

# EXPERTISE *in the World of Golf*

*Kalispel Golf and Country Club is where deer, moose, and a few lucky golfers play.*

SPOKANE, WASHINGTON: There are 1.1 million doctors in America that perform nearly 22 million surgeries each year. No matter the occupation, experience counts.

In golf, earning status as a “Class A PGA Professional” is considered a benchmark of success.

Kalispel Golf and Country Club, host of the inaugural U.S. Women’s Open in 1946, has been recognized for its staff of professionals with noteworthy credentials from instruction, club fitting, and merchandising. The private facility is exclusively available to members and guests staying at Northern Quest Resort & Casino (about a 20-minute drive away).

“We have multiple golf professionals that are members of the Northwest Golf Hall of Fame and are PGA sectional award winners,” lauded Nick McCaslin, head golf professional. “From course management, to our teaching professionals and throughout our food and beverage options, our team brings decades of experience to each area of operations.”

Marking almost two decades at the club, Jeff Gullikson heads up the agronomy team. “I am dedicated to preserving and protecting our delicate ecosystem to keep it the healthiest it can be,” said Gullikson. “By evaluating little things, from the temperature of soil to the color of grass blades, it allows us to provide some of the best playing conditions in the state.

“We have even taken an extra step to tag nearly 1,000 pines lining the fairways to track their health. While some of the trees are tucked into the forest, others are prominently in play. Our pine [tagged No. 27] is a foreboding obstacle you must navigate on the third hole—an uphill par-5 that typically plays as a three shot hole.”

## COMFORT FOOD

With a nod of respect to the year the golf club was originally established, 1898 Public House, combines a storied history with modern flair. “The menu is varied to suit different palates, but I must recommend the ultimate comfort food—the restaurant’s lobster mac and cheese,” advised McCaslin. “One crack into its claw and you’re sold.” ■

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

