

2026 Men's Senior



August 4-6
Trestle Creek Golf Resort

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*awaits its new test at
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It will be a new challenge for many of the old 'pros' when the 2026 Alberta Men's Senior Golf Championship swings into action this summer at Trestle Creek Golf Resort.

Few of the competitors — if any — will have experienced what the course an hour west of Edmonton has in store for them.

Head Professional Art New figures the wily athletes will have to dig deep into their bag of tricks if they hope to card a coveted victory at the annual Alberta Golf event for 55-year-old and older amateurs.



"People love it," said New, of the 7,267-yard, decade-old public layout located just a handful of par-fives southeast of Entwistle. "And they're quite surprised at the challenge and how good it is.

Of course, the one who best manoeuvres Trestle Creek come Aug. 4-6 pockets bragging rights for a year. Just as Kevin Temple did last summer by taming Wolf Creek. It's hoped the 2025 champion returns to defend his title, along with fellow Country Hills Golf Club legend David Schultz — the runner-up to Temple — and last year's 36-hole leader Senan Foley — also of Calgary.

"Yeah ... good-friend-of-mine Brian Laubman of The Highlands, I'm sure, will be here," said New, talking up more of the competitors bringing star power to the tournament. "Ken Griffith played in the 2024 Alberta Mid-Master here, so I imagine he'll be coming back. I wouldn't be surprised if Floyd Kilgore from Peace River comes out again too.

"I think the guys that haven't played it before will be pleasantly surprised. The guys will be challenged, but I think they're going to have fun." They just can't fall asleep at the wheel.

Water hazards pepper the course, including on the signature hole — the par-3 16th hole. It's an always-daunting island green that's 177 yards off a tee-box 50 feet higher in elevation. "If the wind comes up, then that's a factor," New said. "But the greens are the real challenge out here.

"The greens are quite treacherous and undulating," continued New. There's a lot of optical illusions on the greens, where you swear it's breaking one way and it goes the other way. So, there's certain quadrants that you have to hit it to." Getting to the greens is only half the challenge.

"The nice thing about Trestle Creek is there's five different tee-boxes New said. "It's fairly forgiving off the tee anyways, but we all lose distance as we get older, and so by playing the right tee-boxes, it's still challenging enough.

"But then it's all about your second shot. If you miss in

the correct spot at Trestle Creek, you've got a chance of getting up and down. If you miss on the incorrect side, you're struggling. If you fall asleep and don't pay attention, you'll get penalized. But it does offer some opportunities for some scoring, as well." And fun ...

Don't forget the fun at Trestle Creek. "You feel like you're in the mountains without being in the mountains on a lot of the holes," continued New. "It's got enough variety that you don't get bored." That goes the same for time spent off the course at Trestle Creek.

The community featuring five phases of privately owned lots for park model RVs — and a sixth currently in the works — offers much more than simply golf. The resort comes alive in the summer with water skiing, wakeboarding, water sliding, trout fishing, tennis, soccer, baseball and pickleball.

"It's quite the place actually," New said. "And we're going to be 27 holes eventually."

Indeed, the Magnolia Nine is under construction and a year or two away from completion to complement the Jack Pine Nine, which teed up Trestle Creek in 2012, and the Creekside Nine, which opened in 2015. All three layouts are Brad Dupuis designs.

"I'll tell you ... the golf course is a hidden gem," New said. "It's an outstanding track. It's challenging. It's one of those golf courses that you don't get bored playing.

"Part of my mantra, because I know how good this course is, is to really try to promote it. So I'm trying to get events like the Alberta Men's Senior out here, which puts us on the map."

"It really amazes me that when I first got here in 2023 how many people from Edmonton still didn't know about us," added New. "I've really been doing a lot of promotion trying to get us on the map a little more. "And it seems to be paying off." ■

"There's a lot of water that comes into play," continued New. "But it's a fun golf course, with some risk-reward opportunities. We've had some great events out here with some great players the last couple of years, and it's fun to watch them try to get around it."