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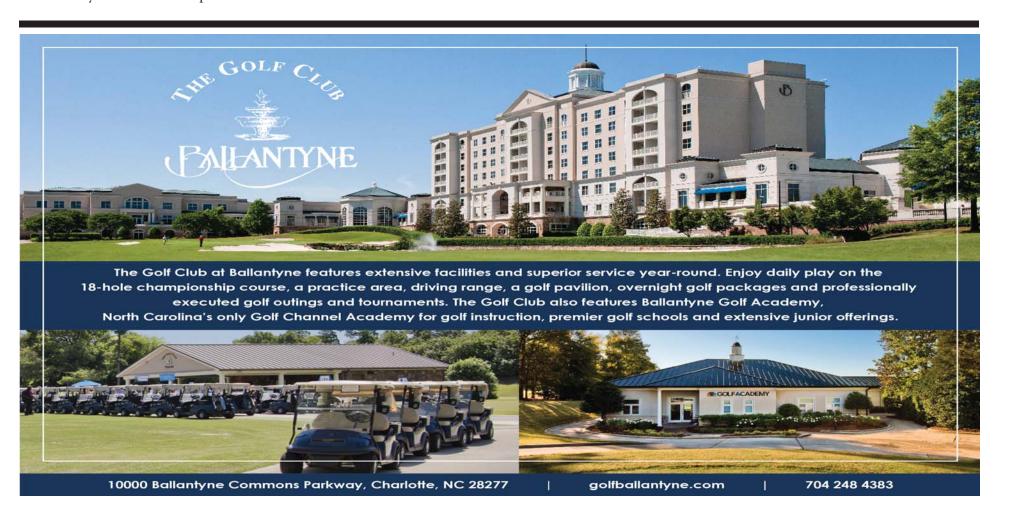
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## PRESIDENT'S CUP COUNTDOWN **AUSTRALIA (2019) - CHARLOTTE (2021)**

By Sam Smith

Torld golf fans have several months to International Golf competition with the 2019 President's Cup set for December 12-15 at the Royal Melbourne Golf Club in Australia.

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But there is also an air of excitement on its way with Quail Hollow Golf Club hosting the biennial event in 2021 ~ September 30- October 3.

Quail Hollow Club will be the fifth golf course in the United

States to host the prestigious team match-play competition, joining Robert Trent Jones Golf Club in Prince William County, Virginia, (1994, 1996, 2000, 2005), TPC Harding Park in San Francisco (2009, 2025); Muirfield Village Golf Club in Dublin, Ohio (2013); and Liberty National, Jersey City, New Jersey (2017).

"Being chosen by the PGA TOUR to host The Presidents Cup 2021 is a dream come true," said Quail Hollow President Johnny Harris. "Our membership is proud of all we've accomplished with the Wells Fargo Championship over the years, helping to impact the history of the sport here in the Carolinas, and the continual improvements we've made have allowed us to attract the best players in the world, the PGA Championship and now The Presidents Cup."

Quail Hollow Club hosted the Kemper Open from 1969-79 and has hosted the PGA TOUR's Wells Fargo Championship since 2003, one of the largest, most prestigious sporting events in the Charlotte region. In 2017, Quail Hollow Club hosted the PGA Championship, the first major championship for the venue prior to the President's Cup.

"We're thrilled to add Quail Hollow Club to the growing list of exceptional venues to host The Presidents Cup," said PGA Tour Commissioner Jay Monahan.

"Charlotte is a major hub of business in the Southeastern United States, and Quail Hollow has been a player favorite since the PGA TOUR returned there in 2003, and we're confident players, fans and sponsors from around the world will find Charlotte, the Carolinas and the course itself a remark-

able setting for The 2021 Presidents Cup."

The USA team hopes to continue their dominate role in the President's Cup with an 8th straight victory in Australia this December.

Of the 12 previous International events, the USA has won 10 times, with only the 1998 contest also in Melbourne, going to the International team with a commanding 21 ½ -10 ½ final score.

There has been one tie in

the history of the President's Cup which maybe amplifies the quintessential sportsmanship meaning of the competition.

INTERNATIONAL

CAPTAIN

In 2003, Jack Nicklaus, the USA Captain and International Captain Gary Player shook hands on the 18th green declaring the event a tie. The United States and International team tied the regular competition 17-17 at Royal Melbourne, and after tying three playoff holes between Tiger Woods and Ernie Els it was decided that the Cup would be shared by agreement of the captains and players.

The ironic twist to that 2003 contest is that the two playoff competitors, Tiger Woods and Ernie Els, will be the team captains for the 2019 President's Cup this December that will also be played at Royal Melbourne Golf Club.

Presidents Cup

MELBOURNE,

AUSTRALIA



For updates on the

2019 event in Australia logon at presidentscup.com.

For information on President's Cup tickets at Quail Hollow in 2021, go to the official Charlotte website at quailhollowclub.com/2021-presidents-cup.



# CHARLOTTE CATHOLIC GOLFER WINS NATIONAL PGA JUNIOR CHAMPIONSHIP

record-setting performance by 17-year old Jack
Heath of Charlotte Catholic High School propelled him to victory in the 44th Boys Junior PGA
Championship.

