

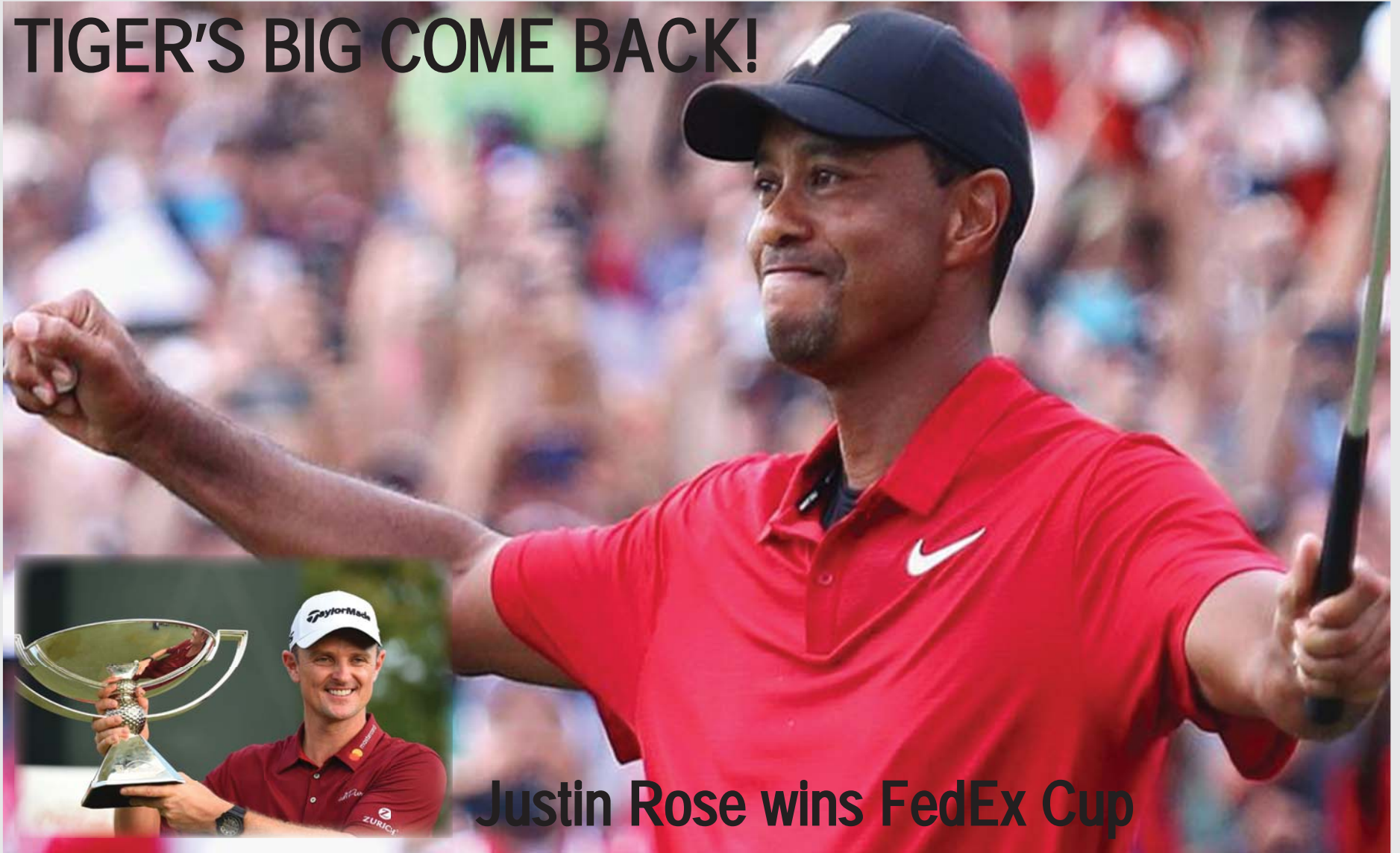
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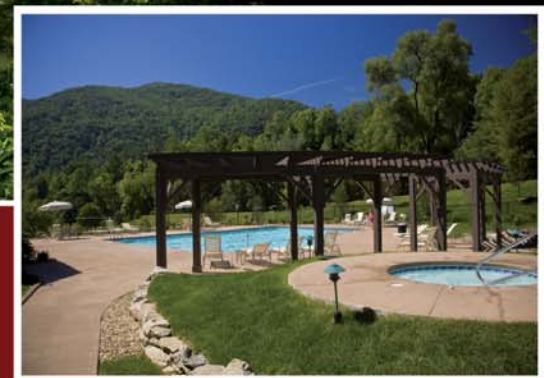
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Putting problems?

A larger grip may revive your putter

If you are putting well and feel comfortable with your putter grip - congratulations! However, if you are struggling with making putts and you at least like the feel of your current putter, make a change, but not at the bottom.

Before you invest in a new putter, check the grip size - that might be the problem for your putting woes. The men that make their living rattling the cup for money have made the move

to the larger putter grips, and the reviews have been very positive.

For the professionals and the golfers who are set on improving their putting, the most common putter grip is a "pistol" grip with a flat top surface and a rounded back. Beyond the standard pistol grip, there are a variety of more exotic shapes.



The most popular choices are the SuperStroke grips, preferred by pros like Phil Mickleson and Henrik Stenson, and are mostly round with a small flat surface on the top of the grip.

SuperStroke also makes a "Flatso" model with an extended flat surface and a hexagonal shape.



One of the reasons that larger grips are becoming so popular is they no longer need to be heavy; many of the SuperStroke grips weigh around 60 grams, a very standard weight. Regardless of whether you're switching to a heavier or lighter grip, it's important to consider how it will change the feel of the putter head.

