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Rocky River Golf Club draws #1 rating in Charlotte public golf course rankings

The City of Concord's Rocky River Golf Club rose in North Carolina's course rankings, as recently released by the NC Golf Panel. In addition to appearing in the Top 100 courses for the 14th time in the 21-year history of the rankings, Rocky River was the highest ranked public course in the Charlotte metro area.

For 2016, Rocky River was ranked 25th of all public courses in North Carolina, appearing higher in the public course rankings than any other facility in the Charlotte metro. When compared against all courses in the region, Rocky River still emerged a leader, coming in at number 10 of any Charlotte-area course, public or private. Rocky River also improved its standing in the statewide Top 100, rising to 80 (from 87 in 2015).

Rocky River has long been considered the premier public course in greater Charlotte, and the NC Golf Panel rankings confirm popular opinion. Ryan Brickley, Rocky River's PGA Director of Golf attributes the most recent rankings to the overall experience at the course.

"Our ranking is well deserved based on the condition of the course, the great layout and natural beauty of the property, and the enjoyment most people get from spending a day here," said Brickley. "The renovation of the greens to the newest strain of Bermuda grass has made the course very attractive for

tournaments and regular play for all levels of ability. With a great location and beautiful course, it's a nice combination."

Rocky River Golf Club was designed by renowned golf course architect Dan Maples and opened in 1996. It is home of the Charlotte 49ers short-game practice facility and appeals to golfers of all skill levels. Designed using existing features of the land, golfers experience rock outcroppings and various species of native wetland grasses, as well as four sets of tees. The course has mature ultra-dwarf Mini Verde Bermuda greens and Tifway 419 Bermuda fairways.

"This recognition is a testament to the work of Rocky River staff and continuous support of the City Council," said City Manager Brian Hiatt. "Rocky River Golf Club has become a source of community pride, as well as a financially stable enterprise with balanced operational revenues and expenses."

Owned by the City of Concord, Rocky River Golf Course is managed by Embassy Suites Charlotte-Concord/Golf Resort & Spa. The club's practice facilities include a well-manicured putting and chipping green, four target greens, and 30 grass teeing stations. PGA professionals offer lessons and special golf schools year-round.

The recently expanded clubhouse is available for events and meetings, and can accommodate up to 115 guests. As a City-owned facility, the course offers discounted rates for Concord residents. For rates, tee times, and detailed information on Rocky River Golf Club, visit rockyrivergolf.com or call 704-455-1200.

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Cope with the Slope

by Marc Lapointe, PGA

www.marclapointegolf.com

If you ever played at Springfield Golf Club, you know that the only level shot you will hit is your tee shot. In this article, I will teach you the new rule of side hill shots. First of all, let me briefly explain why a side hill slope will affect the trajectory of your shot. The slope will tend to influence your swing path and therefore curving the ball in the same direction of the slope. Also, the slope affects the lie angle of the club therefore changing the clubface angle at impact.

Most of you have learned over the years, just like I did, to let the ball curve on a side hill lie. For example: when the slope is right to left, you probably have been told to aim right since the slope will tend to curve the ball to the left. But, what happens when you can't let the ball curve because of trees or other obstructions? Ever happen to you?

From now on, I want you to follow these two simple steps for a better side hill shot. As shown in the photos:

Tip #1: Grip down on the club, stand tall and closer to the ball when your ball is above your feet.



Tip #1 Ball above feet



Tip #2 Ball below feet

Tip #2: Wider stance, more knee flex and grip it at the end when your ball is below your feet.

This change in your set-up will affect the lie angle and clubface angle of your club and therefore minimizing the effect of the slope. No more need to aim away from the target and hope for your ball to curve just the right amount.

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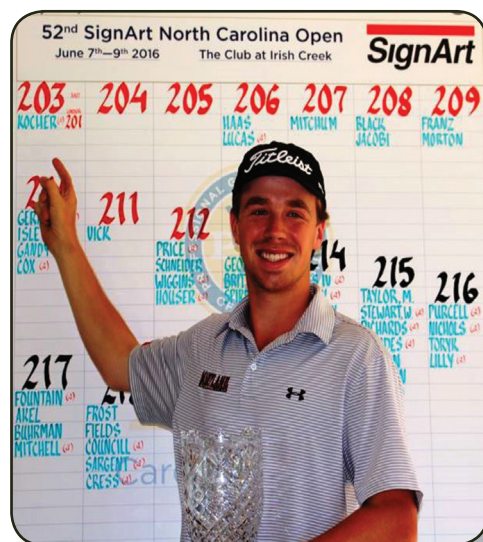


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Former Charlotte high school golfer wins North Carolina Open

Former Charlotte Christian High School golfer David Kocher has won the 52nd SignArt North Carolina Open held at The Club at Irish Creek in Kannapolis, NC.

Kocher, who just finished his sophomore year at the University of Maryland, started the second round of the competition with a com-

manding five-stroke lead after 67-64=131 (-11) on the par-71 layout. He birdied the first two holes but took a tough double-bogey on the par-3 third hole after pulling a shot out of bounds.

Two holes later, Jerry Haas, PGA Men's Golf Coach at Wake Forest University, closed the gap to two strokes with an eagle on the driveable par-4 fifth hole and a birdie on the par-5 sixth. However, that was as close as it got. Kocher was able to string enough solid holes together to eventually regain the original five-stroke lead. A final round of 34-36=70 (-1) gave him a total of 201 (-12).

Haas and amateur Tyler Lucas of Rock Hill, SC finished tied for second at 206 (-7). Haas earned the low PGA Professional honors.

Kocher helped lead the University of Maryland to a strong finish in the NCAA Regionals earlier this summer in Tuscaloosa, Alabama. He finished in the Top 25 with a combined score of 220 (75-69-76), which was four over par on the difficult Ol' Colony Complex.

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At Charlotte Christian Kocher finished in the top 10 in 10 of 15 tournaments in 2013 and 2014, and was named to the NCISAA 3A All-State Team in 2012, 2013, 2014, the CISAA All-Conference Golf Team in 2012, 2013, 2014. As a senior he won the 2014 North & South Junior in Pinehurst, N.C..