Heath's final round 8-under par 62 shattered championship records of overall score, set in 2017, and final round score that had stood for nearly three decades.

Heath sank a stunning 40-foot birdie putt from the fringe on the 72nd hole to finish his 8-under par round, which featured two eagles and six birdies versus two bogeys, giving him the clubhouse lead at 21-under par (259) for the Championship at Keney Park Golf Course in Hartford, CT.

"I knew if it went in, I would most likely win, and it went in," said Heath. "It's why I play golf."

The putt also broke Chris Couch's record for the lowest final round in Championship history, set in 1990, by one stroke. In addition, Heath's 259 total score (65-64-68-62 259) broke Akshay Bhatia's record of 266 (in 2017) by seven strokes.

Before his 18th hole heroics, when did Heath realize he might have a shot at the title? "I looked up at the leader-board on No. 14 and suddenly saw I was only two back," said Heath.

"I knew if I got something going, I had a chance." And going he did!

Heath had started the final round tied for fifth place and played the final seven holes in six-under par. He had a relatively short wait on the 18th hole before the only two players on the course capable of catching him and forcing a playoff would arrive.

Georgia Tech commit Andy Mao, 17, of Johns Creek, Georgia, stepped up to the final stage first. His 30-foot birdie try slid by within a foot of the cup. Mao (64-67-64-66 261) missed his par putt and made bogey to finish third at 19-under par.

That left first round co-leader and second round leader Canon Claycomb, 17, of Bowling Green, Kentucky, who stood 20-feet under the hole.

Claycomb's putt wound towards

the cup and lipped out. He tapped in for par and second place at 20-under par (62-64-68-66 260).

Heath, a rising senior, whose Charlotte Catholic High School golf team is a two-time defending state champion in North Carolina, recently committed to San Diego State. He started playing golf at age two, because his mom, Kelley, didn't want him staying in the house all day. So, Heath and his father, Ron, headed to the driving range. "I loved it," said Heath.

Fast-forward 15 years, when Heath received the Jack Nicklaus Trophy from PGA President Suzy Whaley as 2019 Boys Junior PGA Champion.



Jack Heath with PGA President Suzy Whaley, received the Jack Nicklaus Trophy for being the 2019 Boys Junor PGA Champion.



## HICKORY NATIVE WINS FIRST PGA TITLE

## J.T. Poston goes bogey-free all four rounds at Wyndham

ormer Western Carolina University golfer J.T. Poston was looking for his first PGA win when he traveled from his home in Hickory to play in the Wyndham Championship in Greensboro. Little did he know that he would not only capture the title, but would match a record on the PGA Tour that has stood the test of time since 1974.

He tied Henrik Stenson's 2-year-old tournament record at 22-under 258, and became the first player since Lee Trevino in 1974 to win a 72-hole stroke-play event on tour without any bogeys or worse.

"I probably haven't had that many bogey-free rounds this year," Poston said. "To be able to do four in a row is pretty special, and finish it off with a 62 on Sunday is pretty awesome."

The native North Carolinian began his round three strokes back, took the lead for good with - what else? - a birdie on the par-5 15th hole, then finished with three straight pars to earn \$1,116,000 and 500 FedEx Cup points.

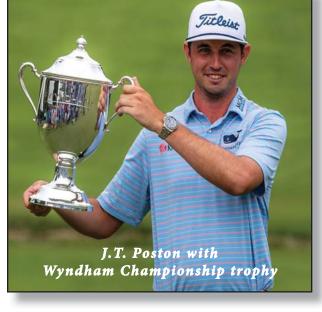
At the champion's press conference, Poston admitted that even when he dropped the winning putt his mind drifted back more than two-decades when his grandfather, Charles "Doc" Cunningham sawed down an old persimmon 5-wood and gave it to him.



to behave on the course.

They spent hours together at Lake Hickory Country Club, a course that bears some similarity to Greensboro's Sedgefield Country Club, and the boy became very good, even better than his teacher in time, and took home two conference championships in college (Southern Conference titles - 2014 & 2015).

Surrounded all week by friends and family from Hickory, along with more than a few fans wearing the eye-catching purple of his alma mater Western Carolina where Poston prepped became the first alum to ever win a PGA Tour title. But perhaps the most meaningful supporter was Cunningham, who Poston calls "Pa Doc," he's 85, and hasn't been able to travel to many tournaments lately because of medical issues. His presence on the course for Poston's maiden victory was one of those happy coincidences that, for Poston was almost inexpressible.



"It was pretty special to have everybody here,

especially my grandfather," he said. "I have so many memories of the golf course with him, following him to the range, playing golf with him growing up. Definitely would not be here without him, without his guidance."

"For him to be here," Poston added moments later, his eyes welling up just slightly, "is, you know, that's something that I will never, never forget."

Webb Simpson - who finished second for the second straight week - earned his seventh top-10 finish at this tournament since 2010 and climbed to No. 9 on the playoff points list, earning \$550,000 in bonus money as part of the inaugural Wyndham Rewards Top 10 program.

"Honestly, it wasn't even on the radar going into Memphis (last week)," Simpson said. "I was too far back, I thought, unless I did something crazy. So yeah, it was on my mind this week."



