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# The wait is over at EMERALD LAKE GOLF CLUB

## Rebuilding project nearing completion after 2012 fire

It's been over four years since a devastating fire destroyed the \$1.1 million clubhouse at Emerald Lake Country Club. The facility was a total loss, and left the club without a permanent pro shop or any enclosed areas to host major charity golf tournaments. But, things are changing for the better at Emerald Lake Golf Club.

A new stand-alone 1200 sq ft pro shop was the first to open, and a beautiful clubhouse (Events Center) is projected to be open soon, and golfers are going to be delighted with the new amenities offered by the club.

The Carolina Golf Journal had a chance to visit with General Manager Justin Morin recently on the opening of the new facilities and the plans at Emerald Lake Golf Club.

**CGJ** – It's been a long wait for this to happen, what was the process to finish this rebuilding project?

**Justin Morin** – “It's certainly been a long time coming, but we have taken our time to get this right. We listened to the Charlotte golfer and at the end of the day, we learned that people just wanted a great golf course - a place to relax and get a bite to eat afterwards, and then a place to fine tune their game to keep their handicap low and smiles high. We listened.”

**CGJ** - The new golf shop appears to be more than a place to check-in or purchase new golf equipment or accessories, what will make it different than other pro shops?

**JM** - “This new golf shop will house a “Performance Lab”, located directly behind the golf shop. By creating an indoor hitting facility stocked with two launch monitors., golfers will get instant feedback on launch angles, side spin, back spin, etc. With a tour-level experience for golfers, we will be able to fit you into a set of clubs exclusively for you. This Performance Lab will be the go-to place for golfers looking to fine tune their game, rain or shine, snow or ice, this lab will be ready to go.”



**CGJ** – With the golf shop open, what are the plans for your new Events Center?

**JM** - “A few months from now we will

open our brand new Events Center and full service restaurant that will feature seven TV's located around the entire space. This bar and grill, perfectly named The Lakeview Grill & Tavern, will lead out onto a 2,000 sq ft patio overlooking

our signature lake, housing two fire pits and views of six holes from one location. We will have eight local, domestic, and imported beers on tap year-round. This new space will be the ultimate place to relax after a long round or long day at work.”

**CGJ** – Looking at the plans and location of the Events Center, what will be the feeling you are trying to project?

**JM** - “The View at Emerald Lake, is a 5,000 sq ft ball-room with vaulted ceilings stretching up almost 30 ft. high. The exposed cedar beams and a stone fireplace creates a ‘rustic elegance’ that will be perfect for weddings, parties, and golf events. We

have included bridal and groomsman suites onsite to give everyone the perfect opportunity to enjoy an entire day at Emerald Lake. We are already booking weddings, parties, and golf tournaments for 2017, and we could not be happier about the outcome. It was well worth the wait.”

**CGJ** – With all the new construction, how will this change Emerald Lake Golf Club?

**JM** - “This new space is going to transform this golf course. We have consistently been one of the few golf courses in the area to maintain exceptional course conditions year round, and coupled with this new golf shop, performance lab, restaurant, and event space, Emerald Lake will be a hub of entertainment in the golf industry.”

One element of Emerald Lake that wasn't affected by the fire and construction was the quality of the championship golf course. For nearly 20-years Emerald Lake has been considered one of the courses with the “best greens” in the metro Charlotte area. Superintendent Toby Johnson and his staff have maintained that high standard of bent grass greens, while many courses have converted to Bermuda grass.

“Players are commenting that the greens are rolling as well as they have ever seen,” said head PGA professional Kenny Shipp.

To be a part of the new excitement at Emerald Lake Golf Club, call for rates, tee times, and more information on golf outings at 704-882-7888 or logon at [www.theviewatemerallake.com](http://www.theviewatemerallake.com).



# Arnold Palmer leaves lasting legacy

By Sam Smith

Arnold Palmer, by acclamation the most important golfer in the game's history, should be ready for that opening tee-shot in heaven by now. Palmer passed away in late September from complications from heart problems at the University of Pittsburgh Medical Center at the age of 87. He had been admitted to the hospital and was scheduled to undergo a surgical procedure for his heart the next day before his death.

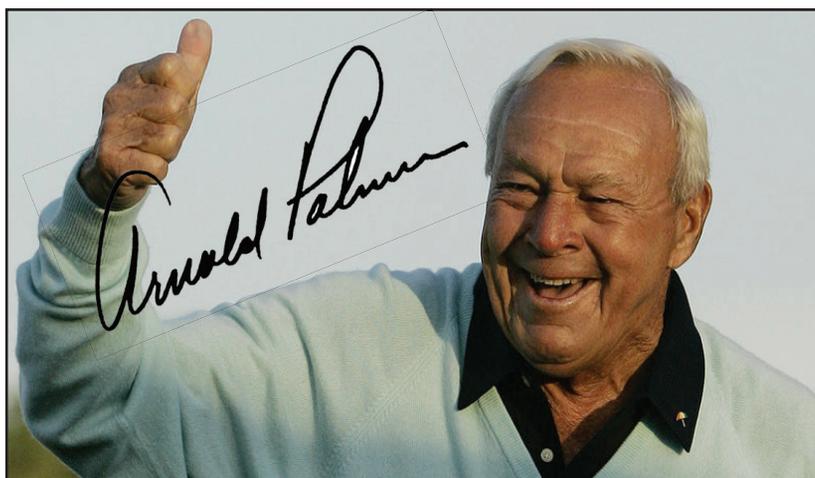
I had the honor of being one of the sportswriters to have a face-to-face conversation with the late Arnold Palmer, and those moments left a lasting impression formed by the man that made the game of golf so special. My Palmer moments came when the Champions Tour was played on the Palmer designed TPC Piper Glen course from 1990 to 2001.

As family members, friends and opponents have reinforced in their condolences, I too found "the King" to be very warm and sincere in his meetings with the golf media, looking you right in the eye as he answered every one of the questions sent his way.

That eye-to-eye contact was evident as well when he signed autographs asked for by the legion of fans that made up "Arnie's Army" away from the press room.

On the course, I remember Palmer walking among throngs of fans as he strode down fairways — the King and his army. Palmer would also talk to people in the gallery, joking with them, making them feel welcome at the golf course.

Palmer won seven major championships and 62 PGA Tour titles. He wasn't the greatest male golfer of all time, that title usually creates a debate about Jack Nicklaus, Tiger Woods, Ben Hogan, Bobby Jones, or maybe Sam Snead. But in the



development of golf - it's no contest, Palmer was a unanimous choice prompting the nickname "The King".

"Arnold Palmer was the everyday man's hero," said Jack Nicklaus, one of Palmer's strongest competitors. "From the modest upbringing, Arnold embodied the hard-working strength of America."

His work started in the mid 1950's after an excellent career at Wake Forest, his style and nose to the grind-stone attitude jump-started the game of golf. Looking like a stout NFL running back, with arms of a blacksmith and giant hands, he became a real TV star and the poster boy for the average sports fan that embraced golf as a true sport. He was unlike anything that the game had ever seen, and may never see again.

"We call him a legend, an icon and the king, but everyone who knew him called him a friend. One of the kindest men I've ever met. You'll be missed," offered Charlotte's Webb Simpson.

