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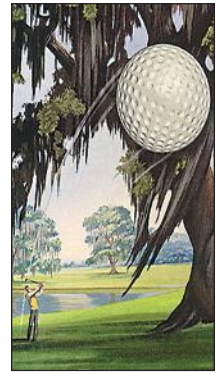


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ALBATROSS CLUB

- **James Furher** recorded an albatross on the fourth hole at St. Mary Golf and Country Club (Berwick, La.) on Feb. 25. Furher's second shot on the par-5 found the cup from 235 yards.
- **Louis Voorhies** joined the Albatross Club at BREC's Santa Maria Golf Course (Baton Rouge, La.) on Jan. 5. The second shot on the par-5 seventh hole was from 171 yards out with a 4-iron.
- **Christopher Randel** joined the Albatross Club at Southern Trace Country Club (Shreveport, La.) on Jan. 16. The second shot on the par-5 first hole (510 yards) was from 265 yards out with a 3-wood.
- **Cody Maxwell** registered an albatross at Greystone Golf and Country Club (Denham Springs, La.) on March 27. Maxwell, who lives in Denham Springs and is the Assistant Golf Professional at Greystone, recorded a two on the par-5 fourth. His tee shot went 270 yards and his next shot was with a 4-wood from 235 yards out.



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Christopher
Randel



James
Furher



Cody Maxwell



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COVER STORY

MGT STARTS WITH 6 FOUNDING MEMBERS

Every golf trail in America had to start somewhere and the Mississippi Golf Trail made its start earlier this year with six founding courses.

Starting at the top of the state is Timber Truss Golf Course in Olive Branch. Then in the northeast Jackson Metro area is Bay Pointe Golf and Country Club in Brandon. The most western course on the MGT is Natchez Golf Club at Duncan Park in historic Natchez. To the east of Natchez is Okatoma Golf Club in Collins and then a little bit south is Pine Creek Golf Club in Purvis. The Mississippi Golf Trail is anchored on the Coast by Shell Landing Golf Club in Gautier.

Collectively, these courses have been entertaining golfers for 271 years. That's a lot of golf! Natchez Golf Club is the oldest as it opened with nine holes back in 1916. In the early 1990s, the facility increased to 18 holes. The newest course on the MGT is Shell Landing, which opened in 2000. All six courses are unique.

Shell Landing Golf Club, designed by Davis Love III, is a must-play on the Gulf Coast as the course has gotten many accolades from the national publications. The course can play as long as 7,024 yards from the back tees and as

short as 5,047 yards from the women's tees. There are three other course lengths for all types of players, who will also enjoy the impressive practice facilities. This championship course features diverse topography and natural beauty of the waterfront location. It features a three-hole string of fun par-4s on holes 4-6. On the back nine, the two par-3 holes (Nos. 11 and 17) are the most aesthetically pleasing holes you will find.

Pine Creek Golf Club is a hidden gem just east of I-59. The course is popular to locals and hosts a bunch of tournaments. Pine Creek Golf Club sits on an impressive piece of property in the state's Pinebelt. This facility has the unique distinction of draining right into Beaver Lake, which not only provides water for the course, but also is a beautiful backdrop for the driving range. Pine Creek's draining is so good, the course is rarely cart-path only even after a heavy rain.

Okatoma Golf Club is an enjoyable course 30 miles northwest of Hattiesburg. The fun and very playable course features open fairways, native forest, natural rolling terrain and impressive greens. The facility gets its name from the



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Shell Landing Golf Club

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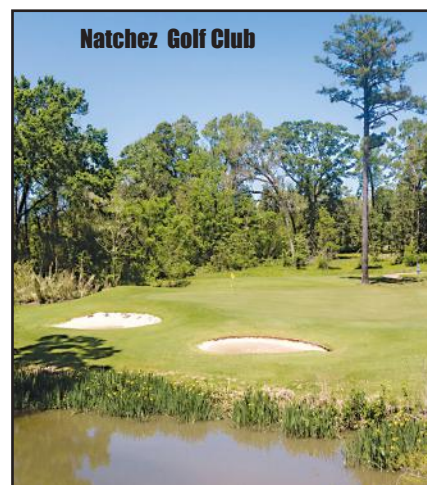
Okatoma Golf Club



