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THE VINTAGE AGAIN NAMED HUNTER'S TOP PUBLIC ACCESS GOLF COURSE

The Greg Norman designed Vintage Golf Course has retained the mantle of the Hunter Region's top public access golf course according to **Golf Australia's** 2011 rankings.

The Vintage is now ranked as the 20th best public access golf course in Australia, second best in NSW and the best in the Hunter. The Vintage improved its national ranking by three places from last year.

Golf Course Guide also ranked The Vintage as the Hunter's best public access course in its annual rankings put out at the beginning of the year.

Earlier this year **Golf Digest** ranked The Vintage as the 44th best golf course in Australia and 10th best in NSW, making it the highest ranked of any of the Hunter's residential golf courses.

The Vintage's director of golf Steve Wylie says the latest ranking confirms The Vintage's status as region's premier golf course.

"We pride ourselves on offering our members and the public a memorable and enjoyable game of golf on a world class course, Mr Wylie said.

The Vintage is home to the NSW Open which was held November 25-28.

The championship golf course is set in an award winning residential community that also contains a renowned restaurant, Grand Mecure apartments and Australia's newest five star resort and spa, Chateau Elan Hunter Valley.

The Vintage is owned and managed by the Central Coast based Stevens Group.

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Download images of The Vintage here
<http://rcpt.yousendit.com/1006045157/6117d249b65fd2f0e5186856708a8cdc>

Golf Australia website: www.golfaustralia.com.au. Rankings List on next page.

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AUSTRALIA'S TOP-100 PUBLIC ACCESS COURSES – 2011

By Golf Australia

1. Barnbougles Dunes
2. Barnbougles Lost Farm
3. Moonah Links Legends course
4. Joondalup CC Quarry/Dunes course
5. St Andrews Beach
6. Thirteenth Beach Golf Links Beach course
7. The Dunes Golf Links
8. Bonville Golf Resort
9. The Links Kennedy Bay
10. Brookwater GC
11. Hamilton Island GC
12. Portsea GC
13. Moonah Links Open course
14. Barwon Heads GC
15. Links Hope Island
16. The Cut GC
17. The Glades
18. Pacific Harbour G&CC
19. The Vines Resort & CC Lakes course
- 20. The Vintage**
21. Meadow Springs G&CC
22. Lakelands GC
23. Pelican Waters GC
24. Capricorn Resort Championship course
25. Narooma GC
26. Thirteenth Beach Golf Links Creek course
27. St Michaels GC
28. Pacific Dunes GC
29. Long Reef GC
30. Joondalup CC Quarry/Lake course
31. Port Fairy GC
32. Kooindah Waters Resort
33. Eynesbury
34. Secret Harbour Golf Links
35. The Coast GC
36. Sea Temple G&CC
37. Horsham GC
38. Amstel GC Ranfurly course
39. Twin Waters GC
40. Noosa Springs Resort
41. Joondalup CC Dune/Lake course
42. Eagle Ridge
43. Links Lady Bay
44. RACV Cape Schanck Resort
45. Paradise Palms Resort & CC
46. Tasmania GC
47. Growling Frog
48. North Lakes Resort GC
49. RACV Royal Pines Blue/Gold course
50. The Vines Resort & CC Ellenbrook course
51. Robina Woods
52. RACV Royal Pines Green/Gold course
53. Kalgoorlie GC
54. Ballarat GC
55. Ocean Shores CC
56. Murray Downs Resort
57. Waterford Valley
58. Yering Meadows Nursery course
59. Indooroopilly GC East course
60. Yarrawonga & Border GC
61. Bunbury GC
62. Warrnambool GC
63. Royal Hobart GC
65. Cobram-Barooga GC Old course
66. Albany GC
67. Coolangatta & Tweed Heads GC River course
68. Bribie Island GC
69. Belmont GC
70. Alice Springs GC
71. Mt Broughton G&CC
72. Cypress Lakes Resort
73. Shelly Beach GC
74. Tura Beach CC
75. Mona Vale GC
76. Rich River Resort East course
77. Eastlake GC
78. Mollymook GC Hilltop course
79. Byron Bay GC
80. Rosebud CC North course
81. Forster-Tuncurry GC Tuncurry course
82. Coolangatta-Tweed Heads GC West course
83. Forest Resort
84. Camden Lakeside CC
85. Kingston Links
86. Gold Creek CC
87. Fleurieu GC
88. Gisborne GC
89. Corowa GC East course
90. Pambula-Merimbula GC (Pambula course)
91. Rosebud CC South course
92. Riverside Oaks
93. Bermagui CC
94. The Willows Resort
95. Tallwoods CC
96. Catalina CC (Red & White course)
97. The Colonial
98. Tocumwal GC (Presidents course)
99. Araluen Golf Resort
100. Lakes Entrance GC