Webb Simpson working hard to earn \$500k Wyndham Rewards Bonus money

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# New course owners and homeowners save the Skybrook Golf Community

skybrook Golf Club was initially designed to be one of the premier golf courses in the Charlotte area. However, poor management over the past 15

years had slowly let this gem of a course decline and become in need of serious repair. Former ownership distributed a real estate packet offering the facility for sale as a course or possibly for development land. This sparked serious concern.



Craig Sandhaus, HOA President, said "Developing this property into anything other than a golf course would be disastrous for our community. So, I reached out to my 'Dream Team' for help."

Sandhaus met with the original developers, DR Bryan and John Coley as well as the owners of the Charlotte-based Pinnacle Golf Properties, Kim Worrel and David Taylor. PGP was hired 2 years ago by the owner to operate Skybrook. "Pinnacle has worked miracles with the course since their arrival." Sandhaus concluded.

Afterward, Skybrook Golf, LLC was formed and the golf course was purchased on April 2, 2019. A plan was initiated to immediately improve the course, including re-grassing the greens to mini-verde Bermuda and renovating the clubhouse. The new ownership then asked the Skybrook HOA for an annual subsidy of \$150,000 a year for the next 10 years to help speed up the rebuilding process. In exchange, a protective covenant would be put in place to secure that the golf course remain.

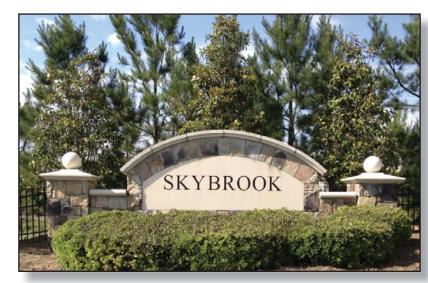
It would take a vote of 75% of all 1,153 residents to pass the amendment, which seemed a daunting task. Word spread like wildfire



throughout the community. Just 4 weeks later, the community secured 80% Yes votes. "I have never seen anything like what happened at Skybrook." says Susan Rouanzion of Cedar Management, which oversees the Skybrook HOA. "This entire community came together overnight to support the golf course."

"Skybrook Golf Club has fantastic bones. Now, with the HOA's support, we can expedite many of the capital improvements projects and recover the course from years of deferred maintenance. It is a new day at Skybrook, and there is no doubt the course will quickly return to the top ranks in the area."-David Taylor, Pinnacle Golf.

The Skybrook clubhouse will re-open August 23<sup>th</sup> with the golf course re-opening August 31<sup>st</sup>.





## THE ULTIMATE GOLF GIVEAWAY



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## BE REALISTIC WITH YOUR GOALS

By Ryan Brickley - PGA Director of Golf - Rocky River Golf Club

ne of the most difficult things an instructor encounters is students who don't understand the commitment needed to become an excellent player. In order to develop the confidence in your golf game that is needed to play well, the first step is to be honest about how much time you can commit to practice and play.



Golf, unlike a lot of other sports, gives us a glimpse of what greatness feels like when we sink a long putt, hit a perfect drive that splits the fairway, or better yet, find the bottom of the hole on a par-3 with a hole in one! These are what make it such a great game, make it so fun for all ages and ability to play. However, I also feel it can create false hope for some players.

The one goal I hear most often from my students is that they would



"like to be more consistent". My next question is always to find out how much they practice and play.

sometimes have to be very diplomatic with my response when someone tells me they play two times a month, never

practice, but want to be "consistent".

You wouldn't find someone trying to speak a foreign language by learning a few words twice a month! My point here is that consistently good golf requires diligent effort over a sustained period of time. Most players have the necessary talent to play well but they must commit themselves to the process of improvement.

The first step in establishing this consistency is to set realistic and attainable goals. These should be both short term, and long term, with an established plan to achieving both.

One of the first steps with your goals should also be to find a qualified teacher that you feel comfortable with. Once you find a good teacher, have them help you establish your goals immediately.



Having a plan in place helps you track your progress and should make the journey to your goals a lot more fun.

Also be sure to schedule the lessons far enough apart to allow plenty of practice time. It is much better to reschedule a lesson than to come for the next appointment without putting in the time and having a supervised practice session as your pro repeats the previous lesson.

It all sounds fairly simple so far, right? It is simple, but it is not easy. It is easy to find a pro and take lessons. The hard part is to honor your commitment and persist when the progress is slow. Try not to be too aware of your score.



How many times have you heard someone tell the story of how they just needed to par the last two holes for their career round only to finish with two double bogeys?

Instead of having a goal of shooting a certain score, try to play an entire round where you fully commit to each shot, and focus on your pre-shot routine for every swing. Or simply focus on hitting a higher percentage of solid shots than normal. This way, you are much less likely to become frustrated during the round, and can stick with your commitment to the process of improvement.

By changing your expectations and your approach to practicing and playing, you should have no problem becoming, "more consistent".

#### REALISTIC and ATTAINABLE GOALS

Find a qualified teacher Establish your goals immediately Track your progress Allow plenty of practice time Stick with your commitment



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# Charlotte 3 All-Star team captures PGA Jr. League Carolinas Section Championship

hat continues to be vastly improving junior golf play throughout North Carolina, the Carolinas PGA Section saw some great scores during the PGA Jr. League Carolinas Section Championship.

