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Through a mix of eight networking events, you will meet industry leaders, connect with peers, and learn from cutting-edge vendors.

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While you're getting down to business at the Summit, use your free time to experience the best in Southern hospitality at the Ritz Carlton at Lake Oconee, complete with a tranquil setting, lodge-inspired luxury accommodations and five golf courses.

OPENING KEYNOTE

How to Make Golf the Next Big Thing Monday Sept. 25, 1:30pm

Three of the brightest minds in golf will share their thoughts on how the industry can work together to make golf the hottest leisure activity around. Learn how we can leverage the biggest trends, from artisan F&B to fitness, to rethink the golf and club experience.

Jeff Morgan, CEO, Club Managers Association Jay Karen, CEO, NGCOA Moderator: Henry DeLozier, Principal/Partner, Global Golf Advisors















The Big Picture

Tuesday., Sept. 26, 8am

- State of the Industry: What's ahead for golf?
- Forecasts on revenue growth, market needs, challenges
- What will separate tomorrow's winners from the rest of the pack?
- To position your company for future growth, you have to know what the future holds in terms of challenges and opportunities.

We have assembled a panel of the most strategic minds in golf — CEOs with a proven track record of being able to see the future. Submit your questions or topics you'd like to see the panel address when you register

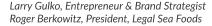
Dana Garmany, Chairman and CEO, Troon Golf Steve Skinner, CEO, KemperSports Mark Burnett, COO, ClubCorp USA, Inc. Peter Hill, Chairman & CEO, Billy Casper Golf Moderator: Jack Crittenden, Editor In Chief, Golf Inc.

CLOSING KEYNOTE

Inside the Brand: What golf courses can learn from the most successful brands in the world

Wed., Sept. 26 8am

We bring together the co-hosts of one of the most popular television shows on branding -INSIDE THE BRAND. They are sought-after thought leaders who will share their insights to building and growing brands in today's everchanging competitive landscape. Plus, what they have learned as hosts of the TV show that showcases CEO brand champions of leading global companies. Get ready to be educated, inspired, and entertained!





Larry Gulko (left) and Roger Berkowitz on the "Inside the Brand" TV show.

Monday SEPTEMBER 25

7:15am - 12pm

Golf Outing: The Oconee Course

Meet and compete at The Oconee Course. Golfers at any level can have fun and connect with peers. Meet before the shotgun start and spend quality time with your team of four. Additional fee.



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12:30 - 1:15pm **Southern Charm** welcome hour



1:30 - 2:30pm

Opening Keynote: How to Make Golf the Next Big Thing







2:45 - 3:45pm

■ Tee Time Pricing Strategies

■ Mobile Technology, Social Media and Video for the Private Club

4:00 - 5:00pm

■ Mobile Technology to the Rescue

■ Emerging Trends in Private Clubs

5:15 - 6:30pm

Power Networking Reception followed by fireworks







Tuesday SEPTEMBER 26

8:00 - 9:15am **CEO** Kevnote: The Big Picture



9:15 - 10:00am

10:00 - 11:00am

Club Car Coffee break



■ How to Win Golfers in a Competitive Market

■ Creating a Membership Culture to Grow your Club

■ How to Invest in a Golf Asset: Acquisition. Financing, Repositioning

11:15 - 12:15pm

■ How Technol- ■ 3 Key ogy can Improve Strategies for your Turf Management

Membership Recruitment

■ Capital Structures for Private Clubs

12:30 - 1:30pm

Power lunch: Networking on the lawn Or lunch on your own



1:45 - 3:00pm

■ Most improved **Golf Courses** ■ Industry Benchmarks How does your club compare?

■ Breathe New Life into Old Assets

3:15 - 4:15pm

■ How to Increase Revenue Per Round

Best Practices in Programming & Amenities

Sell: Market Assessment

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4:30 - 5:30pm

■ Best Practices ■ What ■ Meet the Members Want Top Buyers in Golf Course in a Club Today Operations

5:30 - 6:30pm

Southern Charm Happy Hour presented by 19th Hole Cart and Davey

Meet the speakers, get your photograph taken with fellow attendees and enjoy the best in Southern cuisine appetizers. Plus, a visual display of the past year's award-winning clubhouses, golf courses and food establishments.





Wednesday SEPTEMBER 27

8:00 - 9:15am

Kevnote: Inside the Brand: What golf courses can learn from the most successful brands in the world



9:15 - 10:00am

Coffee break





10:00 - 11:00am

■ The WOW factor: Great Ideas for Your Course

■ A Better Future: Reposition or Repurpose?