This is the most important part of the process. You need to find a grip that has a shape and size that is comfortable to you. Don't rely on sizing charts, salespeople, or what anyone on tour plays. Only you know if a grip feels comfortable and gives you confidence.

Yes. Ultimately, the putter grip is part of your equipment, and you should be fit for it. It's the only thing that attaches you to the club, and it's tremendously important. SuperStroke and other manufacturers have given golfers an unprecedented amount of choices, and we should go out and take advantage of that.



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Charles T. Myers Golf Course finishes major renovations

Charles T. Myers Golf Course, a property of Mecklenburg County Parks and Recreation Department, has long been a perfect layout for golfers of all levels of play. The beginners and junior players are not overwhelmed with distance and hazards, while the more experienced golfers can stretch out their game from the back tees.

Located on the former Harrisburg Road landfill, the facility bears the name of County Commissioner Charles T. Myers, who during his tenure (1969-1970), led the initiative to make the final use of this land a public golf course. The course was designed by renowned golf course architect Bill Love, and has become a favorite of golfers from all over the region.

“Charles T. Myers Golf Course is one of Charlotte’s hidden gems,” said Del Ratcliffe, owner of Ratcliffe Golf Services. “It is located a little off the beaten path but definitely worth visiting.”

The venerable golf course just reopened late last month after a seven-week renovation period under the direction of Ratcliffe Golf. Enhancements include the tee boxes, replaced bent-grass greens with new Ultradwarf Mini Verde Bermudagrass (the same grass used on the greens at the Dr. Charles L. Sifford Golf Course); cart path repairs and improvements to the clubhouse.

“We have eliminated the summer heat problem with the new Ultradwarf MiniVerde Bermuda greens,” added Ratcliffe. “The old bent grass greens had served their purpose, but were getting harder and harder to maintain in the full summer heat of Charlotte. Around a few greens some trees have been removed to create more sunlight and air circulation imperative for a healthier greens complex.”



With the greens renovations completed, Ratcliffe Golf turned their attention to tee boxes, fairways and bunkers. “Many of the tee boxes had settled since the course was built on a landfill off Harrisburg Road,” added Ratcliffe. “Those have been laser leveled and new grass planted for a smoother surface and a more comfortable tee shot. The fairways have been improved by replacing large patches of grass damaged by winter kill and corrected drainage problems. The bunkers will be an on-going project with better drainage and added sand. Golfers will see these and more improvements continuing on a regular basis.”



*Impact Performance Learning Center @
Charles T. Myers Golf Course*



In 1997 the facility expanded from its original 9-holes to 18-holes. The front 9-holes were built in 1986. Two of the four par-3s require you to carry a pond making them pivotal holes if you are going to post a good score. The number twelve hole boasts the highest elevation in Mecklenburg County, and is one of the holes where wind can play a key component on several holes due to the elevation.

Charles T. Myers is also home of the Impact Performance Golf Learning Center with a mission to “help people enjoy golf”. They accomplish this mission by leading golfers along the path of discovery that allows them to set and attain goals, realize their dreams and reward their passion for golf with memorable experiences that will last a lifetime.

All but one of the Mecklenburg Parks and Recreation golf courses managed by Ratcliffe Golf has short learning courses that have been perfect for beginners and junior players for years.

Charles T. Myers was the first to offer this service with 3-holes, followed by 3-holes at the Harry L. Jones course (formerly Renaissance) and full 9-holes at Sunset Hills. The Charles L. Sifford course doesn't have a learning course but has one of the better public golf course practice ranges that also serves as the home for the First Tee of Charlotte.



wooded tract. Multiple tee boxes provide an incredible variety of distance and skill challenges, so you are assured of everything you need for a great golf experience!

Paradise Valley par-3 is a beautiful "chip and putt" style course with 18 stunning golf holes, all of which are less than 100 yards in length. The course layout makes this par-3 a great place for beginners to learn the game yet challenges veteran golfers as well. It doesn't take long to play, and better yet it WON'T dent your wallet! Paradise Valley is located on North Tryon Street directly across from UNCC in the northeast section of Charlotte.

Sunset Hills learning course is undergoing an overhaul with new paved cart paths and winter kill replacements around greens and on fairways. The course is designed with the idea that learning should be fun! This 9-hole course is the perfect place for beginning, intermediate and advanced golfers to hone their skills. It is a short course of all par-3 holes, nestled among a beautiful 40 acre

The renovation of Charles T. Myers, including upgrades to the clubhouse, is just the tip of the iceberg for Ratcliffe Golf as plans are being formulated between Del Ratcliffe and the City of Charlotte to make improvements on all of their courses, including some major changes at the Jones course in 2019.

Golfers are flocking to Charles T. Myers Golf Course

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Providence Country Club \$5-million capital improvements

Providence Country Club in Charlotte has unveiled its newly restored golf course and the completion of a \$5 million capital improvement project.

Greensboro-based golf course architect Kris Spence oversaw the renovation work, which began in February and was completed ahead of schedule. The Providence golf course was originally designed by Dan Maples and tweaked in 2006 by Mike Gleason.

“The Providence project was a unique opportunity for me in that I was able to express a wider range of creativity versus most of my restoration efforts,” Spence said. “Mr. (John) McConnell wanted a golf course that was fun to play, aesthetically pleasing, strategic, interesting with variety, difficult when it needs to be, but first and foremost, one that the membership could be proud of. We delivered on that front.”

Spence’s comprehensive renovation project at Providence CC focused on bunkers, new and expanded irrigation for better course conditioning, transitioning the green complexes from bent grass to Champion Bermuda grass — reworking the greens complexes without rebuilding them, especially the surrounds — along with fashioning new, dramatic views from the fairways.



“These are some of the most beautiful and functional bunkers I’ve done in my career,” Spence said. “Every bunker serves a strategic purpose or sets an angle moving the hole from side to side. Providence was somewhat flat and straight before. Now, the holes sashay from side to side around and through the bunkering creating tons of options.”