Sadly, we had all seen Palmer fading in the last several years. He hit his last ceremonial first shot at the Masters in 2015, and was making fewer and fewer appearance at PGA events across the country. Not present, but never

forgotten by players and fans alike.

ESPN.com senior writer Ian O'Conner may have summed it up best the impact Palmer had on the game of golf and the many fans he honored with his never-say-die play. "Palmer lit a fuse, with equal parts swagger and humility when he played, and a smile for strangers who came to the course to watch a golfer and left feeling like they'd been truly touched by a king."

## *New Book by Arnold Palmer* **A Life Well Played: MY STORIES**

**N**o one won more fans around the world and no player has had a bigger impact on the sport of golf than the late Arnold Palmer. In fact, Palmer is considered by many to be the most important golfer in history.

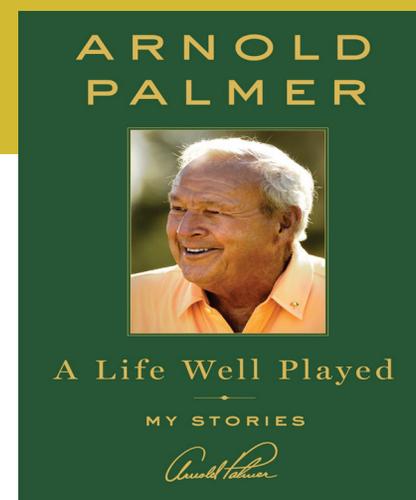
Palmer takes stock of his many life experiences in [A Life Well Played](#) bringing new details and insights to some familiar stories and sharing new ones. Palmer had tremendous success but is most notable for going about it the right way and always giving back to the fans who made it all possible.

Gracious, fair, and a true gentleman, Arnold Palmer was the gold standard of how to conduct yourself. He offers advice and guidance, sharing stories of his

career on the course, success in business and the great relationships that give meaning to his life.

This book is Palmer's gift to the world a treasure trove of entertaining anecdotes and timeless wisdom that readers will celebrate and cherish.

Book to be released in mid-October.





## Host an exceptional group golf experience at The Golf Club at Ballantyne

One of the most attractive aspects of living in the Carolinas is our mild climate. The Golf Club at Ballantyne's ideal course conditions makes playing year-round a reality.

While The Golf Club, recognized as a Best Place to Play with 4.5 Stars by Golf Digest, has established its position as one of the finest public golf experiences in the region, it is also regarded as a top course to host a corporate golf outing or charitable tournament.



The Golf Club specializes in executing effortless golf tournaments and outings. "Our dedicated team of PGA professionals and golf event coordinators can assist with every detail to make an event both successful and memorable," said Woody Allen, director of golf, The Golf Club at Ballantyne. "With our unparalleled resources, we can tailor an experience that is ideal for each client."

The Golf Club offers all of the essentials to create an unforgettable golf experience. Featuring an 18-hole, par 71 PGA course, first-class facilities



include a golf pro shop, practice area, driving range, custom club fitting and extensive food & beverage options from boxed lunches to award receptions.



An impressive golf pavilion located adjacent to the driving range which can accommodate up to 140 guests for tournament receptions offers a natural setting for golf events. Tournament enhancements such as sponsored holes and logo golf merchandise are also available to elevate any event. Glow-in-the-dark putting challenges, long drive contests and lawn games are also popular among guests.

Don Wirth, who recently planned an outing for Tencarva Machinery Company at the course shared, "The Golf Club at Ballantyne's professional staff was very helpful, and the planning and executing of our golf event was perfect."

The Golf Club's ideal location at The Ballantyne Hotel & Lodge offers unlimited opportunities to customize an event with versatile venues, well appointed accommodations and desirable amenities such as Dana Rader Golf School, the Carolinas' only Golf Channel Academy.

"We absolutely love coming there because of the first class treatment that not only we receive, but our guests receive! The entire staff is always anxious to help, and they always do it with a smile on their faces," shared Corey Glass with Charlotte Motor Speedway. "I can't thank the team enough for all that they do for Speedway Children's Charities. We are very grateful and look forward to another great event next year!"

It's easy to see why clients keep coming back to this well-maintained course, complemented by its superior service.

Interested in planning a golf outing or tournament at The Golf Club? Contact Noelene Grosso at 704-248-4036 or [ngrosso@golfballantyne.com](mailto:ngrosso@golfballantyne.com).



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# Carolina PGA top contributor for Patriot's Golf Day

The final numbers have not been tallied by the national office of the Folds of Honor Foundation, but based on early returns you can bet that the Carolina PGA and the great golfing communities will again be the biggest contributors to the Patriot's Golf Day national fundraising effort.

Patriot's Golf Day is every Labor Day weekend and is when golf courses ask golfers to add an extra dollar to their greens fees in order to help fund Folds of Honor Scholarships. These scholarships and other educational assistance go to the spouses and dependents of those that have been killed or disabled in military service. Since its founding in 2007, the organization has awarded over 8,000 scholarships.

For the past several years the Carolina PGA, with more than 175 golf courses participating, has led the nation in contributions. The Carolinas PGA section has grown to be the largest of the PGA's 41 sections with almost 2,000 professional members and 800 facilities. To date, it has raised in excess of \$2.5 million for the Folds of Honor.



*Jimmy McMullen played 400 holes in just over 24 hours for the Folds of Honor Foundation*

playing 400 holes of golf in just over 24-hours for the Folds of Honor Foundation.

His marathon started at 5:00 pm, and overnight the rounds were played with the use of glow balls and the aid of the glow sticks which were positioned behind the flagsticks. By morning, a total of 14 rounds and 252 holes were completed. As the morning dew evaporated and the sunshine beamed down, more rounds, more holes and more birdies were accomplished. At 5:20 pm, a total of 22 rounds and 4 holes, 400 total holes, 42 birdies had been completed.

