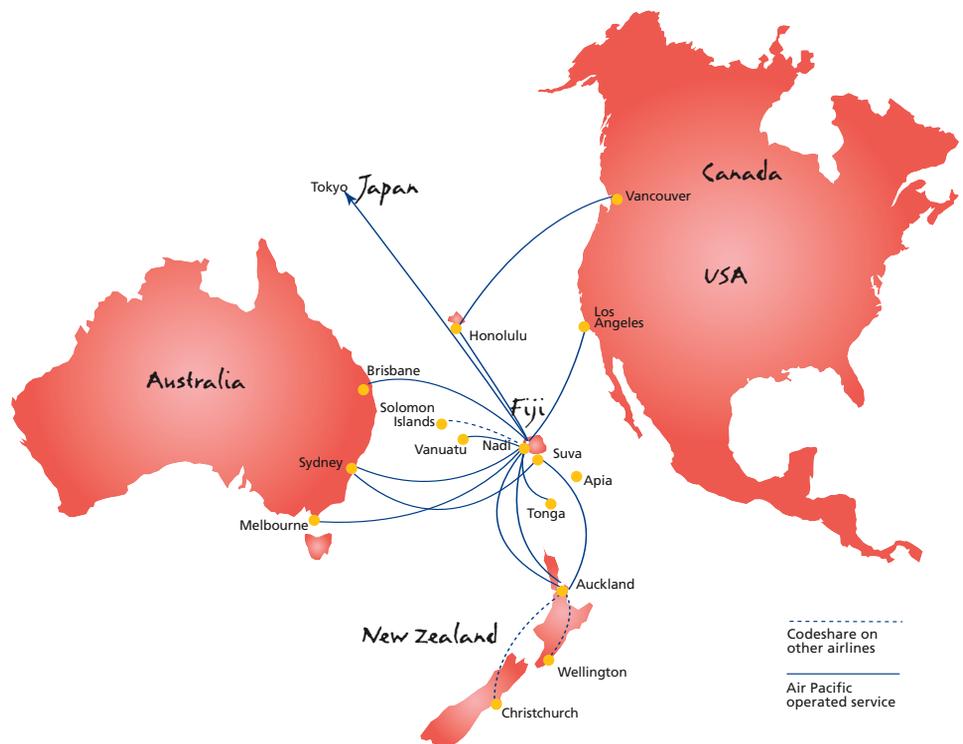
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PHOTO BY KEITH WALSH

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ON THE COVER: Beauty abounds on the golf courses of Eagle Crest. Photo provided by Eagle Crest Resort.

The Good Made Glorious

MARK TWAIN WAS THE FIRST TO DESCRIBE the game of golf as “a good walk spoiled.” The objective of employing a minimum number of strokes—or one miraculous drive—to whack a small white ball into a tiny cup lodged into the earth hundreds of yards away does seem like madness. But when you're in the zone and everything is really singing, this ever-challenging pursuit of the ostensibly impossible becomes absolutely glorious.

A vacation is always a good idea, and at WorldMark we do our best to take this good idea and make it great—if not glorious—for you. We bow a bit more in the direction of our golfers in this issue, and on Pages 16 and 17 you'll find a list of WorldMark resorts that have made arrangements with their local golf courses and procured special discounts for WorldMark owners. Keith Walsh headed out to Eagle Crest, Oregon, recently and ended up spoiling a couple of good walks himself—his report begins on Page 18. Starting on Page 22, guest writer Larry Olmsted gives you the scoop on Las Vegas golf values. And for those who prefer diversions that do not involve plaid pants, we present you with other activity options for your future stays in Central Oregon and Las Vegas—see Pages 26 and 27.



Our Adventures In Exchange group is certainly eager to glorify your vacation plans. Turn to Page 28 for two diverse Footloose escapes—untamed Cancun, Mexico, and dignified London, England. On Page 29 you'll find terrific cruises—some available for cash, some for credits. And

Trendwest Travel continues their unique houseboats-for-credits travel special, but remember: June is the final month you can book this exclusive offer.

“Spoiled” is a word that should never enter the vacation vocabulary—except in reference to feeling unbelievably pampered. We want you to feel deservedly spoiled every time you take a WorldMark vacation, so make sure you let us know what we can do to make your good times glorious.

Beáta Jachulski Baker
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Owner Services Comes Through



Below, left: Herb and Glenda Lewis.
Right: Owner Services' Trisha York.



LAST YEAR, OUR ENTIRE FAMILY had a milestone event to plan and look forward to—the 40th wedding anniversary of Tami's parents, Herb and Glenda Lewis. The anniversary would take place in November 2004, and we wanted to celebrate it in Las Vegas. As WorldMark owners, we wanted to do everything we could on our part to provide accommodations. We had a master plan to make the reservation with WorldMark several months in advance so we would be guaranteed to get a three-bedroom condo for our entire party.

We discovered that Las Vegas was in Red Season year-round, and that in order for us to reserve that far out we had to book an entire week. We hadn't grasped that aspect of Red Season when we purchased our ownership, and it was a little upsetting to us because we knew that four days would go to waste. We made a few phone calls to see if there was any remedy, and finally decided to e-mail Owner Services.

Trisha York with Owner Services called us back immediately. She not only was sympathetic to our cause, she went above and beyond the call of duty and put our name on the waiting list to get us in the running for that three-bedroom unit we wanted. Because of Trisha, we were able to give Mom and Dad the greatest anniversary present ever to celebrate their landmark event. Trisha really made us feel that Trendwest and WorldMark truly do care about their owners.

Eric and Tami Williams
Gleneden Beach, Oregon

WE'D LIKE TO HEAR FROM YOU!

Send us your WorldMark stories, comments, pictures, etc., to *Destinations* Editor, 9805 Willows Road NE, Redmond, WA 98052 or e-mail editor@trendwest.com.

your club



The Answer Is...

BY GENE HENSLEY
PRESIDENT, WORLDMARK

AS A WORLDMARK OWNER for almost 15 years and as one of the individuals who has overseen the club's development, services and operations since 1993, I can say with certainty that we are



the most engaged owners in the vacation ownership industry. We care deeply about our club. We read the business

news, we pay attention, we ask questions and we expect solid answers. As your president, I can definitely attest to those questions. Every day my e-mail, voicemail and U.S. mail inboxes are full of your inquiries. I'd like to take this opportunity to answer two of your most frequently asked questions.

What's going on with IRIS, the new WorldMark reservation system?

Let me start by saying thank you for your patience and understanding. The migration has tested the tolerance of the most patient individual. This will be one of the most influential changes we will see as we migrate from WorldMark's old legacy system to a new, totally integrated Web-based system, IRIS. What many of you are not aware of is what forced the accelerated transition. WorldMark's legacy system, Qantel, is unique to WorldMark, developed over the past 15 years, layer upon layer, to accommodate the special reservation needs of WorldMark. The urgency to replace the system increased as Qantel began crashing three and four times a day.

When Cendant first purchased Trendwest in 2002, they looked at our basic and very limited I.T. infrastructure, determined it would not take care of us much longer and set

about creating an aggressive three-year migration plan to a state-of-the-art, Web-based platform that would completely integrate across all club systems and add new levels of functionality. When Qantel's demise seemed imminent, the technology team was forced to accelerate the migration process and begin the transition early this year. What followed was the ultimate example of Murphy's Law: everything that could go wrong did go wrong.

We found our Web services would not speak to the new system and had to be taken offline. This pushed approximately 35% of all reservations traditionally done online to the phone center, which in turn overwhelmed the system and shut it down. Phone lines were added but could not make up for the lack of online reservations, resulting in long hold and extended talk times. Even so, I.T. made sure we had a reservation system in place at all times, allowing us to work through the migration and take care of our owners.

On behalf of the club I extend our deepest apologies to those of you who experienced frustration during this process. Today the club's Internet functionality is almost completely restored after painstakingly re-implementing each service one at a time. With the new enhanced features we hope to make reservations a 24/7 service before the end of the year.

Are Trendwest and Fairfield becoming one company?

To our owners, WorldMark by Trendwest and Fairshare Plus by Fairfield Resorts, their products, services and business models, will remain distinct and separate entities, with all the clubs' inherent benefits unaffected by the formation of a new Candant business unit—Candant Timeshare Resort Group (CTRG).

