

An aerial photograph of a golf course. In the foreground, a large, well-manicured green is visible, with a white sand trap to its left. A body of water, likely a lake or reservoir, runs along the bottom and right side of the frame. In the background, a large, multi-story clubhouse with a prominent chimney is nestled among trees. The sky is clear and blue.

# GREEN SCENE

## TOP 100 GOLF COURSES

Golf arcades such as Drive Shack and Topgolf are having a moment, but don't count out the traditional golf experience just yet. Courses across the state are investing millions in upgrades to keep golf devotees hooked, the most high-profile being Gil Hanse's restoration of Pinehurst No. 4 (*opposite page*). Another course undergoing renovations is Ashe County's Jefferson Landing, which is the pride and joy of the Vannoy family, who have simultaneously created a thriving construction business (*Page 56*).

The North Carolina Golf Panel's ranking of the state's top 100 courses includes public, private and semi-private venues and is based on reviews by its 150 members, which include professional and amateur golfers, coaches and business leaders. The same 10 courses that led the list in 2018 topped it again this year, including kingpins Pinehurst No. 2 and Grandfather Golf & Country Club. The panel also ranks courses by region (*Page 52*) and other criteria such as "most fun to play" (*Page 55*).

The group's ranking of the Top 50 Courses You Can Play (*Page 63*) includes top picks for public and semi-private courses. New this year is The Cardinal by Pete Dye in Greensboro. Last month, owner McConnell Golf LLC renamed Sedgfield Country Club's Dye Course and converted it to a semi-private facility. (Members still have preferred access.) Raleigh-based McConnell, which operates a dozen courses in the Carolinas and Tennessee, bought the course known as Cardinal Golf & Country Club in 2006, invested nearly \$5 million on renovations, and merged it with Greensboro's Sedgfield Country Club in 2013.



# 2019 TOP 100 GOLF COURSES

(second number is previous year's ranking)

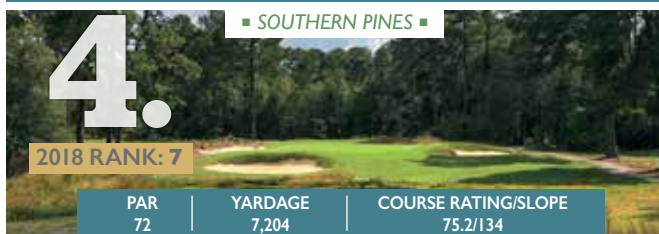
**1.** | **PINEHURST NO. 2**  
**PINEHURST**  
72 7,588 76.5/138

PAR YARDAGE COURSE RATING/SLOPE

**2.** | **GRANDFATHER GOLF & COUNTRY CLUB**  
**LINVILLE**  
72 7,021 74.2/148

**3.** | **MOUNTAINTOP GOLF & LAKE CLUB**  
**CASHIERS**  
70 7,126 73.9/145

## PINE NEEDLES



■ SOUTHERN PINES ■

**4.**

2018 RANK: 7

PAR YARDAGE COURSE RATING/SLOPE  
72 7,204 75.2/134

"Pine Needles is steeped in golf history," says panelist Julie Shore of Raleigh. A restoration of the Donald Ross-designed course was completed last winter by Kyle Franz, who revamped sibling Mid Pines in 2013. Franz brought back many of Ross' original 1928 concepts: Wider fairways were created to re-establish Ross' original hole locations; all 70 bunkers were restored and reconfigured; and eight new traps were added. "I have always thought that the routing and strategy designed into the course by Donald Ross fit the land it was on so naturally that you felt it truly belonged there," says panelist Rick Robbins of Leland. Owned for six decades by Ladies PGA charter member Peggy Kirk Bell (Bell died in 2016), Pine Needles will host the second annual U.S. Senior Women's Open May 16-19. The U.S. Women's Open will return for a fourth time in 2022.