The Carolinas had four (4) teams compete in the Section Championship - the Charlotte 3 All-Star team captained by Brent Reneau and coach Taryn Wolford; the Morganton All-Star team captained by Jimmy Piercy and coach Jason Akel; the Par Tee All-Star team captained by Tom Mason, and the Wilmington 1 All-Star team captained by Chris Byrd and coach Stuart Shearin.

All of the juniors played very well, with two (2) teams advancing to the Carolinas PGA Jr. League Section Championship Finals - Charlotte 3 All-Stars and Morganton All-Stars. The Charlotte 3 All-Star team finished with 8.5 points and the Morganton All-Star team finished with 3.5 points.

Due to the fact the Carolinas PGA Section won an "at-large bid" they are given the opportunity to take two (2) teams to the PGA Jr. League Regional Tournament. Charlotte 3 and Morganton teams are advancing to the Regional Qualifier on September 21st & 22nd at the Springfield Country Club in Springfield, VA.





## 2019 Charity Golf Tournaments for the Greater Charlotte area

Carolina Golf Journal would like to promote your 2019 fundraising golf tournament. Send your information to: samcsmith@mindspring.com or call 704-774-7748

#### 10th Annual Heart Bright Celebrity Invitational

Tuesday, August 27 Golf Club @ Ballantyne Captain's Choice Shotgun start 10:30 am Cost: \$100 per player Contact: 704-373-3002

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## 10th Annual "Tee-off for Veterans" Golf Tournament

Saturday, September 14 Warrior Golf Club Captain's Choice Shotgun Starts - 11 am Contact: Bryan Holliday 704-408-6162 BH@ChemTechIS.com

#### 7<sup>th</sup> Annual Project 2 Heal's "Putt for Pups" Golf Outing & Fundraiser

Monday, September 23
Firethorne Country Club
Captain's Choice Shotgun Start 11:30 am
Cost: \$150 per player
\$30 dinner only (non golfers)
Contact: Sandy Pitrizzo 704-577-3548
sandy@project2heal,org

## East Lincoln Christian Ministry, INC. 6th Annual Golf Tournament

Monday, September, 30 Cowan's Ford Golf Club Captain's Choice - Shotgun start 11:00am Cost: \$75 per player / \$280 per foursome Contact: East Lincoln Christian Ministry 704-483-4415 elcm2@att.net

## Annual Business Leaders of Charlotte (BLOC) Charity Golf Classic

Tuesday, October 1
Raintree Country Club
Captain's Choice
Shotgun start 11:30
Cost: \$150 per player / \$600 / foursome
Contact: Jamie Lein 704-324-3442 x 402
Jamie.lein@frontrowopt.com

#### 3<sup>rd</sup> Annual Jane Burt Williams Memorial Golf Classic benefits Center for Health and Wellness Thomasville Memorial Center

Colonial Country Club - Thomasville Captain's Choice Shotgun starts: 8:00 am & 1:30 pm Cost: \$100 per player Contact: Kristin Trexler 704-799-5408 krtrexler@novanthealth.org

Friday, October 4

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Monday, October 7

## 4th Annual Charlotte Post Foundation Tournament

Birkdale Golf Club Captain's Choice Shotgun start 9:00am Cost: \$125 Per player / \$400 per foursome Contact: Linda Johnson 704-376-0498 linda@thecharlottepost.com

## The Silver Cup Tournament to benefit the Garrett Thomas Foundation

Cabarras Country Club Captain's Choice Shotgun Start 1:00 pm Cost: \$100 per player Contact: Kathy Thomas 704-599-1100 kathytom@datadocimaging.com

#### 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Linda Jochim Classic

Monday, October 14
Tega Cay Golf Club
Captain's Choice Shotgun Start 10:00 am
Cost: \$125 per player/ \$500 per team
Contact: Letherman Golf Learning Center
704-527-1123
leathermangolf@gmail.com

#### The SEU Promotions Charlotte Invitational

Saturday, October 19
Rocky River Golf Club
Captain's Choice
Cost: \$2,500 per four-man team
Contact: Scott Schaeffer 704-999-7020
scott.seupromotionals@gmail.com

## Marine Corp League 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual James T. Brennan Memorial Golf Tournament

Tuesday, October 22 Olde Sycamore Golf Plantation Captain's Choice - Shotgun start 12-noon Cost: \$90 per player / \$360 per foursome Contact: Hal DesChamps 704-534-0593 hedeschamps@windstream.net

#### Charlotte Open Golf Classic

Friday, November 15
Olde Sycamore Golf Plantation
5-man pro-am scramble
Shotgun start 12-noon
Cost: \$1500 per 5-man team
Contact: Scott Schaeffer 704-999-7020
scott.seupromotions@gmail.com
\*\*Pro Tournament - November 16
Double tees - 12-noon

