

America's Summer Golf Capital

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golf associations, and well-traveled golfers nationwide to review a ballot of 400 daily fee, resort and semi-private courses — recently selected five northern Michigan courses to its distinguished "Top 100 You Can Play" list. Among other notables nationally, Pacific Dunes, a Tom Doak course, was the runner-up to the popular Pebble Beach Golf Links and edged out classic layouts such as Bethpage Black and Pinehurst No. 2, both U.S. Open venues.

Leading the way locally is a couple of Lake Michigan shoreline gems, Bay Harbor Golf Club and Arcadia Bluffs.

Bay Harbor, which ranked No. 18, is owned and operated by Boyne USA. Designed by Arthur Hills, it features 27 classic holes routed along the Lake Michigan shoreline through an old rock quarry and beautiful hardwoods. This stunning lay-



Arcadia Bluffs

out offers three distinct nine-hole challenges —The Links, Quarry and Preserve. Located just south of Petoskey, it even features a waterfall. For more information on the course visit www.boyne.com, where you will also get information on Boyne's eight other courses

Michigan's own Rick Smith designed Arcadia Bluffs, which received a No. 26 ranking. Located in the highlands above Arcadia, the course has the strong feel of an Irish seaside course. Routed through large

sand dunes, every hole has a view of the lake. To view the layout and get more information on the course, click on www.arcadiabluffs.com.

Continuing the overseas feeling is the Gailes at Lakewood Shores Resort, which received a No. 80 ranking. Located near Oscoda, the Gailes features a strong Scottish influence complete with sod-faced bunkers, firm fairways and fescue-covered mounds. It's as close as you'll come to seaside golf

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