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Fred Bond

Former New England PGA Teacher of the Year Barry Churchill has joined forces with Bond in conducting the summer camps, and follows the same teaching ideas that lessons need to be tailored to an individual's needs based on their potential playing ability. This allows each student to advance at their own comfortable rate of development.

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Barry Churchill

Most noteworthy, each player receives 16 hours of instruction. They also include USKids Golf booklets, achievement level pins, snacks, and prizes.

The Junior Golf Camps are tailored toward all abilities and several juniors do multiple sessions each year. As a result, many of their junior golfers go on to play High School and College Golf.

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- June 15 — 18 (Mon. – Thurs. from 9:00 to 1:00) Girls Only
- June 22 — 25 (Mon. – Thurs. from 9:00 to 1:00)
- June 29 — July 2 (Mon. – Thurs. from 9:00 to 1:00)
- July 6 — 9 (Mon. – Thurs. from 9:00 to 1:00)
- July 13 — 16 (Mon. – Thurs. from 9:00 to 1:00)
- July 20 — 23 (Mon. – Thurs. from 9:00 to 1:00)
- July 27 – 30 (Mon. – Thurs. from 9:00 to 1:00)
- August 3 – 6 (Mon. – Thurs. from 9:00 to 1:00)
- August 10 – 13 (Mon. – Thurs. from 9:00 to 1:00)



## QUAIL HOLLOW CLUB to host its second PGA Championship

**T**he PGA of America has announced that Quail Hollow Club in Charlotte will host the 2025 PGA Championship to become the first golf course in North Carolina to host multiple PGA Championships.

Founded in 1959, Quail Hollow is one of the finest courses in the southeastern United States. The course opened in 1961 and was originally designed by famed golf course architect George Cobb to capture the beauty and challenging terrain of the Piedmont region.

“The PGA of America is proud to return the PGA Championship to Quail Hollow and the wonderful host city of Charlotte,” said PGA of America President Suzy Whaley. “Quail Hollow’s course has a well-earned reputation as a stern test for the world’s finest players, but what sets the club apart is its membership and the welcoming atmosphere that they promote. The state of North Carolina’s appreciation for the game and major championship golf is remarkable.”

This will be the second PGA Championship played at Quail Hollow, but the first played in the month of May.

In August 2017, a 24-year-old Justin Thomas finished two shots clear of Francesco Molinari, Louis Oosthuizen and Patrick Reed to claim the initial major championship victory of his career.

“Quail Hollow is thrilled to welcome the PGA Championship back to Charlotte in the spring of 2025,” said Quail Hollow Club President Johnny Harris.

“Great events such as the PGA Championship don’t occur without an exceptional venue and the strong public-private partnerships we are grateful to enjoy with the City of Charlotte. With the sport’s strongest field, this event continues

our commitment to golf played at its highest level while positively impacting our community and surrounding region.”

Many of golf’s greatest champions from Walter Hagen, Gene Sarazen, Sam Snead, Byron Nelson and Ben Hogan, to Lee Trevino, Jack Nicklaus, Tiger Woods, Rory McIlroy and Brooks Koepka, have had their names inscribed on the famed Wanamaker Trophy.

Last May, Koepka won his second consecutive PGA Championship at Bethpage Black, in Farmingdale, New York.

The 2020 PGA Championship is scheduled to be played August 3-9, at TPC Harding Park in San Francisco, provided it is responsible to do so at that time.

“To have Charlotte serve as the host for a second PGA Championship in eight

years is an incredible honor and also reflects Charlotte’s reputation for world-class hospitality and our growth on the national stage,” said Charlotte Mayor Vi Lyles.

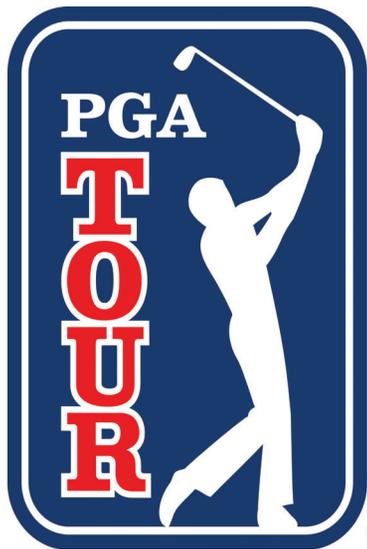
“I want to thank Quail Hollow and the PGA of America for their partnership which will again allow us to host the world and

celebrate golf on the grandest stage right here in the Queen City.”

Quail Hollow is already set for another major golf event, the President’s Cup will be played there in September of 2021. Because of the Presidents Cup next year, the Wells Fargo Championship will move for one year to TPC Potomac at Avenel Farm in Washington, D.C. Known for its natural rolling terrain and Scottish-style bunkering, this well-regarded venue has played host to past PGA TOUR events.



*PGA Wanamaker Trophy overlooks #7 at Quail Hollow Club (Getty Images)*



## PGA TOUR pieces schedule back together Revises 2020-21 fall schedule including The Masters

**W**ith additional time needed to ensure PGA TOUR tournaments are staged in the safest and responsible manner possible given the ongoing COVID-19 crisis, the PGA TOUR has announced further schedule modifications for the remainder of the 2019-2020 season.

®“The health and safety of all associated with the PGA TOUR and our global community continues to be our No. 1 priority, and our hope is to play a role – responsibly – in the world’s return to enjoying the things we love,” said PGA TOUR Commissioner Jay Monahan.

The PGA TOUR had previously targeted the week of the Charles Schwab Challenge (May 18-24) as the restart of the TOUR season, which has been suspended since THE PLAYERS Championship was cancelled. This announcement delays that timeline three weeks – to June 8, starting with the Charles Schwab Challenge – with additional tournaments being repositioned between then and the season’s conclusion, which is the TOUR Championship, ending on Labor Day (September 7).

At this time, the TOUR plans to resume play with the first four events closed to the general public but will continue to monitor the situation and follow the recommendations of local and state authorities in order to determine the most appropriate on-site access in each market.

All three events that were previously scheduled between May 18 and June 8 – the Charles Schwab Challenge, Rocket Mortgage Classic and the Memorial Tournament presented by Nationwide – have been moved to later dates in the calendar.

