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by Sam Smith

One of the fun parts of playing golf courses throughout the Carolinas and offering our reviews, is that I get to enjoy a variety of course designs, with shot-making among my favorites. With that

in mind, on the northeast side of Charlotte you will find a course nestled in its natural surroundings near University Research Park.

The Tradition Golf Club, coming up on its 20th year, was designed by John Cassell,



II who blended natural beauty and golf course craftsmanship in a comfortable par-72 championship layout. With tree-lined Bermuda fairways, and a few tight undulating bent grass greens, positioning your golf ball is a key to scoring at Tradition.

Featuring its share of elevated tees and greens, most of the Tradition fairways are straight away with just a hand-full of holes that include dogleg configurations. Strategic shot-making will also be a must with water hazards in the form of lakes and streams coming into play throughout the course.

Tradition Golf Club is one of the five local clubs managed by Traditional Golf Management, with general manager Chris Eichstaedt in charge of the day-to-day operations.

"We have been receiving some very positive feed-back from our golfers," said Eichstaedt. "Many have commented that it's in the best shape of any golf course in Charlotte, which makes us feel our hard work has been worth it."

With very few houses on the course, beautiful tree-lined fairways and a comfortable challenge from any of their four sets of tees, playing Tradition is a very "peaceful" golf experience.

"Golfers that keep the ball in play will find a good number on their score card," added Eichstaedt. "Being just 6,121 yards from the white tees (6,978 from the tips), golfers don't have to blast a driver off every tee, but instead hit 3-metals or hybrids to have better positioning to approach our mid-size greens."

The few fairways damaged by winter weather have recovered very well, while seven tee-boxes have been re-sodded to complete the necessary improvements required by the management group, and requested by the playing public, that has good numbers returning to play Tradition again.

Eichstaedt is very proud of his customer service, "That's where the round begins and adds to the enjoyable time at Tradition. If golfers are treated well and they like the course, they will continue to come back time and again."

The Tradition is ideal for hosting outings and events, with its 5,400 square foot clubhouse, dining facilities, and a golf shop. The practice area includes a driving range, two practice putting greens and two practice sand bunkers.

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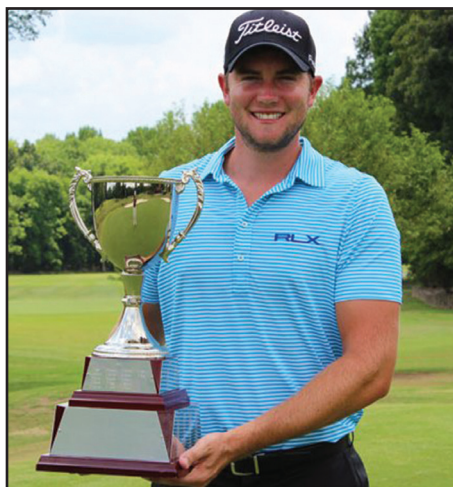


## Former 49'er golfer wins - Corey Nagy back on track

Four time UNC-Charlotte NCAA All American Corey Nagy of Charlotte must be wondering if a recent victory at the 12th annual eGolf Gateway Tour Cabarrus Classic will be the beginning of his march back towards golf's big show, posting rounds of 66-67-65—198 for an 18-under-par total and a four-shot victory – his first in nearly four years on tour.

Nagy, who honed his skills at the 49'ers Rocky River Golf Club practice facilities, had made a big splash after turning pro in 2010, winning three times on the 2011 eGolf Gateway Tour to claim the season-long money title over current PGA TOUR member Jason Kokrak. But then health issues became a bigger problem that making birdies.

After qualifying for the 2012 Web.com Tour via Q-School in December of 2011, Nagy fell victim to a bout of vertigo that shortened his rookie season.



The following year, Nagy notched three top-25 efforts on the PGA TOUR's developmental circuit, but still wasn't quite himself after proving his worth to the golfing world.

"You have to climb the ladder – you don't just get there. 2011 was a perfect year for me, with three wins and some good money in my account. Then 2012 was a tough year – I thought I'd win three times, move up to the PGA TOUR and into the Hall of Fame, but the golf gods didn't feel that way," said Nagy.

Nagy entered 2014 with conditional status on the Web.com Tour, but made just one start at the BMW Charity Pro-Am. He spent the majority of his weeks chasing Monday qualifiers in between eGolf Gateway Tour events, where he produced three top-25s in eight starts.

Entering 2015 without status for the first time since 2012, Nagy posted two top-25s in four starts on the eGolf Gateway Tour before entering the Cabarrus Classic, where his season – and his outlook – changed for the good.

"I've worked really, really hard to try and get back. I know I'm playing well. This game is really just keeping at it and knowing the door is going to open at some point," he said. "So hopefully I continue to play well this year and into next year. The game is good, the health is great, so maybe it's all turning now."