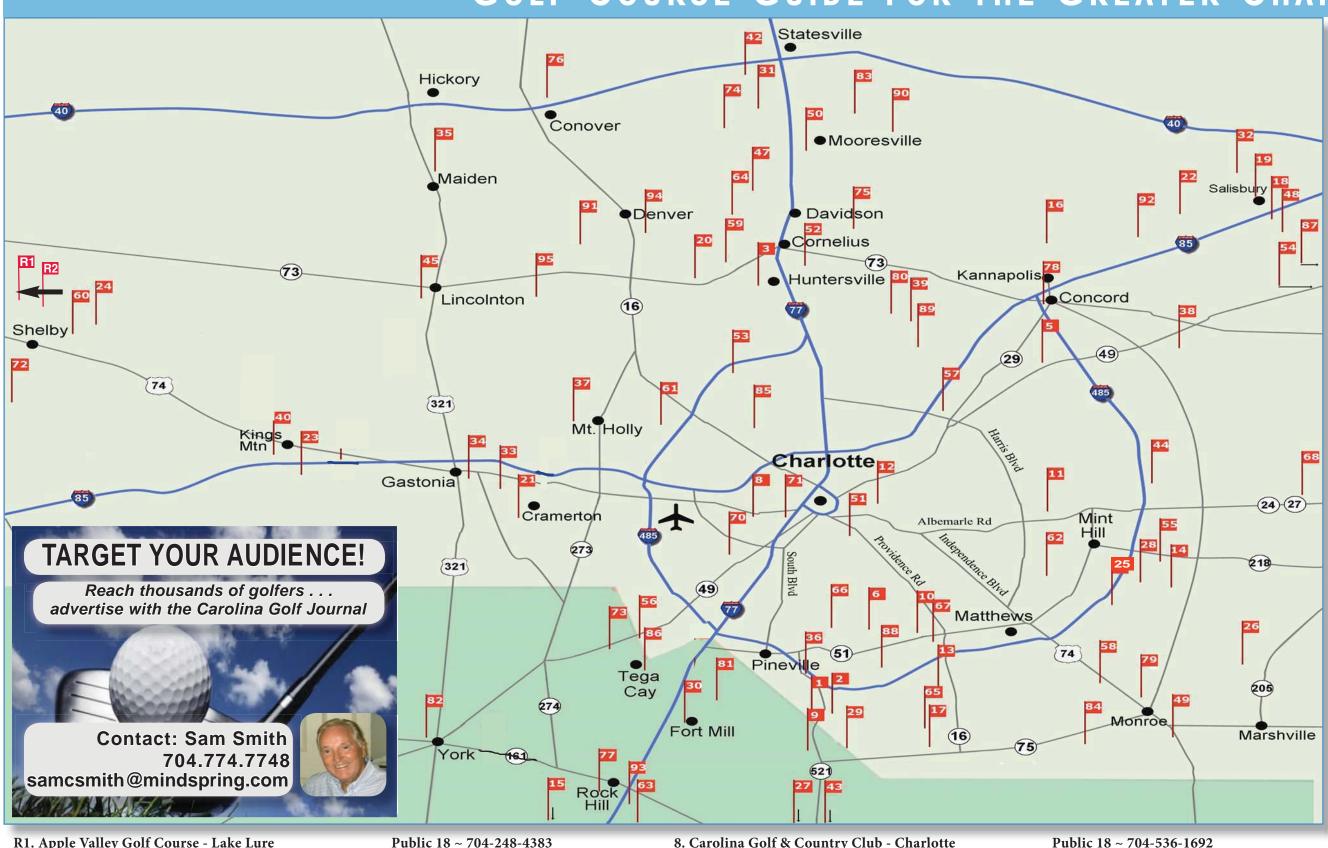


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Puzzle Duck Golf ~ Hilton Head, SC

T t is very difficult to teach golf through words or even through

L that go in to making your golf swing YOUR golf swing. There

without talking about technical swing mechanics and complicated

theory, but about simple concepts that are logical and make sense.

The most important part of getting better or succeeding in almost anything you do is ATTITUDE. Without a positive attitude you

can expect very little to go your way. Positive energy breeds

is no substitute for hands on (hand on, in my instance) instruc-

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In time, with positive energy, perseverance, and a proven direction, you will get back what you give out. Sometimes the return is immediate and others require more time. If you wish to see a good golf shot....think positive and you will have a chance. If you wish to see a not so good golf shot.....think negative and you will. I like the smile and good golf shots myself.

positive energy and negative energy breeds negative energy. Even when you send out positive waves over and over only to get nega-

tive in return, you have to keep pushing out the positive.

Play your next entire round with a true smile on your face and a positive attitude. See what happens. Even if you hit 10 less than desirable shots in a row.....smile and think that shot is history.

REFINE YOUR GOLF ATTITUDE Keep it light, focus, and commit on your next shot.

I'll bet your score will

actually be better as well.

One thing is for sure you're playing partners tion. So, when I write golf tips I try to discuss things that will help and you will have a much more enjoyable day.

> Then....if you like, (please make sure I am not in your group) go out with a negative attitude and energy and get upset every time you hit a less than desirable golf shot.



Can you imagine how tense and up tight you will get, not to mention how miserable a day you and your friends will have. They may not be your friends at the end of the day if you even make it that far. Take a guess which score will be better as well.

If you will notice above, I mentioned, "with positive energy, perseverance, and a proven direction you will get back what you give out."

The positive energy and perseverance will help you have more fun and give you the opportunity to play better, but does not guarantee it. You can think positive, smile, and have the greatest attitude in the world, but if you do not have a positive direction



and your swing does not have certain elements that match....you will not produce consistent and powerful golf shots.

