

Macatawa Legends Offers Epic View



Photo by Ray Hearn Golf Designs

Macatawa Legends, Hole Number 3

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Begin your experience at Macatawa Legends Golf & Country Club by visiting the clubhouse. From your elevated perch, look about you. Before you are the golf course's starting and finishing holes.

In addition to the pristine, large lake before you are the holes that open and close each nine: holes 1, 9, 10 and 18. It is a view unique to Macatawa Legends, Ray Hearn's newest design, which is set to open, just north of Holland, this summer.

"Nowhere in Michigan are you

able to find a golf course with a more epic view of both starting and grand finishing holes," Hearn said. "Once you complete your round and enjoy dinner in the majestic dining area you may never want to leave this uniquely beautiful view."

A private club that, eventually, will be surrounded by homes, the golf course incorporates lakes, formal sand bunkers, sparkling sand dune formations and subtle, although memorable landforms.

The course's proximity to Lake Michigan was an important aspect of Hearn's design. "The influence of wind on an open site was studied and significantly integrated in

the design development of each hole," Hearn said.

Designed with five sets of tees, the par-72 course will play anywhere from 5,019-7,196 yards. "The ultimate goal of every golf course architect is to create a very pleasurable experience in beautiful environments and settings while fairly challenging all levels of golfing ability," Hearn said. "We believe each hole at Macatawa Legends Golf & Country Club will yield a truly unique and memorable experience."

Video- Interview with Ray Hearn:
<http://michigangolfer.tv/2005shows/wmgs/>