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# SEQUOYAH NATIONAL GOLF CLUB – Cherokee, NC

## *Breathtaking views, challenging golf*

By Sam Smith

Most golf courses built on historical sites are marked by a few plaques, but at Sequoyah National Golf Club in the Great Smoky Mountains of western North Carolina, Mother Nature has provided a panoramic landscape to commemorate history on the reservation land of the Eastern Band of the Cherokee Indians.

Opened in August of 2009, this Robert Trent Jones II designed course can truly be called “breathtaking” with scenic vistas, beautiful landscape and challenging golf. Measuring 6,600 yards from the tips, this par 72 championship course features large immaculately groomed bent grass greens with Kentucky bluegrass fairways.



Warming up to play Sequoyah National is not a problem with an expansive practice area including a driving range, putting greens, chipping area and Callaway Golf Club fitting by certified PGA Golf Professionals right outside the clubhouse door. The golf shop offers a full range of men's and women's golf apparel.

The course is managed by Sequoia Golf, now owned by ClubCorp which has more than 3,400 holes of golf on private, semi-private and public golf courses across the United States.

General Manager Kenny Cashwell and head PGA professional Carr Crowe are ready to welcome you to a very special golf experience in the Smoky Mountains.

“We have worked hard to make sure the golfers that choose Sequoyah National are not disappointed with any aspect of our course,” said Cashwell. “From over-seeding, and in some cases re-sodding our fairways, reconditioning our bunkers to double rolling our bent grass greens, Superintendent Brannon Burnes has touched all bases to upgrade the condition of our course.”

Designer R.T. Jones, II did a wonderful job of routing the course through the oak and fir trees and flowering valleys that will give golfers a good look from a majority of elevated tee boxes. On many tees one will have a 360° view, including the highest tee box at the par-4 15th hole with the long-range landscape vista of the Great Smoky Mountains National Park that contains the highest mountain in the Smokies, Tennessee's Clingmans Dome (6,643 ft.).

Picture this. You hit your tee shot off the 15th tee box, at nearly 2,500 feet. It's soaring into the wispy clouds above the Smoky Mountains backdrop, just hanging over a valley several hundred feet below. You breathe a sigh of relief as your ball comes to earth just ahead of the 150-marker in the center of the fairway, setting up an uphill carry into one of the many multi-tiered greens for a possible par. Wow! You want to hit that shot again just to continue this memorable moment at Sequoyah.

Like most mountain golf courses, Sequoyah National offers several forced carry holes to challenge your ball-striking abilities. However, with 5 sets of tees you can bite off as much of a challenge as your game will allow. To help with club selection to meet these challenges and other playing situations, Sequoyah National offers a cart-monitoring system called “Visage GPS”, with a vocal hole description of each tee box, while furnishing shot distances into the greens for ensuing shots.

Another fun feature at Sequoyah, are the information signs at each tee that have very interesting and entertaining facts about the land, the course and the Cherokee Indian's folklore. With Cherokee blood coursing through my veins, gathering knowledge of the band of Indians that eluded the “Trail of Tears” march to Oklahoma in 1838-39, was an added attraction to the enjoyable golf.

Sequoyah National Golf Club provides ultimate playing conditions year-round including green flowing Bluegrass fairways and rough, and sizeable bent grass greens that are very receptive to high or low flying approach shots. The tee-box video and “Visage GPS” on your cart will be a big aid in getting proper distance to set up a reasonable putt.

Enjoy a relaxed lunch or afternoon beverage on the outdoor deck with 180° views of the Great Smoky Mountains.





The surrounding community also provides golfers a welcoming environment that is rich with Native American culture and exciting year-round attractions.

Just minutes from Sequoyah National is the luxurious 21-story Harrah's Cherokee Hotel, set amid the beautiful mountain setting of western North Carolina and provides luxury lodging that creates an upscale experience with 1,108 spacious rooms that include breathtaking views. The hotel has seven restaurants with a wide variety of food from causal snacks to the Chefs Stage Buffet offering tastes from around the world with Italian, Asian, comfort food, barbeque and much more.

Enjoy many amenities like the fitness room that is open 24/7, the indoor pool and the new outdoor pool featuring a zero entry pool, cabanas and bar area.

To book a tee time, a stay-and-play package or get more information on Sequoyah National Golf Club for your "breathtaking experience" call 828-497-3000 or logon at [www.sequoyahnational.com](http://www.sequoyahnational.com)



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by Tyler Cochran,  
Assistant golf pro - Skybrook Golf Club

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## “Everyman’s Golf Course” – Sugar Mountain Golf Club

By Thomas McAuliffe, Sugar Mountain Pro Golf Director

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

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

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

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

All who play Sugar Mountain leave won-over, marked for life by the brilliance of the routing and the magical quality of the putting surfaces. The layout courses through a verdant land rich in laurel and rushing streams and exploits every panoramic view the property possesses. Best of all, the course delivers an enjoyable experience for players of all skill levels.





