

Quest to golf every course in Northern California

By Steve Pajak, Sacramento Bee

Most golfers covet local knowledge and a member's bounce.

Matt Corsaut is the opposite of most golfers. The less he knows about a course, the more he likes it. It's best if he knows nothing.

"I'd rather play a course that I haven't played before and it wasn't great than one I've played before that was," he said.

Corsaut is on an odyssey that suits him to a tee – to play every course in Northern California, all 415 by his calculation. Great and goat track. Public and private. Eighteen-hole and nine-hole.

Corsaut's off-the-beaten-path favorites include Twain Harte ("Maybe the best course for the money – \$12 – that I've played), Fall River, Baywood and The Ranch. His duds include Benbow ("The worst golf value of any course I've played"), Tahoe Bijou, French Camp and Gator Creek at Dingus McGee's.

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