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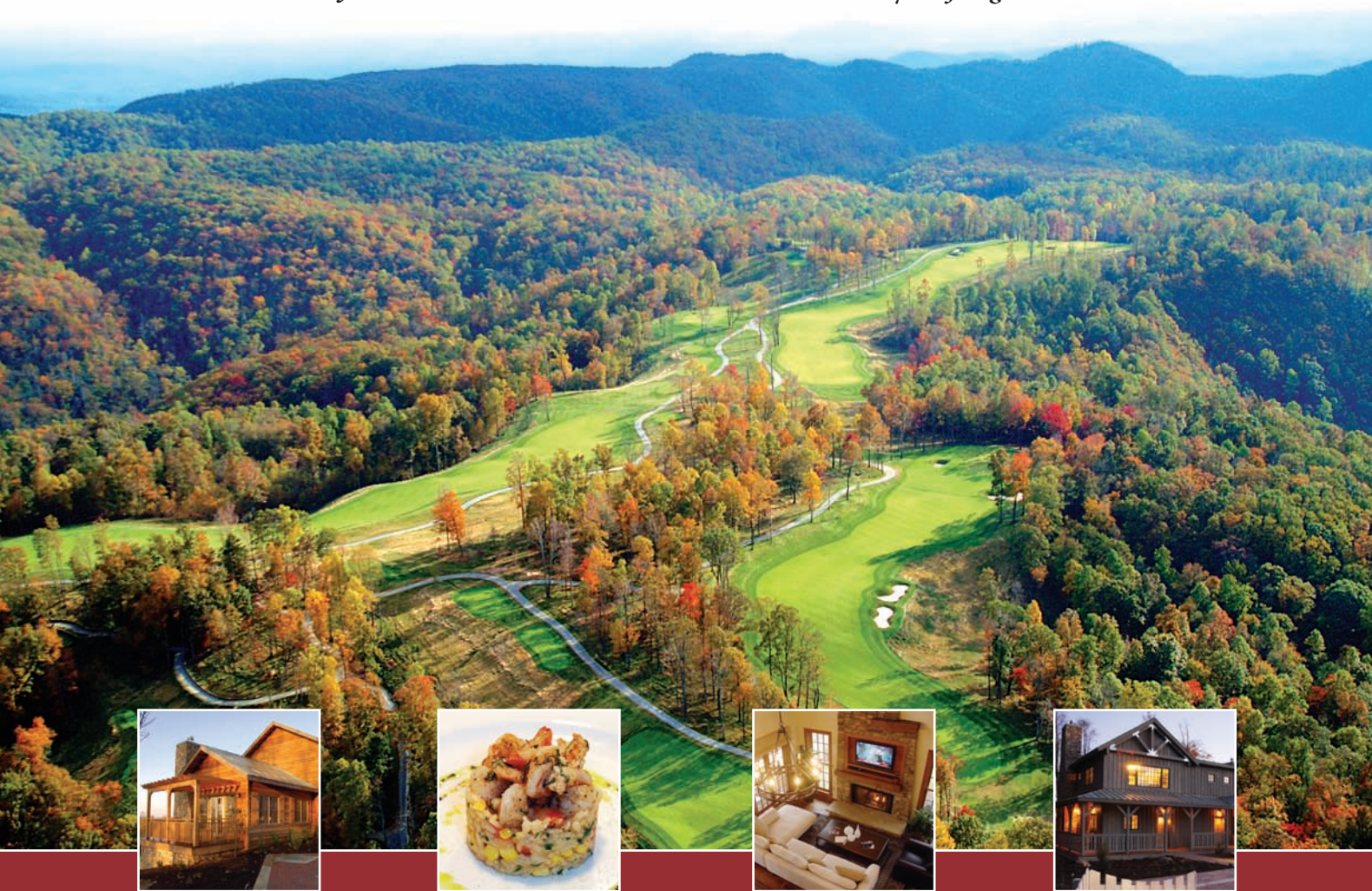
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Book Features N.C. Legend at Pro-Am Duel

/ by STEVE HINSHAW PRESIDENT, CAROLINAS GOLF ASSOCIATION

If you don't mind, my first column as the 51st president of the Carolinans Golf Association will be a book review.

The fact that you're reading this magazine at all gives me a good idea you're a fairly avid golfer — or maybe you have a spare minute between rounds. If you like to read (or at least read about golf), I recommend *The Match* by Mark Frost (Hyperion Publishing). It's about a duel played 52 years ago at California's Cypress Point Club.

The match pitted two professional golfers and two amateurs: Ben Hogan and Byron Nelson versus Ken Venturi and Harvie Ward. Describing an 18-hole match, even among these 20th century golf titans, would hardly be worth a book unless the author went to great lengths to define and describe all facets of the story. Frost does just that. As the match unfolds, so does the accounting of the characters — the players as well as those involved with organizing the match and the venue.

I was fortunate to have lived in Pinehurst for several years. I got to know Harvie Ward a little bit as he finished his professional career in the Sandhills and before he died in 2004. Harvie, of course, was raised in Tarboro and went to the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill. He won the NCAA golf title in 1949 but really peaked when he won the U.S. Amateur in 1955 and 1956. He traveled extensively as an amateur golfer, winning the British Amateur in 1952 and the Canadian Amateur in 1954. He played on three U.S. Walker Cup teams — in 1953, 1955, and 1959.

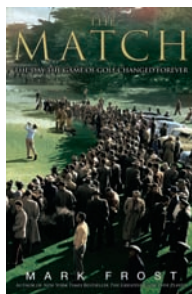
He was also a homebody. He won the North and South at Pinehurst in 1948 with a fabled finish against iconic amateur Frank Stranahan, as well as many area and city events. Later in life, Harvie was an excellent teacher, counting Payne Stewart among his pupils.

I was aware of the Cypress Point match and Harvie's role in it. When I asked him about his memories of the day, I was surprised that he really didn't remember much about the match except that Hogan sank a fairly long putt on the 18th hole to assure the professional team victory. (I should add that it was *always* difficult to get Harvie to talk about himself and, especially, his accomplishments.)

Frost brings everyone to life in *The Match*. I particularly enjoyed learning about Cypress Point's history, its architect, Allister MacKenzie, and its intriguing developer, Marion Hollins.

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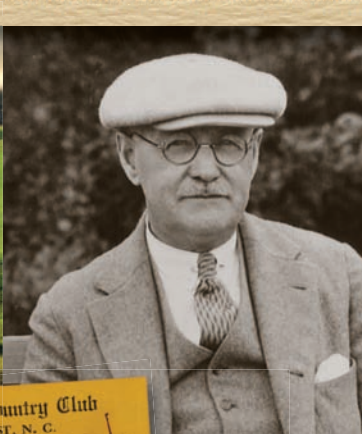
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JOHNSTON TAPPED TO RENOVATE FORT MILL GC



› Golf course architect Clyde Johnston has renovated vintage

Donald Ross- and George Cobb-designed golf courses before. But at Fort Mill Golf Course in Fort Mill, S.C., he'll get the chance to enhance the handiwork of both designers at a single facility.

Fort Mill Golf Course was originally a nine-hole course designed in 1947 by Ross, the dean of American golf course architecture. Cobb added a second nine in 1959.

The work will include renovation of all the tee and green complexes. All the bunkers will be rebuilt; several on the front nine will be repositioned or eliminated to match Ross' drawings for the original nine holes. The greens will be converted from bentgrass to the hardier and more heat-tolerant MiniVerde grass.

The renovation is expected to last eight months and cost \$2 million. Johnston's company is based on Hilton Head Island, S.C. He is past president and a two-time board member of the American Society of Golf Course Architects. He also is a longtime member of the Donald Ross Society. Among his course design work: Old South Golf Links near Hilton Head, and Ocean Harbour Golf Links near Myrtle Beach.

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Leopard's Chase Named One of Top New U.S. Courses

› Leopard's Chase Golf Club at the Ocean Ridge Plantation in Sunset Beach, N.C., was honored as one of the best new golf courses in the United States by two of the industry's premier publications, *Golf Digest* and *Golf Magazine*.

The *Golf Magazine* course-rating panelists selected Leopard's Chase for the annual "Top 10 New Courses You Can Play" list. The ratings panel described Leopard's Chase as "the Ocean Ridge course that

might launch architect Tim Cate to a national audience" and the 18th hole as "one of the most memorable closers on the Grand Strand."

Leopard's Chase was also named to *Golf Digest's* "Best New Public Courses \$75 and Over for 2007" ranking.

Leopard's Chase is part of Ocean Ridge's "Big Cat Family" of courses. Designed by architect Willard Byrd, Lion's Paw Golf Links offers picturesque and challenging golf. Panther's

Run — a design by architect Cate — opened in 1995. Tiger's Eye, also designed by Cate, was ranked one of *Golf Digest's* "America's 100 Greatest Public Courses."

Leopard's Chase opened in February 2007. A fifth Ocean Ridge course, Jaguar's Lair, is slated for a spring 2008 debut. For more information on Ocean Ridge golf, contact Ocean Ridge Plantation at (800) 233-1801, or visit www.big-cats.com.

EDITOR'S NOTE

NEW LOOK: Regular readers will notice a few changes in this issue of *Carolinas Golf*. We've added a more readable typeface and new graphic treatments. Let us know what you think!

CORRECTION: The winter issue of *Carolinas Golf* magazine incorrectly listed the new handicap index revision schedule as bimonthly. Clubs that offer USGA handicaps to golfers will actually revise these on a semimonthly basis. For those who often confuse the two (present company included), semimonthly means twice a month; bimonthly means every other month. We regret the error.

