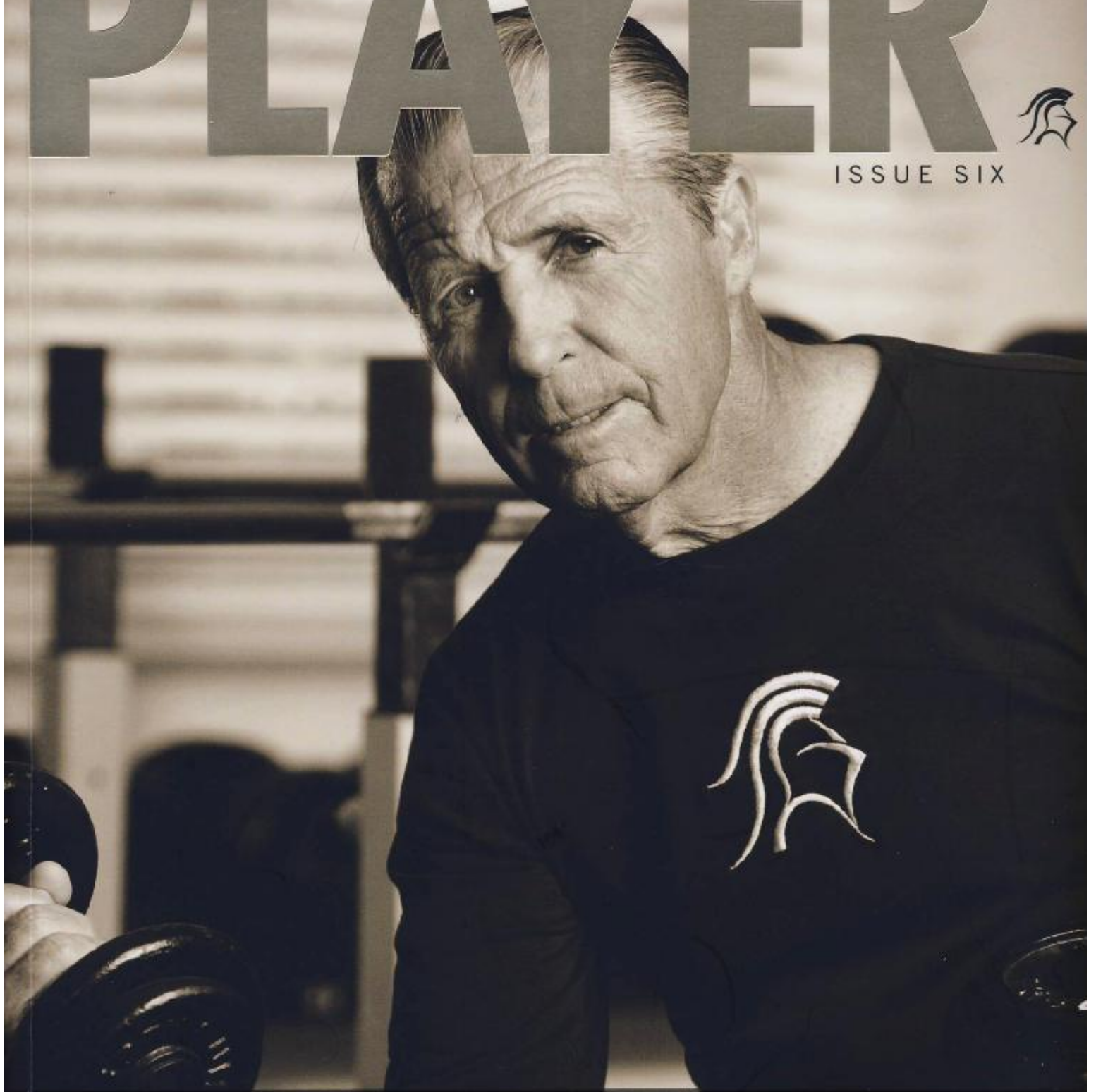


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# GLEN ARBOR

*'The GlenArbor Experience is one of the finest in the world. Preserving the traditions of golf through a delicious combination of design, challenge, concierge service, and instruction at one of the most beautiful courses in the USA.'*

— GARY PLAYER





Since the club's inception in 2001, the GlenArbor Golf Club in Bedford Hills, New York, USA, has set standards not only in golf instruction, but also with its Gary Player Signature Course, as an icon of golf course design. Truly unique, Gary Player himself ranks it at the top of his design accomplishments for its beauty and course architecture.

GlenArbor Chairman, Grant Gregory, believes the GlenArbor mission statement says it well: 'The premier private club with an atmosphere that fosters camaraderie and a culture that preserves the finest traditions of golf through the design of our golf courses, golf instruction, member services, and our enduring respect of the land.'

