

# Lost In Nature



*Between the Cascade Mountain Range to its west and the Rocky Mountains to its east lies Kalispel Golf and Country Club.*

SPOKANE, WASHINGTON: Kalispel Golf and Country Club (formerly known as Spokane Country Club) holds an important footnote in American golf as host to the inaugural U.S. Women's Open. Patty Berg's big win in 1946 was a driving force behind her efforts to establish the WPGA (Women's Professional Golf Association), which two years later was renamed the LPGA (Ladies Professional Golf Association).

"As a veteran sportscaster for 28 years, you would think it would be easy for a radio guy, to succinctly describe Kalispel Golf and Country Club. It isn't," expressed Bob Castle. "When the opportunity presented itself to become the club's general manager, I didn't think twice. In recent years, investments made by the Kalispel Tribe have only enhanced its beauty. Our course has the perfect backdrop of Rattlesnake Ridge, a natural setting with a pristine ponderosa pine forest peppered with weeping willows.

"Only guests of Northern Quest and members have access to our facilities," said Castle. "We pride ourselves in providing an exceptional experience and even encourage patience when playing under certain circumstances. It's not unusual to encounter a meandering moose walking across the fairway. We urge you to pause, and before grabbing your cell phone to take a picture, look around at what Mother Nature has created. It's a calming effect like no other."



## ***STAY, THEN PLAY***

About a 30-minute shuttle ride from the golf course is Northern Quest Resort & Casino. The Forbes Four-Star and AAA Four-Diamond rated hotel offers more than a dozen restaurants, 24/7 gaming, Kids Quest fun zone, and a 5,000-seat outdoor amphitheater that draws big name acts (recent performers were Old Dominion and Snoop Dogg).

"If you are looking for the ultimate indulgence this year," recommended Castle, "join us for golf, dinner at Masselow's Steakhouse, and conclude the night with an exotic cigar at Legends of Fire, the region's only premier cigar bar." ■

*For information on membership, visit [KalispelGolf.com](http://KalispelGolf.com); on seasonal stay-and-play packages, visit [NorthernQuest.com](http://NorthernQuest.com).*