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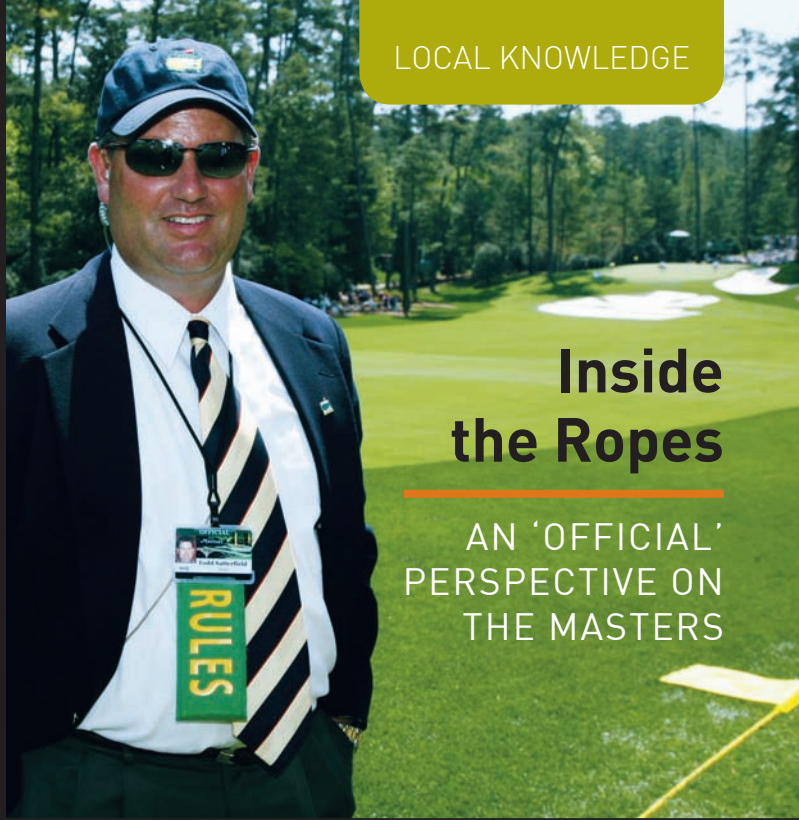
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LOCAL KNOWLEDGE



Inside the Ropes

AN 'OFFICIAL'
PERSPECTIVE ON
THE MASTERS

➤ **Green is the predominant color during The Masters:** The impossibly green, immaculate course. The winner's green jacket (and \$1.35 million share of the purse). But a few folks may also have been a little bit green with envy to hear about the vantage point Todd Satterfield secured at Augusta National.

Satterfield, the Furman University men's golf coach and a CGA executive board member, was invited to act as a rules official at this year's Masters. He landed the assignment because he's the collegiate representative on the USGA's Rules of Golf Committee.

"I've been interested in the rules for a while," Satterfield notes. He's attended "rules schools," helped with rulings as a coach, and has volunteered at CGA-run tournaments.

But prior to The Masters, Satterfield's biggest officiating role was at the 2002 U.S. Amateur Public Links. So was he a bit nervous?

"Being on that stage, the whole goal was not to mess up and end up on the Golf Channel," Satterfield says. "You want to make a decision and keep those guys moving."

During Masters' Week, Satterfield worked the No. 10 green on Thursday, and spent Friday on the fairway landing area of holes 10 and 18. While his decisions didn't make headlines, Satterfield did get some action, weighing in on Steve Lowery's options regarding an unplayable lie, Padraig Harrington's ball on a sprinkler head, and Stuart Appleby's ball lost in an obstruction.

Satterfield, who is in his 12th year at Furman, had been to The Masters as a spectator, and even played Augusta National a handful of times (best score: level par). But this was a whole different experience: "There's no better place to be than watching these guys play and being inside the ropes," he says.

And how did the members and Augusta National staff treat him as a "green" rookie rules official? "They were so nice and gracious," Satterfield says. "It was a real privilege to be down there and to see some of the inner workings. It's absolutely amazing all the work that goes into an event like that."

ST. ANDREWS ESTABLISHES SCHOLARSHIP FOR CAROLINAS COLLEGE STUDENT

› The University of Saint Andrews has established a scholarship in the name of George McElveen III, who died last November at the age of 59. The Florence, S.C., native was a member at both Charlotte CC and Quail Hollow CC, and served on two USGA committees for more than 20 years.

The first scholarship — worth up to \$16,000 per year for four years — has been funded. It's aimed at a student from the Carolinas with a "keen and active interest in golf." For application information, go to www.st-andrews.ac.uk/admissions/scholarships and follow the "Overseas Undergraduate Awards" links, or e-mail scholarships@st-andrews.ac.uk.

If you'd like to help support the fund, memorials may be made to: The University of Saint Andrews for the benefit of the George A. McElveen III Scholarship, 4201 Congress Street, Ste. 175, Charlotte, N.C. 28209.

FAST FACT

1,900

The number of people attending one of the 34 CGA rules seminars in February and March, 2008. This is double the number who attended in 2007.



LOCAL KNOWLEDGE

Pinehurst No. 1 Reopens After Renovation

› Pinehurst No. 1, the oldest layout at Pinehurst Resort, reopened in March following a \$1.7 million renovation. The nine-month restoration included the addition of new laser-leveled tee boxes, 419 bermudagrass fairways, sand bunkers, new greens constructed to USGA specifications and seeded with Penn G2 bentgrass, and a state-of-the-art irrigation system.

This was the first major

work done on No. 1 since the early 1980s. Another project is planned for 2008. A tunnel will be constructed under Morganston Road for golfers to leave the first green and head to the second tee. The renovation was completed by Pinehurst's golf course management team.

Pinehurst's golf history began in 1897, when founder

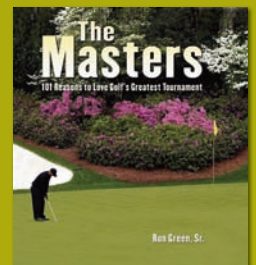
Pinehurst No. 1 logs close to 50,000 rounds a year.

James Walker Tufts received a letter from the resort dairyman proclaiming guests were hitting little white balls into the cow pasture, affecting milk production. Tufts asked a local doctor, Leroy Culver, to design the first nine holes of what would become No. 1. John Dunn Tucker completed the 18-hole course in 1899 as a 5,176-yard layout. Donald Ross later redesigned the course in 1901.

Photograph Courtesy of Course

RON GREEN SR. PUBLISHES BOOK ABOUT THE MASTERS

Award-winning writer Ron Green Sr. of the *Charlotte Observer* has covered The Masters at Augusta National Golf Club since the 1950s. "Augusta National is Eden with flagsticks," he says, "a place where anyone who loves golf should be allowed, by some heavenly intervention, to go at least once." In *The Masters: 101 Reasons to Love Golf's Greatest Tournament* (Stewart, Tabori & Chang; April 2008), Green presents the history of the competition, the iconic personalities who gave birth to it, and its most thrilling moments.



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/ written by LEON T. LUCAS, CGA AGRONOMIST

Be Realistic About Turf Expectations

pest problems or environmental stresses. Superintendents can select from a large number of pesticides. The products can be expensive, and the courses with lower budgets cannot afford to apply them as often as needed.

Today's golfers also expect firm, smooth, and fast putting greens all year, and putting green quality has greatly improved in recent years. Greens are mowed very low and rolled to provide fast putting speeds — especially on courses with higher budgets. I think the goal should be *uniform* conditions on all greens, which might mean slower putting speeds.

Aerification, verticutting, and topdressing putting greens cause more complaints than other maintenance practices. However, these actions reduce soil compaction and excessive organic matter. Grass does not grow as well and the greens become soft when excessive amounts of thatch develop.

Although aerification holes reduce putting quality for a few days, they ensure healthy turfgrasses in the future. A human analogy might be cleaning your teeth and filling any small cavities. It can be inconvenient, but it will help ensure you have good teeth for many years.

GET THE DIRT ON TURF QUESTIONS

I encourage you to ask your superintendent questions. In addition, if you have concerns about turf conditions, my position as the CGA Agronomist is a service to the CGA member clubs. I'm available to visit your course and consult with the superintendent and any members who wish to join us. The cost is only for mileage and expenses — varying from a minimum of \$50 near Raleigh, N.C., to a maximum of about \$250 for a course around 250 miles from Raleigh.

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The ideal turf maintenance situation would be a course like Augusta National. It has an unlimited budget and is open for play for only a few months. That model does not work for Carolinas' public or country club courses. Golfers expect to play 12 months a year. And golf is a business: Success depends on the numbers of rounds played.

Fantasies of Augusta-like conditions aside, Carolinas courses have turf maintenance budgets as low as \$100,000 and as high as \$1.7 million. The average is around \$500,000 per year for 18 holes.

It *should* be obvious that golfers can't expect the same level of turf quality on lower-budget courses as they might find on courses with high budgets. Frankly, it's difficult to maintain perfect turf conditions throughout the year — even with high budgets.

I want to emphasize that there's nothing wrong with lower-budget courses. They allocate an affordable amount of money to maintain the course — and to make a profit or stay in business. The green fees or dues are lower, which allows more people to play golf. Golfers get good value on these courses.

I've also observed that the pace of play is faster and more people take up the game on

lower-budget courses. More new golfers and less time to play a round will be good for the future of golf.

The largest portion of a maintenance budget is labor — 60 to 75 percent is for salaries. A course with a low budget can staff only a handful of employees. A course with a budget near \$1 million usually will have 15 or more staff. The equipment used for turf maintenance also is directly related to the amount of money in the budget.