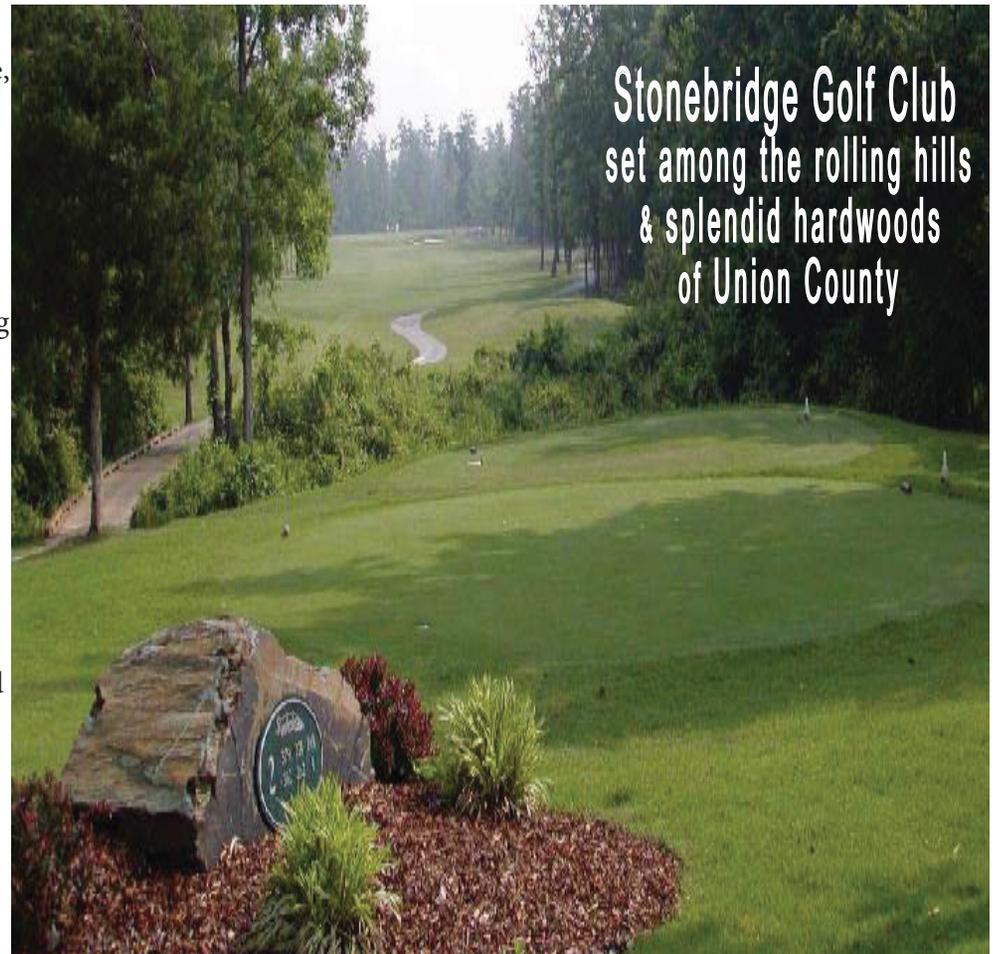
McMullen's wife, daughter and son rode along to make sure he stayed hydrated and well-fed.

"I was never brave enough to be a soldier," McMullen said. "For me to do something to support the troops is just the proudest moment of my life."

A few years ago, McMullen took a break from the golf course and took an oath to protect and serve as a Winston-Salem police officer.

"There are so many great veterans who are police officers right now," McMullen said. "What the police and military do is just unbelievable to me."

McMullen estimates that he could raise as much as \$5,000 for his marathon Patriot's Golf Day effort.



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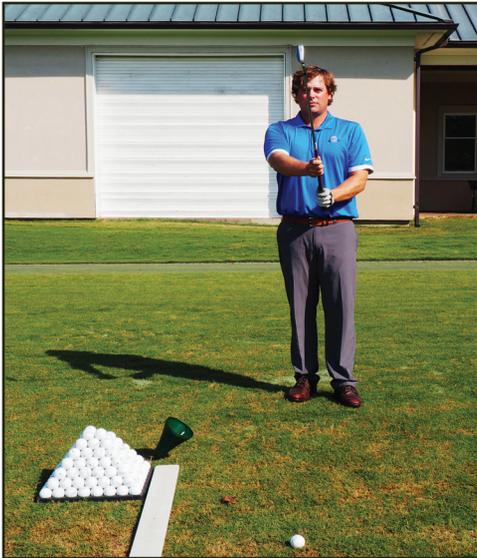
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# Getting the most out of practicing

by Steve Bogdanoff, Certified Instructor - Dana Radar Golf School

If you've ever said "I do great on the driving range but can't take it to the golf course" odds are your practice routine does not mirror enough of the challenges faced on the course. Follow these 4 stages to get the most out of your time and effort.



- **Stage 1 – Warm-Up.** Before swinging you should stretch your muscles. Once you're stretched THEN swing your clubs. No target, just hit some small shots to loosen up.

- **Stage 2 – Use Drills.** Target is not necessary here either. Refer back to your lesson notes and work to gain some muscle memory on this new skill.

Hopefully your instructor gave you specific drills within your lesson that you can revisit.

- **Stage 3 – Refine Mechanics.** Pick a specific target and hit shots using the same golf club you were using

in Stage 2. Alternate between practice swings and full swings to gain some feel for the new swing.

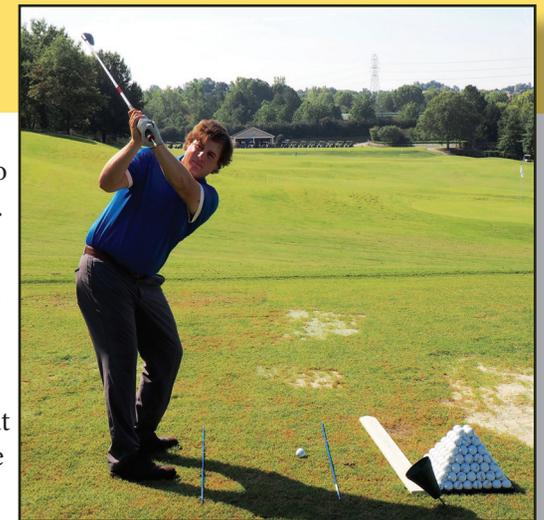
The last stage has 3 layers that are designed to transfer the skills you've learned to the golf course.

- **Stage 4 – Pressure Cooker.** Pick a specific target but go through your pre-shot routine as if you were on the golf course. Each shot will count for a score.

Make sure the target has a left and right side to it like a "green". Example of scoring: 1 point if the ball starts inside the boundary (green); 1 point if the ball starts and stays inside the boundary; 1 point if you made solid contact. Hit 5 golf balls during this stage. Maximum score is 15. Go for it!

- 2nd Layer. Use the same scoring criteria and choose multiple targets alternating them for each shot.
- 3rd Layer. Change clubs each time you change targets.

The first 3 stages are "Block Practicing" where you use extra repetitions to help build muscle memory. The last stage is "Transfer Training" where you are swinging under pressure like the golf course. Combining both types of practice is the best way to get better.



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## Mizuno scores again with JPX 900 irons

**Y**ou may not be able to play like Justin Rose, #10 ranked player in the world, but you can now play the irons he used to win the 2016 Olympic Championship. Mizuno has launched its broadest JPX iron line in history to the public, and the new JPX-900 is motivated by delivering distance.

The line includes the JPX-900, JPX-900 Forged and JPX-900 Tour, and each uses distinct materials and constructions, as well as distinct sizes to match various player types.

For the average golfer the biggest leap forward is the JPX-900 "Hot Metal," the JPX-900 is Mizuno's latest installment in a cast construction aimed at maximizing ball speed. Its high strength-to-weight ratio comes through a special heat-treating process that allows for the thinnest face yet on Mizuno irons at two millimeters.

A new variable face design expands the region with the highest flexibility. Meanwhile, ribs just inside the topline, stabilize the frame for better feel despite the thinner face construction.

The JPX-900 Forged is the company's next installment of a one-piece forged cavity back design using boron-infused carbon steel. The boron allows for a

stronger metal that can be forged thinner. The thinner construction yields a higher overall spring-like effect through a multiple thickness face.



The third iron in the JPX-900 line is the JPX-900 Tour, a one-piece forging of the 1025E carbon steel used in Mizuno's tour-level MP forgings. It also incorporates the narrow sole design preferred by Mizuno's staff players Luke Donald and Chris Wood. But the JPX-900 Tour adds a version of the perimeter weighting frame that's seen on the rest of the JPX-900 irons.

