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DOWNRIVER, ESMERALDA AND QUALCHAN TO OPEN THIS WEEK It's Been a Long Winter and Now It's Time to Play!

Three of Spokane Parks and Recreation's championship golf courses plan to open for the season this week. Pending significant weather issues Downriver and Qualchan will open Wednesday, February 17, and Esmeralda on Friday, February 19. Indian Canyon Golf Course will open later, as weather permits.

Play 18 holes at Downriver, Esmeralda or Qualchan for just \$25. All three courses will begin scheduling tee times on Tuesday, February 16th.

For tee times at Downriver call 327-5269
For tee times at Esmeralda call 487-6291
For tee times at Qualchan call 448-9317

About the Golf Division

The Spokane Parks and Recreation Golf Division maintains and operates four championship municipal golf courses all less than ten minutes from downtown Spokane. Golfers enjoy excellent facilities, beautiful scenery, and challenges for the beginner or professional. The courses include Indian Canyon, Downriver, Esmeralda and the Creek at Qualchan. The courses are operated as an enterprise fund that is not supported by tax dollars. Spokane's courses welcome major tournaments from all over the country. Special arrangements can be made by calling or submitting a written request to the attention of the golf course Head Professional where you wish to play. For more information, please see the golf Web site, www.spokanegolf.org

About Spokane Parks and Recreation

City of Spokane Parks and Recreation is responsible for the professional management and prudent caretaking of more than 4,100 acres of developed parks and conservation land. The Golf Division maintains and operates four championship municipal golf courses, including Indian Canyon, Downriver, Esmeralda and the Creek at Qualchan. Park Operations has responsibility for

the maintenance of all park land and park facilities in the City of Spokane including Riverfront Park, Manito Park, Gaiser Conservatory and the many city-wide gardens, Finch Arboretum and the Urban Forestry Program. The Recreation/Entertainment Division offers classes, special events, athletic leagues and activities for youth, teens, adults, seniors and persons with physical and mental disabilities. It also operates Riverfront Park attractions, activities and events including the Spokane Falls SkyRide, the Loeff Carrousel and IMAX Theatre, and provides support for community centers, senior centers, the Northeast Youth Center, Corbin Art Center and outdoor swimming pools. For more information please visit www.spokaneparks.org.

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