No matter the budget, a superintendent plans a program to provide the best possible turf and playing conditions. However, he does not control the weather — a primary contributor to less-than-desirable turf conditions. A good example was the adverse effects of last summer's very hot weather and drought.

At times, even with the best management practices, turf is not the best — because of

WATER CUTOFFS HIT RALEIGH-AREA COURSES

➤ The city of Raleigh, N.C., enacted what are known as Stage 2 Water Conservation Rules in mid-February. The move prohibits the use of Raleigh potable water for any irrigation.

Local golf courses had been irrigating greens and tee boxes only on an “as-needed” basis for months. The new rules include bans on using drinking water to irrigate yards, fill empty swimming pools, and water golf courses. Businesses and residents were asked to install low-flow showerheads and faucet restrictors, and to use rain barrels for watering shrubs, flowers or vegetables. Builders were asked to install low-flow devices and stop irrigation at new projects.

Sixty-seven of the state’s 100 counties — including the entire Triangle — were in what is called “exceptional” drought. Conditions were extreme or severe in the others.

FAST FACT

\$5.7 million

— amount raised from seven BMW Charity Pro-Am golf tournaments. The 2008 event is scheduled to be held May 15-18, at Bright’s Creek Golf Club, The Carolina Country Club, and Thornblade Club.

Photograph Courtesy of Course



OLD TOWN JOINS GOLFWEED’S TOP 100

Old Town Club in Winston-Salem, N.C., has moved into *Golfweek’s* Top-100 list of best classic (built before 1960) courses in the country. The home of the Wake Forest University golf teams is listed at No. 86 and joins the Top 100 for the first time in its storied history. Two other North Carolina courses are ranked in the Top 100: Pinehurst No. 2 (at No. 11), and Pine Needles CC in Southern Pines, N.C. (No. 67). Two South Carolina courses are also on the list: Yeamans Hall Club in Charleston (No. 40), and Dunes Golf & Beach Club in Myrtle Beach (No. 94).

Hale Irwin to Develop Coves at Round Mountain Course

➤ Hale Irwin Golf Design has been selected to coordinate the design of a new course at The Coves at Round Mountain — an exclusive new mountain residential development 30 minutes south of Blowing Rock, N.C., in the town of Collettsville. The golf course name will be announced later in the spring, and construction is scheduled to begin in late 2008. Irwin will also be involved in developing Irwin Estates, a private neighborhood within the development.

Irwin has completed 18 projects, including Mississippi Jewel Golf Club in Lake City,

“We have a great concept together and this course will be an enjoyable experience for the low-handicap golfer, the average golfer, and families.” — Rick Robbins

Minn.; Coyote Crossing in Lafayette, Ind.; and The Golf Club at Cordillera-Mountain Course in Edwards, Colo. Rick Robbins will serve as the lead golf architect on the project. His work with Mill Creek Golf Club in North Carolina earned “Best New Course” honors in 1996 from the North Carolina Golf Panel.

“The Coves at Round Mountain is located in a beautiful setting,” says Robbins. “I’ve been working on

this project for two years and have walked every square inch of the land. We have a great concept together and this course will be an enjoyable experience for the low-handicap golfer, the average golfer, and families.”

The Archer Group LLC-led project will be home to 1,700 residences, with prices ranging from around \$70,000 to more than \$500,000. For more information, call (888) 726-8362 or visit www.thecovesnc.com.

Wyndham Championship Returns to Sedgefield Country Club

After a 31-year absence, the PGA Tour returns to Sedgefield CC in Greensboro, N.C. — a historic course where golfers such as Sam Snead and Ben Hogan competed decades ago.

The tournament began in 1938 as the Greater Greensboro Open, played at both Star-mountain Forest and Sedgefield country clubs. After alternating between the two courses for years, the tournament moved to Forest Oaks Country Club in 1977 and remained there through the 2007 Wyndham Championship.

The 2008 Wyndham Championship is set for Aug. 11-17. The North Carolina Mid-Amateur championship is set for Sedgefield CC one month after the PGA Tour stop, which could provide interesting scoring conditions.

"Ross thought about golf shots; he wanted his courses to be playable, but wanted the player to hit a certain shot to get to a pin or an area of the fairway." —Kris Spence

Sedgefield CC has hosted two Carolinas Amateurs (1929 and 1975), two North Carolina Amateurs, one Carolinas Junior, one Carolinas-Virginias team match, two CGA Pro-Amateurs, one CGA Women's Four Ball, and one North Carolina Four Ball.

Al Geiberger won the last tour event played at Sedgefield in 1976 with a 2-stroke margin over Lee Trevino. At that time, Sedgefield was 6,643 yards and played to a par 70. In 2008, it will be a par-70 course playing to more than 7,100 yards.

"This is a great day for the Wyndham Championship and the entire Piedmont Triad,"

says Bobby Long, chairman of the Piedmont Triad Charitable Foundation Board. The Foundation signed a multiyear lease at Sedgefield CC.

Last year, North Carolina course architect Kris Spence led a \$2.7 million restoration process, which took the Sedgefield course back to its original Donald Ross design.

"We try to reinstate the thought process that he intended while making some minor adjustments to bring it in line with the modern player," Spence says.

Tickets will be available at www.wyndhamchampionship.com or through the tournament office at (336) 379-1570.

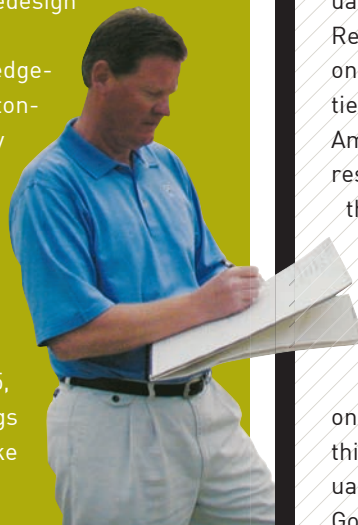
SPENCE TACKLES THREE MORE PROJECTS IN 2008

Golf course architect Kris Spence is in for another busy year. He has broken ground on two high-profile Donald Ross restorations in Charlotte — Myers Park Country Club and Carolina Golf Club — and is putting the finishing touches on a complete redesign of Lake Toxaway Country Club in the mountains of North Carolina.

Spence earned high marks for significant Ross restorations at Sedgefield Country Club (Greensboro) and Forsyth Country Club (Winston-Salem), plus a major remodel of Mount Airy's Cross Creek Country Club. Spence's work at Sedgefield facilitated the return of Greensboro's PGA Tour event this August (see story above).

Carolina Golf Club was designed in 1929 as a public course (it went private in 1958). "The third hole is one of the most architecturally significant golf holes in the Southeast," Spence says. "It's one of the most impressive holes I've ever seen Donald Ross design."

Myers Park Country Club wasn't originally designed by Ross. In 1945, he redesigned and remodeled the course. The routing and field drawings of each hole still exist, and will be used extensively. A new irrigation lake will eliminate the need for city water.



CGA WELCOMES NEW MEMBER CLUBS

- › **Stone Creek Cove Golf Club**
Anderson, S.C.
- › **Westport Golf Club**
Denver, N.C.
- › **Mill Run Golf Club**
Moyock, N.C.
- › **Oyster Bay Golf Links**
Sunset Beach, N.C. (Associate)
- › **Garner Country Club**
Garner, N.C.
- › **Lake Junaluska Golf Course**
Waynesville, N.C.
- › **Ford's Colony Country Club**
Rocky Mount, N.C.
- › **Carolina Preserve Men's Golf Association**
Cary, N.C. (Affiliate)
- › **Balsam Mountain Preserve**
Sylva, N.C.
- › **Innsbrook Golf and Boat Club**
Merry Hill, N.C.

MOBIL TRAVEL GUIDE HONORS SANCTUARY WITH FIVE STARS

The Mobil Travel Guide has bestowed the coveted Five-Star Award to The Sanctuary at Kiawah Island Golf Resort. According to Mobil, it's one of only four new properties on the list of 41 North American and Mexican hotels, resorts, and inns that will hold the Five-Star distinction for 2008.

Mobil also recognized the Sanctuary's spa with its separate Five-Star rating for hotel spas, only the third spa to achieve this designation. The Sanctuary is part of Kiawah Island Golf Resort.



CGA Supports Charlotte YMCA

FUNDS REPLACE 'TOWELS AND A CARDBOARD BOX' PUTTING GREEN

/ written by BETSEY MITCHELL

WHAT'S YOUR DREAM?

The mission of the CGF is to support and promote the growth and preservation of golf in the Carolinas. If you or someone you know has a golf program serving the advancement of golf in the Carolinas, the CGF may be able to help. It considers all qualified applicants who request funding. All that's necessary is a written request that includes:

- Area of focus/function of group (junior golf, women's golf, turfgrass).
- Amount requested.
- Purpose of request (target of funds).
- If a purchase is involved, what specifically will be bought?
- How will this contribution help you reach your goals?
- Do you have plans to recognize the Carolinas Golf Foundation and/or the Carolinas Golf Association for this contribution? If so, how?
- Where do you see your program/efforts in five years?
- What other goals have you set?

Additional information and an application form are available on the CGA's Web site, www.carolinasgolf.org.

This year the CGF grant program paid out \$102,000 in support of scholarship programs at six community colleges, continuing support for the turfgrass management programs and scholarships at Clemson and NC State, a special research program to investigate the use of Paspalum (salt tolerant) grasses in areas away from the coastline, six First Tee programs, the South Carolina Junior Golf Association, the North Carolina Women's Golf Association, and support for junior girls' golf.

➤ When Joanne Thompson of Charlotte, N.C., decided to develop a junior golf program, golf professionals told her she was crazy. Not deterred, she talked to anyone who would listen. The day finally came when she was introduced to the director of the Harris Branch of the YMCA in Charlotte. He thought she was crazy, too, but decided to let her take a shot.