Of the 168 competitors who represented the top-playing PGA Professionals and amateurs in North and South Carolina, 64 players survived the 36-hole cut at +5. The amateur field played extremely well with 37 of them making it to the final round.

The 52nd SignArt North Carolina Open is an official Bob Boyd CPGA Player of the Year Award Presented by OMEGA points event. Additionally, PGA Professionals' scores count toward the CPGA Johnny Palmer Trophy Presented by True Temper.



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#1 tee box at Mt. Mitchell Golf Club as one looks into the valley below the eastern United States' tallest mountain - Mt. Mitchell

When golf courses receive the yearly rankings from a variety of golf rating groups they are wishing the best for their facility. One location that hasn't had to wish too hard every year is Mt. Mitchell Golf Club near Burnsville, for once again this year they have been ranked #11 "Best in the State" by Golfweek magazine. In an earlier ranking Mount Mitchell has been rated four and a half stars (out of five) by Golf Digest magazine.

Mount Mitchell Golf Club enjoys a cool run usually from mid-April and until early November, logging a respectable 21,000 rounds a year over a 6½ month period. Golf course architect Fred Hawtree designed the course, his only design in the United States, and it is consistently regarded as one of North Carolina's top public golf layouts as indicated above.

"We are at 3,000 feet and Mount Mitchell, highest peak east of the Mississippi is at 6,684 just three miles away as the crow flies but goes up 3,600 feet, which is pretty dramatic," said owner and co-founder Jim Floyd. "Despite being surrounded by mountains, we're unlike most mountain courses because it is not uphill and downhill very much. It's pretty accessible to all types of golfers."

Not long by today's standards, the back tees measures just 6,495 yards. However, with the South Toe River winding its way in, around and through the course, accuracy is a must. Golfers play a relatively flat front nine, with elevation changes starting at #10, and ending with a 125-foot drop to a descending fairway into the finishing hole over water.

While playing golf at Mt. Mitchell may be your main goal, add another sporting event to you stay.

"We've got probably the finest quality trout stream in Western North Carolina because we are the first private land the river hits coming out of the national

Mt. Mitchell Golf Club

#11 "Best in the State"

forest, and we have cultivated the stream with trout. It's neat that our membership has turned it into a trophy trout stream. It is kind of a tradition now to feed the fish on No. 2 tee box and then at the bridge on No. 15."

Mount Mitchell offers a variety of stay-and-play packages that include golf and lodging in one of 25 homes for rent or at the resort's fairway townhomes and condos. Chef Teo Glaus from Switzerland, serves a wide variety of menu items at the clubhouse restaurant, from trout and mouth-watering steaks to pasta and healthy salads - all with a spectacular view of the mountains looking over the golf course.

Golf at Mt. Mitchell also features another great element for sweltering Carolina golfers - summer temperatures are usually in the low-to-mid 80s, with mornings dipping into the high 50s.

Make your plans for a trip to the mountains, call 828-675-5454, or log on at www.mountmitchellgolf.com

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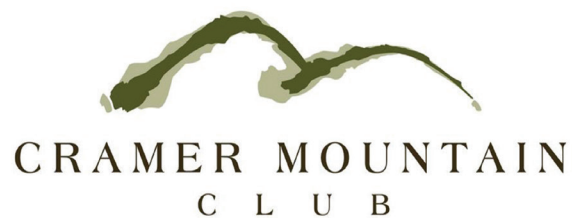
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New life, new direction for CRAMER MOUNTAIN CLUB

Cramer Mountain Club members waited nearly three years to play the reborn Dan Maples' layout, and from what they are seeing it is amazing. Closed in July of 2012, the \$3.5-million facelift was completed in the Spring of 2015.

The course improvements have been extensive, according to Joe Campbell, general manager of the Cramer Mountain Club. The team poured new concrete cart paths, dumped the old bentgrass greens for Champion bermuda grass, added new Bermuda grass to the fairways, thinned out overgrown wooded areas, installed new bunkers and replaced the course's aging irrigation system.

"We really had to start from scratch to reopen our golf course," said Joe Campbell. "This is not an easy golf course to move equipment around on to rebuild greens, bunkers, cart paths and reclaim the natural areas. Another factor was when we started this project we had zero members, but we have welcomed over 318 members since. We are very pleased with the golf course and the progress toward our goal of a family-fun club of 500 members."

Playing 6,486 yards from the back tees, the length of the course is not overly taxing. However, the topography with challenging elevation changes places Cramer Mountain among the best golf clubs in the Greater Charlotte area. And, what is more impressive is despite the back-breaking work to reopen the golf course the playing conditions are second to none.

The golf course layout has not been changed, but two original par-5 holes, #3 and #16, have been dropped to par 4's changing the par for the course from par 72 to par 70.

Judging the yardage on the course is not a problem, each cart is equipped with a state-of-the-art Visage GPS. A visual look at each hole helps golfers recognize distances to and over bunkers, location of natural areas and pin-point accuracy to daily pin placements.

Adding to the charm of Cramer Mountain, located just 16 miles west of Charlotte in Cramerton, the crews have cleared vegetation throughout the course, not only making the course more picturesque but also saving golfers a few lost balls.

The clearing is especially noticeable at the par-3 #15 green, which features a rock wall as a back drop, clearly one of the prettiest holes in the area.

Named the second hardest private course in the Charlotte area by the Charlotte Business Journal, Cramer Mountain trails only Charlotte Country Club on that list. Just adding to the value that players enjoy as club members.



Par-3 15th at Cramer Mtn Club

"We are all about the experience," said Campbell. "We make sure our members enjoy their round of golf whether they are playing competitively or just enjoying a game with friends and family."

The renovations at Cramer Mountain aren't confined to the golf courses. A new Junior Olympic size swimming pool has been built with a slide, splash pad and basketball nets. Four lighted Har-Tru clay tennis court and one hard court has been added in addition to a new full basketball court and playground area.

Excellent memberships are available at Cramer Mountain Club. The one-time initiation fee is \$5,000 for the full membership.

For golf only or limited golf memberships the initiation fee is \$3,000 and for a sports social membership (tennis and swimming) the fee is \$2,000. For slightly higher monthly fees, \$0 or \$1000 down initiation fee specials are also available.

