



## **Turning Stone Resort Casino's Golf Dome Earns Honor from Golf Range Association of America**

**Oneida Nation Homelands (Feb. 5, 2013)** – The Golf Range Association of America (GRAA) has recognized golf ranges of distinction for 2012 and two facilities at [Turning Stone Resort Casino](#) were among the awardees. The Atunyote driving range was named one of the Top 50 Public Facility Golf Ranges and the indoor Golf Dome, within the Sportsplex, was cited among the Top 50 Stand Alone Golf Ranges. The GRAA presented Turning Stone officials with a crystal trophy at the 2013 PGA Merchandise Show held in Orlando, Fla.

Atunyote's practice facility includes three teeing areas totaling 82,000 square feet facing five elevated target greens at distances of 50, 100, 150, 200, and 250 yards. The practice fairway provides a variation of difficult lies to simulate the course terrain and a fairway bunker that faces the target greens. A short game practice area has two pitching and chipping greens at 5,000 square feet each, protected by two greenside bunkers with powdered white sand. Two putting greens, one at 7,700 square feet and the other at 11,000 square feet, are cut each day to provide green speeds identical to the greens on the Tom Fazio designed Atunyote course.

The premier year-round golf-training center in central New York, the Turning Stone Sportsplex – home to the Golf Superstore, the Golf Academy at Turning Stone and the [Golf Dome](#) – provides an indoor, temperature-controlled learning environment for clinics and lessons from PGA-certified instructors or personal practice time. Offering a full-service golf shop, the staff at the Golf Dome also provides professional club fitting and club repair services.

Open daily, the Golf Dome has a two-tiered hitting area with 40 separate hitting stations, plus two practice greens and a chipping area. Two full-swing golf simulators – featuring a library of the world's greatest courses - offer the opportunity for virtual reality golf. The computerized system provides players with instant feedback on swing speed, launch angle, carry and distance total, while mats are colored and textured to best simulate fairways, rough and bunker play.

All of the Top 50 winners are listed in the January issue of *Golf Range Magazine* as well as on [www.GolfRange.org](http://www.GolfRange.org).

Turning Stone Resort Casino is located NYS Thruway Exit 33, halfway between Albany and Rochester, and 30 miles east of Syracuse. For more information about Turning Stone Resort Casino, visit [www.turningstone.com](http://www.turningstone.com). For golf updates, follow Turning Stone Golf on Twitter [@TSGolf](#).

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### **About Turning Stone Resort Casino**

A premier four-season, destination resort in Upstate New York, the Oneida Indian Nation's Turning Stone Resort Casino is conveniently located about 30 miles east of Syracuse at NYS Thruway exit 33. Home to the Turning Stone Resort Championship for four years (2007-2010) on the PGA Tour, the resort has evolved into a premier golf destination, presenting five courses (three 18-hole courses and two 9-hole layouts). Turning Stone was named "Most Excellent Golf Resort" in 2010 by Condé Nast Johansens. The resort offers world-class gaming, golf, entertainment,

accommodations and spa facilities, and has earned AAA Four-Diamond ratings for The Lodge, The Tower Hotel and Wildflowers restaurant. For more information and reservations, call (315) 361-7711 or (800) 771-7711. Visit the web site at [TurningStone.com](http://TurningStone.com).

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