

Golfweek's Best 2020: Top 50 Casino Courses

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Welcome to Golfweek's Best Casino Courses in the United States.

This list focuses on courses owned and/or operated by casinos, with data pulled from *Golfweek's* massive database of course rankings. (Pictured atop this story is No. 5 We-Ko-Pa's Saguaro Course, with the photo courtesy of We-Ko-Pa/Lonna Tucker.)

There was only one change in the top 10 of this list from 2019, with The Preserve in Vancleave, Mississippi, moving to No. 10 on the list, replacing Spirit Hollow in Burlington, Iowa, which slid down a spot to No. 11. There were several shuffles in the next 40 courses, including several courses new or returning to the list.

The hundreds of members of *Golfweek's* course-ratings panel continually evaluate courses and rate them based on our 10 criteria. They also file a single, overall rating on each course. Those overall ratings on each course are averaged to produce a final rating for each that is then used to compile the Golfweek's Best course rankings.

Each course is listed with its 2019 ranking in parenthesis, an average ranking from all the *Golfweek*

Raters who reviewed it, its location, architect(s) and the year it opened.

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October in the Northeast West the Nevada (at Shadow Creek) the PGA Tour's CJ Cup in
1. (1. In 2019) Shadow Creek, 8.09

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North Las Vegas, Nev.; Tom Fazio; 1990

2. (2.) Fallen Oak, 7.24

Saucier, Miss.; Tom Fazio; 2006

3. (3.) Greenbrier (Old White), 6.86

White Sulphur Springs, W.Va.; Charles Blair Macdonald, Seth Raynor, Lester George; 1914

4. (4.) French Lick Resort (Pete Dye Course), 6.74

French Lick, Ind.; Pete Dye; 2009

5. (5.) We-Ko-Pa (Saguaro), 6.68

Fort McDowell, Ariz.; Bill Coore, Ben Crenshaw; 2006

T-6. (6.) Salish Cliffs, 6.54

Shelton, Wash.; Gene Bates; 2011

T-6. (7.) The Wilderness at; Fortune Bay, 6.54

Tower, Minn.; Jeff Brauer; 2004

8. (8.) Barona Creek, 6.50

Lakeside, Calif.; Gary Roger Baird, Todd Eckenrode; 2001

9. (9.) Nemaquin Woodlands (Mystic Rock), 6.44

Farmington, Pa.; Pete Dye; 1995

10. (11.) The Preserve, 6.41

Vance, Miss.; Jerry Pate; 2005

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Ak-Chin Southern Dunes in Maricopa, Arizona (Courtesy of Ak-Chin Southern Dunes)

11. (10.) Spirit Hollow, 6.30

Burlington, Iowa; Rick Jacobson; 2000

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12. (14.) Ak-Chin Southern Dunes, 6.27

Maricopa, Ariz.; Brian Curley, Lee Schmidt; 2002

13. (12.) Turning Stone Resort (Atunyote), 6.26

Verona, N.Y.; Tom Fazio; 2004

14. (15.) Edgewood Tahoe, 6.24

Tahoe, Nev.; George Fazio; 1968

15. (17.) Firekeeper, 6.22

Mayetta, Kan.; Jeff Brauer, Notah Begay; 2011

16. (13.) French Lick Resort (Donald Ross), 6.21

French Lick, Ind.; Donald Ross; 1917

17. (16.) We-Ko-Pa (Cholla), 6.18

Fort McDowell, Ariz.; Scott Miller; 2001

18. (19.) Yocha Dehe at Cache Creek Casino, 6.16

Brooks, Calif.; Brad Bell; 2008

19. (21.) Circling Raven, 6.06

Worley, Idaho; Gene Bates; 2003

T-20. (20.) Island Resort and Casino (Sweetgrass), 6.03

Harris, Mich.; Paul Albanese; 1976

T-20. (18.) Meadows at Mystic Lake, 6.03

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Prior Lake, Minn.; Garrett Gill, Paul Miller; 2005