Monthly fees: \$270 for the full golf membership; \$170 for golf only memberships; \$150 for limited golf members; \$100 for sports social memberships. Every time you play: \$18 cart fee for 18 holes on a week day or \$20 on the weekend. Guests can play with a member for \$50 during the week or \$60 on the weekend. Cart fee is included.

For information on memberships or charity tournament bookings contact Cramer Mountain Club at 704-879-4888, or log onto their website at www.cramer-mountainclub.com



SUGAR MOUNTAIN GOLF CLUB - *“Everyone’s Golf Course”*

By Thomas McAuliffe, Sugar Mountain Pro Golf Director

The Sugar Mountain Golf Club may be the best kept secret in mountain golf, but not for long.

Located just minutes from Boone, Banner Elk and the Blue Ridge Parkway, the 18-hole municipal course is “Everyone’s Golf Course” in a region home to some of the world’s premiere private country club communities. The fabulous golf course opened for play in 1974, the design of Frank Duane, previously the senior project manager for more than two decades for Robert Trent Jones, the undisputed dean of golf course architecture.

The par-64 layout maximizes every view, every mountain brook, and every stand of rhododendron and forest on the 60-acre site. The course features nine par threes, eight par fours, and a single par five.

At an elevation of 4,000 feet, the course features immaculate putting surfaces, hailed by those who play here as second to none. Any suggestions that the diminutive creation is anything less than a stellar test, or a grand stage from which to enjoy the drama of mountain golf, are quickly assuaged for the first time visitor.

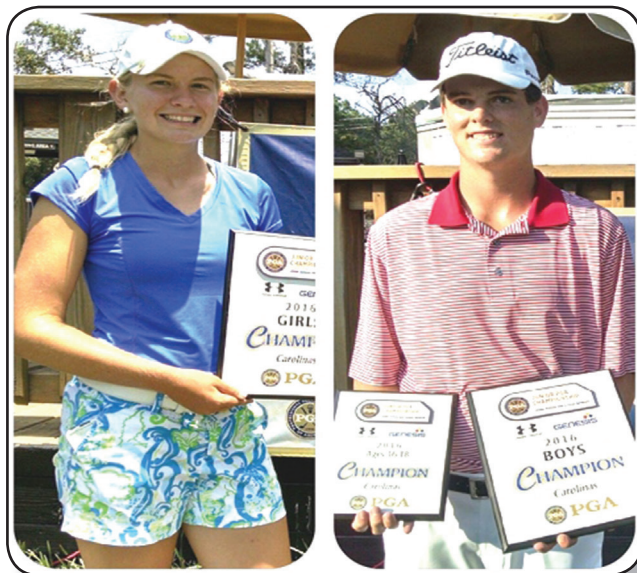
All who play Sugar Mountain leave won-over, marked for life by the brilliance of the routing and the magical quality of the putting surfaces. The layout courses through a verdant land rich in laurel and rushing streams and exploits

every panoramic view the property possesses. Best of all, the course delivers an enjoyable experience for players of all skill levels.



2016 Carolinas Junior PGA Championship

Smith Knaffle of Murrels Inlet, SC and Zack Gordon of Gaffney, SC won the 2016 Carolinas Junior PGA Championship presented by Under Armour and Genesis Networks on June 26, 2016 at The Hackler Course at Coastal Carolina University in Conway, SC.



By winning the overall girls and overall boys divisions respectively, Knaffle and Gordon qualified for the 41st Junior PGA Championship presented by Under Armour and Genesis Networks, Aug. 9-12 at Wannamoisett Country Club in Rumford, RI.

Gordon, also winning the boys 16-18 age group, finished just ahead of Levi Moody of Greenville, SC

by two strokes. In the boys 13-15 division, Nicklaus Sutton of Matthews, NC and Holden Grigg of Myrtle Beach, SC tied for first place at 144. Honorable mention of the second round goes to Blake Taylor of Atkinson, NC who fired a 5-under par 67 for the low round of the tournament.

Knaffle, coming from four back after round 1, finished with a stellar 3-under 69 to win not only the girls 13-15 age group, but the overall girls division as well.

Elle Johnson of Inman, SC and Kathleen Sumner of Charleston, SC finished just one back of Knaffle. Sumner finished first in the girls 16-18 age group.

In the boys 12 & under division, Tyler Jones of Jacksonville, NC held on for the victory by three shots. Jones completed the back nine of The Hackler Course Sunday with a 37 for a total 71 for the tournament. Abby Franks of Roebuck, SC shot 93 to take the girls 12 & under division. All 12 & under competitors played nine holes each day for a total of 18.

Past Junior PGA Championship competitors who have gone on to successful professional careers on tour include: Inbee Park, Luke Guthrie, Trevor Immelman, Cristie Kerr, Justin Leonard, Hunter Mahan, Phil Mickelson, Grace Park, Dottie Pepper, Jordan Spieth, Lexi Thompson, David Toms, Michelle Wie and Tiger Woods.