"Prior to 2010, we were really known as primarily a better-players iron brand, but the JPX line really has allowed us to break down some barriers," said David Llewellyn, golf hard-goods R&D manager for Mizuno USA. "We've shown some steady improvement in making irons that get through to that broader segment of the market, and the JPX-900 line shows more of that steady improvement, as well as some real leaps."



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## Springfield Golf Club in Fort Mill: “A walk in the park”

Located on a heavily wooded and hilly site just over the South Carolina border is the Springfield Golf Club. Golfers will find a combination of rolling hills that give you a feel of some mountain golf courses, yet you are playing in Ft. Mill. Springfield park-like setting features four holes that flank Sugar Creek and the challenge is increased by 13 holes that play across and along perennial streams that feed into the Catawba River.

Enhanced by the rolling terrain water features Springfield Golf Club is a traditional style of golf course designed with its shot-making requirements. Not long based on most courses built in the 2000's, this par-72 layout is 6,906-yard from back tees to just under 4,800 for the front tees. With five sets of tees, Springfield truly can fit any level of golf.

The Clyde Johnston design harkens back to the traditional schemes of the Donald Ross 1920's and the Golden Age of Architecture in golf and Springfield Golf Club has quickly made a name for itself among Charlotte golf courses since opening in 2001.



“The graceful folds and contours that define the land near Fort Mill provide the perfect setting for a golf course whose design is timeless,” proclaimed Johnston shortly after the opening. “The golf experience at Springfield will be as memorable as it is strategic and demanding.”

Johnston has provided very generous landing areas in the tree-lined Bermuda fairways, with medium size undulating greens, converted to ultra drawf MiniVerde Bermuda greens in the summer of 2010.

The greens have matured to perfection and are protected by fewer than 50 bunkers in play filled with consistent sand. Your putts will run true, but may be tricky until you get the feel of the rolling terrain that controls the break

of your putt. The green complexes are

surrounded with Zoysia and Tif-dwarf turf that helps greatly in getting up and down a little easier.

Another feature that adds to your trip around Springfield Golf Club is the concentrated effort to preserve wildlife and the environmentally sensitive areas. With all of the lateral water hazards lining many fairways, the protected areas will snag a ball occasionally but has helped define the neighborhood park like setting. If your ball goes into one of these areas, “let the turtles have it!”

On the front side at Springfield you will find only two traditional dog-leg holes, one of which is the par-4 400-yard 5th hole, requiring a tee shot up the left side of the fairway and then over one of the sensitive areas to an uphill undulating green. Like the front side, on the back nine a majority of the tee shots are made without seeing the green due to the rolling hills and trees. But hey, what would a park be without hills and trees?

The finishing 18th hole along with the 6th hole, are both long par-5's measuring over 525 yards from the back tees. Even from the regular tees you need two or three solid hits to reach the green in regulation and that means covering over nearly 1000 yards collectively of real estate.



That's the long of the Springfield story; the short come in heavier dosages with very manageable par-3's and comfortable par-4's to complete your round.

For those that like to warm-up or just practice, Springfield Golf Club includes a one-acre grass tee practice area that has space for 25 hitting stations and six target greens with a putting green nearby.

Head Golf Professional Bud Welch and his staff offer a warm welcome at Springfield Golf Club and are available to assist all players with the development of their golf game at this excellent practice facility.

Springfield is one of four Leroy Springs and company courses in upstate South Carolina designed by such architects as Donald Ross,



George Cobb, Russell Breeden and Clyde Johnston. Chester Golf Club, Lancaster Golf Club and Fort Mill Golf Clubs are the other three in addition to Springfield.

All four clubs offer membership packages that have no initiation fee with monthly dues that feature unlimited green fees and preferred tee times up to two weeks in advance. Special membership discounts are offered to students and seniors.

So make your plans to "walk in the park" at Springfield Golf Club.

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## PGA committed to North Carolina *Salutes the charity work in Charlotte*

All golf fans should take pride in the latest proclamation from the PGA Tour on their decision to remain steadfast with the PGA events in North Carolina. The office of PGA Tour Commissioner Tim Finchem released the following statement on the great work being done in the state.

“The PGA Tour has decided not to follow the NBA’s lead in North Carolina.”

The NBA announced in July it planned to move next year’s All-Star Game out of Charlotte because of a state law that eliminated anti-discrimination protections for lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgender people. The NCAA and ACC followed suit earlier, pulling most of their postseason collegiate games and tournaments out of North Carolina.

Speaking at the Tour Championship in Atlanta, Tour commissioner Tim Finchem said that the circuit supports the stance of the NBA and other organizations, but he added there are no plans to move any tournaments out of North Carolina.

“[The Wells Fargo Championship] raises about \$1.5 million right now for the Teach for America program in the inner city of Charlotte. Nobody else is going

to put that money up,” Finchem said. “We’ll be vocal about the legislation, but we’re not going to interrupt a unique program that’s doing the great work it’s doing in Charlotte.”



The Wells Fargo Championship is scheduled to be played in Wilmington, N.C., in 2017 because the PGA Championship is being held at Quail Hollow Club in Charlotte. Both the PGA Tour Champions and Web.com Tours have events in North Carolina.

Finchem is stepping down at the end of this season, ending an era which saw golf undergo a series of radical changes, including the rise of a more global, commercialized tour. Jay Monahan, who was named deputy commissioner in 2014, is expected to take over, pending approval by the PGA Tour’s policy board at the end of the year.

## McIlroy “roars” back to win FEDEX cup

Rory McIlroy used a spectacular eagle two on the 16<sup>th</sup> hole in the final round to come from three shots behind with three holes to play to force a record four-hole playoff to win the Tour Championship. His birdie on the final hole of regulation for a 6-under 64 produced a three-man playoff with

Ryan Moore (64) and Kevin Chappell (66).



After Chappell fell out of the playoff on the first hole, McIlroy then holed a 15-foot birdie putt on the fourth extra hole to win the tournament worth \$1.53 million, and claimed the \$10 million FedEx Cup bonus.

FedEx points leader going into the Tour Championship Dustin Johnson surprisingly was never a factor and he hit too many errant shots on the front nine and never recovered, closing with a 73. Johnson, however, still would have won the FedEx Cup if either Moore or Chappell had won the tournament.

With his caliber of play in the FedEx playoffs, including the exciting finish at Atlanta, Moore was selected as the 12<sup>th</sup> member of the USA Ryder Cup team by team captain Davis Love, III.

