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Welcome to this issue of Desert Golf & Tennis. Spring is here and we wind down the desert winter with an amazing season. The world-class BNP Paribas Open, the largest ATP Tour and WTA combined two-week tennis event in the world, just wrapped with a record-breaking attendance—more than 475,000 tickets sold this year.

We are extremely proud to feature Jean-Yves Fillion, CEO, BNP Paribas USA, on our cover. BNP Paribas is ranked among the top 10 banks in the world. Fillion oversees its wholesale and retail activities in the United States and is chairman of corporate and institutional banking for the Americas. Read more about this amazing corporate leader, as well as the bank’s commitment to tennis worldwide, on pg. 12.

Also in this edition, we profile the 5th Annual Rosie Casals Team Tennis Pro-Am. Casals is a local figure in the Coachella Valley and hosts tennis clinics and events organized by her Love & Love Tennis Foundation. Learn more about the tournament and foundation starting on pg. 22.

With hot weather soon on its way, we also feature some of the best places in the valley for adults and entire families to stay cool and embrace summer fun—after you finish your early-morning play on the course or court. Get your ideas for cool summer activities beginning on pg. 34.

For those of you who love to travel, our renowned golf-course architect, Clive Clark, profiles his latest creation near St. Andrews in Scotland. This golf course will certainly rival any links course in Scotland or the world. Read about the course and its design on pg. 24.

Lastly, the future of the game of golf is in good hands with The First Tee, and we’re featuring The First Tee of the Coachella Valley in this issue. The First Tee is an international youth development organization that provides educational programs to build character and promote health through golf. Learn more beginning on pg. 26.

We hope you have an amazing summer of golf, tennis and all the other valley activities, and we look forward to fall and another great year bringing you Desert Golf & Tennis!
In March, tennis fans worldwide are focused on the Indian Wells Tennis Garden and the BNP Paribas Open, one of the top events in the sport.

With the spotlight shining brightly on the venue, as well as on title sponsor BNP Paribas and its subsidiary Bank of the West, it’s time to meet Jean-Yves Fillion, CEO of BNP Paribas USA and chairman of CIB Americas.

Fillion started at BNP Paribas 35 years ago and has lived in the U.S. for 28 years. A fixture throughout the Open, he’s the one at the tournament engaging with everyone from his corporate and institutional clients to community members, celebrities and tournament officials. If you’ve been to the tournament, chances are you’ve encountered Fillion as he makes his way from stadium to stadium to conduct interviews, present awards and chat with volunteers, visitors and clients. At the same time he has another serious mission: to make sure that the many programs BNP Paribas and Bank of the West bring each year to the tennis youth of the Coachella Valley are on track and running smoothly.

As Fillion generously offers his time to us, the interview must flow with his commitments. We begin in the administrative office boardroom, move to the BNP Paribas Suite, back to another administrative suite and then to the media center for a press announcement and interviews with four local high school students, each of whom received a $15,000 college grant from the BNP Paribas Open Scholarship program. Seated next to the students, Fillion is obviously proud of this program. He directs the media to talk with the students, whom he has come to know on a first-name basis.

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He also humbly mentions that he’s a member of the board of governors for the International Tennis Hall of Fame, a former member of the French National Sailing Team and an active member of the New York Yacht Club and American Yacht Club. Currently residing in New York, Fillion states “I am French/American spending most of my life in the United States. I love California and lived here for 11 years.”

Sitting with Fillion, it’s easy to feel his dedication to BNP Paribas and the tournament that bears the bank’s name. He frequently uses words such as sustainability, values, teams and diversity. “It’s about respecting the opponent and the people you work with,” he says, referring to tennis, business and life.

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Currently ranked in the top 10 for investment banking and wealth management globally with a presence in 72 countries, the bank’s history began in 1869 in France with the founding of Banque Nationale de Paris. In 1979, expansion included the acquisition of U.S.-based Bank of the West, a century-old regional institution dating to 1874. Fillion says BNP Paribas and tennis are a perfect fit, a match that garners worldwide recognition on multimedia platforms benefitting the sport and the company.

Held at Indian Wells Tennis Garden in Indian Wells, California, the BNP Paribas Open is the largest WTA and ATP World Tour combined two-week tennis event in the world with a total purse of over $15 million, and it’s highly regarded by players and fans alike. Since 2014, the event has been annually named the ATP World Tour Masters 1000 Tournament of the Year and the WTA Premier Mandatory Tournament of the Year.

What patrons of any BNP Paribas partnered event might miss, however, is the local philanthropic connection. “To be global,” Fillion says, “you need to be local.” The bank’s dedication to philanthropic endeavors has resulted in worldwide programs addressing gender diversity, hospital in-patient programs for the young, scholarship programs, wheelchair tennis and junior and university tennis and academics.

Recently announced is an addition to the expansive youth programs, Team BNP Paribas Mac1. With the help of John and Patrick McEnroe, the project’s goal is to turn today’s hopefuls into tomorrow’s champions. It expands on programs recently launched in France with Jo-Wilfried Tsonga and the French Tennis Federation, as well as the BNP Paribas Kids Fete le Mur Team partnership with Yannick Noah. Excited about the Mac1 program, Fillion notes with pride that the bank has been engaged in major philanthropic initiatives for more than 30 years through its BNP Paribas Foundation, which focuses on activities in three main areas arts, social inclusion and the environment, donating over $45,388,520 U.S. dollars each year.

Fresh off extending the title sponsorship of the BNP Paribas Open once again, this time to 2023, Fillion does not think in terms of endings. “This is not the finish line,” he says. “It is the starting line.”
It just wasn't meant to be for Roger Federer—this year, at least. Seeking his record sixth BNP Paribas Open victory, the 37-year-old Swiss player, who many consider to be the greatest tennis player of all time, appeared to be a virtual lock to walk away with the trophy on Sunday, March 17.

After all, he didn't have to compete against his main rival, Novak Djokovic, who shares his record for most BNP Paribas Open titles. And it's hard to bet against his consistency; he's competed in nine singles finals since 2004, including the last three. But fate had other plans.

Instead, 25-year-old Dominic Thiem, a native of Austria, who reached his first Grand Slam final at the 2018 French Open, proved that he's a player to be reckoned with. A winner of 12 singles titles on the ATP Tour and a top-four player in the ATP rankings back in 2017, Thiem proved his potential when it mattered the most—during one of the most important matches of his career so far, against one of his idols growing up.

"Roger is one of the biggest legends of all time," Thiem says. "It's amazing that we’re still able to compete against him in these big matches."

Upon losing the first set 3-6, Thiem quickly bounced back, claiming the next two sets 6-3, 7-5, as
didn’t appear that either of them lacked experience playing with one another. Unseeded, the pair played consistently well throughout the men’s doubles championship, defeating the championship’s No.1, No.5, No. 3 and No. 6 seeds consecutively.

The final match proved just how well the pair were playing. After losing the first set 4-6, they made an outstanding comeback, winning their next two sets against Lukasz Kubot and Marcelo Melo 6-4 and 10-3, respectively.

“It was so amazing to play in this stadium in front of all of these fans,” Mektic says. “This has been an incredible tournament and I truly enjoyed every moment of it.”

Meanwhile, another unseeded pair—Elise Mertens and Aryna Sabalenka—won the women’s doubles championship, defeating the world No. 1 pairing of Barbora Krejcikova and Katerina Siniakova 6-3, 6-2. The pair’s play was stunning. They not only won 100 percent of their break points, they also saved 86 percent of their opponents’ opportunities.

“This is a result we barely could have dreamed of, but achieving it is truly something else,” Mertens says. “I hopefully we can come back to Indian Wells for many years to come.”

As evidenced by Mertens and Sabalenka’s victory, as well as each of the other BNP Paribas Open champions, the field of rising stars is constantly expanding. There’s no telling just how incredible the 2019 season will be.

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Kyle Edmund's victories and strong performances are rarely surprising. In fact, they're expected, especially among the many British fans who have witnessed his talents firsthand. Yet his win at the Oracle Challenger Series at Indian Wells, which led to automatic qualification for the BNP Paribas Open, was somewhat a surprise.

Edmund had just spent more than a month recovering from a knee injury. On the Indian Wells courts, however, there were no signs of the nagging injury as he made his way through the tournament. Instead, he displayed the same raw talent that Brits have come to expect in recent years.

