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Golf tip from Sequoyah National Golf Club: Good golf swing fundamentals

by Kenny Cashwell ~ PGA Director of Golf/ General Manager Sequoyah National Golf Club ~ Whittier, NC

For the first installment of improving your golf game we will begin with how to take a proper golf stance. Stance: In each sport balance is paramount to success; envision a shortstop ready to play or a quarterback ready for the snap. Likewise, proper balance is the key to successful golf, the

first step to balance is taking a proper stance.

To take a proper golf stance do the following: while keeping your eyes forward (photo 1); begin with feet shoulder width, then bend the knees (knees over the front of the feet) (photo 2) and take a bow (photo 3). All of this is done with the eyes forward.

Lastly the eyes go down toward the ball. The arms should fall naturally from the shoulder and the club then fits into the hands (photo 4). Some features of an

excellent stance you will notice on TV are: the chest is held high, the legs are lively and athletic and the golfer is poised for a proper strike of the ball.

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Local golf course review: Springfield Golf Olub in Ft. Mill

Located on a heavily wooded and hilly site just over the South Carolina border is the Springfield Golf Club. Golfers will find a combination of rolling hills that give you a feel of some mountain golf courses, yet you are playing in Ft. Mill. Springfield's park-like setting features four holes that flank Sugar Creek and the challenge is increased by 13 holes that play across and along perennial streams that feed into the Catawba River.



Enhanced by the rolling terrain water features, Springfield Golf Club is a traditional style of golf course designed with shot-making requirements. Not long, based on most courses built in the 2000's, this par-72 layout is 6,906-yard from back tees to just under 4,800 for the front tees. With five sets of tees, Springfield truly can fit any level of golf.

The Clyde Johnston design harkens back to the traditional schemes of the Donald Ross 1920's and the Golden Age of Architecture in golf and Springfield Golf Club has quickly made a name for itself among Charlotte golf courses since opening in 2001.

"The graceful folds and contours that define the land near Fort Mill provide the perfect setting for a golf course whose design is timeless," proclaimed Johnston shortly after the opening. "The golf experience at Springfield will be as memorable as it is strategic and demanding."

Johnston has provided very generous landing areas in the tree-lined Bermuda fairways, with medium size undulating greens, converted to ultradrawf MiniVerde Bermuda greens in the summer of 2010. The greens have matured to perfection and are protected by fewer than 50 bunkers filled with consistent sand. Your putts will run true, but may be tricky until you get the feel of the rolling terrain that controls the break of your putt. The green complexes are surrounded

with Zoysia and Tif-dwarf turf that helps greatly in getting up and down a little easier.

"The course wintered over very well", stated Gene Roper, Director of Golf Operations for Leroy Springs and Company. "Play has been steady and the players have been very compliment of the mature greens and general

course conditions, which makes us very happy."

Another feature that adds to your trip around Springfield Golf Club is the concentrated effort to preserve wildlife and the environmentally sensitive areas. With all of the lateral water hazards lining many fairways, the protected areas will snag a ball occasionally but has helped define the neighborhood park like setting. If your ball goes into one of these areas, "let the turtles have it!"

On the front side at Springfield you will find only two traditional dog-leg holes, one of which is the par-4 400-yard 5th hole, requiring a tee shot up the left side of the fairway and then over one of the sensitive areas to an uphill undulating green. Like the front side, on the back nine, a majority of the tee shots are made without seeing the green due to the rolling hills and trees. But hey, what would a park be without hills and trees?

The finishing 18th hole along with the 6th hole, are both long par-5's measuring over 525 yards from the back tees. Even from the regular tees you need two or three solid hits to reach the green in regulation and that means covering over nearly 1000 yards collectively of real estate. That's the long of the Springfield story, the short comes in heavier dosages with very manageable par-3's and comfortable par-4's to complete your round.





For those that like to warm-up or just practice, Springfield Golf Club includes a one-acre grass tee practice area that has space for 25 hitting stations and six target greens with a putting green nearby. Head pro Bud Welch and his staff are available to assist all players with the development of their golf game at this excellent practice facility.

The First Tee of Charlotte, a youth development organization that helps

build character and promotes healthy choices through the game of golf will also be using these practice facilities. Spring-field expanded the program into South Carolina last year.

"We're delighted to join forces with First Tee of Charlotte to help elevate the lives of the next generation," said Bud Welch, Springfield Head PGA Professional. "First Tee teaches strong life skills and gets kids outside for fresh air and fellowship and helps renew the growth of golf."

Springfield is one of four Leroy Springs & Company courses in upstate South Carolina designed by such architects as Donald Ross, George Cobb, Russell Breeden and Clyde Johnston. Chester Golf Club, Lancaster Golf Club and Fort Mill Golf Clubs are the other three in addition to Springfield. All four clubs offer membership packages that have no initiation fee with monthly dues that feature unlimited green fees. Special

membership discounts are offered to students and seniors.

