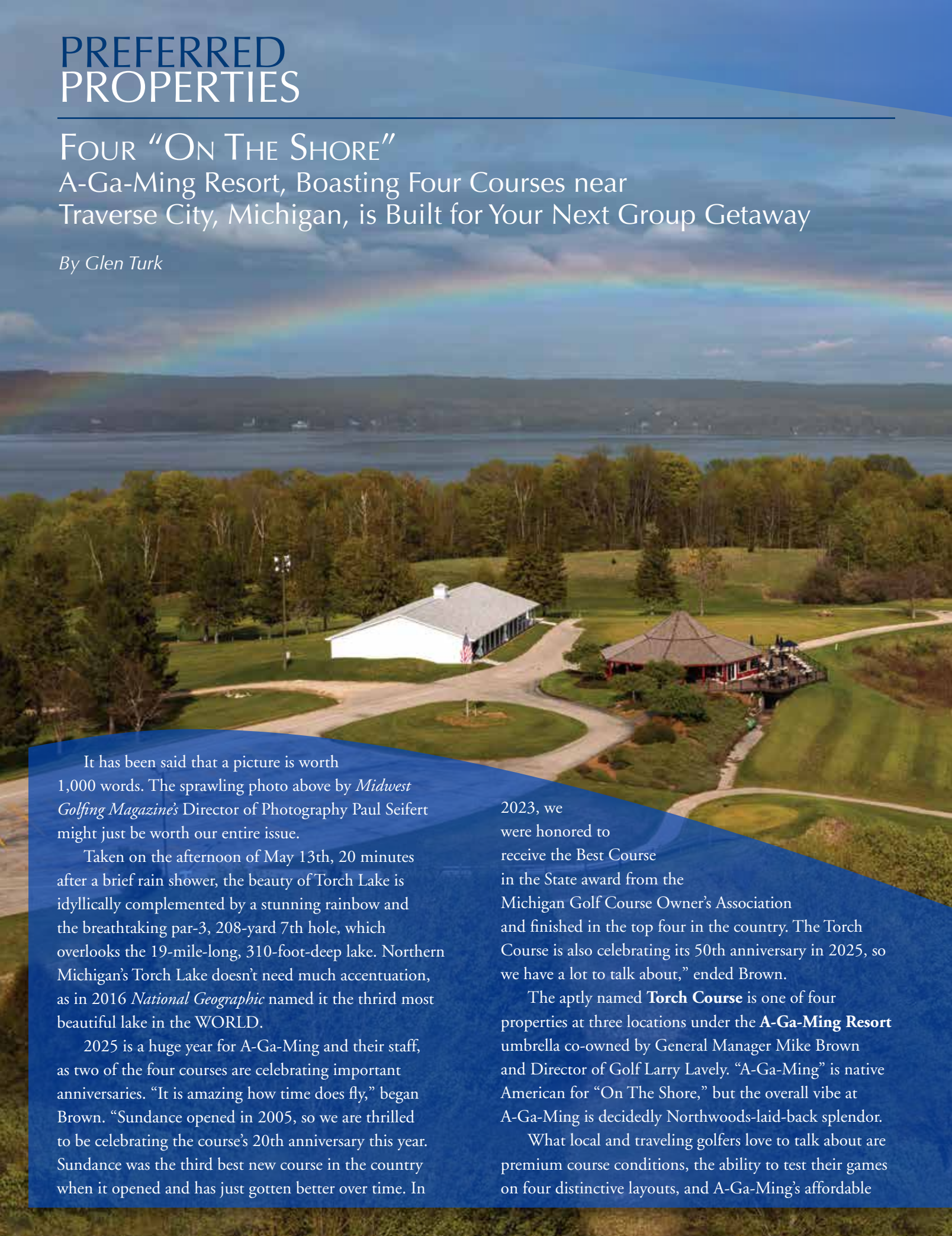


# PREFERRED PROPERTIES

## FOUR “ON THE SHORE”

A-Ga-Ming Resort, Boasting Four Courses near Traverse City, Michigan, is Built for Your Next Group Getaway

By Glen Turk



It has been said that a picture is worth 1,000 words. The sprawling photo above by *Midwest Golfing Magazine's* Director of Photography Paul Seifert might just be worth our entire issue.