The positive attitude, perseverance, and smile will help you; regardless of the swing you are playing with, but just think how much better you can get if you pair that with a proven golf swing! Once you get that positive attitude, you are ready to learn direction. You WILL get better!



## SUNSET HILLS GOLF COURSE

## A place for every golfer

undreds of area golfers can verify that Sunset Hills Golf Course in northwest Charlotte helped lay the ground work for developing their golf game, is a regulation 18and the future foundation for other

generations to come.

Beginning players can learn the basic skills on the par-3 9-hole Learning Course, while intermediate and advanced golfers find that they can hone their skills on this well



designed 40 acre wooded tract. Multiple tee boxes provide an incredible variety of distance and skill challenges for the entire family, so they are assured of everything you need for a great golf experience!

"We're where people come to learn to play golf," said Del Ratcliffe, whose company manages the Mecklenburg golf courses and facilities. It's like a bunny slope in the skiing industry. If you haven't played, Sunset Hills is the place you need to start."

#### AFFORDABLE RATES AT SUNSET HILLS

Weekdays:		<u>Weekends:</u>	
Adults	\$19	Adults \$22	
Seniors	\$18	Seniors	\$21
Juniors	\$14	Juniors	<b>\$15</b>
1/2 cart – 18 holes \$16		1/2 cart - 18 holes \$1	

For golfers with more confidence in their golf game, the "Old Course" hole course that compliments the Learning Course perfectly. Golfers

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will enjoy the challenge of a longer course without worrying about unfair hazards and difficult shots you might find on a championship caliber course. A round of golf is fast, fun and affordable - The Old Course is perfect no matter what their skill level.

Sunset Hills is a municipal golf course that originally opened in 1952, featuring Bermuda grass greens and fairways. The course consists of four Par 3's, twelve Par 4's and two Par 5's and plays to a maximum distance of 6049 yards with a course rating of 68.8 and a slope of 118 over 18 holes. Three sets of men's tees create an enjoyable test of golf for players of all abilities.

Under the management of Ratcliffe Golf Services, Sunset Hills has seen several improving projects completed, with others continuing on a regular basis. One main project has been the renovation of the picnic pavilion that allows Sunset Hills to host larger charitable events, and accommodate groups attending golf tournaments and clinics, and First Tee events.

"It helps to have a centralized area, to have registration, closing and scoring, lunch, meals, and that way the clubhouse is not overrun," general manager and PGA Pro Jeff Peck said.

In addition to traditional golf, Sunset Hills also offers the

only facility with "footgolf" in the county. Instead of hitting a ball with clubs, players kick a professional-size soccer ball into cups that are made propor-



tional to the standard golf hole.



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# First Tee of Charlotte building a future player base and solid young citizens harlotte has been blessed Target Outrook

with a First Tee Program that has helped provide a perfect avenue for a countless number of

young boys and girls to experience the game of golf while building future playing participation and a foundation for life.

The First Tee's mission is to impact the lives of young people by providing educational programs that build character, instill life enhancing values and promote healthy choices through the game of golf. The program, anchored by the First Tee Center at the Dr. Charles L. Sifford Golf Course, introduces kids to the game of golf and its inherent values and positively impacts their lives through programs in elementary schools, on golf courses and at youth centers around the Greater Charlotte area.

"The First Tee relies heavily on our volunteers to fulfill our mission of positively impacting the lives of youth through the wonderful game of golf," stated Executive Director Jane Singleton Myers. "Local PGA professional Webb Simpson and Johnson Wagner have held numerous clinics at the First Tee Center, and I believe their unselfish efforts have encouraged hundreds of volunteers to share their time and have found that they are enjoying the experience as much as the young players."

Scott Langley the first alumnus of The First Tee to make it on the PGA Tour, and is a regular visitor at the First Tee Center during his time at the Wells Fargo Championship. Langley used his First Tee skills in making the cut at the 2010 U.S. Open as an amateur. He turned professional in 2011, and earned his PGA Tour card for 2013 at qualifying school.

Several local golf courses host First Tee training and volunteers may choose which location and which class level they would like to work. Volunteers work closely with course Site Directors to coach participants in both golf and life skills. Extensive golf knowledge or ability is not required for Teeny Tees, Target, or PLAYer classes, and time commitment is typically 1.5 hours per week.

"Golf can be an intimidating sport for those who have never picked up a club before," proclaimed Brittany Cross, Charlotte's Program Director.

"Here at First Tee we have found that by making it simple and fun for children who are not actively seeking to participate is a great way to make it a more attainable reality."

The First Tee uses three programs to accomplish their goal: The First Tee National School Program, The First Tee DRIVE Program and

Target Outreach events. Participants can either take field trips to our learning center at the Sifford Golf Course or they take the golf course to the participants at local gyms and recreation centers.

Since its beginning over 20-years ago, The First Tee of Greater Charlotte reached nearly 150,000 new participants through elementary schools, after school programs, and field trips, making it the second largest outreach program in The First Tee network.



Scott Langley, PGA professional, visiting First Tee Center. Langley became the first First Tee participant to play on the PGA Tour.

