

# TOP SHORT COURSES IN AMERICA 2007

We present the 2007 list of GOLF RANGE MAGAZINE'S TOP SHORT COURSES IN AMERICA. This annual list includes Par Three and Executive golf courses.

## TOP EXECUTIVE GOLF COURSES

### Charles Yates Golf Course

Atlanta, Georgia

Date Built: 1998

Rounds Played: 40,000

Course notes: Par 58, 3,357 yards with back nine views of the Atlanta skyline. A home to the East Lake First Tee program.

Architect/Designer/Builder: Rees Jones

### Deep Cliff Golf Course

Cupertino, California

Date Built: 1961

Rounds Played: 20,000

Course Notes: Deep Cliff is an 18-hole, par 60 course located in the Cupertino foothills. Reviewers call it the best in Northern California. The track measures 3,358 yards and is Audubon International certified. Deep Cliff is managed by CourseCo, Inc.

Architect/Designer/Builder: Clark Glasson

### Desert Willow Golf Club

Henderson, Nevada

Date Built: 1996

Avg. Rounds Played: 15,000-30,000

Course notes: The course is lined with thousands of mature pines and thousands of bales of pine needles provide out-of-play ground cover.

Architect/Designer/Builder: Billy Casper & Greg Nash

### Glen Course at Creekside Golf Course and Training Center

Valparaiso, Indiana

Date Built: 2000

Rounds Played: 22,000

Course notes: 4 sets of tees on the 9-hole course allow the course to be played from 1,132 yards to 3,270 yards. A home site for Hook a Kid on Golf as well as The First Tee.

Architect/Designer/Builder: Don Childs & Associates; Mike Laughner, PGA

### Hank Haney Golf Ranch at Vista Ridge

Lewisville, Texas

Date Built: 2003

Rounds Played: 15,000

Course Notes: The Hank Haney Golf Ranch at Vista Ridge is a 9-hole design with a combination of par 3's and par 4's that winds its way around the Trinity River. Located on the north end of Dallas, Vista Ridge was designed and built by Haney with input from Tom Fazio. Like his other locations, Haney has incorporated the "Best of Class" in practice areas at all of his facilities: Natural turf tee areas with views; short game areas with pitching greens, sand bunkers, putting greens and indoor digital video hitting bays

Architect/Designer/Builder: Hank Haney and Tom Fazio

### Incline Village Mountain Course

Incline Village, Nevada

Date Built: 1969

Rounds Played: 26,000

The Mountain Course is an 18-hole, par 58 course with commanding views of Lake Tahoe. In 2004, Audubon International designated the course a "Certified Audubon Cooperative Sanctuary."

Architect/Designer/Builder: Robert Trent Jones, Jr.

### Meadow Links & Golf Academy

Cincinnati, Ohio

Date Built: 1993

Rounds Played: 40,000

Course notes: Multi-amenity golf center includes 9-hole executive layout. In-Reach Program is aimed at inner city youth.

Architect/Designer/Builder: Dr. Michael Hurdzan

### Mosholu Golf Course

Bronx, New York

Date Built: 1914

Avg. Rounds Played: 20,000-30,000

Course notes: After a \$1million dollar grant by a local NYC business-man, the facility is now owned and operated by The First Tee New York. This course plays closer to a regulation 9-hole course. New clubhouse and extensive renovations have brought new luster to the course.

Architect/Designer/Builder: John van Kleeck (1914) Stephen Kay (2004)

### Reidy Creek Golf Course

Escondido, California

Date Built: 2002

Avg. Rounds Played: 15,000-20,000

Course notes: Challenging and fun to play. The course meanders through the rolling terrain of a natural valley.

Architect/Designer/Builder: Cal Olsen

### Schenley Park Golf Course

Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania

Date Built: 1890

Rounds Played: 50,000 plus

Course Notes: Home to The First Tee of Pittsburgh. This old, city classic is the only golf course in Pittsburgh proper. The 4,620 yard track features woods and six highway hazards. The course was renamed in 2006 the Bob O'Connor Golf Course at Schenley Park in honor of the late Pittsburgh mayor who loved the course.

Architect/Designer/Builder: Mark Ormison

### The Hooch

Duluth, Georgia

Date Built: 1998

Avg. Rounds Played: 20,000-30,000

Course Notes: Par 61 that plays along the Chattahoochee River. Built by Medalist Golf.

Architect/Designer/Builder: David Johnson

### The Spotswood Course at Golden Horseshoe Golf Club

Williamsburg, Virginia

Date Built: 1963

Rounds Played: 25,000

Course Notes: Called the "best short nine-hole course in the country" by *Golf Magazine*, the Spotswood Course, named for Colonial Governor Alexander Spotswood, is the 1963 update of the Williamsburg Inn's original 1947 nine-hole layout. Dual tees allow for the nine-holer to play to 3,745 yards

Architect/Designer/Builder: Robert Trent Jones, Sr.



## TOP PAR THREE GOLF COURSES

### Blue Rock Golf Course

South Sandwich, Massachusetts

Date Built: 1962

Rounds Played: 26,000

Course notes: Recognized as one of the finest par 3 courses in the U.S by several leading golf magazines...including this one.

