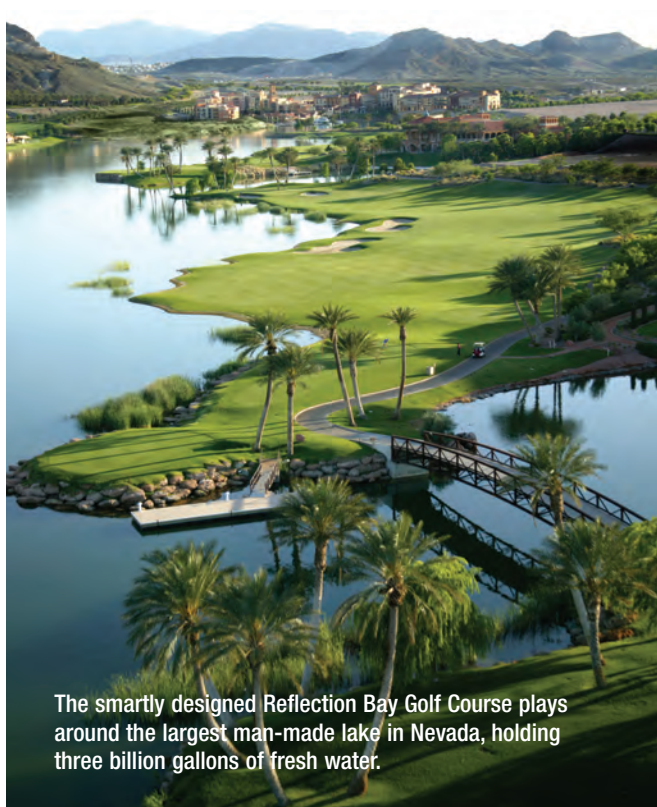


“IT’S NOT OFTEN you get the opportunity in a body of water like this, in a **SETTING** like Lake Las Vegas, to design a golf course.”

– JACK NICKLAUS



The smartly designed Reflection Bay Golf Course plays around the largest man-made lake in Nevada, holding three billion gallons of fresh water.

Learning By Example

The opening of Lake Las Vegas Golf Academy complements two existing Jack Nicklaus Signature courses.

HENDERSON, NEVADA: (30 minutes from the Las Vegas Strip): Lake Las Vegas provides the ideal combination of two Jack Nicklaus Signature courses (Reflection Bay and Southshore Country Club), Westin and Hilton hotels, 10 miles of shoreline with acres of white sandy beach, multiple dining and shopping diversions, and a modern fitness and swim club.

Its newest guest amenity, open to the public, is The Lake Las Vegas Golf Academy.

“Today’s technology can assess your golf swing to the smallest detail,” explained Craig Barlow, director of instruction at Lake Las Vegas. “But, it can’t make you play smarter. I believe my experience on Tour [with 170 cuts made] provides a unique perspective. I am able to share what I’ve learned on my journeys. For example, many West Coast



Tour stops are played on ryegrass, while East Coast stops are likely Bermuda grass. Each requires a different ‘plan of attack.’ When playing on grainy Bermuda, less club loft and more acceleration on your downward stroke will likely yield better results.”

“My dad was a head golf professional in Indiana for more than four decades. Anyone from The Hoosier State is likely born with a basketball in their hand,” teased Jeff Gallagher, golf instructor at Lake Las Vegas. “I was pretty good in all sports, but soon gravitated to golf. My father would set goals for us to ‘earn’ new golf equipment. He instilled in me the importance of fundamentals and that hard work perseveres.”

The Lake Las Vegas Golf Academy features an indoor hitting bay with Trackman technology, a Scotty Cameron putter fitting system, and will soon offer a 25,000 square-foot practice tee.



“Our instructional tools are the best in the business, but, in my opinion, our strongest asset is our four regulation length practice holes,” revealed Gallagher. “The ability to teach on a golf course, where my pupil faces real world scenarios, creates a much higher level of focus, makes you think, and increases the odds of long-term improvement.” ■

For information on seasonal golf packages and guest fees, visit LakeLasVegas.com. For information about the Golf Academy, visit LakeLasVegas.com/GolfAcademy.