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Sandia Golf Club in Albuquerque, N.M. (Courtesy of Sandia)
22. (22.) Sandia, 5.02

Albuquerque, N.M.; Scott Miller; 2005

23. (23.) Tatanka, 5.94

Niobrara, Neb.; Paul Albanese; 2015

24. (24.) Lake of Isles (North), 5.93

North Stonington, Conn.; Rees Jones; 2005

T-25. (25.) The Greenbrier (Greenbrier), 5.88

White Sulphur Springs, W.Va.; Seth Raynor, Jack Nicklaus; 1924

T-25. (26.) Sewailo 5.88

Tucson, Ariz.; Ty Butler, Notah Begay; 2013

T-27. (29.) Turning Stone Resort (Shenendoah), 5.81

Verona, N.Y.; Rick Smith; 2000

T-27. (32.) Blue Top Ridge, 5.81

Riverside, Iowa; Rees Jones; 2007

T-29. (28.) Journey at Pechanga, 5.79

Temecula, Calif.; Arthur Hills, Steve Forrest; 2008

T-29. (37.) Eagle Falls 5.79

Indio, Calif.; Clive Clark; 2008

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Kalispel Golf and Country Club in Spokane, Wash. (Courtesy of Kalispel)
31. (30.) Kalispel, 5.77

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Spokane, Wash.; Jim Barnes, Robert Johnstone; 1910

32. (35.) Dancing Rabbit (Oaks), 5.75

Philadelphia, Miss.; Tom Fazio, Jerry Pate; 1999

33. (27.) Belterra 5.74

Florence, Ind.; Tom Fazio; 2001

34. (36.) Apache Stronghold, 5.73

San Carlos, Ariz.; Tom Doak; 1999

T-35. (38.) Turning Stone Resort (Kaluhyat), 5.72

Verona, N.Y.; Robert Trent Jones Jr. 2003

T-35. (34.) Talking Stick (O'odham, formerly North), 5.72

Scottsdale, Ariz.; Bill Coore, Ben Crenshaw; 1998

37. (33.) Dancing Rabbit (Azaleas), 5.71

Philadelphia, Miss.; Tom Fazio, Jerry Pate; 1997

38. (39.) Sequoyah National, 5.67

Whittier, N.C.; Robert Trent Jones Jr. 2009

39. (40.) Thornberry Creek at Oneida, 5.66

Oneida, Wis.; Rick Jacobson; 2004

40. (41.) Inn of the Mountain Gods, 5.57

Mescalero, N.M.; Ted Robinson; 1976

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Bali Hai Golf Club in Las Vegas (Courtesy of Bali Hai)
41. (42.) The Links at Rolling Hills (formerly Seviliano Links), 5.53

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Corning, Calif.; Mike Stark; 2007

42. (43.) Shell Landing, 5.52

Gautier, Miss.; Davis Love III; 2002

43. (45.) Whirlwind (Cattail), 5.48

Chandler, Ariz.; Gary Panks; 2002

44. (46.) Talking Stick (Piipaash, formerly South), 5.47

Scottsdale, Ariz.; Bill Coore, Ben Crenshaw; 1998

45. (47.) Whirlwind (Devil's Claw), 5.46

Chandler, Ariz.; Gary Panks; 2000

46. (48.) Mohegan Sun, 5.32

Baltic, Conn.; Geoffrey S.; Cornish, Stephen Kay, Robert McNeil; 1960

47.* Contraband Bayou GC at L'Auberge, 5.30

Lake Charles, La.; Tom Fazio; 2003

48. (49.) Cherokee Hills, 5.16

Tulsa; Perry Maxwell, Tripp Davis; 1924

49.* Bali Hai, 5.14

Las Vegas; Brian Curley, Lee E. Schmidt; 2000

T-50. (50.) Windance, 5.11

Gulfport, Miss.; Mark McCumber; 1986

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T-50.* The Bridges GC at Hollywood Casino, 5.11

Bay St. Louis, Miss.; Arnold Palmer, Ed Seay; 2006

**New to or rejoins the list*

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