



SHAPE OFF

Shaper n: a habitually broke tobacco-spitting motorcycle-riding wingnut artist who is relied on to perform seemingly impossible intricate work with outrageously oversized heavy equipment

Diva Shapers – the Back9 is calling. The Great shape-off is about to begin. The World's Top Architects have nominated their favorite Shapers. They have converged in China and are poised to compete for the title of best "world Shaper". Golf Development Professional Sam Sakocius takes the shapers through the rigors of tests that try their technical skills, artistic ability, knowledge of the game and more. In the end, Sam and a panel of experts will determine their fate. 6 x 30 minutes





After 10 years as the Mission Hills Academy Superstar, dynamo Cindy Reid is ready to overtake the burgeoning East Asian marketplace with her high-energy signature Cindy Reid Golf Academies. Reid—author, veteran coach and former professional golfer with an Olympic athlete or two to her credit—is driving past the competition with her daring style, charismatic good looks and fitness-oriented techniques. Follow the transformation of a generation as Cindy turns one of the world's largest populations into golf enthusiasts and accomplished athletes. Experience the growing addiction of the Asian people as they flock to new courses and academies, paying fees that are the equivalent of college tuition. 6 x 30 minutes

Q SCHOOL ASIA



World-class trainer and former
Asian touring pro Cindy Reid takes
the viewer behind the scenes of the
2013 Asian Q school to experience
the rigors, trials, trysts and
anomalies of the competitors
working to realize their lifelong
ambition. The bigger, stronger and
more experienced Americans are
not a shoe-in. But the more
disciplined and more technically
skilled Asians are not either. It's a

nose-to-nose race between a record field of over 600 competitors with no clear winner until the last day. A great way to see the strengths of East meets West, and a preview of what is to come in the world of professional golf. 6 x 30 minutes

GOING PUBLIC



Arthur Yeo, the undisputed golf industry leader in China, along with Red Bull owner, Dr Chengshai, are building China's first public golf course. After 10 years of failed attempts, they have captured the imagination of a local government who have finally sanctioned the endeavor. In the ancient city of Dali, fleets of female caddies are being trained, operations managers are being put in place, and villagers are learning to grow and maintain grass. The effects of public golf in China will be felt globally, in both the game and the business community like the proverbial "shot heard around the world." It will change the face of golf as we know it. And, while there are political and cultural hurdles to be conquered, there are 1.3 billion prospective enthusiasts fuelling the engines of this windmill. 6 x 30 minutes



Co-production in Development





From rugged "bumper pool" golf of the Karst mountains to a game that starts in China and ends the same day in Taiwan, "Green Opium" is a walk no golf enthusiast will easily forget. The Asian upper classes have developed an obsession with the golf game called "Green Opium." The addiction-like fad has resulted in the creation of some of the most original and over-the-top courses ever built. Walk China's most dramatic and outrageous golf courses and driving ranges with golf development professional Sam Sakocius and the superstar architects who designed them. All revealing the exotic tales both on and off the course, from wandering water buffalo to wayward businessmen. 6 x 30 minutes



BUGGIN' OUT

Host Sam Sakocius leads us on a gastronomical journey through the eight regions of Chinese cuisine as experienced through indulgence in the haute cuisine of the top Chinese golf club chefs. But, the fun does not really begin until the chefs take off their aprons and take Sam on a tour of their favorite local regional cuisine and Home cuisine. Sam's been known to prefer larva and skewered scorpions to lobster, so it's cuisine with no out-of-bounds.

6 x 30 minutes

BREAKING GROUND



Golf Architects as Rock Stars? Welcome to the new China, where building golf courses is technically illegal, but golf architects rule and contraction is the new norm. In the first show features rock-star architect Brian Curly as he follows up his unparalleled Mission Hills complex of courses in China with even more spectacular courses in Ordos (the moonscape-like land of Inner Mongolia) and the nirvana beaches of Hainan Island. Go with the legend as he travels the continent, designing and building China's top courses, accepting every top award (while attired in his trademark light blue smoking jacket), indulging China's top models by allowing them to walk the red carpet with him as he regales them with tales of playing basket ball with Yao Ming, toasting newly approved golf resorts with top communist leaders and celebrating new contracts in the famed Chinese medicinal hot springs with the company chairman. But, things get the most interesting when Curly puts down the plans and gets out the guitar and wows crowds in obscure bars throughout China with local dreadlocked musicians and other wayward expats.—WE DID SAY HE WAS A ROCK STARI

THE CHINA I KNOW



Follow Sam Sakocius, golf industry pioneer in China, as he navigates his way through the contradictory and confounding cross-cultural landscape, which is golf in China. Experience doing business in an environment where nothing is ever what it seems and "face" trumps all. Scams, payoffs, random acts of kindness and great noodles – it's all life in China, where the line, "if you build it they will come" has new meaning as the Chinese fall over each other to pay golf membership fees in the 100's of thousands of USD each year. The only conclusion being that for now, China is the center of the golf universe.

6 x 30 minutes

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