Taken on the afternoon of May 13th, 20 minutes after a brief rain shower, the beauty of Torch Lake is idyllically complemented by a stunning rainbow and the breathtaking par-3, 208-yard 7th hole, which overlooks the 19-mile-long, 310-foot-deep lake. Northern Michigan's Torch Lake doesn't need much accentuation, as in 2016 *National Geographic* named it the third most beautiful lake in the WORLD.


2025 is a huge year for A-Ga-Ming and their staff, as two of the four courses are celebrating important anniversaries. "It is amazing how time does fly," began Brown. "Sundance opened in 2005, so we are thrilled to be celebrating the course's 20th anniversary this year. Sundance was the third best new course in the country when it opened and has just gotten better over time. In

2023, we were honored to receive the Best Course in the State award from the Michigan Golf Course Owner's Association and finished in the top four in the country. The Torch Course is also celebrating its 50th anniversary in 2025, so we have a lot to talk about," ended Brown.

The aptly named **Torch Course** is one of four properties at three locations under the **A-Ga-Ming Resort** umbrella co-owned by General Manager Mike Brown and Director of Golf Larry Lavelly. "A-Ga-Ming" is native American for "On The Shore," but the overall vibe at A-Ga-Ming is decidedly Northwoods-laid-back splendor.

What local and traveling golfers love to talk about are premium course conditions, the ability to test their games on four distinctive layouts, and A-Ga-Ming's affordable



A scenic view of a golf course with a rainbow over a lake. The image is split diagonally. The top half shows a blue sky with a rainbow arching over a body of water. The bottom half shows a lush green golf course with sand traps and a path, surrounded by dense trees. The text is overlaid on the blue sky portion.

“We have always known that providing a great golf package was the key to attracting people from downstate Michigan, and the entire Midwest for that matter. Golf in the Traverse City area has grown tremendously over the last five years and we are thrilled to be a big part of it.”

– Mike Brown,  
General Manager

stay  
and play  
packages that  
include on-site lodging  
spread across three unique options.

“I think we really provide a great value for Northern Michigan,” stated Brown. “Outstanding golf and lodging that everyone can afford is really our calling card. By adding the three other courses to Torch our package business has really driven to sold-out levels almost every weekend. Buddies or couples’ trips love to take



*This aerial image captures the rolling terrain of the links-inspired Sundance Course at A-Ga-Ming Resort.*



in our local wineries, brew pubs, and distilleries as a post-round activity. We are not very far from the thriving Elk Rapids and Charlevoix restaurant scene plus groups often spend time relaxing on Torch Lake with a pontoon rental to round out their trip,” concluded Brown.

Variety is the spice of life and at A-Ga-Ming that adage is at the heart of their success. **Sundance Course** features wide fairways, sculpted greens, and breathtaking vistas set on a glacier-carved bluff between Torch Lake and Grand Traverse Bay. MGM agrees with the Michigan Golf Course Owner’s Association as the course builds to a natural crescendo that is high on shot values and vistas. The Jerry Matthews 6,886-yard, par-72 layout is no pushover either, as holes 14 through 18 present a diabolical stretch that concludes with a stunning, mid-range par-3 and the water-laden, dogleg right, 459-yard, par-4 18th. Expansive bunkering and heather-clad mounding on nearly every hole only add to the experience and transport players to an across-the-pond feel in the process.

Torch Course is a shot-maker’s gem that emphasizes accuracy, with water hazards on 11 holes. Measuring 6,369 yards and playing to a par of 71 from the tips, the Chick Harbert/Jerry Matthews design weaves through Northwoods forests with gently undulating fairways and greens. According to Brown, female golfers really gravitate to this layout, calling it one of their favorites in the area. A-Ga-Ming might mean “On The Shore,” but from my perspective it could also stand for “daunting par-3s” as their quad squad measure in at 218, 208, 187, and 180 yards respectively from the tips. Both the properties share



*Antrim Dells has been part of the A-Ga-Ming Resort family since 2010.*

State by **GolfMichigan.com**. All it takes is one step on property and you will feel Charlevoix Country Club’s elegant history and welcoming nature.