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### The Charlotte Post Foundation Golf Tournament

Friday, October 7th  
Highland Creek Golf Club  
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7:00 a.m. Registration, breakfast, driving range  
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### The Joe Martin ALS Foundation Golf Tournament

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### First Annual Drive for Autism Golf Tournament

Monday, October 10th  
The Palisades  
Captain's Choice  
Shotgun start: 10am  
Cost: \$175  
Contact: Richard Degree 704-618-2712

### 8th Annual CFA Charity Golf Tournament

Friday, October 14  
Rocky River Golf Club  
Captain's Choice  
Shotgun start: 9am  
Cost: \$200 inc. reception October 13th at Embassy Stes  
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### Bright Blessings Annual Golf Classic

Friday, October 14, 2016  
Raintree Country Club  
Captain's Choice  
Shotgun start: 12:30 pm  
Contact: Bronwyn Pressley 704-846-2329  
[Bronwyn@brightblessingsusa.org](mailto:Bronwyn@brightblessingsusa.org)

### 3rd Annual Brody Thomapson Memorial Golf Tournament

Saturday, October 15th  
Lakewood Golf Club  
Captain's Choice  
Shotgun start: 12 noon  
Cost: \$50 per player  
Contact: Dennis Watkins  
704-873-6441

### Christ the King 3rd Annual Golf Tournament

Monday, October 24th  
NorthStone Country Club  
Check-in at 10:30am  
Shotgun start: 12:00pm  
Cost: \$175 per player  
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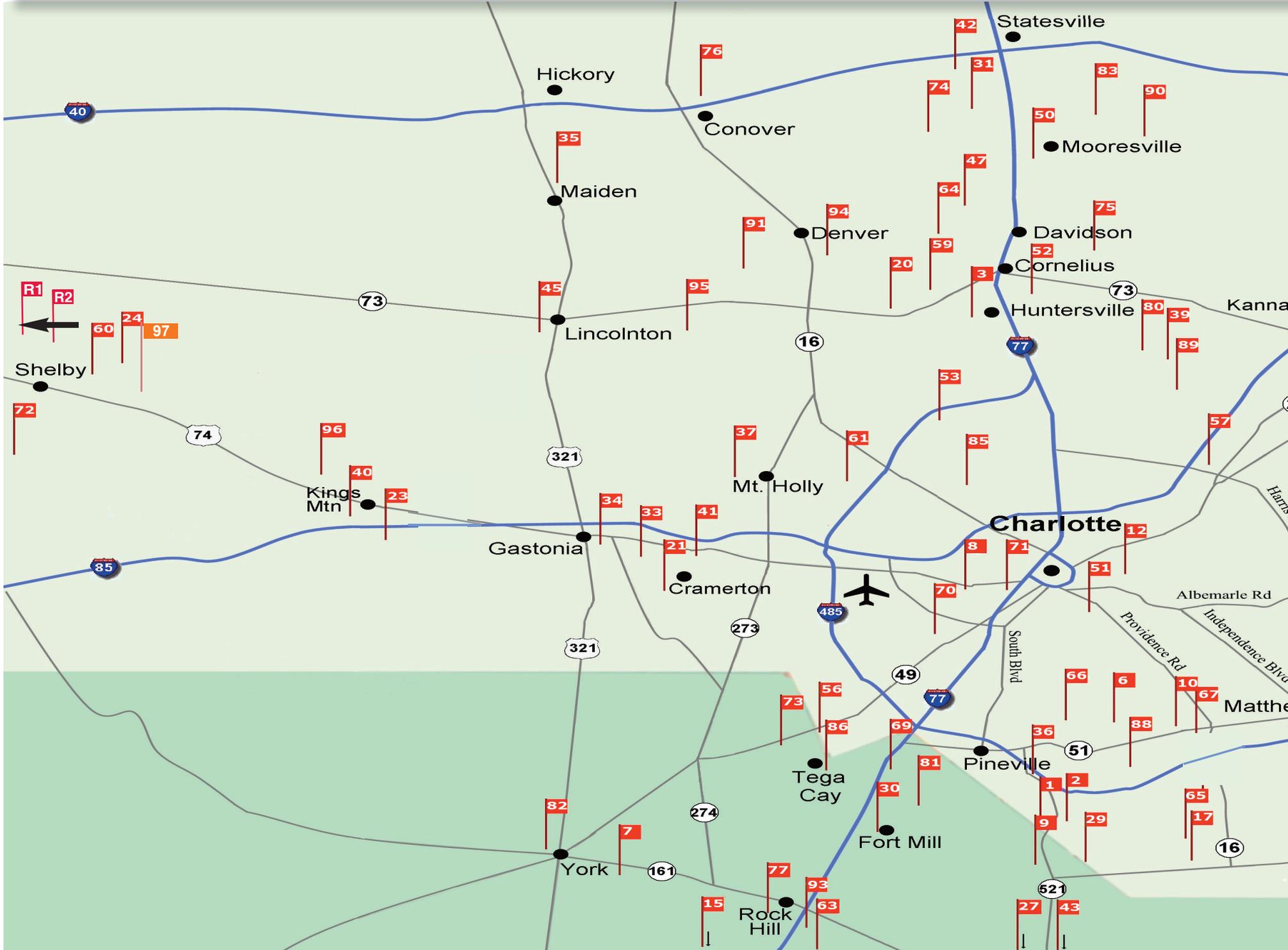


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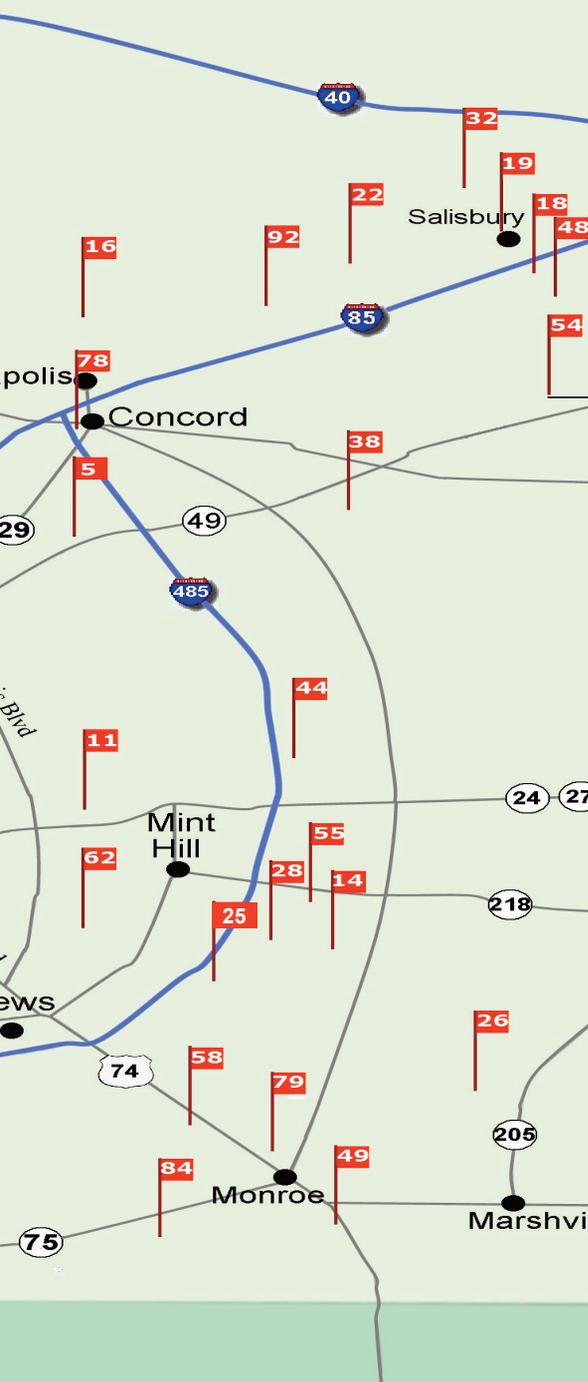
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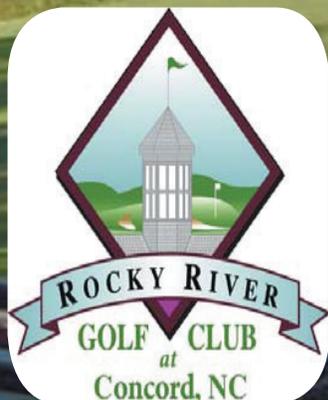
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## Autumn Golf in the Carolinas

### Playing tips to neutralize the weather

Special for the Carolina Golf Journal

There is nothing that beats playing golf during the fall in the Carolinas. The course conditions are considered the best you'll see all season. The trees are putting on an autumnal show that keeps spirits light, no matter how bad the shot. Courses have fall rates, they are less crowded and the course pace of play becomes your pace of play. It is arguably the best time of the season to play, until those pesky temperatures drop.