**5.** | **THE COUNTRY CLUB OF NORTH CAROLINA**  
**(DOGWOOD)**  
**PINEHURST**  
72 7,204 75.2/134

**6.** | **QUAIL HOLLOW CLUB**  
**CHARLOTTE**  
72 7,396 75.0/140

**7.** | **OLD NORTH STATE CLUB**  
**NEW LONDON**  
72 7,102 74.8/142

**8.** | **CHARLOTTE COUNTRY CLUB**  
**CHARLOTTE**  
71 7,335 75.9/146

**9.** | **ELK RIVER CLUB**  
**BANNER ELK**  
72 6,826 73.4/141

**10.** | **PINEHURST NO. 8**  
**PINEHURST**  
72 7,099 74.1/137

**11.** | **SEDGEFIELD COUNTRY CLUB (ROSS)**  
**GREENSBORO**  
71 7,117 72.9/130

**12.** | **WADE HAMPTON GOLF CLUB**  
**CASHIERS**  
72 7,154 74.0/144

**13.** | **CAPE FEAR COUNTRY CLUB**  
**WILMINGTON**  
72 6,856 73.4/135

**14.** | **OLD TOWN CLUB**  
**WINSTON-SALEM**  
70 7,042 74.5/140

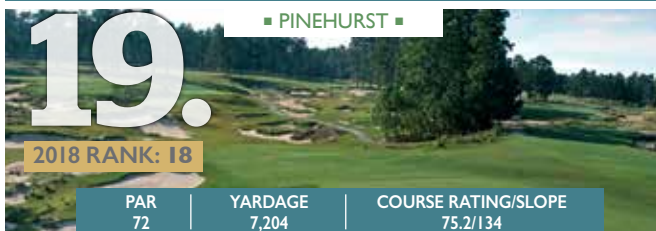
**15.** | **THE COUNTRY CLUB OF NORTH CAROLINA**  
**(CARDINAL)**  
**PINEHURST**  
72 7,212 75.0/141

**16.** | **EAGLE POINT GOLF CLUB**  
**WILMINGTON**  
72 7,170 74.5/137

**17.** | **MID PINES INN & GOLF CLUB**  
**SOUTHERN PINES**  
72 6,732 71.0/126

**18.** | **OLD CHATHAM GOLF CLUB**  
**DURHAM**  
72 7,210 74.0/131

## PINEHURST NO. 4



■ PINEHURST ■

**19.**

2018 RANK: 18

PAR YARDAGE COURSE RATING/SLOPE  
72 7,204 75.2/134

When panel members tee off at No. 4 this summer, the course is certain to climb the rankings following a Gil Hanse renovation that was completed last September. The Donald Ross-designed course, later remodeled by Tom Fazio, was given a more rustic feel with the addition of large sandy areas featuring wire grass and other native plants. The renovation, which reduced turf acreage by about 40%, gives the course a look more similar to the venerable No. 2. The companion courses will co-host the 2019 U.S. Amateur Championship Aug. 12-18.

**20.** | **RALEIGH COUNTRY CLUB**  
**RALEIGH**  
71 6,816 73.7/135

**21.** | **ROCK BARN COUNTRY CLUB & SPA (JONES)**  
**CONOVER**  
72 7,126 74.4/141

**22.** | **BILTMORE FOREST COUNTRY CLUB**  
**ASHEVILLE**  
70 6,606 71.5/127

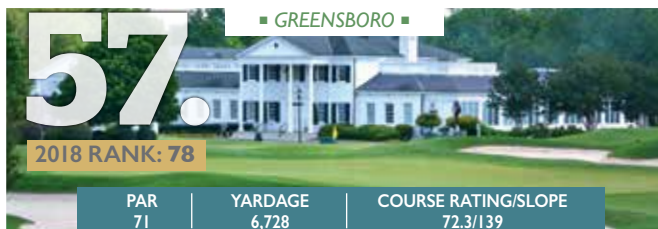


<b>23.</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>RIVER LANDING (RIVER)</b> <b>WALLACE</b> 72 7,009 74.1/141
		PAR YARDAGE COURSE RATING/SLOPE
<b>24.</b>	<b>25</b>	<b>FOREST CREEK GOLF CLUB (SOUTH)</b> <b>PINEHURST</b> 72 7,067 74.6/143
<b>25.</b>	<b>26</b>	<b>MACGREGOR DOWNS COUNTRY CLUB</b> <b>CARY</b> 72 7,003 73.4/134
<b>26.</b>	<b>23</b>	<b>TRUMP NATIONAL GOLF CLUB</b> <b>MOORESVILLE</b> 72 7,037 74.2/140
<b>27.</b>	<b>27</b>	<b>PRESTONWOOD COUNTRY CLUB</b> <b>(HIGHLANDS)</b> <b>CARY</b> 72 7,082 74.4/138
<b>28.</b>	<b>28</b>	<b>GOVERNORS CLUB</b> <b>CHAPEL HILL</b> 72 7,062 75.1/144
<b>29.</b>	<b>30</b>	<b>COUNTRY CLUB OF LANDFALL (DYE)</b> <b>WILMINGTON</b> 72 7,026 74.3/132
<b>30.</b>	<b>31</b>	<b>PINEHURST NO. 9</b> <b>PINEHURST</b> 72 7,125 75.1/143
<b>31.</b>	<b>34</b>	<b>TREYBURN COUNTRY CLUB</b> <b>DURHAM</b> 72 7,175 74.1/137
<b>32.</b>	<b>37</b>	<b>COUNTRY CLUB OF LANDFALL (NICKLAUS)</b> <b>WILMINGTON</b> 72 7,100 75.7/144
<b>33.</b>	<b>29</b>	<b>LINVILLE GOLF CLUB</b> <b>LINVILLE</b> 72 6,946 73.4/139
<b>34.</b>	<b>32</b>	<b>FOREST CREEK GOLF CLUB (NORTH)</b> <b>PINEHURST</b> 72 7,139 74.7/144
<b>35.</b>	<b>33</b>	<b>HIGH POINT COUNTRY CLUB</b> <b>(WILLOW CREEK)</b> <b>HIGH POINT</b> 72 6,972 73.9/139
<b>36.</b>	<b>35</b>	<b>HASENTREE</b> <b>WAKE FOREST</b> 71 7,074 73.9/139
<b>37.</b>	<b>38</b>	<b>FORSYTH COUNTRY CLUB</b> <b>WINSTON-SALEM</b> 71 6,784 72.8/136
<b>38.</b>	<b>36</b>	<b>MYERS PARK COUNTRY CLUB</b> <b>CHARLOTTE</b> 71 7,120 74.3/138
<b>39.</b>	<b>39</b>	<b>UNC FINLEY GOLF COURSE</b> <b>CHAPEL HILL</b> 72 7,223 74.9/138