Among Spence’s previous renovation work is a pair of McConnell Golf properties — Greensboro’s Sedgefield Country Club’s Ross Course and Brook Valley Country Club in Greenville, NC — as well as Country Club of North Carolina’s Dogwood Course and Roaring Gap Golf Club. Spence worked on the Brook Valley renovation with Chris Parham, who is now the superintendent at Providence CC.

“I am truly impressed with the new look, as he took a very flat golf course and made it feel much more dramatic to play,” said McConnell Golf Founder and CEO John McConnell. “All players will immediately notice the visual appeal

and new strategy required. I think he retained the playability for all levels of golfers, but they will totally be impressed with the new greens and bunkers that have been created.”



Renovation work is also being performed on the Providence clubhouse. The club’s dining room and members lounge are being reversed and fully updated with new furnishings and decor. In addition, there will be a new front entrance to the restaurant.

In the past two years, McConnell Golf has performed \$1.3 million in renovation work on the Providence clubhouse including an enlarged fitness center, renovated golf shop, a new bag-drop location and cart staging area, while the entire back lawn of the clubhouse was re-landscaped. Lastly, McConnell Golf added an all-new “Providence Playhouse” kids’ activity center.

With the golf course renovation and clubhouse upgrade, McConnell Golf will have invested more than \$5 million in capital improvements to enhance the Providence membership experience.

A neighborhood club with a younger membership established in southeast Charlotte in 1989, Providence has earned a reputation as one of the Queen City’s premier family country clubs. Providence’s extensive amenities include 14 tennis courts and state-of-the-art aquatic facilities with three swimming pools, as well as a newly constructed outdoor bar and dining area with a fire pit.



At 800 families strong, Providence’s avid golfing membership played 28,000-plus rounds in 2017, and new prospective members are invited to call Laura Bohling at 704-815-1713 for more information.

Tiger's big comeback! FedEx Champ came out smelling like a Rose

The roar of the crowd was back at a PGA tournament, as fans let Tiger Woods know that they were happy to see him back in action and winning. Not only in action, but completing one of the greatest comebacks in the history of American sports by winning the final leg of the FedEx Cup PGA tour championship.

A non-winner since 2013, Woods shot a final round 71 to finish 11-under par, two shots better than former FedEx Cup champion Billy Horschel. Woods said he was nearly moved to tears walking up No. 18 with a noisy gallery shouting his name as victory was imminent, but smiled broadly in his trademark Sunday red shirt.

"I was having a hard time not crying come up the last hole. So it was...just suck it up and hit some shots." Woods said moments after the round. "It was a grind out there. As the year progressed I proved that I could play and found my swing and put the pieces together."



the 2018 FedEx Cup winner.

But surely the focus of the day for the fans in the gallery at Atlanta's East Lake Golf Club and those watching around the world on television was on Woods, who overcame lower back fusion surgery and personal transgressions to claim another PGA victory. Woods thought his career might be over last season when he struggled under the burden of four back surgeries.

"It started hitting me that I was going to win the tournament, and I started tearing up a little bit," Woods said, after accepting the trophy. "I just can't believe I pulled this off. It's been tough. I've had a not-so-easy last couple of years and I have worked my way back."

Woods last won the Tour Championship in 2007 at East Lake. In all, he now owns 80 PGA Tour titles, second to Sam Snead with 82. His last win came

at the 2013 World Golf Championship's Bridgestone Invitational, 1,876 days ago.

He remains two major championship wins behind Jack Nicklaus.

With Woods winning, Rose (who began the week second in the FedEx Cup standings) needed to finish in a two-way tie for fifth or better to earn the FedEx Cup title. So that closing birdie did just that after Woods, playing behind Rose, closed out the Tour Championship win. A par or worse at the 72nd hole for Rose, and - remarkably - Woods would've gone from 20th in the standings to start the week to FedEx Cup champion for a third time.

Justin Rose's clutch birdie at the 72nd hole secured his first FedEx Cup crown, as that closing strike allowed Rose to get in at 3-over 73 (6 under overall) to move from T-6 to T-4 and hold off Woods for the FedEx Cup and a \$10 million bonus.

"I think the reason I'm sort of standing here today as FedEx Cup champion is largely to do with the consistency with which I've played a ton of top-10s,"

Rose said. "There were a lot of scenarios at play. That's what the beauty of this format is. I think obviously for me this year it rewarded consistent golf."

Woods finished second in the FedEx Cup standings. Bryson DeChambeau, who began the week leading the FedEx Cup standings, placed solo 19th and dropped to third in the standings.

(Article is a compilation from PGA, USA Today & Golf week)



A game of a lifetime – right instructors adds to enjoyment

By Bruce Wilkins, PGA
Director of Instruction
Ballantyne Golf Academy

Golf is truly a lifetime sport, and taking lessons is the best way to improve. Maybe you are a complete beginner, or getting back into the game after a long break. Maybe your inconsistencies are getting in the way of reaching your goals, or maybe you are a competing player, looking to continue your growth and play at the next level. All of these situations and more should lead you to seek out the right instructor and program that fits you best.

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Eagle Chase Golf Club "Hidden Jewel of Union County"

When golfers venture into Union County for a round of golf at Eagle Chase Golf Club in Marshville, they are fascinated by a golf course carved out of the farmland featuring drastic elevation changes on several holes, giving players a mountain golfing experience, a couple of hours east of the true Appalachian Mountains.

The Tom Jackson layout, built in 1994, requires a variety of shots into its green complexes, as they sit both down in valleys and atop hills. Many of the tee boxes



are elevated and offer picturesque views of the Uwharries in the distance.

With its unique character and course conditions Eagle Chase has drawn excellent ratings from golfadvisor.com including the #5 designation (2016), and currently #12 in 2017 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."

