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Wells Fargo Championship loses valuable leadership- Executive Director Kym Hougham resigns

The great success of the Wells Fargo Championship over the past 15 years has been produced by great teams of dedicated golf tournament professionals. And, for the next two years at Quail Hollow, or longer if a new contract is put in place, the event will continue to be considered one of the best tournaments on the PGA Tour.



The leadership of the Wells Fargo will however be in the hands of someone new following the announcement that Executive Director Kym Hougham has resigned to pursue other possibilities.

"After just completing the 15th edition of the Wells Fargo Championship in May, I have decided that now is the time for me to make a change," said Hougham. "This timing allows me to look at the possibilities in front of me both inside and outside the world of professional golf."

During his tenure with the Wells Fargo Championship, Hougham was President of the PGA TOUR Tournament Advisory Council (TAC) which is a Board of Directors that represents all official events on the PGA TOUR. He is also past Chairman of the FedEx Cup task force, a member of the 2007 President's Cup Committee, the World Golf Hall of Fame Advisory Council, and the Hall of Fame Selection Committee.

In addition, he has served on various board positions in Charlotte. Prior to his role at the Wells Fargo Championship, Hougham was the Tournament Director of the John Deere Classic in Moline, IL, starting in 1996.

"I want to thank Wells Fargo, Quail Hollow Club and the PGA TOUR

for their help and support since we began this journey. I have had the honor to work with a group of brilliant and committed individuals and a very talented staff. I am extremely proud of the fact that since the tournament's inception we have been able to donate over \$19 million and raise awareness for numerous local charitable organizations."



Under Hougham's hands-on leadership, the Wells Fargo Championship also received unprecedented back-to-back "Best in Class" awards from the PGA TOUR in 2009 and 2010. He could always be seen on the course checking every aspect of the Wells Fargo, and sharing his warm personality and ever-present smile.

"Kym's passion and knowledge for golf plus his skills toward managing a PGA TOUR event played an integral role in the success of the Wells Fargo Championship," said Kendall Alley, Chairman of the Board for Champions for Education. "His dedication since we began this tournament is much appreciated. We wish him well in his new endeavor."



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Dominant city golf champion honored by Revolution Park Sports Academy

The 4th annual Sports Wall of Fame ceremony, hosted by the Charlotte Parks and Recreation Department has added three new names to its list at the Dr. Charles Sifford Golf Course Revolution Park in Charlotte.

It is appropriate that the ceremony is held at a golf course considering the achievements of one of the 2017 inductees. Four-time Charlotte City Amateur Champion, Dick Stimart joined three other golfers in his place of honor along-side former PGA Tour players Dr. Charlie Sifford, Jim Black and Walter Morgan.

Stimart captured the prestigious City Championship in three different decades after his graduation from North Carolina State. His titles came in 1985, 1988, 1995 and his final championship in 2002. In addition to his four city wins he also won the Metro Amateur title in 1989. His success both in college and in the amateur events was not a surprise based on his play in the junior ranks.

A 1979 graduate from South Mecklenburg High School, Stimart captured the Carolinas Junior PGA Championship back-to-back in 1978-79 and the American Junior Classic tournament at Innisbrook in 1979. That same year he finished 4th in the National Junior PGA Championship, following an 11th place finish in that same event the preceding year.

Among all of his happiest moments, Stimart takes pride in his four hole-in-ones (1-Myers Park CC and 3-Carmel CC), and his four club championships at Carolina Golf & Country Club (1995, 1996, 1998, 2000) and a victory in the Carmel Country Club Pro Am Amateur in 2004.

One of the best athletes Charlotte produced in the mid-20th century, Pettis Norman of West Charlotte High School and a Johnson C. Smith All-American joined Stimart as a new member of the Wall of Fame.

A three-time all-CIAA receiver, Norman went on to play tight end with the Dallas Cowboys and San Diego Chargers from 1962-73. Norman spent his first nine seasons with the Cowboys, playing in three NFL title games as well as Super Bowl V. He was named one of the 50 greatest Cowboys by the Fort Worth Star-Telegram in 2009.

Retired East Mecklenburg High cross country coach Larry McAfee was the third member of the Class of 2017. McAfee, a 1965 East Meck graduate, led the Eagles to four state championships and 13 regional titles during his career in addition to coaching Olympic distance runner Joan Nesbitt.

There is no fee to view the Wall of Fame plaques. The Dr. Charles L. Sifford Golf Course is located at 1225 Remount Road, and is one of Charlotte's more visible public facilities with holes fronting I-77.



2017 Sports Wall of Fame members (L-R)
Dick Stimart, Melissa Hasty Taylor (Pettis Norman representative),
and Larry McAfee.

Mallard Head Country Club reopens

Renovations include new Bermuda greens

It's been a long 45 days since public-play Mallard Head Country Club closed to renovate their greens, but now the wait is over. With the good weather and rain in the Mooresville area the new greens have grown in very well. The course reopened on July 1st.

The George Cobb designed course opened in 1979 and is conveniently located on the shores of Lake Norman in southern Iredell County.

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higher at \$37 riding or walking. Seniors can enjoy a round at Mallard Head for just \$23 with cart.

