

A DESTINATION BEYOND THE ORDINARY

Central Oregon is accessed with daily flights from Los Angeles, San Francisco, Salt Lake City, Denver, Seattle, and Portland via Bend/Redmond Airport.

BEND, OREGON: "You won't find a more interesting mix of golf designs anywhere," declared David McLay Kidd, renowned golf course architect and Bend resident. "Passionate golfers will revel in our region's diversity. In less than an hour's drive from downtown Bend, you can play courses with three different types of grass that demand three different styles of play."

Three of Central Oregon's golf clubs are on *Golf Digest's* list of "America's 100 Greatest Public Courses." The magazine has recognized the region as one of the country's top 25 golf destinations.

WEST COAST GOLF TRADITION

The Lithia Pacific Amateur Golf Classic, the longest running net-amateur tournament in the West, will celebrate its 19th year in September. Over 500 amateurs are expected to compete in the three-day net, stroke-play tournament.

"Sunriver Resort is our official hotel," said Michael Patron, Central Oregon Visitors Association vice president. "Sunriver Resort is a perfect host. Its Crosswater Club, designed by Bob Cupp, is No. 51 on *Golf Digest's* 'Courses You Can Play.'

"Our tournament should be a must on your golf calendar. The portfolio of golf courses, evening parties, and Chef Travis menus, make for an inviting experience," vaunted Patron. "Everybody has a fair chance to take home some spoils. Our tournament is split into handicap flights, so you are competing against other golfers at a similar skill level. The top four of each flight advance to the final round at Crosswater.

"Our 300 days of sunshine and warm summertime weather make for an outdoor enthusiast's dream," said Patron. "I encourage you to try something new. Consider a morning excursion with Big Sky Balloon Rides or challenge yourself on the sheer rock walls of Smith Rock, one of the '7 Wonders of Oregon.'" ■



Crosswater at Sunriver Resort

For more information about the Lithia Pacific Amateur Golf Classic on September 19-24, please visit PacAmGolf.com. To learn more about the 30 golf courses designed by the likes of Nicklaus, Kidd, and Fazio, in the greater Bend area, please visit VisitCentralOregon.com.

• *Fun Facts About Central Oregon* •

- THERE ARE 17 BREWERIES, one for every 4,800 residents, including Deschutes Brewery, America's 5th largest craft brewer.
- SUNRIVER RESORT, with 63 holes of golf, was the former site of Camp Abbot, a World War II training facility.
- OVER 300 MILES of single track off-road trails were used for BIKE magazine's Bible of Bike Tests.