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 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 yard par-3 with elevated tee and pond on the right and on the back side. Playing downhill, it doesn't play its 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 yard par-4 with 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 is not a long course, it stretches 6723-yards from the back tees, with a course rating of 72.6/128 slope. On 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 are to face on your round.

For more information on memberships, tournament outings or getting a tee time, call 704-385-9000 or go online at playeaglechase.com



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A well-manicured bent grass golf course, Mount Mitchell is consistently a delightful golf stop when visiting the area. With its fragile bent grass, it's always "cart path only." A favorite North Carolina course, the terrific surroundings make a round of golf here always first-rate. Most of the course is in a high valley along the South Toe River that twists its way through the course. Water comes into play on several holes from a narrow creek or wide river to carry. Its high valley setting still sneaks in several holes with impressive altitude. Look up and take in the scenic views of the majestic mountains, especially Mount Mitchell, the highest peak east of the Mississippi.



Maggie Valley Club & Resort, Maggie Valley, N.C.
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This long established 18-hole facility is a true contrast - with 9 holes primarily flat and valley-like followed by 9 holes of beautiful mountain golf. Putting is always trying, especially on the back nine with the impact of the mountains coming into play. Putts that we think are on track easily slide off to the side. Reaching the elevated greens on the long uphill fairways also creates a new dimension for us flatland golfers. The community is growing with well set back homes and condominiums continuing to be built along this well maintained, fun to play intriguing golf course. Restaurant offerings are always good and the staff is efficient and friendly which always makes Maggie Valley a really terrific experience.



Etowah Valley Golf & Resort
Located between Hendersonville and Brevard, N.C.
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This 27-hole facility continues to improve each year at this active golf resort. Golf conditions, food, and accommodations get more refined as management continues to upgrade all aspects of this demanding course in its attractive, natural setting. The South Course is through the valley but definitely keeps one on their toes with water being a significant factor on a few holes. Hillside holes are predominant on the West Course which brings a totally different type of golf strategy from the West Course. Etowah is always a pleasure to play and a course that can easily accommodate groups and golf outings - enjoy the golf and the beautiful fall colors.



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Contact: Leatherman Golf Center 704-527-1123

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2nd Annual St. Jude Children's Hospital Charity Golf Classic

Wednesday, October 10

Rock Barn Country Club & Spa

Captain's Choice

Shotgun start: 9:00am

Cost: \$125 per golfer / \$500 per foursome

Contact: Gary Grogan 828-459-5602

ggrogan@wsgc.com

8th Annual Corvian Community School Golf Tournament

Friday, October 12

Skybrook Golf Club

Captain's Choice

Shotgun start: 11:30am

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Contact: Caroline Miller 704-595-9452

caroline.miller@corvian.org

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linda@thecharlottepost.com

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Jeanette.Scire@AtriumHealth.org

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Tuesday, October 23

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hedeschamps@windstream.net

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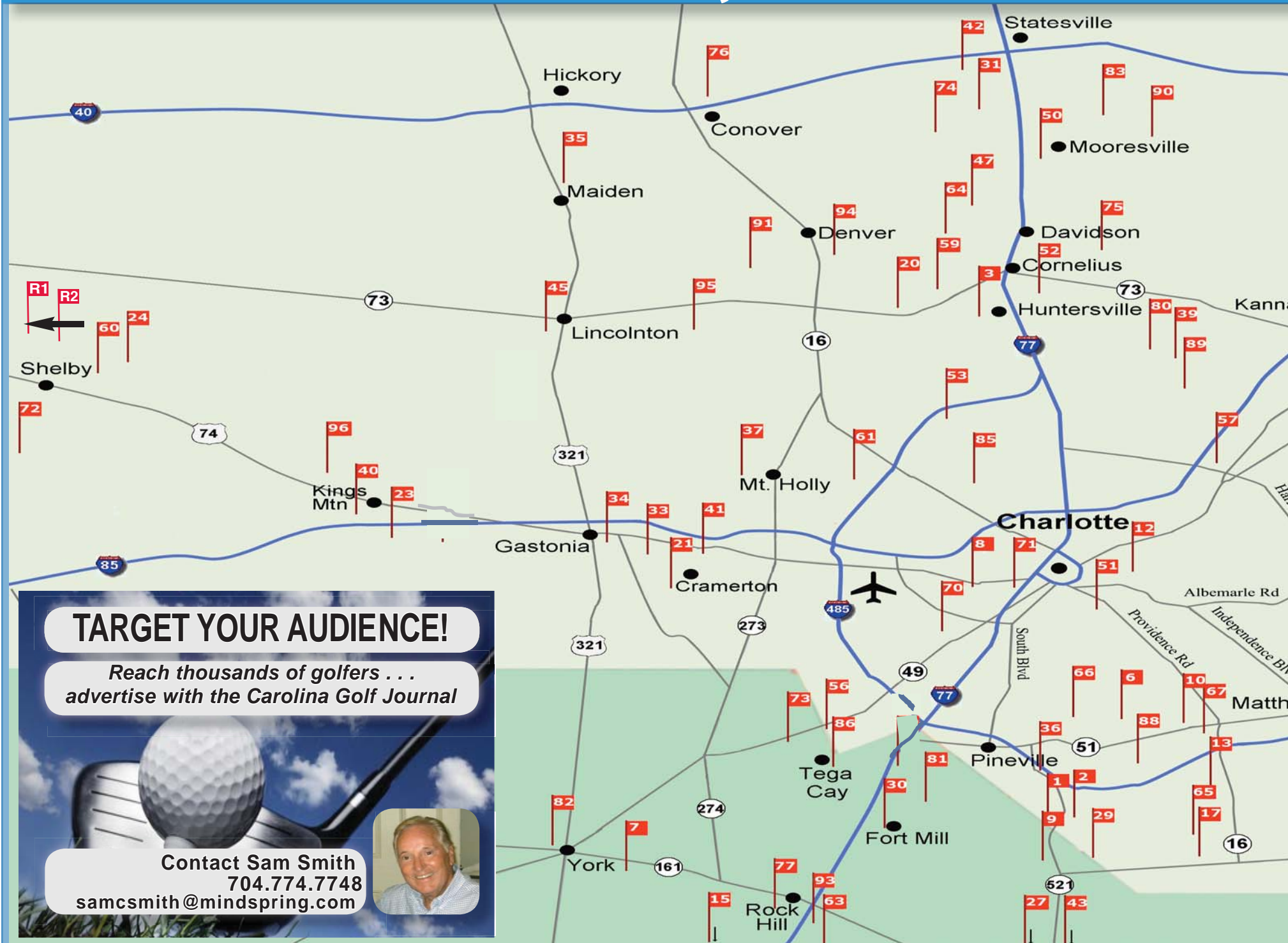
Operation Homefront's "Salute Our Heroes Golf Tournament" is a major local fundraiser that will allow golfers to enjoy 18-holes of golf at TPC Piper Glen and let our veterans know you care for their needs. The event is set for Monday, October 22nd with a 10:00 am shotgun start.