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Takes more than the “Green Mile” to win at the PGA Championship at Quail Hollow Club

Every year of the Wells Fargo Championship at the Quail Hollow Club there is plenty of conversation about the famed “Green Mile” finishing holes of #16 to #18. With the PGA Championship set for August 10 - 13 at the South Charlotte layout, the best in the world will be talking about how to play one of the toughest finishing stretches on the PGA Tour - and rightfully so.

Starting with the 506-yard, par-4 16th hole, it gives golfers two different mindset directions off the tee. It's a slight dogleg right off the tee, but with a sloping fairway left toward a lake on the left, staying dry comes into the course management thoughts. Too far left, but not in the lake, the golfers will be hitting with the ball well above their feet potentially setting up a draw into the green that also has a slope toward the left-side lake.

Water continues to be a problem on the par-3 17th hole that will play as long as 223-yards for the championship. The lake from #16 continues on the left and now wraps around this 17th green, meaning taking a direct shot at a left side pin will call for a well-measured shot over water. There is bail out room on the right, where most of the players hope to be if they miss-hit their tee shot. With thoughts of the difficult 18th hole still to come, a lack of concentration at the 17th could be the make-or-break hole of the tournament.



Jim Furyk hits tee shot at dangerous par-3 17th at Quail Hollow

And now let the fun really begin. The 494-yard, par-4 18th hole has seen its share of watery disasters created by the small, but dangerous creek running down the entire left side of the fairway. Avoiding the creek, but going too far right the players could find a big fairway bunker that would make a difficult approach into a large green with hazards on both sides.

The fun question is, however, how many players reach the “Green Mile” with a score that could win the fourth major of the year. Quail Hollow has several early stumbling blocks that will dictate which players will be contenders at the end.

Here are a couple of examples:

- The intimidating 249 yard par-3 6th hole – the wind will play a big role here on club selection into this downhill green.
- At the turn, the 505-yard, par-4 9th hole – a great drive will still call for a long-iron or even a hybrid or fairway metal into the green, where positioning is a vital ingredient to getting a makeable birdie putt.
- The 456-yard, par-4 12th hole – players are confronted with arguably the tightest tee shot on the course. Trees are beautiful, but not necessary on this hole. Selecting a driver is dangerous for the players if they aren't in the groove off the tees. Split the fairway and through the trees will produce a shorter iron into a severely sloping green with tricky pin placements.



505-yard, par-4 9th hole at Quail Hollow

With trouble all round, and the course set up to perfection by the PGA, watching the best golfers in the world maneuver their way through the challenges makes Charlotte golf fans the luckiest people in the world right here at home. The “Green Mile” and company awaits.

Defending champion Jimmy Walker hasn't felt quite like himself since Thanksgiving, Walker said during Masters week that tests revealed he has Lyme disease. The diagnosis has limited Walker's starts in 2017, but he's been solid when he has played, with 11 cuts made in 14 starts, including six top 25s.

“Health-wise, I'm starting to feel pretty good,” said Walker. “Energy levels are feeling like they're back up. I've been off the medication for a while, so time will tell if it did its job. Hopefully it did. As of right now, I feel pretty good.”



Jimmy Walker - 2016 PGA Champion at Baltusrol

Is #7 in the future of Joe Jaspers? 6-time winner defends Charlotte City Amateur

No other player in the 57-year history of the Charlotte City Amateur Championship has ever won 6 titles and possesses the game to battle for his 7th championship like Huntersville's Joe Jaspers.

Another talented field will challenge Jaspers this August in the 58th City Championship to be played over 54-holes at Cedarwood Country Club, Carolina Golf Club and conclude at Myers Park Country Club.

The 50-year old Jaspers, a Vice President at Carolina Telco Capital Advisors, was the only golfer in the 2016 tournament to shoot under 70 in all three rounds, and one of three to shoot under par. His 2-under par 69 at Carolina Golf Club finished the tournament, and he posted an 8-under par score of 206, two shots better than Will Oldham and second round leader Matt Kilgo.

"None of them have been easy," said Jaspers, who also won City Amateur titles in 1997, 1998, 2000, 2004 and 2014. "And today, we were neck and neck all day long. There wasn't a time where anybody dropped off and had to rally back, until the last hole."

Jaspers, a University of Iowa grad, was tied with Kilgo headed for the par-4 18th hole. Jaspers saved a par, while Kilgo put his approach shot into the lake in front of the green, and had to finish with a double

bogey and a one over par 72 for the round and out of a chance for a playoff.

To win #7, Jaspers will again face the low 24 from last year's tournament, the reigning Club Champions from Pine Island C.C., Providence C.C., Carolina G.C., Cedarwood C.C., Carmel C.C., Quail Hollow Club, Charlotte C.C., Myers Park C.C., and the 2016 Charlotte Senior Amateur Champion, all exempt from qualifying. Any player qualifying for a USGA event in the previous year is exempt from qualifying.

Other players from last year's tournament outside the top 24, plus a host of other top legal residents of Mecklenburg County that carry a current USGA handicap index of 6.4 or below will also be qualifying for their spot in the 58th Charlotte City Amateur Championship...and maybe a chance to beat the best – six time winner Joe Jaspers.



