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VISITORS TO MERCER COUNTY WILL ENJOY TOP-RATED GOLF COURSES

“Stay & Play” in the Area’s Award-Winning Golf Destinations

Pittsburgh, Pa. – April, 2010 – Visitors to Mercer County will delight in the area’s top-rated golf destinations. There are more than 11 public and semi-private courses in Mercer County. Each features unique settings and challenges as well as pristine emerald fairways that are sure to entice golfers from all over the region.

Visitors who wish to spend the night and play two or more courses can purchase a “Stay & Play” package that fits all different types of needs and budgets. Many Mercer County area hotels feature golf packages that include golf, room and meals in one convenient price. Several courses provide onsite lodging.

Spring Valley Golf Club & Lodge in Mercer, Pa. is an 18-hole regulation course that features a restored dairy barn clubhouse. Spring Valley is one of many courses that combine breathtaking beauty and challenging terrain. The course is located at 496 Bestwick Rd. and has onsite lodging for golfers. For more information, call 866-507-1406.

Tam O’ Shanter in Hermitage, Pa. is known for its signature hole “Death Valley” and was given a Four Star rating from *Golf Digest* in “Places to Play.” Tam O’ Shanter has lush green fairways and fast bentgrass greens bordered by large native hardwoods and pines. The course also features a panoramic view that overlooks the rolling wooded hills of the Shenango Valley. Tam O’ Shanter is located off of I-80 and Rt. 18 N. For tee times, call 724-981-3552.

Pine Lakes Golf Course in Hubbard, Ohio received a 4.5 Star rating from *Golf Digest* and is on their list of “Best Places to Play.” The course has 234 acres of rolling terrain that provides golfers of all ages and abilities a challenging and enjoyable experience. Pine Lakes is also a PGA approved practice facility. Onsite lodging is available at Julia’s Bed and Breakfast which offers Jacuzzi rooms with fireplaces, candlelight dinners for two, massages and more. Pine Lakes Golf Course is located approximately 15 minutes from Mercer County at 6233 West Liberty St. For more information, call 888-746-3525.

Another Mercer County area golf course that has a 4.5 Star rating from *Golf Digest* is the Yankee Run Golf Course. The 79-year-old course features 150 acres of rolling terrain. Yankee Run was voted one of the Top Ten golf courses in Ohio by *Ohio Magazine*. The course is located minutes

from the Mercer County border at 7610 Warren Sharon Rd. Call 800-446-5346 for additional information.

The Greens of Greenville is a beautifully maintained public course located South of Greenville, Pa. Golfers enjoy course specials throughout the week and also have the opportunity to sign up for private lessons. After a long day of golf, visitors can dine at the Gallery Grille where they will enjoy a casual atmosphere overlooking the Greens. The course is located at 365 Mercer Rd. Call 724-588-6020 for tee times or additional information.

The Oak Tree Country Club in West Middlesex, Pa. is known for its beautiful public golf course that is complimented by a stunning landscaped terrain. Oak Tree was rated the “Second Best Golf Course in Western Pennsylvania” by the *Pittsburgh Post-Gazette*. Home of PGA Golfer and 2008 PGA President’s Plaque Winner Bob Collins, the Oak Tree Golf Course is a top choice for many area golfers. Oak Tree offers a 19th Hole Bar and Grille, where lunch is available daily throughout the golf season. The course is located at 48 Stateline Rd. For more information, call 724-528-9984.

For more details on golf in Mercer County, log onto www.VisitMercerCountyPA.com or call 724-346-3771.

About Mercer County:

Located in Northwestern Pennsylvania, along the Ohio border, Mercer County is home to name-brand outlets, boutiques and unique specialty stores for shoppers. The area is also known for its challenging golf courses of inspired design. Golf Digest ranked Mercer County as one of its top golf destinations. Visitors can dine on mouthwatering cuisine in Mercer County's array of fine restaurants and then stay overnight in a well-appointed hotel, a luxurious bed and breakfast or a cozy country inn. Close to Pittsburgh, Erie, Cleveland and other major markets, Mercer County is easily accessible via I-80 and I-79. The County offers the perfect escape. For more information, visit www.VisitMercerCountyPa.com

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