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Ballantyne Golf Academy names Bruce Wilkins Director of Instruction

Ballantyne Golf Academy, North Carolina's only Golf Channel Academy, has promoted Bruce Wilkins to director of instruction. Wilkins has more than 15 years of teaching experience working with all levels of golfers in both resort and private club environments.

In his new role, Wilkins will lead all programming efforts, ranging from its long-term coaching program for juniors to beginner clinics and Ballantyne Golf Academy's signature Three-Day School.

"Bruce's ability to help golfers not only build their golf swing but empower them to grow through a holistic understanding of the entire game is inspirational," said Woody Allen, director of golf at The Golf Club at Ballantyne.

"He will play a pivotal role in elevating our programming as we continue to ensure its effectiveness in meeting the needs of today's golfers of all ages and skill levels."

Before joining Ballantyne Golf Academy as an instructor, Wilkins served as director of instruction for Running Y Ranch Resort, an Arnold Palmer signature course in southern Oregon. He also was the swing coach for the Oregon Tech

college golf teams.

Prior to that, Wilkins was high school coach in Mendocino, California, a Certified GolfTec coach and a freelance instructor in Palm Desert, California.

His career also includes time working for Troon Golf Management at Sun Valley Resort's Elkhorn, and as a private golf coach in Rancho Santa Fe, California.

Earlier in his career, he worked at several of Tucson, Arizona's premier golf courses including, Tucson Country Club and Ventana Canyon Resort. Wilkins earned a degree in professional golf management at Arizona State University.

As an instructor, Wilkins has been certified by TrackMan, the Titleist Performance Institute and BodiTrak Sports, and is a Certified Movement Specialist for Tathata Golf. Wilkins uses video analysis in all lessons and offers an online training space through CoachNow.



Carolina battle in Mid-Amateur Championship final at Charlotte Country Club

In the all North Carolina 36-hole final match of the Mid-Amateur Championship at the Charlotte Country Club, former UNC golfer Kevin O'Connell defeated Brett Boner, 4 & 3 to earn an invitation to play in the Masters and an exemption into the U.S. Open next year.

Thirty year-old O'Connell had to beat an opponent playing a veritable home game. Boner is a Charlotte native, who was playing before a large contingent of family and friends, and was riding the crest of winning the Charlotte City Amateur Championship this past summer.

Boner put himself in a deep hole early, when during the morning 18 he lost five straight holes, 10 through 14, assisted in part by his own mishaps; he played the first three of them in double-bogey, double-bogey and bogey.

Boner, 44, a financial advisor, closed O'Connell's lead to 3 up at the end of the morning session, but O'Connell won the 23rd and 24th holes, the latter



Brett Boner

on another double-bogey by Boner to again go 5-up. O'Connell was 4-up with four to play when his victory celebration was delayed for seventy minutes by a thunderstorm in the area. When play resumed, he and Boner halved the 33rd hole, ending the match.

"It's a very bittersweet ending because I played really poorly for the most part," Boner said. "I made some bad decisions that I didn't realize at the time. But it was an incredible week with an enormous amount of memories for my friends. To have this kind of support out here, you know, it was almost, yeah almost, a dream come true."

O'Connell, who resides in Cary, N.C., turned professional after playing four years at UNC and attempted the PGA Tour Qualifying Tournament three times before giving up and filing to reclaim his amateur status. He is, however, contemplating a return to professional golf after winning the Mid-Amateur.



Kevin O'Connell

WESTPORT GOLF CLUB renovations

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Westport Golf Club is a true delight for players of all abilities. As you play your way through beautiful tree-lined fairways set amidst the rolling hills of Lake Norman, you will be treated to a layout that has been touted for years by amateurs and professionals alike as one of the best designs in Charlotte.

Better yet, and considered the modern standard in golf course greens, are the renovated TifEagle greens. One of the first to install the TifEagle greens in 2006, 15 of the 18 greens were re-sprigged recently to repair winter kill.

"The new greens have grown-in very well and have been extremely receptive to approach shots," commented JB McLaughlin, Westport General Manager. "We elected to stay with TifEagle because it has consistently proven to deliver one of the premier putting surfaces, and we feel like ours are among some of the best in the Charlotte area."

McLaughlin has been the Director of Golf at Westport since 2010, and now in his new role as GM he will oversee not only the pro shop, but the maintenance staff as well. McLaughlin wasted little time in hiring Tom Blanks as the new Superintendent, who hit the road running.



