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Webb Simpson putts for big win...again! by Sam Smith

While transplanted Charlotte resident Webb Simpson was running away from the best of the PGA Tour to capture the Players Championship, his 5th career championship, the struggle to regain his putting touch seemed like a century ago.

Reaching a peak in his young career after graduating in 2008 from Wake Forest, Simpson won twice in 2011: Wyndham, Greensboro; Deutsche Bank, Boston. His stock skyrocketed following a stellar performance at the Olympic Club in San Francisco to win the 2012 U.S. Open. His last win, prior to The Players was in the first wrap-around season of the PGA in October of 2013 at the Shriners Children tournament in Las Vegas.

All of his first four wins came before the PGA non-anchoring putting rule went in effect. Forced to change to the more conventional style of putting, Webb's game was going in the wrong direction, dropping from Top-20 in Strokes Gained: putting to a low of 177th on the PGA list.

"To be at the bottom of the barrel like we were, I didn't know if he'd ever putt well again," said Simpson's caddie, Paul Tesori. "When you putt that poorly for that length of time and you play at this level, you can't hide."

It's ironic that the turn-around for Webb came just a year ago at The Players, when a former ACC Player of the Year Tim Clark of NC State offered a possible solution to Webb's putting problems.

Clark suggested a grip that was a hybrid between the claw and Matt Kuchar's way of securing the shaft against his left forearm. Simpson put it in play without any practice, and something immediately clicked – he shot 4 under for the first two rounds, ultimately tying for 16th. Over the rest of the year, after creating his own style – the "Kuchar-claw," with the shaft pinned against his left forearm – Simpson climbed more than 100 spots in the rankings.

"I'm thankful that I've put together a year of pretty solid putting, and it's really helped my golf, kind of getting me to be the player that I want to be," Simpson said.

Webb, born in Raleigh, not only has renewed confidence in

his game with the putting problem apparently solved, he also has several other things that may have been more important.

His father (Sam), who passed way in 2017, told his son, "Never give up, never quit." That encouraging mantra combined with the love and caring nature of his mother, Debbie, and his faith in God, Webb was able to battle his adversity with patience and determination to succeed again.

And finally in his recovery puzzle, Webb leaned on a strong determined person to stand by his

side, his Wake Forest sweetheart and wife Dowd. They both declare that the couple's faith is something that keeps them grounded, and they try to keep it at the forefront of their lives despite their busy schedule. They travel together along with their three daughters and one son to as many tournaments as possible.

"It's always fun to watch Webb play, and now that he is putting

better it's a lot more fun to watch him compete," said Dowd. "I hope that the fans are enjoying his renewed PGA golf game, and will continue to give him the great support they have given him in the past."





under the watchful eye of the Director of Golf Ryan Brickley, Rocky River Golf Club, in the shadow of the Charlotte Speedway, was designed by renowned golf course architect Dan Maples and opened in 1996. Using existing features of the land, Maples took the best that nature offered in creating a “must play” golfing experience.

There are 355 golf courses spread throughout the state of North Carolina, with nearly a quarter of those courses located in the Greater Charlotte area. Toss in the excellent courses just over the border in South Carolina and area golfers have a wide selection to consider when picking out a place to play.

Of course, of the number of courses in the Charlotte market, the private golf clubs and country clubs dominate the North Carolina Golf Panel’s Top 100 list, with Old North State, Quail Hollow, Charlotte CC and Trump National sharing the spotlight in the Top 25.

Even with the large number of member’s only courses, golfers still have a solid list of public courses to play with the style of play at each location designed to match the skill level of the area golfers. Picking the best may be aided by the NC Golf Panel’s selection of Rocky River Golf Course in Concord as the highest ranked public course locally year-in and year-out.

Owned by the City of Concord, managed by Embassy Suites, and operated

for the front, Rocky River is one of the more challenging courses with its rolling fairways winding along ribbons of native wetland grasses that

weave through rocky outcroppings, a wide variety of trees, water, feathery fescue and large rolling green complexes and bunkers. The course has

mature ultra-dwarf Bermuda greens and Tifway 419 Bermuda fairways.

With some serious elevation changes and wide landing areas, Rocky River gets high marks for its pace of play, friendly staff and conditioning. It is home of the Charlotte 49ers short-game practice facility and appeals to golfers of all skill levels.

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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by Sam Smith

Long before Jason Day nearly knocked down the pin at Quail Hollow's #17, or dropped in the final putt to earn his 12th PGA title at the 2018 Wells Fargo Championship, he had started a chain of changes that have pushed the former #1 player all the way back into the Top 10 at #2 in the world rankings after dropping into the low 100's.

The victory at Quail Hollow was his second of the year, with both coming after Day made a dramatic switch in his TaylorMade golf clubs the week of his earlier victory at the Farmers Insurance Championship in January at Torrey Pines, his first victory since the Players Championship back in May 2016.

The 2015 PGA Champion replaced all his TaylorMade P-750 irons with the company's sleeker P-730 blade irons. Day made the 11th hour decision to switch clubs after the WGC-Dell Match Play where he failed to progress beyond the group stage.

"I don't know what happened, but they performed okay last year and I went from an offset to an onset iron last year, which was my old set that I'm not using right now, but I just couldn't quite get the gain, the trajectory, and the control that I wanted to."

Day has played TaylorMade clubs since mid-2006 and is currently using the new M3 driver in the bag. Other pros using the M3 include Rory McIlroy, Tiger Woods and Justin Rose. The 30-year-old is the PGA Tour's 12th longest hitter this season, averaging 311 yards off the tee. During the Farmers tournament, Day played the M1 3-wood in 15° of loft, but for the Wells Fargo he switched to a newer M4 fairway wood in a weaker 16.5° loft.

During his practice range sessions at Quail Hollow, with TaylorMade reps buzzing all around, Day was hard at work refining the carry of each of the new irons that have been modified several times to fit his distance needs. But all the while, not going away from his friendly demeanor he has always displayed, even taking time to offer a "G'day mate" to this very interested journalist.