## New Marc Lapointe Golf School opens at Fort Mill Golf Club

Shortly after Marc Lapointe joined Leroy Springs & Company, Inc in early March, plans were developed to build a Golf School at Ft. Mill Golf Club. Those plans are now a reality with the opening of the new facility in early August. The school brings a new level of golf instruction to Ft. Mill, but will be branching out to all four Springs' courses, including Fort Mill, Springfield, Lancaster and Chester Golf Courses.

Marc joined Leroy Springs from the Dana Rad-er Golf School at The Golf Club at Ballantyne where he had taught since 2003, most recently as the Director of Instruction. Marc has been honored for his work with junior golfers by being named among the top teachers in the country by U.S. Kids Golf. In 2013-14, Marc was ranked #6 in the Best Teachers in NC by Golf Digest. Marc's golf tips have been published in Carolina Golf Journal and Ballantyne Magazine.

"We welcomed Marc to our Springs Golf family and have been excited



about the strong program he is building," said Gene Roper, Leroy Springs Director of Golf. "Marc is a nationally recognized golf instructor and brings a wealth of talent and experience to our courses. Marc's program will build on the strong interest in golf we have seen expressed in the popularity of our recent partnership with First Tee of Charlotte. Together, our goal is to make the game of golf accessible to all ages and abilities."

While he teaches students at all levels of the game, Marc emphasizes the importance of fundamentals as a core element of his instruction. A native of Montreal, Marc played collegiate golf at Coker College and is now a committed Southerner.

Marc said, "I'm thrilled to be working with Springs Golf to develop programs that will help golfers of all abilities improve their game and enhance their enjoyment of the sport."

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[kradisi@thepuzzlepiecefoundation.com](mailto:kradisi@thepuzzlepiecefoundation.com)

## **Nate Cobb Memorial Charity Golf Tournament**

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## **Our Lady of Grace - Knights of Columbus 2nd Annual Golf Tournament**

Tuesday, September 22  
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## **Link up for Kids - Children's Miracle Network Charity Golf Tournament**

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## **Junior Achievement of the Carolinas Fall Golf Classic**

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## **PCLS 2nd Annual Golf Tournament**

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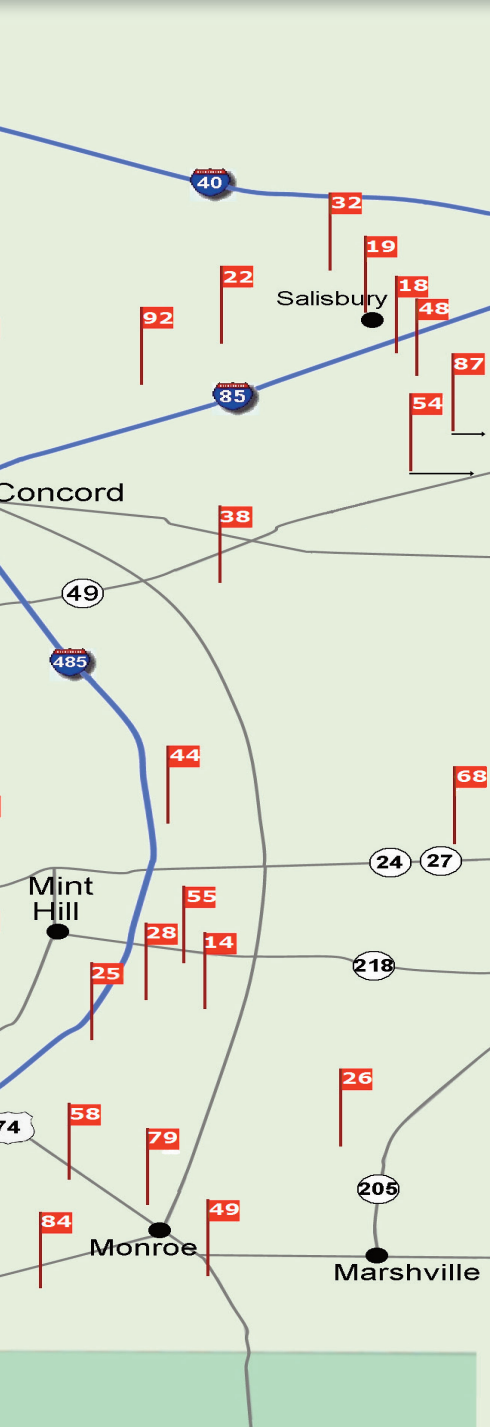