<b>40.</b>	<b>40</b>	<b>GREENSBORO COUNTRY CLUB (FARM)</b> <b>GREENSBORO</b> 72 7,302 75.1/140
<b>41.</b>	<b>43</b>	<b>RIVER LANDING (LANDING)</b> <b>WALLACE</b> 72 7,112 74.2/134
<b>42.</b>	<b>44</b>	<b>BALD HEAD ISLAND CLUB</b> <b>BALD HEAD ISLAND</b> 72 6,855 73.7/143
<b>43.</b>	<b>41</b>	<b>DUKE UNIVERSITY GOLF CLUB</b> <b>DURHAM</b> 72 7,105 73.9/141
<b>44.</b>	<b>49</b>	<b>DORMIE CLUB</b> <b>WEST END</b> 72 6,988 74.0/140
<b>45.</b>	<b>42</b>	<b>THE CLUB AT IRISH CREEK</b> <b>KANNAPOLIS</b> 72 7,099 74.3/137
<b>46.</b>	<b>46</b>	<b>GASTON COUNTRY CLUB</b> <b>GASTONIA</b> 72 7,042 74.2/135
<b>47.</b>	<b>45</b>	<b>LEOPARD'S CHASE</b> <b>SUNSET BEACH</b> 72 7,055 74.3/140
<b>48.</b>	<b>59</b>	<b>COUNTRY CLUB OF ASHEVILLE</b> <b>ASHEVILLE</b> 71 6,672 72.3/134
<b>49.</b>	<b>48</b>	<b>SCOTCH HALL PRESERVE</b> <b>MERRY HILL</b> 72 7,257 76.3/139
<b>50.</b>	<b>50</b>	<b>HOPE VALLEY COUNTRY CLUB</b> <b>DURHAM</b> 70 6,671 73.1/133
<b>51.</b>	<b>47</b>	<b>PINEWILD COUNTRY CLUB (MAGNOLIA)</b> <b>PINEHURST</b> 72 7,446 76.4/139
<b>52.</b>	<b>53</b>	<b>MID SOUTH CLUB</b> <b>SOUTHERN PINES</b> 71 7,003 73.8/144
<b>53.</b>	<b>51</b>	<b>TIGER'S EYE</b> <b>SUNSET BEACH</b> 72 6,849 73.3/141
<b>54.</b>	<b>52</b>	<b>THE CARDINAL BY PETE DYE</b> <b>GREENSBORO</b> 70 6,821 74.2/139
<b>55.</b>	<b>54</b>	<b>BALSAM MOUNTAIN PRESERVE</b> <b>SYLVA</b> 70 6,859 73.0/145

**56. 55 RIVER RUN COUNTRY CLUB**  
**DAVIDSON**  
 72 6,947 74.2/138

## STARMOUNT FOREST COUNTRY CLUB



Located a few miles west of downtown Greensboro, Starmount was an original co-host of the Greater Greensboro Open (now the Wyndham Championship) in 1938, when Sam Snead won the title. "Starmount Forest oozes a rich history from having hosted the legends in men's and women's golf," says panelist Jo Ann Sluder of Pinehurst. "Playing here is a step back in time, as it's a traditional course with uphill and downhill approach shots and great greens." The only N.C. course designed by Wayne Stiles and John Van Kleeck, Starmount underwent several renovations in the latter half of the 20th century, and the course transitioned to Champions Bermuda in 2007. The club's latest nearly \$4 million renovation focused on the facilities, including a new short-game practice area, a resort-style pool and expanded dining and tennis facilities.

