

SLICE OF LIFE



By Terry Moore

Excuse me while I clean out my desk er...mind. A proverbial pack-rat, I've been saving up notes and brochures for the past few months waiting for the "write" opportunity. So with that as fair warning, here we go.

Lake George, NY: We visited this beautiful part of the Adirondacks last fall on a return trip from Boston. Mindful of northern Michigan, it's a wonderful area to discover—especially in the fall when the colors are spectacular. Also, as a Donald Ross devotee, I was able to play the venerable **Sagamore Golf Club** that overlooks scenic Lake George. Ross designed the picturesque layout in 1928 and it was popular resort course in its heyday. But the course and the nearby resort fell on hard times in the '70s and in fact at one time closed down. Fortunately in the '80s, some investors wisely bought this tarnished gem and restored it to its rightful place of esteem. Spending millions, they improved the conditioning with irrigation while restoring and preserving Ross's trademark bunkering and hogback greens. It's

rather tight in spots off the tee and requires some local knowledge, but it offers a delightful golf experience with plenty of challenge. Not surprising, it's on *Golf Digest's* and *Golfweek's* list of Best Public/Resort courses in NY.

And for accommodations, you can't beat the **Inn at Erlowest**, a movie-perfect stone mansion overlooking Lake George with elegantly decorated rooms, terrific dining and also offering separate condo-style units. And speaking of dining, two "must-eat" restaurants are **Cate's Italian Garden**, located only minutes away, offering up—naturally—delicious Italian dishes at fair prices; and the farther afield **O.P. Fredericks** in Chestertown which is widely known for its authentic and home-spun Adirondack atmosphere and excellent menu. Also, besides golf and general sightseeing, the Lake George area offers some inspiring hiking trails. For more information, visit www.visitlakegeorge.com

Golf stuff: I came back from the PGA Merchandise Show last January with all sorts of brochures and press releases. But since my game hibernates until spring, I didn't expose them to the light of day 'til now. On the apparel side, I liked **Fairway & Greene's** new *Pureformance* line of shirts that offers the best of both worlds: performance and natural fabric shirts. Fairway & Greene puts its patented wrinkle-proof collar around a natural fabric on the outside and a micro-polyester yarn performance type fabric on the inside (where it's touching the skin and able to wick away moisture) and delivers a handsome and heat-conscious prod-

uct....Meanwhile on the south end of the body, **Puma** is making strides (no pun intended) in the golf shoe market. 2006 U.S. Open champion Geoff Ogilvy wears Puma as does Euro Tour player Johann Edfors. Long a leader in athletic footwear, Puma is offering jazzier and more stylish golf footwear models while not sacrificing traditional features. For example, Puma has an attractive Gore-Tex Tour Saddle that looks GQ with its trademark "leaping puma" logo on the toe. Question, if these shoes are left untied, could someone ask: "Cat got your tongue?" Sorry; visit www.golf.puma.com

Other items that caught my attention: Sun Mountain's new waterproof **H2O Tech** carry bag is a long overdue introduction; **Bushnell** laser rangefinders are booming thanks to USGA allowance for handicap and tournament play—e.g. sales are up over 400% from last year. I love the **LaserLink** rangefinder and my club uses the system; but Bushnell offers a portable and versatile alternative that will be hard to beat; for type A yet absent-minded golfers prone to leaving clubs on the last green, they should investigate the **Electronic Golf Club Recovery System** that uses electronic sensors to monitor one's set in the bag; for those fighting a losing battle with foot odor, they (or their loved ones) should purchase **Stink Away**, shoe pads that sanitize and remove shoe odors and last for 10 weeks. ("To defume the Pumas, use Stink Away!") After my Dad recently removed his shoes in our den to take a nap thereby inadvertently alerting the HAZ-MAT unit, I ordered a year's supply. **MG**