Joe Jaspers with the Ron Green, Sr. Trophy following the 2016 Charlotte City Amateur

Photo credit: Bill Kiser, Charlotte Observer

Eight easy steps for proper stance set-up *by Jack Nicklaus*

"If you setup to the ball poorly, you'll hit a lousy shot even if you make the greatest swing in the world." --

Jack Nicklaus

1) Aim clubface first. Then align your body. At address, your hands should be about four inches from your thighs. Keep your head up.

2) Bend forward from the hips about 33° and tilt body toward right at address.

3) Let your arms hang naturally. Elbows should be bent slightly inward at address.



4) Keep your chin up.

5) Maintain minimal knee bend. Keep right knee flexed and stable. Don't let it slide or straighten throughout swing.

6) Set up with 80% of weight on right foot for drives. Make sure the ball is not too far forward.

7) For drives, it should be at a point below left shoulder. For all other shots position ball under the chest logo on your shirt.

8) The longer the club, the more the left foot should be flared out – from perpendicular for

short irons to 45° for the driver.

BEST TIP: Play ball far enough away to get full extension.

Larkin Golf Club is growing

New owners creating a special golf community experience in Statesville

When you drive into Larkin Golf Club in Statesville you can certainly feel the new energy that is being created by the new home construction and golf course changes. Now under new ownership, Larkin has become one of the fastest growing golf course communities in the Statesville area.

During this construction two back side holes were changed to allow for the land clearing necessary for the new homes. By early August the #10 hole, which was closed, will reopen as a challenging downhill par-4. The hole has been shortened and the landing area off the tee lengthened. A short iron/hybrid off the tee is the best play, with a long iron over the water to reach the green.

Hole #11 has been played as a par-3 while the home sites were being prepared. It will revert back to a long down-hill par-5 that requires three accurate solid shots to reach the green. The redesign has created a relocated enlarged landing area to the right off the tee changing the approach angles for the second shot as well as the approach to the green.



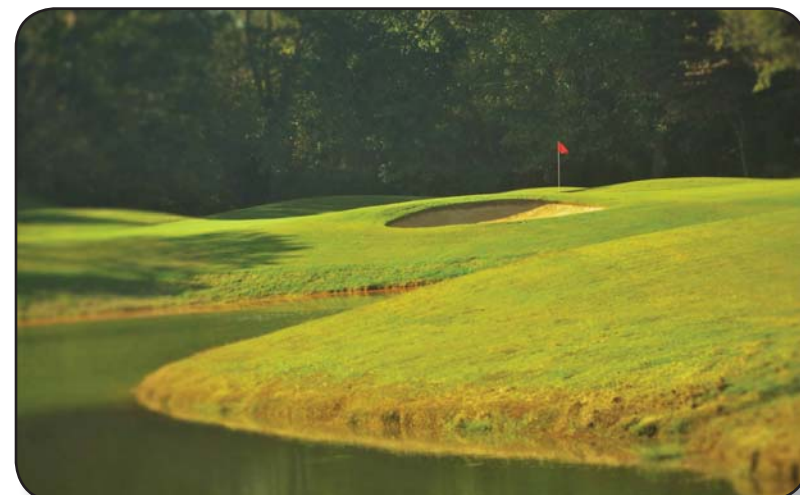
The addition of new homes and amenities hasn't changed the feel of the Clyde Johnston designed 18-hole championship layout. Routed through beautiful rolling hills with scenic views, Larkin takes full advantage of 400 acres of lush countryside and the gentle waterfalls of Third Creek in creating a challenging and enjoyable course for players of any skill level.

"We are dedicated to providing a quality golf experience for players of all levels and abilities," said Larkin Golf Club general manager Gene Lemmers. "As Larkin grows under new stable ownership we look to become the center of amenities for the community."

The two-story clubhouse, open to the public, is the heart and centerpiece of the Larkin community. This Clubhouse was designed with the surrounding architecture in mind, enabling year-round use by the community and Larkin home owners for social events, group outings and charity tournaments.

The top floor features the golf shop, banquet facilities, Bunkers Bar & Grill and an open air pavillion. The banquet facility includes the Carolina ballroom which seats 250 and can be partitioned into two separate rooms for smaller gatherings. These are available to the public and can be rented out for private parties. Both the ballroom and Bunkers offer sweeping views of the golf course and practice

putting green. There is a full kitchen available for future use as a restaurant to further add to the inclusion into the community.



The lower level provides a meeting room, patio and putting green. It is located on the highest point in the area, with dramatic views of the golf course.

Once the golf course is returned to its original configuration, golfers will find three different six-hole personalities. Larkin's first six holes offer a walk in the park feel set on mildly undulating land. The next six holes will remind you of mountain golf with its elevated tees and greens; and the final six are picturesque and water-guarded holes.

Overall, the course is an excellent Johnston design with accommodating fairways, some tightly tree-lined and others open off the tee, and receptive bent grass greens kept in great condition by Course Superintendent Shane Staples. The course length varies from 7005 yards from the gold tees down to 5300 yards from the red.

Larkin Golf Club and Golf Course is conveniently located at Exit 45 off I-77 between Statesville and Charlotte. (Five miles south of Statesville / 30 miles north of Charlotte).

For more information and tee-times for Larkin Golf Club call 704-872-9990 or logon at larkingolfclub.com.