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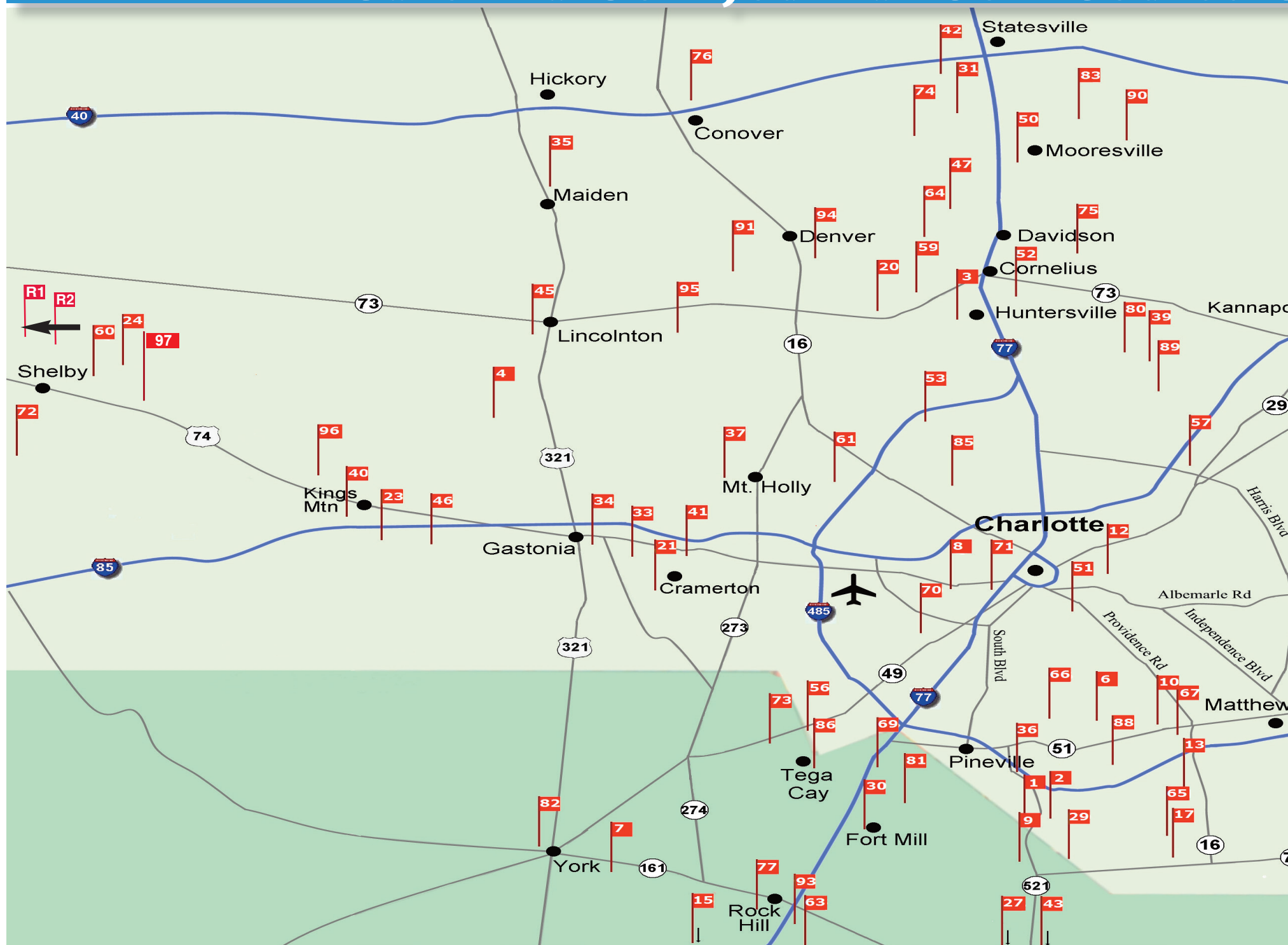
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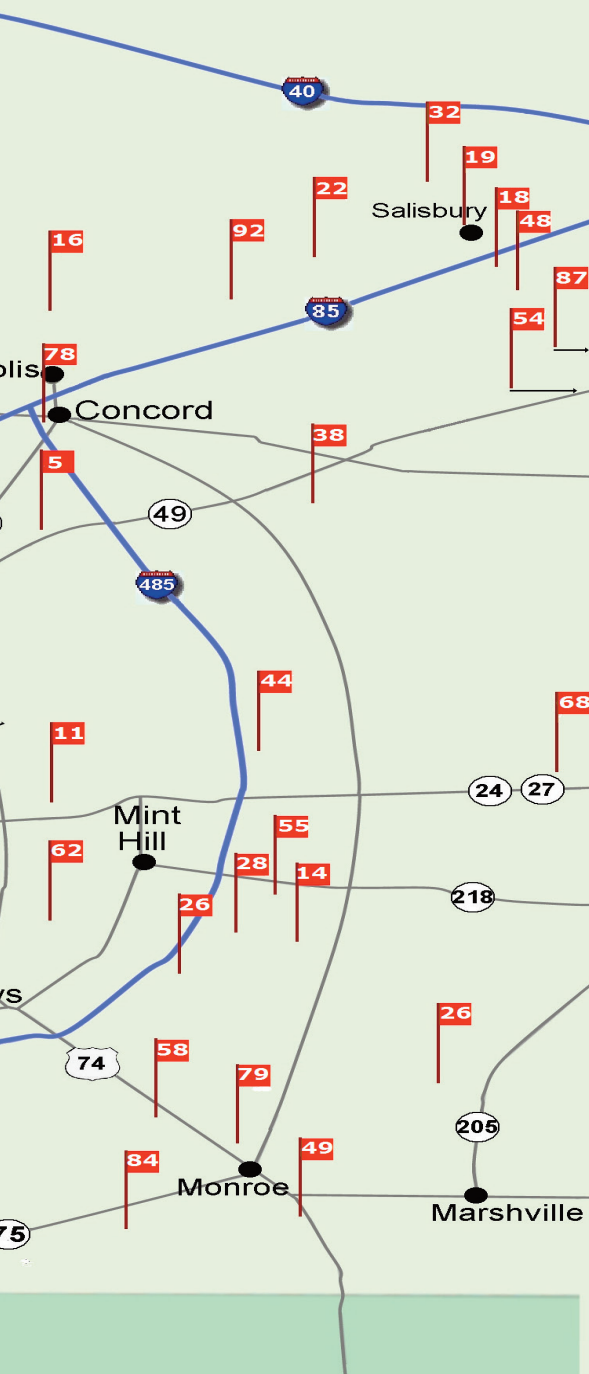
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By Sam Smith

Stonebridge Golf Club

challenge and value combined

I found out that not playing Stonebridge Golf Club for a while was a mistake, and my return was a pleasant rekindling of past rounds on one of Charlotte's better public golf courses.

It's kept in good shape from tee to green and is a relatively easy layout with plenty of scoring opportunities. Most of the fairways are comfortable in width, however designer Richard B. Osborne used the natural terrain and available water hazards to create a challenge where needed.

Golfers will open with a 574-yard par-5 hole that plays along the road and features a double fairway that allows for two approach angles to the green that can be positive first step in a good round. And having a three shooter at the beginning of the layout brings par and even birdie into play for average players.

It gets a bit tighter on the 379-yard second hole that features a slightly elevated tee box that is nearly enveloped in Carolina hardwoods. The fairway slightly below is long and straight and leads to an elevated green complex that is receptive to lofted approach shot.