It was a "New Day" at the Wells Fargo Championship

With much of the conversation on the tour centered on Day's interesting club change timing, maybe the most important change came from the man right behind him on the range. Day split with long-time caddy Colin Swatton last fall after 10 years together, but retained Swatton as his swing coach.

"I think when you have your coach on the bag, you kind of not worry but you kind of think, OK, well, he's going to say something about this shot, so I better not play that shot, you know," Day said. "So, hopefully having my good close buddy out there with me now we can make things a little less stressful and go out there and have fun."

Swatton's replacement is 31-year old Luke Reardon, a former roommate and practice partner for Day at the Hills International School in their teens in Australia. Another good friend from Australia, Rika Batibasaga has also been on the bag for several tournaments, including Day's last Masters, when Reardon was finalizing his visa to work tournaments in the United States.



Amidst all of the changes to improve Day's play and happiness on the PGA Tour, one element of his game has not taken any twist or turns - he still putts with the TaylorMade Spider Tour Red putter where he ranks 1st in Gained: Putting on the PGA Tour this season. If that continues he may well be pushing the world number one spot again in the not too distant future.

As thousands of Charlotte area golf fans can say "we were there" to watch the changes make a difference when they counted, Jason Day weathered a few bumps along the way to still capture our "home again" Wells Fargo Championship on his climb back to the top of the world of golf.

The seasoned golfer stretching out their game

Bruce Wilkins, PGA

Golf Instructor at Ballantyne Golf Academy



There is a trend in popular golf instruction to focus our attention towards the players at the top of the sport, referencing motions and positions of the very best in the game. This is a very important part of building knowledge. We must learn from the best, no matter the endeavor.

I do think, however, that some of us can get lost in this focus, especially if we are older and no longer capable of moving our body like those 20 to 30 year old players on television and in the magazines. Does this

mean we should give up, and that learning and improving are no longer possible? Absolutely not!

Many of the changes in our body result more from disuse than from

simple aging. It has been reported that less than 10 percent of Americans participate in regular exercise, and the most sedentary group is older than 50 years of age. Let us work to break this statistic.

Stretching is an excellent way to help maintain joint flexibility. Just 30 minutes of moderate activity in your daily routine can provide health benefits, such as slowing the loss of muscle mass and prevent age-associated increases in body fat.

Exercise maintains the body's ability to recover, as well as its ability to help motor learning and the cognitive skills associated with golf. Walking, swimming, and bicycling are all recommended as non-strenuous activities for maintaining fitness as we age. Even consider changing your golfing schedule to include walking nine holes as a weekly routine.

I do not buy into the popular saying, "you can't teach an old-dog new tricks." Nonsense! It has everything to do with your mindset, and the better we feel physically, effects how we think. Find the right instructor and the right program, which allows you to continue to improve and enjoy this amazing sport.



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Birkdale Golf Club regaining premier prominence

With the weather finally turning toward summer, the warmer temperatures have accelerated the growth of the grass and surroundings greatly in the past several weeks. Aided by the new management company – Pinnacle Golf - Birkdale Golf Club, designed by golf legend Arnold Palmer, certainly has made a striking turn-around on its road to retuning as one of Charlotte's premier golf courses.

The on-course attention to details is drawing positive attention as players return to enjoy the challenging 7,000 yard, par-72 layout that opened to rave reviews in 1997. With the hiring of former Carolina Golf Club Superintendent Ben Albrecht, he has added a great deal of experience to the maintenance program at Birkdale.

"With Ben's guidance and the great support of Pinnacle Golf, things that needed improving have been done, with more to come," said Birkdale General Manager Jeff Thomas. "Some trees have been removed to clean-up the course and improve the sight line on several holes. Some greens that had winter damage have been re-sodded, while the 56 bunkers have been cleaned up and filled with new sand. They may be the best ever in the 6-years I have been at Birkdale."

Located on 200 acres of rolling terrain, carved between tall pines and natural streams, Birkdale is made up of Bermuda fairways and Crenshaw bent grass greens. New turf equipment & maintenance vehicles have made noticeable improvements with more consistent mowing and grooming of greens and fairways.



569-yard par-5 #5

Even with its length, Palmer used the four sets of tees at Birkdale to mix the big "grip-it-and-rip-it" holes with shorter shot-maker holes to test your course management and game strategy. The course features a number of elevation changes, which are appealing to the eye and adds to the challenge. Well-placed water hazards and bunkers require players to use every shot in their bag.

Many holes have doglegs and a couple of the short par-4 holes are almost drive-



392-yard par-4 #1

able. The par 3 holes are all solid challenges, while two tough holes feature watery approach shots into well-guarded greens. One is the 569yd par-5 5th hole where your 3rd shot must carry water over a rock-faced wall to a long, narrow green.

Still another good water approach shot comes on the 436 yard, par-4 18th into another long right-to-left sloping green that is well guarded in both front and back by large well-conditioned bunkers. This hole looks great from the clubhouse patio, but it will certainly keep your attention to the final shot of the day.

"This golf course is blessed with 'good bones' providing a solid foundation for our improvement efforts," said Thomas. "Many of the players are complementing our staff on the upgrading of the condition of the course and we are all very happy to see Birkdale getting back in form. That reconfirms our renewed commitment to providing a great golf experience"

Birkdale Golf Club Membership offers easy access with no initiation fees, no food and beverage minimum spending requirements and no assessments. With easy automatic month to month membership billing for your membership dues, and three levels of membership from which to choose, Birkdale Golf Club has a membership to fit your lifestyle.

Their lighted practice area includes a 10-acre driving range with Bermuda grass tees, short-game area and putting green. New golf balls and a ball machine right on the range, new mats for wet weather - while a new top-of-the-line ball picker helps provide a very ample supply of practice balls well into the evening hours.

Birkdale has several meeting and conference areas, plus the 5,000 square foot Palmer Pavilion is a perfect choice for any event: including golf tournaments, large social events and wedding receptions seating up to 200 guests. Arnie's Tavern, located in the main clubhouse has also seen fresh improvements with a new daily menu and the addition of seven new TV sets that will keep you updated with the latest sports news and games while enjoying an excellent full meal or just a snack.