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For more new home information contact True Homes at 704-271-1191 or view their website: <http://tributehomesusa.com/community/larkin/>

Callaway makes Epic move in iron play

“The most premium iron to ever bear the Callaway name”

The Callaway Epic driver has dominated driver sales amongst competitors in 2017, and it's not even close. This success creates perfect timing to release the next in line of their growing Epic franchise: Callaway Epic irons, which consists of two iron versions – Epic and Epic Pro – and the Epic hybrid.

Think of Epic irons as Callaway improving on the best parts of all of their other designs, and then rolling them into one super-club. According to Callaway the following are some of the basic improvements in the Epic irons:

- **Face Cup:** improved 360 Face Cup technologies with a thinner and more flexible “rim” around the perimeter of the inner side of the face, which resulted in more ball speed on center and off-center hits.
- **Tungsten:** They then studied new ways to enhance launch and trajectory, which resulted in introducing a very high amount of metal-injected



tungsten into their Internal Standing Wave technology. The added weight of the tungsten created a new opportunity to control the club's weighting characteristics for higher launch and higher CG (center of gravity) in short irons for more controllable flight.

- **Exo-Cage:** What Callaway says truly sets this club apart is its Exo-Cage construction that uses a high-grade steel structure in the center of the cavity to stiffen the body, topline and sole, so the face can take on more of an impact load.

- **Precision Milling and Robotic Laser Welding:** Ensuring the tightest of tolerances within each step of the complicated production process, Callaway engineers used precision milling and robotic laser welding for total control with maximum structural integrity.

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With unbelievable scenic vistas and beautiful landscape nestled among the oak, fir and flowering valleys, golfers will find an idyllic journey through a course owned by the Eastern Band of the Cherokee, but truly touched by a higher being.

Look closely and you'll discover a challenging layout literally engraved with Cherokee history as you gaze over land held sacred for over 11,000 years – mountains formed by the flaps of the great buzzard's wings, dripping with mud from the earth below.

The par-72 championship course, measuring 6,600 yards features immaculately groomed bent grass greens with bluegrass fairways with five sets of tees to fit any golfer's game. Spectacular views of the Great Smoky Mountains National Park are breathtaking, and the elevation changes will offer the maximum challenge of your choice.

Each hole is named with respect to the Cherokee history, names like Creation, Journey of the Sun, Trail of Tears, and the Healing Forest. Plaques on the tee boxes offers Native American information that will



add to your adventure through this hallowed land of the Eastern Band of the Cherokee.

Sequoyah National has matured nicely since being designated Golf Magazine's #2 "Best New Course You Can Play" of 2009.

Sequoyah offers ultimate playing conditions year round including an expansive practice area including a driving range, putting greens, chipping area and Callaway Golf Club fitting by certified PGA Golf Professionals. The golf shop offers a full range of men's and women's golf apparel.

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coming environment that is rich with Native American culture, and exciting year round attractions.

To plan your trip to Sequoyah National this summer to "Beat the Heat", logon to their website at sequoyahnational.com or call 828-497-3000.

For more information on a trip to Cherokee, North Carolina for the entire family go to visitcherokeenc.com.

Cultural things to do in Cherokee

Come explore trails of legends and adventure in Cherokee, a place of great beauty nestled in the heart of the Great Smoky Mountains.

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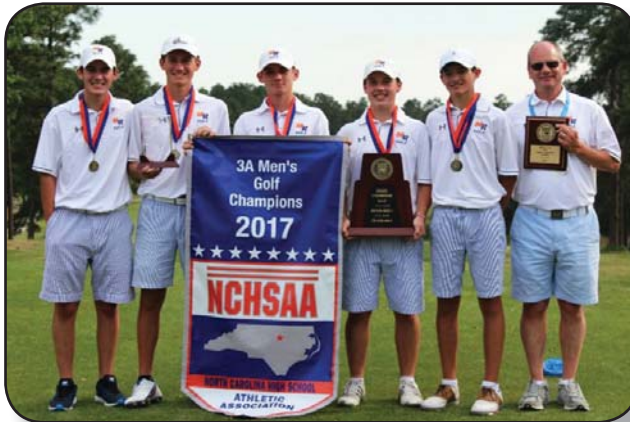
State Champions!

Marvin Ridge earns first 3A high school team title

Marvin Ridge of Waxhaw rallied from three shots down after day one to post a 12-over final round total giving the Mavericks a 39-over, 615, on the tournament. The Mavericks saw four individuals card rounds of 5-over or better on the tournament's final day at Foxfire Resort.

Zach Pardoll carded a 1-over par round on day two to finish at 4-over for the tournament in fourth place to lead the Marvin Ridge contingent to claim their first Men's 3A Golf Team State Championship.

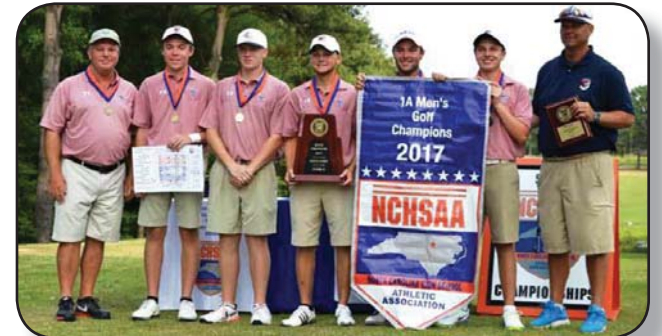
Connor Targonski put up a 2-over 74, on day two for Marvin Ridge, finishing at 11-over for the event. Zack Swanson and Tyler Haines also went low for the Mavericks posting day two scores of 4-over and 5-over respectively.