**58. 56 ALAMANCE COUNTRY CLUB**  
**BURLINGTON**  
 71 6,900 72.8/128

**59. 60 PINEHURST NO. 7**  
**PINEHURST**  
 72 7,216 75.5/143

**60. 57 PRESTONWOOD COUNTRY CLUB**  
**(MEADOWS)**  
**CARY**  
 72 7,108 74.6/138

**61. 61 LONNIE POOLE GOLF COURSE**  
**RALEIGH**  
 72 7,358 74.4/142

**62. 58 CARMEL COUNTRY CLUB (SOUTH)**  
**CHARLOTTE**  
 72 7,503 76.5/142

**63. 62 GRANDOVER RESORT (EAST)**  
**GREENSBORO**  
 72 7,270 75.4/140

**64. 63 BRYAN PARK GOLF & CONFERENCE CENTER (CHAMPIONS)**  
**BROWNS SUMMIT**  
 72 7,255 75.4/140

**65. 69 JEFFERSON LANDING**  
**JEFFERSON**  
 72 7,111 73.1/134

**66. 64 THE CURRITUCK CLUB**  
**COROLLA**  
 72 6,888 73.9/136

**67. 66 PINWOOD COUNTRY CLUB**  
**ASHEBORO**  
 72 6,830 73.5/134

**68. 65 THISTLE GOLF CLUB**  
**SUNSET BEACH**  
 71 6,898 74.1/135

**69. 68 LAKE TOXAWAY COUNTRY CLUB**  
**LAKE TOXAWAY**  
 71 6,500 70.9/134

**70. 71 CROASDAILE COUNTRY CLUB**  
**DURHAM**  
 72 7,068 73.4/140

**71. 70 PORTERS NECK COUNTRY CLUB**  
**WILMINGTON**  
 72 7,112 74.8/138

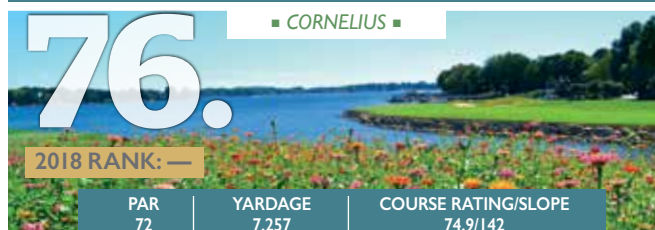
**72. 75 BALLANTYNE COUNTRY CLUB**  
**CHARLOTTE**  
 72 7,034 74.1/136

**73. 76 CEDARWOOD COUNTRY CLUB**  
**CHARLOTTE**  
 71 6,940 73.9/137

**74. 72 LINVILLE RIDGE**  
**LINVILLE**  
 72 6,775 72.8/136

**75. 67 ST. JAMES PLANTATION (RESERVE)**  
**SOUTHPORT**  
 72 7,212 75.4/146

## THE PENINSULA CLUB



Rees Jones returned six years ago to the course he designed to help develop a new master plan for the club, which opened in 1990. Led by superintendent Jared Nemitz, changes included converting putting greens from bentgrass to ultradwarf Bermuda; replacing wooden seawalls with boulder walls; modernizing several green surrounds; reshaping and reconstructing the greenside bunkers; and upgrading the practice facility. The work is paying off: The Peninsula Club, located about 20 miles north of Charlotte, returns to the top 100 list this year for the first time since 2014. "Even as a residential club, The Peninsula Club course does not have the typical feel of winding through residential neighborhoods," says panelist Robert Fox of Vilas. "The holes are beautifully laid out, taking full advantage of Lake Norman as a background. The greens, while fast and challenging, putt true. And the practice facilities are world-class."

**77. 74 TOURNAMENT PLAYERS CLUB AT WAKEFIELD PLANTATION**  
**RALEIGH**  
 72 7,257 75.2/137

**78. 77 HOUND EARS CLUB**
**BLOWING ROCK**

72 6,327 69.9/129

PAR YARDAGE COURSE RATING/SLOPE

**MIMOSA HILLS**

■ MORGANTON ■

**79.**

2018 RANK: —

PAR YARDAGE COURSE RATING/SLOPE  
72 6,750 72.8/137

Recent updates and repairs at the Donald Ross-designed course caught panelists' attention, as Mimosa Hills, which opened in 1929, returns to the top 100 for the first time since 2013. "This is the way golf is supposed to be. Beautiful holes framed by historic oak trees, a few steps from green to the next tee, and a forthright layout that is an ageless classic, including a view of the mountains that's as good as anywhere," says panelist Gene Upchurch of Pinehurst. "Mimosa Hills never ceases to amaze and tantalize me," says Steve Johnson of Jefferson. "At first glance, the scorecard leads you to think the course is a pushover. ... Once on the course, the angles, elevation changes and sloping greens reveal the sheer genius of the Donald Ross layout. It features one of the best collections of par 3s in the state."