"Arnie" designed more than 300 courses worldwide, but only one daily-fee course in the Charlotte area, making the Birkdale Golf Club a must for your year-round golf plans. Contact the pro shop at 704-895-8038 or log-on at birkdale.com for tee times, membership information or to set up an outing.



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Learning or improving a golf game can become very frustrating but with the proper professional instruction it can become “effortless”. Now that doesn’t mean you don’t have to work in the process, but it does take away much of the stress and strain of moving a golf ball in the proper direction.

Bruce Parker, Owner/Operator and Director of Instruction of Effortless Golf Center in Pineville, has made the comment many times - “Amateurs teach amateurs to be amateurs”.

Bruce has been a teaching golf professional for 25 years, and is very aware that many people take lessons that don’t help them reduce their score or become a better ball striker! He means it when he says, “This will not happen with me. I will work with you to quickly and effortlessly make you a better ball striker and you will understand how you strike the ball correctly.”



In watching him teach at Effortless Golf, Bruce doesn’t try to transform a golfer’s swing, but instead keeps it as simple as possible by analyzing the swing and explaining it to his students in an easy and understandable way.

He has three keys: (1) Stay like you start the swing (posture) – (2) Swing the “Y” (arms create top part of “y” and the shaft finishes the “y” at the bottom) - (3) Hit what the ball is sitting on! These simple keys are designed to help you keep your swing thought as simple as possible because, a minimal swing thought is one of the keys to improving your swing and ball striking on the course.

To put this all together, Bruce’s final step is to focus on these little things you need to change to make your swing and ball striking better. Based on his student results, golfers will be knocking strokes off their round in no time and will have discovered a swing to play better every round!

One athletic lady hitting on the range got a couple of tips from Bruce, and came back into the clubhouse raving, “That’s the best I’ve ever hit golf balls, it truly did seem effortless. I’m hooked, I will be back!”

The range at Effortless Golf is maintained as if it was part of a regular golf course, creating arguably the “best grass hitting areas” in Charlotte. The fifteen covered hitting bays have been improved with new top-grade mats,

giving the golfers a better feel with every club, and is enhanced by the addition of new “Volvik” golf balls, providing unmatched durability and maximize energy transfer for greater distance and accuracy.

The range prices are: small \$6 (45 balls); medium \$9 (75 balls); large \$12 (110 balls); and for the really serious practice session the extra-large bucket is priced at \$15 for 175 balls.

Effortless Golf also offers range cards with no expiration. The \$80 punch cards provide ten (10) large buckets, while for \$60 players can enjoy ten (10) medium buckets. And on Monday to Friday before 4pm the medium bucket is only \$7.

Inside the clubhouse Effortless has added TaylorMade and Wilson to their wide variety of golf equipment, also including Callaway’ Rouge Epic drivers and irons along with new Odyssey and Spider putters. Personal fitting and putting instruction is also provided by the professional staff at Effortless Golf Center. Golfers can get cash for clubs or trade-in their old clubs for a different set of clubs to improve their game.

Handling the proper feel of the new clubs is Fitting Specialist Robert Catlett who also serves as the Head Professional and is in charge of club repairs - ranging from new grips, re-shafting, to club head replacement, and weight adjustments.



The Effortless Golf Center is conveniently located just off I-485 at Polk Street in Pineville, directly behind South Charlotte Mazda, CarMax and next to the Family Fun Center on Cadillac Street. Hours are 9am to 9pm Monday-Friday, and 9am to dark Saturday & Sunday.

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A typical tournament provides three options for collecting funds. The preferred method is to have a table at registration and encourage players to pre-purchase a ticket and pay for it when registering or purchasing their mulligans, drinks, etc. The alternative is to collect cash at the hole for players who have not pre-purchased a ticket. The third way is to collect credit card donations via “the Square”.

The cash and tickets are turned in after the final foursome fires away and the charged donations are added to the tournament’s bottom line.

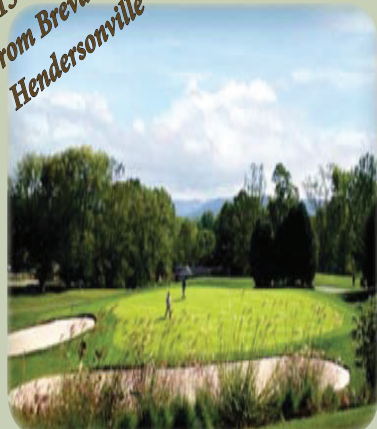


Tournaments are finding out that this addition to their on-course experience is completely safe and fun. The rifle is locked, ammunition is not live, and the AR-15 uses blanks to launch the ball. Each player receives individual instructions before they handle the rifle from a trained Charity Golf Guns staff member.

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(ParTee with the Pros - June 1)

