



**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 the shot-making ones among my favorites. With that in mind, on the northeast side of Charlotte you will find one of them nestled in its natural surroundings near University Research Park.

The Tradition Golf Club, opened for play in 1996, was designed by John Cassell. It who blended natural beauty and golf course craftsmanship in a comfortable par-72 championship layout.

Three of the tree-lined fairways are dogleg configurations and the remaining holes are straight away from the tee box with its share of elevated tees and greens. A few of the Bent grass greens are undulating, leaving the remainder primarily flat. Eleven water hazards including lakes and streams come into play throughout the course.

The golf course is currently leased by Mecklenburg County to the Canadian based Romspen Financial Corporation and managed by Pinnacle Golf Properties. The Tradition Golf Club is one of the seven local clubs managed by Pinnacle Golf with Tradition general manager Chris Eichstaedt in charge of the day-to-day operations.

"Pinnacle Golf has been very supportive and instrumental in making sure we work on course conditioning," said Eichstaedt. "If there is something we need to improve the course, Pinnacle makes sure we get it. Pinnacle has also made sure that we have the right people to maintain the highest standards for the local golfers".

Among the right people is Superintendent Eric Ramirez, who served under 30-year maintenance veteran Chuck Smith at Tega Cay Golf Club before moving to the Tradition. Ramirez has orchestrated the necessary improvements required by the management group and requested by the playing public that has been returning in good numbers to play Tradition again.

A recent trip to Tradition by the South Mecklenburg Senior Golf Group resulted in a strong recommendation that the selection committee include the course to their regular rotation of courses they play year-round. This is an excellent "thumbs up" from a group of avid golfers that play a majority of the Charlotte area golf courses.

Tradition Golf Club is ideal for hosting outings and events, with its 5400 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.

By registering as an Eclub Member at any of the seven Pinnacle golf courses: Birkdale, Highland Creek, Skybrook, Tega Cay, The Divide, Tradition and Waterford - or online at [charlottegolf.com/golf-giveaway](http://charlottegolf.com/golf-giveaway), you will be entered for a chance to win FREE golf for one full year from CharlotteGolf.com and Pinnacle Golf Properties participating golf courses.

Bill Orthlieb was the first winner of "Ultimate Golf Giveaway" contest following the drawing in July. The second drawing will be on October 1st, and the third winner will be determined by a drawing on January 1, 2021.



For more information on the Eclub or a tee time at Tradition contact the golf shop at 704-503-7529 or logon at [www.thetraditiongolfclub.com](http://www.thetraditiongolfclub.com)