



## **GOLF IN MINNESOTA** – Ryder Cup Quality!

~ Steve Dowling

Known as a top U.S. golf destination, Minnesota offers hundreds of courses characterized by beautiful natural settings, excellent conditions and affordability. Minnesota, in the last decade, has become one of the hotbeds of the game. Golf in Minnesota is great story.

Golf visitors ranked Minnesota 4th highest from a list of 13 golf destinations, behind only Florida, Arizona and South Carolina. The Minnesota Golf Association counts 508 golf courses. Nearly 90% of Minnesota's golf courses are open to the public. There are 19 golf resorts.

### **NATIONAL and INTERNATIONAL EVENTS**

Did you know Minnesota is the only state to have hosted all 13 USGA championships plus the Walker Cup, Curtis Cup, Solheim Cup, PGA of America plus others? Last but not least, Minnesota will host the 2016 Ryder Cup!

Minnesota has a rich history of championship professional and amateur tournaments. Minnesota was the FIRST state to host ALL 13 USGA championships. It's also home to PGA Champions Tour-3M Championship, and will host the Ryder Cup in 2016. There have also been national championships for men, women, mid-amateurs, seniors and juniors, public links, the Walker Cup and the Curtis Cup here.

Upcoming Major Championships in Minnesota:

- **2016: Ryder Cup.**
- **2017: U.S. Senior Men's Amateur Golf Championship**

### **QUALITY GOLF**

The overall "Quality" of golf in Minnesota cannot be matched. The listing of golf courses included in the Minnesota golf landscape constitutes a hall of fame of National/Regional "Award-Winning" courses from such publications as Golf Digest, Golf Week, Golf News, Business Week, Sports Illustrated, NGCOA etc. etc. – hundreds of awards..... some of the best golf in the world.

### **VARIETY**

The "Variety" of the 500+ Minnesota courses, with approximately 90% available for public play, allows golfers to opt for their favorite style – links, deep woods, breathtaking river and lake views all woven into Mother Nature's natural beauty. Choose from family friendly par-3 and executive courses to championship courses and former pro tour sites - Minnesota has it all. No wonder Minnesota leads the nation in golfers per capita.

### **VALUE**

If you're a surveyor of Top 100 public golf courses in the United States and have played some of the top Minnesota golf courses then you already understand the unbelievable value to be found at our resorts and facilities.

And here's the best part for golfers considering a visit to Minnesota -- green fees range from about \$30 at the well-manicured municipal courses of Minneapolis/St. Paul to \$100 for the upscale public courses surrounding the Twin Cities and resort locations around the state- seldom a greens fee beyond \$100. Many facilities offer great Stay & Play packages.

"Value" is a major attribute of golf in Minnesota with green fees lower than other golf hotbeds around North America. Hands down, top Minnesota golf courses deliver tremendous value.

*Golf in Minnesota has Ryder Cup Quality combined with Variety and true Value – it's a great story!*

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