By unifying the developers' team and creating a shared mission with a common purpose, WorldMark and Fairfield owners stand to benefit even more. CTRG's influence can already be seen in WorldMark's new tenancy in shared resorts in Anaheim, New Orleans and Daytona Beach, where WorldMark owns the condominiums—we're not just visitors. We also have one-for-one exchange agreements for condominiums at nine other resorts, allowing us to satisfy

demand outside the WorldMark network of resorts. The future possibilities are endless. CTRG has an aggressive plan for the club's development that will reach across the Sunbelt and up into the great Northeastern states. I can personally say in all my years at WorldMark, I have never seen as much activity as we see today.

We will continue to see stronger diversity in our product offerings that began with the introduction of our new urban model in San Francisco and Seattle. As development progresses you will see offerings *in addition* to our traditional model. It is important to understand that Trendwest is not abandoning the WorldMark model; it is enhancing it. Some diversification of product will include presidential suites—see Construction Zone on Page 15—and you will also see WorldMark in markets that would

have been prohibitive previously for a variety of reasons. WorldMark is becoming a more robust and diversified network of vacation opportunities. We want to speak to all the owner segments that reside within WorldMark, offering a little something for everyone's taste.

WorldMark owners can also expect to see an increase in developer benefits—the activities that allow an owner to use their credits for products and services outside the WorldMark network. Some will require additional fees to participate, similar to the dues you now pay to exchange within the RCI network. Some owners will see an immediate advantage and join with enthusiasm; others will prefer to use their credits solely within the WorldMark system. It is all about choices—and we want you to have as many as possible.

WorldMark Online

We have been working very hard to meet our owners' online needs. An amazing fact about WorldMark owners is that more than 80% of us have online access at home. According to your letters, you would much prefer to have a keyboard in your hands than a phone. So here's an extra incentive for you to book online. Throughout 2005, owners who complete a stay in any given month **that was booked online** will be entered into a drawing for a free seven-night stay at a WorldMark resort*. The initial drawing will be held the first week of July for all Web-booked and completed stays for the month of June.

Happy travels!



** Seven-night stay consists of one continuous stay of up to seven nights. Unit size is limited to a two-bedroom or smaller and at WorldMark resorts only. FAX Credits will be utilized for these awards and must be booked within WorldMark guidelines.*

A Quick Guide to the Trendwest Real Estate Referral ProgramSM

Earning **1,000 permanent vacation credits** for your real estate transactions is simple! Here are a few answers to the most common questions about the Trendwest Real Estate Referral ProgramSM:

- The WorldMark Vacation Credits awarded are regular **permanent premier vacation credits**—just like the credits you originally purchased.
- You can earn a block of 1,000 credits for the purchase of a home or a block of 1,000 credits for the sale of a home. If you are buying **and** selling, you could earn a total of 2,000 permanent credits!
- Credits are placed into your WorldMark account approximately two to three weeks after the close of escrow. These credits will be renewed annually on your original anniversary date.
- The credits are paid for by the real estate broker(s) to whom we refer you. This is their—and our—way of thanking you for your business.
- The process is simple: Fill out a real estate referral form online at <http://www.worldmarktheclub.com/specials/partners.shtml>, or call us toll free at **1-877-869-9672**. We'll pass your information to a participating local broker servicing the area you are selling from, or buying into. The broker will assign a pre-qualified agent to contact you directly, usually within 24 hours.
- If you proceed to the close of escrow with that agent, the broker will contact us; we, in turn, send final paperwork to you for your signature. Your credits are added to your account when your signed papers are received.

Call the Trendwest Real Estate Referral ProgramSM toll free at **1-877-869-9672** today!



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Transaction must be initiated through Trendwest's Real Estate Referral Office to qualify. Vacation credits will be available only to WorldMark members who register first with Trendwest and have been referred to the participating local broker by the Trendwest Real Estate Referral ProgramSM. Owners going directly to the individual real estate brokers without referral will not be eligible to partake in this offer. Some transactions may not be eligible. Program may not be available in all areas.

WINNER

The latest winners of a three-night WorldMark stay are owners **Raymond and Tina Grucza** from Turner, Oregon. They completed the resort comment card that was selected in our monthly drawing. Our congratulations—thank you to them and to everyone who takes the time to fill out that card!

INVENTORY SPECIALS

In July, you can vacation at the following resorts for just four cents per credit. Call the Vacation Planning Center at 1-800-457-0103 to make your reservations.



WORLDMARK GALENA, ILLINOIS



WORLDMARK GRAND LAKE, OKLAHOMA

MIDWEEK AND LIMITED WEEKENDS

Galena, IL
Grand Lake, OK



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MIDWEEK ONLY

Bison Ranch, AZ
Rancho Vistoso, AZ

Midweek stays must take place Sunday through Thursday. There is a two-night minimum stay on weekends. Reservations for Inventory Specials can only be booked within 60 days of arrival but are not subject to the 14-day booking window. You may book multiple units. Holidays—July 1, 2, 3 and 4— are excluded.



Your first year is only
\$89 USD
 \$106 CAD
 and your second year is only
\$1†

RCI Vacation News
 June 2005

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Open the door to a vast new world that makes your WorldMark vacation ownership more valuable than ever. Join RCI and exchange your WorldMark vacation credits for more vacation destinations than ever. And you don't have to commit your credits before confirming the exchange you want – which makes vacation planning even better!

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Wait, there's more! If you act quickly, you can get your first year of Subscribing Membership for only \$89 USD/\$106 CAD. And the second year for just \$1!†

Ready to plan your next vacation with RCI? Join today!
Call 1-800-585-4833.

†Current RCI and Interval International customers are not eligible.

This Month's Featured Destinations:



Pagosa Springs, Colorado



Ormond Beach, Florida



Puerto Plata, Dominican Republic



Williamsburg, Virginia



Quit dreaming and start planning. The world is waiting for you.

Don't delay. Start planning your vacation today. Here are a few suggestions with some of the highlights of the area. Remember, these are but a few of the many places you can go.



1 Pagosa Springs, Colorado

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Pagosa Springs, Colorado

Get your Rocky Mountain high in the San Juan Mountain

Range of southwestern Colorado – an area of alpine valleys and snow-white peaks. In the winter, you'll marvel at the wonderland of pristine snow. In summer, you'll be bathed in cool mountain breezes. Depending on what time of year you like best, there's all manner of mountain activities: skiing, snowboarding, hiking, golf, sightseeing, picnicking, rafting – and of course, scenic mountain drives, including Highway 160 that takes you over the Continental Divide.

- > Enjoy the natural wonders of the area. Snap a photo of the world-famous **Chimney Rock**. Also, hike up to the base of **Treasure Falls**.
- > Take a day trip to see the cliff dwellings made by the Ancestral Pueblo people

at **Mesa Verde National Park**. This archeological site has been designated a World Cultural Heritage Site by the United Nations.

- > Looking for awesome powder? Go to **Wolf Creek Ski Area**, a location known for abundant snowfalls. There's everything from rugged double-black-diamond slopes to well-groomed beginner trails.
- > After a day of strenuous activity, immerse yourself in the hot springs pool at **The Spa @ Pagosa Springs**. The high mineral content of the water is thought by some to have healing powers.
- > Visit nearby Durango, an old mining town. Take the **Durango & Silverton Narrow Gauge Railroad** through some of the most spectacular mountain scenery you'll ever see. The train follows the route carved

out of the Rocky Mountains over 100 years ago.

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Ormond Beach, Florida

The East Coast of Florida is known for its endless stretches of wonderful beaches. And just a hop, skip and a jump from Daytona Beach lies family-friendly Ormond Beach. Should you decide to take a break from the surf and sand, Disney World®, Universal Studios Florida®, and SeaWorld are less than an hour and a half away.

- > For NASCAR® auto racing, Daytona is the place. Events include the Daytona 500, the Pepsi 400 and other races throughout the year. Even non-racing fans will enjoy **Daytona U.S.A.**, an interactive motor-sports entertainment complex.



2 Ormond Beach, Florida

- > For something completely different, take a **ghost walk** through town. It's an entertaining journey blending history, scientific data and haunting tales.
- > There are more than 25 golf courses within 30 miles. Try the **LPGA International**, awarded *Golf Magazine's* "Top Ten You Can Play."
- > Tour NASA's launch headquarters at **Kennedy Space Center** in Cocoa Beach. See launch pads, walk beneath a Saturn V moon rocket, and take in an IMAX space film.