The RBC Heritage, originally slated for April 13-19 but cancelled on March 17, has been added back to the PGA TOUR schedule in the week formerly occupied by the U.S. Open, which – as previously announced – has been postponed to September.

The RBC Canadian Open, originally scheduled for the week of June 8, has been cancelled. The Barbasol Championship, originally scheduled for July 13-19 opposite The Open Championship, has been cancelled. The Open Championship was cancelled on April 6.

Three invitationals on the updated schedule, the Charles Schwab Challenge (120 players), RBC Heritage (132 players) and the Memorial Tournament (120 players), will see their respective field sizes increase to 144 to provide additional playing opportunities for PGA TOUR members.

With 22 events having been played through the Arnold Palmer Invitational presented by MasterCard, the adjusted season-long schedule – subject to change – now consists of 36 events, including three FedExCup Playoffs events concluding with the TOUR Championship over Labor Day weekend, where the 2020 FedExCup Champion will be crowned.

## PGA TOUR event without fans . . . Brooks Koepka says “Boo”

**P**GA Tour tournaments without fans? Brooks Koepka is, well, not a fan. The PGA Tour is targeting a June 11 restart with the Charles Schwab Challenge at Colonial, the first of four events scheduled to be played with no fans in attendance. Brooks Koepka was asked about playing without galleries.

“It’s going to be awful without fans,” Koepka said. To be fair, Koepka explained why he felt that way. It’s not that he doesn’t think fan-less tournaments should happen, he just enjoys playing in front of crowds.

“The energy that the fans bring, that’s what we all live for, we all strive for, it’s going to be so weird,” Koepka said.

“You want to play coming down the stretch and have everyone cheering for you. Imagine this: you sink the putt on the last hole and no one’s clapping. You’re just there by yourself, and you’re like ‘yes!’ Just you, your caddie and just silence.”

Koepka also predicted some higher scores. Without fans, there’s no need for grandstands (so long, grandstanding) and there are also fewer eyeballs to search for wayward shots.

“Every once in a while, we just hit some foul balls and the fans kind of help you find it,” Koepka said. “I mean, guys are going to lose balls because of that.”

Currently, the RBC Heritage, Travelers Championship and Rocket Mortgage Classic are set to join the Charles Schwab Challenge in not allowing fans. That would make the John Deere Classic on July 9-12 as the first event back with fans, though the Tour “will continue to monitor the situation and follow the recommendations of local and state authorities.”



## REVISED 2019-20 PGA TOUR SEASON SCHEDULE

June 8-14	Charles Schwab Challenge	Colonial Country Club	Fort Worth, Texas
June 15-21	RBC Heritage	Harbour Town Golf Links	Hilton Head, SC
June 22-28	Travelers Championship	TPC River Highlands	Cromwell, CT
July 2-5	Rocket Mortgage Classic	Detroit Golf Club	Detroit, Michigan
July 6-12	John Deere Classic	TPC Deere Run	Silvis, Illinois
July 13-19	The Memorial Tournament	Muirfield Village Golf Club	Dublin, Ohio
July 20-26	3M Open	TPC Twin Cities	Blaine, Minnesota
July 27-August 2	FedEx St. Jude Invitational	TPC Southwind	Memphis, Tennessee
July 27-August 2	Barracuda Championship	Tahoe Mountain Club	Truckee, California
August 3-9	PGA Championship	TPC Harding Park	San Francisco, California
August 10-16	Wyndham Championship	Sedgefield Country Club	Greensboro, NC
August 17-23	The Northern Trust	TPC Boston	Norton, Massachusetts
August 24-30	BMW Championship	Olympia Fields Country Club	Olympia Fields, Illinois
August 31-September 7	TOUR Championship	East Lake Golf Club	Atlanta, Georgia

## PROJECTED 2020-21 PGA TOUR SEASON SCHEDULE (FALL PORTION)

September 7-13	Safeway Open	Silverado Resort and Spa North	Napa, California
September 14-20	U.S. Open	Winged Foot Golf Club	Mamaroneck, New York
# September 21-27	Ryder Cup	Whistling Straits	Kohler, Wisconsin
September 21-27	Corales Punta Cana Resort	Corales Golf Club	Punta Cana, Dom. Republic
September 28-October 4	Sanderson Farms Championship	CC of Jackson	Jackson, MS
October 5-11	Shriners Hospitals for Children Open	TPC Summerlin	Las Vegas, Nevada
October 12-18	The CJ Cup @ Nine Bridges	Nine Bridges	Jeju Island, Korea
October 19-25	Zozo Championship	Narashino Country Club	Chiba Prefecture, Japan
October 26-November 1	HSBC Champions	Sheshan International Golf Club	Shanghai, China
October 26-November 1	Bermuda Championship	Port Royal Golf Club	Southampton, Bermuda
November 2-8	Houston Open	Memorial Park Golf Course	Houston, Texas
<b>November 9-15</b>	<b>Masters Tournament</b>	<b>Augusta National Golf Club</b>	<b>Augusta, Georgia</b>
November 16-22	The RSM Classic	Sea Island Resort	Sea Island, Georgia
November 23-29	Open week (Thanksgiving)		
November 30-Dec. 6	Mayakoba Golf Classic	El Camaleón Golf Club	Playa del Carmen, Mexico
# November 30-Dec 6	Hero World Challenge		Albany, Bahamas
# December 7-13	QBE Shootout	Tiburón Golf Club	Naples, Florida
# December 14-20	PNC Father-Son Challenge	The Ritz-Carlton Grande Lakes	Orlando, FL

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Maurice Allen, the 2018 World Long Drive Tour Champion and former Guinness World Record holder, is proudly endorsing and playing FlightPath golf tees on the World Long Drive Tour. Allen is currently ranked



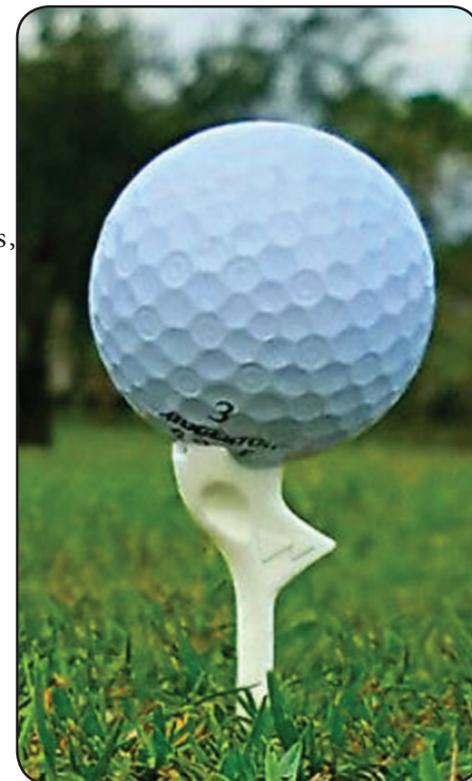
**Maurice Allen, the 2018 World Long Drive Tour Champion**

#3 on the World Long Drive Tour. With drives over 400 yards, competitors like Allen know the importance of accuracy and being able to take dead aim, while crushing their drives and landing them inside the marked grid.