Pine Creek Golf Club



Bay Pointe Golf and Country Club



Natchez Golf Club

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nearby Okatoma Creek, which was named by the Choctaw Tribe. This course, which features some beautiful scenery, is popular for tournament play and has great customer service, which is a staple of all Mississippi Golf Trail courses. It is something the Magnolia State is known for and a big reason players keep coming back.

Located just a few miles from Historic Downtown Natchez is **Natchez Golf Club**. The facility is located alongside Duncan Park and has welcomed all-time greats like Walter Hagen, Sam Snead and Babe Zaharias over the last 105 years of being in business. This course features rolling terrain, dogwoods, long-leaf pine trees and towering oaks draped in Spanish Moss. In the spring, beautiful azaleas come to life all over the course. The course isn't as long as modern courses, but that doesn't make it any easier as this tract has survived the test of time and still remains a championship layout. The popular Natchez Open is played here annually attracting the area's top amateurs and professionals.

Bay Pointe Golf and Country Club sits 13 miles northeast of the Jackson International Airport and on the southeast tip of the massive Ross Barnett Reservoir. Bay Pointe is semi-private (has members and open to the public) with a busy events calendar. The beautiful natural landscape and special brand of Southern Hospitality is a staple of Bay Pointe, which has a unique practice green inside the circular driveway and large driving range nearby. Included in the driving range area is the Brent Belton Golf Academy, which has a state-of-the-art simulator.

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COURSE DESIGNERS

Natchez Golf Club

Seymour Dunn (front nine, 1916)
Bryan Ault (back nine, 1993)



Pine Creek Golf Club

Larry Adams (1967)

Bay Pointe Golf & Country Club

Marvin Ferguson (1988)

Timber Truss Golf Course

William Leather (1990)

Okatoma Golf Club

Rich Fulkerson (1994)

Shell Landing Golf Club

Davis Love III (2000)

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ACES (chronological order)

MATTHEW COTTON

Dec. 8, The Country Club of Louisiana (Baton Rouge), No. 6 (128 yards)

JORDAN WRIGHT

Jan. 3, BREC's Santa Maria Golf Course (Baton Rouge, La.), No. 11 (145 yards)

REDFIELD BRYAN

Jan. 6, BREC's Santa Maria Golf Course (Baton Rouge, La.), No. 2 (145 yards)

CHERYL BLOOM

Jan. 10, The Oaks Golf Club (Pass Christian, Miss.), No. 5

DAVID BURCH

Jan. 10, Pelican Point Golf Club (Gonzales, La.), No. 4 (154 yards)

BOBBY McGUFFIE

Jan. 10, Castlewoods Golf and Country Club (Brandon, Miss.), No. 7 (165 yards)

DIANA SCHOUEST

Jan. 14, Pelican Point Golf Club (Gonzales, La.), No. 14

DENNIS MAUZY

Jan. 15, Windance Country Club (Gulfport, Miss.), No. 4 (137 yards)

GARY SOLTIS

Jan. 17, Sunkist Country Club (Biloxi, Miss.), No. 4 (137 yards)



Dennis Mauzy



Cheryl Bloom

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KEATON BARR

Jan. 18, The University Club (Baton Rouge, La.), No. 13 (146 yards)

LAWRENCE ALLAN

Jan. 21, The University Club (Baton Rouge, La.), No. 5 (160 yards)

WATSON TURNIPSEED

Jan. 21, Sunkist Country Club (Biloxi, Miss.), No. 14 (124 yards)

RON BENOIT

Jan. 23, LaTour Golf Club (Mathews, La.), No. 14 (176 yards)