Special Advertising Section

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Puerto Plata, Dominican Republic

Retreat to an island of crystal-clear waters and white-sand beaches. Perhaps Christopher Columbus said it best when he called it “the most beautiful land on Earth.” There’s plenty of activity in and around the warm Caribbean waters, including diving and snorkeling, kite surfing, and sailing. Make sure to save time for ecological attractions and forays into the nearby towns and villages.



3 Puerto Plata, Dominican Republic

- > Visit **Fort San Felipe**, the oldest fort in the New World, which was built in the 1500s and restored in the 1970s.
- > Take a 10-minute cable car ride to **Isabel de Torres**, an observation tower with terrific views of the Amber Coast.
- > Play the exciting **Playa Grande Golf Course**. Ten of its holes border the Atlantic Ocean. It could be one of the most dramatic courses you’ll ever encounter.
- > Taste-test Caribbean rum at the **Brugal Rum** distillery after taking a brief tour of the bottling operation.
- > Arrange for a tour through the hills and **sugarcane fields** on horseback.

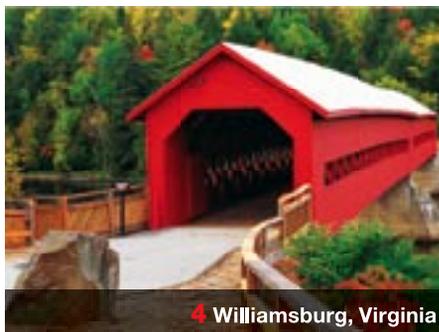
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Williamsburg, Virginia

Reading about America’s early days is one thing. Seeing them brought to life is quite another. Visitors to historic Williamsburg

can step into 18th-century American life and glimpse many of the places that shaped American heritage. It is a deeply moving experience.

- > The living museum that is **Colonial Williamsburg** is authentic down to the smallest detail. Stroll the streets of cobblestone to glimpse scenes right out of the 1700s. Tour homes of the working class and mansions of the gentry. Watch silversmiths and blacksmiths at work. Sip ale in a tavern. Tour an early hospital, courthouse, and prison.
- > Just a few miles from Williamsburg is **Historic Jamestown**, site of the first permanent English settlement in the New World.
- > If you have time, extend your foray into American history. **Washington, D.C.** is only 150 miles away.
- > Visit nearby **Yorktown**, site of the battle that ended the American Revolution.
- > For a change of pace, head back to the modern world – and to **Busch Gardens**. The truly fearless can take a hair-raising ride on the **Alpengeist**, the tallest, most twisted inverted roller coaster on the planet. For the rest of us, there are plenty of other great attractions, suitable for all ages.



4 Williamsburg, Virginia

For your peace of mind.

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For more information, call your Worldmark/RCI service line at **1-800-585-4833** and ask for assistance.

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Once you have decided the vacation experience you want, call the WorldMark/RCI service line toll-free at 1-800-585-4833. Be prepared to tell your RCI Guide the following:

- Your RCI Member ID number
- Your desired travel dates
- Activities and areas that interest you
- The number of people in your travel party

The sooner you make your request, the more opportunities we have to find a great match. So tell us your top destinations, even if you're not sure exactly where you want to go. If your plans change, you can update your request without penalty prior to confirmation.

2 Confirm.

We may be able to confirm your vacation experience on the spot. If what you want isn't available, you can request an ongoing search. We'll stay on top of your request and notify you if it becomes available.

After your RCI Exchange Vacation is booked, the required number of credits will be deducted from your WorldMark account.

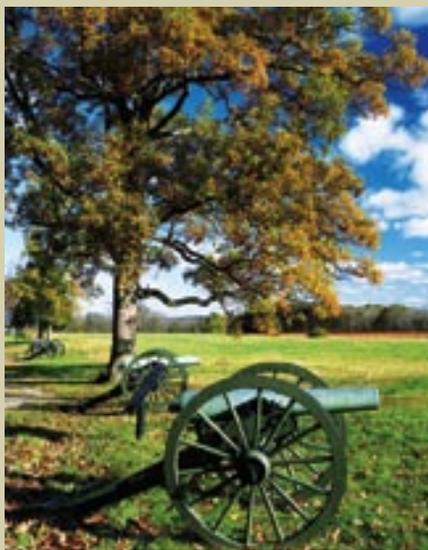
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NORTHWEST

Anchorage, AK

Mon, Jun 6, 6 pm
Fri, Jun 17, 6 pm
Fri, Jul 15, 6 pm

Birch Bay, WA

Tue, Jun 7, 6 pm
Wed, Jun 29, 6 pm
Tue, Jul 12, 6 pm

Bothell, WA

Thu, Jun 2, 6 pm
Tue, Jun 14, 6 pm
Wed, Jul 6, 6 pm
Sat, Jul 16, 10 am, 2 pm

Coeur d'Alene, ID

At Coeur d'Alene Inn
414 W. Appleway
Thu, Jun 16, 7 pm
Thu, Jul 21, 7 pm

Depoe Bay, OR

At resort
Sat, Jun 25, 10 am, 2 pm

Discovery Bay, WA

Thu, Jun 30, 6 pm
Thu, Jul 28, 6 pm

Eugene, OR

NEW LOCATION!
At Red Lion Hotel
205 Coburg Rd.
Fri, Jul 8, 6 pm

Federal Way, WA

Sat, Jun 4, 10 am, 2 pm
Tue, Jun 21, 6 pm
Tue, Jul 5, 6 pm

Wed, Jul 13, 6 pm
Sat, Jul 30, 12 noon

Leavenworth, WA

At Icicle Inn Best Western
Tue, Jun 28, 6 pm
Wed, Jul 27, 6 pm

Medford, OR

At Red Lion Medford
200 N. Riverside Ave.
Fri, Jun 10, 6 pm

Salem, OR

At Red Lion in Salem
3301 Market St. NE
Thu, Jun 9, 6 pm

Seaside, OR

Fri, Jun 24, 6 pm

Tri-Cities, WA

At Clover Island,
Kennewick
435 Clover Island Dr.
Wed, Jun 15, 6 pm
Wed, Jul 20, 6 pm

Vancouver, WA, USA

Wed, Jun 8, 6 pm
Thu, Jun 23, 6 pm
Thu, Jul 7, 6 pm
Tue, Jul 19, 6 pm

N. CALIFORNIA

Angels Camp, CA

Tue, Jul 5, 6 pm

Modesto, CA

At Doubletree Hotel
1150 9th St.
Sat, Jul 23, 11 am

Roseville, CA

Sat, Jun 11, 10 am, 2 pm
Tue, Jun 21, 6 pm
Sat, Jul 9, 10 am, 2 pm
Tue, Jul 19, 6 pm

San Francisco, CA

Sat, Jun 4, 12 & 4 pm
Thu, Jun 23, 6 pm
Wed, Jul 6, 6 pm
Tue, Jul 26, 6 pm
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Mon, Jun 20, 6 pm
Mon, Jul 25, 6 pm
At Doubletree Hotel
2050 Gateway Pl.
Sat, Jul 16, 10 am, 2 pm

Stockton, CA

At Radisson Hotel
2323 Grand Canal Blvd.
Wed, Jun 15, 6 pm

Walnut Creek, CA

Wed, Jun 1, 6 pm
Sat, Jun 18, 12 & 2 pm
Wed, Jun 29, 6 pm
Wed, Jul 13, 6 pm
Wed, Jul 27, 6 pm

Windsor, CA

Tue, Jun 7, 6 pm

S. CALIFORNIA

Bakersfield, CA

Mon, Jun 6, 6 pm
Mon, Jul 25, 6 pm

Las Vegas, NV

At resort on Las Vegas Blvd.
Sun, Jun 26, 2 pm
Sun, Jul 31, 2 pm

Oceanside, CA

At sales site
Wed, Jun 29, 6 pm
Thu, Jul 14, 6 pm

San Diego, CA

Sat, Jun 11, 10 am
Thu, Jun 30, 6 pm
Sat, Jul 9, 10 am
Wed, Jul 20, 6 pm

San Dimas, CA

Thu, Jun 2, 6 pm
Wed, Jul 6, 6 pm
Sat, Jul 30, 10 am

Torrance, CA

Sun, Jun 5, 2 pm
Mon, Jun 20, 6 pm
Mon, Jul 11, 6 pm

Westlake Village, CA

Tue, Jun 21, 6 pm
Sat, Jul 16, 12 noon

MOUNTAIN

Boise, ID

At 800 S. Industry Way
in Meridian
Thu, Jun 9, 6 pm
Fri, Jun 10, 6 pm
Fri, Jul 15, 6 pm
Sat, Jul 16, 10 am