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## FAVORITE GAMES TO PLAY ON THE GOLF COURSE

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**T**his article is not intended to promote any gambling on the golf course, but instead to add to the fun of playing with friends and family members. After all, you can always just play for drinks after the round as an incentive to play better.

Here are some examples of the games to spice up your next golf round:

**Best ball or Fourball:** This is one of the most popular games to play on the golf course. Typically, two-person teams are in place. Each player plays out his or her own golf ball. At the end of the hole, the lowest score recorded by the team is used toward the team tally, while the higher score is thrown out.

**Alternate shot/Foursomes:** This is particularly fun right around Ryder Cup time. Alternate shot is just that. Prior to the round you and a partner decide who will tee off on the odd-numbered holes and who will tee off on the even-numbered holes. After that person tees off, you alternate shots until the ball is in the hole.

You can play alternate shot as stroke play or as match play. The upside to alternate shot is you can play quickly, as there are only ever two balls in play amongst your foursome.

**Skins:** Assign a point-value amount (or small cash amount) to each hole. The lowest score on each hole wins the skin. Should more than one player tie a hole, the skin carries over. Whoever wins the next hole outright wins the skin for that hole as well as any skins that carried over. The beauty of skins is this -- you might be struggling for the first five holes, all tied by players in your group. Then you birdie the sixth hole, the lowest score on the hole. Instantly, you pick up all six skins.

**Nassau:** This is arguably the most popular of all golf games. A Nassau is basically broken up into three bets -- low front nine score, low back nine score and low total score. If you're in a foursome, you might decide on a point, or again small cash Nassau. If you lose all your bets, the most you would be out are some drinks or light pocket change, but if you win all three, you win small cash from each of the other three players in your group, and for sure some fun at the 19th hole and drinks all around.

**Bingo, Bango, Bongo!** This is a game of points. The first player in the group to get the ball on the green gets a point (bingo). The player whose

ball is closest to the pin once all balls are on the green gets a point (bango), and finally, the player who is first to hole out gets a point (bongo).

This is a fantastic game even for weaker players because you only have to be the first at something -- especially when it comes to the "bango." For instance, stronger players are likely to hit more greens in regulation, but leaves himself a 20-footer or more for birdie.

Meanwhile, the weaker player might take five shots to get greenside and then chip up to four feet. If the three stronger players are on the green in regulation with lengthy birdie tries and the weaker player is within four feet for a seven, the weaker player wins the point, and with a made putt before the other players drop theirs, add another point for his eight.

**Six-Six-Six, or Sixes:** Here's how it's played: In a foursome, you rotate a playing partner every six holes. At the end of 18 holes, the other three players in your group will have been your partner for six holes. You can use any scoring format in sixes and each six-hole stretch is a separate bet. Basically, you could lose one of your six-hole matches, but if you win the other two, you come out ahead at the end of 18 holes.

Never forget: The whole point of golf is to get out there and have fun. While "playing for something" makes it a little more interesting and competitive, do not ever "play for something" you don't have. Always remember this famous Lee Trevino quote before you decide to make bets: "You don't know what pressure is until you play for five bucks with only \$2 in your pocket."

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# Play Golf with Someone You Love...

By Del Ratcliffe, President, Ratcliffe Golf Services

**T**he COVID-19 pandemic has changed our lives in ways none of us imagined. But one thing has emerged from the disruption, fear and anxiety that has permeated our new world: a renewed appreciation for social interaction - something we all took for granted just a few short months ago.



Like so many things, being with people is something we didn't really appreciate until it was taken away from us. Many of us have been able to experience time with our family in a way that wasn't part of our daily lives before we were forced to "Shelter-in-Place". The simple act of seeing and greeting your neighbor has taken on a new meaning, and we all long for the day when we will be able to gather at a party, go out to a restaurant with friends or attend a football game.

In the meantime, we have had to make do with a limited set of choices for leisure time activities.

Golf has enjoyed a sort of rebirth during this time. Avid golfers were able to keep on playing due to golf's unique ability to play and remain a safe distance from others. People who were not avid golfers before have played more in the past two months than during their entire lives.

Many have tried the game for the first time, and discovered it to be fun, challenging and a welcome escape from the worries, stress and fear that exists in the world today. They have found what many of us already knew - golf is a game for a lifetime, enjoyed by young and old, male and female, from all walks of life. It sounds like an oxy-moron, but golf can truly allow you to be "socially distant" without distancing yourself socially - an important distinction.

And this is where we come to what is perhaps the most important consideration; golf allows you to share the joy, happiness and excitement with someone when they succeed in hitting a good shot, in making a long (or short!) putt, and in shooting their best round ever. Those can be simple, easy-to-achieve milestones that you experience every time you play - and you and your loved one will cherish the memories you create on a golf course for a lifetime.

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# Golf after Coronavirus

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**A**s the world continues to reach various levels of recovery from the Coronavirus pandemic, one's mind must be pondering the changes in life and the adjustments in the activities we normally enjoy. Activities like golf. More specifically, what sort of changes and lasting effects will COVID-19 bring to the game and routine of the everyday muni or club player?

Given the social distancing measures in place, the vast majority of courses which have remained open are offering carts for single riders or the option to walk. In



some cases, walking is the only available option. At some golf courses in the Greater Charlotte area, many golf courses and clubs were reporting between 25 and 30% of their players carrying or pushing their bags forgoing their standard electric carts. For health experts, the walking trend certainly was an excellent step in the right direction toward better physical conditioning.