The summer schedule was already in place, but he found 12 kids to reassign to this ... well ... it was more like an *idea* than a *program*. Thompson begged golf clubs from wherever she could get them. She cajoled local courses into allowing her to bring her kids on golf outings.

She made do with a soccer field for teaching the kids how to hit the ball, and fulfilled her promise to others at the YMCA that the kids would not chew up the field with divots.

Trying to teach putting on pavement was less than satisfactory, so she fashioned a putting green out of bath towels. "It worked better than you might think," Thompson chuckles.

When asked, "Where were the holes?" she laughs again. The solution was to cut "mouse holes" in small cardboard boxes. Of course it's silly, but what kid doesn't love silly?

"On hot days, I would take the kids indoors for a break. We talked about golf and why it is such a special game," Thompson says. "I helped them write thank-you letters

to our hosts. Some of these kids had never written a letter before.

"It was all great fun. I was so proud of those kids. I was tough on them, but I think they really appreciated it."

Thompson had a good thing going, but she needed more equipment. The YMCA didn't have the budget. "That's when I met Tiffany Priest (CGA director of Women's Golf)," says Thompson. "She was so helpful. She told me all about the grant programs at the USGA and the Carolinas Golf Foundation."

The USGA provided funds and access to discounted golf clubs, which was a big help. A Carolinas Golf Foundation grant of \$2,000 was used to install an artificial turf putting green in the summer of 2005. No more towels and mouse holes.

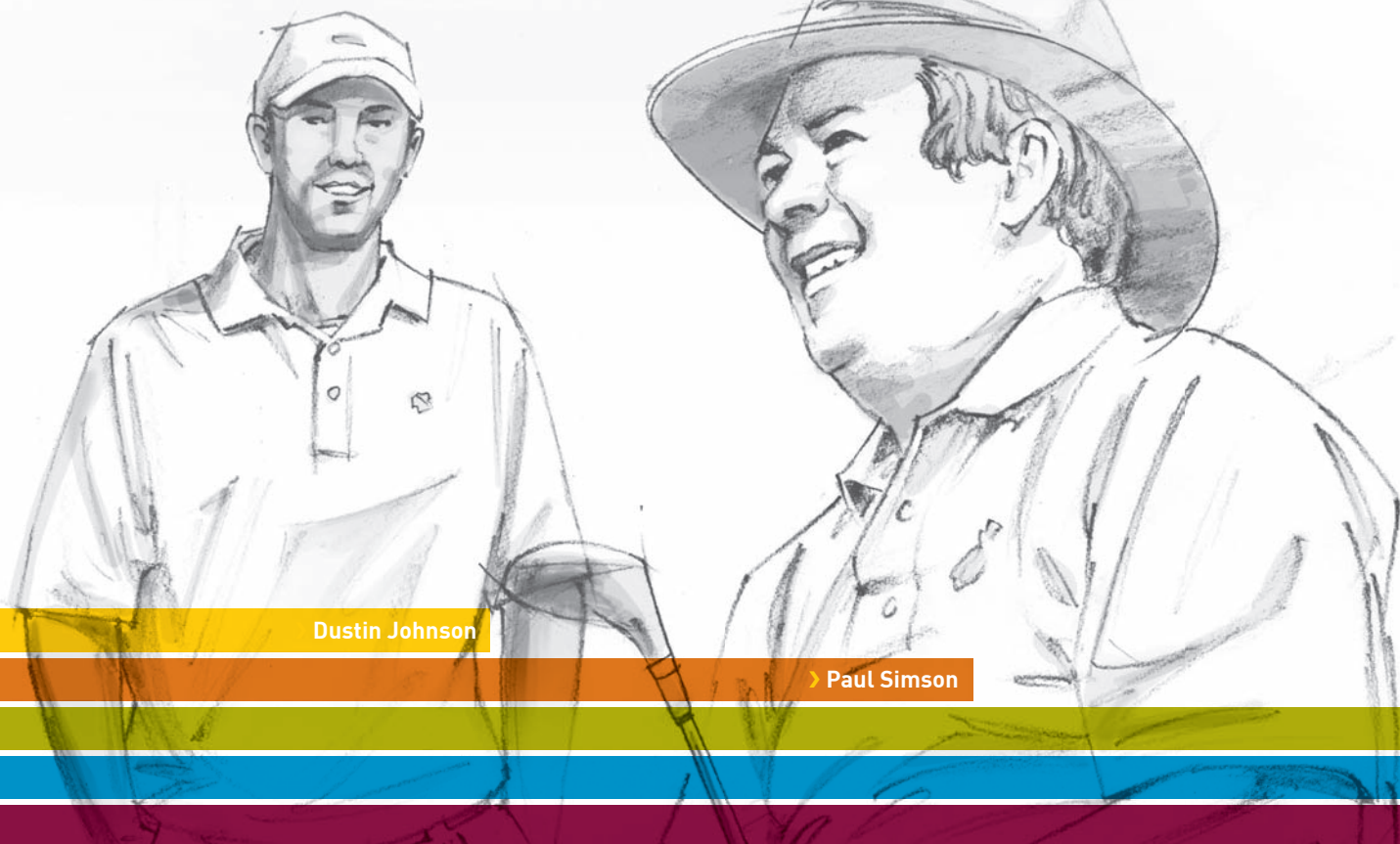
The program is now in the capable hands of the YMCA Sports Director, Dan Parker. He reports: "We use the field outfitted with tee mats, and have practice balls that don't go very far. It works out great. The putting green is still out back and we use it all the time."

Rick Albright, assistant professional at Quail Hollow Club in Charlotte, administers the program with the help of other Quail Hollow staffers. "It is our most popular program," Parker notes. "It's always sold out. We have 150 first- through sixth-graders every summer."

➤ Betsey Mitchell is a former CGA staff member and freelance writer.

HOW YOU CAN HELP

All contributions to the Carolinas Golf Foundation, a 501(c)(3) not-for-profit organization, are tax-deductible. For every \$1 contributed, the Carolinas Golf Association matches those funds with another \$3. The actions and administrative costs of the CGF are absorbed by the Carolinas Golf Association, allowing 100 percent of the monies to go directly to these groups. Donations should be made payable to the Carolinas Golf Foundation, P.O. Box 319, West End, NC 27376. For more information, please call the CGA at (910) 673-1000 or e-mail info@carolinasgolf.org.



Dustin Johnson

► Paul Simson

Repeats and Rookies

CGA HONORS 2007 PLAYERS OF THE YEAR

/ illustration by KEVIN FALES

Two previous winners and three first-timers were named **Players of the Year** by the Carolinas Golf Association (CGA). They were recognized at the CGA's Carolinas Golf Night at the Country Club of North Carolina in Pinehurst, N.C., in February.

Players of the Year receive the **Richard S. Tufts Awards**, established in 1997 to honor Carolinas amateur golfers who had exceptional individual tournament performances over the preceding year. Tufts served on the CGA Executive Committee from 1926 to 1964.

The awards are based on the **CGA amateur rankings** at the end of the calendar year in each of six categories: men, women, senior men, senior women, junior boys, and junior girls.

Notable past **Tufts Award-winners** include: Jonathan Byrd (1999, PGA Tour), D.J. Trahan (2000-2002, PGA Tour), Bill Haas (2003, PGA Tour), Marcy Newton Hart (2000, LPGA), and Beth Bauer (1999, LPGA).

Complete and up-to-date player rankings are available at carolinascgolf.org.

Johnson Nabs Men's Title, Makes Noise on PGA Tour

Dustin Johnson of Myrtle Beach, S.C., was named the 2007 Carolinas Men's Player of the Year. Johnson had been ranked the country's No. 1 amateur by *Golfweek*. The 23-year-old attended Coastal Carolina University, and finished tied for ninth at the NCAA Division I Championship. Other top finishes included victories at the Northeast Amateur and Monroe Invitational, semifinalist at the Western Amateur, tied for ninth at the Porter Cup, tied for 11th at the Jones Cup, tied for 13th at the Dogwood Invitational, and qualified for match play at the U.S. Amateur. He also was on the victorious U.S. Walker Cup team at Royal County Down Golf Club in Northern Ireland in September. Shortly after the Walker matches, Johnson turned professional. He secured his 2008 PGA Tour card by finishing tied for 14th at the PGA Tour qualifying tournament. As of mid-February, he has made the cut in each of five PGA Tour events played — with two Top 10 finishes — for nearly \$500,000 in winnings, and was ranked 18th in FedEx Cup points.



› Patty Moore

› Haley Stephens

› Ben Kohles

Kohles Celebrates Senior Year with Junior Crown

Ben Kohles, a 17-year-old high school senior from Cary, N.C., is the 2007 Carolinas Junior Boys' Player of the Year. Kohles won both the Dogwood State Junior and the CGA Fall Invitational, tied for seventh at the Carolinas Junior Boys' Championship, and finished tied for eighth at the Charles Tilghman Junior. He has signed a letter of intent with the University of Virginia to play collegiate golf.

Two More for Moore ... Including No. 4

Patty Moore of Charlotte, N.C., swept the women's awards. The 57-year-old won her second Carolinas Women's Player of the Year title and fourth consecutive Carolinas Senior Women's Player of the Year honor. Her 2007 season included five victories and participation in three USGA national championships. Her victories came at the Women's Carolinas Amateur Championship, Carolinas Women's Senior Championship, North and South Women's Senior Championship, Carolinas Women's Match Play Championship, and the

Eastern Senior Championship. Moore also advanced to the round of 16 at both the U.S. Women's Mid-Amateur and the U.S. Senior Women's Amateur, and tied for 11th at the USGA State Team Championship. Other top finishes included a second-place showing at the Southern Women's Senior Championship and a tie for fifth place at the North Carolina Women's Amateur Championship.