Broomfield, CO

Thu, Jun 9, 6 pm
Thu, Jul 7, 6 pm

Englewood, CO

Sat, Jun 11, 10 am
Fri, Jun 24, 6 pm
Sat, Jul 9, 10 am
Fri, Jul 15, 6 pm

Idaho Falls, ID

Fri, Jun 10, 6 pm
Fri, Jun 24, 6 pm
Sat, Jul 16, 10 am
Fri, Jul 29, 6 pm

Overland Park, KS

Wed, Jun 15, 6 pm
Wed, Jul 20, 6 pm

Phoenix, AZ

At Holiday Inn Midtown
4321 N. Central Ave.
Sat, Jun 4, 12 noon

Rancho Vistoso, AZ

Fri, Jun 3, 6 pm
Sat, Jul 9, 10 am

St. George, UT

Thu, Jun 30, 6 pm

Salt Lake City, UT

Wed, Jun 8, 6 pm
Wed, Jun 29, 6 pm
Wed, Jul 13, 6 pm
Wed, Jul 27, 6 pm

Wolf Creek, UT

Wed, Jun 1, 6 pm
Sat, Jun 18, 10 am
Wed, Jul 6, 6 pm



ASK OWNER SERVICES



Don't Let Your Vacation Credits Expire

Those credits have been in your account for years—what are you waiting for?

BY BETH SCHWARTZ

Q: It's the end of my anniversary month and I have credits about to expire. What should I do?

As we approach the end of each month, owners with expiring vacation credits often ask us this question. To avoid last-minute panic, our advice has always been "Don't wait until the last minute to think about your vacation options."

All credits in the WorldMark system have a lifespan of two years from the time they are issued. Reservations can be confirmed up to 13 months in advance—and the earlier you book,

the more options you will have. For example, if you book your expiring credits on July 12, 2005, you will be able to confirm a reservation starting as far away as August 12, 2006.

As a friendly reminder, it is a good idea to mark the first day of your anniversary month on your calendar. If it's just the beginning of your anniversary month and you discover that you have vacation credits that will expire, you have the entire month to plan a great vacation.

Below are the **Top Five Reasons To Plan Early** when you have vacation credits on the brink of expiration:

want to apply your vacation credits towards a reservation that is of interest to you and your family or friends.

3 Higher Satisfaction

If you are interested in a short-notice reservation, it's easier to find the vacation of your choice if you start planning earlier in the month. Waiting until the end of the month makes planning a desirable vacation more challenging.

2 Less Pressure

Creativity takes time. By calling early you won't feel the pressure of a last-minute decision.

1 It's Good For You!

You will be healthier! Studies show that taking vacations is good for your health and well being.

Remember, the vacation counselors at WorldMark are always ready to help, so call us at 1-800-457-0103 any time you want to make a reservation or check the expiration dates of your credits. Your next great vacation is just a phone call away.

New Passport Requirements

The U.S. Department of State will soon require a passport to travel to and from the Caribbean, Bermuda, Panama, Canada or Mexico. The requirement will be rolled out in phases to enable travelers to meet the terms of the new guidelines.

- **December 31, 2005**—Passport or other accepted document required for all air and sea travel to or from the Caribbean, Bermuda, Central and South America.
- **December 31, 2006**—Passport or other accepted document required for all air and sea travel to or from Mexico and Canada.
- **December 31, 2007**—Passport or other accepted document required for all air, sea and land border crossings.

5 Timely Service

It pays to call early! Call volume increases significantly as we approach the last week of each month, as many owners with expiring credits often opt to hold off contacting us until the last minute.

4 Greater Selection

There is typically a wider selection of resorts available when you are confirming a reservation early. You'll



HOLIDAY CLOSURE REMINDER: In honor of the Fourth of July holiday, WorldMark Reservations will be open from 6 a.m. to 2 p.m. on Monday, July 4. Owner Services, Trendwest Travel and Adventures In Exchange will be closed.

Feel Presidential at the New WorldMark



WITH THE NEW RESORT on the Landmark Golf Course in Indio, California, WorldMark will introduce owners to a higher standard of space and luxury as it debuts the **presidential penthouse suites**. These new unit types will be larger than our current penthouse models—floor plans measure about 2,500 square feet—and are expected to include many fine designer touches such as marble entryways, granite countertops, stainless steel appliances, recessed and wall sconce lighting and skylights. The presidential treatment continues with the addition of LCD televisions in the living room and bedrooms, full-size washers and dryers, jetted bathtubs, two-head showers in the master baths, chaise lounges on the decks and cordless telephone systems.

WorldMark Indio's presidential penthouses will have four bedrooms (two of which will be master bedrooms) and three baths; other unit sizes will also be available. Phase I of the resort is expected to open this fall.

Ongoing Projects



INDIO, CA PHASE I

No. Units: 282

Est. Completion: Summer 2005
through Winter 2006

Status: Footings to interior finishing



SOLVANG, CA

No. Units: 76

Est. Completion: Fall 2005

Status: Framing to patio pouring



LAS VEGAS, NV PHASE II, III

No. Units: 192

Est. Completion: Through Spring/
Summer 2005

Status: Building 10—final pack
and clean

Information as of April 29, 2005

WorldMark Golf Discounts

Great discounts at dozens of excellent golf courses are yours through your WorldMark ownership.

In most cases, tee times must be booked through the resort front desk to secure these price reductions. We recommend contacting your WorldMark resorts in advance to confirm rates and receive additional information.

ARIZONA

Bison Ranch (928-535-3010)

Pine Meadows Country Club: \$36 for 18 holes w/cart in mid-season.

Pinetop (928-369-3980)

Pinetop Lakes Country Club: 10% off greens fees for owners and guests staying at resort.

Silver Creek Golf Club: \$5 off greens fees for owners and guests staying at resort.

Snowflake Golf Club: 2 for 1 on greens fees.

Rancho Vistoso (520-498-6406)

El Conquistador, Golf Club at Vistoso and SaddleBrooke: \$25 for 18 holes, cart and range balls. The same courses honor the "Vistoso Players Pass" in June, July and August: \$100 buys unlimited golf rounds during your stay. Rounds based on availability; must stay at resort to qualify; no refunds.

CALIFORNIA

Angels Camp (209-736-9549)

Greenhorn Creek: \$56 Mon-Thu/\$70 Fri-Sun (\$70-\$85 w/o discount).

Bass Lake (559-642-6780)

Sierra Meadows Ranch: \$36 anytime (\$39-\$44 w/o discount).

Clear Lake (707-274-0118)

Buckingham Golf and Country Club and The Riviera Country Club: Discounts vary by season.

Marina Dunes (831-384-3455)

Bayonet & Black Horse Golf: 10% off greens fees.

Oceanside Harbor (760-721-0890)

Vineyard at Escondido, Eastlake and Riverwalk: \$10 off 18 holes.

Palm Springs (760-416-4428)

Cimarron, Rancho Mirage and Tahquitz: Rates vary from \$50-\$75 depending on season.

COLORADO

Steamboat Springs (970-879-2931)

Haymaker Golf Course: Owners receive preferred tee times.

HAWAII

Kapaa Shore (808-822-3055)

Kauai Lagoons Golf Club: Kiele Course—\$115 after 12 noon for 18 holes w/cart & rental clubs; Mokihana Course—\$75 after 11 a.m. or \$65 after 1 p.m. for 18 holes w/cart & rental clubs. Coupon available at front desk.

Puakea Golf Course: \$95 (\$125 w/o discount) for 18 holes w/cart & small bucket of practice balls; \$65 after 1 p.m. for 18 holes w/cart; Hana Hou Program (\$250 w/o discount)—1st round \$95 for 18 holes w/cart & small bucket of practice balls, 2nd round \$62.50 (second round must be played within three days of first).

Kihei (808-875-9772)

King Kamehameha Golf Course: \$50 for 18 holes (play nine holes twice, \$90 w/o discount).