**80. 79 WILSON COUNTRY CLUB**
**WILSON**

72 6,851 73.1/136

**81. 73 CAPE FEAR NATIONAL GOLF CLUB**
**LELAND**

72 7,217 74.5/143

**82. 80 GRANDOVER RESORT (WEST)**
**GREENSBORO**

72 6,800 72.7/137

**83. 81 KILMARLIC GOLF CLUB**
**POWELLS POINT**

72 6,560 72.2/144

**84. 87 BERMUDA RUN COUNTRY CLUB (EAST)**
**BERMUDA RUN**

72 7,045 74.3/139

**85. 83 BRIER CREEK COUNTRY CLUB**
**RALEIGH**

72 6,885 73.6/139

**86. — BENVENUE COUNTRY CLUB**
**ROCKY MOUNT**

72 6,525 71.3/134

**87. 85 ROCKY RIVER GOLF CLUB**
**CONCORD**

72 6,970 73.5/137

**88. 89 MILL CREEK GOLF CLUB**
**MEBANE**

72 7,004 73.5/144

**COMPASS POINTE GOLF CLUB**

■ LELAND ■

**89.**

2018 RANK: —

PAR YARDAGE COURSE RATING/SLOPE  
72 7,228 74.6/138

When the public Compass Pointe opened in June 2016, it marked the first new course in the state since before the recession of 2007-09. Located about 10 miles from downtown Wilmington, Compass Pointe and sister course Magnolia Greens were acquired last year by Renaissance Golf Group LLC, a Raleigh-based corporation led by Jay Biggs, former vice president of golf and club operations at Pinehurst Resort. N.C. native Rick Robbins' design notched a 2017 award for excellence in design from the American Society of Golf Course Architects. "As a master-planned community, Compass Pointe's course is a perfect fit for its members and guests," says panelist Leon Burleson of Charlotte. "It's a fun and playable yet challenging design that'll only get better with age."

**90. 86 NORTH RIDGE COUNTRY CLUB (LAKES)**
**RALEIGH**

72 6,880 73.8/136

**91. 82 COUNTRY CLUB OF SALISBURY**
**SALISBURY**

71 6,665 72.0/128

**92. 92 THE NEW COURSE AT TALAMORE**
**SOUTHERN PINES**

71 6,840 73.2/140

**93. 88 CROW CREEK GOLF CLUB**
**CALABASH**

72 7,101 73.9/130

**94. 90 CAROLINA GOLF CLUB**
**CHARLOTTE**

71 7,011 73.2/138

**95. 93 SOUTHERN PINES GOLF CLUB**
**SOUTHERN PINES**

71 6,268 70.3/130

**96. — BROOK VALLEY COUNTRY CLUB**
**GREENVILLE**

72 6,836 73.8/141

**97. 99 STONEY CREEK GOLF CLUB**
**WHITSETT**

71 7,016 73.8/139

**98. — PINEHURST NO. 6**
**PINEHURST**

72 7,053 74.7/139

**99. 96 HERITAGE CLUB**
**WAKE FOREST**

72 7,016 73.1/133

**100. 94 BLOWING ROCK COUNTRY CLUB**
**BLOWING ROCK**

72 6,162 69.9/130





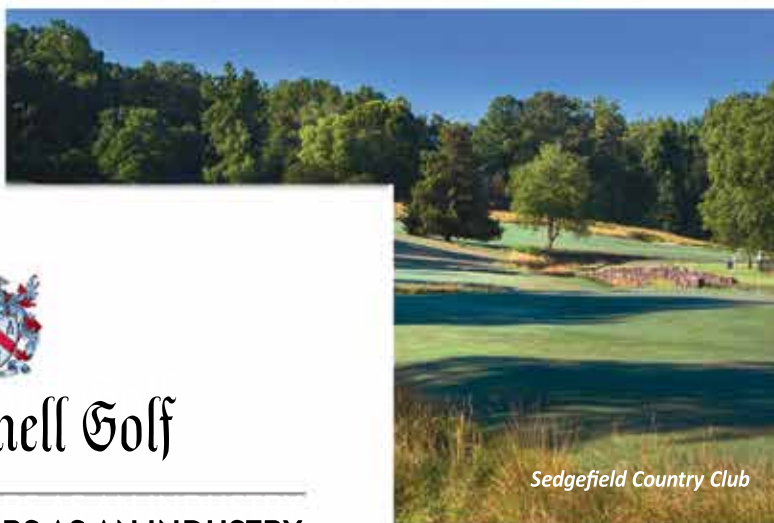
*The Country Club of Asheville*



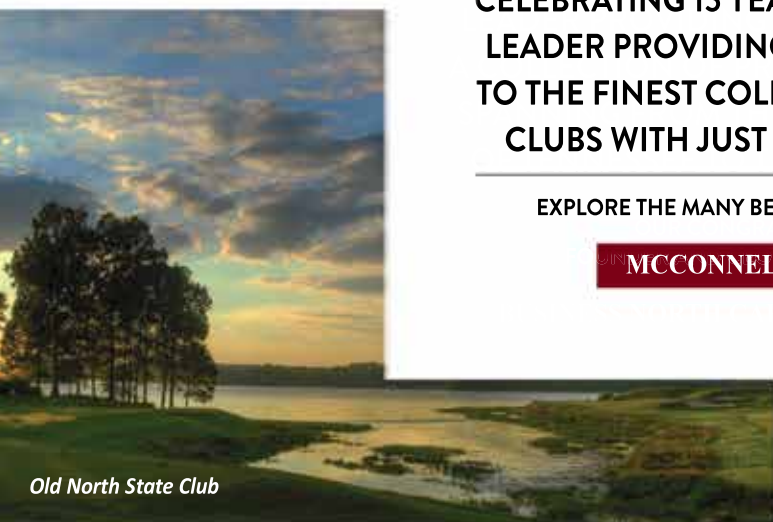
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# Regional Rankings for 2019