Unlike the really cold weather of the north, Carolina temperatures are cooler with the exception of several weeks in mid-winter. So here are a few playing tips for golfers in fall weather:

#### 1. Layer Up

Start with clothing that breathes (the sun can get warm) and doesn't restrict your swing. Double up with socks - two layers if it is really cold or an extra pair if the course is wet. Rain gear—pants and jacket are essential for the damp days, and they serve as good wind protection.

#### 2. Use a Softer Ball

Temperature can certainly affect your golf ball. The colder it gets, the less "feel" you have. By playing with a softer ball, you can retain some of the feel that you are used to around the greens. You might not hit the ball as far as you would normally, but you might score by retaining your touch and feel.

#### 3. Club Up

Cooler temperatures don't allow for the ball to travel as far, so if you are in between clubs on approach shots, always club up so you can get it there. Also be aware that colder weather will firm up the course, and you will get plenty of roll off of your drive (you could be playing from unfamiliar places). Just remember this when you are approaching the green - your ball can roll through and off the green.

#### 4. Bring Hand Warmers and Ear Warmers

There is no need to worry about looks and whether you will be ridiculed for using hand warmers (you are already a golf warrior for being out there). You should have hand and ear warmers in your golf bag just in case. You want to be comfortable and not think about your frozen ears during your back swing. Keeping your hands warm between shots is a good idea for a better feel on the club.

#### 5. Walk

No matter your age, staying loose in fall weather is hard to do, unless you are moving. Where permitted, forget the cart and walk the course. It keeps the muscles limber and you will stay warm. Try to play your round during mid-day when the sun is the warmest.

And finally, look around. The fall colors are incredible. Take a deep breath of the crisp fall air and remind yourself why you love living in the Carolinas. Enjoy the round!



## Local junior golfer qualifies for Masters event

### Charlotte golfer Clinton Daly one of 80 juniors to advance

As the Greater Charlotte junior golf programs grow, more and more of the young golfers are competing in national events to grow their game. One Charlotte golfer has gone right to the top of his golf roadmap with a regional qualifying spot in the National Drive, Chip and Putt competition held at Pinehurst Resort.

Clinton Daly of Charlotte was the top qualifier in the Boys 12-13 age division, and will advance to the Masters Tournament in Augusta next spring to join top 80 performers (40 boys – 40 girls) from all 50 states in quest of the National Finals Championship.

“PGA Professionals in each of our 41 PGA Sections are committed to growing the

game and making a positive impact on the lives of youth throughout the country,” said PGA of America President Derek Sprague. “We believe the Drive, Chip and Putt Championship will continue to play an integral role in encouraging more youngsters to experience a game they can enjoy for a lifetime.”



# SKYBROOK GOLF CLUB

## Elevation changes and beautiful landscape

By Sam Smith

For more than 16 years, Skybrook Golf Club in Huntersville has been beckoning golfers to its 18-hole championship golf course featuring beautiful rolling fairways and incredibly scenic views.

Under management of Troon Golf, with their motto - Better conditions. Better service. Better EVERYTHING!, golfers are finding Charlotte golf at its finest for daily and membership play and golf outings on one of the premier layouts in the Greater Charlotte area.

Roaming across 7,000 yards of remarkably mountainous terrain, John LaFoy, designer and golf course architect, blended the rolling hills, dramatic elevation changes and beautiful landscape into a course that will capture the heart of every golfer that plays.

You get a real feel of the golf course's elevation changes right from the first hole with a 419-yard par 4 that comes complete with elevated tee box, spectacular view, and behemoth green. As a matter of fact, 7 of the first 9 holes have greens that stretch more than 50-feet in depth from front to back. Getting on in regulation may be easier with the larger greens, but make sure you take a couple of long putts on the practice green, you may need them.

After the first hole, the rest of the front nine ranges from testy to very enjoyable, including the 433-yard 6<sup>th</sup> hole that invites sight-seeing and produces rave reviews with the elevation of its tee box.

For "the down the middle" hitters, all these elevated tees could lead to red numbers. But, for errant drivers, it could create some tense moments. Hole #6 aside, off the tee box, this course can be forgiving because many of the



holes slope back towards the fairways, a uniqueness of this course that sets it apart. If you miss a shot, you won't be looking for your ball longer than the rules allow.

The 178-yard par-3 16<sup>th</sup> hole is all carry over water into a tighter than normal green. The 17<sup>th</sup> hole is the number 2 handicap hole on the course, and is a long 429-yard par-4 slight dogleg-left with the same lake running all along its left side.

The 18<sup>th</sup> finishing hole will test your metal. This 553-yard par-5 starts with a tee shot that must avoid trouble with trees and a drainage ditch area on the right. Then on this S-shaped hole you'll have to hit a narrow second fairway with your second shot to set up your pitch into another well-bunkered, elevated green. This hole will force you to earn a par, but what a rush if you get it.

One other factor figured into the course design at Skybrook, John LaFoy likes to place bunkers several yards in front of greens, creating Donald Ross type "false fronts", giving the appearance that they are greenside traps, when in reality they are solid sand wedges shot away.

At Skybrook, the two-tiered driving range tee, which has a slight downhill landing area, is designed to improve your accuracy and build your confidence. The range complex also features a designated chipping area and practice bunker where you can work on shaving strokes off your score.

With six sets of tees, Skybrook can be as tough or as friendly as your game can stand. To meet that challenge, the Skybrook pro staff can help you reach a level of confidence with personal lessons and clinics.

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## Playing golf made easy with Skybrook App

Skybrook Golf Club has taken the steps to furnish playing information for all golfers with their new App from AGN Sports.

The official Skybrook Golf App gives golfers a free, easy to use, interactive combination of comprehensive course information including: GPS positioning, digital scorecard, augmented reality range finder, and various other useful club-specific features.

A main feature is the GPS Caddie. Instantly views distances to the tee, front, back, and middle of the green, as well as par for each hole. Interactive shot positioning: simply touch the shot target to move it and get instant distances. Full aerial satellite zoom capability.

Some holes take careful planning to play and with the Skybrook App golfers can take a tip from the pros on how to play the hole with the built-in Pro Tip. Swing Tips provide video tips to improve your swing brought to you by Troon Golf Academy.

Visual Scorecard is the easy way to keep score for up to four players, or add players manually from your device's address book. This Auto Score populates par for each hole and allows you to simply add or subtract from par.

Other app features include: Booking tee times right from the app, exclusive relevant special offers from local and national companies, real-time weather forecast and a Fun Cam to capture those great moments on the course with the built in camera feature.