Ranked No. 27 in the world, Edmund defeated four opponents—Tommy Robredo, Lukáš Rosol, Yannick Maden and Lloyd Harris—before contending against Russian Andrey Rublev in the final singles match.

"This is the best Challenger on tour for sure," Edmund says, sharing an opinion that surprised no one given his performances at Indian Wells Tennis Garden from the get-go.

Competing in his first ever Oracle Challenger Series event, Edmund didn't appear to be impacted by his lack of experience in the series as he defeated Rublev in less than an hour, winning his sets 6-3 and 6-2. Above all else it was his serves that stood out with nine aces, as well as a 90 percent success rate on first-serve points.

"The field has been very strong," he states. "And I knew how dangerous Andrey could be."

Even so, Edmund proved that he was the most skilled player on the court throughout the week and continued to build upon the momentum the following week at the BNP Paribas Open. Upon winning two matches—defeating Nicolás Jarry 6-2 and 6-0 on March 10, and Radu Albot 6-3 and 6-3 on March 12—Edmund faced off against five-time BNP Paribas Open champion Roger Federer on March 13.

Although he lost the first set 6-1, Edmund continued to press on, ultimately losing the second set 6-4, showing his potential as a future star and, perhaps most importantly, earning respect from the greatest Grand Slam champion of all time (among men).

An Impressive Winning Streak
At the same time, Viktorija Golubic, a native of Switzerland, received the other qualification for the BNP Paribas Open after defeating four opponents prior to competing against American Jennifer Brady in the finals.

Her victories were impressive as she never lost a set. To start, she defeated Jamie Loeb, and then took down Catherine McNally, Sara Sorribes Tormo and Wang Qiang. Her victory over Qiang was especially impressive. Not only was Qiang the No. 1 seed of the tournament, but the second set at 6-1, after winning the first 7-5, was an overwhelming victory for Golubic.

The winning streak continued until the first set of the finals match when Brady defeated her 3-6. Golubic didn't seem very fazed by the loss, however, coming back quickly with a 7-5 victory in the second set. Her next set was even more successful as she won 6-3.

Reflecting on her win, Golubic described Brady as her "toughest opponent of the week," prior to admitting that it's "really annoying" to play her since she plays such "great tennis."

Although Golubic is certainly an up-and-coming player, she's hardly a household name—yet. There's no telling what she can accomplish, especially if she is as comfortable at other stadiums as she is at Indian Wells.

"This is tennis paradise here," she says, describing Indian Wells Tennis Garden perfectly. "That's for sure."

Her success continued a few days later when she became one of 12 qualifiers for the BNP Paribas Open main draw after defeating Great Britain's Katie Boulter 6-4, 6-3. The streak ended on March 6, however, when she faced Barbora Strýcová, who won the match 6-2, 7-6.

Losses aside, Golubic and Edmund definitely have nothing to be ashamed of. Not only did they display confidence on one of the games biggest stages, they also showed what they're capable of—being two of the game's rising stars to watch.
The foundation has developed new outreach through tennis programs, and partners with other youth organizations to expand its influence upon all communities in the valley. LLTF also offers financial assistance through its grant-funding program to those who enhance the growth of youth tennis, benefiting young players regardless of ethnic or economic background.

Players will enjoy a catered barbecue lunch and silent auction before the shootout. The fee for players is $250 per person, which includes two lunches, and lunch is available for non-players for $25 per person. A raffle drawing and silent auction will feature prizes such as unique sports memorabilia, dinner or lunch at top desert restaurants and more.

This year’s recipient of the Jackie Cooper “You’re the Best” award will be Andy Scorteanu, tennis director at Monterey Country Club in Palm Desert and owner of the Andy Scorteanu Tennis Academy. Scorteanu, who played on tour in the 2000s, is widely respected for his commitment to the sport. He has been acknowledged for his efforts to promote junior tennis in the Coachella Valley and has hosted several junior tournaments and free youth clinics. Past award recipients include Lornie Kuhle, Charlie Pasarell and Dee Dee Felich.

The award’s namesake, Jackie Cooper, was a beloved local tennis professional who passed away from cancer in 2013. His departure left a void in the tennis community and as a way to continue his legacy, Casals and Fretz introduced the award to recognize his numerous contributions and pay honor to this much-adored tennis icon and coach. Each year the award honors an individual who has demonstrated passion and dedication to youth, especially in the development of junior tennis in the region.

Casals’ tennis career spans more than three decades, starting in the early 1960s. Together with Billie Jean King, Casals was one of the pioneers and a powerful moving force behind women’s tennis in the 1970s, fighting for equal prize money and acceptance of females in the tennis world. Casals and King captured five Wimbledon doubles titles, which helped Casals earn 12 Grand Slam doubles titles and a No. 1 ranking in doubles for most of the mid-1960s and 1970s. Together, King, Casals and the “Original 9” challenged the old establishment and created the first professional women’s tennis tour, the Virginia Slims Circuit.

Casals Pro-Am sponsors include RumChata Foundation as presenting sponsor, Dr. Raj Sinha, hip and knee surgeon, and STAROrtho, Billie Jean King, Billie Jean King’s Eye Coach, The Larsen Project Wines, Indian Ridge Country Club (Randy Berg, Tennis Director), Desert Golf & Tennis magazine, Marker Broadcasting (Jammin 99.5 FM, Kool 95.9 FM, Q102.3 FM Classic Rock and Big 106 Country KPLM FM), Vicky’s of Santa Fe, Ristorante Mamma Gina and Pueblo Viejo Grill, with special thanks to Gary and Barbara Tolman, Charlie Isarell and Tom Mase.

Sponsorship packages are still available ranging from $500 to $10,000. In 2018, the Pro-Am raised $70,000, which continues to benefit young people who are now able to incorporate tennis into their lives as a result.

Those wishing to sponsor or participate should call 760.772.9411, email sportswoman@aol.com or visit sportswomanevents.com or https://lovelovetennisfoundation.wordpress.com

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The New Kid on the Block
Golf-course architect Clive Clark provides insight into his stellar new course, Dumbarnie Links

I t's the dream of every golfer to travel to Scotland, arrive in St Andrews—the noted Home of Golf—and play The Old Course. However, securing a tee time on The Old has become increasingly difficult. From April to November each year, The Old Course is fully booked with every tee time taken. There will soon be a "new kid on the block." Dumbarnie Links is set to open mid-May 2020. This genuine links course is just 10 miles out of St Andrews, set on 345 acres within the 5,000-acre East Lothians. It will look out across the golf course and enjoy extended views over the Firth of Forth and beyond to the East Lothians. Dumbarnie is a fabulous site with an impressive backdrop. It's common for some traditional links courses to play parallel to the coastline, largely due to the strip of land they're built on. However, the majority of the land on the two levels was relatively flat, even though it is genuine sandy-links land. To create the many features on this course, a large number of earth-moving machines were deployed. Our golf course contractor on this project, Landscapes Unlimited, based in Lincoln, Nebraska, is the largest golf contractor in the world. It brought massive excavators and 50-ton dumper trucks to the site. Moving two or three holes behind the front of the most forward tee boxes, the course will measure around 5,100 yards. From the black tees, which represent club handicaps, the course will measure approximately 34,000 golf courses in the world.

Dumbarnie Links is set on a spectacular piece of property adjacent to a mile and a quarter of beach/waterfront. The site is on separate levels connected by a gentle, sweeping escarpment. This has proved to be an enormous advantage as we have 14 holes with panoramic views of the Firth of Forth and across the water to Edinburgh, Musselburgh and North Berwick. It's common for some traditional links courses to play parallel to the coastline, largely due to the strip of land they're built on. Dumbarnie plays in many different directions on this vast 345-acre site. Four of the holes play from the top of the escarpment to fairways some 50 feet below and aim directly south, which gives magnificent water views as a backdrop. The layout also has some trees and greens that are close to the water, with excellent views of Leven Bay and beyond.

To start, there are only around 250 genuine links courses in the world. Of these, approximately 40 can be classified as 'world class' and are internationally known. For reference, there are approximately 34,000 golf courses in the world.