The \$50 annual membership fee to The First Tee of Greater Charlotte is for all participants ages 5 to 18. The membership fee allows participants access to register for any programs offered by The First Tee of Greater Charlotte. With the Membership fee, we will be able to provide more scholarships, provide additional training opportunities for coaches and volunteers, offer more events for our participants, and increase the possibility of expansion to new program locations within our service area.

To enroll your young player in the First Tee of Charlotte; to volunteer; or to see how you can help continue the growth of a great program with a donate; call 704-348-2515 or logon at info@thefirstteegreatercharlotte.org.

#### LOCAL GOLF COURSES WITH FIRST TEE PROGRAMS

Dr. Charles L. Sifford GC ~ Charles T. Myers GC ~ Sunset Hills GC Highland Creek GC ~ Emerald Lake GC ~ Springfield GC Ft. Mill GC ~ Stonebridge GC

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## GOLF ADVENTURE OF A LIFETIME! Joey Hines' 119 major championship golf course tour

hen looking for fun golfing experiences, it would be hard to ignore the accomplishment showcased by Golf Magazine's Josh Sens of Carolina PGA professional Joey Hines, Directory of Surgical Strikes. At every venue, he kept score and collected memtor of Golf at Cape Fear Country Club in Wilmington.

Spending nearly half of his 60 years to complete, Hines has played all 119 different golf courses that have hosted golf's four major golf championships - the Masters, the PGA Championship, the U.S. Open and the Open Championship dating back to British Open at Prestwick Golf in Scotland in 1860.

The feat seems almost impossible, based on the accessibility of major golf courses around the world. But being in the professional golf



fraternity certainly was big help. But, that doesn't mean you just knock on the door and you're welcome to play, lots of planning, phone calls and calling in favors paved the way for stops at Augusta National, Shinnecock Hills Golf Club, Riviera Country Club and Chicago Golf Club.

The Chicago Golf Club hosted three U.S. Opens (1897, 1900 and 1911) and currently has only 112 members, with no unaccompanied play allowed. Hines found it to be "the hardest of them all to arrange."

The quest began for Hines in 1990, when he landed a job at Northwood Club in Dallas. Knowing that Northwood had hosted the 1952 U.S. Open (winner: Julius Boros), Hines got to thinking. . . which gave way to an inkling that he was onto something, which evolved into a goal. As a junior, he had played Pinehurst No. 2, unaware that it had held the 1936 PGA Championship. Still, Pinehurst counted, so Hines had that going for him. Two major championship venues down. Only 117 to go.

and far to knock off courses, sometimes in batches, other times by way orabilia. He also came away with insights into the game he loves and many of the finest courses where it's played.

While Torrey Pines surprised him with its stoutness, and Shinnecock showed him that, even in relatively calm conditions, it was all the golf that anyone could eat, the toughest start-to-finish test for Hines was Bethpage Black (2002, 2009 U.S. Open; 2019 PGA Championship) Donald Ross. Alister Mackenzie. C.B. MacDonald. So many names in the pantheon of golf architecture greats, but for quality and quantity, Hines tilts toward A.W. Tillinghast.

"You've got Winged Foot, Baltusrol, Shawnee CC, Bethpage, Philadelphia Cricket Club and on," Hines says. "Looking at how he took the lay of the land and worked with it so beautifully in so many places, his designs just blew me away."

At long last, a chance to play Augusta National. First-tee jitters and a less-than-perfect swing from Hines, who was wearing spike-less, lizard-leather shoes. The ball wound up in the pine straw, close to the 9th fairway. "I slipped badly," Hines says. "I didn't think that one through very well."

WHAT'S NEXT? Over the years, Hines' list kept growing longer, as new courses were added to the major-venues list, including Chambers Bay (2015 U.S. Open) and Erin Hills (2017 U.S. Open). With the 2022 PGA Championship on its way to Trump Bedminster, in New Jersey, Hines will soon have another target. "I'm already starting to consider the best way to get out there," he says. "And after that, who knows, maybe I'll get started on every course to ever host a Ryder Cup."





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# GOLF'S #1 WEDGES JUST GOT BETTER! Cleveland launches CBX2 trio

hunk, flub, duff, miff - there's a lot of ways to say it, but only one wedge to fix it. This is the Cleveland CBX 2 - more spin, plenty of versatility, and a whole lot of forgiveness.

It's a cavity back wedge for cavity back golfers, and it's your ticket to better short game shots every time you hit the links. Sequels usually let you down. This one won't. And that's because it pretty much guarantees you'll hit the sweet spot.

How'd they do it? A lighter hosel, a tapered flange, a wider toe, and a totally new hollow-cavity design. It's a holistic approach that moves the center of gravity, placing it right where you hit the ball. That means straighter shots that go farther and feel better. Basically, it's off-the-charts forgiveness and buttery softness. So, yeah, kind of a big deal.

Before you ask, yeah, this wedge has spin. It's got grooves on top of grooves on top of grooves for that one-hop-stop spin you can only get with Rotex. And this latest  $4^{\rm th}$  generation Rotex Face is the best yet.

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more spin. And laser milling increases roughness right up to the limit for unreal stopping power.

You shouldn't need an advanced physics degree just to choose a wedge grind. Besides, Cleveland is swimming



in engineers around there, so let them do the work for you.