This map displays the Charlotte, North Carolina metropolitan area and surrounding regions. Major highways are shown in blue, including Interstates 40, 77, 85, and 485, as well as State Routes 73, 16, 321, 74, 75, 29, 51, 161, 274, and 521. Numerous cities and towns are labeled, such as Hickory, Conover, Maiden, Lincolnton, Denver, Davidson, Cornelius, Huntersville, Kannapolis, Charlotte, Gastonia, Cramerton, Mt. Holly, Kings Mtn, Shelby, York, Rock Hill, Fort Mill, Pineville, Matthews, and Mooresville. A large number of red rectangular markers, each containing a white number, are scattered across the map, often placed along highways or near specific locations. Some markers are labeled with 'R1' or 'R2' and an arrow pointing left. The map also shows a green area in the south, likely representing a body of water or a specific geographical feature, and an airport icon near Charlotte.

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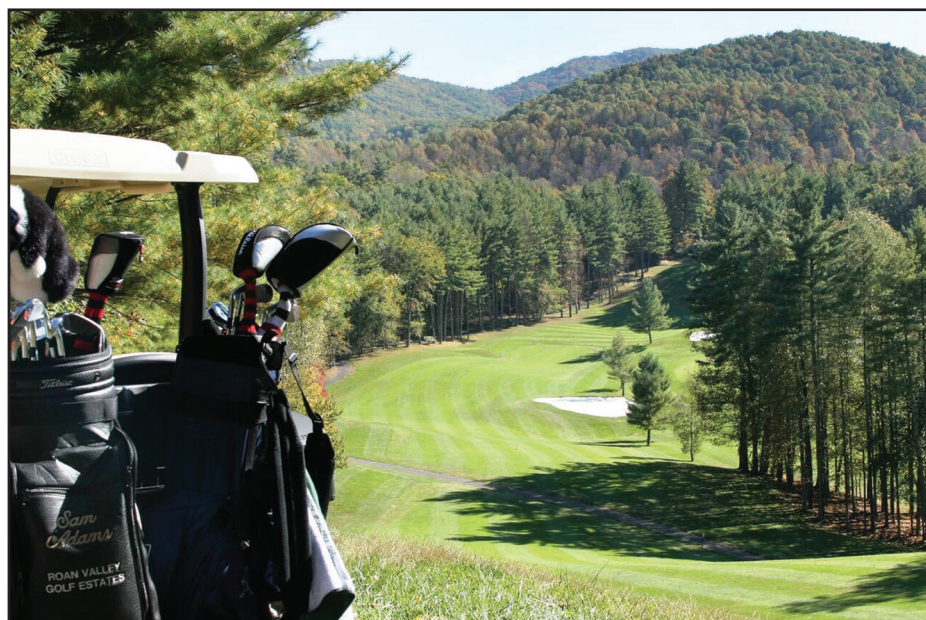
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# RED TAIL MOUNTAIN – *Quintessential mountain resort*

by Sam Smith

As the showcase piece of a spectacular 5,200 acre tract of land that stretches along the Tennessee/North Carolina border of the High Country, Red Tail Mountain Resort and Golf Club has become the



quintessential mountain golf resort just 20 minutes north of Boone. The Red Tail Mountain financial storm before 2013 is just a distant memory now with the aggressive forward thinking of the Lyle Habermehl family from Ontario, Canada. Lyle and wife Kendall purchased the property with the intent of providing the missing pieces and making it a polished jewel for golfers to enjoy as a true resort destination.

“In this part of the High Country the lake is spectacular. The mountains are spectacular. This area has a lot going for it. It has great people. It has all the beauty that God blessed it with. Our mission is to bring the people here and expose them to this beauty, and hopefully impact the entire community, not just Red Tail Mountain.”

With Red Tail’s addition of a new pro shop, enlarged driving range and putting green, a swimming pool, fitness center, tennis courts, hiking trails, Augusta National type sand in the bunkers along with future plans for water sports on Watauga Lake and equestrian trails - the outstanding 72-hole championship golf course has more of an appeal for individual, family and group getaways than ever before.

Designed by the father-son team of Ellis and Dan Maples, both Hall of Fame golf architects, scenic Red Tail Mountain features almost 500 feet

of spectacular elevation changes. On several holes with elevated tees, it seems like your tee shots will fly forever against the dramatic backdrop of neighboring peaks.

After flip-flopping their front and back nine holes, the first five holes and the last five holes are now routed through the Blue Ridge Mountains. The middle eight holes will play in the valley (2,500 feet elevation) in view of the spacious 20,000 square-foot clubhouse.

“Before the change golfers started and finished in the valley on holes you can find anywhere,” said owner Habermehl. “Now they get into real mountain golf in the first five holes, and finish with excellent elevation changes on the final five holes, including a beautiful 18th hole that climbs uphill to the new pro shop.”

