



Go Golfing in Ontario: Great Value and Variety for all Golfers

By Patricia Duncan

In the Ottawa region, **Manderley on the Green** is a 27 hole challenging championship course with full facilities for practice, instruction, and social activities. Warren Grant, 2001's CPGA teacher of the year, runs instruction at the course during the summer months. This course has completed a new lay-out, successfully blending new and old holes. Over the river in Quebec, three courses are available near Aylmer, 15 minutes drive from downtown Ottawa. **Club de Golf: Les Vieux Moulins** (18 holes) is described as having "an exceptional lay-out" with rock-cut ponds creating natural hazards. **Champlain Golf** (18) has a great mix of golf holes providing a test for all levels of play. **Gatineau Golf Club** (18), a semi-private club, has been re-designed as part of a new upscale residential community. Visit www.ottawagolf.ca to see photos and course lay-outs.

Annandale Golf Club, near Ajax, in Durham Region, is a full service, well-established facility with great design and a pleasant atmosphere for relaxation after the game. The website provides course maps and images.

In central Ontario, Waterloo Region has fourteen public courses on offer, operated by **Golf North**. Russ Hughes of Tradebank Waterloo points out that the **Golf North** connection has been most beneficial in a business sense as golfers often use the passes as gifts, often generating more connections and also in the use of T\$ for enhancement of the courses. Visitors should note that this area, only a 1.5 hour's drive west from Toronto, is very accessible for a day or for a longer stay. Some accommodation is also available for \$T in this very scenic region. Check with your broker. **Golf North's** courses offer a dazzling variety of golfing options and details are available on the website www.golfnorth.ca. In Fergus, **Lake Bellwood** (18) is a new facility designed to challenge golfers of all handicaps. **Fairview Golf Club** (9) is also in this area. **Acton G.C.**, on the edge of the Niagara Escarpment, is both scenic and demanding. In Cambridge, **Beaver Valley** has a well-manicured course and raises the bar on accurate shots. Also **Brookfield G.C.**, built on rolling country side, has three 9-hole courses creating opportunity for an interesting 18-hole round. **Brant Valley G.C.**, St. George, set in a lovely area, has several demanding holes. **Calerin G.C.** (9), at Erin is characterized as "a real hidden treasure" with first rate greens and fairways. **Canterbury G.C.** (9) Port Perry, on the shores of L. Scugog, is a Doug Carrick design guaranteed to tax skills. **Cedar Creek** (9), Woodstock runs along a creek, for a natural hazard. **Conestoga Country Club** (27) is a professionally designed course with an attractive clubhouse and full facilities. **Dundee C.C.**, New Dundee, has a good mix of hazards and shots. At Baden, **Foxwood G.C.** offers 27 holes, a practice range, putting greens and a chipping and bunker area. In the Credit River valley, **Orangeville G.C.** (9) is surrounded by mature trees and has greens that will test putting skill. Joining the group this year is **Paris Grand C.C.**, Paris, a course designed by Azinger and Associates to give the golfer an exceptional game. Waterloo Region also offers **Rebel Creek G.C.** (18), Petersburg, of which Alan Chud, course architect, says it is "a well-appointed, well-finished track with dramatic elevation changes, protected wetlands and a variety of features that make it truly unique."



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Hamilton Region has **Scenic Woods Golf and Country Club** (18), a mature course designed by Rene Muylaert, this is a full service facility with a newly renovated club house on the Niagara Escarpment, above Stoney Creek. The golf pass covers two golfers and a cart. Further west, London Region offers **Twin Streams G.C.** (18), Delaware, in a relaxed park-like setting described as a “strategically demanding course”.

The Niagara region also has an array of courses. **Whisky Run G.C.** (27), **Rockway Glen G.C. and Estate Winery** (18) and **Niagara Falls G.C.** (18) will take the Tradebank card directly while **The Greens at Brock** (18 and 9 par 3) uses passes. **Whisky Run’s** 3 nines are all different in design, length, and difficulty. **Rockway Glen** is an impressive links-style course plus the addition of its VQA winery and stunning clubhouse. **The Greens** is a multi purpose facility for the occasional recreational golfer and offers a challenging short game test. **Niagara Falls G.C.** has accommodation packages for its two on- course residences. Details are at www.niagarafalls.com.

Other prestigious Niagara courses are available with passes: **Peninsula Lakes** (27), Fonthill, **Hunter’s Pointe**, (18) Welland and **Legends on Niagara**, (2 x18 and 9) Chippawa. All of these are first rate courses and have beautiful facilities.

In addition, **Unison Driving Range** and the services of two **golf professionals** are available from Tradebank Niagara.

Golfing in Ontario? What a selection for local golfers and visitors alike. Take advantage of these offers this summer and get out for a great golfing experience.