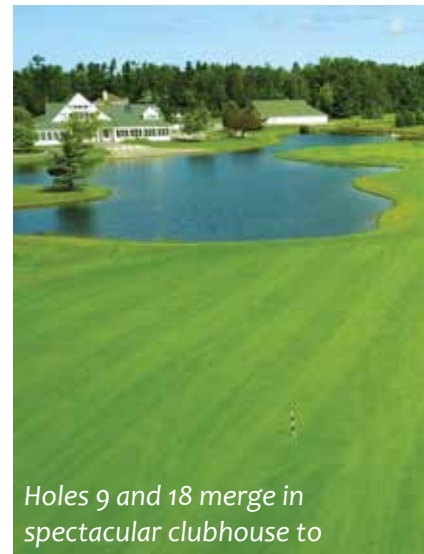
Another way A-Ga-Ming separates itself is that each of the resort’s location features dining options to satisfy a variety of tastes. From full-service restaurants to casual bar and grill settings, guests can enjoy delicious meals and beverages without leaving the premises. MGM highly recommends the club wrap, which can be split in two it’s so large!

Golfers looking to hone their skills will appreciate the resort’s comprehensive practice facilities, including driving ranges, putting greens, and chipping areas. Additionally, the Indoor Learning Center provides year-round opportunities for instruction and improvement, regardless of skill level. While we were on property in mid-May we

one new clubhouse and pro shop and making a day of 36 holes an easy proposition.

**Antrim Dells** (purchased in 2010 and 12 miles away) presents a parkland setting on the front nine and transitions into wooded terrain with creeks on the back nine. Consistent green speeds and conditions are always the standard besides epic views of Lake Michigan. **Charlevoix Country Club** (acquired in 2017 and 28

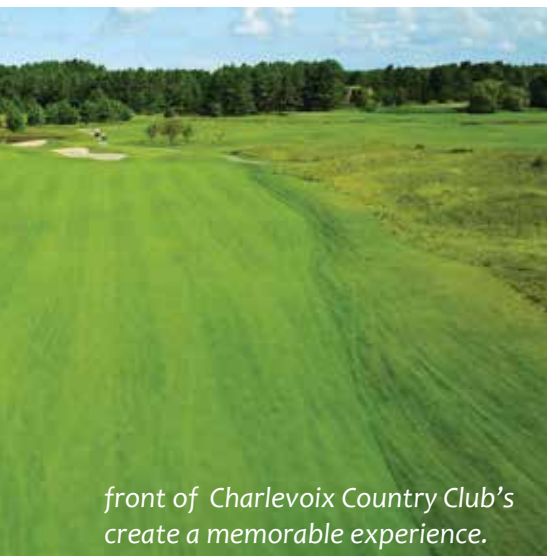
miles away) offers a classic design with well-manicured fairways and greens, providing a challenging yet enjoyable round for golfers of all skill levels. In fact, CCC was recently named the 6th best conditioned course in the Wolverine