The downhill par-5, 495-yard 3rd hole could be called one of their signature holes with a sharp dogleg right at the end that must be set up with two well-positioned fairway shots. The solid rock backdrop, fronted by rock outcroppings, truly sets this hole apart from any other hole in the High Country.



*Signature hole at Red Tail - par-5 #3 guarded by giant rock wall*

The stout up-hill par-5, 481-yard 9th hole finishes the front side in the valley, and after the par-3, 118-yard 13th hole you start the climb back into the mountain with the No.1 handicap, 346-yard straight away 14th hole, with an uphill approach to an elevated green. Miss hit here and you find the ball coming right back at you.



The three finishing holes, none particularly long, can make or break a good round with elevation changes and side hill stances testing even the best of the golfers.

Number 17 stretches 484-yards with the final 125-yards looking up at a tight green that reveals only half a flag giving you a target to aim your approach shot. Get out of that hole safely, and the No. 3 handicap par-4, 366-yard 18th hole calls for another accurate iron shot into a well bunkered undulating bent-grass green to finish your round.

“Golfers are commenting that Red Tail is in the best shape in many years,” said Habermehl. “We have added new equipment to make sure that the conditions match the challenge of the course to please customers. There seems to be a ‘sense of community’ between the golf course personnel and our visitors enjoying the improvements and renovations we have made.”

The resort has a mobile app that gives yardages, weather and even golf tips from long-time pro Sam Adams, a former PGA Tour winner.

As we mentioned earlier, not all of the improvements or renovations have taken place on the golf course. Vistas Restaurant has been renovated, and now serves lunch daily, including a terrific pasta bar on Mondays, and one of their specialty menu items is the organic hormone-free bison burger. The Sunday Brunch, back by popular demand, has drawn rave reviews from High Country locals as well as mountain visitors. For a little bite, the new pro shop has a snack bar area.



*New hill-top pro shop now convenient to No. 1 tee and 18th green*

In the Lodges at Red Tail Mountain, seven three-bedroom condominiums near the clubhouse have been converted into 14 one and two bedroom units into rental lodging. They can be used as part of golf packages or rented individually. They feature well-appointed comfortable furnishings, fireplaces and large windows offer views of the golf course and surrounding mountains. Condo guests are invited to a complimentary



*Red Tail's new swimming pool with spectacular mountain views*

continental breakfast in the Main Clubhouse as part of their stay. Groups and families may also make reservations for breakfast cooked to order.

For more information on a trip to the High Country mountains call 423-727-7600 or visit [RedTailMountain.com](http://RedTailMountain.com).

## Tips for playing mountain golf

### UPHILL LIE:

Match your shoulders with the slope  
Swing “up” the slope  
Use more club to reduce loft

### DOWNHILL LIE:

Match your shoulders with the slope  
Swing “down” the slope  
Use less club to add loft

### BALL ABOVE YOUR FEET:

Choke up on the club  
Weight more on your toes  
Stand tall  
Ball position normal  
Use less loft to reduce the hook

### BALL BELOW YOUR FEET:

Grip at the end of the club  
Weight more on the heels  
Add more knee flex  
Ball position normal  
Use more loft to reduce the slice

### Always remember when attempting to hit an uneven lie:

Take several practice swings to get a feel for the slope  
Swing at 75% tempo  
Use a  $\frac{3}{4}$  length swing



# Olde Sycamore Golf Plantation

## Shot making pleasure and challenge

By Sam Smith

The first shot of the day from the elevated tee on the par-5 first hole at Olde Sycamore Golf Plantation sends a message early that you have found golfing pleasure just a few minutes outside I-485 on eastbound NC Hwy 218.



Saluted as the “Best New Course” when it opened in May of 1997, Olde Sycamore is now recognized as one of the best established and conditioned courses in the Greater Charlotte area. Nestled among a mature forest of hardwoods, it is not extremely long at 6,965 yards from the tips, but it does require some shot making and course management for you to post a good score.

“Golfers will find that the first four holes will test their skills,” said Olde Sycamore’s General Manager and Head PGA professional Barry Wilkins. “After that the golf course shows its true personality. Getting the ball in the right position on the front side to approach our large greens is a must, and that takes shots of all shapes.”

After that sweeping 516 yard par-5 first hole that plays downhill off the tee shot, doglegs left, and then comes back uphill on the approach, the remainder of the front nine is

dominated by doglegs and blind approach shots.

The front side is capped off by one of the course’s best par fours - the #1 handicap 442-yard 9th hole, with a lengthy approach over water and guarded by a large bunker on the right (Photo shown on left)

The back nine is as jaw droppingly beautiful as it is challenging, and seems to favor golfers that can play the ball from right to left, while the front nine caters to the faders. Slightly more traditional in its layout, with better views of landing areas and greens. It also houses two of Charlotte’s best par 5’s - the 601 yard 12th and the 528 yard 18th.