Elleair Golf Course: \$80 for 18 holes until noon (\$100 w/o discount); \$70 for 18 holes after noon (\$100 w/o discount).

Kona (808-326-1818)

Big Island Country Club: \$65 for 18 holes w/cart from 7-11 a.m.; \$55 for 18 holes w/cart after 11 a.m.
Makalei Hawaii Country Club: \$60 for 18 holes w/cart.





Kona Country Club: Ocean course—\$108 for 18 holes w/cart; Mountain course—\$98 for 18 holes w/cart.

IDAHO

Arrow Point (208-666-0320)

Coeur d'Alene Resort Golf Course: Discounts vary by season.

ILLINOIS

Galena (815-776-9020)

Eagle Ridge Inn Resort and Spa: The General, North, South and East Courses: \$10 off fees Mon-Thu only for up to four players; Monday holidays excluded. Tee times available 10 days in advance; Preferred Merchant coupon required at time of check-in. *Black Hawk Run Golf Course:* \$20 (\$32 w/o discount) for 18 holes w/cart weekdays; \$30 (\$40 w/o discount) for 18 holes w/cart weekends and holidays. Preferred Merchant coupon required at time of check-in. *Woodbine Bend Championship Golf Course:* ½ off cart rental for 18 holes with Preferred Merchant Coupon (\$10 w/o discount).

MISSOURI

Branson (417-334-6791)

Thousand Hills Golf Resort: \$39 for 18 holes w/cart (\$64 w/o discount). Golfers may sign up for a free Golfers' Privilege Card to receive discounts. Additional discounts may apply seasonally and in the afternoons.



Lake of the Ozarks (573-302-7500)

The Golf Club at Deer Chase: 20% off posted rates of \$42 weekends/holidays, \$36 weekdays. Rate includes cart.

NEVADA

Las Vegas (702-492-9863)

Please contact the concierge desk for the most current golf discounts.

Reno (775-348-9400)

Northgate: \$33-\$42 for 18 holes (\$45-\$60 w/o discount). *Wildcreek:* \$34-39 for 18 holes (\$39-\$44 w/o discount).

OKLAHOMA

Grand Lake (918-257-8069)

Shangri-La Golf, Blue Course: Mon-Thu \$71.74 (\$81.24 w/o discount), twilight \$33.76, juniors \$41.67; Fri-Sun \$78.91 (\$89.68 w/o discount), twilight \$70.69, juniors \$49.59. Blue Course maintains a very strict dress code of slacks and collared shirts. Contact the pro shop directly at 918-257-7884 for tee times. Be sure to mention that you are staying at WorldMark. Prices good through October 31, 2005.

OREGON

Depoe Bay (541-765-7600)

The Club at Lakeside: \$28 for 18 holes, \$19 for nine holes. Carts available at club.

Eagle Crest (541-923-3564)

Discounts apply to Eagle Crest Resort Course only: \$22 for 18 holes (winter rates); \$34 for 18 holes (shoulder rates: Mar 15-Apr 30, Oct 15-Nov 14); \$45 before 11 a.m. for 18 holes and \$38 after 11 a.m. for 18 holes (peak rates); golf cart rental \$22.

Gleneden (541-764-5080)

Lakeside Golf Course: \$30 for 18 holes; \$15 for nine holes anytime. *Salishan Lodge and Golf Resort:* No greens fees discounts but cart included with fees.

Running Y (888-850-0261)

Running Y Golf Course: \$70 for 18 holes; \$40 for nine holes; includes cart and range balls.

UTAH

Bear Lake (435-946-3625)

Bear Lake West Golf Course: \$12 for nine holes.

St. George (435-688-1131)

Coral Canyon: 10% off greens fees for owners and guests staying at resort.

Wolf Creek (801-745-1607)

Wolf Creek Golf Course: \$5 off greens fees for owners and guests staying at resort.

WASHINGTON

Discovery Bay (360-385-0524)

Discovery Bay Golf Club: 25% off 18 holes. *Port Ludlow Golf Course:* 10% off 18 holes.

Leavenworth (509-548-1419)

Kahler Glen: \$29-\$37 for 18 holes w/cart (\$37-\$49 w/o discount).

BRITISH COLUMBIA, CANADA

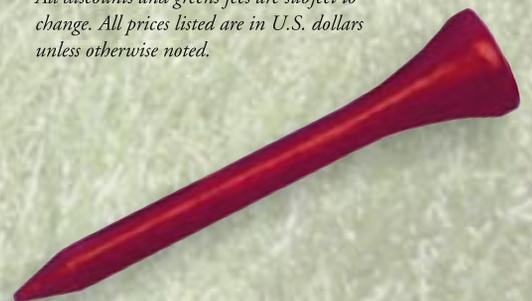
The Canadian (604-684-3500)

Cascade Lodge (604-905-5600)

Sundance (604-938-0338)

Furry Creek Golf and Country Club: Discounts vary by season.

All discounts and greens fees are subject to change. All prices listed are in U.S. dollars unless otherwise noted.





The Greens of the High

By Keith Walsh

THERE'S A LOT TO DO AT EAGLE CREST—swimming, hiking, biking, fishing, eating—but for two days in April I'm here for the golf. I've heard so much about Central Oregon's scenic courses, about the mountain views, rolling fairways and upper altitude drives. My own journey of discovery begins on the driving range early Monday afternoon, with a nip in the air and occasional desert sunshine. My warm-up strokes are clearly of the early-spring variety, and as my golf partners for the day arrive I provide fair warning about the lapse my game has seen over the past few years.

Beside me swinging his golf club is Charlie Parker, manager of WorldMark Eagle Crest. Between drives, he catches me up on his WorldMark assignments that have preceded this fabulous location: Bass Lake, Palm Springs, Las Vegas, Kihei. All, in some way or another, are locations straight out of a golfer's dreams.

My other companion for the day is my friend Ron—one of the thousands of people who've recently moved to this high and dry northwestern paradise. Warm-up time today means a lot more than just stretching the muscles and hitting the driver; it means catching each other up with what's been going on. Then, our buckets of range balls empty, we pack up and head out to tee number one on the **Ridge Course**.



Left to right: The Eagle Crest Village Center; putting out on the Ridge; the Deschutes River runs beside it; beautiful (and fast!) greens; a WorldMark chalet; the canyon—#2 on the Resort Course. Center: The Inn at Eagle Crest with views of the 16th green.

IT'S ALL HERE

Eagle Crest Resort, home to 111 WorldMark units, is a complete community located along the Deschutes River. The property includes a 100-unit hotel, conference center, townhouse condominiums, chalets, two sports centers, indoor and outdoor pools, hot tubs, tennis courts, spa treatment center, two full 18-hole golf courses, an 18-hole mid-irons course and an 18-hole putting course. You'll also find plenty of dining options on site: Birdie's



PHOTOS BY KEITH WALSH

Desert

FORTY-EIGHT HOURS AT EAGLE CREST RESORT



PHOTO BY DAN STEARNS

Café, in the lobby of the Inn, serves breakfast and lunch; Silverleaf, in the Village Center, is a coffeehouse/wine bar/sandwich shop; and the resort's full-service restaurant, Niblick and Greene's, also in the Village Center, is a steak and seafood house of the highest order.

A series of paved trails meanders through the campus for the benefit of pedestrians and bicyclists—bike rentals are available at the Crest Sports Center—and there's a hiking trail that takes you down into the river canyon. Meanwhile, the scenery is simply incredible, with nearby buttes in the backdrop and snowcapped mountains making their appearances with striking drama.

A WorldMark Original

Before there was Trendwest or WorldMark, there was Eagle Crest Resort. Jeld-Wen, best known for its window and door brands, had built Eagle Crest in the 1980s and was looking for a new business model. In 1989, the company patched together a network of three units—including #501 at Eagle Crest, established a new points-based system of vacation ownership and started a new company called Trendwest Resorts.

Before the end of that first year, Club Spirit, as it was known at the time, took control of three more condominiums at Eagle Crest. And over the years more units came into the system, including suites in the Inn at Eagle Crest and chalets located on the Ridge Golf Course. Eagle Crest remains a much-loved



destination for WorldMark owners of all ages—it's a great place not only to golf but also to play in the pool, convene with nature, adventure up into the mountains or just plain relax.