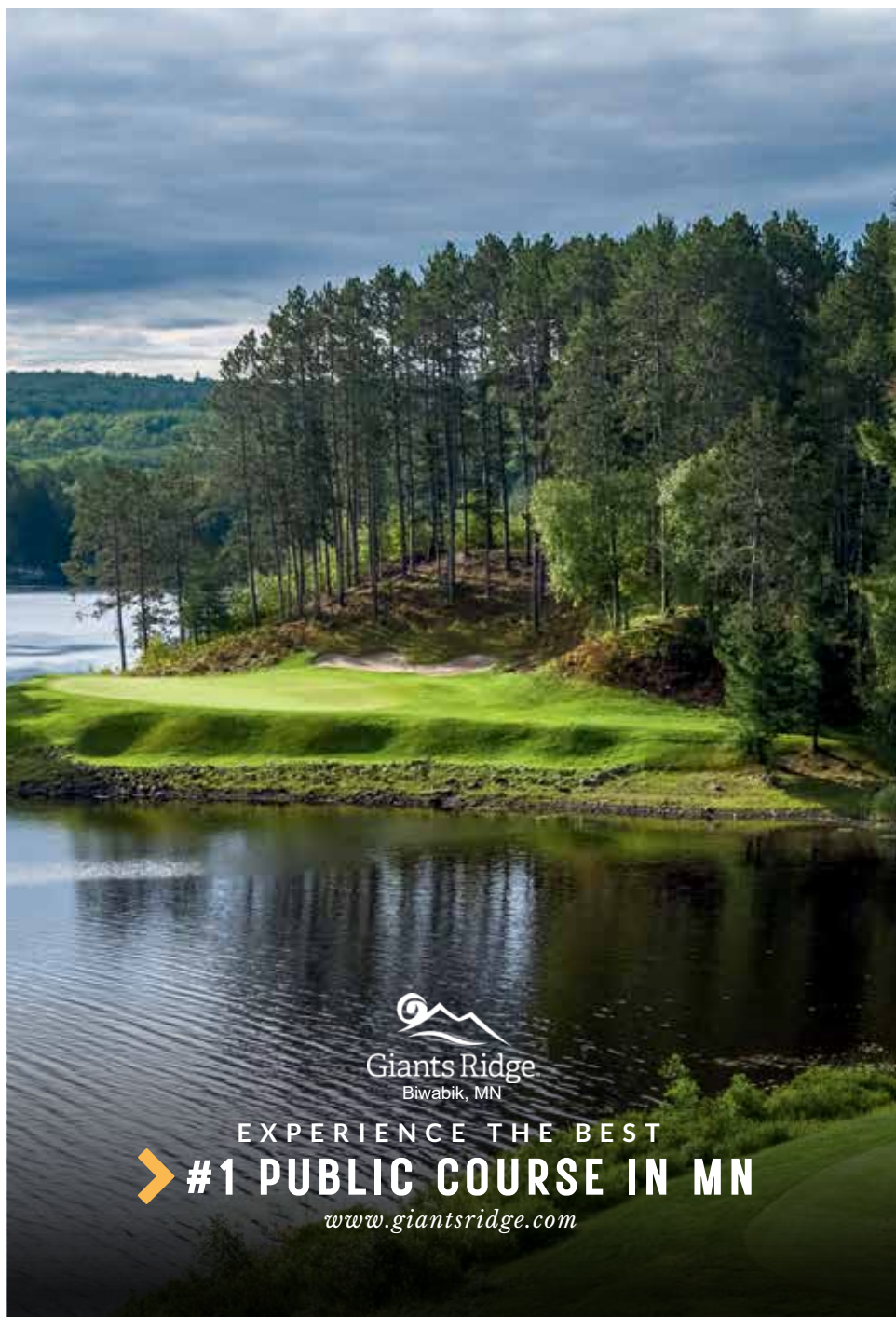
*Holes 9 and 18 merge in spectacular clubhouse to*

noticed the Elk Ridge High School boy's golf team utilizing the facility to the fullest.

A-Ga-Ming Golf Resort has become a preferred destination for large groups, particularly buddies trips, due to its combination of outstanding golf, comfortable accommodations, and welcoming atmosphere. The resort's ability to tailor packages and lodging to meet the specific needs of groups ensures a seamless and enjoyable experience. The camaraderie fostered by shared lodging, combined with the variety of courses, allows groups to create lasting memories, prompting many to return annually. Paul Seifert's remarkable drone photo is proof that a trip to A-Ga-Ming is time well spent. For more information on all that the resort has to offer, visit [www.a-ga-ming.com](http://www.a-ga-ming.com).



front of Charlevoix Country Club's create a memorable experience.



## THERE'S MORE ON THESE SHORES

### THREE NIGHTS AND FOUR ROUNDS AT A-GA-MING GOLF RESORT HIGHLIGHT 2025 WEEKDAY GOLF PACKAGE

A-Ga-Ming Golf Resort in Kewadin, Michigan, offers a premier summer weekday "A-Ga-Ming Package" for golf enthusiasts. Priced at \$650 per person (based on double occupancy), this package includes a three-night stay and four rounds of golf – one on each of the resort's four distinct courses. Weekend stays (if available) are priced at \$700 per person based upon double occupancy. Fall packages can be as little as \$500 per person plus they also offer shoulder season rates.

Guests can choose from three on-site lodging options: Maplewood Ridge, Cedar Hollow, and Vista Townhomes. These accommodations range from one to four bedrooms and are designed with open living spaces, ideal for relaxing after a day on the greens. The resort's location provides stunning views of Torch Lake and Lake Michigan, enhancing the overall experience. For more information and to book your stay and play package, visit [www.ag-a-ming.com](http://www.ag-a-ming.com) or call (231) 264-5081.