A Repeat — and Worldwide Feats — for Simson

Paul Simson of Raleigh, N.C., capped the 2007 season with his second consecutive Carolinas Senior Men's Player of the Year award. Simson previously won the 1998 and 2005 Carolinas Men's Player of the Year awards. The 56-year-old had success on both sides of the Atlantic Ocean, claiming three victories and competing in both the U.S. Senior Open and the British Senior Open. A 16-time CGA champion, Simson won the North and South Senior Amateur and swept the CGA senior titles by winning the North Carolina Senior Amateur and Carolinas Senior Amateur. He finished runner-up at the

British Mid-Amateur Championship, second at the Eagle Point Amateur Invitational, third at the North Carolina Mid-Amateur Championship, fifth at the British Senior Amateur, and tied for fifth at the Carolinas Mid-Amateur, tied for 11th at the USGA State Team Championship, tied for 15th at the North Carolina Amateur Championship, and made the round of 32 at the U.S. Senior Amateur Championship. He was named the 2007 World Senior Am of the Year (age 55-plus), based on *Golfweek's* Scratch Players World Amateur Ranking.

Stephens' Strong Play Captures Junior Girls Award

Haley Stephens, a 17-year-old high school junior from Greer, S.C., earned the Carolinas Junior Girls Player of the Year award. Stephens' 2007 tournament highlights include winning the Carolinas Golf Association's Fall Invitational, finishing sixth at both the South Carolina Junior Girls' Championship and the Charles Tilghman Junior Championship, reaching the semifinals at the Carolinas Junior Girls' Championship, and finishing ninth at the Blade Junior.

News & Noteworthy Events

AROUND THE CAROLINAS

/ compiled by the CAROLINAS GOLF STAFF

► **Bill Johnson** (above), former men's golf coach at Dartmouth and a trustee at Southern Pines Elks Lodge and Golf Course in Southern Pines, N.C., has won the Golf Coaches Association of America (GCAA) Honor Award. Johnson was recognized at the GCAA Hall of Fame Banquet in January in Orlando. Johnson's teams advanced to the NCAA Division I Championships 17 times and he mentored All-America selections in nine seasons. He coached the American team in the USA vs. Japan Collegiate Golf Championship in 1980. Additionally, Johnson served as chair of the NCAA Golf Committee from 1982-84 and served as a member of the committee for seven years. Johnson also served as a consultant from 1970-83 for the National

Golf Foundation, and was rules chairman at the 2005 NCAA Division III Women's Golf Championship.

► **Steve Hinshaw** of Pinehurst, N.C., was elected the 51st president of the Carolinas Golf Association at the CGA's annual meeting at the Country Club of North Carolina in Pinehurst, N.C., on Feb. 15. Hinshaw — a member of Country Club of North Carolina — succeeds **James D. Burgess** of Kingstree, S.C. (Swamp Fox Country Club), who served a two-year term. Burgess remains a CGA officer as immediate past president. **Walter Todd** of Laurens, S.C. (Musgrove Mill Golf Club), was elected as vice president. Other elected officials are **J. Richard Dosek** of Advance, N.C.

(Oak Valley Golf Club), secretary; and **Daniel R. O'Connell** of Spartanburg, S.C. (The Creek Golf Club), treasurer.

The CGA executive committee includes six members from North Carolina, six from South Carolina, and seven officers, including the executive director. **Lawrence Hicks** (Greensboro Country Club); **Nancy Mayer** (Biltmore Forest Country Club); and **Gene Spencer** (The Windermere Club); were re-elected to four-year terms.

► **David S. Downing II, CGCS**, vice president of operations and construction for Signature Golf Group in Myrtle Beach, S.C., was elected president of the Golf Course Superintendents Association of America (GCSAA) at the association's annual meeting Feb. 1. The meeting was held in conjunction with the GCSAA Education Conference and Golf Industry Show in Orlando. Since 1926, the GCSAA has been the top professional association for the men and women who manage golf courses in the United States and worldwide. The association represents more than 21,000 members in some 72 countries.

► **Charles Bondurant Dudley** died in December 2007 at the age of 88. The Greenwood, Miss., native was a member of the Greenville Country Club. He graduated from the Baylor School in Chattanooga and also attended Georgia Tech and Furman University. He served during World War II in the Air Force. Dudley won numerous invitational golf events, including the prestigious North and South Amateur in 1947, the South Carolina State Championship in 1948, and the Carolinas Championship in 1952. He qualified for eight U.S. Amateurs and played in two U.S. Opens.

Dudley also won several Greenville Country Club championships and was inducted into the South Carolina Golf Hall of Fame in 1989. Donations can be made in his name to the Carolinas Golf Foundation, to be used for junior golf programs.



► **STEVE HINSHAW** was elected as the 51st president of the CGA in February.



► **WALTER TODD** will serve as the new vice president of the CGA.



► **DAVID S. DOWNING II, CGCS** is the new president of the GCSAA.

The 'New' Cape Fear CC

CAROLINAS AMATEUR COMPETITORS TO TACKLE A MODERNIZED ROSS CLASSIC

/ written by MICHAEL DANN

► When the CGA's flagship Carolinas Amateur is played at one of the association's founding clubs, it carries an extra aura. When that course was designed by Donald Ross, competitors take extra notice. And when that layout is premier in the Carolinas, get out the bells and whistles.

The 94th Carolinas Amateur — to be held July 9-13 — heads to Cape Fear Country Club in Wilmington, N.C., for the third time in its history. The first time (1912), the event was a stage for the locals: When R.H. Gwaltney beat H.C. Bridgers, 2 up, it was between Wilmingtonians.

Far more recently, only a dozen years ago, Cordes Ford of Charleston beat Billy West of Fayetteville, 1 up, in the Carolinas Am final at Cape Fear CC. Both of these finalists are serious businessmen rather than professional golfers at this stage in their lives — and that points out that this is, after all, the Carolinas' top amateur event.

Wilmington's blue-blood club, Cape Fear, was founded in 1896. But it has never kept that 19th century scent about it. And its members were ready and able to take the club into the 21st century.

"Ross to Spence" may sound like the beginning of a great double-play team, but passionate golfers recognize this as an architectural blending of the ages. Kris Spence appears to be "the man" to modernize and polish up old Ross courses. In 2007, he morphed Cape Fear CC into one reminiscent of the shotmaking requirements of Pinehurst No. 2: Drive it where you will,

but you'd better be pretty good and creative getting to and playing around the greens.

"Twelve years ago, you could hit it anywhere around the greens," notes Joey Hines, the club's director of golf for 18 years. "Now, there is a premium on the approach shots to greens ... or you'd better be a magician around them when you miss."

The course isn't the only thing "new" at Cape Fear. A new clubhouse was completed in 2002, a decade after building two new holes to accommodate earlier club growth.

If the image of Cape Fear CC was as an old, established Wilmington family club, you can keep the family part. "It's always been family-oriented," says Hines. But, he adds, "It's younger and more vibrant than the history might lead you to believe."

With the new clubhouse came a top-notch fitness center, a larger pool, and more tennis. All this from the club that hosted the pre-PGA Tour Azalea Open some 22 times. Arnold Palmer won it in 1957. The champions list includes names like Bob Toski, Art Wall, Dave Marr, and Lloyd Mangrum. The event most often was played the week between the Masters and the "GGO," the Greater Greensboro Open.

"It was a festive event," Hines says. "Bunny Hines (no relation) ran everything and set the tone." Members took professionals into their homes for a week. There were parties ... and the golf tournament.

Ross. Spence. Wilmington. Founding CGA club. Fun. Look for something special at this year's Carolinas Amateur.

RADA IS READY TO DEFEND



A year ago, Patrick Rada (Ray-duh) charged to an emotional victory in the 93rd Carolinas Amateur at the Long Cove Club on Hilton Head Island. It was a breakthrough event for the now 20-year-old finance major at the University of South Carolina. He beat fellow college teammate Warren Thomas, 6 and 4, in the scheduled 36-hole final.

Rada plays on the Gamecock golf team, more securely entrenched as a starter this year even though he is going through some swing changes.

"Last year and before, I relied on my short game to score. I have been working on my pivot to improve my long game, as well," Rada notes. "But I have not forgotten what got me here." He's aware that his short game will serve him well at Cape Fear Country Club in Wilmington, N.C. "I have not seen the course, but I have heard about it."

Rada won the Charleston Southern Invitational last fall — his first college crown — and has played well in a couple of spring tourneys as well.

Match play is unique because it throws an extra element of drama into each round. Win or go home, unlike a protracted multiround, play-to-the-end stroke-play event. Rada learned that last July and likes the opportunity to play one-on-one. "I am looking forward to defending."

- > Dick Chapman (right) playing at Pinehurst No. 2, in 1947.
- > Chapman and his wife, Eloise, (below) around 1950.



/ written by LEE PACE > GENTLEMAN, GOLFER & TRUE STUDENT of the GAME

Golfers will go to any length to get an edge, and **Dick Chapman** of Pinehurst was zealous in his quest for a swing technique, mental gadget, or a piece of equipment to help him **shave a shot** on the golf course. He practiced for hours on end at **Pinehurst Country Club** during the mid-1900s and on his **private putting green** at his Pinehurst home, he wrote about the swing for various **golf publications**, and he relished discussions of the game's intricacies with friends like **Ben Hogan**.