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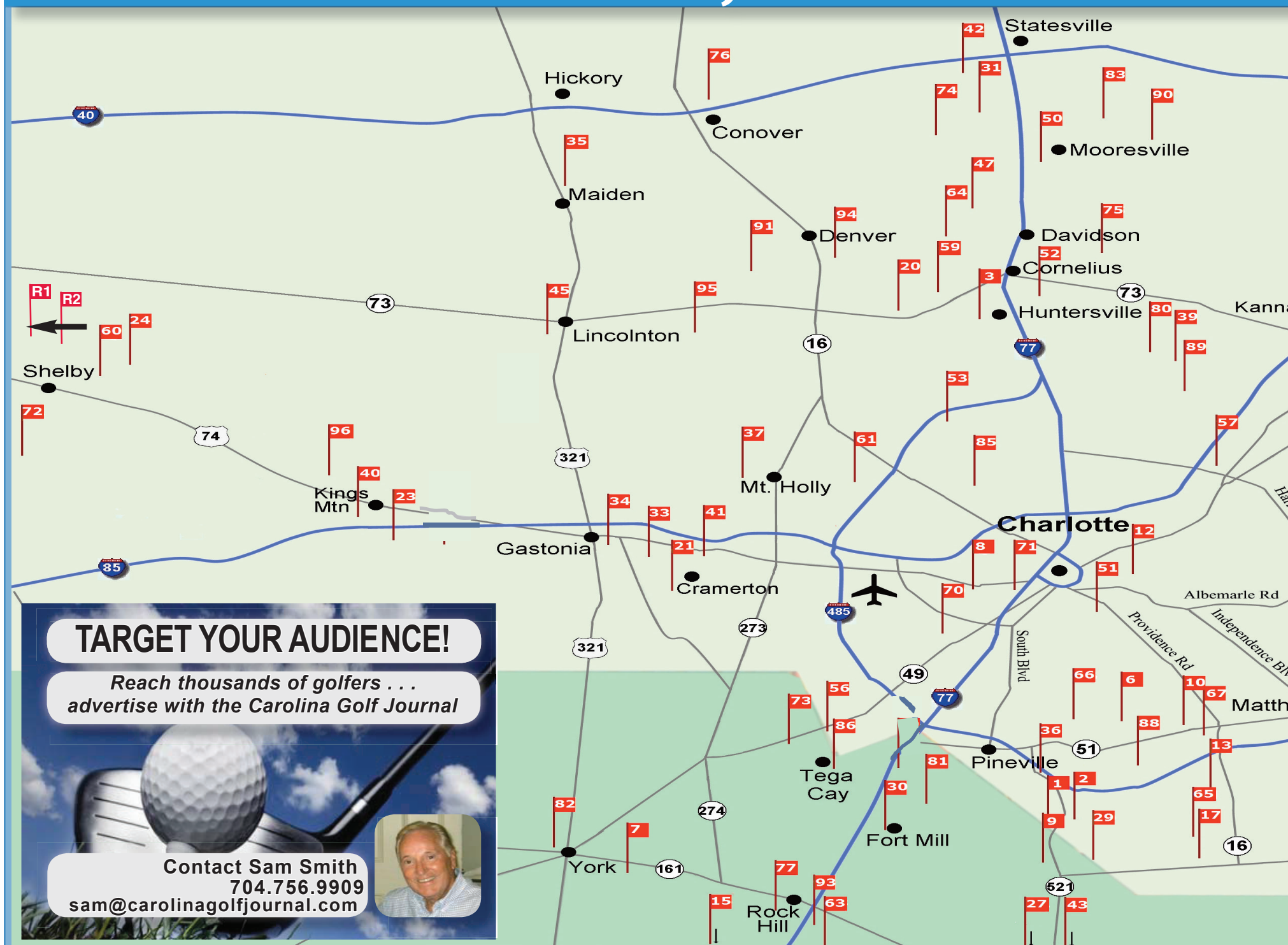
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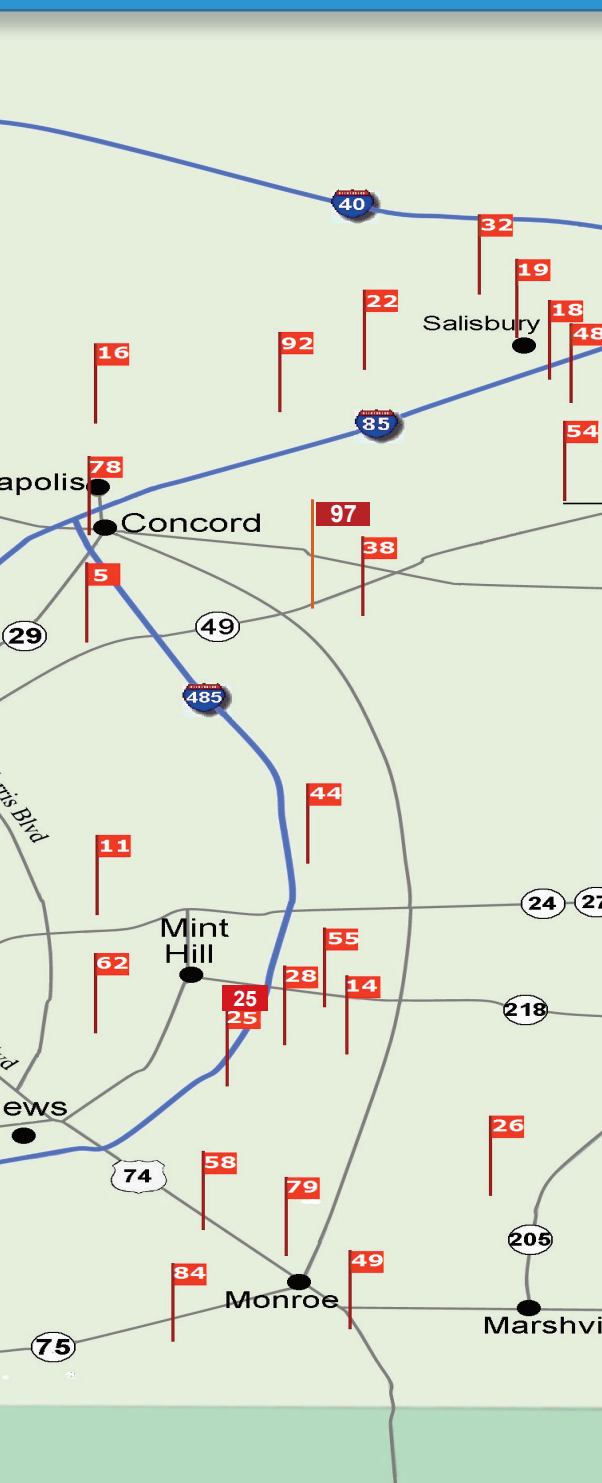
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The Etowah Valley located in the Southern Highlands where the Great Smoky Mountains weave through the Southern Blue Ridge, creating a scenic plateau 2,200 feet high and 75 miles wide, has been a popular destination for individual golfers and groups for more than 50 years.

Set against the panoramic backdrop of the mountains in northwestern North Carolina, Etowah Valley Golf & Resort offers a blend of three challenging nine-hole golf courses, comfortable lodging, three dining venues, down-home hospitality and exceedingly attractive prices for stay-and-play packages.



