

Golf Digest Names Whistling Straits One of World's Top 100 Greatest Golf Courses

Course ranks 48th on publication's first-ever global list

KOHLER, WI, USA, February 18, 2014 /EINPresswire.com/ -- Golf Digest has ranked Whistling Straits golf course 48th on its debut list of the World's Top 100 Greatest Golf Courses in its February 2014 issue. The media outlet, which has been ranking courses for nearly 50 years and is the world's most widely read publication on the sport, has never until now compiled a list of all the top 100 courses from among the estimated 34,000 in the world.



Kohler Co.-Whistling Straits Club House

"It's a huge honor to be among the top 100 of the best courses in the world and to break the top 50 is especially exciting," said Jim Richerson, General Manager & Group Director of Golf at Kohler Co. "Building a links-style course like this on an abandoned army base took a huge leap of faith on the part of Mr. Kohler and tremendous vision from course architect Pete Dye. It's gratifying to have their hard work and creativity recognized in this way."

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More than 800 golfers and course experts weighed in on the Golf Digest list by completing surveys on those courses with which they were familiar using a 10-point scale. The final list of courses identified spans 18 countries. The accompanying article points out that the list should be expected to change over the next few years as the number of courses in the mature U.S. market decreases, and China's demand for new courses continues to grow rapidly.

From among the world's top 100 golf courses, Golf Digest named 40 courses from within the United States. Eight are located in the Midwest, and Whistling Straits is the only course listed in Wisconsin. The list praised "the rugged fairways and windswept greens," at Whistling Straits and noted that the Par 72 course has a daunting number of bunkers along its two-mile stretch on the shores of Lake Michigan.

Whistling Straits is made up of two links-style courses – the rugged lakeside Straits Course and the more inland grassland-and-dunes Irish Course. The Straits Course, which has hosted two PGA Championships, the U.S. Senior Open and the Palmer Cup, was named number two on [Golf Digest's 2013/14 list](#) of America's top 100 public courses, and the Irish Course was listed at 39th on the same list. Whistling Straits will be home to the 2015 PGA Championship and the 2020 Ryder Cup.

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