The grounds on which the club is situated were originally developed in 1917 as the White Estate – one of the largest, historic estates in Westchester. GlenArbor's master plan preserved the property's historic roots as befitting its heritage.

Mark Finlay, the architect behind the magnificent clubhouse, chose to retain the Greek Revival theme – prominent in the old mansions of the region. The award-winning clubhouse is situated on a commanding site overlooking the first and eighteenth fairways, and offers a glimpse into a gracious bygone age; from the winding tree-lined drive, to the full-height mahogany paneling found in its men's and women's locker rooms.



The clubhouse looks out across the 18th green. BELOW The Short Game Centre. OPENING AND OPPOSITE PAGES The magnificent views across the fairways.



With the name GlenArbor, it comes as no surprise that conservation is a deeply held value of the club and its members. The grounds are home to a diverse range of animals, trees, birds and aquatic species. The club has implemented an Environmental Enhancement Programme that works in tandem with the beauty of the land to augment the natural habitat and the indigenous species. The programme has preserved its centuries-old specimen trees, nine bodies of water, creeks and numerous wetland buffers, while adding 3 000 new trees and many colourful wild flower accents. A world class dining experience is enhanced by produce from GlenArbor's own organic gardens.

The North American Bluebird Society awarded GlenArbor its prestigious Environmental Stewardship

Recognition award for its leadership in bluebird research. Fledging many delicate birds is one thing; creating a safe and nurturing habitat for them is another. GlenArbor's nesting boxes, situated across the golf course, are scientifically monitored throughout the nesting season. GlenArbor has already fledged and released nearly 700 bluebirds. Importantly, not a single bird has been lost due to the careful use of pesticides and herbicides. Leaving no stone unturned, GlenArbor has taken their commitment to preserving the land a step further by partnering up with the local community in youth environmental education.

The natural terrain of GlenArbor is exactly what the Gary Player Design team dreams of: unspoilt wetlands, natural grades and abundant wildlife.

## ■ PUTTING IT RIGHT

Working with the Gary Player Design Team, GlenArbor has definitively set the standard for teaching and education.

GlenArbor's year round Teaching Facility is unsurpassed in the USA. Equipped with heated bays, state-of-the-art computer software, and its teaching methods, the professional staff of five full-time instructors at the facility deliver a commitment to training and education that is second to none.

The unique GlenArbor Short Game Centre is unparalleled with five practice tees and four target greens: every pitch shot from 100 yards and under can be practiced. In addition, the Legends Centre has three large sophisticated greens for short pitches, chips and putts to be perfected. Says Gary Player: 'With more than 80 percent of a player's shots coming from inside 125 yards, there is no better way to improve your handicap and golf experience on the course than to focus the majority of your practice time on the short game.'

Robert Labritz, GlenArbor Director of Golf, was most recently crowned 2008 Metropolitan Section PGA 'Player of the Year' in recognition of a stellar season of competition against arguably some of the strongest club pros in the USA's 41 PGA sections. In addition to this, Labritz was awarded Westchester Golf Association's 'Professional Player of the Year' for the third time (2002, 2003 and 2008).

GlenArbor's Director of Instruction, Debbie Doniger, has been ranked one of the 'Top 50 Women Teachers' by *Golf for Women* in 2005, 2006 and 2007. She was recently ranked one of the 'Top 20 Golf Teachers under 40' in the USA by *Golf Digest* magazine and was nominated for the elite category of 'Top 100 Golf Teachers' by *Golf Magazine* in 2007.

Brian Crowell, GlenArbor Head Golf Professional, was recipient in 2003 of the Metropolitan PGA Horton Smith Award. In 2002 he was honoured as one of 'America's Best Instructors' and in 2005 as one of the 'Top 50 Junior Instructors'.

Also rounding out the team is David Gagnon, GlenArbor's Senior Teaching Professional, and instructor to Duke University's current golf captain, Michael Quagliano, who played in the 2008 US Open.

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Both the 18 hole Gary Player Signature Golf Course and the 9 hole GlenArbor Short Game Course have preserved the native beauty in a breathtaking combination of exciting challenges and sophisticated course management.

The courses test the shot-making skills of even the most accomplished player: they roll and turn, demanding draws and fades. The fairways are inviting while the greens call for touch and control. Precision takes precedence over power and rewards are earned for accuracy. However, with multiple tee complexes on every distinct and memorable hole, Gary Player has enabled golfers of all skill levels to enjoy the course as they make their way through an expert blending of woodland, wetlands and dramatic elevation changes. ■