The Skybrook App will give you quick access to the club's Facebook page, to check-in or interact with other golfers, access to the club's dining facilities and menus, and Club contact information.

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## Urban League of Central Carolina honors golf trailblazers

The Urban League of Central Carolinas has honored the life and legacy of Hall of Fame golfer Charles Sifford at its 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Dr. Charles L. Sifford Golf Legends Tournament and Luncheon. The event was held on September 19th at TPC Piper Glen Country Club in Charlotte.

This year the event's luncheon recognized 4 additional African American golf legends, honored as the 1st recipients of the ULCC's Trailblazers Award. This year's recipients include:

Jim Dent, 4-time PGA champion; 12-time Sr. PGA champion Rhonda Powell; 1st African-American to play U.S. Jr. Championships, 2nd African-American to Join LPGA and the daughter of the only African American to design, build and operate a golf course James Black, 1st African-American in the south to qualify for the U.S. Open, 1st player under-21 to shoot 67 at LA Open Walter Morgan, 4-time Senior PGA champion.

Charles Sifford, a trailblazer in his own right, fought to abolish the PGA's "caucasian male only" clause and forced the PGA to open the door to African Americans, and others. He is the first African American to receive a PGA card and play in an official PGA tour event. Sifford was inducted into World Golf Hall of Fame in 2014.

A sports legend to the Charlotte community, Sifford paved the way for golf greats like Lee Elder, Calvin Pete, Jim Thorpe, Jim Dent and Tiger Woods. Sifford's lifetime endurance of harsh treatment and unspeakable indignities to play the game he loved made him a catalyst for diversity and inclusion in the game of golf.

Proceeds from the Dr. Charles L. Sifford Tournament and Luncheon go directly to the Urban League's Youth and Adult Work-

force Development Programs. Last year, ULCC provided more than 400 students in grades 3-12 with technology and work force skills training.

The Adult Workforce and Entrepreneurial programs served over 2600 Charlotte area residents by providing free training and national certification courses in HVAC, Fiber Optics/ Broadband, Premise Cabling, Customer Service, Microsoft and Entrepreneurship. ULCC program graduates earned more than \$34.2 million in income this past year.

The Urban League of Central Carolinas is a multi-service, non-profit agency, organized in 1978, with a range of programs that benefit anyone in need of education, skills training, career development, employment services, and youth programs. The success is enhanced through investments by key community partnerships focused on social mobility and economic opportunity.



Charles Sifford



Jim Black



Rhonda Powell



James Black



Walter Morgan

## Playing the course backwards (in your mind)

By Brett Heisler, PGA, General Manager/ Director of golf  
Bear Creek Golf Club in Hilton Head Island, South Carolina

**G**rabbing this club is like sitting behind the wheel of your favorite sports car and having the light turns green. It's time to GO! Your goal is to use this club as often as possible, taking confidence from knowing you will hit more greens and be closer to the hole.

The approach shot to the green is one of the most important in your golf game. Hit it high and tight to the pin, and you're set up for an excellent birdie opportunity.

So with your favorite club in hand, we need to know the ideal yardage that is best for using that club. If you had a chance to walk down the middle of the fairway and place a ball anywhere from 150 to 50 yards from the green, where would you place it? (Remember, we are trying to avoid the yardages that give us that awkward "in-between" shot.) No specific answer on the amount of yardage is correct, it's all personal preference. Being closer to the green isn't necessarily easier for everyone.



Here is where it helps to play the hole backward in your mind. Let's say your favorite club is a pitching wedge and your favorite yardage is 85 yards. You are playing a long 410-yard par 4. You hit an average drive of about 230 yards down the fairway. This is the critical moment.

With 180 yards on a well-protected green with bunkers on both sides, you need to make a choice. Pull out your usual hybrid or 5-wood to try to "get the ball somewhere around the green" or play to your favorite yardage. What is your favorite approach club? I'm referring to the one.

If you take the option of playing to your favorite yardage, then after your 230-yard drive, you only need 95 yards to get into position for your approach. Given enough practice with your favorite pitching wedge, and the resulting confidence, you now can fly the ball onto the green and know it will stop there. The bunkers have just become decoration for the course — like a nice pair of earrings — hanging on the side of the green.



You have a good look at par, but if you miss, it will be a tap in five. Double bogey wasn't part of the equation and you didn't have to rake any sand!

My advice is to pay attention to your favorite club and try to put yourself in that position most often.

When you practice or warm up before a round, hit 90% of your shots with your favorite club to hone it in. Golf is a tough game. It can beat you up mentally. Take some of the control back and build as much confidence as you can to see results where they matter most — your score.



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## Joe Jaspers turns back talented field for 6<sup>th</sup> Charlotte City Amateur Championship

By Sam Smith

Every player would love to have the main ingredient to a successful round of golf- consistency. And to find that elusive secret, we all could take a lesson from local amateur Joe Jaspers, who was the only player to shoot under 70 in all three rounds, and one of three to shoot under par in capturing his record sixth Charlotte City Championship.

Jaspers, 50 years old from Huntersville, fired a 2-under-par 69 at the Carolina Golf Club, and finished the three-day tournament at 8-under 206 (68-69-69), two strokes ahead of Matt Kilgo and Will Oldham.

Jaspers, who also won City Amateur titles in 1997, 1998, 2000, 2004 and 2014, knows that winning has been tough against an always talented field of local amateurs.

“None of them have been easy,” he told reporters after accepting the Ron Green, Sr. trophy. “The field was tightly bunched all day long. You keep waiting for someone to drop off, but the contenders didn’t until the final hole”.

Coming to the final hole, a par-4 at Carolina Golf Club, Jaspers was tied for the lead with the first and second round leader Matt Kilgo, who posted back-to-back 68s at Providence and Myers Park Country Clubs. Jaspers managed a par, but Kilgo splashed his second shot into the lake fronting the 18th green, and had to settle for a double bogey.

That surprising 1-over 72 final round finish, left Kilgo tied for second place with Will Oldham (1-under 70 in his final round) at 6-under 208 for the tournament, two shots behind the man with a consistent three days of golf – Joe Jaspers.

With his great success in amateur golf in college golf and amateur tournaments in the Carolinas, Jaspers has been asked the same question many times. “Hey Joe, why didn’t you try the professional tour?”

After his two-time All American playing days were over a Central Iowa and receiving a Masters of Business Administration degree at the University of Iowa in 1989, Jaspers realized that a career in professional golf was likely not in the offing even for a player of his skill.

So instead of languishing on professional mini-tours as so many aspiring players do, Jaspers embarked on a business life and is currently a vice-president with Wealth Management, Carolinas Telco Capital Advisors. A resident of the Greater Charlotte area since 1993, he didn’t give up on the idea of playing golf regularly however, and the amateur circuit drew him back to playing competitively again in the late 1990’s.

With that consistent golf game, and the love of competition it didn’t take Jaspers long to establish himself as truly one of the best amateur players in the history of Charlotte amateur golf. I think you will agree, his record sixth City Championship title certainly validates that claim.