Austin Brown of Camden remembers an interesting phone call he received from Chapman one spring in the 1950s, just before Camden Country Club was to host the annual Carolinas Four-Ball. Brown was club president at the time, and Chapman wanted to make sure the club would have plenty of ginger ale on hand for the tournament. Brown assured him there would be plenty of ginger ale, but he wondered why Chapman wanted it.

"Ben Hogan says to putt well, your fingers need to 'feel thin,'" Chapman explained. "And ginger ale makes your fingers feel thin." (Editor's note: He apparently *drank* the beverage rather than rubbing it on his hands.)

Chapman was a native of Greenwich, Conn., and moved after World War II to Pinehurst, where his father, John — an excellent golfer himself — owned a winter home for many years. *Time* magazine once said, "Chapman majored in golf most of his life," and also described him as "the New York and Pinehurst socialite." *The New York Times* once pegged him "the dashing Dick Chapman."

He was certainly one of the top amateur golfers in the Carolinas — and the nation — throughout the mid-century. Chapman won the 1953 Carolinas Amateur, beating Erwin Laxton 3 and 2 at The Dunes Club in Myrtle Beach, and added a second win in 1957 by edging Art Ruffin 1 up on Pinehurst No. 2. He teamed with Bobby Knowles to win the 1956 Carolinas Four-Ball, and with Ruffin to win in 1959.

"I remember how meticulous he was and how dedicated to the game of golf he was," says Charles Smith, who defeated Chapman 4 and 3 en route to the 1960 North and South Amateur title. "He was the first 'name' player I'd ever competed against, and beating him in Pinehurst, on his home course, was quite a thrill."

Chapman was a boy of 18 when his father took him to the 1929 U.S. Open playoff at the famed Winged Foot Golf Club in Mamaroneck, N.Y., where Bob Jones beat Al Espinosa by 23 shots in a 36-hole playoff. They were standing to the right of the ninth fairway when Jones' tee shot landed just a few feet away. The Chapmans watched Jones play his approach shot, then Dick turned to his father and said, "How I wish I could be in Bobby Jones' shoes, winning a big championship."

John Chapman told him: "Someday you will, son."

Eleven years later, the U.S. Amateur came to Winged Foot, where Chapman was now a member and where he had fervently prepared for more than a year for the national amateur. Chapman was 10 up with 10 to play over W.B. McCullough Jr., and his drive on the ninth came to rest in the same area as Jones' shot in 1929. Chapman claimed to have felt the presence of his father, since deceased, as he closed out McCullough for the victory.

He later won the amateur titles of Canada,

"How I wish I could be in Bobby Jones' shoes."

— Dick Chapman

Great Britain, Italy, and France. He played on three Walker Cup teams and shares the record with Charlie Coe for most appearances in The Masters as an amateur, with 19.

Chapman's most elusive title, though, was the North and South Amateur. He finally won it in 1958, after numerous tries, dominating Herb Durham of Dallas, 11 and 10.

Chapman was hitting the ball well that year but was struggling on the greens. In his second-round match, he shot a medal

76 with 40 putts and six three-putt greens. After completing 36 holes of competition Wednesday, Chapman remained at the club to practice his putting for two hours, then went home and practiced for two more.

His putting improved markedly for the rest of the week, and on Saturday he played 3-under-par golf for 26 holes, winning the title.

"Winning this is a greater pleasure than I enjoyed when I won the other titles because this one was the hardest to win," Chapman said. "I have learned a couple of things this week." He then went on to say: "Now I am going to tell what I have learned about putting to Ben Hogan. I want him to become the first man ever to win the National Open five times. I believe he can do it if he can improve his putting. I think I came upon something Wednesday afternoon and night that may be it for him."

Chapman was the originator of a unique format for golf competition that worked particularly well for couples.

Chapman and his wife, Eloise, were once playing a friendly foursome with another couple at Pinehurst Country Club. The golfers' abilities ranged from Chapman's scratch handicap to the Chapmans' lady friend's scores of around 100. In an attempt to find a way to equalize their abilities, Chapman developed a format where two-golfer teams played *each other's* tee shots for their second shot, selected the better of those two balls and, from there, played alternate-shot. The format grew in popularity and was called the Chapman or Pinehurst System.

Chapman was inducted posthumously into the Carolinas Golf Hall of Fame in 1986 (he died in 1978, following several years of declining health). At the time, his son, Dixie, recalled all the visits his parents enjoyed from the likes of Jimmy Demaret and Jack Nicklaus: "Jimmy Demaret once said that, after spending a weekend with my parents, that he'd never been so over-golfed in his life."

➤ **Lee Pace** is currently finishing a book that will commemorate the Carolina Golf Association's upcoming 100th anniversary in 2009.

a Slice of Heaven

FRACTIONAL OWNERSHIP

➤ IT'S NOT YOUR FATHER'S TIME-SHARE

/ written by STEVE WILKE

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Maybe you've always dreamt of a second home or vacation getaway, but you've had some reservations. Perhaps you've balked at the commitment of a long-distance relationship with maintenance hassles. Maybe the desired location is just a bit out of your range. Or it could be that you just can't justify the expense because you only get away a few weeks each year.

If any of the above sounds familiar, but you'd still like a stake in a vacation home, consider the growing real estate trend of fractional ownership — also known as private residence clubs.

In contrast to traditional time-shares, fractional ownership tends toward more exclusive, luxury locations. Plus, when you “own” a time-share, you just have the right to use the property. With fractional ownership, you actually own part of the property. Some fractional projects even offer the time-share's biggest attraction: the ability to participate in an exchange program that gets you access to other vacation properties.

Most fractional arrangements include an annual fee for membership dues — which covers maintenance costs and access to amenities such as golf, a clubhouse, spas, and more. Each location is different, so pay attention to the fine print.

Fractionals got their start in pricey ski areas such as Aspen, but now extend beyond housing — you can even buy fractional ownership of a luxury yacht. It's also catching on at premier golf locations worldwide. The following pages highlight golf-related fractional ownership properties in the Carolinas.



The National Golf Club



Balsam Mountain Preserve



Chechessee Creek Club

The National Golf Club

The Pinehurst, N.C., area has long been a magnet for full- and part-time residents. The Cottages at National Golf Club now offer fractional home ownership. The enclave includes 22 golf-side two- and four-bedroom residences. A concierge can make reservations for tee times, dining, and event tickets, and can arrange to stock your kitchen. www.thecottagesatnational.com

Balsam Mountain Preserve

Balsam Mountain Preserve is a 4,400-acre community set in the Appalachians. The

Chaffin/Light Associates-run property opened an 18-hole Arnold Palmer Signature Course offering mountain views and A1/A4 bentgrass greens. This development in Sylva, N.C., has a fractional ownership option called the Boarding House Partnership Program. It will allow up to 40 members to purchase deeded interest in 10 mountain cottages. Each owner will receive two weeks each season — eight weeks annually — and use of the Boarding House Dining Hall Lodge, which features a gathering room, bar, library, and porches with an outdoor fireplace. www.balsammountainpreserve.com

Chechessee Creek Club

Another Chaffin/Light property is in Okatie, S.C. It features a classic-style course designed by Ben Crenshaw and Bill Coore. Caddies are mandatory until the early afternoon. Chechessee Creek offers fractional ownership through its Cottage Partners Program. There are 10 cottages being offered in 1/6th interests. The club will also have up to 35 cottages owned by club members. www.chechesseecreekclub.com

Bald Head Island

The remote and beautiful Bald Head Island





Bald Head Island Club

has a fractional option called The Hammocks. Owning one of the 13 cottages gets membership privileges at the nearby Bald Head Island Club — golf, croquet, tennis, swimming, and more. Plus, the on-site Hammocks Club has exercise equipment, a sauna, an outdoor hot tub, a heated pool, and a billiards room. Membership is also extended to the Shoals Club at Cape Fear Point. Two- and three-bedroom fully furnished homes are available. www.hammocksclub.com

The Owners Club at Hilton Head

ClubCorp has been in the fractional owner-

ship game for more than a decade. The Owners Club at Hilton Head provides a vacation “home away from home.” Ownership in a three-bedroom, furnished Club Home includes complimentary or reduced green fees. There are also privileges at Owners Clubs across the country and at more than 200 Associate Clubs and Resorts. The Hilton Head location is in Indigo Run. Owners have access to the Golden Bear Golf Club and The Country Club at Hilton Head. “Signature” members get access to The Golf Club at Indigo Run. www.theownersclub.com

The Oceanfront Residence Club on Daufuskie Island

The Oceanfront Residence Club’s luxury cottages or villas are on the private Easter Beach within Daufuskie Island Resort & Breathe Spa, S.C. Owners have daily free tennis and golf at the Resort’s Nicklaus or Weiskopf courses, and discounted use of the Breathe Spa and Equestrian Center. Owners also enjoy membership in The Registry Collection. www.oceanfrontondaufuskie.com

Dye Villas at Barefoot Resort

Championship golf is certainly a main attraction at Barefoot Resort in North Myrtle Beach. And fractional ownership at the Dye Villas gets you privileges to all Barefoot courses — the Dye, Norman, Love and Fazio — plus membership to the Dye Clubhouse. Fractional ownership ranges from 1/6th to 1/13th shares of a three-bedroom/three-bath residence. This includes access to a beach cabana, a saltwater pool, and a fitness facility. Members are also enrolled in The Registry Collection program. www.dyevillas.com

The Mountain Club — Cashiers

Owners receive a 1/6th undivided, deeded interest in a fully furnished, 2,400-square-foot Mountain Club home, and an interest in the clubhouse facilities and common areas. The serene mountain sanctuary was named one of the nation’s “Top 20 Adventure Towns” by *Outside* magazine. Mountain Club owners receive Sapphire Valley Resort privileges as well as access to The Registry Collection. www.mountainclubinfo.com



The Hammocks at Bald Head Island

› Adjustable shafts will let golfers alter their drivers to meet certain course or weather conditions.