NICK BLADY

Jan. 28, Jay and Lionel Hebert Memorial Golf Course (Lafayette, La.), No. 10 (106 yards)

JOHN HARLESS

Jan. 29, Whisper Lake Golf Club (Madison, Miss.), No. 12

HANSEL MABILE

Jan. 29, The University Club (Baton Rouge, La.), No. 16 (132 yards)

BOB HUTCHINSON

Feb. 3, Lake Caroline Golf Club (Madison, Miss.), No. 8

ANDREW McCAA

Feb. 3, Mississippi State University Golf Course (Starkville, Miss.), No. 10 (105 yards)



Ron Benoit



John Harless



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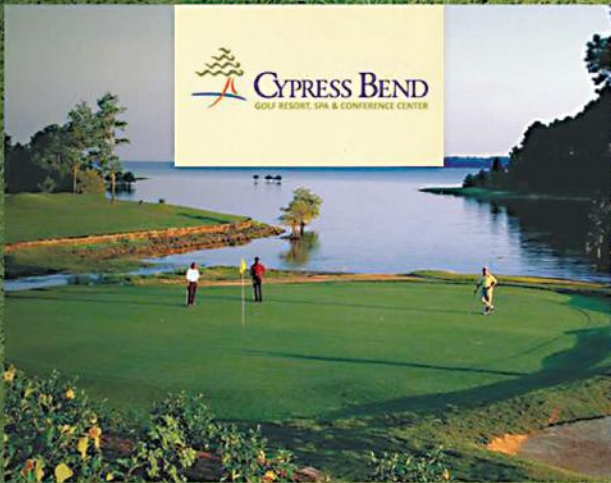
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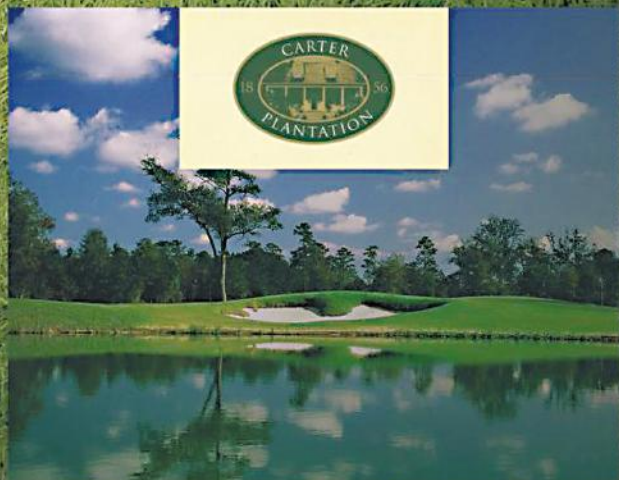
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CHARLES CHESLEY

Feb. 4, Querbes Golf Course (Shreveport, La.), No. 3 (120 yards)

KYLE SCHWAB

Feb. 6, Querbes Golf Course (Shreveport, La.), No. 9 (200 yards)

JOHNATHON FAULK

Feb. 7, Southern Oaks Country Club (Abbeville, La.), No. 11

BILL PARROTT

Feb. 8, Les Vieux Chenes Golf Course (Youngsville, La.), No. 17 (112 yards)

JUSTIN ROGENMOSER

Feb. 9, OakWing Golf Club (Alexandria, La.), No. 10 (110 yards)

DANNY OLIVER

Feb. 10, BREC's Santa Maria Golf Course (Baton Rouge, La.), No. 5 (155 yards)

TIM DAIGLE

Feb. 16, The Bridges Golf Club at Hollywood Casino (Bay St. Louis, Miss.), No. 16

ROY GAY JR.