The financial ramifications of COVID-19 will have a long-lasting impact on the global and domestic economy. Much like the financial crisis of 2008, the downstream consequences of unemployment and income reduction spells disaster for most private (and public) clubs.

Corporate outings are a critical revenue source for most clubs. The majority of those scheduled in the first half of the season have been either canceled or postponed. Put this on top of lost food and beverage revenue, guest fees, cart fees, shop sales, member resignations etc. and the topline numbers start to look frightening in short order.

The outcome of the latest economic downturn likely presents itself in the form of exceptional deals on initiation fees, financing options and trial memberships. Clubs who were already on the brink may turn to a semi-private or fully-public status to stay afloat.

A potential takeaway from this unusual time period is the realization that certain activities such as overly maintaining native areas or preserving course features purely for aesthetics is an unnecessary use of time and resources. At a minimum, this is an opportunity for courses to learn how to do more with less, a practice they are well versed in, now being pushed to the limits.

On the playing side, things that will probably stay around even after all the phases of recovery have been completed. Golfers were already adopting the habit of leaving the flag sick in while putting, that number will grow and trust me someone has already invented a method of retrieving the golf ball while flag stick is still in the hole.



*Putting with the flagstick in*

The friendly habit of high-fives and handshakes will be a tough to halt for a group of friends that enjoy the comradery of playing together, and at times celebrating a great shot or putt. Shaking hands is deeply engrained in both our culture and the game of golf.

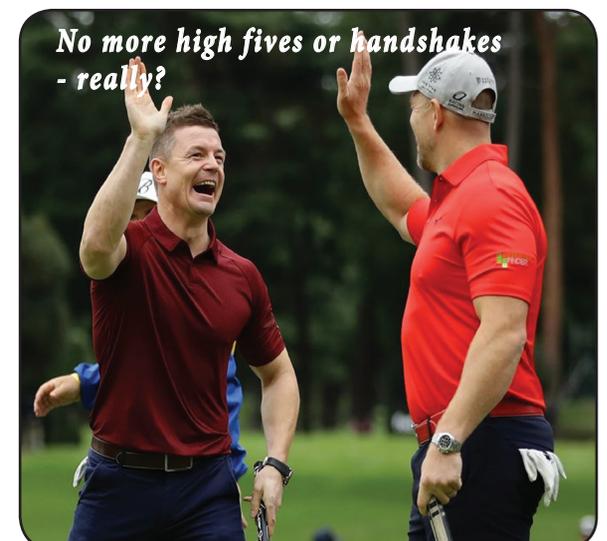


*Raised hole protector*

And finally on the positive side, in addition to more walkers and pushcarts helping to promote better health and less expensive membership options, more people are also trying out activities played outdoors

that they might normally have overlooked. Some of these newcomers will stick with it and golf will see some level of growth from exposure to new entrants that might still have discretionary income to spend.

There isn't a doubt that changes are coming, but our great game has weathered other difficulties and survived, and will take the good to help negate the problems of breaking old habits.



*No more high fives or handshakes - really?*

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Shotgun start: 1:30pm  
Cost: \$80 per player  
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[carolinagolforg@gmail.com](mailto:carolinagolforg@gmail.com)

### **2nd Annual "Best Buddies" Charity Golf Tournament**

Saturday, June 13  
Carolina Lakes Golf Club  
Captain's Choice  
Shotgun start: 8:00am  
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704-246-8930  
[bestbuddies.org/northcarolina](http://bestbuddies.org/northcarolina)

### **2nd Annual Charlotte "Battle of the Bars" Charity Scramble Supporting Folds of Honor**

Monday, June 15  
Raintree Country Club (South)  
Captain's Choice  
Shotgun start: 10:00am  
Cost: \$500 per four man team  
(Top 3 teams advance to Championship Nov. 14 - Arrowhead Country Club - Myrtle Beach, SC)  
Contact: Scott Schaeffer 704-999-7020  
[scott.secpromotions@gmail.com](mailto:scott.secpromotions@gmail.com)

### **CTS Health Community Care Annual Golf Tournament**

Friday, August 28  
Olde Sycamore Golf Plantation  
Captain's Choice  
Shotgun start: 10am  
Cost \$100 per player  
Contact: CTS Health 704-864-1477  
[CTSHHealth.org](http://CTSHHealth.org)

### **15th Annual Cassandra M. Thompson Golf Tournament**

Saturday, August 22  
Rocky River Golf Club  
Captain's Choice  
Shotgun Start 1:30 pm  
Cost: \$125 per player / \$500 per foursome  
Contact: Carolina Cross Connection  
704-721-0033

### **18th Annual Hooptee Celebrity Golf Classic**

Thursday, July 23  
Golf Club at Ballantyne  
Modified Scramble  
Shotgun Start: 10:15 am  
Cost: \$1900 per player wo/ hotel  
Includes: July 22 - Practice round  
Pairing Party & Tip-off Party  
July 23 - Golf & Awards Dinner  
Contact: Hooptee Charities  
[elizabeth@hooptee.com](mailto:elizabeth@hooptee.com)