So make your plans to "walk in the park" at Springfield Golf Club. Contact the pro shop for tee-times, lessons, clinics, membership information or to book a golf tournament. Call 803-548-3318 or visit www.leroysprings.com.





golfTEC technology improves golf performance

By Scott Duerscherl, PGA member Director of Instruction - GolfTEC NC

With the ever changing advancement of computer technology, GolfTEC has been able to utilize motion sensors, video, and launch monitor data to help students of all ages and skill levels. The use of video could be compared to taking an x-ray of a "patient", and the motion sensors a MRI.

With the use of video we are able to see if swing components are matching or conflicting, and quickly correct the problem.



The student is also able

to see these elements and match what they are feeling with what is actually happening, (matching "feel" and "real"). Using video technology alone is a great advancement in golf instruction, but we have been able to further the learning process by integrating motion sensors into the mix. Our motion sensors can measure a student's turns, tilts, bends, and sways and compare this data to PGA tour, Champions Tour, and LPGA Tour averages respectively. In essence, we can see how the body works in a three dimensional format.

Many times a new student will come in for a swing evaluation and think that they are not flexible and cannot make the proper turns in their golf swing, only to find out that they are over rotating. Another common problem we see with new students is the agonizing issue of lower back pain. With the use of motion sensors we are able to quickly address hip bend issues (too much or too little), and help the student to be able to play golf pain free.

One of the key features of our motion sensor platform is the use of an audible beep to help the student correct positions in their golf swing. Let's say student "A" only turns his or her shoulders 75° in the backswing. Knowing that the PGA tour range for shoulder turn at the top of the backswing would be anywhere from 84° to 94°, we would set a beep to occur in this range. When the student makes a shoulder turn within this range an audible "positive" beep would be heard. If a student is turning too much we could set a "negative" beep to allow instant feedback that would signal the student to turn less.

Our motion sensors are able to help us quantify positions of the body throughout the golf swing with precise accuracy. We believe that this is vital to the learning process and allows us to maintain a 95% success rate with our students, past and present.

Along with our video system and motion sensors we also utilize a launch mon-

itor system manufactured by Foresight Sports. Some of the key data points used include ball speed, spin rate, launch angle, start line of the golf ball, curvature of the golf ball, and distance the golf ball travels (carry and overall). This data is utilized during a golf lesson to predict shot patterns that will help the student's consistency on the course.

In addition to the use of this technology in a golf lesson atmosphere, this system is also utilized in our club fitting sessions. According to Foresight Sports website (foresightsports.com), 92% of golfers custom-fit with a launch monitor see immediate benefit after buying new clubs. When the data is used properly during a club fitting session, the results are very precise.

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Mt. Mitchell Golf Club celebrates 40 years in the Blue Ridge Mountains

The Mt. Mitchell Golf Club was a "golf dream" of a pair of University of North Carolina classmates, Jim Floyd of Raleigh and Jeff King of Hickory. The dream took shape with the help of Floyd's father who was the real estate broker for a special piece of property in the shadow of the tallest mountain east of the Mississippi River - Mt. Mitchell.

Purchased in December of 1971, the trio set out to develop a mountain retreat highlighted by a golf course designed by English architect Fred Hawtree. It turned out to be his only course in the United States before he passed away in 2000. Play was opened at Mt. Mitchell in 1975.

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Now 40 years later, this unique wall-to-wall bent grass course invites golfers to celebrate the anniversary with special lodging and playing rates. With homes and condos available on property - daily players, families or groups can enjoy the beauty of the Blue Ridge Mountains by sharing the "dream" that has become a reality.

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Callaway introduces its XR Fairway Woods

Still having problems hitting solid shots in the fairway, or a little uncomfortable hitting your fairway metals off a tee for fear of losing distance? Callaway may have addressed the needs of any player thanks to an updated face and repositioned center of gravity in the new XR fairway wood line.

The new standard XR (\$229.99) were designed for players. They have shallower faces than last season's X2 Hot fairways, slightly higher toes and have been given an updated, stainless steel face cup that Callaway says is 36% thinner. The face is lighter and able to



flex more effectively at impact, so the sweet spot is larger, which means

players won't sacrifice too much distance on mis-hits.

Inside the head, Callaway positioned 5 grams of discretionary weight behind the hitting area. This helped decrease the club's center of gravity by 20% and lower spin rates by as much as 200 rpm. Callaway also designed these clubs to have a slight draw bias.

The XR fairway woods will be available in 15-, 17-, 19-, 21-, 23- and 25° versions, with a Project X LZ shaft.

The XR Pro fairway woods (\$239.99) were designed for players who reach for a fairway wood on the tee box and in the fairway equally. Available in 14.5-, 16- and 18° models, they have the same updated face as with the standard XR fairways woods.

