CANTIGNY YOUTH LINKS ADDS GOLF SIMULATORS

Game on! Safe spaces for fun and practice are attracting players of all ages

Wheaton, Ill., February 17, 2021 — Cantigny Youth Links, home of Cantigny Golf’s nine-hole course and clubhouse just for kids, has something exciting and new that’s open NOW!

The one-of-a-kind facility recently installed two SkyTrak golf simulators available for winter play. Using real clubs and golf balls, players hit into a large projection screen. The ball hits the screen, drops to the floor and the virtual game begins, using information rendered from the cameras and sensors. A virtual ball continues into the golf course or game space. Players can choose from short or full-length golf courses, plus games with non-golf themes.

“The simulators opened in January and we’ve been busy,” said Emily Burns, Youth Links head golf professional, LPGA member and Master Junior Golf Instructor. “This is a fun indoor activity for both kids and adults, and you don’t even need to be a golfer. But we have serious golfers using the sims for practice, or to play a course they might never get to visit in person.”

One simulator features 60 courses such as Bandon Dunes, Harbour Town, Oakmont, Pinehurst No. 2, and Torrey Pines ($40 per hour). Seven short-style layouts, akin to the Youth Links, are offered on the second SkyTrak ($30).

Both simulators include fun challenges such as closest to pin, longest drive, or target practice. You can even play Demolition Golf, where the game is to break the windows of an old house projected on the screen!

Four players at a time can use a simulator. Hours of play are 2 to 8 pm on weekdays, and 9 am to 8 pm on weekends. Reduced hourly rates apply on some days. Visit CantignyGolf.com for full details and to book simulator time or call the Youth Links at 630.260.8270.

The entire Youth Links clubhouse can be reserved for private gatherings of up to 14 guests, such as birthday parties. Some restrictions currently apply due to the pandemic.

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About Cantigny Golf

Cantigny Golf, managed by Northbrook, Ill.-based KemperSports and owned by the Chicago-based Robert R. McCormick Foundation, was named “Best New Public Course in America” by Golf Digest when it opened in 1989. The 300-acre public complex includes 27 scenic holes designed by Roger Packard, the year-round Cantigny Golf Academy, the 9-hole Cantigny Youth Links and a full-service clubhouse with dining and banquet facilities. For more information and tee times, visit CantignyGolf.com.

Editors: Golf simulator photos are available. CLICK HERE to download.