Golf packages at Etowah Valley include unlimited green fees, club storage and a hot buffet breakfast, as well as the option to include dinner at Zeke's Greenside Tavern featuring regional cuisine along with craft beers, wine and cocktails served on the spacious outdoor patio overlooking the golf course or Chelsea's Event Center. Chelsea's, with its beautiful outdoor patio, can host any type of event and has the staff to coordinate all the details to fit your needs.

Not only can golfers enjoy three different 18-hole combinations provided by the 27-hole layout, but also stunning mountain views on nearly every hole. The golf course is divided into three nines: the North, South, and West. They each have a unique character but you'll find that water plays a major role on all three.

"Golfers like the three different personalities of our courses", said Rick Mer-

rick, head golf professional. "The South course offers a tighter tree-lined challenge with several ponds and a stream that cuts across several holes. Those same water features are part of the West course that is a little wider, and by combining the South/West pairing will provide the longest challenge in yardage. On the North course the landing areas are a little wider, but golfers have to be aware of the creek that runs throughout."

The gently rolling terrain causes some tricky uneven lies so be prepared for the occasional blind shot. Etowah Valley is one of western North Carolina's most popular courses, it has even been ranked in Golf Digest's top 50 golf destinations in the world.

Yardages for the courses range from 2,556 to 3,422 on the South Nine, 2,396 to 3,503 on the West Nine and 2,343 to 3,318 on the North Nine.

The North course opened in 1988 to augment the original 18 holes. The South and West courses lend themselves to walking for those who wish, but the much hillier North course is best traversed in a riding cart.

Owner Kevin Griffin, a retired Asheville firefighter and owner of Hi-Alta Real Estate, was quick to hire Jim Sparks of Cashiers-based Course Doctors to rehabilitate the course. Sparks was able to utilize the length needed to be challenging for the better golfer, but still give golfers of all levels a comfortable round of golf on a variety of courses that will bring them back again and again.

"Some groups have been coming to Etowah for years", said General Manager Tim Rice. "They almost feel like family, but our staff continues to treat them as 'very special guests'. Golfers with non-playing family members can enjoy croquet and hydro-clay tennis courts, 6-acre lake, on location spa service, a comfortable clubhouse and outdoor heated pool."

Etowah Valley guests can enjoy guest accommodations located either on the course or with golf course views. They offer very affordable stay-and-play packages for guests that wish to come to the mountains, golf and enjoy all the amenities that Etowah Valley Golf & Resort has to offer.



Etowah Valley Golf & Resort can certainly offer you an enjoyable golfing experience. Contact them at 828-891-7022 or log on at etowahvalley.com.



Edgewater Golf Club – Lancaster, SC

Highly acclaimed by golfers for beauty and value

Golfers in South Carolina have had a smile on their face for some time because they knew something the players north of them were just finding out.

Edgewater Golf Club near Lancaster, South Carolina is well worth the trip for the playability, hospitality and price, with a pleasant surprise to find Edgewater listed as the #13 golf course in South Carolina on the Golf Advisor rankings. (Ranked as high #2 in 2016).



“Players play Edgewater because it’s possibly the best value of golf in the area (or Charlotte Market),” said General Manager Matt Gotto. “It’s a spectacularly challenging layout that is always in fantastic condition, and the prices are very reasonable. Each hole is unto itself, and you don’t really see other golfers. It is incredibly beautiful, and a very peaceful place to play.”

Edgewater Golf Club first opened for play in 2008. The course was designed by Bruce Brodsky and tumbles across rolling hills covered with a blanket of mature trees. The terrain is as scenic as it is challenging, providing the layout with dramatic elevation changes and plenty of water including the beautiful Fishing Creek Lake.

In addition to the natural hazards, there are numerous strategically placed bunkers lurking along the greensides.

Under the direction of their new Superintendent, Will Ford, 22 of 35 bunkers have already been completely rebuilt to provide great playing conditions, even when your ball goes where it shouldn’t. He has also undertaken a project to open up views of the lake on #7, #13, and the driving range. Under new ownership, there will be constant improvements to all areas at Edgewater.

Edgewater was voted one of the toughest courses from the back tees in the Charlotte area by the Charlotte Business Journal.

The par-3 fourth hole features an island tee and asks players to hit a 230-yard, uphill shot over water to a green protected by a steep front. The longest hole on the course is #5, a par-5 that plays to 570 yards. The shortest hole at Edgewater Golf Club is #8, a par-3 that plays to 173 yards from the back tees.

If you want something less than the back tees, Edgewater offers that, too. The course has five sets of tee stations. The greens are big and gently contoured, not overdone. Par for the course is 72. From the back tees the course plays to 7,103 yards; from the forward tees the course plays to 4,717 yards. Play forward and enjoy your round.

The Edgewater staff will make the first positive impression meeting you at the parking lot with your cart, verify your tee time and offer directions to the pro shop and driving range. And the best part is the affordability - only \$43 during the week (\$52 weekends)