Blanks, a graduate of Catawba Valley Community College with a degree in Turf Management, spearheaded the re-sprigging of the greens and fairways to repair winter kill.

Tree removal was done to provide more

sunlight for the greens which in turn adds more water that is usually sucked up by the trees. Trimming over-hanging tree limbs along cart paths, over-seeded tee boxes, cleaning up landscape and mulching common areas was all done as part of the improvements.

Westport, designed by Charlotte native (Dilworth) Porter Gibson in 1968, is a creative "shot-makers" golf course. "Players can use every club in their bag at Westport," proclaimed McLaughlin. "Tree-lined fairways bring out the long irons, hybrids and fairway woods off the tees, while accurate big-hitters can still enjoy drivers off the back tees.

Gibson designed and built golf courses up and down the East Coast. His designs

in the Carolinas include Deer Track Plantation at Myrtle Beach, Santee National in Santee, SC, Woodbridge Golf Course

in Shelby, NC, Westport Golf Course in Denver, NC and Mallard Head Golf Course in Mooresville, NC.



Westport not only has excellent daily green fees ranging from \$29 to \$38, golfers can also enjoy a variety of fun activities throughout the week. The fun includes: Monday Mayhem, Tee it up Tuesday - all you can play for \$25, Crafty Wednesday which features craft beers not only from Charlotte but other breweries in the U.S., Sunday Night Showdowns, Senior and Ladies Leagues, Golf Dogfights every weekend and more.

For individuals and families looking for all-inclusive memberships, Westport has partnered with The Westport Swim and Tennis Club to provide year-round fun on and off the course. The Club features 8 lighted clay courts, fitness facility and classes, a large pool, kid's swim area, and space to host any size social gathering.

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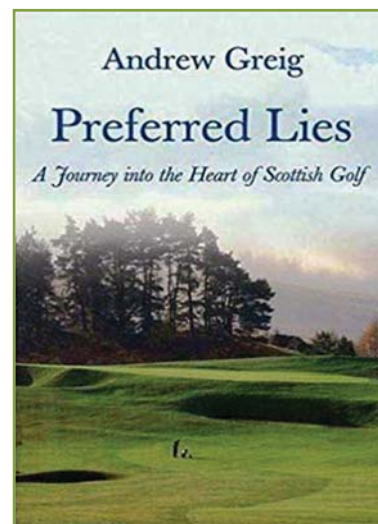
Preferred Lies by Andrew Greig

A book to help heal the body and the heart

With the 147th Open held at Carnoustie this past July, the television audience got plenty of golf history mixed in with an exciting blend of golf course challenge and professional skill. Something else was rekindled - the love of the game of golf and its emotional involvement like no other place on earth.

Andrew Greig - poet, novelist, and lapsed golfer - came within moments of death before his surgeon performed a last-ditch operation and saved his life.

Inspired to pick up his clubs again after a thirty five year on-and-off again hiatus from the game, Greig traveled eighteen courses in Scotland on his road to recovery - from the northernmost tip of the Orkney Islands to the celebrated fairways of Carnoustie and St. Andrews. It was, more than anything, a journey toward reconnection with being alive, which



prompted the writing of his book, *Preferred Lies*.

"Andrew Greig takes familiar turf and turns it into something keen and wry and profound, like the Scottish links he loves so well. Required reading for any lover of the game the way it was meant to be played." - Steven Pressfield, author of *The Legend of Bagger Vance*

Greig's book, *Preferred Lies* tells one man's story of connection to an ancient game, and the story of a father's relationship with his son and the rite of passage into manhood. It is a book of reflections, not only on the pleasures of the game but also on friendships, family, and ghosts from the past.

"What golfer won't go to the links of Scotland to play a few rounds after a close call with death? Andrew Greig's *Preferred Lies* makes his return to the courses of his youth charming, funny, and profound, as he plays the courses of Scotland, one shot at a time, back to good health. A wonderful book about how golf is one sure way to heal the body and the heart." - John Coyne, author of *The Caddie Who Knew Ben Hogan*

Carolinas PGA Professional Championship Winston Salem's Steve Scott captures title

In the Carolinas PGA Professional Championship held at Harbour Town Golf Club it turned out to be familiar ground for the 2018 winner Steve Scott of the Outpost Club in Winston Salem.



Scott qualified for the RBC Heritage tournament in the first round of the CPGA Head Professional Championship back in March - having competed in the RBC Heritage on this exact course in April provided him a huge advantage to the rest of the field.

"There are a lot of angles you have to figure out so

it was beneficial to have played this course a couple times," said Scott. "But despite that knowledge I tried to bogey myself to death

in the last few holes but I made enough birdies to offset it and it worked out."

Scott was not far from the top of the leaderboard after the first and second rounds of play. He fought hard through the tough conditions and proceeded to hold steady in the final round, shooting 1-over par to hold him above the rest of the field. He finished his 54-holes at 2-under par.

Scott may be best remembered for his battle with Tiger Woods in the finals of the 1996 U.S. Amateur. Woods seeking his third-consecutive amateur title, made a 35-footer to square the match, and then won on the second extra hole to win.

Scott, a sophomore at Florida at the time, went on to become the world's top-ranked amateur and twice represented the USA in the Walker Cup. Despite two wins on the PGA Tour Canada in his six-year professional years, Scott stopped competing full-time in 2005 and has worked as a club professional since.

Bobby Howard Named 48th Inductee to the Carolina PGA Hall of Fame

PGA Professional, Bobby Howard, has been honored as the 48th inductee into the Carolinas PGA Hall of Fame. The Carolinas PGA Section's Hall of Fame is an exclusive group of the finest PGA Professionals and other leaders in golf who have called the Carolinas home.