### **2020 Down Syndrome Assoc. of Charlotte Golf Tournament**

Friday, September 25  
Divide Golf Club  
Captain's Choice  
Shotgun Start 9:00 am  
Cost: \$130 per player  
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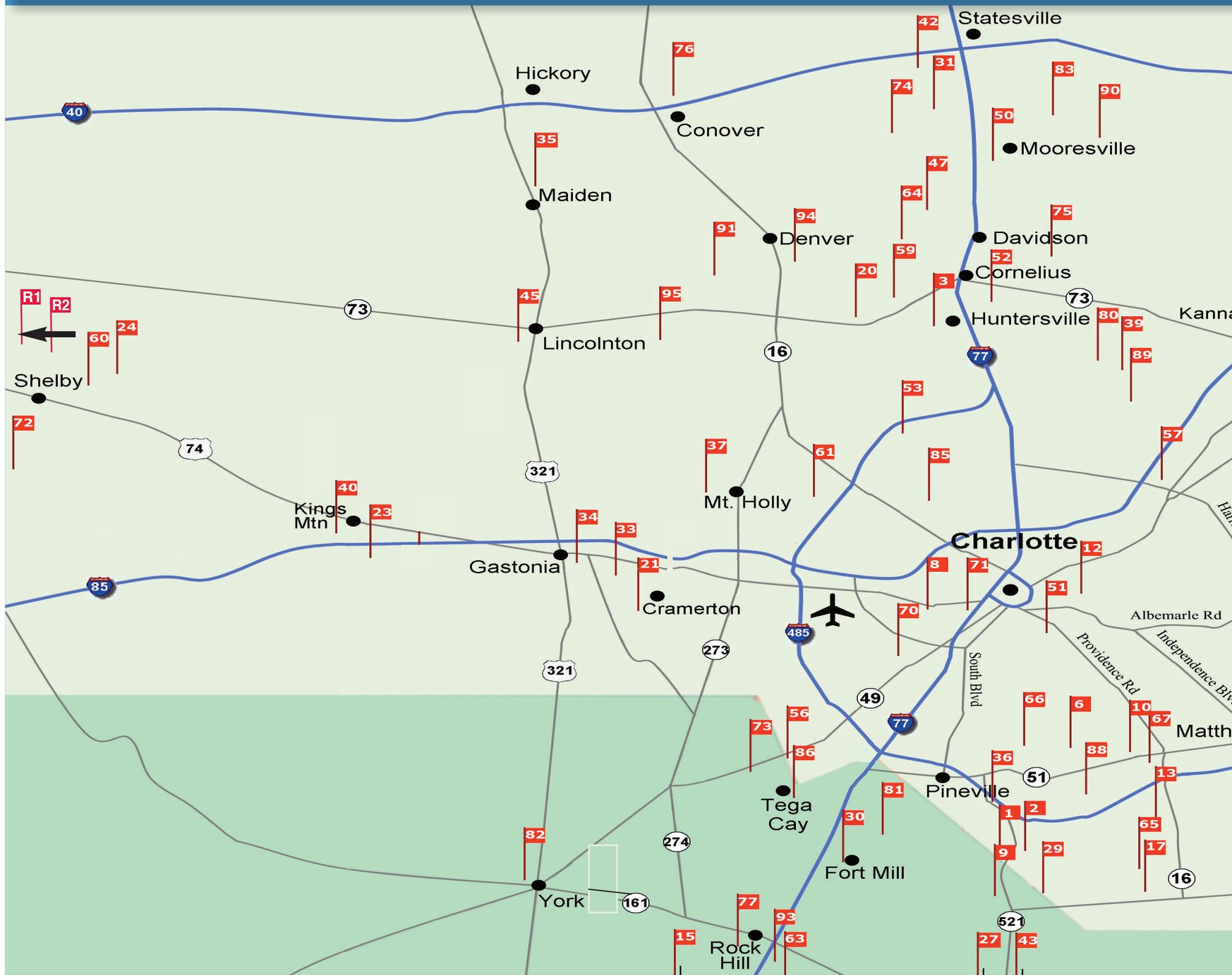


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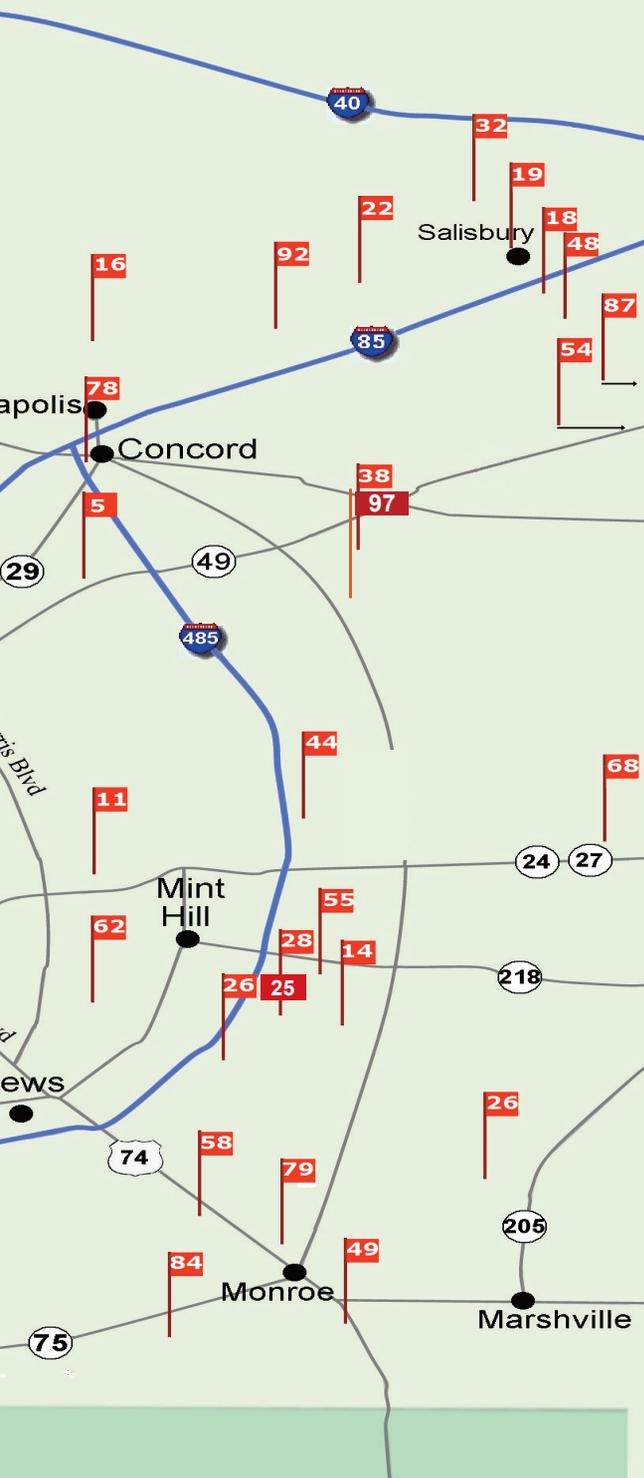
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## BMW Charity Pro-Am cancelled for 2020 First time since beginning in 2001

Charity Pro-Am as a major contributor to their annual fundraising efforts. But, along with the PGA TOUR events this spring and early summer, The BMW Charity Pro-Am will have to wait another year to celebrate its 20th anniversary.

The popular golf tournament, which had been held annually in the Upstate since 2001 and was scheduled for June 1-7 this year, was cancelled by the PGA Tour due to the COVID-19 pandemic.