Maybe one of the prettiest holes on the course is the 400-yard par 4 fifth hole, with its narrow fairway that meanders to the right and leads to a green framed by lush deciduous trees.

The front and back nines at Stonebridge are about as different as the two sides on our favorite marking coin. While holes like #2 typify the front nine and it's meandering trip through the lush trees of Union County, the back nine is more wide open and presents golfers with a different set of challenges.

It starts with a swiping dogleg right 341-yard par-4 10th hole with water all along the right side of the fairway and green. A good tee shot puts you wide left of the water with a good angle into the green that slopes left to right toward the water.

If you encounter any normal Stonebridge breezes the 398-yard par 16th hole can bring even low handicappers to their knees. The hole's fairway is split by a stone wall, and the lower half spills into a small drainage pond in front of the green. Club selection is a must to get into position long enough and close enough to the stone wall to set up a six or seven iron over the water and into the green.

The finishing hole is good challenge to punctuate a delightful round - at 471-yards, this par-5 features a large fairway bunker on the left and water on the right that could beckon your second shot in setting up your short iron approach into a large green with a single trap on the right.

Stonebridge Golf Club also gives golfers another reason to play, the cost per round. Starting at just \$44 Monday-Thursday, \$49 Friday to \$59 weekends - the price is right. Senior rates are only \$30 Monday-Thursday and \$32 on Fridays. And, twilight rates are even more inviting.

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Chipping: Arc the handle

by Ben Austin, PGA Class "A" Professional

When most golfers chip they think very linear. Meaning they bring their club back and, when they hit the ball, they try to keep the club low to the ground and swing down the line. In doing that they're keeping their hands and their body low causing their club to hit the ground in different spots. They may think they're doing it right yet their chipping will continue to worsen. Meanwhile the perfect way to chip is very simple and involves arcing the handle.

Your hands will arc up on the backswing and then, right before you hit the ball, your hands will begin to arc up on the other side. You can focus on the hands arcing up, or the handle arcing up, but the idea is the club goes up away from the ground and comes slightly inside where the target line would be- opposed to trying to just swing straight down the line or towards the target.

To perfect your chip shot, use a wall and practice this easy drill. Stand beside the wall with your left foot a little bit off the wall. Next, get in your golf posture and put your right hand in your pocket. Then put your left hand



To simplify, when you look at a golf swing it's basically a tilted circle. Imagine a hula-hoop around your waist, level to the ground and at belt buckle height. As you set up for a chip shot picture your tilted hula-hoop and allow your hands to arc along the hula-hoop.

down by your right knee and use your hips and left shoulder to bring your hand up and away from the ground and towards your left pocket. This will train you to chip on an arc instead of down the line or towards the target.



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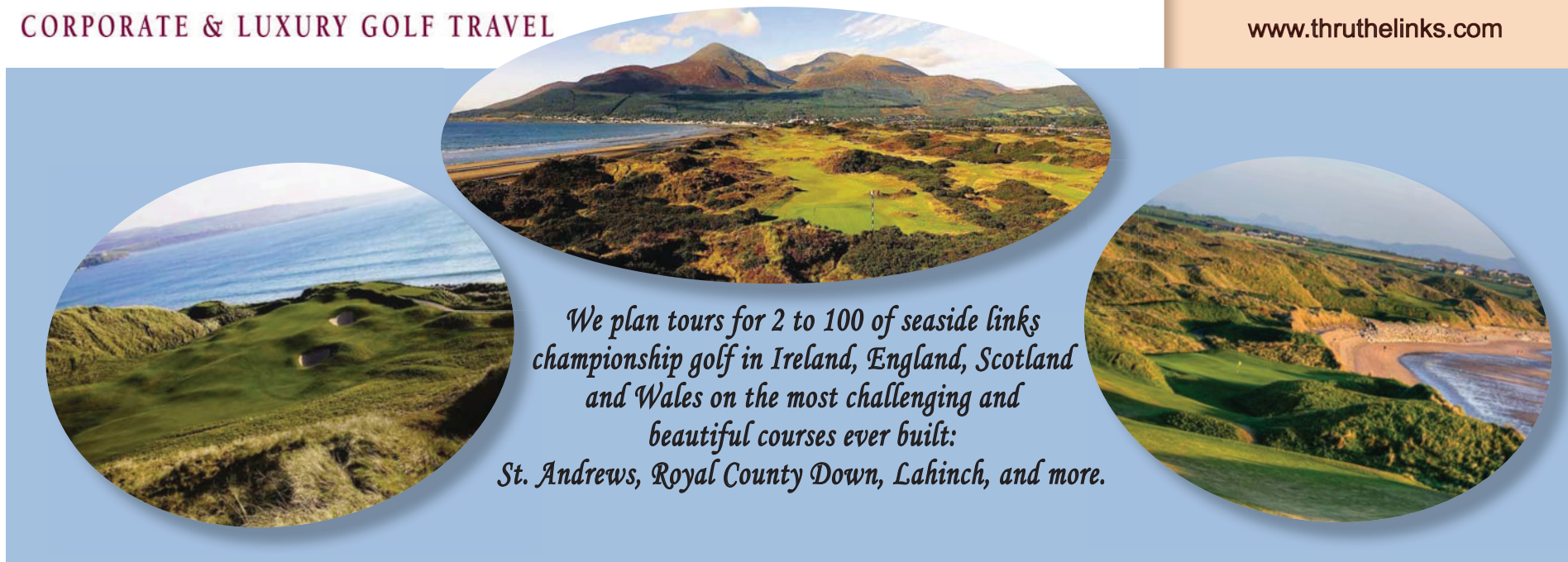
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Robert Tate of Elkin, NC adds to the distance issue with something better – control, "Obviously I get much better distance but the control I have with these irons is amazing. I'm far from a scratch golfer but this purchase has made me excited to play again."



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Nice contemporary update on a timeless Cleveland profile; testers like the slim blade and slightly beefed-up cavity back; the milling marks and furrows on the face look like they can spin the heck out of the ball. Give it a "spin" yourself!



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Par-3 #6 on the Jackson Course

By Sam Smith

The first thing you will notice if you Google Rock Barn Golf & Spa in Conover, NC, is there is a new name associated with it. On May 1st, the 36-hole championship golf facility became Rock Barn Country Club & Spa.