A Few More Adjustments

USGA RULING OPENS
A 'NEW FRONTIER' ... OR NOT

/ written by BOB SELIGMAN

Golf technology is going through a new phase of adjustments, and it'll be interesting to see how the shaft falls. That's because, thanks to a USGA ruling that went into effect Jan. 1, club manufacturers are now allowed to create products with adjustable shafts, which screw into the clubheads. That allows golfers to use a different shaft in the same clubhead — as long as they change it before a round — without penalty. The previous ruling only allowed for adjustments to weights in the clubhead.

Given a new toy by the USGA, three leading and noted manufacturers — Callaway, TaylorMade and Nickent — quickly jumped at the opportunity to present something new and different to golfers by introducing their versions at the 2008 PGA Merchandise Show in Orlando in January.

In essence, this is taking a journey into the unknown. Many companies are standing at the edge of the equipment fairway, so to speak, waiting to see what happens, while others have stated they are not going to give golfers the shaft (adjustment, that is).

One big question that has manufacturers disagreeing is the potential size of the retail market for the product.

Some, like Dave Glod, president and founder of Tour Edge Golf, says it's no more than 5 percent of the marketplace. Some say it can be larger. But, once again, we're traveling into the unknown.

Jeff Colton, senior vice president of research and development for Callaway Golf, calls the adjustable-shafted clubs "a new frontier in golf." But even he hedges.

"It's a bit of a guess right now," Colton says. "We know the concept is intriguing. It's a wait-and-see thing. We're not sure how big it can be."

Others sound a little more confident. "There is no market. We're creating the market," says Jon Claffey, director of marketing

for Nickent Golf. "So far there's three of us: Callaway, TaylorMade, and Nickent. We accept the technology because it works better than epoxy. It's a stronger bond. We truly believe that in five years there will no longer be a thing called epoxy golf clubs. This is the future."

The future, at least how it's shaped at present, enables golfers to switch shafts in order to adjust for playing conditions and desired ball flight, thereby giving them flexibility in their driver selection for a particular round. Different-lofted clubheads add to the equation.

"We look at interchangeability as something that can help change your game," Claffey says. "Whether it's a weather condition, a new course, or a change in your swing, you're constantly going to be able to evolve your driver. We feel that drivers are so expensive that you need to have that ability these days."

"There's quite a bit of opportunity for trial and test. We'll let the golfer go out and experiment," Colton says. "The advantage is about creating a perfect driver every time you go out. These are just different scenarios in which you might consider altering your driver to meet certain conditions."

The early adapters are taking different approaches to adjustable-shaft technology (see column at right).

A word to the wise: Adjustable-shafted clubs are not for the financially faint of heart. Think American Express Gold Card and go from there.

TaylorMade's r7 CGB MAX Limited has a manufacturer's suggested retail price of \$999. Callaway's I-MIX carries MSRPs of \$435 and \$500 for the FT-5 and FT-i clubheads, respectively. Combined with shaft prices that range from \$185 to \$435, that can bring the cost of the new driver to more than \$900. The Nickent Evolver is the least costly, with an MSRP of \$479, but that's still nearly \$200 over the \$299 that's regarded within the industry as the best price to sell drivers.

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◀ **The Nickent Evolver:**
\$479.



▶ **TaylorMade:**
r7 CGB MAX Limited: \$999

▶ **Callaway's I-MIX technology**

comes with two different heads in various lofts from its popular fusion line, the FT-i and FT-5, along with shafts from leading manufacturers like Aldila, Fujikura, and Mitsubishi Rayon. In all, Callaway says I-MIX offers more than 1,600 shaft-head custom combinations.

▶ **Nickent's 4DX Evolver driver**

with IST (Interchangeable Shaft Technology) comes boxed with one head and two graphite shafts from UST, the V2 and V2 High Launch, which offer different ball flights. A wide array of other popular shafts is also available.

▶ **TaylorMade,** an industry leader

in adjustable weight technology, is combining that along with adjustable shaft technology in its r7 CGB MAX Limited. It includes nine changeable weights and three changeable shafts, to offer golfers a variety of launch conditions. The company calls the MAX Limited a "Tour Van in a Box." Shaft selections include the Fujikura Rombax, the Mitsubishi Diamana White Board, and the Matrix Ozik Xcon. TaylorMade claims there are nearly 1,100 possible sets of launch conditions.

▶ **Callaway's I-MIX:**

Around \$435 for the FT-5 and \$500 for the FT-i clubheads. Shafts range from \$185 to \$435.



2008 CGA Championship Schedule*

/ CHAMPIONSHIP	/ SITE	/ DATES	/ WINNERS
14th Tar Heel Cup Matches	Pinewild CC (Magnolia), Pinehurst, N.C.	3/31-4/1	CPGA Professionals
32nd Carolinas Pro-Am	Rock Hill CC, Rock Hill, S.C.	4/7	Carolina Golf Club
40th Carolinas Senior Four-Ball	CC of Landfall (Nicklaus), Wilmington, N.C.	4/8-10	Paul Simson/Don Detweiler
North Carolina High School Invitational	Treyburn CC, Durham, N.C.	4/14	Green Hope H.S., Morrisville, N.C.
10th Carolinas Senior Women	Ballantyne CC, Charlotte, N.C.	4/15-16	Patty Moore
28th Carolinas Mid-Amateur	Greenville CC (Chanticleer), Greenville, S.C.	4/18-20	Robert Godfrey
57th Carolinas Four-Ball	Camden CC, Camden, S.C.	5/7-11	
23rd NC Senior Amateur	Cedarwood CC, Charlotte, N.C.	5/13-15	
36th SC Amateur Match Play	Spring Valley CC, Columbia, S.C.	6/11-15	
48th NC Amateur	Raleigh CC, Raleigh, N.C.	6/12-15	
40th NC Junior (Boys & Girls)	Bradford Creek GC, Greenville, N.C.	6/17-20	
52nd Carolinas Junior Girls' Match Play	Jacksonville CC, Jacksonville, N.C.	7/1-3	
31st SC Junior Match Play	Woodcreek Farms, Elgin, S.C.	7/8-11	
94th Carolinas Amateur	Cape Fear CC, Wilmington, N.C.	7/9-13	
2nd NC 13 & Under Junior	Asheboro GC, Asheboro, N.C.	7/14-15	
11th Carolinas Women's Match Play	Cowans Ford CC, Stanley, N.C.	7/15-17	
42nd Carolinas Father-Son	Pinehurst area courses	7/25	
11th Carolinas Parent-Child	Longleaf CC, Southern Pines, N.C.	7/25	
42nd Girls' Twin States	Cherokee National CC, Gaffney, S.C.	7/29-30	
59th Carolinas Junior Boys	Chechessee Creek Club, Okatie, S.C.	7/29-31	
7th Mid-Atlantic Challenge			
Junior Girls Team	Danville Golf Club, Danville, Va.	8/2-3	
31st Carolinas Women's Four-Ball	Rumbling Bald Resort, Lake Lure, N.C.	8/5-6	
8th NC Senior Four-Ball	Benvenue CC, Rocky Mount, N.C.	8/5-7	
26th Carolinas-Virginias Junior Matches	The Club at Irish Creek, Kannapolis, N.C.	8/9-10	
4th Dogwood State Junior (Boys & Girls)	Gaston CC, Gastonia, N.C.	8/19-21	
3rd Carolinas Mixed Team	Ocean Ridge Plantation (Lion's Paw), Sunset Beach, N.C.	8/30-31	
47th Carolinas Senior Amateur	Roaring Gap Club, Roaring Gap, N.C.	9/11-13	
15th NC Mid-Amateur	Sedgefield CC, Greensboro, N.C.	9/12-14	
7th NC Middle School	Badin Inn Golf Resort, Badin, N.C.	9/26-27	
1st NC Super Senior	Greensboro CC (Irving Park), Greensboro, N.C.	9/30-10/1	
5th NC Women's Senior	Lake Hickory CC (Fox Run/Dogwood), Hickory, N.C.	10/6-7	
63rd Carolinas-Virginias Team Matches	CC of Virginia (James River), Richmond, Va.	10/17-18	
13th NC Four-Ball	Ocean Ridge Plantation, Sunset Beach, N.C.	10/31-11/2	

NOTE



Chechessee Creek Club

* Tournament sites and dates are subject to change. A complete listing of results, CGA qualifying sites, CGA one-day tournament schedules, Carolinas senior four-ball tournament series schedules, CGA Interclub schedules, schedules for the Tarheel Youth Golf Association tournaments, USGA Championship qualifying sites, and player and team rankings are available at www.carolinasgolf.org.