11:15 - 12:15pm

■ What Great Golf Courses Do: Brand **Building Principles**

■ Redevelopment Strategies to Unlock the Value in Your Property

12:30 - 1:30pm

Awards Luncheon Dine with award-winning developers, architects and operators







Investor Track

BUY/SELL SESSIONS

How to Invest in a Golf Asset: Acquisition, Financing, Repositioning

Tuesday, Sept. 26, 10am

- How to own a golf asset and increase its value
- Financing in 2017: Who has the money and how to get it
- How to exit with a profit: Mistakes when selling

Andy Crosson, Senior Vice President, Arcis Equity **Partners**

Ray Munoz, CEO, Leisure Financial Group Andrew Fleming, SVP Strategy, KemperSports Steven Ekovich, National Managing Director, Leisure Investment Properties; First VP, Director National Golf Division of Marcus & Millichap









Munoz Fleming

LATEST TRENDS

Buy & Sell: Market Assessment Tuesday, Sept. 26, 3:15

- What courses are worth and whether prices will rise or fall
- Strategies to get the best price for buyers
- How buyers evaluate a course's worth: cap rates, gross revenue and more

Hilda Allen, Owner, Hilda Allen Real Estate Thomas Bennison, SVP Business Development, ClubCorp

Peter Nanula, Chairman, Concert Golf Partners Moderator: Jeff Woolson, Managing Director, CBRE

HIGHLY RATED

Meet the Top Buyers Tuesday, Sept. 26, 4:30pm

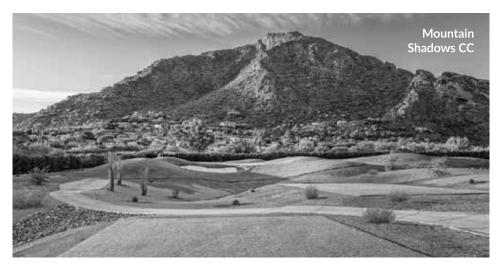
- Learn from today's most active buyers
- Case studies on property assessment and valuation
- Negotiation techniques from the masterminds
- Due diligence essentials for buyers and

Understand the special considerations for privately-owned, member-owned, resort and community-affiliated courses

John Brown, CEO, Brown Golf Management Bob Jones, COO, General Manager, Desert Mountain Club

Thomas Bennison, SVP Business Development, ClubCorn

Moderator: Randy Addison, Shareholder, Addison Law Firm



AWARD-WINNING CASE STUDIES

Breathe New Life into Old Assets:

Tuesday, Sept. 26, 1:45

Learn in-depth about two recent awardwinning projects — the redevelopment of Mountain Shadows in Paradise Valley, Ariz.; and the clubhouse renovation of the Country Club at Mirasol in Palm Beach Gardens, Fla.

Both case studies will show how they brought old assets back to life with creative design and smart planning.

Forrest Richardson, Golf Course Architect, Forrest Richardson & Assoc. Brian Idle, President, Peacock + Lewis





NEW SESSION

A Better Future: Reposition or Repurpose?

Wednesday, Sept. 27 10am

- Reposition to improve market value
- How to determine your property's highest and best use
- Case studies for public and private clubs

Christian Anastasiadis, COO, McConnell Golf Dan Bachrach, Partner, Foley & Lardner Moderator: Laurence A. Hirsh, President, Golf **Property Analysts**







HOT TOPIC!

Redevelopment Strategies to Unlock the Value in Your Property Wednesday, Sept. 27 11:15

- How to get approval to redevelop part or all of your golf course into something of higher worth
- Hot amenities: What customers are looking for in the new lifestyle communities
- How to lower risk and maximize ROI
- Keys to smart reinvestment

Erik Larson, Business Development Executive, Brightview Golf Maintenance

Michael Plotnick, Vice President, Ridgewood Real **Estate Partners**

Moderator: Dallas Addison, Shareholder, Addison Law

NEW SESSION

Capital Structures for Private Clubs

Tuesday, Sept. 26, 11:15am

The panel of private club Board members will discuss their clubs' challenges with capital and governance issues - namely, how to fund capital projects; dealing with bank debt and member assessments; doing longterm strategy with a rotating Board of Governors; decision-making in the member-owned club environment. They will also discuss their experiences with alternative methods of funding their clubs' capital needs, gaining Board and member consensus, and working with a professional club hospitality firm.