From here, it's only five miles to the town of Redmond (population 18,000), 15 miles to the Wild West-themed Sisters (population 1,500) and 18 miles to the area's big city, Bend (population 65,000). No trip to Eagle Crest can be complete without excursions to the latter two—Sisters for an afternoon of browsing the unique gift shops (and, if you're so inclined, the many needlework and yarn shops) and historic downtown Bend to sample from its

Facts and Figures

In golf, distance matters, but so do the other obstacles between the tee and the green. Of the courses mentioned in this article, here are the measurements and difficulty ratings. Yards are the total of all 18 holes, each measured from the middle of the tee box to the center of the green.

The course rating is determined by the United States Golf Association for scratch golfers—those who shoot par or better—and takes into account all hazards. The slope is the relative difficulty for a bogey golfer—one who averages one stroke over par on each hole.

Course		Blue/Men	White/Men	White/Women	Red/Women
Eagle Crest Resort	Yards	6,673	6,261	6,261	5,395
	Par	72	72	72	72
	Rating	70.8	69.1	75.5	69.8
	Slope	128	121	132	125
Eagle Crest Ridge	Yards	6,076	5,616	5,616	4,792
	Par	72	72	72	72
	Rating	68.9	66.3	71.7	66.8
	Slope	116	110	131	117
Eagle Crest Challenge (Mid Iron)	Yards	4,160	3,684	3,684	2,982
	Par	63	63	63	63
	Rating	61.1	59.5	60.6	56.8
	Slope	109	104	105	95
Aspen Lakes	Yards	6,919	6,535	6,535	5,594
	Par	72	72	72	72
	Rating	72.7	70.8	76.7	72.0
	Slope	134	120	148	128

famous microbrew headquarters, Deschutes Brewery and the Bend Brewing Company.

But these side-trips will have to wait a few hours: there's golf to play.

TIMES TWO

The **Resort Course** is the classic: originally designed by Gene “Bunny” Mason—one of the Pacific Northwest's best-known golf architects—and opened in 1986, the course was one of those that put Central Oregon on the golf destination map. From the white tees, the course plays 6,261 yards with a course rating of 69.1. The newer Ridge Course, located just across Cline Falls Road, was designed by John Thronson and first opened in 1993. It plays a little shorter than the Resort Course—5,616 yards from the whites—with a rating of 66.3, but many consider it the more challenging.

The sun makes a brief appearance for us as we prepare to tee off on one. Last week, they tell me, people were out here in shorts. Then over the weekend it snowed. My four layers of sweaters and jackets, I hope, are adequate preparation for the round. All three of us drop our drives into the center of the fairway, and we offer each other hearty congratulations as we hop into our carts and roll forward.

There's an exciting energy inside Eagle Crest—the sound of construction is a consistent buzz in the background. Charlie is my guide not only with where I should leave my next shot, but also pointing out which fairway-side chalets are WorldMark-owned and which new housing developments he finds most impressive. The course itself proves

deceptively difficult for me—keeping the ball inbounds isn't much of a problem, but the greens are so fast I have to be satisfied with just two pars on the front nine, and then the back nine bites back and I score par only on the 113-yard par-3. But by that time, the temperature has warmed up and I can't imagine wanting to be anywhere other than right here on the manicured lawn, wondering if my 6-iron will be enough club to reach the green.

NATURE UP CLOSE

Twelve miles west on Highway 126 is **Aspen Lakes Golf Course**, named in 2001 by *Golf Digest* as one of “America's Ten Best New and Affordable Golf Courses.” Its signature is the red cinder—or ground lava—in its bunkers, and as its name implies, water comes into play on many holes. As I approach the clubhouse Tuesday morning, I can't help but laugh at the snow flurry. It looks temporary, but there it is: an April snow in the mountains.

Aspen Lakes is owned by a farming family who, in the 1990s, decided that their land would yield more from golf and development than it did from hay. The first nine holes opened in 1997, the second nine in 2000. The third nine—which will give it as many courses as the Three Sisters peaks, is expected to be completed in a few years. Two weeks earlier I met the head professional, Wayne Clark, at a golf show in Seattle—I'd heard about his course in Sisters before, and I jumped at the opportunity to play it.





From Left to Right: The outdoor pool by the Inn at Eagle Crest; two of the sisters (mountains) appear on the horizon; rent a bike or trike at Eagle Crest. Below: An April snowstorm takes us by surprise but is done by the time we reach the green. All photos by Keith Walsh.

Today it's just me and my friend Ron, and this early in the season we don't require a tee time. In fact, all day we play unhurried, the only traffic being that of the grounds crew and a herd of deer that crosses the fairway on 18. Our wildlife sightings are not unusual—Aspen Lakes was the first course in Oregon to enroll in the Audubon Cooperative Sanctuary System, which promotes taking steps to protect wildlife habitats when designing and maintaining golf courses.

The most memorable holes for me on the course are the three par-5s of greater than 500 yards, especially number three, which plays 568 yards with water in the landing area for your second shot. Number 11 is the one that appears in most of the course photographs, a par-4 that plays to the right of a lake. When we reach number 13, an easterly wind picks up and snow begins to fall again, and after teeing off we walk into what seems like a blizzard. By the time Ron and I reach the green, however, the sun has re-emerged, the only remnant of the snow being small ice crystals glimmering on the grass.

JUST THE START

The Central Oregon golf boom is decidedly on—and with an annual average of 300 sunny days, it's no wonder. Further west on 126, the **Black Butte Ranch** is home to two new golf courses; **Crooked River Ranch** to the north on Highway 97 is a high desert gem; **Lost Tracks** in Bend is wrapped partly around the border of the Deschutes National Forest and includes an island green on 16; and **Sun River** includes the local favorite Robert Trent Jones, Jr.-designed Woodlands course.

Along with Eagle Crest and Aspen Lakes, these are just some of the top shelf names in the Central Oregon golf circuit. They're the ones I'm going to check out—and hopefully a few others—the next time I get a couple of days to play, when again I get to visit the old western town of Sisters, the growing city of Redmond and the historic district in Bend between rounds on the course. 

A Pro in Our Midst

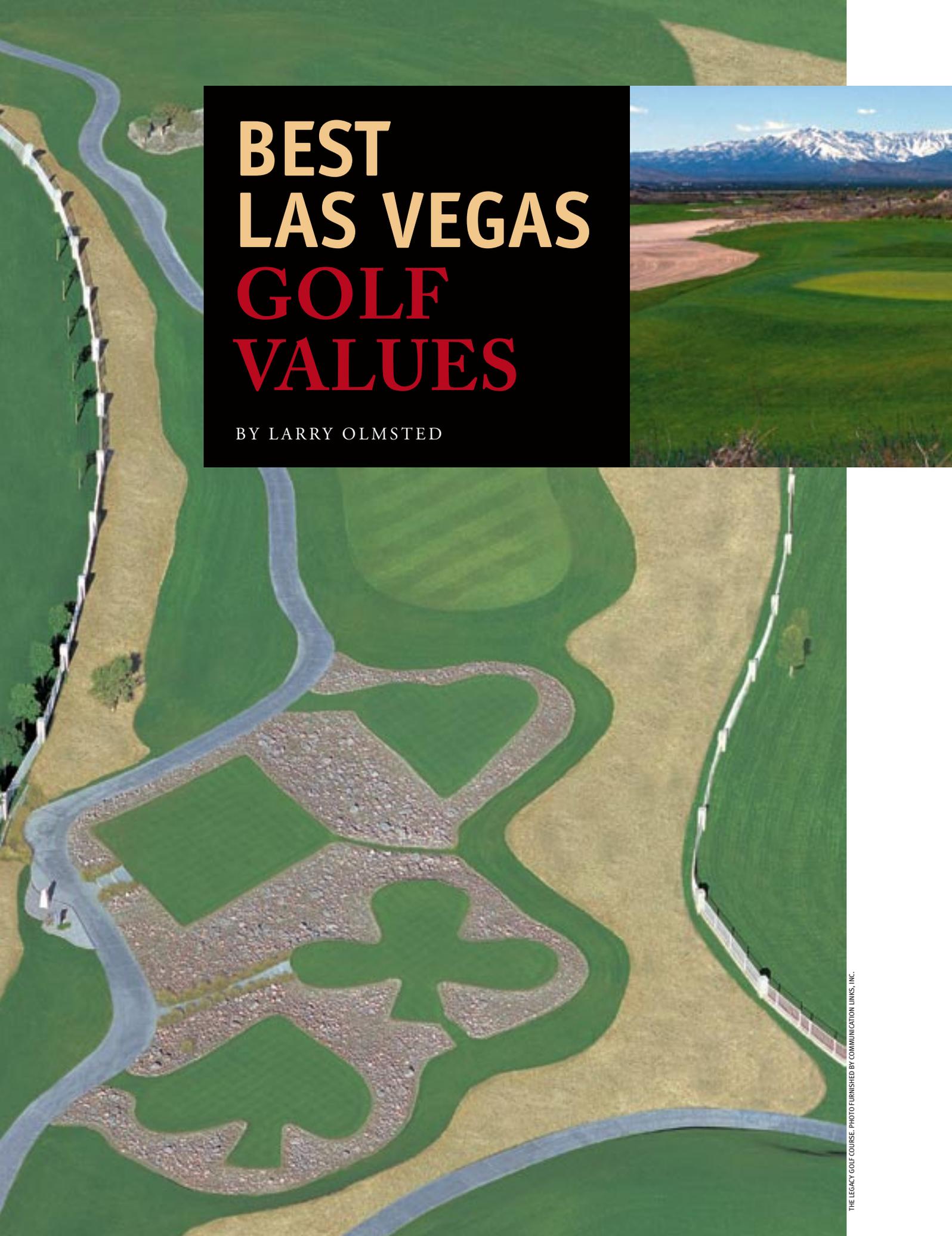
Wayne Clark has been head PGA professional at Aspen Lakes in Sisters, Oregon, for nearly as long as he's been a WorldMark owner. "I originally bought a membership in the Eagle Crest Vacation Club in 2000," says the Snohomish, Washington, native, "before it was folded into WorldMark." With many golf tournaments taking place in Oregon, he joined so that he could bring his family along without having to stay in hotels. "Even now that I live here, it's great to be able to offer a WorldMark condo to friends or family when they come out to visit."