*Rhein Gibson  
2019 BMW Pro-Am champ*

The tournament, presented by SYNEX Corporation, has been a staple on the Korn Ferry Tour – formerly the Web.com Tour. This year's event was set to be held at Thornblade Club and The Cliffs Valley courses. In the past celebrities from throughout the sports and entertainment world have joined the pros to add to the fun of a professional golf tournament.

Charities in upstate South Carolina have been very fortunate to have the BMW Rhein Gibson won the 2019 BMW Pro-Am golf tournament at Thornblade Country Club June 9, 2019.

“As disappointing as this is for everyone involved, our number one priority is the health and safety of the community-at-large as well as the fans, volunteers, players and sponsors of the tournament,” said Bob Nitto, president of South Carolina Charities, Inc.

“Despite the cancellation, the BMW Charity Pro-Am presented by SYNEX Corporation remains focused on its mission to raise money and awareness for South Carolina charities and will be working to determine new ways to continue to make a positive impact on the Upstate.”

The tournament has distributed \$13.6 million to Upstate non-profit organizations since its inception in 2001.

Information will be forthcoming regarding opportunities to rollover sponsorships, playing opportunities and volunteer positions to 2021.



*Bill Murray among the favorite celebrities at the BMW Pro-Am*

# How to putt like a pro

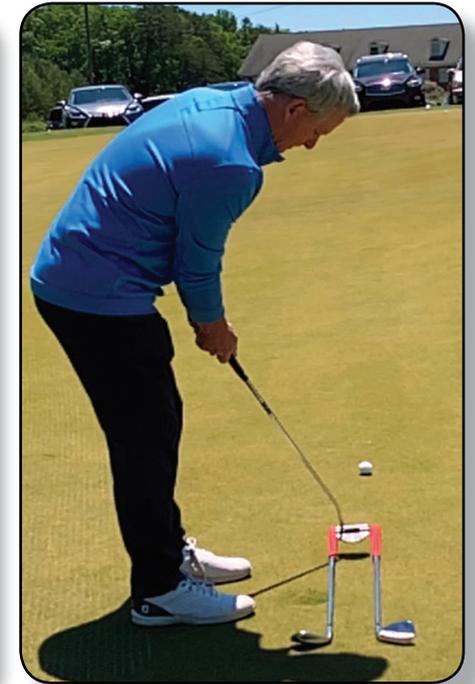
Mark Davis, PGA, General Manager  
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One of the biggest differences between the average putter and a tour pro is the time and effort they put into practicing as well as what they practice. They really work on the things that most people find boring and just won't do on a consistent basis.

One of my favorite drills is very simple and effective. I find a relatively straight putt and set up somewhere between 5 and 8 feet from the hole.

I then take 2 clubs and set them up just a little more than the width of my putter head apart and running parallel like railroad tracks. I make sure if there is any break in the putt then I adjust the aim of the tracks.

Start with the ball near the middle of the tracks and roll putts down the tracks. If the putter is going across the line on either side you should be able to see that. If you can start rolling the ball down the middle of the tracks consistently then you can really start to make some putts.



Once you get your stroke grooved, start playing a game and see how many putts you can make in a row or spend 30 minutes to an hour doing this each time you practice. If you do this until you make 50 in a row you will see results on the course.

You will be amazed at how much more consistently you will start rolling the ball if you take the time to work on this.



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# Want to become a better golfer?

## *This is a prerequisite*

Jon Sherman - Practical Golf

A common trap that many golfers fall into is that they'll spend countless hours practicing and assume that alone will entitle them to lower their scores. Unfortunately, it doesn't work that way.



There needs to be some balance between being on a golf course and spending time working on your game. A lot can happen in 18 holes. You can go through periods of great play, and then abruptly forget how to swing a club two holes later. The emotional "swings" that occur on the course are part of what makes the game so unique and frustrating at the same time.

One thing that golfers lose sight of is that you need to be on the course going through all of those trials and tribulations to gain experience. In a way, playing is the best form of practice.

Simply put, you need to be comfortable on a golf course. There are so many little elements to this game that require a certain amount of experience, and if you can't play enough, then it's hard to develop them.

I can't possibly quantify the number of hours, or what kind of ratio you need to divide between practice and playing time. What I can tell you is that at a certain point, spending more time practicing at the expense of playing will likely yield diminishing returns.

I know most of you reading this have work, family, and all other kinds of time commitments that seem to get in the way of golf. That's part of the reason why I talk about managing expectations so much, and why golfers are usually too hard on themselves.

Many of us don't have unlimited time to work on our games and play as much as we would like. However, if you use that time effectively, you can see improvement. I'll discuss three hypothetical scenarios to illustrate my point:

### Scenario #1 - Practice with little play:

If you are a golfer who can get plenty of 30-60 minute practice sessions in but can only play one or two times a month - it usually makes sense to temper your expectations. Overall, if you can't play enough, I wouldn't expect too much.

### Scenario #2 - Practicing instead of playing:

If you do have more time to get on the course, but are choosing to practice more instead of play - I would urge you to find more of a balance. The things you've been working on at the practice facility, or your backyard, need a chance to be tested out in live-action.

### Scenario #3 - All play no practice:

Some golfers don't want to practice at all, and use all of their free time to play. I get it. While I do think you still can learn and improve by playing plenty of golf, you are likely forgoing an opportunity to get better if you aren't working on your skills off the course.

Better golf requires a certain amount of comfort level of actually being on the golf course. Playing once every 30 days is not enough to get any reasonable measure of where you stand. But let's say you have an opportunity to play once a week, I think that's a much more reasonable opportunity to test what you've been working on in your practice sessions and strike a balance between playing and preparing.

Please try to enjoy your time outside away from the distractions of the world and not put too much pressure on yourself.





Cheraw State Park Golf Course

By Martin Armes

**T**he newly released, GOLF Advisor Golfers' Choice rankings of the "Best of South Carolina" named the Top 25 golf courses in the Palmetto State open to the public according to ratings and reviews.

For those in the know, it was no surprise that the Olde English District of South Carolina was well represented in the ranking of the state's finest public golf experiences. "The OED," as it is more popularly referred, is a land where the famed golfing Sandhills to the north meet the Lowcountry to the south and east. It is a place where small towns, medium prices and big-name golf course architects blend together.