The new name came when owner Don Beaver elected to turn the popular golf community from a semi-private facility to a private club. Most of the property will be reserved solely for members, however the Tom Jackson Course will remain semi-private and open for public play. It opened in 1969 and features 18 holes over 6,419 yards with a par of 71.

The Jones Course was re-named the Members Course - generally considered the more challenging of Rock Barn's two courses - will be open only to members and their guests. The Members Course was awarded "best new course in the state" by North Carolina Magazine in 2003 and was chosen by the PGA for a Senior Champions Tour event - The Greater Hickory Classic - until 2014. The course features 18 challenging holes over 7,182 yards for a par of 72.

The Charlotte Business Journal's (2015-2016) Toughest Public and Semi-Private Golf Course List consistently ranks the Robert Trent Jones II Course (Members Course) at Rock Barn Country Club & Spa at the top of the list for over 15 years.

In addition to the Jackson Course remaining public, the Rock Barn Spa and Salon, the golf clubhouse restaurant Sue's Grill and the Spa Cafe will also be open to the public. The two Rock Barn main clubhouse restaurants, Champs Bistro and Rocker's Lounge will be for members and guests only.

The Rock Barn Tennis Complex consists of four hard courts as well as four hydro ("clay") courts, all of which are lighted for evening play. There is also a spacious viewing area, elevated in the center of the complex for an eagle-eye view of all the courts and activities.

Members enjoy the Olympic-size outdoor swimming pool, that also includes a toddlers' pool, which is enclosed for easy parental supervision. The Aquatics Center is complete with a bathhouse as well as a snack bar.

Rock Barn Country Club & Spa

Private label with still a touch of public play

Club members enjoy a variety of benefits at Rock Barn Country Club & Spa, including access to the state-of-the-art Fitness Center and renowned Equestrian Center which will allow you to fulfill your dream of riding to the fullest.

Joining fees for Rock Barn full golf memberships are \$5,000, and \$2,500 for the social memberships. Previously, Rock Barn offered memberships, but Det Williams, interim general manager said there didn't seem to be enough incentive to become a member.

"We did sell memberships before, but the value of exclusivity wasn't there," Williams said. "We wanted to enhance the value and that starts with the Championship Members Course and the restaurants. It's a good short-term move, residents and non-residents alike are recognizing the value of membership."

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Mystical Golf's The Wizard & Man-O-War courses celebrate 20th anniversary

It may be the birthday of two special golf courses in Myrtle Beach, but the best part of this celebration for golfers of all levels is that they get the gift of total enjoyment from Mystical Golf.

Offering "Myrtle Beach's finest 54 holes of golf" – Mystical Golf marks 2016 as the 20th anniversary of the opening of its acclaimed Man-O-War and Wizard courses.

Since joining, Mystical Golf's first course The Witch, debuted in 1989 – Man-O-War and The Wizard have formed a trifecta continually lauded by customers and major golf media. Designed by Dan Maples, the trio has been consistently recognized among Myrtle Beach's "five best courses" and "best values."

The Witch and Man-O-War courses were recently ranked in the "Top 15 Courses in South Carolina" in Golf Channel's Golf Advisor rater reviews for 2015. Man-O-War's 15th hole ranks among GOLF Magazine's "Five Most Memorable

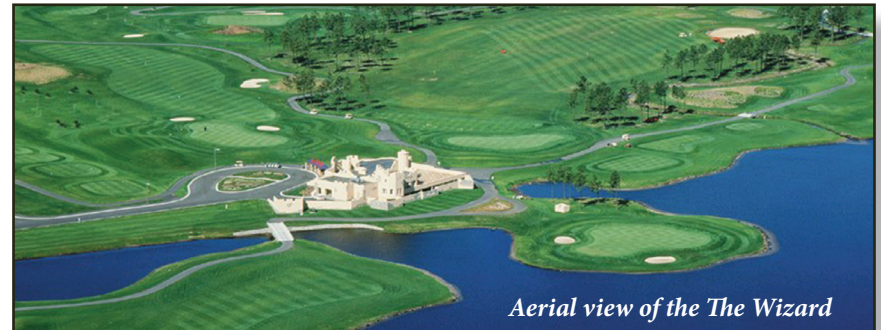


*Man O'War's 15th hole ranks among GOLF magazine's
"Five most memorable island greens"*

Island Greens" alongside No. 17 at TPC Sawgrass, the "Alcatraz" hole at PGA West's Stadium Course and Coeur d'Alene Resort's movable, floating putting surface. The Wizard has earned an exceptional 4-1/2 stars from Golf Digest.

"Our customers always marvel about how The Wizard and Man-O-War are side-by-side yet offer two completely different golf experiences that are equally amazing," says Claude Pardue, President and CEO. "For two decades golfers have returned year-after-year to enjoy what has become widely known as Myrtle Beach's premier buddy trip destination."

The Witch sits on 500 acres of tranquil cypress groves and wetlands teeming with flora and fauna. Tactical play is rewarded on the par-71, 6,702-yard layout.



Aerial view of the The Wizard

With 4,000 feet of bridges wending through swamps (front nine) and rolling hills (back nine), golfers may spy cranes, bald eagles, alligators and black bears.

Man-O-War is revered for its back-to-back island greens and water features touching every hole. With a commanding 141 slope rating, the par-72, 6,967-yard layout is offset by straight-forward shots and excellent, bent-grass greens.

Reminiscent of classic, wind-swept links courses in Scotland and Ireland, The Wizard presents deep bunkers, mound-framed fairways and dramatic elevation changes. Trademark stone bridges and an old-world castle-style clubhouse adds character to the par-72, 6,721-yard shot-maker's course.

The Witch, Man-O-War and The Wizard are in the heart of Myrtle Beach and within 15 minutes of Myrtle Beach International Airport (MYR), beaches, accommodations, restaurants and other attractions. A short distance from I-95 and other major thoroughfares, Mystical Golf courses are easily accessible. More than two dozen cities – including Atlanta, Boston, Chicago, Dallas, New York and Washington – offer direct flights.

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Additional package extras include two free beers and lunch at the course each day, complimentary daily range balls, instant replay round for cart fee only, and \$15 gift card toward a golf shirt.