The Pro models should produce a lower ball flight and have a neutral bias than the standard model. Callaway says these clubs are about 9 yards longer than the X2 Hot Pro fairways. and will produce far more consistency.

Callaway has offered deep-face fairway wood for golfers who want a driver alternative for two seasons. In 2015, the XR Pro 3Deep (\$239.99) will be available with only one loft offering, 14° and it produces the lowest ball flight and spin rate of all the XR fairways.



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Short game fundamentals around greens!

Hitting successful chip shots from around the green requires a few basic fundamentals to understand.

Understand where the majority of your weight should be during the stroke, and where the ball should be. Most recommended is to keep the majority of your weight on the left side, and play the ball in the middle-back of the stance.

This ball-back/weight-forward combo does two things: creates the necessary shaft lean toward the target, which steepens your chipping stroke to prevent hitting the ground first before the ball. Too vertical with the shaft, you run the risk of hitting fat and thin shots. Second, it makes it easier to control the trajectory and roll, helping you better dial in the right stroke length and distance for each chip.

A great way to feel this for yourself is to set up, shift your weight so it's predominantly on your left side (maybe a 65/35 split), and play the ball off your right toe. To know how far to lean the club forward, simply lay the club so the grip rests over your left thigh. That's where you should grip the club and play the shot.



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Scramble for Hope Golf Tournament

The Hope at the Lake Foundation is bringing back the Scramble for Hope Golf Tournament at the Trump National Golf Club Charlotte on Monday June 1st, 2015 with a tee-off time of 10:00 a.m.

Several years ago this annual outing was a very popular event which proved to be a significant fund raiser for the Foundation which in its over ten years of existence has raised over \$1 million dollars for non-profit organizations in the Lake Norman area.

The Captain's Choice Scramble will consist of the first 32 teams who submit their entry fee and will include awards and prizes; golf and cart; beverages, breakfast, lunch and hors d'oeuvres following conclusion of play. Entry fees vary depending on sponsorship levels which can be found on the Foundation's website www.hope-lake.org.

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Chester Golf Club switching to TifEagle Bermuda greens

The Chester Golf Club will close May 31st in order to make the transition to TifEagle Bermuda greens. The projected reopening is August 8th, but will depend on the summer growing conditions



in the South Carolina Up-State.

Chester will be the third Leroy Springs & Company course to make the Bermuda transition, with Ft. Mill (2008) and Springfield (2010) converting earlier to MiniVerde with great success. With continued

research, course owners are finding that compared to other Bermuda grass varieties; TifEagle recovers more quickly from injury and is extremely drought tolerant and disease resistant.

Chester will now join a host of Charlotte area courses making the switch to Bermuda, as the fight in the summer to keep the bent grass greens healthy can be very costly and time-consuming.

Local courses make moves on N.C. Golf Panel's Top 100 List

Two local golf courses cracked the N. C. Golf Panel's Top 100 list for the first time joining 14 other Charlotte area courses on the coveted yearly rankings.

Cedarwood CC of Charlotte came in at #80, while Red Bridge Golf & CC in Locust was the #99 selection based on routing, design, strategy, memorability, fairness, variety and aesthetics. Three area courses remained in the Panel's Top 10: Old North State in New London (#4), Quail Hollow Club (#7), Charlotte CC (#8).

It was no surprise that Pinehurst #2 was selected as the top course in the state again, followed by the perennial bride's maid – Grandfather Golf & CC in Linville. Pinehurst's Country Club of North Carolina (Dogwood) placed 3rd, with Old North State #4 and Pine Needles Golf Club of Pinehurst rounding out the Top 5.

Significant moves in the Top 100 by local courses included: Trump National in Mooresville (33rd to 24th, The Club at Irish Creek in Kannapolis (46th to 40th) while Rocky River Golf Club moved up one spot to #87.

Red Bridge and Rocky River are two of only three daily-play courses in the state's Top 100 in the Greater Char-

lotte area. The Golf Club at Ballantyne (#82) is the third.

The Panel's 2015 rankings, and other local courses on the list again this year can be found at NCGolfPanel.com.



2021 PGA Championship on The Ocean Course Kiawah Island Golf Resort

The 103rd edition of the PGA Championship in August 2021 returns to the Pete Dye-designed oceanfront layout in South Carolina after its first visit in 2012, when Rory McIlroy won by eight strokes over David Lynn.



McIlroy finished at 13 under par, highlighted by a final-round, 6-under 66.

The Carolinas will be in the PGA Championship spotlight twice in a five year-period, with the Quail Hollow Club hosting the

2017 event. The Wells Fargo Championship will move for one-year from Quail Hollow to the Eagle Point Golf Club in Wilmington while the PGA major is staged in the Queen City.

