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Alstarz Sports Pub: drinks, food, TV ... and golf

When you come right down to it, sports bars are a lot alike. They all serve drinks, they all serve food, and they all have an abundance of televisions.

Very few, however, have a place to play golf.

Alstarz Sports Pub in Bordentown not only has a place to practice your putting and your driving, it also has a director of golf on hand to help with your game.

Alstarz, located on Route 130, opened last November and is owned and operated by Michael Mastoris — yes, he's part of the famous Mastoris family which owns the diner right next door.

As you might expect the bar has plenty of TVs — 24 to be exact — and the menu is quite extensive. But one of the things that really sets the place apart is what happens outside.

Al Martin, who has been interested in golf since he first saw Arnold Palmer on television, has helped his good friend Mastoris offer golfers a unique experience. Just outside the doors at Alstarz is an area that holds some of the best and most interesting golf training equipment on the market right now.

There's training equipment that helps golfers hit from uphill, downhill and sidehill lies. There's another piece of training equipment that helps golfers incorporate a good putting stroke and another that helps players develop a more consistent swing. There are also nets where golfers can swing away, hitting balls with their full swing.

All of the equipment really is a must-see. And it's fun to use.

"When the bar was first built there was a piece of property that we didn't know what to do with," Martin said.

"What we wanted to do was put some of the game's top inventions there. It would be a very unique area."

Not only can you practice the game at Alstarz but you can also learn how to play better.

Martin is at the club pretty much every day. One of the things he loves to do is teach his tried and true methods toward curing a bad slice.

Called "Thumbs Down," it's not very complicated and has produced positive results.

"One day years ago I started experimenting with my chipping and all of a sudden the ball started jumping off my club, so I thought, "What am I doing differently?" " Martin said. "It was the perfect hit and all I saw was that everything was turning down toward the ball (at impact). So I felt like I was making a thumbs down at the ball. Now it's a swing thought."

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Martin isn't a PGA professional or a full-fledged teaching instructor. He's just an avid golfer who loves the game and enjoys playing it well.

He also enjoys bringing the game to you, even when you're not expecting it.

"The theory behind the idea of the bar and golf is that people will come during their lunch hour or after work just like they would go to a driving

range," Martin said. "Even if you don't have your clubs with you, we have them, both righty and left. We just trying to do the most we can."

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Oh Headed to Open

Maple Shade High School graduate Angela Oh made it to the quarterfinal round of the U.S. Women's Amateur Public Links Championship last week before being eliminated from the match-play event in Erin, Wis.

That's the bad news. The good news is that she will be competing in the upcoming United States Women's Open in Edina, Minn., later this week.

Oh recently left the University of Tennessee after only two seasons and planned to turn pro soon after the Public Links Championship.

The U.S. Women's Open begins Thursday.

Chip Shots

If you don't like your golf swing right now, remember what Lee Trevino once said about his: "My swing is so bad, I look like a caveman killing his lunch."

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