

Kalispel Golf and Country Club is nestled against the foothills of Rattlesnake Ridge and alongside the meandering Little Spokane River.

SPOKANE, WASHINGTON: "As the ground begins to thaw, true signs of spring are upon us, and the course quickly comes to life with varieties of blooming flowers and wildlife," revealed Nick McCaslin, head golf professional at Kalispel Golf and Country Club. "Although we are a private facility, we allocate a couple of tee times per day for guests at Northern Quest Resort & Casino. If are you looking for a fun vacation, with a myriad of activities [including a full casino], our stay-and-play packages might just be for you."

The 17th hole features a drinking fountain that is fed

from a natural underground spring. "The water runs at a constant 52 degrees year round. On a hot summer day, a sip is refreshing to the max and provides

> *Golfweek* ranks Kalispel Golf and Country Club one of its "Top 50 Casino Courses."





The club is appropriately located on Waikiki Road. While not in Honolulu, staff provides the same level of hospitality the Hawaiian Islands are famous for.

an extra *spring* in your step [no pun intended] for the finishing holes," said McCaslin. "Our balanced ecosystem allows nature, humans, and wildlife to coexist. Our club logo [the frog] comes from Kalispel Tribal elders who often tell stories about 'Frog Island,' a sacred gathering place on the banks of the Pend Oreille River where families once gathered for meals, dances, and conversation. Now, the Kalispel frog represents a strong symbol of health, balance, and community."

Throughout its 100+ year history, Kalispel Golf and Country Club has been an important part of golf's history

> in the Pacific Northwest. The club hosted the inaugural U.S. Women's Open won by Patty Berg in 1946, and Tom Watson holds the course record with an impressive 11 under par.

> "A reliable club off the tee is key to scoring well. The course isn't overly lengthy, but our large ponderosa pines have been known to knock down a drive or two," grinned McCaslin. "It's important to have a proper ap-

proach shot angle to the greens since they are devilishly small and lightning fast."

For information on membership, visit KalispelGolf.com; and on seasonal stay-andplay packages, visit NorthernQuest.com.