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A further feature rarely found on links courses is the number of risk-and-reward holes. Four of the holes, for example, are doglegs with twin fairways, inviting golfers to think before proceeding! Players have to decide whether they’ll take the longer route with the wide fairway or cut approximately 40 yards off the hole and risk the substantially narrower fairway containing some treacherous hazards. Additionally, given a favorable wind and a spirit of adventure, there are three triple-bunkers at the 17th, where the prevailing wind follows, is a good example. There’s a generous fairway to the left that will leave a short iron to the green. The ‘tiger line,’ however, offers the golfer a tempting opportunity of reaching the green in one stroke. This route plays over a 200-year old Scottish stone wall to a landing area guarded by eight somewhat precocious pot bunkers. As the saying goes, "You pay your money and you take your choice."

All 18 holes at Dumbarnie are very "linksy" in nature. There are approximately 600 sand dunes that will feature blowouts as well as tall, thin fescue grasses, creating a very natural look typical of links golf.

There are two styles of bunkers throughout the course. We have large, natural-looking bunkers that exist off the edge of the fairways. Our other style of bunker is the traditional pot, revetted bunker common to all golf courses on The Open Championship rota. In this instance, we’ve used artificial sod to stack the faces. Unless one were to study these closely, it’s unlikely to be recognized that these are not made from layers of natural sod. Although these are a little more expensive to build, they are far more sustainable in the long run. A regular pot bunker (with real sod) will last approximately 2.6 years and can be badly affected by aspect, clubs and balls hitting the face and general weather conditions. Our artificial sod bunkers are guaranteed for 20 years and will probably last longer. Therefore, before a re-build is required, they’re likely to last around four times longer than natural sod.

The clubhouse, too, will have magnificent panoramic views from its perch 900 feet above sea level. It will look out across the golf course and enjoy extended views over the Firth of Forth and beyond to the East Lothians.

Although it presents challenges, Dumbarnie Links is a forgiving golf course. The fairways and playable areas are relatively wide. On average, our fairways are about 45 yards across with generous amounts of semi-rough on either side. By contrast, I found after analysis that the average width of landing areas on courses in The Open Championship rota is just 28 yards. So, Dumbarnie will not intimidate. Instead, it will raise the spirit of the average golfer.

Typical of links golf, Dumbarnie offers the opportunity to roll the ball onto the green. With firm links-type approaches, golfers can pitch short of the green and roll on. They can choose to play to the center of the green—or not. Certain pin placements keep the ball off the green, leaving a need for other high-end strategies. There are a number of other courses in the St Andrews area, but only one, Kingsbarns Links, is classified as a world-class facility that will attract golfing connoisseurs from all over the world. Of these, approximately 40 can be classified as ‘world class’ and are internationally known. For reference, there are approximately 34,000 golf courses in the world.

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Tucked away on a sliver of land in the busiest part of Palm Desert lies a junior golfer's paradise. Most know it as The First Tee of the Coachella Valley, but many of the area's juniors consider it a home away from home. “Right now, we have the high school golf teams in session. But if they weren't playing, we'd be inundated with high-school golfers,” says Dustin Smith, program director of The First Tee of the Coachella Valley. “They can come over here and hit balls, they've got the study center with four computers, they can do their homework and feel at home. We've really tried to create an environment where the kids want to come out here.”

Smith, who's been with the chapter for more than 10 years of the center's 11-year existence, is one of the driving forces that has made the Coachella Valley chapter among the most successful in the country. Smith says the chapters that thrive, including his, are the ones that fully buy into The First Tee programs, are true to the organization's mission statement, abide by its core values and have directors and instructors who want to be on property mentoring.

He also credits The First Tee for setting forth an agenda that can be tailored or tweaked by individual chapters based on their specific needs. As for the growth of the Coachella Valley chapter, Smith believes the biggest factor has been enthusiasm for the game, which becomes apparent to potential participants as soon as they set foot on the grounds.

The center itself includes a full driving range, short-game practice area and an indoor facility with classrooms, meeting rooms and offices. It's not unusual to visit the center on any random day and see as many juniors taking advantage of the classrooms and other facility assets as there are hitting balls on the range or practicing their putting stroke.

The strange junior golf dynamic in the desert is another big factor that drives this chapter. While the valley is known worldwide as a golf mecca, Smith estimates that only about 30 percent of the dozens and dozens of golf courses here are public courses accessible to junior golfers. The contingent of local juniors fortunate enough to be members of a family involved in a country club typically have access to instruction and play should they be interested. The First Tee is there for everyone else, making a concentrated effort to fill the gap between the multitude of courses in the Coachella Valley and the inability of most junior golfers to access a majority of them.

This, says Smith, has created a situation where 60 to 70 percent of Coachella Valley school-aged children have never had a golf club in their hands—a wild contradiction for an area with such a high-profile golf reputation. So, The First Tee has jumped into the breach, providing exposure and access to the game for children who otherwise might not consider the sport.

"Just getting kids out here, getting a club in their hands and giving them the option that says hey, this could be something for you, is a great thing," Smith notes. "It gets them out of the house and it also gets them away from their darned phones for a few minutes. I'm as guilty as my students where that's concerned," he says. "But if you take that away from them and get them enjoying the outside for an hour, they're eventually going to thank you tenfold."

In an effort to lure a big demographic that might not have golf on the brain, The First Tee has begun offering classes at The Lights at Indio. Classes typically start around 5:30 p.m. so working parents have a chance to get their kids to the course. Smith says the chapter wants to reach out to as many East Valley children as possible, and classes at The Lights are the first and most visible manifestation of that intention.

For more information about The First Tee of the Coachella Valley, visit thefirstteecoachellavalley.org or call 760.779.1877.

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This is the story of how a gymnast became a golfer.

Until recently, Palm Desert sophomore Caroline Wales, 15, had always put gymnastics first and foremost in her young life, even though golf had been nibbling at her consciousness all along. Now nature has taken its course. In a compressed period of less than a year, Wales went from the top step of the podium in gymnastics meets to claiming individual golf medals.

From the age of six, Wales said everything in her life was gymnastics-based. “I lived, breathed everything gymnastics,” she says. “Golf was sort of like, eh, whatever. I didn’t really take it too seriously.”

However, a chance meeting and conversation with LPGA Tour professional Morgan Pressell at the 2013 ANA Inspiration made a big impact on Wales.

“I had my leg all taped up, and she hit a drive and came over to me and asked me what was wrong,” Wales says. “I was like, oh that’s so nice. I was really inspired by that and I decided I wanted to play professional golf. So I started taking it seriously. I kept on with gymnastics and I’d still miss golf for gymnastics until I finally quit last November.”

Wales won four California state and four regional gymnastics championships, including Arizona, California, Nevada and Utah, in 2017 and 2018. She won the regional all-around title in 2017. But she dropped gymnastics completely after suffering a back injury at a pre-season meet last fall, while also in the throes of post-season high-school golf competition for Palm Desert.

Prior to the injury, she managed to win the Desert Empire League medal with a 15-foot putt on the final hole, and advanced to the CIF Tournament as an individual. But the back injury was a nuisance that kept her from playing her best in the second round of CIF play.

Even when her spare time was being dominated by gymnastics, golf was always lurking in the background, thanks primarily to her grandfather, Henry Penfield. Penfield was the first to put plastic clubs in her hands when she was a toddler, and he regularly took her to Running’s Sun Lakes Country Club, where she fooled around on the practice range. And, it was an indirect challenge laid down by Penfield when Wales was 8 years old that helped her connect her competitiveness to the game of golf.

“He was talking to my mom, Courtney, and telling her I should be playing in junior tournaments put on by U.S Kids,” she says. “He told my mom he didn’t think I was ready for it. I wanted to prove him wrong, so I got my parents to sign me up. And I didn’t get last place; I got second to last place.”

She built her golf foundation further by participating in programs put on by The First Tee of the Coachella Valley. This time, inspiration came from her older sister Maddie, who signed up to participate in one of the First Tee’s programs, and little sister didn’t want to be left out. Wales called it her first interaction with ‘real golf.”

Aside from winning the DIEL medal, Wales most notable performance might be her runner-up finish playing with Stephen Ames during the 2018 Pure Insurance Championship Impacting The First Tee at Pebble Beach Golf Links. Ames finished tied for 27th, but Wales made nine birdies and an eagle during the tournament and finished second in the team competition after a scorecard playoff.

Currently, Wales is working with instructor Josh Myers at PGA West, and is on a mission to collect “stars” to help her gain entry into American Junior Golf Association tournaments. She also plans to attempt qualifying for the U.S. Junior Girls Championship and is vying for membership on the Southern California PGA’s Toyota Cup series, the highest level of junior competition in Southern California. She’s also thinking about college—it’s never too early—and lists Stanford as her dream school. Gymnastics programs aren’t a consideration.