The Ocean Course is one of four venues to host each of the PGA of America's major championships – the Ryder Cup (1991), the Senior PGA

Championship presented by KitchenAid (2007) and the PGA Champion

ship. The Ocean Course also hosted the 2005 PGA Professional National Championship.

The PGA Championship also is the only one of golf's four majors to be hosted in South Carolina. The Ocean Course has more seaside holes than any other course in North America – 10 along the Atlantic Ocean, with the other eight running parallel to

those.

Designed from a ribbon of sand dunes stretching nearly three miles along the Atlantic Ocean at the eastern end of Kiawah Island, The Ocean Course is a par-72 layout that can be extended to 7,676 yards, and draws comparison to the seaside links of England and Scotland.



"It's a long golf course, a big golf course," said McIlroy of The Ocean Course. "You not only have to hit it well, but you really have to think about what you're doing out there. You really have to pick your spots where you want to hit it. It's a golf course that is more in front of you than maybe other Pete Dye courses are, so it's something that I quite like."

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for a consistent path of improvement. It's almost too easy.

The thicker topline and deep milled face exude sweet feel at impact, while the overall construction is a breakthrough in putter design, using mixed materials for the perfect balance

and feel. Aluminum and steel. Sometimes it's the diversity that brings it

all together – light and heavy.

Players may also like the new Fastback design, improving sound and feel with a compact mid-mallet shape that is almost cool. Like the Squareback, the Fastback features the pop-up sole plate milled from aircraft grade aluminum. Shaving grams from the center allows for more stainless steel out and around the putter. Sound, feel and performance combined with a simplified alignment crisscross design viewable at address, leads to better putting and lower scores.



Putter designer, Scotty Cameron at the PGA Merchandise Show

Give the new Scotty Cameron Squareback or Fastback putters a try, and find your true path.

Travel destination . . . King and Prince Golf Club - St. Simon's Island

Thousands of Carolinians have made the trek on I-95 to and from Florida, and for many they have found an excellent halfway point to stop and relax and of course, play a fun round of golf at St. Simon's Island.

As a part of the natural beauty and recreational activities of the barrier islands known as the Golden Isles just north of the Georgia/Florida border, the King and Prince Beach & Golf Resort on historic St. Simon's Island welcomes guests ready to enjoy one of America's legendary gems of fine southern hospitality.

The Resort recently celebrated its Diamond Anniversary and is on the National Register of Historic Places and a member of Historic Hotels of



America. The King and Prince is the island's only oceanfront full-service resort just steps from the Atlantic Ocean.

The golf club sets on the north end of the island 20 minutes from the hotel. Originally

opened in 1989 and designed by the late Joe Lee, the course got a complete \$3.6-million makeover in 2009 restoring the course's original design but utilizing the latest surface technology.

The greens have mini-verde ultra dwarf Bermuda grass, with 5-foot Tifsports bermuda collars to give golfers a good recovery chance if they miss the target. Golfers will find a new hybrid called Celebration Bermuda grass in the fairways, providing good lies for irons or fairway metals. All the traps are wrapped in Emerald Zoysia.

"We're the only course in our region with these types of grass, and our golfers are amazed at the fantastic course transformation," stated Rick Mattox, the golf club's general manager celebrating his 25 years at King and Prince. "Seeing golfers come back again



Rick Mattox, King and Prince Golf Club general manager



The par-3 12th starts the four hole adventure into the salt marsh at the King and Prince Golf Club

to play here is a real thrill for all of us, it means we are doing things right to make this a very memorable golf experience."

The King and Prince has several lakes and lagoons that adds variety to the holes with no two being alike. The tree lined holes might appear to be tight and most of the marsh holes are wide open require forced carries or force you to choose how much to "bite off." Wind can play a big role in your game-management especially on the beautiful "wide-open" holes in the salt marsh loop (holes 12-15).



Aerial view of the spectacular salt marsh loop that includes holes #12-15 which are carved out from the marsh islands



Bird's eye view of holes #8 and 9 guarded by one of the many lakes at King and Prince Golf Club

Golfers travel an elevated, marsh-traversing cart bridges to experience play these four spectacular salt marsh holes gently carved from the marsh islands. While these four signature holes highlight play on the King and Prince Golf Course's back nine, playing on the front nine island loop with marsh and links style challenges set you up for a spectacular finish. It is not a particularly long course - 6,462 yards from the back tees - and although challenging, the course is set up to reward the good shot. Par threes vary in yardage from 120 to 190 (blue tees.), while the par fours run the gamut - long, short, tight, open, tree lined, marsh lined, dog leg left, dog leg right. No two holes played the same.

The par fives are similar to the fours in that there was variety, with only the #1 handicap 3rd hole running longer than 500-yards from the blue tees. There is "risk-reward" factor on the par fives, but with the water, marsh and bunkers guarding the tight pin placements, playing with caution would be the right call.