Marvin Ridge (L-R): Will Frye, Zack Swanson, Tyler Haines, Conner Targonski, Zach Pardoll, Head Coach Albert Webster

Lincoln Charter takes first 1A state championship

Lincoln Charter of Denver out ran Community School of Davidson by 12 shots to win the team competition and claim the school's first Men's 1A Golf State Championship. Lincoln Charter was led by Justin Morgan who fired a 5-over, 149, on his way to a third place finish in the tournament. They also saw William Crook turn in a 9-over 153 to finish ninth.



Lincoln Charter (L-R): Assistant Coach Rob Land, Dylan Land, William Crook, Justin Morgan, Harrison Hall, Jacob Houser and Head Coach James Seitz

Other class results:

Myers Park led by Luke Hackworth's 2-over 146 finished in 3rd place, marking their 7th straight top-3 showing. In class 2A - Wilkes Central of Wilkesboro earned the school's second straight Men's Golf State Championship while Lake Norman Charter of Huntersville finished second in the 2A chase.

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Tuesday, October 10
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Shotgun Start: 9:00am
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nc.wish.org/make-a-wishgolfclassic
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PGA REACH Carolinas sees success at first annual Charity Pro-am

Raises \$250,000 for its Foundation

The first annual Carolinas PGA REACH Charity Pro-am took place at Quail Hollow Club, home of the 2017 PGA Championship in August, and PGA Reach Foundation was certainly the real winner.

Over 20 teams, who each contributed \$5,000 to play, participated in the day of play, with several others signing up for silent auction items throughout the afternoon.

Key attendees included US



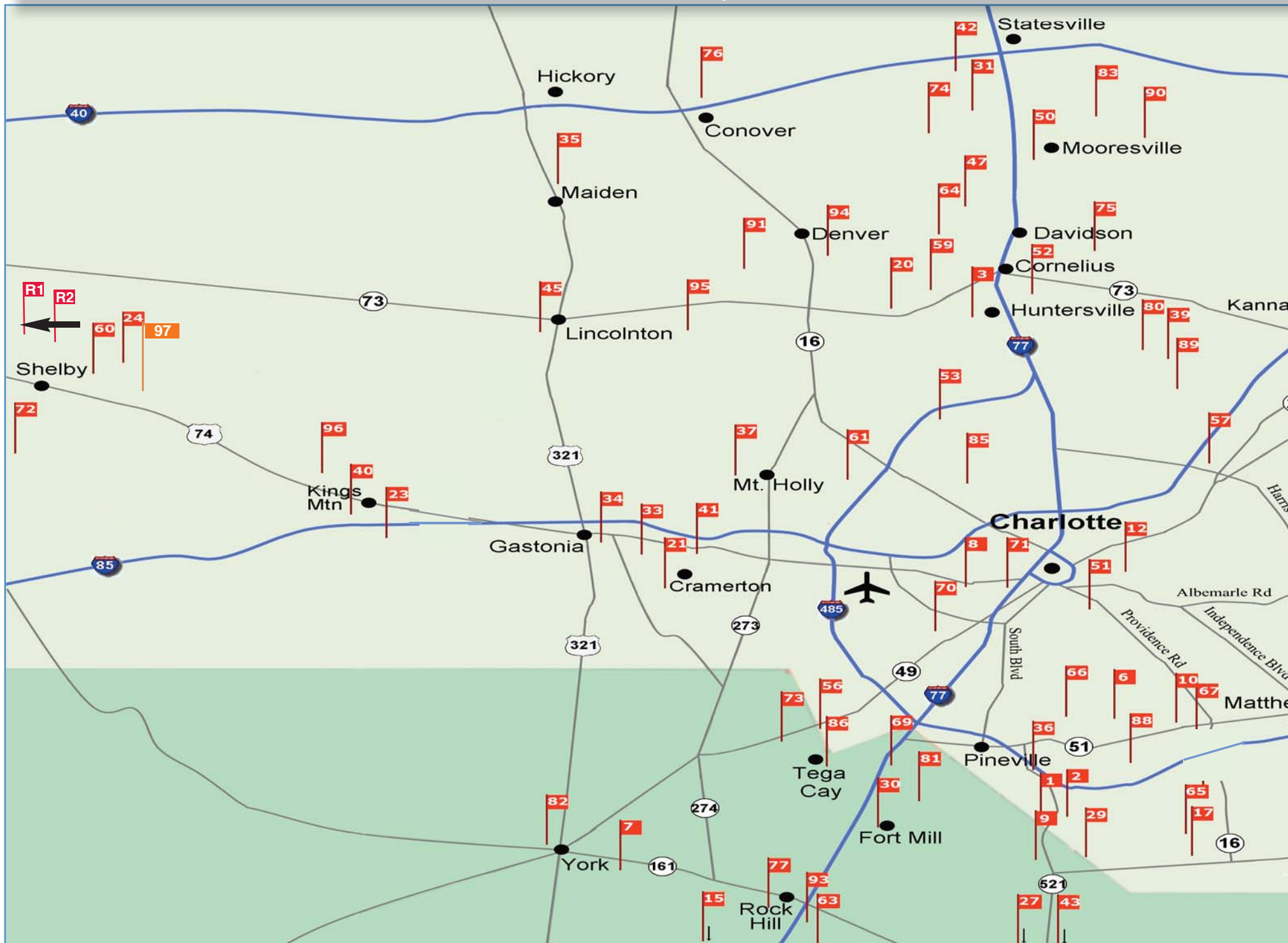
NASCAR driver Kevin Harvick behind the wheel of another vehicle as a participant in the PGA REACH tournament