Offered during the same time span, the Silver Package starts at \$89 (pp/day, taxes inc.) and features all the highlights of the Gold Package except for the complimentary round, daily breakfast and steak dinner. Both stay-and-plays offer one complimentary golfer for booked groups of 20 or more players.

Local Pro and Amateur Golf Schedules - 2016

Charlotte/Central Carolina Senior Amateur Tour

July 14	Bryan Park	Greensboro
August 3	Pine Island Country Club	Charlotte
4	Pinewild (Holly)	Pinehurst
8	Firethorn Country Club	Marvin
15	TPC at Piper Glen	Charlotte
22	The Peninsula	Cornelius
25	Anderson Creek	Spring Lake
Sept. 7	The Players @ Cabarrus CC	Concord
8	Carolina Trace (Creek)	Sanford
21	River Hills Country Club	Lake Wylie
28	Cowans Ford Country Club	Stanley
Oct. 5	Country Club of Salisbury	Salisbury
Nov. 15-17	Senior Tour Championship	
	Palmetto Dunes (Jones)	Hilton Head
	Hampton Hall Country Club	Bluffton

Swing Thought Tour

July 20-21	Pine Island Country Club	Charlotte, NC
July 26-28	River Hills Country Club	Lake Wylie, SC
Aug. 2-4	Rock Hill Country Club	Rock Hill, SC
Aug. 15-20	TBA	North Augusta, SC
Aug. 21-27	The Members Club	Elgin, SC
Aug. 30- Sept. 1	Cobblestone Park Golf Club	Blythewood, SC
Sept. 13-15	Monroe Country Club	Monroe, NC

Charlotte Golfweek Amateur Tour

July 16	Bryan Park (Champions)	Greensboro, NC
July 31	Carolina Lakes	Indian Land, SC
August 6	Firethorne Country Club	Marvin, NC
August 13	Cabarrus Country Club	Cabarrus, NC
September 25	The Club at Irish Creek	Kannapolis, NC
October 21-23	Tour Championship	
	Palmetto Dunes (Jones)	Hilton Head, SC

National Jr. Golf Association

July 7	Statesville Country Club	Statesville, NC
July 11	Westport Golf Club	Denver, NC
July 12	Glen Oaks Golf Club	Maiden, NC
July 14	Twin Oaks Golf Course	Statesville, NC
July 18	TPC @ Piper Glen	Charlotte, NC
July 19	Tanglewood Park	Clemmons, NC

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14-17	The Open Championship ~ Royal Troon Golf Club ~ Ayrshire, Scotland
14-17	Barbasol Championship ~ Grand Ntl Lake Course ~ Auburn, AL
21-24	RBC Canadian Open ~ Glen Abbey GC ~ Oakville, Ontario, Canada
28-31	PGA Championship ~ Baltusrol Golf Club ~ Springfield, NJ
Aug 4-7	Travelers Championship ~ TPC River Highlands ~ Cromwell, CT
11-14	John Deere Classic ~ TPC Deere Run ~ Silvis, IL
18-21	Wyndham Championship ~ Sedgefield CC ~ Greensboro
25-28	Barclays ~ Bethpage State Park ~ Farmingdale, NY
Sept 2-5	Deutsche Bank Championship* ~ TPC Boston ~ Norton, MA
8-11	BMW Championship* ~ Crooked Stick GC ~ Carmel, IN
22-25	Tour Championship* ~ East Lake GC ~ Atlanta
30- Oct 2	Ryder Cup ~ Hazeltine National GC ~ Chaska, MN



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WEB.COM 2016 SCHEDULE

July 7-10	LECOM Health Challenge
	Peek n' Peak Resort ~ Findley Lake, NY
14-17	Lincoln Land Charity Charity
	Panther Creek CC ~ Springfield, IL
21-24	Utah Championship ~ GC at Thanksgiving Point ~ Lehi, UT
28-31	Stonebrae Classic ~ TPC Stonebrae ~ Hayward, CA
Aug 4-7	Digital Alley Open ~ Nicklaus GC ~ Overland Park, KS
11-14	Price Cutter Charity Championship ~ Highland Springs CC ~ Springfield, MO
18-21	News Sentinel Open ~ Fox Den CC ~ Knoxville, TN
25-28	WinCo Portland Open ~ Pumpkin Ridge GC ~ North Plains, OR
Sept 8 -11	DAP Championship ~ Canterbury GC ~ Beachwood, OH
15 -18	Albertsons Boise Open ~ Hillcrest CC ~ Boise, ID
22-25	Nationwide Children's Hospital Championship ~ Ohio State GC
	Columbus, OH
October 6-9	Web.com Tour Championship ~ TBA
24-27	Nationwide Children's Hospital Championship ~ OSU Golf Club
	Columbus, OH
November 1-4	Web.com Tour Championship ~ TPC Sawgrass ~ Ponte Vedra Beach



CHAMPIONS TOUR 2016 SCHEDULE

July 18 - 24	The Senior Open Championship ~ Carnoustie Golf Links
	Carnoustie, Scotland
Aug 1- 7	3M Championship ~ TPC Twin
	Cities ~ Blaine, MN
8 - 14	US Senior Open Championship
	Scioto CC ~ Columbus, OH
22- 28	Boeing Classic ~ TPC Snoqualmie
	Ridge ~ Snoqualmie, WA
29 - Sept 4	Shaw Charity Classic ~ Canyon Meadows ~ Calgary
12 - 18	Nature Valley First Tee Open ~ Pebble Beach
19 - 25	Pacific Links China Championship ~ 27 Club
	Tianjan, China
Oct 3 - 9	Toshiba Classic ~ Newport Beach CC ~ Newport, CA
10 - 16	SAS Championship ~ Prestonwood CC ~ Cary, NC
24 - 30	Power Shares QQQ ~ TBA
31 - 6	Dominion Charity Classic ~ CC of Virginia ~Richmond, VA
Nov 7 - 13	Charles Schwab Cup Championship ~ Desert Mtn Club