The well-appointed clubhouse, overlooking the 9th and 18th holes, houses the fabulous merchandise-filled pro shop and restaurant. There is a large target driving range along with practice areas for your short game.

You may not be planning a trip south toward Florida, but maybe you should just to get to the "Golden Isles" of Georgia for an unforgettable golf experience on St. Simon's Island. To enjoy your own King & Prince experience you can go to www.KINGandPRINCE.com or call 1-800-342-0212 for reservations and golf course information.



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Golf tip from Dana Rader Golf School: **Right tool for the right job to improve your short game**

By Doug Breuer

Master Instructor ~ Dana Rader Golf School

In a game where we see a lot of flop shots and "2 hop and stop" shots on T.V., recreational golfers need to know that to score better when it comes to the short game all that's needed is a few simple shots and a good plan. A good impact position and a non-complicated motion will lead to a more consistent short game.



First, get in regular posture and set 60% of your weight on your target side of your body (left side for right handed golfers and right side for left handed golfers). The handle of your club needs to be leaning forward of the club head/golf ball. I like to use the inside of my target leg as a reference. This will produce a flat top hand wrist and a slight bend in the bottom hand wrist. (picture#1)

To execute a simple pendulum motion, transport your shoulders, hands, arms and club with your big muscles (back + chest) back and through the ball. Keep the angles in your wrists intact through the

impact zone. Letting the club pass the hands will result in those misses that cost you shots around the green, such as thin, fat, skulled and topped. In

there is nothing impeding in front of you, roll the ball. The more time the ball spends on the ground the more control of the ball you have.

#2: The Chip and Run: If you have a low obstacle in front of you such as a sprinkler head, divot or a little bit of rough, use the chip and run. This is a low running golf shot that will spend about 20% in the air and 80% on the ground. To set up for the shot, play the ball in the back of your stance with your weight and handle forward. You can use an 8, 9 or PW depending upon how far from the green you are. Swing the club to a 7 to 5 or 8 to 4 position.



#3: The Pitch Shot: When the situation calls for a higher shot because you have to carry the ball over something such as a bunker, water or rough and have it stop relatively fast, this is the shot you need. Use a gap, sand or lob wedge and play the ball in the center of your stance. Lean the handle forward, keep your weight forward and use the clock system with the repeatable, simple motion. Mastering these shots is the fastest way to reduce the number of strokes in your game! Photos courtesy of Bissell Companies

addition you must keep your weight on your target side throughout the entire motion. This will produce repeatable solid contact.

The size of the backswing will determine the distance and a good follow through. Weight on the target foot and a forward leaning club shaft will produce the contact. I like to use the clock system to determine the size of the swing. Your hands will operate like the hands on a clock by swinging them 7 to 5, 8 to 4, 9 to 3 and 10-2. This, combined with club selection and ball position will control trajectory and distance. (picture #2)

The three essential shots within 30 yards of the green:

#1: The Putt: Yes, the simple putt! If



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by Sam Smith

When I first arrived in Charlotte in 1992, there was talk of several new golf courses being built throughout the metro-Charlotte area. One that was being greatly anticipated was the Divide Golf Club in Matthews. The club derived its name, The Divide, due to the fact that it is located in both Mecklenburg and Union Counties.

Opened in 1995, The Divide drew rave reviews from the very start, including Charlotte's Best Golf Course in 1997 by Charlotte's Best Magazine. The Divide continued to draw praise and bringing golfers from a wide range to enjoy the traditional John Cassel II designed 18-hole golf course.

Now under the watchful eye of Traditional Golf Management, the Divide has been revived with spacious Bermuda fairways and large undulating Bent grass greens, offering golfers of any skill level a challenge that will keep them coming back. Water comes into play on 10 holes making sure to keep golfers aware of their surroundings.

The course, located just off of I-485 and Idlewild Road, has a good mixture of comfortable holes, but also can challenge the best in your game with difficult ones. The key is to keep the ball in play, especially off the tee.

Two holes that call for good tee shots are the par 5's at the 501 yard 5th hole, and the signature hole - the 568 yard 18th finishing hole with a testy approach over water. The 414 yards par 4 4th hole could be the most difficult due to a narrow fairway that calls for accuracy instead of distance. And, difficulty can also describe the 185 yard par 3 7th hole from an elevated tee over water that will call for proper club selection as much as execution of the shot.

The clubhouse at The Divide offers banquet and dining facilities with

indoor and patio seating, and is excellent for charity or corporate golf outings. The practice facility features a large 30 station turf driving range, putting green, pitching green and sand bunker for pre-game warm-ups or practice sessions.



The Divide is part of the Traditional Golf "Queen City Passport" promotion, offering discount rates for golf at any of the five courses included under the Traditional management - Birkdale, Divide, Highland Creek, Tradition and Waterford.