Carolina’s noted Hall of Fame architect Tom Jackson, has built many high-profile courses in the Carolinas, laid out Olde Sycamore through majestic Carolina tall pines - ideal for golf. Fairways are hybrid Bermuda and the undulating Crenshaw bent grass greens. A nice touch at Olde Sycamore is the use of Zoysia grass around the bunkers, allowing for greater definition around each green.

“The Crenshaw bent greens are some of the best you will find around Charlotte,” says Wilkins. “They typically roll about a 10 on the stimpmeter, but during the hot weather we don’t cut them as close and they will run about 8. We closely monitor the greens and make sure that every greens complex stays in good shape.”





Owner B.V. Belk, who developed the course in 1997, has maintained an excellent maintenance budget and has taken a very positive step to keeping Olde Sycamore in top shape by bringing in the course's designer, Tom Jackson to review the entire layout during minor renovation in 2007.

"We reaffirmed our commitment to make it one of the best courses in the Charlotte area," Belk said. "I feel we have to keep the golf course in excellent condition, so we've been working hard on that. Tom Jackson has come back and gone over every hole to see what we could do to make it better. He recommended a few minor changes and we've done those. The greens are in great condition now. The whole course is about as good as it can be."

Olde Sycamore is a strong test of your golfing skills from any of the "play forward" tee boxes. With fairways working both ways off the doglegs and challenging greens with undulations that make approach shots require accurate control, such a combination creates the best condition and challenges of a premiere course. All skill levels and ages can enjoy the beauty of Olde Sycamore.

Olde Sycamore provides a 35,000 sq. ft. hitting area range facility that allows each player the opportunity to improve all facets of their game. A large putting green, chipping green and practice sand bunkers complete the warm-up area.

At Olde Sycamore Golf Plantation you will find a premier golfing experience in the Charlotte area for groups up to 144 players. They specialize in full service event planning with their friendly and professional staff.

For tee times and information on their excellent membership opportunities (see ad to left), contact Olde Sycamore at 704-573-1000 or logon at [oldesycamoregolf.com](http://oldesycamoregolf.com).



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Olde Sycamore offers individual and group instruction by certified PGA and LPGA instructors with over 40 years of combined teaching experience with lesson rates for private instruction range from \$30 to \$50, with \$75 nine hole playing lessons also available. Special semi-private and group rates are available depending on the size of the group.

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The Junior Golf Programs at Olde Sycamore for juniors 6-14 provide a great opportunity to get your juniors started in the game of golf or continue to build on skills already acquired. The fun, hands on learning atmosphere while providing instruction of the basic fundamentals of the game of golf.

### PRACTICE FACILITIES

With the 18 holes ahead of you at Olde Sycamore Golf Plantation, warming up at our driving range is a great idea. For unlimited use of the range, yearly range plans are available. Prices range from \$415 per individual member golfer to \$575 for non-member players. Single buckets of balls prices start at just \$5.



# Full swings from the fairway bunker

Jon Meyers, Teaching Professional  
Dana Rader Golf School, a Golf Channel Academy

**T**our professionals make fairway bunker shots look routine; especially with short irons. Apply the following recommendations and take your fairway bunker shots to a whole new level.

As you approach the fairway bunker, begin to make a quick evaluation: How is the ball sitting? How severe is the front lip or wall of the bunker? Is there a hazard or another obstacle between you and the hole? The answers to these questions will help determine both club selection and the direction or the line of your next shot. Remember that a scratch or professional golfer carefully plans every shot. The execution might vary, but he or she always has a plan.

Even if it means giving up some yardage; you must honor the first rule of bunker play – to get the ball out! As your skill level increases, you can raise the level of expectations for this shot, but, with the design of some fairway bunkers, simply getting the ball out and on to the fairway is a victory! Always remember the course management goal of avoiding big numbers on your scorecard.

## Fairway Bunker Success:

\* Choke down on the grip, approximately 1 to 1.5 inches.

\* Stable/quiet lower body during the swing. Avoid excessive leg drive and your shots will be much more consistent.



\* Select 1 to 1.5 more club than an equal distance fairway shot and be realistic about clearing the face of the bunker. Your number one goal is getting the ball out.



\* However, depending on the face or front of the bunker, multiple clubs may be selected, including a hybrid.