## West

1. Grandfather Golf & Country Club, Linville
2. Mountaintop Golf & Lake Club, Cashiers
3. Elk River Club, Banner Elk
4. Wade Hampton Country Club, Cashiers
5. Rock Barn Country Club (Jones), Conover

## Charlotte

1. Quail Hollow Club, Charlotte
2. Charlotte Country Club, Charlotte
3. Trump National Golf Club, Mooresville
4. Myers Park Country Club, Charlotte
5. The Club at Irish Creek, Kannapolis

## Triad

1. Old North State Club, New London
2. Sedgefield Country Club (Ross), Greensboro
3. Old Town Club, Winston-Salem
4. High Point Country Club (Willow Creek), High Point
5. Forsyth Country Club, Winston-Salem

## Triangle

1. Old Chatham Golf Club, Durham
2. Raleigh Country Club, Raleigh
3. MacGregor Downs Country Club, Cary
4. Prestonwood Country Club (Highlands), Cary
5. Governors Club, Chapel Hill

## Sandhills

1. Pinehurst No. 2, Pinehurst
2. Pine Needles Lodge & Golf Club, Southern Pines
3. The Country Club of North Carolina (Dogwood), Pinehurst
4. Pinehurst No. 8, Pinehurst
5. The Country Club of North Carolina (Cardinal), Pinehurst

## East

1. River Landing (River), Wallace
2. River Landing (Landing), Wallace
3. Scotch Hall Preserve, Merry Hill
4. Wilson Country Club, Wilson
5. Benvenue Country Club, Rocky Mount

## Coastal

1. Cape Fear Country Club, Wilmington
2. Eagle Point Golf Club, Wilmington
3. Country Club of Landfall (Dye), Wilmington
4. Country Club of Landfall (Nicklaus), Wilmington
5. Bald Head Golf Club, Bald Head Island

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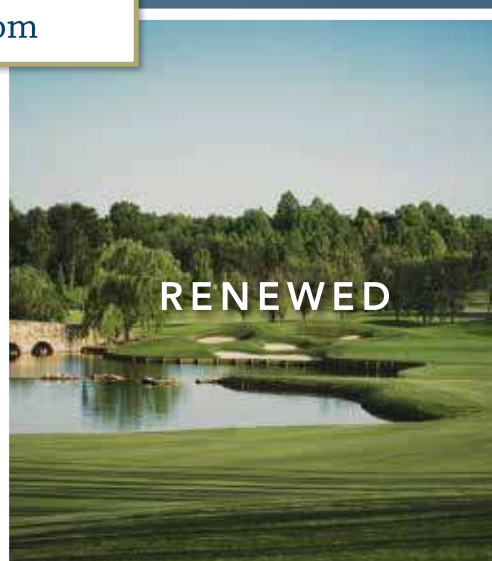
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## NC GOLF

### **Best Golf Getaways**

Panelists were asked: If you had to put together a three-day golf trip within the state — public and semi-private courses only — where would you play?

1. Pinehurst No. 2  
Pinehurst No. 8  
Pine Needles Lodge & Golf Club  
(Sandhills)
2. Currituck Club  
Kilmarlic Golf Club  
Nags Head Golf Links  
(Coastal)
3. Crow Creek Golf Club  
Leopard's Chase  
Thistle Golf Club  
(Coastal)
4. Cape Fear National Golf Club  
Compass Pointe Golf Club  
Magnolia Greens Golf Course  
(Coastal)
5. Boone Golf Club  
Linville Golf Club  
Mountain Glen Golf Club  
(High Country)
6. Legacy Golf Links  
New Course at Talamore  
Southern Pines Golf Club  
(Sandhills)
7. Beaufort Club  
Carolina Colours Golf Club  
Cutter Creek Golf Club  
(East)
8. Duke University Golf Club  
UNC Finley Golf Course  
Lonnie Poole Golf Course  
(Triangle)
9. Bryan Park Champions  
Oak Hollow Golf Course  
Tanglewood Park (Championship)  
(Triad)
10. The Golf Club at Ballantyne  
Highland Creek Golf Club  
Rocky River Golf Club  
(Charlotte)

# Most Fun Courses to Play

## West

1. Hound Ears Club, Blowing Rock
2. Mimosa Hills, Morganton
3. Boone Golf Club, Boone
4. Mountain Glen Golf Club, Newland
5. Mount Mitchell Golf Club, Mount Mitchell

## Charlotte

1. The Peninsula Club, Cornelius
2. Cedarwood Country Club, Charlotte
3. Rocky River Golf Club, Concord
4. River Run Country Club, Davidson
5. Red Bridge Golf Club, Locust