LPGA 2016 SCHEDULE

July 7 - 10	U.S. Women's Open ~San Martin, CA
14 - 17	Marathon Classic ~ Sylvania, OH
22- 24	UL International Crown ~ Chicago, IL
28-31	Ricoh Women's British Open ~ Milton Keynes, England
August 25-28	Canadian Pacific Women's Open ~ Calgary
Sept 1 - 4	Manulife Classic ~ Cambridge, Ontario, Canada
15-18	Evian Championship ~ Evian-les-Bains, France
29 - Oct 2	China
October 6- 9	Sime Darby LPGA Malaysia ~ Kuala Lumpur
13 - 16	KEB Hana Bank Championship ~ Incheon, S.Korea
20-23	Fubon Taiwan Championship ~ Taipei
27-30	Blue Bay ~ Hainan Island, China
Nov 4-6	Toto Japan Classic ~ Shima-Shi, Mie, Japan
10-13	Lorena Ochoa Invitational ~ Mexico City
17-20	CME Group Tour Championship ~ Naples, FL



THE SECRET of GOLF: The Story of Tom Watson and Jack Nicklaus

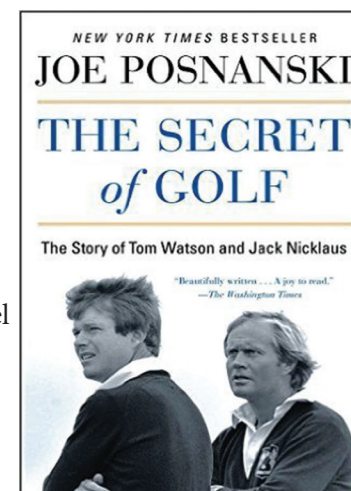
From "one of the best sportswriters in America" - Joe Posnanski (The Washington Times) - this is the New York Times bestselling story of the friendship and rivalry between golf legends Tom Watson and Jack Nicklaus, whose sparring matches defined the sport for more than a decade.

The first time they met, at an exhibition match in 1967, Tom Watson was a 17 year-old high school student and Jack Nicklaus, at 27, was already the greatest golfer in the world. Though they shared some similarities - they were both Mid-western boys who had learned how to play golf at their fathers' country clubs - they differed in many ways.

Nicklaus played a game of consummate control and precision. Watson hit the ball all over the place. Nicklaus lacked charm and theatrics, and he was thoroughly despised by most golf fans because he had displaced Arnold Palmer as king of the golf world. Watson was one of those Arnold Palmer fans.

Yet over the next twenty years their seemingly divergent paths collided as they battled against each other again and again for a place at the top of the sport and drove each other to ever-soaring heights of accomplishment.

Spanning from that first match through the "Duel in the Sun" at Turnberry in 1977 to Watson's miraculous near-victory at Turnberry as he approached sixty, and informed by interviews with both players over many years, The Secret of Golf is Joe Posnanski's intimate account of the most remarkable rivalry and (eventual) friendship in modern golf history.



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Cool Blue Ridge mountain challenge

The Beech Mountain Club, located just minutes from the highest incorporated town in the eastern United States, is not only known for its spectacular views, cool temperatures but has proven to be a wonderful challenge for golfers at all levels.

Built as eastern America's highest golf course by designer by William Byrd in the late 1960's, Beech Mountain has continued to improve under the direction of noted golf course architect Tom Jackson, most notably the additional tees, new greens, and comfortable extension of length to just over 6,200 yards.

The course ranges over elevations between 4,200 and 4,700 feet, with stunning vistas of mountain ranges in North Carolina, Tennessee and Virginia visible from nearly every hole on the course, none more spectacular than the view from the back tees of the par-4 10th hole. With its lofty elevation Beech Mountain enjoys the average summer temperature rarely exceeds 72 degrees.

Beech Mountain is also the only golfing destination in the Southeast to guarantee cool temperatures throughout the summer. The "Summer of 79" promises that the official high temperature on the day you play golf will not exceed 79°. If it does, all golf fees are refunded with a certificate for future use at the club. In early June, two-dozen golfers were the recipients of the Beech Mountain promotion, as the temperature topped out just above 79°.

"As I handed out the certificates", said Head PGA Professional John Carrin: "This is on behalf of the Beech Mountain Club with our deepest apologies for the weather. They just laughed. There was a group from Florida and a father-son twosome from Dallas, Texas. They're probably not going to see 80° before October in either of those two places."

Golfers interested in the "Summer of 79" stay & play package can choose from 700-plus lodging options including inns, condominiums, chalets and vacation homes. The offer is valid for individuals and groups up to 20. And, if one round isn't enough, golfers can play an additional round for just \$60 per person, including cart. (More details on back cover of Carolina Golf Journal)



A knowledgeable professional staff offers lessons and conducts clinics; and members and their guests have access to a full practice area with practice balls. A 1,300-square foot pro shop is well-stocked with clubs, balls, clothing and accessories. An active tournament schedule features a mix of golf association and club-sponsored events.

The clubhouse, main dining room and bar provides a balance of traditional mountain cuisine with spectacular Blue Ridge Mountain views. Casual lunch outlets include the Fairway Café and Pump House, offering lunch or an early afternoon snack in an open air café seven days a week during the summer season.

When not enjoying your round of golf at Beech Mountain Club venture into the town of Beech Mountain for more family fun. There are nearly 30 miles of maintained trails in the town and up in the Emerald Outback. There are easy trails, moderate trails and strenuous trails, with lots of scenic views of the Blue Ridge Mountains.

The 5,506' Skybar is a must see. Named after the mountain's signature elevation of 5,506 feet above sea level, this glass roundhouse is located just a few steps off the chairlift at the top of the mountain. Soak in the panoramic vistas as you sip a beverage or grab a bite to eat. The Skybar is a wonderful place to enjoy a summer sunset.

On Labor Day weekend, the Mile High Kite Festival fills the skies above Beech Mountain with color. Kids of all ages enjoy a relaxing final weekend of summer that also includes a street dance and other festivities.

Fall for Beech Mountain each autumn. The town's perch high in the Blue Ridge Mountains makes it a gorgeous base camp for viewing fall foliage. Hike scenic trails, bike through forests or drive on the nearby Blue Ridge Parkway.

Flipkey.com, a TripAdvisor company, ranks the town of Beech Mountain as the #1 value among all rental vacation destinations in the state of North Carolina.

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