Feb. 20, BREC's Dumas Memorial Golf Course (Baker, La.), No. 16 (123 yards)

JOEL HORNSBY

Feb. 23, Pine Creek Golf Club (Purvis, Miss.), No. 3 (146 yards)

RONALD NIGG

Feb. 24, Bay Breeze Golf Course (Keesler Air Force Base in Biloxi, Miss.), No. 12

IAN BEESON

Feb. 25, LaTour Golf Club (Mathews, La.), No. 8 (192 yards)

CHARLES DUPIN

Feb. 25, The Golf Club at Audubon Park (New Orleans), No. 11

MICHAEL THOMAS

Feb. 26, BREC's Santa Maria Golf Course (Baton Rouge, La.), No. 11 (147 yards)

STEVE CARTER

Feb. 27, Greystone Golf and Country Club (Denham Springs, La.), No. 7 (102 yards)

TUCKER MURRAY

Feb. 28, Lake Caroline Golf Club (Madison, Miss.), No. 4

DAVID ANDIGNAC

March 5, Stonebridge Golf Club of New Orleans (Gretna, La.), No. 14 (176 yards)

DAVID AVERA

March 5, The University Club (Baton Rouge, La.), No. 5 (133 yards)

BLAKE THOMAS

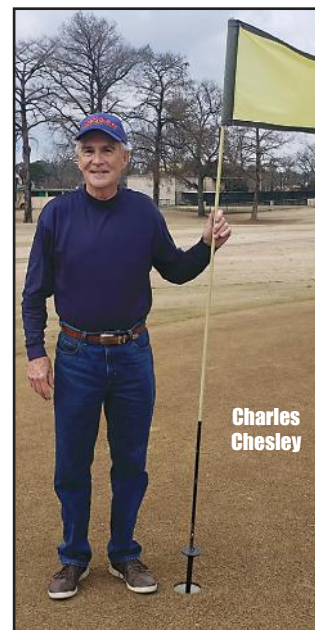
March 5, The University Club (Baton Rouge, La.), No. 8 (163 yards)

MIKE LEE

March 6, Greystone Golf and Country Club (Denham Springs, La.), No. 15 (138 yards)



Kyle Schwab



Charles Chesley



Joel Hornsby



Johnathan Faulk

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The Belton Family has owned the facility since 1992. The course has a mix of hilly areas and some water features. It is a very popular place for tournaments.

Holding down the northern tip of the Mississippi Golf Trail is **Timber Truss Golf Course**, which is only 14 miles from the Memphis International Airport. The facility used to be Plantation Golf Club, but with new ownership came a new name, improved conditions and major upgrades to the clubhouse. The logo and name comes from the signature bridge behind the 13th green. Timber Truss is an impressive tract that draws great reviews its customers. The clubhouse now features a simulator and there are also new carts with the latest GPS technology.

Also available for those that want to experience something different on the course, Timber Truss has the Finn Cycle, which is a solo rider motorcycle-looking golf cart. The course itself is known for its above-average course conditions and great overall experience. Timber Truss Golf Course is a must-play anytime you are in North Mississippi.



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TOM LINCOLN

March 6, Clear Creek Golf Course (Vicksburg, Miss.), No. 4 (143 yards)

DEMPSEY WEDGEWORTH

March 9, Bay Pointe Golf and Country Club (Brandon, Miss.), No. 17 (120 yards)

ANN HOPKINS

March 10, The Country Club of Louisiana (Baton Rouge), No. 13 (100 yards)

BRETT McCULLOUGH

March 13, Greystone Golf and Country Club (Denham Springs, La.), No. 13 (149 yards)

TIMOTHY ARBOUR

March 14, BREC's Webb Memorial Golf Course (Baton Rouge, La.), No. 17 (117 yards)

MIKE CHANNELL

March 14, Clear Creek Golf Course (Vicksburg, Miss.), No. 2 (124 yards)

K.G. WATKINS

March 14, Tamahka Trails Golf Club at Paragon Casino Resort (Marksville, La.), No. 2 (136 yards)

JOHN WRAY

March 14, Timberlane Golf and Recreation (Gretna, La.), No. 8 (152 yards)

ODELL WILMER SR.