“I’d love to go to Stanford but I don’t know if I’d be able to play,” she laughs. “Just went up and watched the Bruin Wave (Women’s Invitational) and got to see Oregon, Cal Poly, Stanford, Northwestern, Pepperdine and a couple of other schools. I like Cal Poly’s program and Oregon’s program, too. The team atmosphere is super fun.”

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The most common request of golf students is the desire to increase their clubhead speed, with good reason. Increased clubhead speed increases the distance the ball travels as we make perfect contact with it. The way to increase clubhead speed is to improve the path that your golf club travels. Think of it like a car on the open road.

**My 14-year-old golf student Miranda Schulthies, from the Utah Junior Golf Association, is my model for this article as she demonstrates a beautiful swing path to maximize her clubhead speed.**

Increased speed in a car is best achieved by staying on the road and not swerving off of it.

Now rotating toward impact, Miranda is steering the clubface on the same path as her backswing path, which will allow her to increase her speed as she rotates her core left toward the target in the distance. In order to increase her speed, she will need to maintain posture angles as she rotates. A common flaw for many golfers is the inability to maintain posture in the forward swing, which then moves the golf club off-path and slows it down.

Miranda’s foundation, e.g. keeping her feet connected to the ground and working as pivots, supports rotation. When the foundation pivots correctly, the body can wind up and unwind with complementing balance that assists in maintaining posture. As the body rotates correctly, it complements the arms and hands to guide the golf club on the correct path or swing plane. This path on which the club moves creates “centeredness” of contact with the ball and allows you to control its flight. Miranda demonstrates a perfectly balanced finish as her ball flies to the target.

**Through Impact**

Making her way through and exiting impact, Miranda has maintained her posture perfectly to keep her body rotating left, maximizing centrifugal force. Her hand path sliding to the inside, or what I call “under plane,” helps her steer the clubface in reference to her desired launch line and angle the clubface to produce a draw spin on the ball that maximizes her distance. This desired ball flight, a slight draw, produces a faster ball speed along with more roll when the ball lands on the fairway.

**Finish in Perfect Balance**

The finish in the golf swing is an accumulation of many components executed perfectly throughout the swing. Think of it this way: The foundation supports rotation. When the foundation pivots correctly, the body can wind up and unwind with complementing balance that assists in maintaining posture. As the body rotates correctly, it complements the arms and hands to guide the golf club on the correct path or swing plane. This path on which the club moves creates “centeredness” of contact with the ball and allows you to control its flight.

**Transitioning of “The Whip”**

The transition from backswinging to forward swing is similar to the transitioning in snapping a whip. Miranda has wound herself up in perfect balance with her legs loaded, core and shoulders rotated with energy stored up. She’s ready for the forward swing. Notice in the sequence of the clubface how it, too, is reacting in the same manner that a whip would by loading downward below the backswing path as the weight of the club cocks Miranda’s wrist, setting the golf club for the forward motion.

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Get Started On Path

The key to the takeaway is to engage the big strong muscles of the body to move the golf club directly away from the ball. The core muscles coiling up, accompanied by the shoulders winding up, store energy in the backswing. The hands move calmly by the shoulders winding up, store energy by loading downward below the backswing path as the weight of the club cocks Miranda’s wrist, setting the golf club for the forward motion.

**By Rob Stanger With Miranda Schulthies**

Golfer’s Playbook

How to Increase Clubhead Speed

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Finding the right golf or tennis community is just as important—or even more so—than finding the right home. After all, it’s the lifestyle that most buyers are seeking, especially those in the market for a second or vacation home. Price, of course, determines to a large extent where most people end up. However, there are more than 100 private and semi-private golf and tennis clubs in the Coachella Valley to choose from. Most communities have homes and condos in a variety of price ranges, but that can be where the similarities end. Each community also offers its own particular set of attributes that make it a good fit—or not—for buyers.

With the downturn in the economy over the past five years, many of these clubs have suffered loss of members and are offering incredible deals to attract new members. That’s why it’s important to work with an experienced realtor who knows the area and what each club has to offer—not just what’s available in terms of real estate, but also the ins and outs of the clubs themselves.

As a 26-year desert resident, realtor, avid golfer and social tennis player, I have had the opportunity to visit every golf course and tennis community in the valley. I have also been a panelist and golf course rater with Golf Digest for over 15 years and have rated most of these facilities. I pride myself in matching my clients and friends to the perfect club for their needs.

When meeting new clients, I focus on asking lifestyle questions. You can ask yourself these same questions to get a better sense of which of the many communities and clubs in the Coachella Valley might be right for you.

Consider the following:

• How important is golf and tennis?
• How much are you willing to spend on golf and tennis?
• What is your golf or tennis skill level?
• What are your interests and hobbies?
• Do you have children or grandchildren who will live with you or visit?
• How many holes of golf do you want?
• How many tennis courts do you want?
• What’s your budget?

Of course, there’s enormous overlap in what clubs offer, but asking and answering these questions can help narrow down your search and ensure that you will ultimately feel comfortable at your new club. Depending on your answers, you will focus on different communities during your home search.

For the true golf enthusiast or a golf-loving couple at different skill levels, PGA West might be a good choice. It has six championship courses with five sets of tees on each course, and it has one of the best practice facilities as well as a top-notch golf school. It would also be a top choice for those who play both golf and tennis as it also has 20 tennis courts. Home prices range from the $200s to the $2 million.

Another option for serious golf and tennis players is Mission Hills Country Club. It has three championship golf courses, including one playing host to an LPGA major event, as well as 34 tennis courts that have hosted many Davis Cup matches over the years. Home prices range from the $100s to the $3 million.

If having a great spa and fitness center with a range of fitness classes is a must, Toscana Country Club should be in the mix. In addition to two Jack Nicklaus Signature golf courses, Toscana has a very active cycling club and many social activities as well as a social

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Be Cool & Stay in the Valley This Summer

By Christine Loomis

There are plenty of chill places to be in the desert this summer—you just have to know where to look. Coachella Valley resorts and casinos have cool pools to laze in, concerts under the stars, deals and specials at soothing spas and on golf courses and tennis courts across the valley.

Maybe sipping Veuve Clicquot at an adults-only plunge pool is your idea of the perfect way to chill in the desert. Or perhaps you don't want to go full 18 holes. In that case, there's margarita putting poolside with a lime. Whatever your idea of chill is, we have you covered.

LA QUINTA
La Quinta Resort & Club

With 41 pools chilled to perfection, what's not to love about summer here? Not to mention refreshing icy cold towels throughout the resort for those moments when you need a quick cool pick-me-up. La Quinta's Summer Chill programming includes drive-in movies as well as tempting chilled bites at multiple restaurants. For example, you can dine on chilled shrimp at Adobe Grill, heirloom watermelon salad at Twenty6 and delightfully chilled gazpacho with fresh mint and pickled cucumber at Morgan's in the Desert.

Perhaps best of all, La Quinta has launched a new partnership with Veuve Clicquot. The adults-only plunge pool serves as a chill oasis on property, with day and night variations. By day guests 21 and older can relax poolside under Veuve's signature color umbrellas or rent a Clicquot-branded private cabana with bottle service. A roving Champagne cart will bring bubbly to those who don't care to vacate their poolside lounge. From 3-6 p.m. the plunge pool become an après swim lounge where guests can play lawn games, try Champagne tasting flights and cocktails and order light bites pre-dinner. If the pool isn't your thing, no problem. There's also a Veuve-branded golf cart offering a bit of bubbly to golfers on the resort's five championship courses.

Palm Desert
JW Marriott Desert Springs Resort & Spa

Our vote for the most fun you can have at a pool this summer is margarita putting. Just score a hole-in-one with a lime and margaritas are on the resort! There's also life-size beer pong, Tacos & Tequilas, plus DJs on Saturdays. Holiday weekends include a slew of family activities, from nature hikes to family fitness classes. The Spa at Desert Springs is 48,000 square feet of pure bliss. Consider giving your skin a treat with the Summer Soothing Aloe Wrap. If spa-ing together appeals, the Couples Revive Experience is the ultimate treat, from the mineral bath soak to the Champagne toast with service by a personal butler.