For more information and tee times contact The Divide golf shop at 704-628-6438 or for the special promotion information logon at queencitygolfpassport.com.

Local Pro and Amateur Golf Schedules - 2015

Charlotte Senior Amateur Tour

May 13	The Palisades
May 20	The Club at Irish Creek
June 10	Edgewater Golf Club
June 17	Rock Barn Golf & Spa (Jones)
June 22	TPC at Piper Glen
July 29	Pine Island Country Club
August 10	Firethorne Country Club
August 24	The Peninsula Country Club
September 8-9	The Players Championship
	Cabarrus Country Club
September 30	Cowans Ford Country Club
October 7	River Hills Country Club
October 28	Country Club of Salisbury
Nov. 17-18	2015 Tour Championship
	Palmetto Dunes Resort (Jones & Hills)

Charlotte Golfweek Amateur Tour

May 16	Warriors Golf Club
May 26	The Peninsula Country Club
June 6	Charlotte National Golf Club
June 20-21	Golfweek Open - The Club at Irish Creek
July 25	Players Championship - Cowans Ford CC
July 26	Players Championship - Carolina Lakes
August 8	Firethorne Country Club
August 15	Cabarrus Country Club
August 22	River Hills Country Club
September 19	The Palisades Country Club
September 26	Local Finals - Country Club of Salisbury
September 27	Club at Irish Creek



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eGolf Professional Tour

May 20-22	Willow Creek Open - High Point CC - High Point
May 28-31	Biggs Cadillac Buick GMC Open - Albemarle Plantation
	Hertford, NC
June 17-20	TBA
June 23-26	Mimosa Hills Open - Mimosa Hills G&CC - Morganton, NC
July 8-11	The Southern Open - The Club at Irish Creek - Kannapolis
July 15-17	Cabarrus Classic - Cabarrus CC - Concord, NC
July 29-31	TBA
August 5-8	River Hills Championship -River Hills CC - Lake Wylie, SC
August 19-22	Sapona Ridge Classic - Sapona CC - Lexington

Contact information for local tours:

Charlotte Senior Amateur Tour: 704-844-8264 Charlotte Golfweek Amateur Tour: 704-844-8264 eGolf Professional Tour: 704-560-1211 National Junior Golf Tour: 704-824-6548

The U.S. Open Trivia

- 1. Who has been runner-up the most times at the U.S. Open?
- 2. Who was the only player to break par all four rounds with out winning the U.S. Open?
- 3. What was the biggest final-round comeback to win the U.S. Open?
- 4. Who is the oldest player to win the U.S. Open?
- 5. What is the lowest U. S. Open 72-holes winning score?
- 6. Who holds the record for largest margin of victory in the U.S. Open?
- 7. What player made 44-consecutive U. S. Open starts?
- 8. Name last player to win the U.S. Open over the age of 40?
- 9. What four players have won the U.S. open four-times?
- 10. Name the last player to win the U.S. Open and the Masters in the same year?
- 11. Who was the last player to go through sectional qualifying and win the U.S. Open?
- 12. Who was runner-up to Rory McIlroy the last time the U.S. Open was held at Congressional?
- 13. Which player captured the final leg of his Grand Slam by winning the U.S. Open?
- 14. Who has lost in a U.S. Open playoff a record three times?
- 15. In the last 100 years, which player has won the U.S. Open twice on the same course?

