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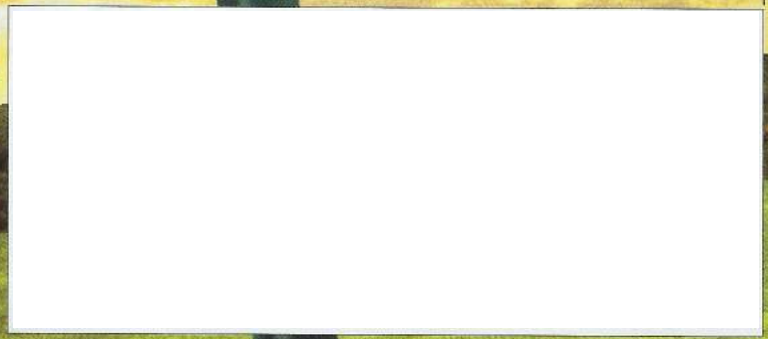
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A Tiger, three eagles and a Cherry on top highlight my last 12 months of road trips and expense reports. The TJs return to honor the best (and the rest) in this year's travel.

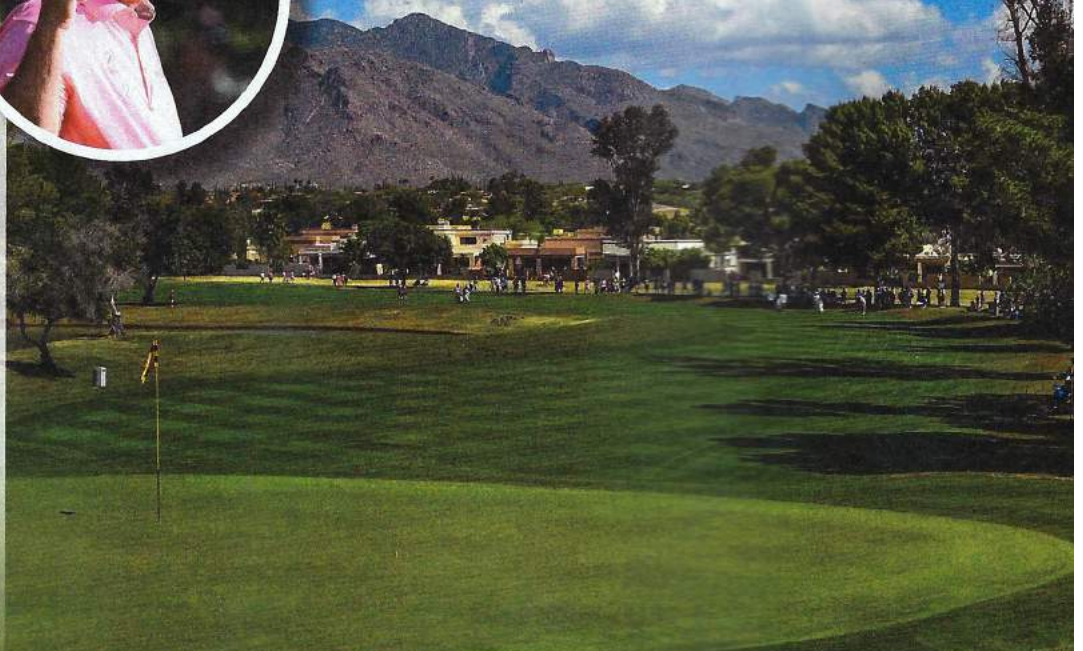
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Best Hosel Rocket Moment

Paired with **Kenny Perry** in the Tucson Conquistadores Classic Pro-Am, a PGA Tour Champions event, I raise my eyebrows as Perry shanks his opening tee shot on Omni Tucson National Resort's Catalina course. "That's a professional golfer, folks," announced Scott Hoch, waiting to tee off in the group behind us. Perry, who couldn't have been nicer and whose game recovered quickly, enjoyed the last laugh. Hoch shanked his own shot three holes later and was forced to dutifully report that to Perry on the ninth tee.



Omni Tucson National's parkland-mountain mix yielded the year's top "shanks-for-the-memories" moment, courtesy of Kenny Perry.



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Top Spot for a Summer Home

Of the private golf communities I experienced this year, my favorite was **Snake River Sporting Club**, in Jackson, Wyo. Among the prime enticements: a Tom Weiskopf design that melts into its mountain-meadow surroundings, stunning Teton scenery, and fishing for fine-spotted cutthroat trout on the adjacent Snake River. I didn't record an eagle through the first nine months of 2017, but I saw three in flight within 20 minutes at the Sporting Club.

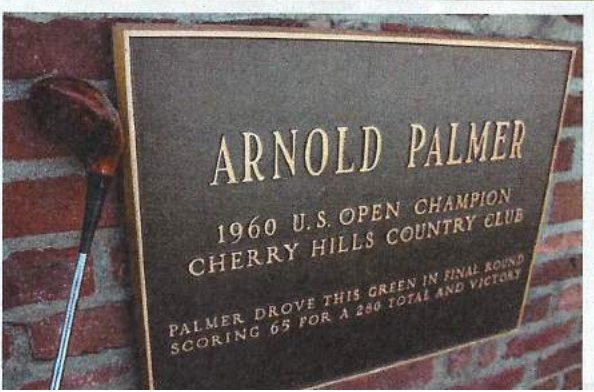
Nature is the star at Wyoming's Snake River Sporting Club, a low-profile Tom Weiskopf creation.

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Ultimate Arnold Homage

Few reminders of Arnold Palmer's competitive legacy are as meaningful as the first tee at Denver's **Cherry Hills**, where a plaque affixed to a brick wall describes the King's monumental feat of driving the green at this par 4 in the final round of the 1960 U.S. Open. Palmer's two-putt birdie led to "the charge"—a career-defining comeback win. After being assigned Arnie's locker to use before my round this year at Cherry Hills, I found the fairway—not the green—with my tee shot on number one, and eventually two-putted for a career-defining bogey.

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Arnold Palmer's mammoth drive to start the final round of the 1960 U.S. Open is celebrated on the first tee at Denver's Cherry Hills.