

Do you remember one of those reunion golfing opportunities mentioned earlier? Well, this is just such an occasion. Of course, it's a recurring one, for She Who Can Do No Wrong and her other half (that being me), as this is where the matriarch of the family resides. And then when you are the eldest of eight brothers and sisters there are endless excuses, birthdays, anniversaries, weddings, retirements, it's kind of a cyclical thing. There are seven public courses in the Waterloo, Iowa area that we frequent. Small and medium sized cities throughout America have a pool of courses at your beck and call.



Irv Warren Memorial Golf Course is one of the three city courses that host the Waterloo Open. This is a total fantasy, in that from the front of the clubhouse, close enough to follow the player's conversations, you get the opportunity to watch the next generation of golfers bang their drives off some little tee into another dimension.



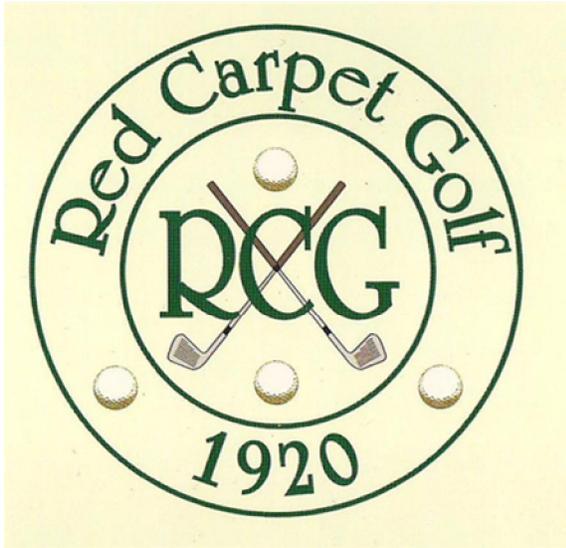
South Hills Golf Course (not to be confused with South Park the cartoon) is on some gentle hills south of town, hence its name. The casino, a convenient place to leave your money and the waterpark, a convenient place to leave your offspring, are virtually within walking distance. Well, that is probably true for some less sedentary folks. Anyhow you can see them from the course.

Gates Park Golf Course is noted for its ancient oak trees that are found throughout the course and create chaos on many holes. In addition there is a stream that has to be dealt with on five holes. These three courses have weekday specials that are ridiculously low; so low, in fact, that one leaves with the impression of having actually taken money out of the city fathers' pockets.



Red Carpet Golf Course backs up to the Gates Park Course on a few holes. Red Carpet has been around since 1919 and in previous life was called Porky's. The course was designed by Scottish Architect Tom Bendelow, marking the beginning of golf in Waterloo.

Pheasant Ridge Golf Course is way over in Cedar Falls which actually borders Waterloo so the way over aspect is a non-concern. The University of Northern Iowa is very close and if you are of a mind to outfit yourself with a Panthers wardrobe the pro shop can readily accommodate your needs.



Fox Ridge Golf Club is a relatively new spacious course with a small-town atmosphere. One of the unique features is the grass mounds that frame many of the greens, or fortress greens would be more accurate. Fox Ridge is trying to develop a housing complex around the course and each year presents a noticeable growth in its community.

You play late in the day the city fairground holds evening auctions. The excitement of acquiring treasures is to die for, which is why they hold auctions in the first place.



Waverly Municipal Golf Course opened