Most of the golf in the area is situated along the stretch of Interstate 77 from Rock Hill to Columbia, S.C. With 18 golf courses in this region alone and many others in the near surrounding area, it is an ideal place to settle in for two days, three days or even a week.

At No. 3 on the Golf Advisor list was the Tom Jackson-designed Cheraw Golf Club in Cheraw, S.C., which was built around 309-acre Lake Juniper, as part of the Cheraw State Park. At No. 14 was a real favorite of local area golfers, the Bruce Brodsky-designed Edgewater Golf Club in Lancaster, S.C., followed closely at No. 18 by Cobblestone Park Golf Club (Gold Course) in Blythewood, S.C. — home to the University of South Carolina Gamecock golf teams and a Palmetto State stalwart.

GOLF Advisor's annual lists of the best golf courses in the United States boast a new name too – Golfers' Choice. The website's most-popular and most-anticipated lists are determined by recreational golfers who shared their reviews throughout the year with the online destination for traveling golfers who frequent destinations such as upstate South Carolina.

Unlike golf course rankings published by industry insiders who have access to golf courses the public may never have the opportunity to play, GOLF Advisor's

## Olde English District ranked high in 2020 Golf Advisor Golfers' Choice "Best of SC"

Golfers' Choice lists are totally consumer driven – by recreational golfers, for recreational golfers, with nearly 1 million reviews GOLF Advisor has accumulated showcase the golf course characteristics that are the most important to avid golfers across the country.

South Carolina's Olde English District provides everything the adventurous traveler could want. Once there, however, make sure to take your time staying and playing. Go exploring, both on and off the fairways. You won't leave disappointed. For 2020 golf package information please visit [OldeEnglishGolf.com](http://OldeEnglishGolf.com)

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The Mount Mitchell Golf Club offers a variety of challenges to the visiting golfer. The course is a four and one half star rating by Golf Digest's "Places to Play".



Golf Digest's "Places to Play". Golfweek Magazine ranked Mount Mitchell Golf Club #12 in 2018 – NC "Best in State".

It features bent grass from tee to green, is virtually flat, and has a pris-

tine river flowing through it and awesome views on every shot. Just off the Blue Ridge Parkway, one hour from Asheville, Mount Mitchell Golf Club remains a favorite golfer's haven.

Golf rates at Mt. Mitchell for stay and play packages begin as low as \$125 for two rounds of golf and one night's stay, while public play is open with a green fee ranging from \$49 (Mon-Thur.) to \$65 (Fri-Sun).



Owner / general manager Jim Floyd and his staff offer a variety of accommodations for their stay and play promotion including: Two and three bedroom town homes on the 18th fairway; one, two, and three bedroom fairway villas directly on the course with views of 4 holes and private homes throughout the golf community – from two to five bedrooms.

The clubhouse dining, the Hawtree's Grill and Pub is managed by food and beverage director and Chef Stuart Jensen. Dining is now available inside or on the deck overlooking the golf course. They have happy hour specials, live music (on occasion), delicious appetizers and an excellent staff!

Call Mt. Mitchell Golf Club at (828) 675-5454 for more information on stay and play packages, accommodations or tee- times. You can also logon to their website at [mountmitchellgolf.com](http://mountmitchellgolf.com)

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# Bored with cart golf? Try these

During the Covid-19 directive period, golf courses offered a single rider per golf cart option to maintain social distancing. That was enjoyable, but honestly took away from the fun of getting out with your buddies for a round of golf and enjoying their company. It also hampered the golf pros when they had a full schedule sheet of players wanting to ride and not enough carts.

Local golf pros reported that the ones that stayed open were as busy as they have ever been, and if they could not accommodate the single rider per cart option, many golfers returned to the original premise of golf - walked 9 or 18 holes.

This period also developed a new fad of golf ridership adding to several modes of alternative transportation that have popped up at courses around the country.

The best options would be the motorized surf/skate board - the GolfBoard or the Golf Skate Caddy are very similar - and the golf scooter.

GolfBoards are the most accessible, available at more than 300 courses worldwide according to the company's website. (90 courses in the USA, but none locally yet!) Only a few facilities, however, have more than four, so it's likely not everybody will get to ride one. They're the most popular because they're easy to ride and control.

Alternative transportation is generally slightly more expensive than a cart fee. These various methods cost between \$20-\$35 per round at most places.

Be aware that choosing an alternative mode of transportation will impact your daily schedule on the trip. Every course will require newbies to show up at least 15 minutes early to get a quick lesson on driving/riding and how to stay safe and sign a waiver.

Just as walking isn't for every golfer, these alternative modes of transportation aren't for everyone either. But if members of your group are interested, definitely give them a try on a course that you might play this summer on vacation.

The GolfBoard is fun, but replacing the golf cart permanently? Hardly. They're a nice distraction from the monotony of playing cart golf every round.



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By Sam Smith

**P**laying golf in the mountains of North Carolina has become a very special time for golfers of all levels. Many older mountain courses have revamped their original designs to accommodate the low-handicap players by adding length, but maintaining their playability by adding more forward tees for the average golfers.

One mountain course, in particular, has made many changes. However, their goal was to rekindle the spirit of its original designers and to give golfers a relaxing, but challenging Blue Ridge Mountain experience.

The golf course at the Grove Park Inn Resort in Asheville opened for play in 1899 as the Asheville Country Club. Several designers were involved in the first course layout including Willie Park, Jr., Herbert Baker and Russell Breeden.

But not until 1924 when Donald Ross added his magical touch to this land beneath the crest of Sunset Mountain did the course, by now owned by the Grove Park Inn, catch the eye of golf travelers and personalities that helped spread the word about the mountain course “you have to play”.

Over the years the Ross design was watered down a bit with changes in the rounded greens, moving or eliminating bunkers and making tee-box modifications.

In the early 2000’s the Grove Park ownership made the commitment to a \$2.5-million “retro-design” of the old course by Kris

## Restoring the standards of Donald Ross Grove Park Inn Golf Course continues rave reviews



Spence of Greensboro, returning it to the original Donald Ross plans of the late 1920’s.

Considered one of the better courses in North Carolina before the restoration, afterwards the Grove Park Golf Course began a string of rave reviews, not only in the Carolinas but nationally as well.