Don't miss T&T Innovation Kitchen, voted among the Best Hotel Restaurants by Palm Springs Life. Dishes at this experimental culinary outlet change daily, inspired by time and temperature. It's open for dinner Fridays and Saturdays only, reservations required.

Do make time to for the Desert Springs PBI Tennis Club and hilarious PBI Tennis Show on Saturdays, which uses fun skits choreographed to music to offer up tennis tips and tricks. For golfers, there are two 18-hole championship courses to conquer at Desert Springs Golf Club.
SummerFun

**RANCHO MIRAGE**
Westin Mission Hills Golf Resort & Spa

Chillibration runs June 1–Sept. 30 this year. Among other things, you can book a staycation here for 32 percent off Westin’s best rate and get 32 percent off of many of the most popular treatments in the spa. In fact, 32 being the clearest of numbers, is all the rage across the resort. The Summer Sunrise Tennis Chill Special features a half-hour private lesson starting at 7 a.m. daily for $32, and $32 is the cost of the Summer Chill Golf Happy Hour, which includes three iced beers, a round of golf and an iced, scented towel after play.

At Las Hadas Adult Pool check out happy hour Fridays and Saturdays from 4–7 p.m. and live entertainment Saturdays from 12:45 to 2:45 p.m. Midday too hot? No worries, hop into the cold-plunge iced Jacuzzi and order an adult frozen treat to enjoy while there. Of course, there are dive-in movies on summer Saturdays at Las Brisas Pool starting at 8:15 p.m., and should you stay at the Westin between June 17 and Aug 29, you can opt for unlimited golf for just $91. marriott.com

Ritz-Carlton, Rancho Mirage

If you’re searching for the pool with the most breathtaking view, look no further at aptly named Vista Pool at Ritz-Carlton, Rancho Mirage, where the panorama takes in the grandness of the valley and mountains beyond. Cool drinks and bites are offered at the Vista and main pools, but perhaps the coolest thing about this resort is that guests have privileges at multiple valley golf courses, including Desert Willow, JW Marriott Desert Springs and Indian Wells Resort.

Ritzcarlton.com

**Agua Caliente Resort Casino Spa Rancho Mirage**

Nonstop entertainment is the theme at this Forbes Four Star resort. The 2019 lineup of performers includes Daniel Tosh (April 26), Gabriel Iglesias (May 4–5), Sebastian Maniscalco (Aug. 16). Naturally, there’s plenty to do otherwise, too. Pools, beaches, waterfalls and cabanas offer a respite from the summer heat at the expansive pool complex. For families, Camp Oasis is for children ages five to 12, giving parents time to themselves for adult pursuits such as golf at renowned Indian Wells Golf Resort. Summer weekend events include drive-in movies, live entertainment and firepit festivities.

marriott.com

**INDIAN WELLS**
Renaissance Indian Wells Resort & Spa

Hurry, you have only until May 18 to check out the new Shots in the Night golf experience—no sunblock required! But there’s plenty to do otherwise, too. Pools, beaches, waterfalls and cabanas offer a respite from the summer heat at the expansive pool complex. For families, Camp Oasis is for children ages five to 12, giving parents time to themselves for adult pursuits such as golf at renowned Indian Wells Golf Resort. Summer weekend events include drive-in movies, live entertainment and firepit festivities.

Renaissance IndianWellsResortSpa.com

**Hyatt Regency Indian Wells Resort & Spa**

Hop into one of the chilled pools to look and feel cool. The resort has seven pools in total, including the adults-only Oasis Pool where the Oasis Bar has a happy hour and iced drinks for a respite from the heat. Enjoy them in one of the private cabanas. Over at the family pool, you and the kids can take on the challenge of the 60-foot waterslide and Desert Pipe water adventure wave pool.

From June 1–Sept. 30 consider booking the Sunshine on Sale promotion for a fun getaway. It includes daily breakfast for two and a third night free. As the day comes to a close, mosey over to Agave Sunset Lounge for live entertainment. There will be summer spa specials coming. Click on the resort’s website mid-May to see what’s on offer.

Hyattregencyindianwells.com

**Fantasy Springs Resort Casino**

Take advantage of special golf rates June 1–Sept. 29: $39 weekdays, $49 weekends. Post round, cool down in one of the pools or relax to complimentary entertainment in the caios. On Saturday nights, The Rock Yard has guests grooving to the best rock ‘n roll tribute bands on the planet, while LIT Lounge offers a variety of music genres all weeklong, from Latin to country. Want big names? Headliners at the Special Events Center this summer include George Lopez (May 31), Jethro Tull (July 5) and Diana Krall (Sept 29).

Fantasyspringsresort.com

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Springtime brings more than a spray of brightly hued flowers to the valley floor. Restaurants open up their patios for glorious al fresco dining experiences and many resorts and casinos begin to trot out new menus offering fresh, local, seasonal fare. Whether looking for a quaint lunch under the sun, a pint of ale and a bar snack, or a mighty steak and night on the town, desert patrons will find something to please any palate.

Blue Ember at the Omni Rancho Las Palmas Resort & Spa
Springtime dining around the firepit at Blu Ember provides not only inventive spins on California New American cuisine, but also offers glorious views of the desert’s spectacular mountains and lush fairways. The swanky eatery features meats hot off the grill, Cali street tacos and a bevy of bowls such as the Sonoran spiced chicken or Korean barbecue shrimp. Of particular note is the Moroccan stir-fry, an addictively savory stir-fry of meatless chicken, freekeh, arugula, peppers, chickpeas, raisins, charred lemon, toasted almonds and harissa pesto. (41000 Bob Hope Drive, Rancho Mirage; 760.862.4581; omnihotels.com/hotels/palm-springs-rancho-las-palmas)

The Steakhouse at Agua Caliente Casino
A Wine Spectator consecutive winner since 2007, The Steakhouse at Agua Caliente Casino pairs fine wines with the perfect protein. Think sushi grade ahi tuna, Loch Duart salmon, Australian lobster, Colorado lamb, giant white Mexican shrimp and USDA prime beef accompanied by classic sides. Special favorites include the jumbo lump crab cake caviar, and seafood on ice. For Easter Sunday, a $63 holiday Champagne menu will be offered from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. in the Cahuilla Ballroom. After the meal, you can walk off the calories with a stroll around the casino and perhaps win back the cost of dinner. (32-250 Bob Hope Drive, Rancho Mirage; 888.999.1995; hotwatercasino.com)
Looking for a place for an elegant outdoor brunch? FARM offers farm-to-table Provençal fare at historic downtown Palm Springs La Plaza on the garden-inspired patio of a former, charming architectural home. A romantic ambiance permeates the tucked-away space where the best crepes in town are found. Try “The Complete,” a buckwheat-wrapped paradise of jambon de Paris, gruyère and asparagus side egg, accompanied by a sherry spitzed pile of perfect greens. The brie sandwich with pear, date jam, arugula and walnuts served on warmed bread is the perfect bite for lunch, washed down with a tangy mimosa. (6 La Plaza, Palm Springs; 760.322.2724; farmpalmsprings.com)

Like many desert denizens, Chef Elio Cavallari is a transplant. After running his successful Italian restaurant in Los Angeles for 23 years, he moved to the desert for a peaceful life only to get the hospitality bug anew. Fortunately for locals, this means Mezzo.

