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## **Three Ridges Golf Course Receives National Recognition**

*KNOXVILLE, Tenn.*— GolfDay has rated Knox County’s Three Ridges Golf Course as one of the top five municipal courses in the state of Tennessee.

“We are lucky to have this asset in our park system,” said Knox County Mayor Glenn Jacobs. “It is a unique offering that really contributes to the quality of life here in our community.”

Three Ridges is an 18-hole course, located at 6101 Wise Springs Road, that opened in 1991. It features a grass driving range with targets and putting and chipping greens with two bunkers. The county owns the course operates it under the Knox County Parks and Recreation Department’s umbrella.

“I’ve got a great staff and it reflects with the service that you get here,” said Mark Brown, who oversees the operation. “I think they all really deserve the credit for this honor.”

GolfDay ranked Three Ridges in the No. 4 slot in this year’s Top 10 rankings just below Smyrna (3), Sevierville (2), and Old Fort in Murfreesboro (1). Williams Creek in Knoxville was ranked fifth, followed by Brainerd in Chattanooga, Elizabethton, Bent Tree in Jackson, Gatlinburg in Pigeon Forge, and Brown Acres in Chattanooga.

Three Ridges is a favorite for a lot of local non-profits, which typically raise between \$500,000 and \$600,000 each year through their various tournaments. The course also hosts its own annual events, including a two-player scramble and a father-son tournament. In addition, about a dozen middle and high schools call the course home and Brown allows the students to play for free.

The operation also oversees about 10 state and national events and hosts four weekly leagues for men, women, and seniors. Brown also offers a number of incentive packages for local residents including senior program discounts; pro shop item discounts; and a player development program for children.

GolfDay’s rating index is a nationally recognized system that is designed to provide quality guidance for rankings and choosing a course to play. The rating focuses on the design, slope rating, the quality and diversity of practice facilities, the general conditioning of the course, and the quality of accommodations and level of service. The rating system works in conjunction with other national rankings by Golf Digest, Golfweek and authors authoritative sources.

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