Senator Richard Burr and NASCAR driver Kevin Harvick, among many other PGA Professionals, CPGA Officers and Board Members, and members of PGA REACH, PGA HOPE and the PGA Championship.

The day concluded with a celebration of the efforts made by attending guests and participants. The event initially reached a donation total of \$220,000 until a very generous last minute donation was made by PGA Professional, Perry Green of Wescott Plantation on behalf of his PGA HOPE Chapter, for \$30,000. This bumped up the final day's charitable donation amount for the Foundation to \$250,000.

The purpose of the event was to raise money for the PGA REACH Carolinas Foundation, a 501(c)3 nonprofit organization and the philanthropic arm of the Carolinas PGA Section, committed to serving communities and growing the game of golf through three pillars – Youth, Military, and Diversity & Inclusion.

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#11 “Best in the State” – Mt. Mitchell Golf Club

When golf courses receive the yearly rankings from a variety of golf rating groups they are wishing for the best for their facility. One location that hasn't had to wish every year is Mt. Mitchell Golf Club near Burnsville, as again this year they have been ranked #11 “Best in the State” by Golfweek 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 measure 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 No. 10, and ending with a 125-foot drop to a descending fairway into the finishing hole over water.

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Golf is just half the fun here, though. Make sure you stop by the snack shop prior to teeing it up and pick up a bag or two of “fish pellets” at 80 cents each. The river is stocked with trout each season and they have sort of become the local pets of golfers.

“They like Lance crackers, too,” joked Floyd. “They will eat about anything. They just come right up to the bank now when you're there, looking for their food. You don't think about fish being like that.”

“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 forest, and we have cultivated the stream with trout. It's neat that our membership (most of which is from Florida and arrives for the spring and summer months) 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 (see below) 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 trip to the mountains by calling 828-675-5454 or log on at mountmitchellgolf.com.



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The Wyndham enjoys a rich 77-year history and a very favorable 2017 date, the week following the PGA Championship at Quail Hollow in Charlotte – August 7-13th.

That date should insure several major money winners staying around North Carolina with the close

proximity of the two events, and another \$1million at stake.

The list of former winners sounds like a who's-who of professional golf, including Sam Snead, Byron Nelson, Ben Hogan, Gary Player and Seve

Ballesteros. In fact, 17 former winners are members of the World Golf Hall of Fame.

In its early years, the tournament alternated between two Greensboro courses: Starmount Forest Country Club and the current home course at Sedgefield Country Club. After 31 years at Forest Oaks Country Club, the Wyndham moved back to Sedgefield in 2008.

South Korea's Si Woo Kim blistered the course with a record 10-under par 60 in the second round last year and coasted to his first PGA win, a five shot victory over Luke Donald.

Kim became the youngest winner of the Wyndham at age 21, matching his age at 21-under par over the 7100-yard layout at Sedgefield. Kim captured his second PGA title at the Players Championship in mid-May, beating 48 of the world's top 50 players.

For Wyndham Championship tickets information log on to wyndhamchampionship.com/spectators/tickets.



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Brad Edwards, PGA Golf Professional, brings to Statesville Country Club 16 years of teaching experiences to players of all ages and abilities. He has worked with the world’s best, avid amateurs, beginners, and specializes in junior golfers. Edwards does not seek to make you swing like a tour player, his instruction is designed to make you swing like the best version of yourself.



“I believe no two people are alike, therefore no two swings should be alike,” Edwards stated. “The fundamentals of playing well are not simply things like grip, stance, and alignment. The real fundamentals to playing your best golf are maximizing your potential for distance, and producing a predictable, repeatable ball flight.”

One strong fact to consider at Statesville Country Club before taking that improved golf game to the course, players could or maybe should, start in the newly renovated state-of-the-art Fitness Center.



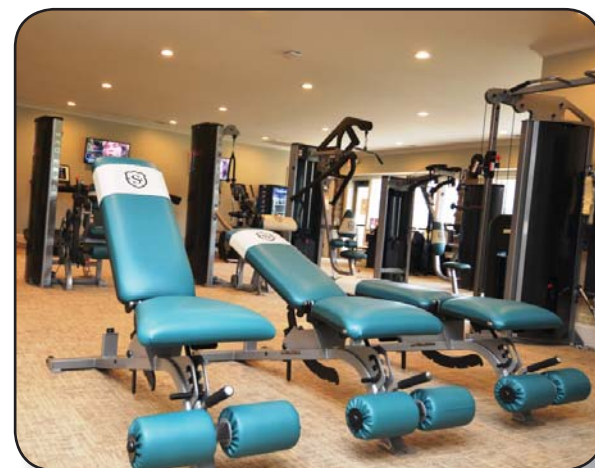
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“As a PGA Golf Professional for over 28 years myself, I have been around a lot of professionals in the industry and I am certainly proud to say we have two of the best with Brad and Kathi right here at Statesville Country Club,” stated Brian Bauer, Statesville Country Club General Manager.