O’Caine’s Irish Pub

Fittingly, over St. Patty’s Day weekend, O’Caine’s Irish Pub opened its doors to a desert crowd hungry for the artisanal flavors of Ireland. Far more than your average pub, the menu features gourmet renditions of old standards like Scotch eggs, tattie-cut potatoes chips with Bloody Mary ketchup, corned beef sliders. British lamb chops and Shepherd’s Pie. For dessert, grab a mug of Jameson to go with the incredible Cranachan, a Gaelic dessert of whiskey whipped cream, raspberries and toasted oats accompanied by lemon syllabub, all layered like a trifle. (6101 Bob Hope Drive, Rancho Mirage; 760.202.3311; ocainesirishpub.com)
Mondo, his new cozy joint featuring handmade pastas, fresh salads, a great wine list and world-class gelato. Some notable menu items include the ravioli burro e salvia with spinach and ricotta cheese with butter and sage sauce, and the porcini pappardelle in white sauce. Port or sweet marsala wine is offered with almond biscotti for dessert. 63801 Highway 111, #A, Palm Desert; 760.636.0575; mezzomondopd.com

AC3 Restaurant + Bar
Hooked onto Hotel Paseo, AC3 Restaurant + Bar represents the wonderful collaboration between beloved valley restaurateurs Andrew and Juliana Copley and Tony Marchese. Diners find delight on the trio's patio while sampling menu highlights such as the lobster and shrimp pot pie, a marinated pork loin schnitzel, fresh seafood catch and spot prawns or the always superb sesame-crusted tofu for the vegans in your bunch. A daily prix fixe menu is offered from 3:30 to 5:30 p.m. featuring newly concocted items from person. 45350 Larkspur Lane, Palm Desert; 760.340.6069; ac3palmdesert.com

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Owner Barry Gilinsky has managed to transform this sultry space into one of the hottest on El Paseo, with a VIP-style rope and stanchion entrance, spectacular chandelier, dark walls and thumping DJ music in the back. The Mediterranean-themed food and drink menu offers treats like lamb gyros, marinated octopus, dolmades and spanakopita along with such feisty beverages as Aperol Cooler, Bacon Old-Fashioned, African Flower and The Green Hour (made with Absinthe). Gilinsky says, “I decided to bring sexy back. It’s classy here—ladies are always comfortable.” VIP bottle service is available, and this is the perfect place for private-party rentals. Open daily, 1 p.m. to close and to 2 a.m. Thursday-Saturday; Happy Hour 6 to 8 p.m. weekdays, 5 to 8 p.m. weekends. (73750 El Paseo, Palm Desert, 877.869.8891, libationroom.com)

Bootlegger Tiki

This really is the about the closest thing to a speakeasy that you’ll find in the desert. Known as Ernest Coffee by day, after hours the venue transforms into a hidden tropical lounge with some of the best tiki cocktails around, made with fruit and a plethora of rums including Pineapple, Oaxaca, Dark Jamaican, Navy Strength, Agricole, Gold, White, Venezuelan and the list goes on. Don’t worry, there are plenty of options with vodka, gin, bourbon and tequila, too. As they say here, happy hour comes twice a day. Located in the same space as the original Don the Beachcomber restaurant that opened in 1953, the venue is historic, marked by cozy booths, woven reed wallcoverings and the original giant tiki torches out front. Open Daily 4 p.m. to 2 a.m., Happy Hour 4 to 6 p.m. and 12 to 2 a.m. (1101 N. Palm Canyon Dr., Palm Springs, 760.318.4154, bootleggertiki.com)

Somewhere in that nether world between the forbidden speakeasy and the sultry film-noir lounge, we find the best of both worlds. There’s a collection of cocktail bars here in the desert, a romanticized hybrid if you will, where the lighting is dim and everyone is welcome, as long as you know where the secret entrances are.

The Coachella Valley has jumped to the front of the red-roped line in reinventing the old-fashioned cocktail lounge, with a handful of retro establishments strutting their own personality and panache.
Dead or Alive Bar
The only clue that you’ve arrived here is the pink neon “wine and beer” sign in the window and the street-side sofa. Brimming with attitude and allure, this ultra-cool wine and beer bar carries the speakeasy mystique by displaying no signage. It’s an “in the know” or “word of mouth” type of place. Founded by Christine Soto, the space is intimate, minimalist and dark with a large orange sphere at the end of the bar that creates a hypnotic glow. There’s no food, but fortunately El Mirasol is right next door. Open Monday-Thursday 5 p.m. to midnight, Friday and Saturday 6 p.m. to 1 a.m. (150 East Palm Canyon Drive, Palm Springs, 760.864.7193, deadoralivebar.com)

The Nest
Given its phenomenal popularity, we admit that this one is far from stealth. Owners Dodi and Kevin Henry took over nine years ago and made this restaurant, bar and late-night dance spot one of the most sizzling in southern California. On any given night the bar scene is packed with residents and out-of-towners of all ages. Some guests like to visit for dinner in the clubby, comfy dining room before alighting in the lounge, while many prefer the piano bar. All happy-hour selections are $8 each, with tasty items such as Dodi’s Pasta with Sausage or Calamari Fritti on offer. The lounge and restaurant both offer an extensive, curated wine list and full cocktail bar. Kevin Henry and Tim Burleson draw dancers out on the floor every night, and there’s an Old School Jam Session every Sunday. Open daily 4:30 to 11 p.m., Happy Hour daily 4 to 7 p.m. (75-188 Highway 111, Indian Wells, 760.346.2314, gotothenest.com)

Seymour’s
Situated in a back room of the elegant Mr. Lyons Steakhouse, Seymour’s really does have a secret entrance, but passwords aren’t required. Once inside, guests are immediately taken back in time with plenty of low lighting, creative craft cocktails, a black-and-white TV along the back mirrored wall and even an outdoor patio with bocce ball courts. Co-proprietor Steen Bojsen-Møller and Tara Lazar of F-10 Creative have generated plenty of mood, especially on Wednesday nights at Gin ‘N Jams where guests can bring their own vinyl records and sip on gin-infused concoctions. Open Tuesday-Sunday 6 p.m. to 12 a.m., Friday and Saturday 6 p.m. to 2 a.m. (233 E. Palm Canyon Dr., Palm Springs, 760.892.9000, seymourps.com)
When you choose to jettison a car that has received accolade after accolade, you’d better replace it with something better. Ferrari will do just that when the F8 Tributo replaces the 488 GTB this spring.

The 488 GTB was named Motor Trend’s 2017 Best Driver’s Car as well as Top Gear’s 2015 Supercar of the Year. The Tributo—translated tribute if you hadn’t already made that leap—takes a stellar power plant and dresses it for the ball. Hang on to your glass slippers when you slide into the Tributo; it’s going to be a wild ride.

While Ferrari took a turn from its vintage look with the Portofino and Pista models, you’ll immediately notice that the Tributo is no horse and buggy as it slings its sleek nose forward with a dynamic look that is truly the best of Ferrari’s classic design. The grill threatens to inhale every molecule of air in the atmosphere while managing to complement the stunning hood with every intake and bold line perfectly placed. A subtle hole in the hood called an S-duct pushes drag down at high speeds and looks as if it could easily be a crease in the hood as an aerodynamic super force.

The Tributo rolls out in early March at the Geneva Auto Show. Until then, we’re left to speculate and accept Ferrari’s numbers. That trail of speculation builds anticipation. Ferrari says the Tributo will take the pedestal as the most powerful V-8 ever Sporting a 3.9-liter with 710 horsepower and 568 lb-ft of torque, the Tributo nods to its predecessors as it passes them on the track. It has increased 49 horsepower over the 488 GTB.

Current estimates from Ferrari put the Tributo at 0-60 mph in 2.9 seconds, with a top speed of 211 mph. Those numbers may be conservative but most owners will never know given the fact that less than half of them will ever get theirs on a track. Yet knowing your Tributo can outrun anything on the road will surely make you sleep better at night.

A Lexan cover over the engine compartment picks up elements of the iconic Ferrari F40 with its louvers. The see-through screen is both cool and functional. The small openings extract hot air from the engine compartment without impacting the efficiency of the spoiler. The spoiler wraps around the taillights and gives the rear platform a look of hugging the road. Ferrari lovers will argue for the rest of the century about such things as the correct number of taillights to include. The right answer is four. The Tributo shows its genius with twin light clusters on each side, another throwback to the early 8-cylinder coupes such as the 1975 308 GT, made famous by Magnum PI, of course.

Inside, the Tributo is upgraded from its brothers and sisters in all the right ways. A seven-inch touch screen gives drivers control and intuitive access. Round air vents and a redesigned steering wheel are small touches that show Ferrari is continuing to improve every feature.

Computer-aided handling is state-of-the-art in the Tributo. Keeping owners from having disastrous drifts and costly collisions is in the best interest of Ferrari. To that end, the Tributo incorporates the latest version of what is named the Side Slip Angle Control with Ferrari Dynamic Enhancer. Side Slip Angle Control maintains traction and stability control without sacrificing the dynamic speed in the Tributo DNA. Dynamic Enhancer actually allows drivers to drift while maintaining control in angles most of us never experience at recommended speed limits.

Ferrari finished 2018 with a record sales year. This move to the Tributo is bold for a company that could have celebrated the status quo and probably set even more records. Tributo’s pricing will likely start around $250,000.
Handbags occupy an interesting position in the hierarchy of fashion. True to the core philosophy that guides most schools of design, the handbag as an art form takes on more significance as it fulfills a sense of function and purpose. Handbags are an expression of who we are and where we belong in social, economic and fashion pyramids—and a necessity for holding our lipstick and gold cards.