Wayne has also discovered other WorldMark locations: "We like to go out to the Oregon Coast in the summer, so WorldMark has been great for that. Plus, we've been to Cabo and Hawaii."

It's clear that Wayne is proud to be associated with Aspen Lakes, as fine and distinctive a course as can be found in the high desert of Oregon. He likes to point out the red crushed lava bunkers, the bent grass fairways and the course's abundant wildlife. But get him talking for a few minutes and he'll also tell you about the course's new restrooms—the tile floors and marble vanities are a pleasant surprise to those used to mere functionality on the fairways.

"A lot of WorldMark owners come our way," Wayne adds. "They play at Eagle Crest a few days and then, since we're just 15 minutes away, they come to Aspen Lakes." A golf side-trip definitely worth making.



BEST LAS VEGAS GOLF VALUES

BY LARRY OLMSTED



PHOTO FURNISHED BY THE LAS VEGAS CONVENTION AND VISITORS AUTHORITY.

Left: The 10th hole at Legacy Golf Club in Henderson, Nevada.

Above: The Las Vegas Paiute Golf Resort.

ON MAY 15TH, LAS VEGAS celebrated its 100th birthday. A lot has changed since the city was founded in 1905 as a dusty railroad stop. Today Vegas is a leader in many different areas of tourism, with giant casinos, amusement parks, stage spectacles and golf courses. And, there are more than four-dozen courses in and around the city, most of them excellent. It is no coincidence that the city has quickly become one of the United States's premier golf destinations.

But while the number of courses sounds impressive, there is still a shortage of golf, and in peak season demand usually outpaces supply. Las Vegas has grown so rapidly that golf construction simply cannot keep pace. In comparison, Phoenix, a similar sized city with a similar climate but far fewer visitors, has more than 130 golf courses. As a result, Las Vegas golf has gotten a well-earned reputation for being expensive, and if you need proof, consider the fact that

three courses here have the highest greens fees in the country—a whopping \$500 per round!

The good news is that you can play some great golf in Vegas and still have plenty left over for gaming, dining and entertainment, as long as you know where to look. The city is home to many hidden values and ways to play for less. Want the most bang for the buck in Sin City? Here's how to find it.

When to Play

The easiest way to golf in Vegas on the cheap is to sweat it out under the summer sun. As the mercury rises, locals abandon the fairways for air-conditioned comfort. But despite intimidating temperatures that can pass 100 degrees in July and August, many visitors from humid locales find they do not mind the dry desert heat as much as they might expect. Golf back home at 90 with high humidity is actually more uncomfortable than

the dry heat. At almost every area course, rates plunge by about 50% for a full three months. For instance, at **Primm Valley Golf Club**, easily the best public course in the Vegas area, weekday rates of \$155 in peak season drop to just \$80 from June 13 through September 16. There are “shoulder season” discounts as well, and you can still save 20% or more in late spring, early fall or all winter long. The peak season in Las Vegas is mercifully short, from mid-February through early-May and from just before Thanksgiving to Christmas.

Playing during the week is also your best strategy. Not only does this leave your weekends free, when more shows and entertainment options abound, but it means savings of 15-25% at any time of year. Remember also that twilight comes early in Las Vegas. While reduced “twilight rates” in many destinations do not begin until 3 p.m. or later, many Vegas courses start discounting as early as noon. You can save as much as 40% by not playing in the morning yet still easily finish before dinner.

Be a Glutton

Just as Vegas buffets encourage you to eat too much, this is the place for playing 36 holes. Almost all the courses offer replay rates that are half the regular price. Think of it this way: if you were going to play golf on two different days for \$110 a round, instead play both rounds in one day for \$160, save \$60 and get an entire extra day free for your vacation.

Book Last Minute

The concierges at WorldMark Las Vegas use a company called **Stand-by**

Golf, and so should you. An established company with locations in top golf destinations such as Hawaii and Florida, Stand-by Golf has been in business for years and has contracts with almost all the top public courses in the Las Vegas area. They sell unsold tee times in the evenings for play the next day and starting early in the morning for play the same day, and savings are usually 30-50%. Nicky Quenga, a concierge at WorldMark Las Vegas, says, "I rarely have a problem getting guests out on their first choice, even on very short notice. Today I had a guest come to me at 10 a.m. who wanted to play Silverstone, and I got them out on the course at 1 p.m., just three hours later."

Use Stand-by Golf to book the three Pete Dye courses at the **Las Vegas Paiute Golf Resort**, 2004 winner for Best Overall Golf Experience

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The 9th hole on Primm Valley Golf Club's Desert course.

from *Las Vegas Golfer Magazine*: Sun Mountain, Snow Mountain and the Wolf. **TPC Canyons** is another great Vegas choice, one of the so-called "stadium" courses that comprise the Tournament Players Club network and are owned by the PGA Tour. The majority of TPC courses are private, so it's a rare treat to be able to experience a big tournament

course. **DragonRidge Country Club** is one of the newest and most popular Las Vegas area courses and has quickly placed itself among the area's best. The two courses at Primm Valley Golf Club are also on the Stand-by list. Both of these Tom Fazio designs, Desert and Lakes, have been ranked in the Top 100 You Can Play by *Golf Magazine*, and both are truly stunning, the cream of the Vegas crop. Often called "the greatest living golf architect," Fazio did some of his best work here.

Book Online

Many Las Vegas area courses offer discounts of \$10-\$20 just for booking online or offer short-term specials. One standout in this regard is **Aliante**, a new course that is a stunning beauty. Designed by desert golf specialist Gary Panks from Arizona, it was voted Best New Course by *Vegas Golfer* when it

opened just over a year ago and features desert ravines, or arroyos, on 14 holes, along with exposed rock ledges and plenty of dramatic water hazards. Aliante always has great deals through its Web site, such as peak season rates of \$90 midweek and \$110 on weekends in March and April, when most comparable quality courses in the area are getting 50-100% more (www.aliantegolf.com).

Best Value Courses

If you want to book in advance and simply get great, old-fashioned golf bargains, here are the courses to consider.

Angel Park and **The Legacy**: The same owners run both facilities and sell double- and triple-play passes that allow you to choose two or three rounds from the two courses at Angel Park and the one at Legacy, saving you about \$50 off each round. The Legacy is famous for its unique tee boxes carved into the shape of the four suits in a deck of cards, but it is also one of the most challenging in Vegas, long enough to have served as a US Open qualifying venue. Both 18-hole layouts at Angel Park, Palm and Mountain

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A New Phase for Las Vegas

WorldMark Las Vegas is currently undergoing a "phase" lift. One hundred and ninety-two units are being added to the outside of the original resort, plumping up the total unit count to 403. Two additional swimming pools, two spas, a horseshoe pit, putting green, shuffleboard and basketball hoop are available. Construction is currently active and is expected to continue through fall of 2005.

