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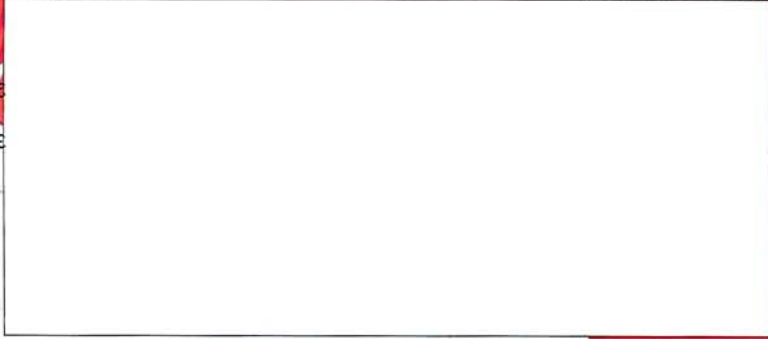
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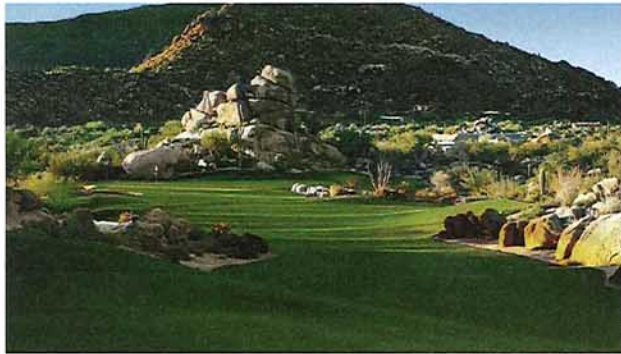


TRAVELIN' JOE

Dear Joe,
 My husband and I will be in Scottsdale for Thanksgiving week. We've never been to Arizona before, and we'd like to play two or three times—but we want real desert golf experiences. Not too tough, not too easy—I'm a 26 handicap and my husband is a 17.

—Candace Thompson,
 Lethbridge, Alberta

First off, welcome to Travelin' Joe's home turf, the northeastern region of Greater Phoenix. This area is absolutely packed with scenic if somewhat pricey spreads. But in these three cases, you really get what you pay for. For the maximum wow factor, I nominate the South course at the **Boulders Resort** (\$55-\$250; 480-488-9028, theboulders.com). The cart ride alone on the front nine is worth the price of admission, with holes that flow through forests of saguaro cacti and twist in and among the ancient, gigantic rocks that give the resort its name. Take the time to climb up to the back tees at the 6th, 7th and 8th. You can thank me later. Another desert treat is **We-Ko-Pa's Saguaro** course (\$75-



ROCK SOLID
 Wow is the word at the Boulders Resort in Arizona.

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\$175; 480-836-9000, wekopa.com), a walkable romp across Tribal land where no homes or roads intrude on an option-filled Bill Coore-Ben Crenshaw design. A third worthy choice is **Gold Canyon's Dinosaur Mountain** course (\$60-\$139; 480-982-9449, gcgr.com), whose in-your-face encounters with the looming nearby Superstition Mountains will linger long in your memory.

Hey Joe,
 The family is headed to Colonial Williamsburg for some golf and history. We're staying at the Williamsburg Inn and I might be lucky enough to squeeze in one round. What do you recommend?

—Rick Trgovich, via e-mail
 You won't have far to go for your

lucky round. The **Golden Horseshoe** golf complex (757-220-7696, colonialwilliamsburg.com), located next to the hotel and just south of Williamsburg's historic attractions, has two strong layouts, the Gold (\$139-\$165) and the Green (\$75-\$99). The pricier Gold is one of the mid-Atlantic's most memorable tracks, a Robert Trent Jones classic with a par-3 collection that I rate as among the best I've ever played. Trent's son Rees crafted the Green in 1991, and while I don't like the mounding that prevailed during that period of design, the much more affordable Green at least unfolds over a beautiful tract. Finally, don't overlook the 9-hole, par-31 **Spotswood** course (\$29-\$41), one of the best of its kind in the country.

DEAL OF THE MONTH

Barton Creek Resort & Spa *Austin, Tex.*



BARTON CREEK RESORT

Over the years, Texas golf has produced such legends as Hogan, Nelson, Crenshaw and Kite. However, it never offered Top 100 resort golf until 1986, when Tom Fazio's Foothills course debuted at Barton Creek. The natural limestone cave on the par-5 18th created early buzz, but it's the rest of the design that has kept it entrenched as one of *Golf Magazine's* Top 100 Courses You Can Play. Combine the golf with a superb on-site spa, college football, Austin nightlife, barbecue and temperate weather in October/November, and the result is Texas-size perfection. To celebrate the layout's 25th birthday, Barton Creek offers its **Silver Anniversary Package**. Included is unlimited golf on either the Foothills course or its Fazio-designed sibling, the Canyons, a commemorative shirt and hat, lodging, breakfast daily and a three-course steak dinner in the Hill Country Dining Room. Rates start at \$309 per person, based on double occupancy, with a two-night minimum. bartoncreek.com

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