In addition to making women look good, Gucci makes them feel good. Having established commitments to charitable causes Gucci is the largest corporate donor to UNICEF’s Schools for Africa, and the company is a significant player in the campaign for female empowerment.

Starting with a classic design, the Gucci Ophidia Crossbody Bag features a high-style, round shape constructed in GG Supreme canvas, a material with low environmental impact. The tan and brown trademark GG pattern is accented with leather trim and includes a zip closure and 22.5-inch chain shoulder strap. The double G detail at the front includes a hanging charm, with green and red web trim at the center. This canteen-style bag measures 11 inches high by 15 inches wide and may be purchased for $1,450.

The Gucci Ophidia Canvas Backpack is also constructed of signature GG Supreme canvas with leather accents. This eye-catching pack can be worn as a backpack or carried like a purse, with a flat top handle and a padded shoulder strap. The top has a two-way zip around closure, and there is also an exterior front zip pocket and mesh backing. Gucci also says will be pleased to see the signature GG stud and grained green webbing. The pack measures 11 inches high and may be purchased for $1,450.

The Gucci Marmont Leather Tote Bag is versatile and classy crafted from rich black nappa leather with a vintage effect and displaying a metal double G at the center front. Chain and leather shoulder straps with a 13-inch drop encourage its use as a shoulder tote. A zipper closure with elongated pulls opens to a mix of roller lining with a suede-like finish. Medium sized, the bag measures 11 inches high by 15 inches wide. Also available in red and white, the tote sells for $2,590.

Another black beauty, the Gucci Linea Leather Hobo Bag is constructed of Guccissima leather, and its smooth surface is imprinted with the trademark interlocking facing GG logo. The flat top handle has a 9-inch drop, and the attached optional curb-chain shoulder strap has a 21.5-inch drop. The two-way zip top closure leads to a roomy interior with one zip and two slip pockets. This bag measures 12 inches high by 15 inches wide and retails for $1,980.

Offering a choice between a black solid leather exterior or traditional GG logo printed canvas pattern, the Gucci Reversible Leather Tote Bag is a shopper style bag that emphasizes simplicity and restraint, characteristics that amplify its elegance. Leather shoulder straps feature a drop just under 8 inches, and the bag comes with a removable ID tag. Its dimensions are 11 inches high by 15 inches wide, and it may be purchased for $1,190.

Presenting a modernized take on the traditional handbag, the Gucci Padlock Medium Shoulder Bag has clean, bold design with a key-lock closure. Made in GG Supreme canvas crafted from a coated microfiber fabric with the GG mott; this bag includes a high level of detailing in an incredibly soft leather with a natural shine and supple appearance. Golden hardware contrasts with the double leather and chain shoulder straps with a 15.5-inch drop. An open top displays a flap over padlock closure accompanied by a hanging key. This bag, measuring 9 inches high by 135 inches wide, is available in light beige with either brown or black leather accents and sells for $1,980.

Definitely a career departure from the expected, the Gucci Rajah Medium Suede Bucket Bag is accented with black patent leather shoulder straps has a drop of 21.5 inches, and the bucket style bag features an open top with drawstring closure. A strip of green and green webbing extends lengthwise down the front of the bag, highlighted by an encrusted crystal tiger head at the center. There are two large front slip pockets on the exterior. Measuring 12.5 inches high by 7 inches wide, the Rajah is available for $1,980.

A study in black, tan, red and green

By Alison Elsner

The Art and Functionality of

The GUCCI Handbag

By Alison Elsner

A contributing writer to Desert Golf & Tennis
Italian artisans seem to have the Midas touch when it comes to designing fine jewelry. For centuries, Italy has captured the world’s fancy as ground zero for the confluence of fashion, luxury, culture and, yes, jewelry. A predominant powerhouse in global jewelry design, Italy is known for processing 500 tons of fine gold and 1,400 tons of silver every year for its jewelry creations. There are more than 10,000 companies in the jewelry industry in Italy, employing approximately 40,000 people. It’s a big, beautiful business!

Taking the art of jewelry-making to a new level of excellence, Marco Dal Maso inherited the art and talent of making jewelry from his father, Luigino Dal Maso, a skilled artisan from Italy’s jewelry quarter, Vicenza. Launching his men’s collection in 2011, the younger Dal Maso was inspired by his travels around the world, introducing his eponymous brand as a masculine jewelry reflection of antique culture and tradition. The brand’s designs are strong and bold, yet the visuals are always clean and impactful with a high degree of luxury. In 2017, Dal Maso brought forth his first feminine collection, and many of his designs are appreciated for their unisex appeal.

Dal Maso’s Amaia collection is derived from the phrase “lunar rainbow,” depicting the rare astral phenomenon when a light halo surrounds the moon. The Amaia Gold Circle Bracelet features a central round diamond surrounded by five concentric circles crafted in 18K polished gold, and white diamonds (0.08 tcw.) positioned along each circle. Two parallel link chains connect eight curved bars that surround the wrist, intended to move with the body. The clasp, equally intricate, is fashioned in gold with diamonds. This handmade bracelet retails for $21,000.

The Amaia Gold Pendant Circle Necklace exhibits a similar design, expressed as a pendant with a round white diamond at the eye of seven concentric 18K yellow gold and white diamond (2.92 tcw.) dotted circles surrounding the center. Circle parts are not fixed but rather take on the movements of the wearer, much like the bracelet. An 18K gold chain extends around the neck, attached by a small circular bale with a sweet little red sapphire (0.33 tcw.). This pendant is available for $24,240.

Continuing the theme, the Amaia Gold Circle Earrings are also handmade from 18K yellow gold, showcasing a round white diamond at the center of each, surrounded by five graduating circles of gold and white diamonds (2.85 tcw.). Each series of circles is connected to a central red sapphire (0.06 tcw.) encompassed by gold, creating just enough sway to emphasize their fluid collaboration. The gold is polished and finished with a rock-texture technique. These earrings may be purchased for $20,736.

Also part of the same collection, the Amaia Gold Circle Ring displays a stunning set of concentric circle parts in 18K gold, once again polished and with embedded finishing. White diamonds (1.40 tcw.) accent the circles in an alternating arrangement, drawing the eye to the almost celestial themed and very wearable objet d’art, which sells for $1,424.
Dal Maso’s Regalia Collection demands focus on each piece, which is designed to make the wearer feel empowered and regal. The Regalia Rose Gold Bracelet features a sequence of square parts that swing along together in harmony, with an interplay of champagne diamonds (1.95 tcw.) and blue and pink sapphires (7.36 tcw.). This handcrafted bracelet is available for $16,584.

The coordinating Regalia Rose Gold Necklace is also a fine example of Dal Maso’s juxtaposition of angles and curves, with squares of 18K rose gold graduating outward. Accented with champagne diamonds (1.35 tcw.), a central pink sapphire and a border of 16 blue sapphires (14.12 tcw.), the chain and bale each feature a center blue sapphire. This striking piece may be purchased for $19,248.

Checking in on his collections for men, many of Dal Maso’s designs have been compared to the art of a tattoo. Each piece is considered to be connected to our skin and souls, intended to celebrate our individual identities. The Warrior Collection, designated for one who is brave and fearless, embodies a formidable strength and solid unity, allowing the modern-day warrior to arm himself with the most stylish of jewels.

A straightforward piece appropriate for every day wear or for one’s role as the lead benefactor of the end-of-season charity ball, the Warrior Gold Link Bracelet is formed from delicate 18K yellow gold, its surface covered in the characteristic rock-texture finish. Interlocking rectangular links loosely circle the wrist, with one special link accented with a series of petite champagne diamonds (0.30 tcw.). This men’s bracelet sells for $6,912.

The men’s Bond Collection clearly showcases the Dal Maso trademark comma-like symbols, which are intended to represent humanity. The pieces are similar in form though each is unique, like a bond that connects us all. The Bond Signet Ring is created from textured 18K yellow gold. A queue of champagne diamonds (0.07 tcw.) bisects the surface of the ring, each stone surrounded by a triangle contour known as a ‘shark-tooth setting.’ This ring retails for $4,512.

