

Everything is on course at historic Coachman's

Well known for its exceptional courses and amenities, Coachman's Golf Resort has served the Edgerton/Stoughton area for 55 years.

It features 27 holes of championship golf, an excellent supper club, and spacious guest rooms. Whether you are looking to play 9 or 18 holes, planning a weekend getaway, or hosting a family event or a company outing, Coachman's has the right options for you.

"Our bread and butter is our golf packages," said manager Theresa Johnson, "so we try to offer as much variety as we can."

Coachman's destination packages are very popular with overnight guests. The packages include lodging, meals and greens fees.

Rolling hills and tall trees compliment sand and water hazards on the Coachman's course, presenting an enjoyable and challenging layout for all skill levels. Many of the resort's guests come from the Chicago area, yet Iowa, Michigan and Minnesota are well represented.

Coachman's features a brand new, multi-season outdoor event venue that combines the best part of the property's space with protection from the elements.

"We have a wedding for 200 tomorrow," Johnson remarked on a beautiful late spring day, pointing to the rows of white chairs dotting the picturesque fairway.

As a wedding venue the resort is able to elegantly accommodate gath-

erings up to 400 people.

The food at Coachman's Supper Club rounds out the resort's trifecta. A warm atmosphere greets you for the Friday fish fry, Saturday prime rib and Sunday brunch. Day or night you will find a favorite dish on the menu alongside Midwest and continental fare. Head Chef Timothy Cairns, a Wisconsin native, has spent a lifetime in hospitality and shares his love of food in every meal he plates. Coachman's lounge, meanwhile, offers a full bar and tap selection with an excellent wine list.

Coachman's is a south-central Wisconsin institution and appreciates all the support from members, families and friends from the surrounding communities. To show

that appreciation, the resort hosts many local gatherings and charitable events. The second generation, family-owned business is open season-

ally, generally from March to December each year. Located right off Interstate 39/90 between Edgerton and Stoughton at Highway 51, it's an

easy drive from wherever you are. If you are coming on the interstate from the south this year, follow the US-51 north detour at Exit 160.



Coachman's offers a multitude of holes for the avid golfer.

(Photo by Jack McLaughlin)

Summer courses feature the head of Tibetan Gelug order

By Jack McLaughlin
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A rare and great privilege, the 104th Ganden Tripa, the Head of the Gelug Order of Tibetan Buddhism, will be presenting two of the three summer courses at the Deer Park Buddhist Center, located at 4548 Schneider Drive in Oregon, Wis.

The new Ganden Tripa – meaning "Ganden Throne Holder," and also known as Tri Rinpoche – is Jangtse Choje ("Dharma Master of the Northern Peak of Ganden Hill") Gyume Khensur Lobsang Tenzin. Rinpoche has taught summer courses at Deer Park for many years, and, sometimes, has conferred empowerments or initiations to the qualified.

This year's summer program at Deer Park is an elevated opportunity to receive teachings from Rinpoche, who holds title to an unbroken lineage of master teachers since the Gelug Order's Founder, Tsongkhapa (1357-1419), who is this monastic sect's 1st Ganden Throne Holder.

The Gelug Order is one of five spiritual and philosophic traditions of Tibet recognized by the Dalai Lama, and it is the perspective from which Deer Park's two preeminent teachers, Abbot Geshe Tenzin Dorjee and Resident Teacher Geshe Tenzin Sherab, instruct the public. So, having the head of the order teach over the summer is a special honor.

The ties between the transplanted Tibetan Buddhist monastic universities of the East – which are part of the larger Tibetan Diaspora since the Chinese invasion of Tibet in 1959 – and the Deer Park Buddhist Center in the West have only continued to strengthen over the years. This is especially true due to the fact that Geshes Sopa, Dorjee and Sherab are all graduates of Sera Je Monastery, with involvement in their Tantric Col-



Geshe Dorjee clarifying a point of the teaching.

lege.

Founded in 1976 as the Ganden Mahayana Center in Madison by Geshe Lhundub Sopa, the Deer Park Buddhist Center was established in Oregon, Wis., in 1981, accommodating Sopa's request of the 14th Dalai Lama for His Holiness to bestow the first Kalachakra empowerment initiation for world peace in the West. It was the first time this highest of all initiation ceremonies was performed outside of Tibet and India.

Since that large-scale event, the center has grown to accommodate both a burgeoning population of re-settled Ti-

betans and the expanding base of students, participants and visitors who have come to rely on the center's exceptional teachers, or Geshes, for instruction in the Dharma, that is, the Teachings of the Buddha.

The Summer Courses for 2017 are open to the public and include:

July 3-14: Tri Rinpoche Gyume Khensur Lobsang Tenzin will teach Lama Tsongkhapa's "Three Principal Aspects of the Path," based on the commentary by Pabongka Rinpoche. In "Three Principal Aspects of the Path," Tsongkhapa explains that renunciation, aspiration for enlightenment and a correct view of emptiness (lack of anything being permanent, partless and independent) are the three pathways of mind essential for reaching enlightenment. Unique this year is that though the text is often taught, the commentary by Pabongka Rinpoche is not, though it will be this year.

July 17-28: Then after, the Ganden Throne Holder will give a second class on Lama Tsongkhapa's "Praise to



Deer Park Buddhist Center is where the Dharma or "Teachings on Reality" occurs. (All photos submitted by Tristan McGough)

Dependent Origination," based on the commentary by Amdo Kunchog Lhundrub. Tsongkhapa's famous "Praise to Dependent Origination" marks his awakening. In this brief text, Tsongkhapa shows the essence of the Buddha's teaching is that dependent origination (worldly causality) and emptiness (lack of being an absolutely permanent, partless or independent being) are perfectly in



The Main Temple in Oregon, Wis., was designed according to Tibetan architectural standards.

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