March 15, BREC's Webb Memorial Golf Course (Baton Rouge, La.), No. 3 (125 yards)

JOHN PONSON

March 16, The Country Club of Louisiana (Baton Rouge), No. 17 (109 yards)

ROSS BERTHELOT

March 18, The University Club (Baton Rouge, La.), No. 8

DAVE BORNE

March 18, LaTour Golf Club (Mathews, La.), No. 14

DON BELCHER

March 19, Greystone Golf and Country Club (Denham Springs, La.), No. 3 (109 yards)

PETER GRANT

March 19, The Country Club of Louisiana (Baton Rouge), No. 13 (125 yards)

DENISE JONES

March 26, Whisper Lake Country Club (Madison, Miss.), No. 4

KASE GONZALES

March 27, The Country Club of Louisiana (Baton Rouge), No. 17 (148 yards)

PETER KOVACS

March 27, BREC's Webb Memorial Golf Course (Baton Rouge, La.), No. 15 (95 yards)

MARY KRAFT

March 27, The Club at Diamondhead (Miss.), Cardinal No. 13

JIM SMILEY

March 28, Lake Caroline Golf Club (Madison, Miss.), No. 4



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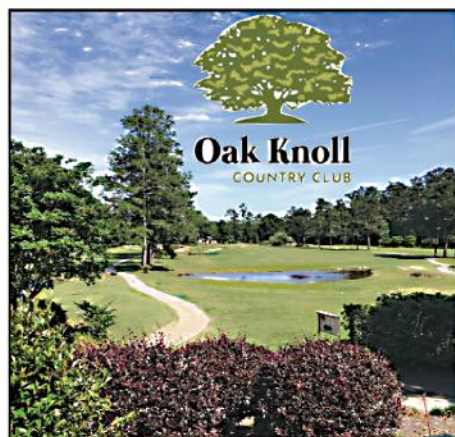
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WAYNE PADGETT

March 30, Greystone Golf and Country Club (Denham Springs, La.), No. 3 (101 yards)

ROBBY RUSSELL

March 30, The Club at Diamondhead (Miss.), Pines No. 2

BILL WATSON

March 31, Grand Ridge Golf Club (Luling, La.), No. 4

BILL LAMBERT

April 3, Greystone Golf and Country Club (Denham Springs), No. 13 (135 yards)

ADAM LATO

April 3, The University Club (Baton Rouge, La.), No. 16 (170 yards)

ROGER GILMORE

April 5, Shadow Ridge Golf Club (Hattiesburg, Miss.), No. 17

RONNIE LEWIS

April 7, Bay Pointe Golf and Country Club (Brandon, Miss.), No. 3 (100 yards)

GORDON PETTY

April 7, Hernando (Miss.) Golf and Racquet Club, No. 3

GARY YOUNG

April 10, The Country Club of Louisiana (Baton Rouge), No. 17 (121 yards)

JERRY DANTONE

April 13, Dogwoods Golf Course (Grenada, Miss.), No. 5

CHUCK FAGAN

April 19, BREC's Webb Memorial Golf Course (Baton Rouge, La.), No. 5 (138 yards)

GREG IKERD

April 23, Les Vieux Chenes Golf Course (Youngsville, La.), No. 3 (135 yards)

GENE LIPPS

April 25, Les Vieux Chenes Golf Course (Youngsville, La.), No. 17 (118 yards)

GREG ENDEL

April 27, The Club at Huntington Park (Shreveport, La.), No. 9 (113 yards)

DAVID HOCHHEISER

April 28, The Country Club of Louisiana (Baton Rouge), No. 13 (156 yards)

KERRY DUBEA

April 29, Greystone Golf and Country Club (Denham Springs, La.), No. 3 (107 yards)

JERE HESS

April 29, The Club at Diamondhead (Miss.) Cardinal No. 4 (80 yards)

RICHARD KNOOP

April 29, The Club at Diamondhead (Miss.) Cardinal No. 4 (107 yards)