## Triad

1. Mill Creek Golf Club, Mebane
2. Stoney Creek Golf Club, Whitsett
3. Maple Chase Golf & Country Club, Winston-Salem
4. Greensboro National Golf Course, Summerfield
5. Oak Valley Golf Club, Advance

## Triangle

1. Wildwood Green Golf Club, Raleigh
2. Neuse Golf Club, Clayton
3. The Preserve at Jordan Lake Golf Club, Chapel Hill
4. River Ridge Country Club, Raleigh
5. Chapel Ridge Golf Club, Chapel Hill

## Sandhills

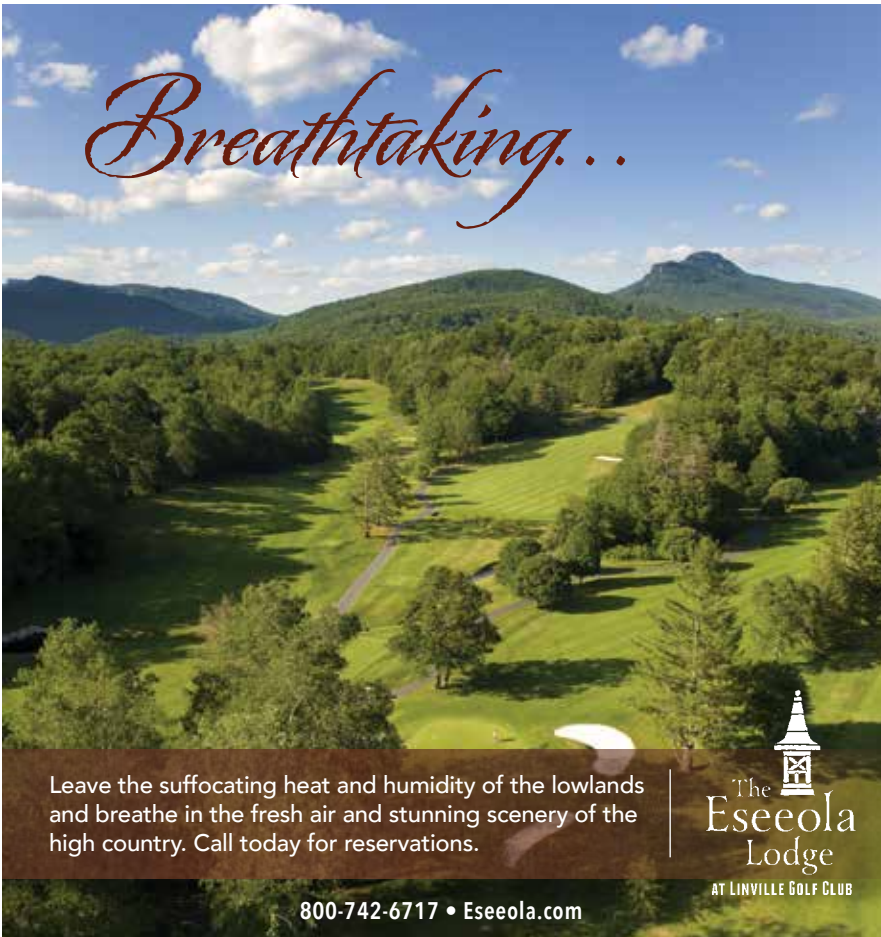
1. Mid Pines Inn & Golf Club, Southern Pines
2. Legacy Golf Links, Aberdeen
3. Southern Pines Golf Club, Southern Pines
4. The New Course at Talamore, Southern Pines
5. Seven Lakes Country Club, Seven Lakes

## East

1. Benvenue Country Club, Rocky Mount
2. Scotch Hall Preserve, Merry Hill
3. Wilson Country Club, Wilson
4. Belmont Lake Golf Club, Rocky Mount
5. Brook Valley Country Club, Greenville

## Coastal

1. Kilmarlic Golf Club, Powells Point
2. Compass Pointe Golf Club, Leland
3. Thistle Golf Club, Sunset Beach
4. Nags Head Golf Links, Nags Head
5. Wilmington Municipal Golf Course, Wilmington



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## West

1. Grandfather Golf & Country Club, Linville
2. Lake Toxaway Country Club, Lake Toxaway
3. Elk River Club, Banner Elk
4. Mountaintop Golf & Lake Club, Cashiers
5. Boone Golf Club, Boone

## Charlotte

1. Quail Hollow Club, Charlotte
2. Charlotte Country Club, Charlotte
3. The Golf Club at Ballantyne, Charlotte
4. The Peninsula Club, Cornelius
5. Trump National Golf Club, Mooresville

## Triad

1. Grandover Resort, Greensboro
2. Old Town Club, Winston-Salem
3. Old North State Club, New London
4. Forsyth Country Club, Winston-Salem
5. The Cardinal by Pete Dye, Greensboro

## Triangle

1. Raleigh Country Club, Raleigh
2. Prestonwood Country Club, Raleigh
3. Lonnie Poole Golf Course, Raleigh
4. UNC Finley Golf Course, Chapel Hill
5. Duke University Golf Club, Durham

