

Take a swing at

Wildhorse

72787 Hwy 331, Pendleton
Par: 72 / Yardage: 7,112
Price: \$34-40 / Driving range

The Blue Mountains overlook this top-flight course, and on a clear day you won't find a more picturesque round of golf in hundreds of miles. It's a well-rounded 18 holes, neither overwhelming for beginners nor too soft for seasoned golfers. The five lakes that dot the course don't impede play until the pesky 16th, which tests one's ability to lob the ball over the water and onto the green — or go around, if you're not up for the challenge.

Echo Hills

400 Golf Course Rd., Echo
Par: 36 / Yardage: 2,884
Price: \$12-14 / Driving range

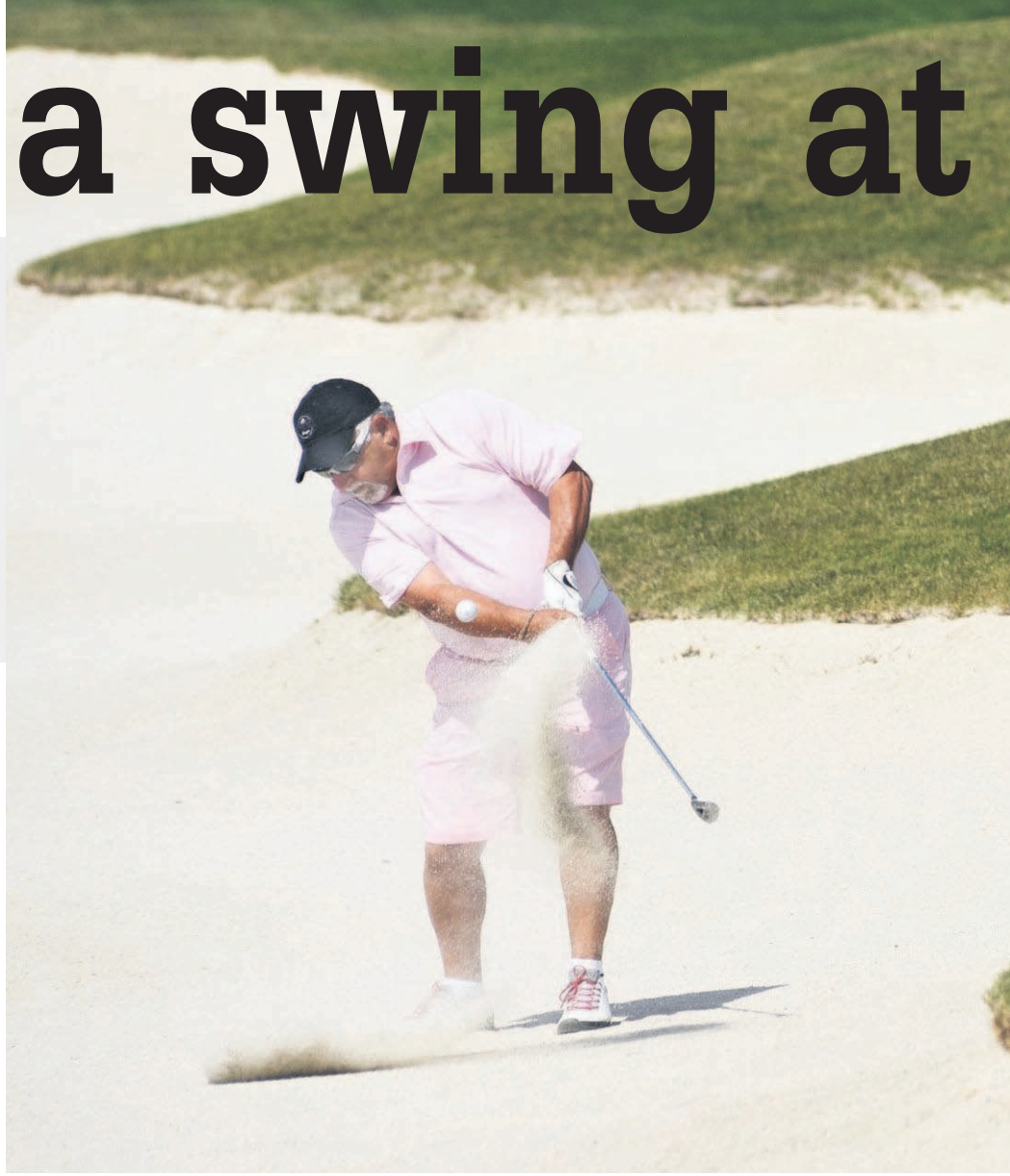
Echo's city-owned course is the best bang for the buck in Eastern Oregon. Play it through twice and you'll come to love the use of elevation changes, and the long holes rival any you'll find nearby. Many have learned to play on this course, but even the best can't say they've mastered the disappearing green of the sixth hole.



Pendleton Country Club

69772 Hwy 395, Pendleton
Par: 72 / Yardage: 6,394
Price: \$38-\$44 / Driving range

The oldest course in the county was an exclusive club since 1928, but opened to the public for afternoon play in 2014. Take advantage if you get the chance and discover the well-groomed fairways and greens of the member-owned course. Don't worry about little McKay Creek winding its way through the course — it only comes into play once. And if you're looking to make it a family outing, kids always play free and there's a pool and fitness center at the club.



George Garber of Spokane chips out of a sand hazard on the ninth hole of the 2015 Senior

Quail Ridge

2801 Indiana Avenue, Baker City
Par: 70 / Yardage: 5,994
Price: \$28-\$30

A golf course with a bit of history, Quail Ridge was incorporated in 1937 and has been regularly upgraded by its member board ever since. The greens are fast and true and many unsuspecting golfers are amazed at just how many strokes it takes to complete this par 70. Don't miss Taco Tuesdays in the summer, with half-priced golf when you buy two tacos.

Buffalo Peak

1224 E. Fulton Street, Union
Par: 72 / Yardage: 6,467
Price: \$27-\$44 / Driving range

On the edge of Union not far from La Grande, Buffalo Peak represents the wilderness of the Northwest while offering the refined precision of a well-maintained course. Don't spend too much time gazing at the beauty of the Grande Ronde Valley, split by

the Willowa and Blue mountain ranges, or you'll miss a spectacular course.

Milton-Freewater Golf Course

301 Catherine Ave., Milton-Freewater
Par: 60 / Yardage: 3,346
Price: \$25

There's no quicker 18 holes in Umatilla County, with 3s and 4s giving beginners a place to learn the game and more advanced amateurs an enjoyable couple of hours in the Walla Walla Valley.

Willow Creek Country Club

53736 Highway 74, Heppner
Par: 30 / Yardage: 1,750

Willow Creek is a semi-private course, open to golfers visiting from outside Morrow County. There are only nine greens but 18 tee boxes, making a second play through worth the time. Willow Creek weaves through the course, getting involved with play six times in a round.