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Most average skilled golfers try to hit a wedge shot by leaning back onto their trail foot and scooping the ball into the air. This often results in the club digging up the ground behind the ball or hitting the top of the ball on the upswing. (photo 1)

Highly skilled golfers usually fly the ball lower with more spin. They do this by making clean contact with

the ball in the center of the face before brushing the turf.

The Drill:

Place a poker chip one golf ball in front of the golf ball you are about to hit which should be in the middle of your stance. (photo 2)

The goal of the drill is to brush the ground where the poker chip is and to let the ball get in the way of the slightly descending swing. Lean your upper body towards the target and place your hands in line with the poker chip. During the swing, keep your upper body forward as you rotate your chest towards the target. If you are successful, both the poker chip and the ball will be flying towards the target.

Using our FlightScope radar technology, we were able to precisely measure the improvement in launch angle and spin on a wedge shot doing this drill. It should help you win your bets!



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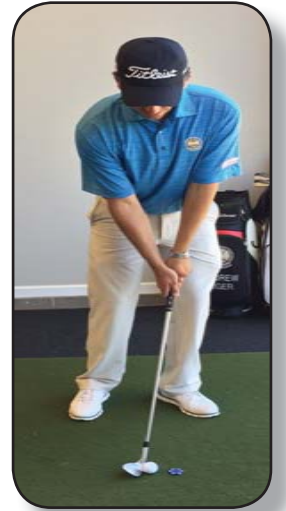


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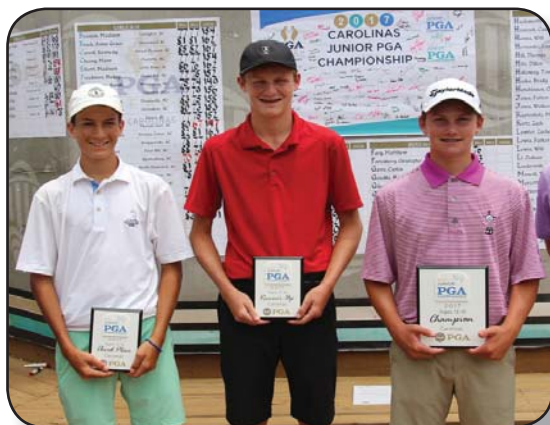


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SC Golfers shine brightly at 2017 Carolinas Junior PGA Championship

The South Carolina junior golf programs have always been very strong, and this year's Carolina's Junior PGA Championship helped reinforce that fact. Holden Grigg of Myrtle Beach and Anna Morgan of Greenville won the overall titles with solid under-par performances.



PGA Carolina's Jr. Champion Holden Grigg (far right) along with 2nd place finishers Levi Moody and Warrington Riley

Grigg was the low scorer for the tournament held on the Hackler Course at Coastal Carolina University in Conway, SC. His two-round total was 5-under-par 139 total (70-69), and one shot better than Warrington Riley of Raleigh, NC along with Levi Moody of Greenville, SC.

This victory is following a record setting performance in the South Carolina State Golf Championships, where the Myrtle Beach standout

scorched the Port Royal Golf Club's Barony Course in Hilton Head for twin

rounds of 65, finishing 14-under par in route to medalist honors at the Class 4A boy's golf state tournament.

Anna Morgan, the Greenville Herald-Journal GoUpstate "Golfer of the Year", fired back-to-back 70's (140) for her winning effort, finishing 7 shots ahead of runner-up Knaffle Smith of Murrells Inlet, SC.

The top two boys and top two girl finishers in the tournament qualify for the national Junior PGA Championship next month at The Country Club of St. Albans near St. Louis. In the boys division, Riley beat Moody in a playoff to earn the second spot in St. Louis.

Manning Sloop of Rock Hill captured the 13-15 boy's championship with a 1-over par 145 total, while Colin Brown of Charlotte finished tied for 5th place at 5-over-par in that same division.



Anna Morgan, PGA Carolinas Jr. Champion and runner-up Smith Knaffle

Carolinas PGA Section players qualify for Senior PGA Professional Championship



PGA

Six Carolina PGA Section professionals, led by 2017 Carolinas Senior PGA Professional Champion Neil Lancaster, have qualified for the Senior PGA Professional Championship in September. They earned their berths in the 36-hole championship event at Northstone Country Club in Huntersville, NC.

Lancaster, a professional golfer who has played on the PGA Tour and the Nationwide Tour, had an incredible final round finishing with 6 birdies, and eagle 2 on the par-4 4th hole, and no bogeys for a 64. His total score for the tournament was a 12-under 132 to win by 8 shots.

Lancaster, who now plays out of the Country Club of Johnston County in Smithfield, had 28 top-10 finishes in PGA Tour events including a win at the 1994 GTE Byron Nelson Golf Classic, which was



shortened to 36 holes due to weather. (Prior to 1996, PGA Tour events shortened to 36 holes were considered official.) His best finish in a major is a T-4 at the 1995 U.S. Open.