## Sandhills

1. Pinehurst Resort & Country Club, Pinehurst
2. Pine Needles Lodge & Golf Club, Southern Pines
3. Country Club of North Carolina, Pinehurst
4. Forest Creek Golf Club, Pinehurst
5. Pinewild Country Club, Pinehurst

## East

1. River Landing, Wallace
2. Cutter Creek Golf Club, Snow Hill
3. Keith Hills Country Club, Buies Creek
4. Scotch Hall Preserve, Merry Hill
5. Wilson Country Club, Wilson

## Coastal

1. Eagle Point Golf Club, Wilmington
2. Country Club of Landfall, Wilmington
3. Bald Head Island Club, Bald Head Island
4. St. James Plantation, St. James
5. Compass Pointe Golf Club, Leland



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Panelists' top picks for the best public and semi-private courses in the state.

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1. Pinehurst No. 2, Pinehurst	72	7,588	76.5/138
2. Pine Needles Lodge & Golf Club, Southern Pines	71	7,015	73.5/135
3. Pinehurst No. 8, Pinehurst	72	7,099	74.1/137
4. Pinehurst No. 4, Pinehurst	72	7,225	74.9/138
5. Mid Pines Inn & Golf Club, Southern Pines	72	6,528	71.3/127
6. Pinehurst No. 9, Pinehurst	72	7,125	75.1/143
7. Linville Golf Club, Linville	72	6,946	73.4/139
8. UNC Finley Golf Course, Chapel Hill	72	7,223	74.9/138
9. Bald Head Island Club, Bald Head Island	72	6,855	73.7/143
10. Duke University Golf Club, Durham	72	7,105	73.9/141
11. Leopard's Chase, Sunset Beach	72	7,055	74.3/140
12. Scotch Hall Preserve, Merry Hill	72	7,257	76.3/139
13. Mid South Club, Southern Pines	71	7,003	73.8/144
14. The Cardinal by Pete Dye*, Greensboro	70	6,821	74.2/139
15. Tiger's Eye, Sunset Beach	72	6,849	73.3/141
16. Pinehurst No. 7, Pinehurst	72	7,216	75.5/143
17. Lonnie Poole Golf Course, Raleigh	72	7,358	74.4/142
18. Grandover (East), Greensboro	72	7,270	75.4/140
19. Bryan Park Golf and Conference Center (Champions), Browns Summit	72	7,255	75.4/140
20. The Currituck Club, Corolla	72	6,888	73.9/136
21. Thistle Golf Club, Sunset Beach	71	6,898	74.1/135
22. Mimosa Hills, Morganton	72	6,750	72.8/137
23. Cape Fear National Golf Club, Leland	72	7,217	74.5/143
24. Grandover (West), Greensboro	72	6,800	72.7/137
25. Kilmarlic Golf Club, Powells Point	72	6,560	72.2/144
26. Rocky River Golf Club, Concord	72	6,970	73.5/137
27. Mill Creek Golf Club, Mebane	72	7,004	73.5/144
28. Compass Pointe Golf Club, Leland	72	7,228	74.6/138
29. New Course at Talamore, Southern Pines	71	6,840	73.2/140
30. Crow Creek Golf Club, Calabash	72	7,101	73.9/130
31. Southern Pines Golf Club, Southern Pines	71	6,268	70.3/130
32. Stoney Creek Golf Club, Whitsett	71	7,016	73.8/139
33. Pinehurst No. 6, Pinehurst	72	7,053	74.7/139
34. Heritage Club, Wake Forest	72	7,016	73.1/133
35. Cutter Creek Golf Club, Snow Hill	72	7,280	75.3/144
36. Nags Head Golf Links, Nags Head	71	6,126	70.2/138
37. Legacy Golf Links, Aberdeen	72	7,004	73.9/133
38. Tanglewood Park (Championship), Clemmons	70	7,101	74.6/140
39. Longleaf Golf & Family Club, Southern Pines	72	6,709	72.4/132
40. Carolina Colours Golf Club, New Bern	72	7,008	72.9/132
41. Tobacco Road Golf Club, Sanford	71	6,554	73.2/150
42. Greensboro National Golf Course, Summerfield	72	6,806	72.1/135
43. Belmont Lake Golf Club, Rocky Mount	72	7,095	74.0/135
44. Mount Mitchell Golf Club, Burnsville	72	6,495	70.0/121
45. The Golf Club at Ballantyne, Charlotte	71	6,710	71.5/133
46. Forest Oaks Country Club, Greensboro	72	7,197	75.9/145
47. Seven Lakes Country Club, Seven Lakes	72	6,943	74.4/140
48. Wilmington Municipal Golf Club, Wilmington	71	6,564	71.2/128
49. Grove Park Inn, Asheville	70	6,162	70.0/126
50. Boone Golf Club, Boone	71	6,686	71.3/128

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