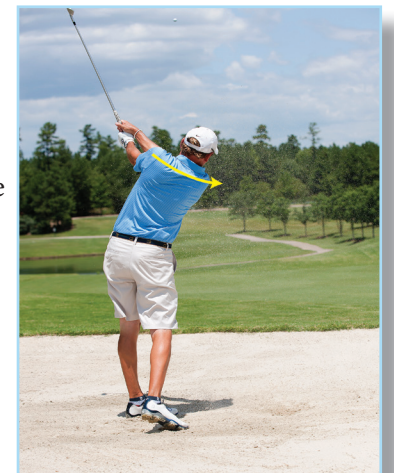
\* In creating your stance, barely dig your feet into the sand, not nearly as deep as you would in a greenside bunker.

\* It's crucial to strike the ball first, not the sand. Your hands will pass over the ball first, with 80-90% of your weight on the front foot. Think "ball first, sand second".

\* Ball position: back of center; this will assist in ball-first contact.

\* On the downswing, turn your shoulders more level than in a traditional full swing shot.

Practice often and when you apply these tips during your round, the fairway bunker shot will not be as much of a challenge. As a bonus, practicing full swing shots from the sand will improve your standard turf shots as well.



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shots struck out of deep grass, you can hit the R15 high and stop it on a dime, or keep it low to cheat the wind and run one up. This club will execute any shot you tell it to, testers appreciate the loft-adjustability feature.

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Mt. Mitchell Golf Club is a singular opportunity to play golf in the shadow of the highest peak in the east (6,684 feet) on a lovely valley layout that's relatively level and without tricks, but still a solid opponent. The back nine hugs the South Toe River, making it both a burbling backdrop and stealthy hazard. In fact, if you like a little fishing with your links experience, you can buy a permit in the pro shop and stalk the local trout after your round.



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## Local Pro and Amateur Golf Schedules - 2015

### Charlotte Senior Amateur Tour

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)

### National Junior Golf Tour

September 5	15th Annual Adult Junior Championship River Oaks Golf Plantation - Myrtle Beach
September 6-7	NJGT National Championship River Oaks Golf Plantation - Myrtle Beach
October 3-4	College Prep Series - Olde Sycamore Golf Plantation
November 14-15	College Prep Series - Mill Creek – Mebane
Dec. 19-20	College Prep Series - Rocky River Golf Club

### Charlotte Golfweek Amateur Tour

September 19	The Palisades Country Club
September 26	Local Finals - Country Club of Salisbury
September 27	Club at Irish Creek

### 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

### Carolina Golf Association

August 26	USGA U.S. Senior Men's Amateur Championship Sectional Qualifier Myers Park Country Club Charlotte, NC
August 26	USGA U.S. Women's Mid-Amateur Championship Sectional Qualifier Pine Island Country Club
August 30	CGA One-Day Tournament - Monroe Country Club
August 31	CGA Senior Four-Ball One-Day - The Peninsula Club
October 5	CGA One-Day Four-Ball Tournament - River Hills Country Club
November 2	CGA Senior Four-Ball One-Day - Gaston Country Club
November 3	CGA Senior Four-Ball One-Day - Ballantyne Country Club

## Did You Know? Golf Fun Facts....

- Breaking Barriers** – Long before Annika Sorenstam competed in the 2003 Bank of America Colonial, Babe Zaharias became the first – and only – female golfer to make the cut at a PGA TOUR event, shooting 76 and 81 during the first two rounds of the 1945 Los Angeles Open.
- Nearly Impossible** – Is there anything that matches the feeling one has when they make a hole-in-one? How about two in one round? Recently, Oakland University's Kassandra Komma did just that, recording two ones on her scorecard in nine holes. But, the odds are incredibly low, at one in 64 million!
- Righty Tightly, Lefty Lucy** – He may be the most famous left-handed golfer of all-time, but four-time major champion Phil Mickelson is naturally right-handed. As a youngster, he mirrored his father's swing and enjoyed so much success that he never needed right-handed clubs.
- Moonwalking** – To this day, golf is one of only two sports along with the javelin throw, to have ever been played on the moon. Back on February 6, 1971, Apollo 14 member Alan Shepard hit a ball with a six-iron, swinging one-handed as a result of his pressure suit.
- Birdie** – While playing in Atlantic City, N.J., in 1889, Ab Smith hit a shot he defined as a "bird of a shot." His description ultimately led to one of the game's most popular terms, which golfers regularly aim for – "birdie."
- Walk It Off** – If you choose to walk, rather than ride 18 holes, you will not only walk roughly four mikes, but also burn 2,000 calories. To compare, golfers that ride carts burn about 1,300 calories.
- Turkey and Cattle** – In the midst of World War II, Augusta National Golf Club closed for three years, and cattle and turkeys were raised on the grounds to support the war effort. The Masters was not contested again until 1946. That year, Herman Keiser won his only major championship, defeating Ben Hogan by one shot.
- A Win for the Ages** – Sam Snead is legendary for his 82 PGA TOUR victories, seven major championships, and longevity. But he is also the only male golfer to win on the LPGA Tour, capturing the 1962 Royal Poinciana Plaza Invitational by five shots.
- Ad-Libbed** – "Cinderella story. Outta nowhere. A former greens-keeper, now, about to become the Masters champion." A cult classic, "Caddyshack" delivers one memorable movie line after another. But few are quoted as often as greens-keeper Carl Spackler's Masters reference, as he imagines winning the tournament, while swinging away at flowers with a garden tool. Incredibly, the entire scene was improvised by comedic legend Bill Murray.



