

Area golf courses

ANTRIM

A-Ga-Ming Overlooking Torch Lake, this is one of the most picturesque courses in the state. A new 18-hole course, The Torch, is slated to open in 2004. Located 10 miles north of Elk Rapids off U.S. 31. 264-5081.

Antrim Dells This 18-hole championship course was designed by Jerry Matthews. Plays to 6,670 yards from championship tees. Located 35 miles north of Traverse City on U.S. 31. 599-2679.

Bellaire Golf Club This 18-hole course has been face-lifted over the last few years. It's slightly rolling with a new back nine. Located two miles south of Bellaire on M-88. 533-6531.

Elk Rapids Golf Club The course offers a view of Elk Lake, and some of the holes have been redesigned over the past few years. 264-8891.

Centennial Farm Golf Club The front nine features rolling hills, and the back nine plays through hardwoods. Located near Bellaire and close to several other Antrim County courses. 533-6886.

Hawk's Eye Designed by John Robinson, the architect on the companion course, The Chief. This player-friendly course has earned rave reviews for its imaginative layout that utilizes the hilly terrain around Lake Bellaire. The first nine holes opened last summer, the second nine will open in July.

Lakes of the North An 18-hole layout with a 71 par. From championship tees, the course plays to 6,922 yards. Located on County Rd. 38, 10 miles west of Old 27. 585-6800.

Shanty Creek: Schuss Mountain The 18-hole course, cut out of Antrim County forest, has sand traps and five water hazards to add to the difficulty. The course has a driving range available. Four miles west of Mancelona on M-88. (800) 678-4111.

Shanty Creek: Cedar River The Tom Weiskopf-designed course opened a few years ago at Shanty Creek to rave reviews. The course plays to 6,989 yards from the back tees, 6,528 from the blue, 5,963 from the white and 5,315 from the red. (800) 678-4111.

Shanty Creek: Summit This hilly, 18-hole course of 6,559 yards features sand traps on each hole. The greens are lightning fast. Located off M-88 near Bellaire. (800) 678-4111.

Shanty Creek: The Legend Designed by Arnold Palmer and plays to 6,764 yards. The combination of heavily-treed fairways, sand traps and water hazards cre-

ates difficult shots on a tight course. Three ponds are formed by the headwaters of Shanty Creek, which winds through numerous other holes. (800) 678-4111.

The Chief Golf Course Bellaire's newest 18-hole championship course was designed by John Robinson and plays from 4,708 to 6,541 yards. All carts feature GPS. The Chief is located on Shanty Creek Rd., 200 feet east of the entrance to Shanty Creek. (888)

483-5465.

Windmill Farms One of two par-three courses in the area, Windmill Farms of Mancelona not only offers nine holes of golf, but a fine restaurant as well. 587-5258.

BENZIE

Champion Hill Located on 350 acres of the highest land in Benzie County, this course offers scenic, open, rolling and heather-

lined fairways and picturesque views of four lakes. The 18-hole, par-72 course plays to 6,887 yards. Located 2.5 miles south of U.S. 31 on Marshall Rd., just west of Honor. 882-9200.

Crystal Downs This private course is recognized as one of the finest in the United States. Located near Frankfort.

Crystal Lake Golf Club The 18-hole layout takes golfers through heather, orchards and hardwoods. It overlooks Crystal Lake and features a new practice facility.

Located one-half mile north of Beulah on U.S. 31. 882-4061.

Crystal Mountain The year-round resort on M-115 near Thompsonville offers 36 championship holes cut out of Benzie County woods. Features the Mountain Ridge course and the Betsie Valley course. Driving range available. 378-2911.

Frankfort Golf Course The nine-hole course plays to 2,552 yards with a par of 34. Located two

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Stacy Snider wins by one stroke at the Tournament of Champions at Boyne Mountain.



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