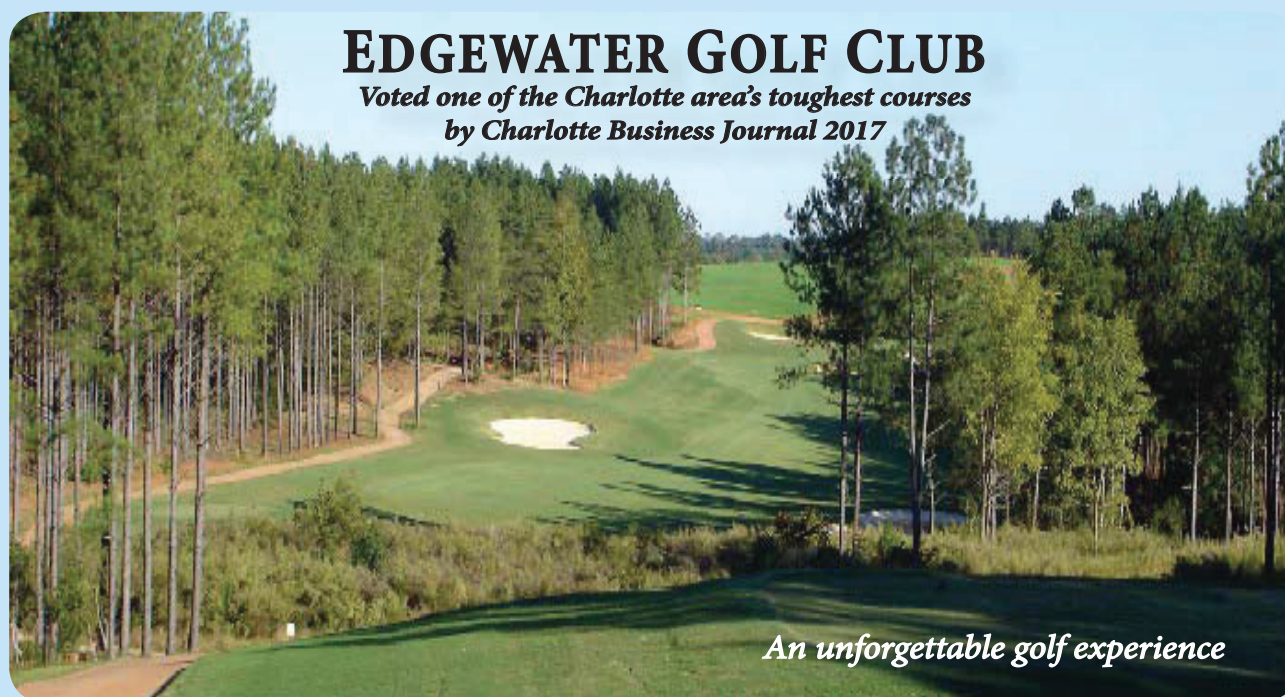


while senior rates are just \$32 during the week and after 1pm on weekends.

Edgewater was selected as the 7th best value in the U.S. with a five star rating, and the 12th ranked Pace of Play course in the U.S. by Golf Advisor.

Edge Rewards Programs are easy and straight forward. There are no accumulated points; there are award percentages. Just provide your name when you check-in and tell them you are a Players Edge Player. It is that easy. No membership cards, no numbers to remember and no initiation fee. Program Participants earn a dollar percentage for each dollar spent on green fees and cart fees at Edgewater Golf Club.

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"We have received a lot Golf Advisor praise, but we are most proud of our excellent golf staff that excels at customer service," added Gotto.

"Add this all up: Great course, great course conditions, great pace of play, great customer service, and great rates = best value for your money."

Edgewater is dedicated to offering all levels of golfers a premium experience without the premium price.

Golfers can make tee-times by calling 803-283-9800 or logon at edgewatergc.com.

NC Golf Panel's Annual Top 50 Courses "You can play list" has strong Pinehurst flavor

contributed by Martin Armes

Given that the Pinehurst area is a bucket-list destination for avid golfers worldwide, it's no surprise that Sandhills courses dominate the top of the North Carolina Golf Panel's rankings of the Top 50 Courses "You Can Play" for 2018.

Pinehurst No. 2, Pine Needles Lodge and Golf Club, Pinehurst No. 8, Pinehurst No. 4, and Mid Pines Inn and Golf Club occupy the top five spots. The sixth through 10th rankings show evidence of the state's diverse offerings of daily-fee courses from the mountains to the coast: Linville Golf Club (Linville), Pinehurst No. 9 (Pinehurst), UNC Finley Golf Course (Chapel Hill), Duke University Golf Club (Durham), and Bald Head Island Club (Bald Head Island).



Pinehurst No. 2



Mid Pines Inn and Golf Club

"A few years ago some golf-crazy friends of mine from New Mexico came to visit for most of a week," says Kevin Brafford, the Panel's executive director. "One day we were playing just a few hundred yards away from the Atlantic Ocean – a couple of them had never even seen an ocean. Three days later, we were playing with the Blue Ridge Mountains as a backdrop. And in between we played courses in Southern Pines and Concord. They were in awe of the whole experience."

This marks the 23rd year that the N.C. Golf Panel has rated courses in what's widely regarded as one of the best states for golf in the country. Members also voted on the Top 100 Courses in the state and the top dozen courses by region. As has been the case every year, Pinehurst No. 2 leads the Top 100, followed by Grandfather Golf and Country Club (Linville), Mountaintop Golf and Lake Club (Cashiers), the Country Club of

North Carolina's Dogwood course (Pinehurst), and the Old North State Club (New London).

Both the Top 50 "You Can Play" and the Top 100 in the State rankings are determined by a scoring system where panelists consider among these factors: routing, design, strategy, memorability, fairness, variety and aesthetics.

Lastly, panelists were asked to answer this question: If you had to put together a three-day golf trip within the state, playing only courses that are open to the public, where would you go and play? Those answers, as well as the complete rankings, can be found at NCGolfPanel.com.



Bald Head Island Club

Mt. Mitchell Golf Club

Maintains cool mountain golf get-away status

As the late spring weather points to the usual hot summer in the Greater Charlotte area, golfers are starting to formulate plans to escape the heat and head to the cooler Blue Ridge Mountains. The selection is good, however one location has remained a steady pick for cool mountain golf – Mt. Mitchell Golf Club just off the Blue Ridge Parkway near Burnsville.

As the comfortable mountain air freshens in the early morning, and another 70's temperature day is forecast, golfers can almost see the entire course brightens with every hour. The tee-thru green bent grass (rough included) makes Mt. Mitchell one of the most unusual golf courses in the United States.

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 by Golfweek magazine. (As high as #11 in "Best of the State" rankings)

Hawtree didn't prescribe the wall-to-wall bent grass for the entire course, but due to the valley location of the par-72 layout the owners made the selection to stand out against one of Eastern America's premier mountain peaks.

"We are at 3,000 feet and Mount Mitchell, the highest peak east of the Mississippi, is at 6,684 feet 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.