Architect/Designer/Builder: Geoffrey Cornish

### Cloud Nine at Angel Park Golf Course

Las Vegas, Nevada

Date Built: 1989

Rounds Played: 35,000

Course Notes: The Cloud Nine Short Course features 12 holes inspired by some of the most famous golf holes in the world. The layout is highlighted by holes with similar shot values to some of the most famous (or infamous) holes in the world such as the "Island Green", "Valley of Sin", "Postage Stamp" and even the "Riviera" (complete with the bunker in the middle green). To make matters even more exciting and unique, nine of the 12 holes are lighted for evening play, making the Cloud Nine short course a special nighttime treat for golfers in Las Vegas.

Architect/Designer/Builder: Bob Cupp

### Legends Scoring Nine at Jim McLean Golf Center

Fort Worth, Texas

Date Built: Redesign in 2006

Rounds Played: 5,000-10,000

Course Notes: Jim McLean acquired this facility about one year ago and immediately began to upgrade all aspects of the facility. He brought in Tom Fazio to rebuild greens and tee boxes. The course is open to the public for \$14 and is also used as the practice course for the McLean Golf School. The holes range from the shortest at 66 yards to the longest at 215 yards. There is also a 'community fairway' that allows student to play a long par 4.

Architect/Designer/Builder: Tom Fazio

### Midway Par 3

Myrtle Beach, South Carolina

Date Built: 1974; Upgrade 2003

Rounds Played: 50,000 plus

Course notes: Home to three 9-hole par three layouts. Two new nine-hole layouts incorporate "situation" golf where pine

straw, fairway bunker and side-hill lies come into play off the tee.

Architect/Designer/Builder: Randy Allen; Kip Miller on new layouts

### Orange County National's "Tooth" Winter Garden, Florida

Date Built: 1998

Rounds Played: 22,000

Course notes: Par 29 beauty that has been the "Home of the 2001-2005 Orlando Jaycee's Pee-Wee Championships." Orange County National features a 360-degree golf range, the largest in the U.S. Architect/Designer/Builder: Phil Ritson, Dave Harman, Isao Aoki

### Sah-Hah-Lee Golf Course

Clackamas, Oregon

Date Built: 1990

Rounds Played: 50,000

Course Notes: A family owned and operated golf course that also includes a golf range. The Lisac family designed and built the course. Steve Lisac is the GM/co-owner; his brother, Bud Lisac is the superintendent and co-owner and Nick Lisac is one of the golf instructors.

Architect/Designer/Builder: The Lisac Family

### Sandstone Hollow at Turning Stone Resort

Verona, New York

Date Built: 1999

Ave. Rounds Played: 10,000

Course Notes: Turning Stone Resort features four 18-hole layouts (Rick Smith designed the short course as well as one of the 18-hole layouts.) The course winds through woods and wetlands. Turning Stone Casino is an enterprise of the Oneida Indian Nation.

Architect/Designer/Builder: Rick Smith

### The Short Course at Grand National

Auburn/Opelika, Alabama

Date Built: 1993

Rounds Played: 20,000

Course Notes: Part of the Robert Trent Jones Golf Trail in Alabama. The 'Short Course' features 10 holes that border Lake Saugahatchee. Part of the Grand National golf complex, by all reports Robert Trent Jones, Sr. called it the single greatest site for golf he had ever seen.

Architect/Designer/Builder: Robert Trent Jones, Sr.

### The Wee Course at Williams Creek

Knoxville, Tennessee

Date Built: 2003

Rounds Played: 10,000

Course Notes: Home to The First Tee of Williams Creek. This 18-hole par 3 course has received awards: "Best New Course in East Tennessee" by *East Tennessee Golf News* and "The Four Star Award for New Facility" by Tennessee Recreation and Parks Association. The course is sited on 98 acres. The clubhouse is a restored schoolhouse.

Architect/Designer/Builder: Original routing by Tom Fazio and final design by local architect Bill Oliphant.

### Town of Palm Beach Golf Course

Palm Beach, Florida

Date Built: 1961

Rounds Played: 40,000

Course notes: With the Atlantic Ocean on one side and the Intercoastal Waterway on the other, this oceanfront gem saw Louise Suggs beat Sam Snead and a field of 24 in a 1961 tournament.

Architect/Designer/Builder: Dick Wilson

### Threetops at Treetops Resort

Gaylord, Michigan

Date Built: 1992

Rounds Played: 15,000

Course notes: Home to the annual Par-3 Shootout...has received kudos from major magazines on overall design and quality.

Architect/Designer/Builder: Rick Smith

### Weddington Golf & Tennis (formerly Studio City Golf & Tennis)

Studio City, California

Date Built: 1955

Rounds Played: 50,000

Course Notes: With more than 600 trees older than 40 years, this green sanctuary has been a place of refuge for the Hollywood star and layman alike. Owned by the Weddington Family, the facility was known until this summer as Studio City Golf. Many a celeb got their golf start here.

Architect/Designer/Builder: Original design by actor Joe Kirkwood, Jr, son of noted golf trick shot performer Joe Kirkwood Sr.