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## Myrtle Beach Golf Hall of Fame selects two titans in their chosen field

As one of the most decorated junior golfers in Grand Strand history, the game has been a vital part of Kelly Tilghman's life. Now an anchor on the world-wide Golf Channel, Tilghman has received a major honor from her home town with induction into the Myrtle Beach Golf Hall of Fame.

She lived on the third hole at the Surf Club, one of the area's most venerable layouts, and her family owned Gator Hole Golf Club, where Tilghman worked every job imaginable and honed a game that earned her a scholarship to Duke University.

Upon graduation from Duke, she played professionally across the globe for four years before retiring to take a position with the then upstart Golf Channel. Tilghman's stature grew along with the network's and she went on to become the first full-time female play-by-play broadcaster in American sports history when she led PGA Tour coverage on Golf Channel.



Her play-by-play work eventually extended to NBC's coverage of the 2012 London Olympics, but Tilghman has carved out a hall of fame career – in Myrtle Beach and beyond – as a result of her work in golf. While her star rose nationally, Tilghman continued to maintain ties to the Grand Strand.

Over the years, she has returned to the area on numerous occasions, along with Golf Channel's cameras, to highlight the work of the Myrtle Beach Chapter of the First Tee.

Joining Tilghman as a new MB Golf Hall of Fame inductee is the late Edward Burroughs, who was the guiding force in producing the image of Myrtle Beach as the Golf Capital of the World.

Burroughs hails from one of the most significant families in Myrtle Beach's history, and he led the effort to donate land that is now Myrtle Beach State Park, helped found Coastal Carolina University, and was vital to the development of Highway 17 Bypass.

The Grand Strand giant was also essential to Myrtle Beach's emergence as an international golf destination. He sold land to the Dunes Club, allowing for the construction of Myrtle Beach's most iconic layout, but he is most renowned for his development of Myrtlewood Golf Club.



The area's first 36-hole facility, Myrtlewood was located in the middle of town and helped jump start Myrtle Beach's transformation from sleepy beach community to acclaimed golf destination.

"Edward Burroughs and Kelly Tilghman are two of the most prominent personalities in Myrtle Beach golf history," said Bill Golden, Myrtle Beach Golf Holiday's president. "While both have contributed to the area in different ways, they were and are among the titans in their chosen fields."

## Former champs impact the beach

### *Which town has the most golf courses designed by former PGA Champions?*

If you said Myrtle Beach - you're right! Eight of the area's 100 golf courses were designed by players who have won the Wanamaker Trophy, providing you plenty of "major" options for your fall golf trip. Chris King of Kingfish Communications takes a look at the PGA Championship winners and the Myrtle Beach golf courses they have designed.

- **Jack Nicklaus** - The 4-time PGA winner has two of the area's most memorable and popular designs to his credit - Pawleys Plantation Golf Club and Long Bay Club, widely regarded as one of the area's best tests.

- **Gary Player** - The Black Knight gave us Blackmoor Golf Club, a hidden gem located along the South Strand.

- **Raymond Floyd** - Arrowhead Country Club was designed by the two-time PGA champion. A 27-hole facility, Arrowhead is home to the Cypress, Lakes and Waterway nines.

- **Lanny Wadkins** - The 1977 PGA winner, working in conjunction with Tom Fazio, designed TPC Myrtle Beach, home course of Dustin Johnson, a layout that has been ranked among America's 100 Greatest Public Courses.

- **Larry Nelson** - The 1981 and '87 victor at the PGA gave us the Avocet Course at Wild Wing. The player-friendly layout features one of the Myrtle Beach's best short par 4s, the 308-yard 14<sup>th</sup> hole.

- **Davis Love III** - This year's Ryder Cup captain won his only major at the 1997 PGA at Winged Foot, and four years later he gave us his namesake design - the Love Course at Barefoot Resort.

- **Nick Price** - The two-time winner of the Wanamaker Trophy designed the Members Course at Grande Dunes.

How many Myrtle Beach golf courses designed by PGA Championship winners have you played?

## Carolinas PGA Hall of Fame adds 47<sup>th</sup> inductee: Ron Schmid

**F**ormer Duke University Women's Golf Coach and Carolinas PGA Executive Director Ron Schmid has been selected as the 47<sup>th</sup> Carolinas PGA Hall of Fame inductee joining the likes of Donald Ross, Henry Poe and Mike Harmon, just to name a few.

"Ron's service and dedication to the Carolinas PGA Section and its 2,000 Members and Apprentices for the last 16 years has been tremendous," says Carolinas PGA President, John Marino. "Ron has always put his job and the Section first and I could not think of a more deserving honor."

Ron called Duke University Golf Club his home for more than a decade. He served as the Women's Golf Coach, Head Golf Professional and later, as the Executive Director of the school's athletic fundraising organization. He guided Duke to its first NCAA tournament appearance in 1983 and then to its first Women's Golf ACC Championship in 1984. He was selected by the Collegiate Golf Coaches Association as the Regional Golf Coach of the Year in 1984.

It wasn't until 1999 that Ron began his life-changing, 16-year role as Executive Director of the Carolinas PGA Section - a position he assumed both at the Myrtle Beach, SC and Greensboro, NC offices. Ron was pivotal in developing a strong relationship with the Bryan Foundation to relocate the Carolinas PGA Section Office to Greensboro and develop a beautiful, new headquarters at Bryan Park Golf Course.

"No words can adequately describe how I felt when I received the call

from President John Marino, to say the least, I was truly overwhelmed and honored," shares Ron Schmid, PGA.

"Being selected for the Carolinas PGA Hall of Fame is without question the highest honor I have ever received and without the help of so many during my career, it would never have been possible."

Ron has earned many other accolades over the years including, The President's Council Award on Growing the Game from 2005-2007, leading the Carolinas PGA Section to win a National Herb Graffis Award in 2007, launching the Section's most celebrated annual event, the Merchandise Show, and, on top of that, being a chief supporter for the Folds of Honor Foundation, of which he helped the Section to garner over \$3,000,000 in donations between 2007 and 2015 (raising \$500,000 alone in one year from over 150 Section facilities).

Ron will be inducted into the Carolinas PGA Hall of Fame on Sunday, February 19, 2017 at the Greensboro Coliseum Complex Special Events Center. This ceremony will take place during the Club Car Carolinas PGA Awards & Honors Dinner where the Section annually celebrates the accomplishments of outstanding Carolinas PGA Professionals.



## Local PGA pros advance to national championship

**S**avio Nazareth won the 2016 Carolinas PGA Section Professional Championship at Wilmington's Country Club of Landfall in a playoff after the final round was canceled.

Both Nazareth, an assistant pro at Starmount Forest Country Club in Greensboro, N.C., and teaching pro James Stewart of Old North State Club in New London, N.C., shot 3-under 141s through two rounds and Nazareth won with a par on the first playoff hole.

The remnants of Tropical Storm Julia threw multiple cells of rain and lightning at the course throughout the day. Teeing grounds, fairways, bunkers and putting

greens were under mass amounts of water.

Nazareth earned \$10,000 for the win and exemptions into the PGA Tour's Wells Fargo Championship and Wyndham Championship as the tournament winner and 2016 Bob Boyd CPGA Player of the Year.

Nazareth and Stewart are two of the 10 players to qualify from the tournament for the 2017 PGA Professional National Championship from June 18-21, 2017 at Sunriver Resort in Sunriver, Oregon.

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