



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.