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Bill Lambert



Ronnie Lewis



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Chuck Fagan



Jere Hess (left) and Richard Knoop



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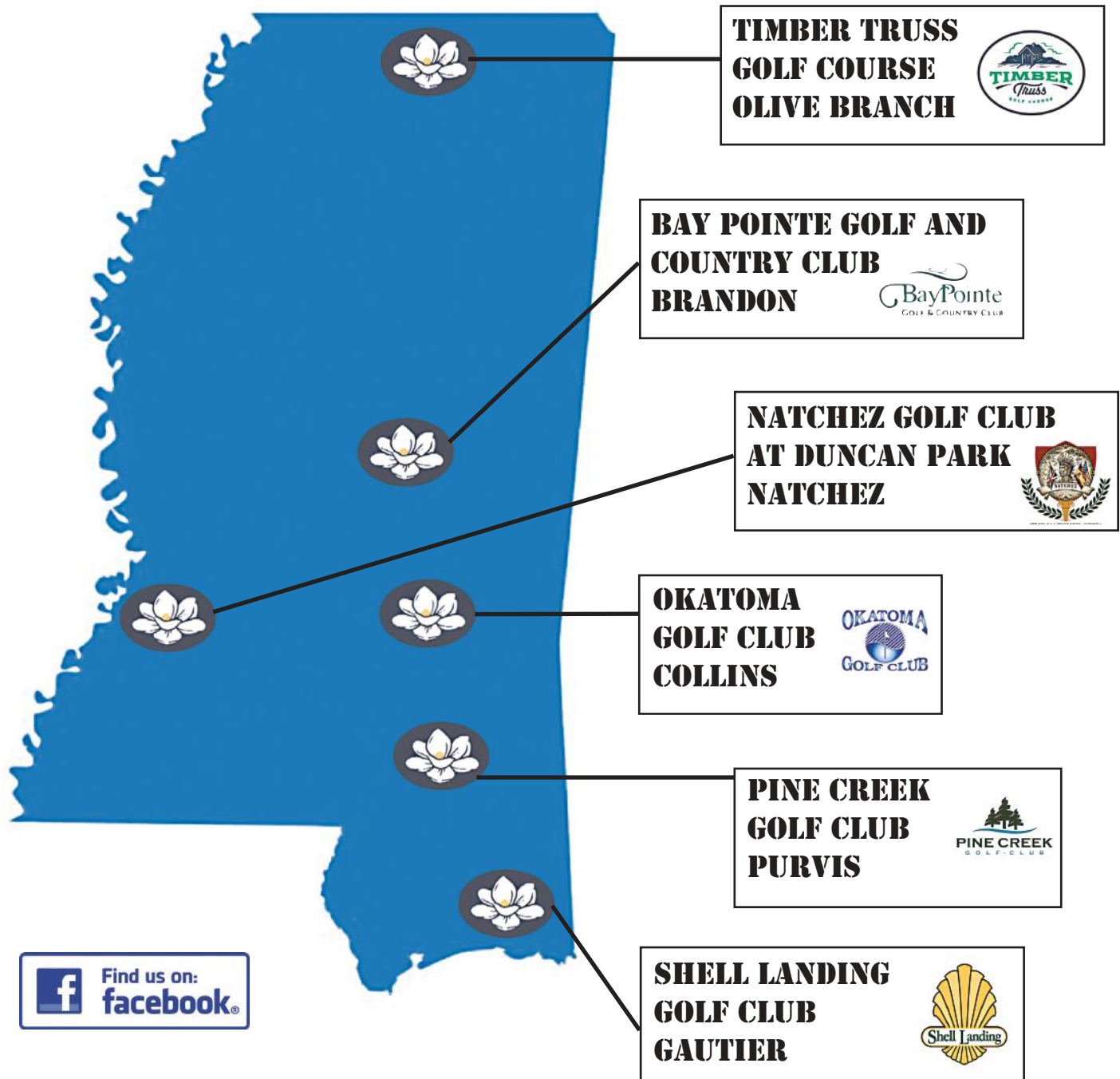
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