Where to Purchase Your Own Dal Maso Piece

Cayen Jewelers
Mission 2 NW of Sixth St. Carmel-By-The-Sea, California
831.626.2722
cayenjewelers.com

Neiman Marcus
9700 Wilshire Blvd. Beverly Hills, California
310.550.5900
neimanmarcus.com

Neiman Marcus
6900 E. Camelback Rd. Scottsdale, Arizona
480.990.2100
neimanmarcus.com

Neiman Marcus
Fashion Show Mall 3200 Las Vegas Blvd. S. Las Vegas, Nevada
702.731.3636
neimanmarcus.com

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Madeira Canyon Park
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Course: Private/18 /72 /72.

Canyon Course: Private/18 /71/70.

Meadows Course

928 -214-7009, 300 S. Clubhouse Cirlce.,
Flagstaff Ranch Golf Club

Public/18/70/130/671.

Shadow Mountain Golf Club

928-537-4544, 860 N. 36th Drive, Show Low.

Silver Creek Golf Course


Snowflake Golf Course


Stonelidge Golf Course


Sundance Golf Course


Talking Rock Golf Course


Torreon Golf Club

928-532-6000, 651 S. Torreon Loop, Show Low. Private/18/68/125/618.

Turpinia Hills Golf Course

520-586-2581, 800 E. Country Club Dr., Benson. Public/18/71/393/3054.

Turpinia Golf Valley Club


Villa Vista Country Club

928-757-4544, 6200 Concho Dr., Kingman. Private/18/69/120/6266.

Verde Santa Fe Golf Course


White Mountain Country Club

928-367-4691, PO Box 489, Pinetop. Public/18/71/713/713.

Yuma Golf and Country Club


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623-955-6700, 3405 Clubhouse Drive, Goodyear. Semi-Private/18/72/12/7860.

Echo Mesa Golf Course
623-544-6074, 20249 E Echo Mesa Dr, Sun City West. Private/18/90/72/144.

Granite Falls Golf Course
623-546-7575, 15349 W Clearview Blvd, Surprise. Semi-Private/18/72/12/7869.

Grayhawk Golf Club
800-727-6331 [Par 3:36], 8620 E Thompson Peak Pkwy, Scottsdale. Public/18/72/12/7862.

El Camino Country Club

Encanto Dunes Golf Course

Encanto Country Club

Hillcrest Golf Club
623-954-1500, 2002 Star Ridge Dr., Sun City West. Private/18/72/12/7862.

Kierland Golf Club
623-350-5260, 800 E Arrow Drive, Tempe. Public/18/72/12/7865.

Kokopelli Golf Resort

Las Colinas Golf Resort
623-987-3663, 2313 E Village Loop Rd, Queen Creek. Public/18/70/72/12/7864.

Las Sendas Golf Club
623-395-4000, 7350 E. Creek Dr, Mesa. Public/18/70/72/12/7865.

Legacy West Country Club

Lehi Links Golf Club

Legend Golf Resort
623-830-688, 625 S 32nd St, Phoenix. Public/18/72/12/7863.

Legend at Arrowhead Golf Resort
623-422-4372, 2107 N 67th Ave, Glendale. Semi-Private/18/70/72/12/7864.

Greenbelt Golf Course
623-544-6073, 14260 Meeker Blvd, Sun City West. Private/18/72/12/7865.

Lakeside Golf Club

Longbow Golf Course

Maryvale Golf Club

McKevitt Ranch Golf Course

Mesa Country Club
623-984-6000, 7200 W Bell Rd, Surprise. Public/18/72/12/7864.

Metro Phoenix Golf Club

Paradise Valley Park Golf Course
623-992-7190, 390 E Union Hills Dr, Phoenix. Public/18/70/72/12/7870.

Paradise Valley Country Club
623-421-6480, 1205 E. Dorset Dr., Paradise Valley. Public/18/72/12/7862.
Phoenix Arizona
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Landmark GC
480-944-4230, 12452 W. Northern Ave., Glendale. Private/Public/18/72/135/6519.

Tee-Off Golf Course
designtor.com, 45010 E. Burke Rd., Gila Bend. Private/18/72/134/6497.

Anthem CC
18 Non $5,000 $250 $400 $465 GTSFSp (480) 977-7780

Scottsdale Country Club
designtor.com, 16626 N. Scottsdale Road, Scottsdale. Private/Public/18/72/121/6519.

Waverly GC
18 Non $28,000 $595 $1200 $500 GTSF (928) 857-7777

Baja Mtn. Ranch
18 Non $4,000 $495 $0 $19450 GTSF (480) 981-6501

West Wind GC
18 Non $15,000 $900 $900 $0 595 (480) 995-3650

Pepper Tree GC
18 Non $2,500 $425 $0 $20000 GTSFSp (480) 696-3420

Oak Creek Country Club
designtor.com, 12900 W. Northern Ave., Glendale. Private/Public/18/72/129/6497.

Kiva Ridge GC
18 Non $27,000 $495 $0 $22000 GTSFSp (480) 554-2420

Cameback Mtn. Country Club
designtor.com, 500 W. Avondale, Buckeye. Private/Public/18/72/121/6519.

Silverleaf GC
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Bells Canyon
18 Non $2,500 $425 $0 $20000 GTSFSp (480) 696-3420

Madera Country Club
designtor.com, 16626 N. Scottsdale Road, Scottsdale. Private/Public/18/72/121/6519.

Tonto Verde Golf Club
designtor.com, 45010 E. Burke Rd., Gila Bend. Private/Public/18/72/134/6497.

TPC of Scottsdale
480-248-4334, 17500 N. Hayden Rd., Scottsdale. Public/Public/18/71/139/6463

Trail Ridge GC
623-544-6015, 21021 N. 151 St., Sun City West. Private/Public/18/71/12/6463.
Desert Hills Golf Club
520-625-5900, 2500 S Circulo de Las Rosas, Green Valley. Public/18/72/2/125/9182.

Dorado Golf Course
520-865-6731, 1200 N. Dorado Club Dr., Tucson. Public/18/72/593/924/12.

El Conquistador Country Club
520-544-1600, 13355 S. Le Canda Dr., Tucson. Canaan Semi/Private/18/72/69/8/126/6185, Conquistador Semi/ Private/18/72/70/5/124/6331.

Fred Enke Golf Course
520-791-2531, 825 E. Ironwood Dr., Tucson. Public/18/72/60/7/124/6331.

The Gallery Golf Club

Ridge/Hill: Resort/18/72/69.7/142/6296.

Ridge/Hill: Resort/18/72/71.2/135/6578.

The View's Golf Club at Oro Valley
520-825-3110, 1065 E. Ranchos Vista Blvd, Oro Valley. Public/18/72/72/6231/143.

Torreon Blancas Golf Course
520-625-5200, 3233 S. Abrego Dr, Green Valley. Semi/18/72/71/112/7993.

Terry Blanca at Esperanza
520-744-3299, 1400 W. Speedway Blvd, Tucson. Public/18/72/68.6/119/6300.

The Gallery Golf Club

Heritage Highlands Golf Club
520-357-7000, 4949 W Heritage Club Blvd, Marana. Semi/Private/18/72/60/7/124/6331.

La Paloma Golf & Country Club

Oro Valley Country Club
520-297-3322, 300 W. Greenock Dr., Oro Valley. Private/18/72/69/4/120/1189.

The Views Golf Club at Oro Valley
520-825-3110, 1065 E. Ranchos Vista Blvd, Oro Valley. Semi/18/72/72/6231/143.

Tucson National, The Club

Ventana Canyon, The Lodge at

Villa Hon estates, The Golf Club at
520-797-9900, 955 W. Villa Hon Estates Dr, Tucson. Public/18/72/65/9/114/145.
Southern Highlands Golf Club
702-263-1000, 1 Robert Trent Jones Ln., Las Vegas. Private/18/72/2,440.

Spanish Trail Golf and Country Club

Sunrise Vista Golf Club

TPC at Summerlin
702-256-6111, 1700 Village Center Circle, Las Vegas. Private/18/72/1,242/19.

Tuscan Golf Club
1-866-TUSCANY, 901 Olivia Parkway, Henderson. Resort/Public/18/72/7/309/131.

Wildhorse Golf Club

Willow Creek Golf Club
775-727-4653, 1500 Red Butte Street, Pahrump. Semi-Private/18/71/1,525/124.

Wolf Creek
desertgolfer.com, 866-252-4653, 403 Paradise Parkway, Mesquite. Public/18/72/7/3018.

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