Howard, of Lexington, SC, began his professional career when he was elected to PGA membership in 1964. Howard served as the Carolinas PGA President from 1969-1970. In this time, he influenced many professionals and made some lasting impacts on the Section. One of the most notable moves during his presidency was his responsibility for acquiring the land and building the Section's new Headquarters Office in Myrtle Beach, South Carolina.

In conjunction with being a great leader, Bobby was a great player. In 1970, Bobby won the Carolinas Pro-Pro Championship with Bobby Mitchell. He also holds the course record at the Country Club of Charleston with a 62. As a testament to his overall great leadership, professionalism, and playing ability, Howard won the Carolinas PGA Golf Professional of the Year award in 1971 after only 6 years as a PGA Member.

"It means a lot [to be inducted] because I know practically every one of the Hall of Fame Members," says Howard, when reflecting on his career and the numerous connections he has made.

"I really enjoyed serving as President for a couple years, being on the Executive Committee for 14 years, and have enjoyed being a PGA Professional for nearly 52 years."

Bobby promoted the game in many ways, but thoroughly enjoyed giving lessons, most of them at no charge. The newest Carolina PGA Hall of Fame member especially enjoyed working with beginners and had a special knack for getting them hooked on the game of golf. Howard mentored countless PGA Professionals and truly epitomizes what a leader in the golf industry is from his 50 plus years as a Member.



The Golf Shop – Mooresville

“One-stop shopping” taken to new level

Golfers on the north side of the Greater Charlotte area are finding that the The Golf Shop in Mooresville is becoming the place to take care of their golfing needs - from top-of-the-line golf equipment, expert club fitting to basic swing instruction. New owner, former mini-tour playing professional Jerome Ingram has added a new dimension to the term “one-stop-shopping”.

Since buying the Golf Shop on Brawley School Road from long-time owner Karl Hoffner in October of 2017, Ingram has taken his club selection and fitting skills to a new level. Ingram, after playing on several mini-tours, followed the events with his mobile equipment truck taking care of the aspiring professional's needs, and now offers his expertise to everyday golfers.



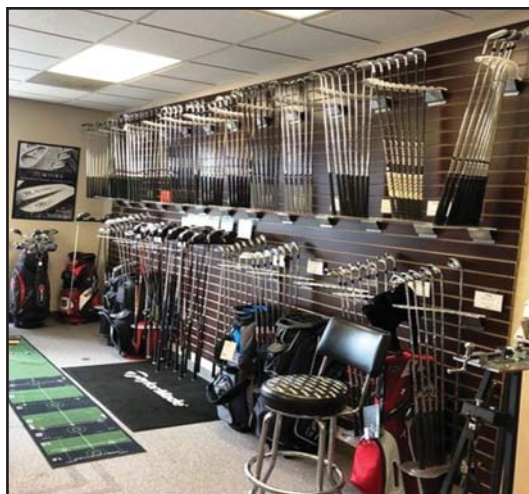
Jerome Ingram

“I have wanted to take my golf equipment business into a golf shop for some time, and Karl was retiring so the timing was perfect,” said Ingram. “Karl had a great clientele at the Golf Shop and my goal is to grow that number by offering a variety of major equipment specials and club fitting expertise.”

Ingram, a 2001 graduate of Virginia Tech with a Bachelor's degree in Turf and Turfgrass Management, has no problem staying busy. In conjunction with running The Golf Shop, Ingram had also been using that Turf Management degree at Skybrook Golf Club, serving as Assistant Superintendent before Pinnacle Golf Management took over the operations at the Huntersville course last year.

To fully prepare for the equipment side of the golf business, Ingram learned his club fitting and equipment skills by attending Michigan-based Mitchell® Golf School, considered by many as the golf industry's premier training school for trade professionals to learn the proper skills for club performance repairs and fitting.

With Ingram's professional playing skills and his golf equipment training he is able to detect any swing problems of golfers before fitting their new clubs.



His corrective suggestions will make sure the swing matches the clubs for a better golf game and a more enjoyable day on the golf course.

“If players have flaws in their swing, even the best fitted equipment can't help their game,” Ingram offered. “I have watched swings and worked on my swing for years and can offer constructive advice to improve the players before I give them the best fitted equipment.”



Ingram has brought in additional major brand equipment to the already well-stocked shop, adding Cleveland, Srixon, Cobra and Callaway. These brands go along with Titleist, Tour Edge, Taylor Made, Ping, Mizuno and Wilson which are already available.

Don't be surprised if you call

The Golf Shop and a familiar voice answers, it may be former owner Karl Hoffner on the other end of the phone spending some time helping the new owner in the transition. Hoffner may have stepped away full-time but not totally from helping fellow golfers and many friends he made in his long run in the golf business. Hoffner started The Golf Shop in Salisbury 15-years ago and had the shop there for 7-years before moving to Mooresville. He had been in the current location for 5-years before selling the business to Ingram.

“We have customers coming in everyday saying ‘we didn't know you were here’, but through social media and publications like the Carolina Golf Journal we hope to insure the golfers know we are here to stay!” concluded Ingram.



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Waterford Golf Club located in Rock Hill is part of the Pinnacle Golf Management group and has been acclaimed by local and national media as one of the better shot makers golf courses in the Greater Charlotte area. Located just 25 minutes from Uptown Charlotte, Waterford is a tranquil journey molded by Mother Nature and refined by 3-time U.S. Open winner Hale Irwin.

Opened in 1997, the course is set amongst dense hardwoods and rolling terrain with heavy tree-lined fairways along the Catawba River, and has water hazards or wetlands in play on 16 of 18 holes. The greens are mid-sized to small, with moderate speed and undulations, some raised and most well-bunkered.

The undulating MiniVerde Bermuda greens can challenge even the best of putters when approaching from the Bermuda fairways. With water from lakes, marshes, wetlands and creeks coming into play, Waterford plays to par-72 with back tees distance at 6,942 yards and forward tees length at 4,989 yards.