Answers on page 23





PGA 2015 SCHEDULE

Jan 8-11	Hyundai Tournament of Champions ~ Kapalua (Maui) Resort
15-18	Sony Open ~ Waialae CC ~ Honolulu
22-25	Humana Challenge ~ multiple courses La Quinta CC Carlsbad, CA
29 – Feb 1	Waste Management Phoenix Open ~ TPC Scottsdale
Feb 5-8	Farmers Insurance Open ~ Torrey Pines GC ~ San Diego
12 - 15	AT&T Pebble Beach Pro-Am ~ Pebble Beach,
	Spyglass, Monterey Peninsula
19 - 22	Northern Trust Open ~ Riviera CC ~ Pacific Palisades
26 - Mar 1	Honda Classic ~ PGA National ~ Palm Beach Gardens
March 5-8	World Golf Championships – Trump National Doral ~ Doral, FL
	Puerto Rico Open ~ Trump Int'I GC ~ Rio Grande, Puerto Rico
12-15	Valspar Championship ~ Innisbrook Resort ~ Palm Harbor
19-22	Arnold Palmer Invitational ~ Bay Hill GC ~ Orlando
26-29	Valero Texas Open ~ TPC San Antonio
AprIL 2-5	Shell Houston Open ~ Golf Club of Houston – Humble, TX
9-12	Masters Tournament ~ Augusta National GC
16-19	RBC Heritage ~ Harbour Town Golf Links ~ Hilton Head Island, SC
23-26	Zurich Classic ~ TPC Louisiana ~ New Orleans, LA
30 – May 3	World Golf Championship (match play) ~ TPC Harding Park ~ San Francisco
May 7-10	Players Championship ~ TPC Sawgrass ~ Ponte Vedra Beach, FL
14-17	Wells Fargo Championship ~ Quail Hollow Club ~ Charlotte, NC
21-24	Crowne Plaza Invitational ~ Colonial CC ~ Fort Worth, TX
28-31	AT&T Byron Nelson Championship ~ Four Seasons Resort ~ Irving, TX
June 4-7	Memorial Tournament ~ Muirfield Village GC ~ Dublin, OH
11-14	FedEx St. Jude Classic ~ TPC Southwind ~ Memphis
18-21	U.S. Open ~ Chambers Bay ~ University Place, WA
25-28	Travelers Championship ~ TPC River Highlands ~ Cromwell, CT
July 2-5	Greenbrier Classic ~ White Sulphur Springs, WV
9-12	John Deere Classic ~ TPC Deere Run ~ Silvis, IL
16-19	The Open Championship (British Open) ~ Saint Andrews, Scotland
	Barbasol Championship ~ RTJ Golf Trail (Grand ntl Lake Course) Auburn, AL
23-26	RBC Canadian Open ~ Glen Abbey GC ~ Oakville, Ontario, Canada
31-Aug 3	Quicken Loans National ~ Robert Trent Jones GC ~ Gainesville, VA
August 6-9	Bridgestone Invitational ~ Firestone CC ~ Akron, OH
	Barracuda Championship ~ Montreux GCC ~ Reno, NV
13-16	PGA Championship ~ Whistling Straits ~ Kohler, WI
20-23	Wyndham Championship ~ Sedgefield CC ~ Greensboro
27-30	Barclays* ~ Plainfield CC ~ Plainfield, NJ
Sept 3-6	Deutsche Bank Championship* ~ TPC Boston ~ Norton, MA
17-20	BMW Championship* ~ Conway Farms ~ Chicago, IL
23-27	Tour Championship* ~ East Lake GC ~ Atlanta
25-28	The President's Cup ~ Jack Nicklaus GC Korea ~ Incheon, South Korea

CHAMPIONS TOUR 2015 SCHEDULE

Jan 23-25	Mitsubishi Electric Championship Hualalai ~ Kona	
Feb 6-8	Allianz Championship ~ Broken	
	Sound ~ Boca Raton	
13-15	ACE Group Classic ~ Twin CHAMPIONS	
	Eagles GC ~ Naples, FL	
March 14-16	Tucson Conquistadores Classic	
	Omni Tucson National GC ~ Tucson	
27-29	Mississippi Gulf Resort Classic ~ Fallen Oak ~ Biloxi	
April 17-19	Greater Gwinnett Championship ~ TPC Sugarloaf Duluth, GA	
24-26	Bass Pro Shops Legends of Golf at Big Cedar Lodge ~	
	Top of the Rock ~ Ridgedale, MO	
May 1-3	Insperity Championship ~ The Woodlands CC ~ Houston	
14-17	Regions Tradition ~ Shoal Creek ~ Shoal Creek, AL	
21-24	Senior PGA Championship ~ Pete Dye Course at	
	French Lick ~ French Lick, IN	
June 5-7	Principal Charity Classic ~ Wakonda Club	
	Des Moines, IA	
11-14	Constellation Senior Players Championship ~ Belmont	
	County Club ~ Belmont, MA	
25-28	U.S. Senior Open Championship ~ Del Paso CC ~	
	Sacramento, CA	
July 10-12	Encompass Championship ~ North Shore CFC ~	
	Glenview, IL	
23-26	The Senior Open Championship ~ Sunningdale Old	
	Course ~ Berkshire, England	
31- Aug 2	3M Championship ~ TPC Twin Cities ~ Blaine, MN	
August 7-9	Shaw Charity Classic ~ Canyon Meadows G&CC	
	Calgary, Alberta Canada	
21-23	Boeing Classic ~ TPC Snoqualmie Ridge	
	Snoqualmie, WA	
28-30	30 Dick's Sporting Goods Open ~ En-Joie GC ~ Endicott, NY	
Sept 4-6	t 4-6 Quebec Championship	
18-30	Pacific Links China Championship ~ 27 Club ~ Tianjan, China	
25-27	Nature Valley First Tee Open ~ Pebble Beach	
Oct 9-11	SAS Championship ~ Prestonwood CC ~ Cary, NC	
16-18	San Antonio Championship ~ TPC San Antonio	
30 - Nov 1	Toshiba Classic ~ Newport Beach CC ~ Newport, CA	
Nov 5-8	Charles Schwab Cup Championship ~ Desert Mountain	
	Club ~ Scottsdale	