With his win, Lancaster also qualified for the 29th Senior PGA Professional Championship to be held September 28 - October 1, 2017 at Desert Mountain in Scottsdale, AZ.

There were five other qualifying spots available into the 29th Senior PGA Professional Championship. The following Carolinas PGA Professionals finished well-enough to earn a spot:

Cory McEwen, PGA - Campobello, SC - Village Greens GC
Rick Morton, PGA - Jacksonville, NC - Rock Creek G&CC
Michael Hutcheon, PGA - High Point, NC - Life Member
Mark Tomedolskey, PGA - Yemassee, SC - Cherokee Plantation
David Thore, PGA - Wilmington, NC - Life Member

Local Pro and Amateur Golf Schedules - 2017

Swing Thought Tour – Carolina's Events

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| July 7-8 | Lions Paw | Ocean Isle Beach |
| July 28-29 | World Tour Golf Links | Myrtle Beach |
| July 31 – August 5 | The Patriot | Grand Harbor |
| August 9-12 | Three Ridges Golf Club | Knoxville |
| September 1-3 | Grand Dunes & Pine Lakes | Myrtle Beach |
| September 9-10 | TPC Myrtle Beach | Myrtle Beach |
| October 23-28 | Columbia | Columbia |
| October 31 – Nov. 2 | Carolina Series | TBA |
| November 9-12 | The Club at Irish Creek | Kannapolis |
| December 12-17 | TPC Myrtle Beach | Myrtle Beach |

National Junior Golf Tour – Charlotte Area

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| July 13 | Twin Oaks Golf Club | Statesville |
| July 25 | Meadowlands Golf Club | Winston-Salem |
| July 27 | Lenoir Golf Course | Lenoir |
| August 1 | Warrior Golf Club | China Grove |
| August 10 | Deer Brook Golf Club | Shelby |
| August 22 | Oak Valley Golf Club | Advance |
| Sept. 3-4 | NJGT Ntl Championship | |
| | Gen. James Hackler Course | Conway |

For other junior golf schedules in the Carolinas go to tygajuniorgolf.org

Senior Amateur Tour – Charlotte Area

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| July 12 | Pine Island Country Club | Charlotte |
| August 7 | PGA @ Peninsula Club | Cornelius |
| August 8 | Club at Irish Creek | Kannapolis |
| August 21 | Firethorne Country Club | Marvin |
| September 5-6 | The Players @ Cabarrus CC | Concord |
| September 20 | River Hills Country Club | Lake Wylie |

Charlotte Golfweek Amateur Tour

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| July 22-23 | Southern Regional | Kiawah Island |
| August 5 | Firethorne Country Club | Marvin |
| August 12 | Northstone Country Club | Huntersville |
| August 26 | Cabarrus Country Club | Concord |
| September 16 | River Hills Country Club | Lake Wylie |
| September 23 | Local Finals ~ Cowans Ford CC | Stanley |
| September 24 | Local Finals ~ Club @ Irish Creek | Kannapolis |

Contact information for local tours:

- Charlotte Senior Amateur Tour: 704-844-8264 senioramateurgolftour.net/charlotte
- Charlotte Golfweek Amateur Tour: 704-844-8264 amatuergolftour.net/charlotte
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Outer Banks golf adds to travel destination

by Bill F. Hensley/Sam Smith

North Carolina's famed Outer Banks has long been one of the nation's favorite, and most unique travel destinations. The reasons are simple: rare beauty, a historic past, barrier islands, fishing, swimming, boating, hunting, sightseeing, hang gliding, bird watching and dozens of other assets. It's a "don't miss" kind of place.

In recent years, another amenity has added to OBX's tremendous popularity and has played a key role in attracting visitors, a simple four-letter word: GOLF.

"Golf has become a major part of the Outer Banks mystique," said Kilmarlic Director of Golf Bryan Sullivan, who grew up in the area and played at UNC-Chapel Hill, "It gives visitors another outdoor activity in this enchanting and exciting destination."



Kilmarlic Golf Club - Powell's Point

Currently, there are eight courses in the area centering around Nags Head that offer a variety of seacoast terrain and challenging holes. On occasion, a stiff ocean breeze can make play more demanding over the sand dunes, wetlands, sea grass and maritime forests.

The courses (and designers) are: Nags Head in Nags Head (Bob Moore); Seascape in Kitty Hawk (Art Wall); Duck Woods in Kitty Hawk (Ellis Maples); Goose Creek in Grandy (Jerry Turner); Currituck Club in Corolla (Rees Jones); Kilmarlic in Powell's Point (Tom Steele); The Pointe in Poplar Branch (Russell Breeden); and the Carolina Club, Grandy (Russell Breeden). All are open to the public and are open throughout the year.

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In addition to golf and a wide assortment of seafood restaurants, the Outer Banks offers a variety of accommodations, including local and chain motels, country inns, B&Bs, cottages and small family establishments. Many are located on the beach and offer spectacular ocean views.

For more information on golf, accommodations and things to see on the Outer Banks, contact the Outer Banks Visitors Bureau at 1-877-629-4386 or log on to outerbanks.org. Special golf package information is available by calling 1-800-916-6244 or logging on to PlayOBXGolf.com.



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