



## *The Writing of the Book "The Search for the 50 Most Beautiful Golf Holes in New Jersey"*

Background: Golf is a beautiful sport to play! It challenges the golfer to perform flawlessly in playing 18 holes of golf using a wide range of complex physical skills, controlling emotions that can surface when the execution of a golf shot does not produce the desired results and the mental ability and discipline to make the correct decisions that are essential to achieving a good golf score. It is also played on beautiful golf courses.

For those who do not reach the level of golfing excellence to be competitive in tournaments, an added attraction is the beauty of the golf courses they play. Most golf courses are set on attractive venues and feature a "signature hole" that is exceptionally beautiful and memorable to golfers. The third hole on the Quarry nine of the Great Gorge Country Club course is such a hole.



*The Great Gorge Country Club - The Quarry Nine - Hole #3 - Par 3*

Unless a golfer has the good fortune to play a course like the Great Gorge Country Club they may never have had the opportunity to face the golfing challenge of this beautiful course or enjoy its beautiful golf holes.

The Motivation to Write the Book: In 2002 George Peper of Golf Digest Magazine published an outstanding book "The 500 World's Greatest Golf Holes." Because of the extremely broad

scope of this venture, many of New Jersey's beautiful golf courses and holes were left out of this book. Only 8 New Jersey golf clubs (Pine Valley GC, Baltusrol GC, Plainfield CC, Somerset Hills CC, Essex County CC, Galloway National GC, Hollywood GC and Ridgewood CC) had golf holes recognized in the Peper book.

The author felt it time to look exclusively at New Jersey golf clubs, their extraordinary contribution to the history and legacy of golf and their beautiful golf courses and golf holes. He also felt it appropriate to focus attention on the special talents of those golf course owners and architects responsible for the transformation of a piece of land into a beautiful golf hole recognizing that a "great" golf hole as defined in the Peper book that presents the ultimate challenge to the golfer, may not be the most beautiful golf hole and vice versa.

It is the goal of this book to identify and give recognition to the most beautiful golf holes in New Jersey and those golf course owners and architects whose vision and creative genius transcended just building a golf course. By achieving this goal the author will have provided the golfing community with a new perspective of golf and a special reference book documenting New Jersey's beautiful golf courses, their significant contribution to the history of golf and the special people responsible for their development, a book that can be enjoyed by golfers of all levels and anyone with an appreciation for beauty regardless of the medium.

The author has been photographing golfers and golf events for nearly 20 years. This has provided the opportunity to not only photograph some outstanding golf, but to photographically capture some of the most beautiful golf holes in New Jersey. This experience contributed to the decision to search for, write about and share photographs and information about the 50 most beautiful golf holes in New Jersey with those who love the sport of golf and may not have had the opportunity to experience the beauty of New Jersey's golf holes for themselves.

The Process of Identifying and Selecting the 50 Most Beautiful Golf Holes in New Jersey: There are many golf holes that that the author has not photographed. In an effort to include as many of these beautiful golf holes in the book as possible, public and private golf clubs are invited to nominate their club's "signature hole" for consideration and inclusion in the book.

The nomination of a golf hole can be accomplished by completing the 50 Most Beautiful Golf Holes in NJ Nomination Form on the Golf Event Photos web site ([www.golfeventphotos.com](http://www.golfeventphotos.com)) and scheduling a visit to gather background information about the history of the course, play a round of golf and photograph the course and nominated golf hole.

The selection of the 50 most beautiful golf holes in New Jersey will be made by and at the sole discretion of Dr. John T. Whiting and Golf Event Photos.

What Will be Included in the Book? The final format of the book is still in the developmental stage. It is planned to publish yearly preliminary editions of the book featuring information about golf club's visited, sample photographs of each course's nominated golf hole along with information about each of the golf club's history and other pertinent facts. The Part 1, 2009 edition has already been published and is available as a FREE download from the Golf Event Photos web site or may be purchased online at [lulu.com](http://lulu.com).

It is also planned to publish an annual "Search for the 50 Most Beautiful Golf Holes in New Jersey" calendar featuring photographs of nominated golf holes taken during the year. The 2010 Calendar was published at the beginning of year and is available as a FREE download on the Golf Event Photos web site or may be purchased on lulu.com.

When the search for the most beautiful golf hole research is completed a final version of the book will be published. At this time it is expected that the book will be presented in the following format:

- Section One – An introduction to the book writing process and summary of the research conducted, golf clubs visited to gather the information and photographs basic to identifying and selecting the 50 most beautiful golf holes in New Jersey.
- Section Two – The listing of 50 of the most beautiful golf holes in New Jersey with a full page photograph of each golf hole, a profile of the golf club, the golf course architect and any other relevant and historically significant information. Consideration is being given to having the top 10 most beautiful golf holes in New Jersey (of the selected 50) determined by voting on the Internet.
- Section Three – A profile of the remaining golf clubs visited (regardless of having a golf hole selected in the top 50) along with a photograph, brief history, the course architect and other pertinent information.
- Section Four – The profiling of the many and important golf architects whose creative genius went into the design of the beautiful golf holes photographed along with a summary of their contribution to New Jersey golf courses and golf history.
- Section Five – The identification of a "fantasy" 18 hole par 72 golf course featuring select par 3, 4 and 5 golf holes from the top 50 most beautiful golf holes in New Jersey with a photograph of each hole and noting the golf club of origin.
- Section Six – The exploration of the origin of many of New Jersey's outstanding golf courses, many of which were either created as a part of the old estate era which is a key part of New Jersey's history, or on the location of some of these grand old estates (e.g. the "Millionaires Mountain" estate based golf courses including Hamilton Farm GC, Roxiticus GC, Somerset Hills CC, etc.; Forsgate, TPC Jasna Polana, and so many others)
- Appendix Section – To include a listing of all of the golf courses visited, resource information used and other supportive information relevant to the book that may be of interest to the reader.
- A Reference Section – Providing credits to any references used in the writing of the book.

This format is still in the developmental stage and is subject to change as the search for the 50 most beautiful golf holes in New Jersey continues and as changes in the format are determined to make the book more interesting and reader friendly for those who will have an interest in learning about New Jersey's most beautiful golf holes.

When will the Book be Published? The book "The Search for the 50 Most Beautiful Golf Holes in the New Jersey" is presently being written. A copy of the results of the first year golf hole search have been compiled into a preliminary edition of the book, Part 1 – 2009 which can be reviewed on the web site or purchased on the Internet from [www.lulu.com](http://www.lulu.com). It is estimated that the writing process will take several years and will result in a collection of outstanding

photographs of some of New Jersey's most historically significant, prestigious and beautiful golf courses and golf holes.

Additional Information is Available If you desire additional information about writing of the book "The Search for the 50 Most Beautiful Golf Holes in the New Jersey" please contact the author by e-mail at [john.whiting@golfeventphotos.com](mailto:john.whiting@golfeventphotos.com) or telephone 973-764-0375. To nominate a golf hole for consideration please complete the 50 Most Beautiful Golf Hole Nomination Form which is available on the Golf Event Photos web site.