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Every new issue of *Troon Golf & Travel* gets me excited about places to travel and play. You'd think, perhaps that being "on the inside" would make it more "ordinary" to read about and visit Troon courses across the country and around the world, but no.

This issue is full of such articles. Arizona is well represented, with both resort and residential facilities, starting with Wickenburg Ranch, one of the newer properties in the Troon system. At Wickenburg Ranch, a relaxed lifestyle check-in amenities melds with a landscape of great natural beauty to create a community that its residents truly love. Much the same exists at Rio Verde Country Club, which MSN.com recently called "One of the top retirement communities in America."

On the resort side, Lookout Mountain Golf Club at the Pointe Hilton Tapatio Cliffs qualifies as one of Phoenix's most enjoyable stay-and-play destinations, especially after a recent suites renovation. And Ak-Chin Southern Dunes Golf Club has steadily emerged as one of Arizona's best and most innovative golf courses, as evidenced by a stream of prestigious national awards.

Troon's resort offerings in Hawaii recently expanded also, with the 36 holes at Mauna Lani Resort (Hawaii Island) joining Kapalua (Maui) and Princeville (Maui Golf Club (Kauai)) in the portfolio. Talk about island hopping in style! You'll read about all three properties in this issue.

Down south, we profile five courses on the Gulf Coast of Alabama and Florida: Crail Farms Golf Resort, Peninsula Golf and Racquet Club, Rock Creek Golf Club, Tiger Point Golf Club, and Lost Key Golf Club. This trending destination delivers superior golf, great food, white-sand beaches, festivals, and all-American fun.

You'll also read about the deep Western history and outdoor adventures of Sheridan, Wyoming, and the community where you can take advantage of it all. The Powder Horn, California's desert gem, Classic Club, and the enduring Southern charms of Savannah, Georgia, and The Westin Savannah Harbor Golf Resort & Spa.

Call me a fanboy, but I'd be happy spending the next few months visiting each and every one of these wonderful destinations. I hope to see you there too!

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