145-yard par-3 #11 all downhill

"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, teaming with trophy-size trout, winding



360-yard par-4 #18

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.

Golfers that like to mix their golf with other activities have always been pleased with the "catch-and-release" trout fishing that is provided by the Mt. Mitchell Golf Club on the South Toe River.

"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," said Jim Floyd.

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

With accommodations right on site, including a variety of 25 homes for rent or at the resort's fairway townhomes and condos, Mt. Mitchell has long been a perfect destination for golfing buddies weekends or family vacations. There is a variety of stay-and-play packages available with excellent evening dining at Hawtree's Grill & Pub in the main clubhouse, and snack service located below the golf pro shop.



Hiking to waterfalls, gemstone mining, an abundant of craft studios and shops, excellent summer theater schedule at the Parkway Playhouse in Burnsville provides plenty of activities for all ages away from the golf course.

Just think about the brutal heat coming to Charlotte this summer and plan your trip to Mt. Mitchell. Call 828-675-4923 or log on at mountmitchellgolf.com for tee times and lodging reservations.

GREATER GOLF EXPRESS

Blending personal service with cyber space savvy

Like any other company, Greater Golf Express (GGE) has been forced to make changes in their mode of operation to become one of the oldest golf related businesses in the Greater Charlotte area. Celebrating its 10th year in their current Pineville location, GGE has proven that hard work and dedication to succeed has paid off after the many twist and turns since its beginning the late 90's.

GGE has grown from owner Fred Porter selling component clubs, shafts and grips out of his garage, making annual trips to consumer road shows, manning a booth for 8-years at the Pineville Flea market near Carowinds to making the tough decision to open a retail golf shop during difficult economic times of 2008.



Along the way in 2001, Fred convinced oldest son Tripp, a UNC-Wilmington grad, to join in the golf business. The team may have made their best decision together on 2002 by electing to enter the internet world.

With Tripp possessing the computer skills, they were at first just selling wedges and putters with some component clubs. As the eBay store grew from several hundred items to thousands now on at least 7-different web sites, GGE has become a major player in the world-wide cyber world business.

Fred is quite confident that the major reason GGE has had the excellent success is the combination of the retail store and the internet business.

"We feel like we are a rare breed among internet businesses," said Porter. "We have cultivated great relationships with golf companies to build our inventory both in our retail store and online. With the loyal clientele we are able to keep a feel of the golfers' needs and make sure we are able to provide necessary service."

For four years, George Santizo has been GGE's general manager and 15-years of personal experience in both the retail and online business. George ensures the GGE location provides the professional personal customer service with

merchandise sales or club fitting and repair. Prior to GGE, George spent 5-years with Duke's Golf Shop in Rock Hill.



George Santizo helps customer pick out new driver

GGE carries a complete line of major golf company equipment and merchandise. This inventory includes new and used clubs that have been sold at fair market value or traded for newer clubs in stock. The professional staff will also make sure that the clubs selected are fitted to your golf game.

Three lines that GGE has seen a good peak in sales have been Cleveland woods and irons, Ray Cook putters and Tour Edge fairway woods and hybrids. Tour Edge has recognized the need for an easier way to hit approach shots and have redefined higher lofted metal-woods (9-11-13-15 degree loft).

GGE has taken on the exclusive distribution of OnCore golf balls and Naples Bay golf clubs and bags. OnCore is marketed as the ball to take the golfer to a new level, with extraordinary distance, spin, control and feel off the face of the club. And the Naples Bay clubs and bags have been designed by golfers for golfers.

Novice and beginners will love the fact that these clubs will grow with your golf skills, while the bags come in every size needed, from the light weight to the golf cart addition.

Looking back over the 20-plus years of Greater Golf Express, it is clear that Fred and Tripp Porter have met every challenge with excellent foresight on the needs of the golfing public. Adding fresh new equipment to their store's vast inventory or on-line presence, to meeting your needs to replace a broken or damaged club on one of their websites.



As Fred has said many times, "Don't expect to see fishing tackle or hunting gear at GGE, we think golf everyday 24/7."

Greater Golf Express is open seven days a week and is located in the Centrum Plaza in Pineville and can be reached at 704-544-5018.

Eagle Chase Golf Club

“Hidden Jewel of Union County”

For years the Carolina Golf Journal has labeled Eagle Chase Golf Club the “Hidden Jewel of Union County”, but according to the numerous course reviews by avid Golf Advisor golfers, the Tom Jackson layout isn’t totally unknown.

Eagle Chase Golf Club, located in Marshville, NC, stands as one of the most unique golf courses in the Greater Charlotte area. Eagle Chase’s layout features drastic elevation changes on several holes, giving players a mountain golfing experience, a couple of hours east of the Appalachian Mountains.

Built in 1994, Eagle Chase is situated in northern Union County, just to the east of Charlotte. The course’s green complexes require a variety of shots, as they sit in both valleys and atop hills. Many of the tee boxes are elevated and offer picturesque views of the Uwharries in the distance.



412-yard par-4 #2

With the unique character and course conditions, Eagle Chase has drawn excellent ratings from golfadvisor.com including the #12 designation among golf course in the state of North Carolina. Added to that lofty rating in North Carolina, with rates ranging between \$34 and \$46 and only \$28 for seniors on weekdays, Eagle Chase has also been selected as the #15 golf course for value in the United States.

“We are so happy that the avid golfers have recognized our course as an excellent place to play,” said General Manager/Golf Professional Wally Moore. “One key to our success is conversion of our greens from bent grass to Diamond Zoysia several years ago, and we feel they may be some of the best in the Charlotte area.”

The golf course is hidden among the farmland, and you will not find houses or other man-made distractions to spoil your round of golf.

Generous fairways offer plenty of landing room and very few hazards. Even though the terrain of this course is relatively hilly, there are no hidden hazards



334-yard par-4 #17

that will sneak up and grab you. From the elevated tees, you will have a bird’s eye view of what lies ahead and the task at hand. Avoid the tree line and you should have a good line to the pin. Make some putts and you can card a good score here.