After renovation, Golfweek proclaimed the course as the “Best Restoration” designation

in 2002. Golf Digest has listed the course as “One of the ten best courses in the United States that is 100 years old or more”. In 2005, North Carolina Golf magazine vaulted the Grove Park course thirty seven spots from the previous year, to #32 in the “N.C. Top 100”, one of the largest jumps in Golf Panel history.





The Golf Course is rated in the “Top 10” North Carolina Mountain courses, and in 2011 Condé Nast Traveler Magazine included the Grove Park Inn in its “Top 20 Southern U.S. Golf Resorts”. The North Carolina Golf Panel has continued their Top 100 Golf Courses rating in the state, while this historic course has consistently been acknowledged as one of the Top Resort Golf Courses in North Carolina by Golfweek Magazine.

The 6,720-yard, par 70 layout is a shot maker’s challenge with emphasis on accuracy rather than power. The players’ ascent from the somewhat flat, yet undulating front nine to the gentle slopes and sometimes steep inclines and descents of the back nine playing closer to the Grove Park Inn, all offer spectacular views of the surrounding Blue Ridge Mountains.

By today’s standards, the Grove Park Golf Course is on a very small piece of land, only 80-acres, with the holes running parallel to each other.

But, the layout doesn’t seem tight or suffocating, with tree lined fairways, golf holes separated by elevation changes, natural areas filled with tall fescue grass roughs or meandering streams that will dissect a fairway bringing water into play on six holes.

The famed rounded greens of Donald Ross are bent grass now and a little larger and flatter than in the past, but with some of the original contour restored, the approach shots and putts can be just as tricky as the original ones.

Club selection is at a premium due to the famous “false” fronts, making greens look a little closer than they really are, along with the hidden fairway and green-side bunkers that are a staple of a Donald Ross design.

No trip to the Grove Park Inn Resort & Spa would be complete without an after-golf evening at the Sunset Terrace Restaurant in the main building of the Resort. Watching the sunset, enjoying good company and food may just make you forget about that bunker you tangled with on #16 earlier in the day.

You can pamper yourself and your family with a trip to the famous Grove Park Spa before or after your round of golf. Located below the Grove Park’s stately façade and massive lobby fireplaces, this underground facility covers more than 43,000 square feet of treatment rooms, mineral and lap pools, waterfalls, saunas, steam rooms and men’s and women’s relaxation lounges overlooking the resort’s grounds and golf course.

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6/10/20	Mid-Season Major @ Pine Island CC	704-394-1011	10:00 AM Shotgun	\$0
6/22/20	The Peninsula CC	704-896-7060	10:00 AM Shotgun	\$115
7/21/20	Mooreville GC	704-663-2539	10:00 AM Straight tee	\$75
8/3/20	Senior Open @ The Peninsula CC	704-896-7060	10:00 AM Shotgun	\$225
8/4/20	Senior Open @ Northstone CC	704-948-4286	9:00AM Straight Tree	\$0
8/19/20	Warrior GC	704-856-0871	10:00 AM Shotgun	\$80
8/26/20	Ballantyne CC	704-544-1404	7:30 AM Straight Tee	\$95
8/31/20	Cabarrus CC	704-786-8154	9:00 AM Straight Tee	\$85
9/16/20	River Hills CC ~ Lake Wylie, SC	803-831-2249	10:00 AM Shotgun	\$80
9/30/20	Pine Island CC	704-394-1011	10:00 AM Shotgun	\$85

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October 31	Halloween Junior	Statesville Country Club	Statesville, NC	\$72+
November 15	Mint Hill Junior	Olde Sycamore Golf Club	Charlotte, NC	\$82+
December 12-13	Glen Dornoch Junior	Glen Dornoch	Little River, SC	\$195
December 19	Holiday Junior Classic	Tanglewood Golf Club - Champion	Clemmons, SC	\$80+

### GOLF WEEK AMATEUR TOUR – CHARLOTTE AREA 704-844-8264 [amateurgolftour.net/charlotte](http://amateurgolftour.net/charlotte)

Tuesday, May 26th	Peninsula Country Club - Cornelius, NC	704-896-7060	\$115
Saturday, June 6th	Country Club of Salisbury - Salisbury, NC	704-637-3200	\$105
Saturday, June 20th	Mooreville Golf Club - Mooreville, NC	704-663-2539	\$90
Sat. June 27 / Sun. June 28	<b>Southern Regional 2-day</b>	843-266-4050	\$445
	Turtle Point - Kiawah Island 6/27		
	Ocean Course - Kiawah Island 6/28		
Monday, July 6	Firethorne Country Club - Marvin, NC	704-843-3111	\$95
Saturday, July 18th	Lancaster Golf Club - Lancaster, SC	803-416-4500	\$85
Saturday, August 1st	River Hills CC - Lake Wylie, SC	803-831-2249	\$95
Monday, August 10	River Run CC - Davidson, NC	704-896-7355	\$110
Saturday, Aug. 15	Warrior Golf Club - China Grove, NC	704-856-0871	\$90
Sat. Sept. 12 / Sun., Sept. 13	<b>Local finals 2-day event</b>		\$225
	The Club at Irish Creek - Kannapolis, NC 9/12	704-933-4336	
	Northstone Club - Huntersville, NC 9/13	704-948-4286	

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\*Tuesday, June 2nd -- Country Club of Spartanburg -- Spartanburg, SC

Monday, June 22nd -- Smithfields Country Club -- Easley, SC

\*Tuesday, June 30th -- T.B.A.

\*Tuesday, July 14th -- Furman University Golf Club -- Greenville, SC

\*Tuesday, July 28th -- Columbia Country Club -- Columbia, SC

\*Tuesday, August 4th -- Carolina Country Club -- Spartanburg, SC

\*Tuesday, August 11th -- Green Valley Country Club -- Greenville, SC

Monday, August 24th -- Greenwood Country Club -- Greenwood, SC

Monday, August 31st -- Woodfin Ridge Golf Club -- Inman, SC

Tuesday, September 15th -- Village Greens Golf Club -- Gramling, SC

Monday, September 21st -- Olde Sycamore Plantation -- Charlotte, NC

\*Tuesday, September 29th -- Rock Barn (Jackson) -- Conover, NC

Monday, October 5th -- Monroe Country Club -- Monroe, NC

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