The new phases, known internally as Phases II and III, will make Las Vegas the largest resort in the WorldMark system until all of the phases at the new property in Indio, California, are complete.

were designed by golf legend Arnold Palmer and have long been known as Vegas' best buys even without the double- or triple-play savings.

Except in the short peak season, full-priced rates are below \$100, twilight starts early and Web site deals are common. In addition to the two championship layouts, Angel Park offers Cloud Nine, a 12-hole short course, with reproductions of a dozen famous par-3s from around the world. Cloud Nine is even lighted for night play. (www.obsports.com)

Sun City Summerlin: Inside these retirement communities in suburban Summerlin are hidden some of the least expensive quality layouts in Vegas. Yet unlike many residential community courses, they are open to the public. **Highland Falls** plays over rolling hills, and at over 3,000 feet elevation, its signature 206-yard par-3 14th is one of the highest holes in the region, with expansive views of the city. **Palm Valley** is much more of a desert course with ample bunkering and backdrops of exposed rock. Neither top \$110, and discounts and specials are often available. (www.golfsummerlin.com)



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Aliante Golf Club in North Las Vegas.

Best Value for a Splurge

Just as you might treat yourself to one swank dinner during your stay in Las Vegas, you might want to tackle one memorable but expensive course. The options are numerous, with about half the region's courses topping \$200. This may be a lot for a round of golf, but if you are going to indulge, you might as well play the best, and the best would be the Jack Nicklaus-designed **Reflection Bay at Lake Las Vegas**. Ranked 37th in the nation, this is a superstar course

featuring mountains, desert, rocky ravines and five holes strung out along 1½ miles of shoreline. In short, it has it all, along with first-rate maintenance. With peak season weekend greens fees of \$275, it is not cheap, but take solace in the fact that this stunner is even better than two other local courses, **Cascata** and **Wynn's Country Club**, which each cost \$500 to play. (www.lakelasvegas.com) ¹

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Spencer Street—the Quaint Side of Las Vegas

Located just three miles from the fabulous Strip, WorldMark Las Vegas at Spencer Street puts you within minutes of the glitz, glamour and gaming. But for many owners it's also something of a retreat. "Spencer Street is quaint," says Angie Penick, manager of the 42-unit resort for the past four years. "It's perfect for owners who are looking for a more relaxed atmosphere."

Originally known as WorldMark Las Vegas, Spencer Street's first year with WorldMark was 1997. It has a mix of one- and two-bedroom units featuring fully equipped kitchens, air conditioning, cable TV, balcony/terrace, washer and dryer and gas fireplace. Amenities at the property include an outdoor swimming pool and spa, recreation center, arcade games, exercise room and barbecue grills. An hourly shuttle runs between the resort and the Strip from 10 a.m. to 10 p.m. daily.

So if you're looking for the quieter side of Vegas, close to the action yet further from the crowds, consider Spencer Street, a WorldMark classic.

Off the Course Fun in Cen

Bend-Redmond-Sisters, Oregon: A Recreation Triangle

CENTRAL OREGON is all about the outdoors: with so much sunshine and such beautiful landscapes, staying inside feels nearly impossible. **Mt. Bachelor**, located 22 miles southwest of Bend on Highway 46, is one of the largest ski resorts in North America, and the ski season is long—from around Thanksgiving until the end of May! On the slopes you'll find scenic and fun restaurants, special events, licensed daycare for the little ones and, of course, ski runs—more than 70 of them. When ski season is over, the chairlifts stay in operation, giving you a view of the Cascade Mountains' lakes and peaks from 9,065 feet.

You don't have to look far to find a fishing hole around here, or a place to launch your kayak. The **mountain lakes** and **Deschutes River** are home to trout as well as landlocked salmon. Pick up a fishing license (and, if necessary, upgrade your gear) at **Centwise Sporting Goods** in Redmond before setting out. Hiking opportunities abound—try **Smith Rock State Park**, which has hiking loops as well as rock-climbing trails, and the trails along **Crooked River**.

For dinner, your choices are endless. If you're in Bend, you'll quickly realize that this is a beer town, and two brew pubs rise to the top: **Deschutes Brewery Brew Pub**

A selection of events in the area:

February: **Bend Winterfest**—Ice carving competitions, fireworks and concerts in downtown Bend; special events at Mt. Bachelor.

June: **Sisters Rodeo**, "the biggest little show in the world"—Rodeo parades, clowns and bullfights; one of the most popular rodeos on the West Coast circuit.

June: **Balloons Over Bend**—Balloons launch from Summit High School in Bend.

July: **Bend Summer Festival**—The streets of downtown Bend fill with fine art, food, crafts and exhibits.

November: **Starfest at Eagle Crest**—The trees at the resort light up, and on Friday and Saturday nights Santa visits the Inn. Runs from Thanksgiving to New Year's.

November: **Redmond Holiday Parade and Tree Lighting**—Parade begins at sundown the Saturday after Thanksgiving.

December: **Candy Cane Lane**—Christmas Eve and Christmas Day, Santa takes to skis on Mt. Bachelor.



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Clockwise from top: Balloons Over Bend; Sisters Rodeo; Deschutes River's Big Eddy; picturesque Sisters.

and **Bend Brewing Company**. The local juniper trees supply the **Bendistillery** with flavor for their small-batch gins, and you can sample some homegrown martinis on their deck overlooking Mirror Pond.

If you're looking for an experiential dining experience, you can ride an old western train, solve a murder mystery and hand your loot over to bandits on the **Crooked River Dinner Train**. **Tumalo Feed Company**, just north of Bend on Highway 20, is a local fixture known for its steaks, hospitality and live music Wednesday through Saturday. Eagle Crest's **Niblick and Green's** is owned by the same two guys.

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Las Vegas: Ease on Down the Strip

STAYING BUSY IN LAS VEGAS is not difficult—it's a city founded on diversions. Some "don't miss" places are **Caesars Palace**, where Celine Dion performs regularly in the Colosseum, employees in ancient-Roman wardrobes wander the casino floor and more than 160 stores fill the Forum Shops; **New York, New York**, with the Manhattan Express, a roller coaster that reaches 67 miles per hour; and the **Luxor**, with its opulent reproduction of King Tut's tomb. The **Hoover Dam** is one of America's greatest engineering feats. It measures 726 feet from top to bottom and generates four billion kilowatts of hydroelectric power a year. The dam is located 30 miles from Las Vegas on the Arizona/Nevada border.

In this land of tourists, restaurants are abundant and all over the map. Eat celebrity fare at **Emeril's New Orleans Fish House** in the MGM Grand; go to the top of the **Eiffel Tower** at Paris Las Vegas for J. Joho's award-winning French cuisine; or visit the **House of Blues** for the Gospel Brunch ("praise the Lord and pass the biscuits"). Don't expect to find those mythically low Las Vegas buffet prices everywhere you go; you have to hunt down cheap buffets these days. Some of the best deals can be found at the **Surf Buffet** at the Boardwalk Hotel, the **Circus Buffet** at Circus Circus, the **Feast Gourmet Buffet** at Palace Station and the **Ristorante de Fiori Buffet** at San Remo.

The air of festivity is eternal in Las Vegas. Often, however, the city dresses up even more than usual and plays host to special events. A few of them are:

March: NASCAR Winston Cup UAW Daimler/Chrysler 400—at the Las Vegas Motor Speedway.

April: World Series of Poker—an event that nowadays takes on a sense of nostalgia as poker masters compete at Benny Binion's Horseshoe in downtown Las Vegas.

May: Cinco de Mayo—in Freedom Park and bars and lounges all over the city.

July: Fourth of July Fireworks—fireworks displays go off from more than a dozen Las Vegas venues.

November: Motor Trend International Auto Show—this is the show the automobile industry prepares all year for.

December: New Year's Eve—downtown and on the Strip, partying crowds and top name entertainers celebrate the old and ring in the new.



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Clockwise: The Hoover Dam; NASCAR at the Las Vegas Speedway; Caesars Palace on the Strip.

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Off on the Right Foot

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