*FedEx Cup playoff event

LPGA 2015 SCHEDULE

March 5-8	HSBC Women's Champions ~ Singapore	
19-22	Founders Cup ~ Phoenix, AZ	3
26-29	Kia Classic ~ Carlsbad, CA	
April 2-5	TBA ~ Rancho Mirage, CA	1
15-18	LPGA LOTTE Championship ~ Oahu	1
23-26	Swinging Skirts LPA Classic ~ San	
	Francisco	PGA.
30- May 3	North Texas LPA Shootout ~ Irving, TX	
May 14-17	Kingsmill Championship ~ Williamsburg, VA	
21-24	Airbus LPGA Classic ~ Mobile, AL	
29-31	ShopRite LPGA Classic ~ Atlantic City, NJ	
June 4-7	Manulife Financial LPGA Classic ~ Waterloo	, Ontario
11-14	KPMG Women's PGA ~ Rye, NY	
26-28	WalMart NW Arkansas Championship ~ Roger	rs, AR
July 9-12	U.S. Women's Open ~ Lancaster, PA	
16-19	Marathon Classic ~ Sylvania, OH	
23-26	Meijer LPGA Classic ~ Belmont, MI	
30-Aug 2	Ricoh Women's British Open ~ Turnberry, Scotland	
August 13-16	Portland Classic ~ Portland	
20-23	Canadian Pacific Women's Open ~ Vancouv	er
27-30	Yokohama Tire LPGA Classic ~ Prattville, AL	
Sept 10-13	Evian Championship ~ Evian-les-Bains, Fran	ice
18-20	Solheim Cup ~ Germany	
October1-4	Reignwood LPGA Classic ~ Beijing, China	
8-11	Sime Darby LPGA Malaysia ~ Kuala Lumpu	
15-18	LPGA KEB Hana Bank Championship ~ Inch	neon,
	South Korea	
22-25	Blue Bay LPGA ~ Hinan Island, China	
29- Nov 1	Fubon LPGA Taiwan Championship ~ Taipei	
Nov 6-8	2 - T	
12-15	Lorena Ochoa Invitational ~ Mexico City	
19-22	CME Group Tour Championship ~ Naples, F	L

Answers to trivia questions from page 21

1. Phil Micklelson - 6-times (1999, '02, '04, '06, '09, '13) 2. Curtis Strange '94 Oakmont CC 3. 7 strokes - Arnold Palmer, 1960 - Cherry Hills CC, Denver 4. Hale Irwin, 1990 - 45 years, 15 days old – Medinah CC 5. 268 - Rory McIlroy (65-66-68-69) 2011 - Congressional CC 6. Tiger Woods (272), 2000 - 15 strokes - Pebble Beach Golf Links 7. Jack Nicklaus - record 35 times completed 72-holes

8. Payne Stewart was 42, 1999 (6th oldest in history) - Pinehurst #2 9. Willie Anderson, a-Robert T. Jones Jr., Ben Hogan and Jack Nicklaus 10. Tiger Woods '02 Bethpage State Park and Augusta 11. Lucas Glover '09 Bethpage 12. Jason Day '11 by 8-strokes) 13. Gary Player 1965 at age 29 -**Bellerive Country Club** 14. Arnold Palmer - 1962, '63, '66 15. Jack Nicklaus - Baltustol Golf Club (1967, 1980)

WEB.COM 2015 SCHEDULE

May 14-17	BMW Charity Pro-Am ~ multiple courses South Carolina
28-31	Rex Hospital Open ~ TPC Wakefield Plantation ~ Raleigh, NC
June 11-14	Rust-Oleum Championship ~ Lakewood CC ~ Westlake, OH
25-28	Air Capital Classic ~ Crestview CC ~ Wichita, KS
July 2-5	Nova Scotia Open ~ Ashburn GC ~ Halifax, CAN
9-12	Albertsons Boise Open ~ Hillcrest CC ~ Boise, ID
16-19	Stonebrae Classic ~ TPC Stonebrae ~ Hayward, CA
30- Aug 2	Utah Championship ~ GC at Thanksgiving Point ~ Lehi, UT
Aug 6-9	Midwest Classic ~ Nicholas GC ~ Overland, KS
13-16	Price Cutter Charity Championship ~ Highland Springs CC
	Springfield, MO
20-23	News Sentinel Open ~ Fox Den CC ~ Knoxville, TN
27-30	WinCo Foods Portland Open ~ Pumpkin Ridge ~ No. Plains, OR
Sept 10-13	Hotel Fitness Championship ~ Sycamore Hills GC ~ Ft. Wayne, IN
17-20	Chiquita Classic ~ River Run CC ~ Davidson, NC
24-27	Nationwide Children's Hospital Championship ~ OSU Golf Club
	Columbus,OH
Oct 1-4	Web.com Tour Championship ~ TPC Sawgrass ~ Ponte Vedra Beach



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