## PGA 2015 SCHEDULE

<b>August</b> 27-30	Barclays* ~ Plainfield CC ~ Plainfield, NJ
<b>Sept</b> 3-6	Deutsche Bank Championship* ~ TPC Boston
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



\*FedEx Cup playoff event

## LPGA 2015 SCHEDULE

August 27-30	Yokohama Tire LPGA Classic ~ Prattville, AL
<b>Sept</b> 10-13	Evian Championship ~ Evian-les-Bains, France
18-20	Solheim Cup ~ Germany
<b>October</b> 1-4	Reignwood LPGA Classic ~ Beijing, China
8-11	Sime Darby LPGA Malaysia ~ Kuala Lumpur
15-18	LPGA KEB Hana Bank Championship ~ Incheon, South Korea
22-25	Blue Bay LPGA ~ Hainan Island, China
29- Nov 1	Fubon LPGA Taiwan Championship ~ Taipei
<b>Nov</b> 6-8	Mizuno Classic ~ Shima-Shi, Japan
12-15	Lorena Ochoa Invitational ~ Mexico City
19-22	CME Group Tour Championship ~ Naples, FL



## CHAMPIONS TOUR 2015 SCHEDULE

Aug 28-30	Dick's Sporting Goods Open ~ En-Joie GC ~ Endicott, NY
<b>Sept</b> 4-6	Quebec Championship
18-30	Pacific Links China Championship ~ 27 Club ~ Tianjan, China
25-27	Nature Valley First Tee Open ~ Pebble Beach
<b>Oct</b> 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
<b>Nov</b> 5-8	Charles Schwab Cup Championship ~ Desert Mountain Club ~ Scottsdale



## WEB.COM 2015 SCHEDULE

August 27-30	WinCo Foods Portland Open
Sept 10-13	Pumpkin Ridge 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



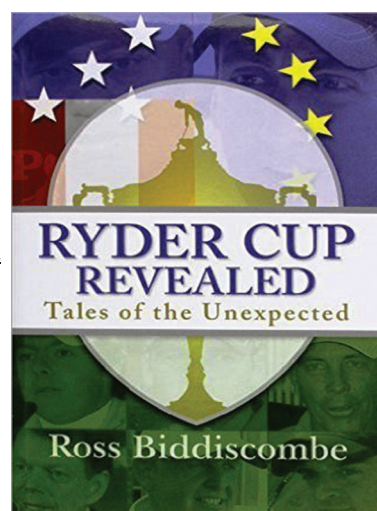
## Book Corner

## RYDER CUP REVEALED - Tales of the Unexpected

America and Europe face-off every two years in one of the greatest team events in all of sport – The Ryder Cup. Nothing provokes as much emotion, fist-pumping and crowd interaction in golf than this special competition.

**Ryder Cup Revealed: Tales of the Unexpected** written by Ross Biddiscombe, is an in-depth inspection of the sporting history between these old rivals and it is packed with new stories and fresh insights into money, politics, rivalries, controversies and much more.

The book is the product of more than 100 interviews, but not just involving the players. Questions were asked of sports business analysts, top golfing administrators; golf historians; golf agents; senior members of the European Tour, the British PGA and the PGA of America; match organizers; host club secretaries; TV executives; sports commercial experts; and many more people central to the Ryder Cup's outside-the-ropes story.



"One of the things that became clear when I started reporting and researching Ryder Cup Revealed was the dearth of information about the numbers: the euros and dollars behind the matches," said Biddiscombe.

Unlike any previous book about the Cup's 86-year history, this book takes you into the minds of the key personalities and explains the significance of the team rooms, meeting rooms and locker rooms by linking all of the off-course scheming and plotting with how princes and presidents, prejudices and prevailing attitudes in British European and US society affected matches.

"And, because of all the historical financial reporting of the matches, the book can also predict the future success of the Ryder Cup as well as some of the potential problems that the matches will encounter," added Biddiscombe. "The investigation in the business of the Cup was the most revealing part of the whole process."

If you're looking to read about the Ryder Cup, you'll be hard-pressed to find something more interesting, insightful or well written than this. Biddiscombe scores a hole-in-one with "Ryder Cup Revealed."

The 2016 Ryder cup is set for September 27- October 2, 2016 at Hazeltine National Golf Club, Chaska, Minnesota.



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