Michael Sommers, Past Board Member, West Lake Country Club

Dan Hartnett, Board Member, MacGregor Downs Country Club

Meigan Putnam, Board Member, Heathrow Country Club

Moderator: Peter Nanula, Chairman, Concert **Golf Partners**

Private Track

Mobile Technology, Social Media and Video for the Private Club

Monday Sept. 25, 2:45pm

- •Learn how media and technology are transforming clubs
- How mobile technology is improving the member experience
- Tips for using social media and video to sell memberships

Rob Hoffman, VP of Operations, Gallus Golf Chris Hunt, Managing Member, Baggr Bob Mulcahy, Golf Consultant, Go Club Golf Ben Cavey, Business Developer, Davey

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Emerging Trends in Private Clubs Monday Sept. 25, 4pm

- How to capitalize on the trends that are forcing clubs to change
- •Trends in F&B, amenities and membership categories
- The latest in membership initiation fees, dues, and other trends
- •Thinking outside the box on how to increase revenues

Henry DeLozier, Principal/Partner, Global Golf Advisors

Mark Bado, General Manager, Myers Park Country

Chad Parker, General Manager, East Lake Golf Club Michael Wheeler, COO and General Manager, Cherokee Town & Country Club



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NEW SESSION

Creating a Membership Culture to **Grow your Club**

Tuesday, Sept. 26, 10am

- Knowing What Business You're In
- Utilizing a Multi-Media Approach to Grow the Club
- How to Achieve Successful Member Growth by Investing in Your Team
- Preparing for the Unexpected

Heidi Voss, President, Bauer Voss Consulting Burt Baine, Golf Club General Manager, The Greenbrier

Chris Calvert, Managing Director, Club Consulting Group

David Sawyer, Managing Partner, The Cliffs Clubs Bo Rogers, Business Development Manager, Infinity Marketing











3 Key Strategies for Membership Recruitment

Tuesday, Sept. 26, 11:15

- New strategies for old clubs
- How to get your members to sell memberships

Steve Graves, President, Creative Golf Marketing



ROUND TABLE DISCUSSION WITH PEERS

Industry Benchmarks: How **Does Your Club Compare?** Tuesday, Sept. 26, 1:45

Are you spending more than the most successful clubs? How does your revenue compare? In this interactive session, you will meet first as a group to review benchmark essentials and receive a personalized report. You will then be divided into smaller peer groups to discuss how to bring your club into alignment with industry benchmarks. Attendees must sign up in advance to receive a personalized report.

Moderator: Ray Cronin, CEO & Co-Founder, Club Benchmarking

NEW SESSION

Best Practices in Programming & Amenities

Tuesday, Sept. 26, 3:15

- Programming that creates a social network and activates members
- How to turn your club into a vibrant mecca
- Events that members want to participate in with friends
- Amenities that add pizzazz: Media lounges, outdoor patios, upscale grills

Kirk Kokoska, Senior VP, Bluestar Resort & Golf Mark Jackson, Division Manager, Davey Golf Sara Rainey, Lifestyle Director, BlueStar Resort & Golf



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What Members Want in a Club **Today**

Tuesday, Sept. 26, 4:30pm

- How private clubs are changing
- Creative food & beverage ideas that sizzle
- Families: The amenities non-golfers want in a club
- How to manage members

Whitney Reid Pennell, President, RCS Hospitality Group

Beverly Marler, General Manager, Sedgefield Country Club

Greg Hobbs, General Manager, Greenville County Club

Cameron Wiebe, General Manager, Champions Retreat Golf Club

Public/Private

SECRETS FROM THE PROS

The WOW factor: Great Ideas for **Your Course**

Wednesday, Sept. 27 10am

- Creative and innovative ideas that are transforming the guest experience
- Leverage technology, video and GoPro to add pizzazz
- How to incentivize golfers with prepurchase, gift and loyalty cards

Lon Grundy, General Manager, The Ritz-Carlton Reynolds Lake Oconee

Mike Cole, Golf General Manager, Stone Mountain Golf Club

Moderator: Kris Strauss, SVP Marketing and Sales, Troon







Grundy

Strauss Cole

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What Great Golf Courses Do: **Brand Building Principles** Wednesday, Sept. 27 11:15

- How a strong brand can work for you
- •Learn how capturing mind share can help you dominate your market
- Focus your brand to "own" something special in the customer's mind
- Target a mindset to drive brand loyalty

Vic Aliprando, SR Director Business Development, PGA TOUR Golf Course Properties

Danielle Hopper, National Director of Sales and Marketing, Billy Casper Signature Club Management

Kris Strauss, SVP Marketing and Sales, Troon Moderator: Rich Katz, Managing Director, Buffalo **Brand Invigoration Group**

Public Track

NEW SESSION

Tee Time Pricing Strategies Monday Sept. 25, 2:45

- Understanding your cost per round and how that should impact your greens fee
- •Why you should consider yield management and dynamic pricing and how to make it work
- Industry benchmarks: How does your course compare?
- How to use technology and third-party tee time sellers to fill your tee sheet