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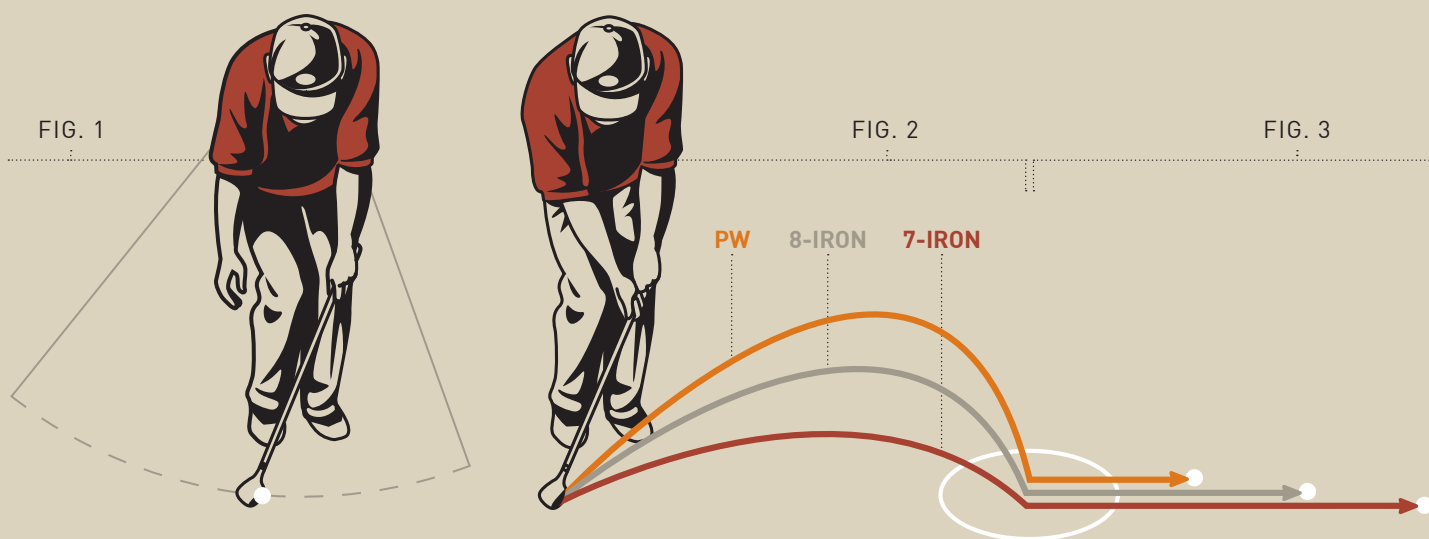
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SPRUCING UP YOUR SHORT GAME

/ written by JOEY HINES / illustration by KEVIN FALES

Attend any professional golf tournament and you'll see as much practice on or around the greens as on the driving range. But at any other range, you'll find mid- to high-handicap golfers spending most of their practice time working on their driver.

The old saying "drive for show and putt for dough" is a worn-out but accurate expression in golf. However, you need to hone your shot-making skills around the green before sinking that putt.

The 2008 Carolinas Amateur Golf Championship will be played at Cape Fear Country Club July 9-13. Architect Kris Spence worked closely with the original Donald Ross drawings to re-establish excellent short-game challenges. The champion will surely be the one with short-game mastery. Here's what to look for:

Distance Control

Many different short-game options are available to select from. Players should select the shot that gives them the best distance control. I recommend to my students to learn to chip to a selected target. Once the landing area has been obtained, use different clubs for different rollouts. It's a great way to recover from wayward shots.

Set-up and Motion

Most poorly struck chip shots are caused by the overuse of hands and wrists. Use a simple body position with very little movement. The stance is very narrow; the ball position is toward the back of the stance. Your hands should start slightly in front of the ball and remain in front of the clubhead until impact. Control the swing with your arms and shoulders, and keep your hands and wrists idle during the shot. No wrist hinge is needed. The majority of your weight should start — and remain — on your front foot. An even-paced, rhythmic motion will lead to consistent results.

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CHIPPING DRILLS

Here are a couple of drills to help with your short game:

FIG. 1 ➤ Chip with your left arm only. The left arm controls the club on the backswing and the follow-through. Make the left arm lead firmly through the hitting area.

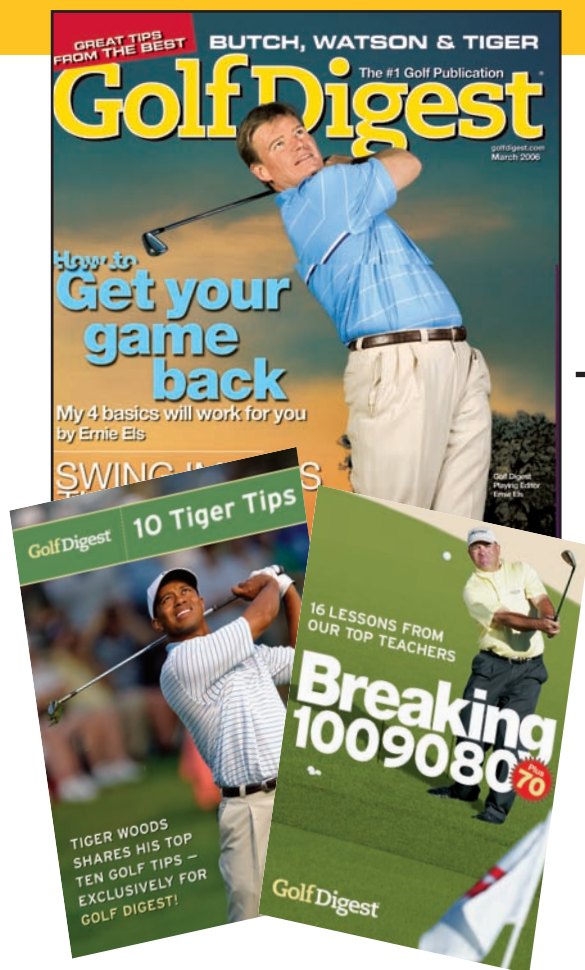
FIG. 2 ➤ Spot-chip to develop feel. After first checking your lie, pick a spot where you want to land your ball. Chip until you can land your ball near your mark.

FIG. 3 ➤ Learn the length of each club's rollout. You can develop a basic formula for the amount of roll. Example: PW = 1/2 air time + 1/2 ground time; 8-iron = 1/3 air time + 2/3 ground time; 7-iron = 1/4 air time + 3/4 ground time.

Once you're on the course, adjust for whether or not the green has an incline or is running away from the shot. Having confidence in your chipping game will get you to the green safely — where you can start to "putt for dough."

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$$\frac{\text{"TARGET SCORE" - COURSE RATING}}{= \text{COURSE HANDICAP}}$$

Doing the Math!

FORGET PAR: USE COURSE HANDICAPS TO SET GOALS



/ written by MICHAEL DANN / illustration by KEVIN FALES

The CGA phone rings.

"Hey," the slightly irascible voice starts up and then pauses. "We think there's something wrong with our course and slope ratings."

"I have a 10 handicap at the white tees and an 11 handicap at the blue tees," the voice continues. "Everyone knows that the blue tees are more than one shot harder than the whites. So what's wrong?"

That's a good question. The most likely problem is not the ratings but, rather, the perception of what his course handicap is meant to accomplish.

Let's start to answer the question with another question: If you play exactly to your course handicap, what is your goal? What should your net score be?

Invariably, the answer comes back as "par."

And there's the first problem. Par has nearly nothing to do with the handicap system — and exactly nothing to do with what a player's scoring goals should be. Consider this: If par from the championship tees and the senior tees is the same, should **your** goal be the same from both?

If par isn't the answer, what is? The course rating describes your **net score goal (target score)** for every round.

We've said it before, but this bears repeat-

ing: A **course rating** is your **net score** when you play **exactly** to your handicap. Your **course handicap** plus the **course rating** equals what is called a "**target score.**"

There's a second problem, too. Unlike par, course ratings vary from tee to tee. For an example, let's say the course rating at the fictional Final Word Country Club is 68.3 at the white tees and 70.3 at the blue tees.

Referencing the chart at the right, let's do some math:

➤ **White tees:** 68.3 rating plus a 10 course handicap means this golfer should shoot 78 when he plays to his handicap.

➤ **Blue tees:** 70.3 rating plus an 11 course handicap means this golfer should shoot 81 when he plays to his handicap.

Notice that the anticipated or target scores are **three strokes** apart (78 to 81).

For this golfer, the blue tees are **three**

shots more difficult than the white tees, **not the one stroke** claimed by the caller. One stroke comes from the difference in the course handicaps, and two strokes come from the difference in course ratings.

For a golfer with a higher handicap index — let's say a 34.5 — the course handicaps might be 36 and 39, white and blue. For this golfer, the difference in difficulty would be five strokes.

A scratch golfer, one with a 0.0 handicap index, will be expected to shoot the course ratings: about 68 and about 70. For him, the difference in difficulty between the two tees is two shots.

Notice a trend here? A two-shot spread in difficulty for the scratch golfer, a three-shot spread for the 10 handicapper, and a five-shot spread for the high-handicap golfer.

That's how the handicap system works. It uses course and slope ratings to give a golfer a goal for each round.

Is the caller now enlightened? The math isn't all that complicated. But realizing that a net-score goal is different at each set of tees can be difficult to comprehend at first blush.

➤ Michael Dann is the CGA's director of course rating and handicapping. As such, he does quite a bit of math.

TARGET SCORE

Final Word Country Club

White Tees

	Scratch Dude	Middle-Man	High-Hacker
Handicap Index	0.0	9.5	34.5
Course Rating	68.3	68.3	68.3
Course Handicap	0	10	36
Target Score	68	78	104

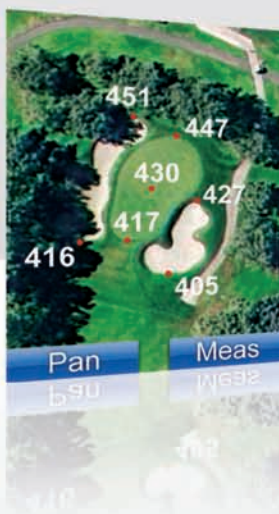
Blue Tees

	Scratch Dude	Middle-Man	High-Hacker
Handicap Index	0.0	9.5	34.5
Course Rating	70.3	70.3	70.3
Course Handicap	0	11	39
Target Score	70	81	109

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