Waterford's individual, family and senior membership concept provides semi-private club privileges with no initiation fee as well as highly affordable monthly dues. Monthly dues range from \$75 per month for seniors to \$150 for family, with cart fees at \$20 - walking is allowed Monday-Friday and after 2pm on weekends.

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Ryder Cup – Europe 17 ½ Americans 10 ½

The United States Ryder Cup team suffered its fourth loss out of the past five and continued a streak of non-wins in Europe that has lingered for 25 years.

The Americans with Captain Jim Furyk, needed their own version of the Europeans' 2012 Miracle at Medinah, where on the final day of singles matches the Europeans came from a 10-6 deficit to earn 8½ points to win the Ryder Cup on American soil 14 ½ to 13 ½.

That win took some of the sting out of the 1999 American come-from-behind victory at Brookline. With the USA trailing by 4-points going into the final day, Justin Leonard's 45-foot birdie putt on the 17th hole closed out his match with José María Olazábal. The Americans won that day 14 ½ to 13 ½.

That Brookline resurrection was the blueprint for Furyk's Saturday night pep-talk, but to no avail. Europe captured 7 of the 12 singles matches and halved one to win the Ryder Cup 17 ½ to 10 ½.

Justin Thomas (4-1) and Jordan Spieth (3-2) helped in seven American wins, while two former #1 world players Dustin Johnson (1-4) and Brooks Koepka (1-2-1) could only win one time each in the four-day competition. Charlotte's Webb Simpson (2-1) was one of only four Americans to win a singles-match on the final day, beating world #1 Justin Rose 3 & 2.

Furyk's sentimental captain's choices, Tiger Woods (0-4) and Phil Mickleson (0-3) were no help, while the third selection Tony Finau (2-1) finished his rookie appearance with a 6 & 4 singles win over Tommy Fleetwood.

European Ryder Cup rookie - Italy's Francesco Molinari - the 2018 Open Champion at Carnoustie, captured the winning point with a 4 & 2 singles victory over Mickleson. He also became the first European player to go 5-0 in the competition since the current format was adopted in 1979.

The United States still leads the over-all Ryder Cup scoreboard 26-14, but since the opposition was switched from just Great Britain and Ireland players to include all of Europe, the U.S. trails 11-8.

With the Ryder Cup returning to the United States in 2020 at Whistling Straits in Wisconsin, the Americans will be looking to use their home course advantage as did the Europeans in France.

The Americans have won 3 of the last 5 Ryder Cups played on United States soil, and after their beating last month in Paris, they could use a little "home-cooking".



Disappointed Jim Furyk at Ryder Cup press conference



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PGA Jr League Section Qualifier Charlotte wins championship

Every month the Charlotte area junior golf programs of the Carolinas PGA Section are being singled out as one of fastest improving group of young players in the Southeast, and maybe in the nation.

The latest accomplishment came in the 2018 PGA Junior League Section Championship held at the Mid-Pines Inn & Golf Club in Pinehurst in August. The Charlotte team, captained by Brent Reneau and coached by Taryn Wolford, captured the 2018 Carolinas PGA Section Championship and has been tabbed as the favorites in the PGA Atlantic Regional Qualifier tournament at Raintree Country Club in Charlotte.

The team members are: Garrett Began, Cameron Cleveland, Logan Erwin, Ella Kue, Matthew McDougall, Ellen Prichard, Elizabeth Prichard, Zach Schneider, Sumanyo Bedi, and Robby Thompson.

The Carolina PGA Section awarded an “at-large bid” will have two teams in the Regional Qualifier, as the Raleigh team captained by Andy Gregory will also be competing to advance to the National PGA Junior League tournament played in Scottsdale, Arizona in November.



2018 PGA Jr. League Section Champions – left to right: Ella Kue, Coach Brent Reneau, Robbie Thompson, Matthew McDougall, Ellen Prichard, Garrett Began, Samanyu Bedi, Elizabeth Prichard, Zach Schneider, Logan Erwin, Cam Cleveland, Coach Taryn Wolford

More than 2000 junior players across the Carolinas participated this year in the PGA sponsored junior leagues aimed at promoting a fun, social, and inclusive opportunity for boys and girls ages 13 & under.

United States wins 2018 Junior Ryder Cup at Disneyland-Europe in Paris

Prior to the major Ryder Cup competition in Paris, the United States secured their sixth successive victory in the Junior Ryder Cup with a hard-fought 12 ½ to 11 ½ win over Europe at Golf Disneyland in Paris.

The two-day tournament, which comprises of two teams of 12 of the best male and female junior players from Europe and the United States, began with Foursomes, which saw the Americans take a 4 to 2 lead, followed by Mixed Fourballs in the afternoon – where the US side extended their advantage to 7 ½ to 4 ½. Future Duke golfer Erica Shepherd teamed with Lucy Li to win one of the morning foursome points.

Entering the final day Singles with a three-point cushion, the Americans made the perfect start when Lucy Li overcame Sweden's Amanda Linner 4 & 3 in the opening match. Europe rallied back though, with Danish twins Nicolai Hojgaard and Rasmus Hojgaard winning back-to-back matches to take Europe to within two points of their rivals.

The United States' Yealimi Noh immediately struck back with a 3 & 2 triumph over Austria's Emma Spitz, and after Rose Zhang birdied her final two holes to halve against Sweden's Ingrid Lindblad the Americans just needed two points from seven matches to retain the title they won at Interlachen Country Club by 15½ to 8½ two years ago.

Despite a valiant effort from the European team, who took an impressive 4 ½ points from the remaining seven Singles matches, it was the U.S. side who were triumphant once again with victories from Ricky Castillo and Michael Thorbjornsen, followed by a half point from Rachel Heck which clinched a sixth straight outright win.





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