Brendan McCarthy, National Director of Marketing Services, KemperSports Jay Karen, CEO, NGCOA Arnaud Zunz, Co-Founder, PriSwing Ray Cronin, CEO & Co-Founder, Club Benchmarking







Cronin

HIGHEST RATED

Mobile Technology to the Rescue Monday Sept. 25, 4pm

- •What is truly possible with mobile technology and why is it so important for golf course operators?
- •Learn how to easily put mobile to work for
- How are operators leveraging mobile technology to win in their markets?
- Mobile app vs mobile web

Mobile technology is a very powerful tool that is the priority marketing initiative for many businesses and industries today. Unfortunately, the majority of golf course operators aren't truly leveraging mobile. If you want to improve your mobile strategy, learn more about what is possible, and how clubs are using it, you do not want to miss this session.

Jason Wilson, CEO, Gallus Golf Ryan Wood, President, 1-2-1 Marketing Julie Roberts, General Manager, Minor Park Golf Course

Jill Timon, Regional Director of Marketing, Billy Casper Golf



Wilson







Wood

Roberts Timon

NEW SESSION

How to Win Golfers in a **Competitive Market**

Tuesday, Sept. 26, 10am

Proven strategies & practices you can do in 60 minutes or less to attract new golfers and increase repeat play

- Tips to build lovalty and frequency
- Maximizing your social media and digital footprint
- Largest database wins: How to build it

Kevin DeDonato, General Manager, Tiburon Golf

Brian Rashley, Director of Golf, Stockton Seaview Hotel & Golf Club

Joel Ragar, CEO, foreUPSoftware Moderator: Guy Sugden, Vice President, Corporate Sales & Marketing, Troon







Sugden

DeDonato **CUTTING EDGE**

How Technology can Improve your **Turf Management**

Tuesday, Sept. 26, 11:15am

- •The latest in irrigation, turf management software, sensor and mapping technologies
- How new tech can improve labor, water, chemical and nutrient management
- •What data you need to make better economic and environmental decisions

Troy Carson, Senior Research Agronomist, Toro Collier Miller, Sr. Director, Agronomy, TPC Trey Hammett, CEO, Precision Turf Technologies Jerry Lemons, President, Golf Links Inc.

101+ GREAT IDEAS

How to Increase Revenue Per Round

Tuesday, Sept. 26, 3:15

- Ramp up revenue per round through F&B, retail, and other sales
- Banquet, grill and hidden revenue sources
- Retail common sense: Get more sales per square foot
- Creative ways to enhance tournaments and outings

John Sido, Marketing, Sales & Customer Support, 19th Hole Cart

Matt Welliver, VP Corporate Development, Chronogolf

Moderator: Dawn Prebula, Senior Vice President, VGM Club Resorts & Gaming



AWARD-WINNING CASE STUDIES

Most improved Golf Courses Tuesday, Sept. 26, 1:45pm

The leaders behind two phenomenal turnarounds share their secrets to success in this case study-driven session.

Christopher Schaeffer will talk about how Coral Hospitality improved rounds by 28% and increased revenue in one year at Eagle Ridge Golf Club in Fort Myers, Fla. using online marketing, annual memberships and yield management.

Quinn Smith will share how he worked with Quail Ridge Golf Club in Ada, Mich. to turn that facility's revenues around. He used dynamic pricing, outings and tournaments.

Christopher Schaeffer, CFO, Coral Hospitality Quinn Smith, President, QNorth Golf Management

HIGHLY RATED

Best Practices in Golf Course Operations

Tuesday, Sept. 26, 4:30pm

- What's working today for top operators
- Proven methods for measuring success
- Quick and easy strategies to match your operational needs and your staff resources
- How to give your customers the ultimate golf experience

Bruce Glasco, International COO, Troon Lon Grundy, General Manager, The Ritz-Carlton Reynolds Lake Oconee

John Easterbrook, Chief Membership Officer, PGA of America





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Southern Hospitality at its best

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Inside the Brand: What golf courses can learn from the most successful brands in the world

Larry Gulko, CEO & Brand Strategist, technoHome (above left) Roger Berkowitz, President, Legal Sea Foods (above right)

- Three tracks: Public, Private, Investor
- 3 inspiring keynotes
- Highest-rated event in industry
- Innovative marketing advice
- Peer-to-peer networking
- Buy/Sell sessions
- How to redevelop a golf course
- Happy hours, coffee hours,
 Luncheons, golf outing & more

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