Water comes into play on first 3 holes and 7 of 18 overall. A favorite hole of all level of players is #6, a 189 yd-par 3 with elevated tee and a pond on the right and back side. Playing downhill, it doesn’t play full-length but being on the right level of this pear-shape green is a must for a good score. Another popular hole is “Big Cut” #13, a 332 yd par-4 with a pond off the tee across and up the right side. A nice little fade leaves a short approach shot into a friendly back-to-front sloping green.

Eagle Chase stretches 6723-yards from the back tees, with a course rating of 72.6/128 slope; from the white tees you are looking at 6100-yards (69.4/122) and from the red tees the course runs 5139-yards (69.6/121).

Eagle Chase provides an excellent practice area including a multi-target range and putting green that is conditioned to give you an early feel of the 18 greens you face on your round. For more information on memberships, tournament outings or tee times call 704-385-9000 or go online at playeaglechase.com.



Elevation changes give Eagle Chase a mountain golf experience

Local Pro and Amateur Golf Schedules - 2018

National Junior Golf Tour – Charlotte Area

May 19-20	College Prep Series	
	NC Qualifier for IMG	
	World Junior Championship	
	Rumbling Bald	Lake Lure, NC
May 26-27	Wyboo GC	Manning, SC
June 11	Qualifying for NJGT	
	National Championship	
	Rock Barn Golf & CC	Conover, NC
June 23	Monroe CC	Monroe, NC
June 26	Qualifying for NJGT	
	National Championship	
	Lenoir Golf Course	Lenoir, NC
July 31	Qualifying for NJGT	
	National Championship	
	Northstone CC	Huntersville, NC
August 14	Bermuda Run West	Bermuda Run, NC
August 16	Qualifying for NJGT	
	National Championship	
	Warrior GC	China Grove, NC
Sept. 1	18th Annual Adult Jr. Championship	
	@ Hackler Course-Coastal Carolina	Conway, SC

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

Swing Thought Tour – Carolina's Events

May 30 – June 1	Greensboro Natl. GC	Summerfield, NC
August 1-3	Belmont Lake GC	Rocky Mount, NC
August 6-7	Bryan Park Golf Club	Greensboro, NC
August 21-24	Columbia CC	Blythwood, SC

Tournaments scheduled from Sept. 19-Dec 22 - TBA

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amateurgolftour.net/charlotte

Swing Thought Tour: 800-992-8748
swingthought.com

National Junior Golf Tour: 704-824-6548
nationaljuniorgolfassociation.com

Charlotte Golfweek Amateur Tour

May 19	Palisades CC	Charlotte, NC
May 29	The Peninsula CC	Cornelius, NC
June 11	River Run CC	Davidson, NC
June 23-24	Golfweek Open - Irish Creek	Kannapolis, NC
July 2	Pine Island CC	Charlotte, NC
July 28	Firethorne CC	Marvin, NC
August 11	Northstone CC	Huntersville, NC
August 25	Cabarrus CC	Concord, NC
Sept 15	River Hills CC	Lake Wylie, SC
Sept 29	Local Finals - Cowans Ford CC	Stanley, NC
Sept 30	Club at Irish Creek	Kannapolis, NC

Senior Amateur Tour – Charlotte Area

May 16	Club at Irish Creek	Kannapolis, NC
June 6	CC of Salisbury	Salisbury, NC
June 18	The Peninsula CC	Cornelius, NC
June 27	Pine Island CC	Charlotte, NC
July 9	Firethorne CC	Marvin, NC
Aug 6	The Sr. Open –Peninsula CC	Cornelius, NC
Aug 7	The Palisades	Charlotte, NC
Aug 20	River Run CC	Davidson, NC
Sept 4	The Players – Monroe CC	Monroe, NC
Sept 5	Monroe CC	Monroe, NC
Sept 19	River Hills CC	Lake Wylie, SC

Warrior Golf Club article correction:

In the April issue of the Carolina Golf Journal free-lance writer Charlie Frederick wrote that a Japanese company was considering buying the Warrior Golf Club in China Grove. This was confirmed to be just a rumor among club members, and truthfully, all the Japanese were interested in was a place to train young female golfers in the Greater Charlotte area.

It was also stated that the Warrior Club might be forced to declare bankruptcy due to lack of revenue coming in from green fees, and that the club was selling the timber from trees being removed throughout the course to pay for the new ultra-dwarf Bermuda greens.

General Manager Gerald Staton corrected those statements saying that the club had never considered bankruptcy, and that what little money came from the timber sale would not pay for the new greens.

The Carolina Golf Journal regrets the errors in the Frederick article. CGJ had printed the information in good faith based on his high-standing in the Charlotte market broadcast business for many years.

Carolina PGA Section qualifiers capture three national titles in the Drive, Chip & Putt Championship

The Carolina PGA Section was excited to have sent six (6) superstar kids to the Drive Chip & Putt Finals at Augusta National during the Masters tournament this year.

This shows an excellent indication of the junior golf programs hosted by the North and South Carolina professionals, and was a huge accomplishment to qualify for this prestigious event at a very prestigious location. Not only did the Section have six qualifiers, but three of these juniors won their respective age divisions overall.

Congratulations to Ella June Hannant of Pikeville, NC, the champion of the girl's 7-9 division, aided by a perfect 10 in the putting competition that helped score 25 out of 30 points. Tip Price of Greenville, SC, won the Boy's 10-11 division, and used a perfect 10 on his drives to tally 26 points



2018 Drive, Chip and Putt Champions - First on left: Ella June Hannant / Forth from left: Tip Price / Second from right: Katherine Schuster

overall. And the last champion was Katherine Schuster of Kill Devil Hills, NC, who captured the girl's 14-15 age group title with a steady performance to score 24.5 points.

Luke Parsons of Sally, SC challenged for the title before placing 3rd in the boys 7-9 division. Also a huge congratulations to Cindy Song of Waxhaw, NC, 5th in the girl's 12-13 division and Holland Giles of Pinehurst tied for 8th in the boy's 12-13 group.



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