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Aces are now on the Menu for Award Winning Chef Mario Batali

Son of critically acclaimed chef scores
first Hole-In-One at Manitou Passage Golf Club

Cedar, MI – Northern Michigan has always been a destination for people to escape from the real world and create memories of a lifetime. This can honestly be said for critically acclaimed chef, Mario Batali, who summers up in Northport and frequently golf's the new Manitou Passage Golf Club.

This morning, chef Batali, while golfing with his sons Benno and Leo, and dodging the morning showers at Manitou Passage, got to witness his son Leo's first ever Hole-In-One on the 7th hole. Leo, playing from the forward tees measuring 126 yards, made the shot using a 7-iron hybrid and a Bridgestone e-6 golf ball.

Leo, who is 12-years old, was very excited about the shot.

"Really cool. It was exciting. There was an adrenaline rush when it went in," said the young man.

The proud papa Batali was also thrilled. "I was estatic. I've never seen a hole-in-one before and now I know what they look like!"

Hole number seven at Manitou Passage is proving to be very special. In addition to Leo Batali scoring a one on the hole, earlier this year, someone proposed marriage to his fiancé on the fifth hole and she immediately followed that up with her own hole-in-one on number 7. Golfers should be ready for something exciting as you play the 7th hole at Manitou Passage Golf Club.

Critically acclaimed chef, restaurateur, award-winning author, and television personality, Batali is arguably one of the most recognized and respected chefs working in America today. Together with his business partner Joe Bastianich, the duo have created an uber- successful restaurant and culinary empire in New York, Los Angeles, Las Vegas and Singapore.

"We always welcome chef Batali and his family to northern Michigan and congratulate his son on this wonderful achievement at Manitou Passage Golf Club," said Logan Price, director of Golf.

Manitou Passage Golf Club, located in beautiful Leelanau County near the Sleeping Bear Dunes National Lakeshore, is the rebirth of an Arnold Palmer Signature design that has become one of northern Michigan's premier destination courses. For more information visit www.manitoupassagegolfclub.com.

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