- $46^{\circ}$   $52^{\circ}$  V-shaped sole glides through turf so you won't get stuck in the mud on full shots.
- 54° 56° S-shaped sole gets you out of the sand or deep rough.
- $58^{\circ}$   $60^{\circ}$  For lob shots with an open face, a C-shaped grind adds versatility.

These grinds are loft specific. Just choose your lofts and the grinds take care of themselves. Cleveland is calling it a Dynamic Sole and it's so easy, it'll have you wondering why they didn't do this ages ago!



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## A new putting dimension for Santee, SC golfers "PALMETTO TRAVERSE"

SANTEE

By Martin Armes

An 18-hole, 35,000-square-foot putting course will open this month at Lake Marion Golf Course in Santee, S.C.

"Palmetto Traverse" is located at Lake Marion Golf Course adjacent to the Lake Marion Villa & Townhouse complex. The layout was designed by golf course architect and Donald Ross restoration specialist Kris Spence and Spence Golf Design.

"We have been looking for ways to make the overall experience at our facility better and more exciting. The trend in putting course construction caught our attention and we happened to have the perfect piece of property to build something extremely unique for our area, and for the state of South Carolina for that matter," said Todd Miller, general manager of Santee Cooper Resort.

Spence said the complex — which was constructed using USGA sub surface drainage and rootzone and topped with a Tifeagle Ultradwarf surface — also features a pair of small bunkers within the surface area, and a small central grassy island with a sitting area and landscaping. The internal contours include plateaus, terraces, swales, rolls, valleys, spines and slopes that will provide abundant variety testing the best player to the beginner.

"The green includes most every feature a golfer might experience when playing golf around the world," said Spence, who is based in Greensboro.

Spence has renovated, restored or worked on nearly three-dozen golf cours-

es in North Carolina, most notably Sedgefield Country Club, Roaring Gap Club, Country Club of North Carolina's Dogwood Course, Mimosa Hills Golf Club, Omni Grove Park Inn, Cape Fear Country Club, Providence Country Club and Myers Park Country Club.

The concept for Palmetto Traverse is based on the Himalayas putting course at St. Andrews in Scotland and will be akin to the Thistle Dhu putting course at the Pinehurst Resort in Pinehurst, N.C.

The green is conveniently located behind the Lake

Marion GC clubhouse and golf shop near the multiple golf villas on the property, just steps away from the front door of the villas and pool area.

"I think this will especially appeal to those golfers staying on the property wanting something else to do following their round on the course," said Spence.

"The design should provide some wild fun, with putts as long as 260 feet possible and over some of the most varied terrain I have ever designed into a putting surface."

Among budget-conscious golfers, Santee has morphed into a revered year-round destination. Located on the south shore of Lake Marion, South Carolina's largest freshwater lake where a number of world records have been set through the years for largemouth catfish and bass, Santee is convenient. Dissected by Interstate 95 almost exactly halfway between New York and Miami and just off Interstate 26, midway between the Palmetto State's popular cities of Charleston and Columbia.

"We expect the Palmetto Traverse will be a big hit with the many travelers on I-95, as well as families from Charleston, Columbia and the surrounding area," Miller said.

A green fee for the 18-hole putting course will be included in all-inclusive, stay-and-play packages booked through Santee Cooper Golf & Travel. There will be a nominal fee for those pulling off I-95 to play. Learn more at PalmettoTraverse.golf.



## **LOCAL PRO and AMATEUR GOLF SCHEDULES 2019**

#### National Junior Golf Tour

August 31 NJGA 19th Annual Adult/Junior National Championship Hackler Course at Coastal Carolina University ~ Conway, SC

Sept 1-2 NJGA 19th Annual National Championship

Hackler Course at Coastal Carolina University ~ Conway, SC

Concord, NC

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Dec 7-8 Atlantic Dunes Junior Open ~ Atlantic Dunes

Hilton Head

#### **SWING THOUGHT TOUR - Carolina's Events**

Aug 20-21Pine Island Country ClubCharlotte, NCAug 26Cutter Creek GCSnow Hill, NCAug 29Greensboro Ntl Golf ClubGreensboro, NC

#### **CHARLOTTE GOLFWEEK AMATEUR TOUR**

Saturday, Sept. 14 Local Finals – The Club at Irish Creek

Kannapolis, NC

Sunday, Sept. 15 Local Finals – Northstone Country Club

Huntersville, NC

#### **CONTACT INFORMATION FOR LOCAL TOURS:**

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Swing Thought Tour 800-992-8748 swingthought.com

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

Carolina Mountain Pro Golf Tour 864-270-6857 mountaingolftour.com

#### SENIOR AMATEUR TOUR - CHARLOTTE AREA

Aug 28Ballantyne CCCharlotte, NCSept 10-11The Players – Monroe CCMonroe, NCSept 18River Hills CCLake Wylie, SCOct 1Pine Island CCCharlotte, NC

#### CAROLINA MOUNTAIN PRO GOLF TOUR

Tuesday, Aug. 20th Green Valley C.C. ~ Greenville, SC

Monday, Aug. 26th Wooden Ridge ~ Inman, SC

Tuesday, Sept. 3rd Greenwood C.C. ~ Greenwood, SC

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