

TOP 100 GOLF COURSES

2015	2014	Course	Par	Yardage (back tees)	Course rating/slope
1	1	Pinehurst No. 2, Pinehurst	72	7,497	76.4/141

2 Grandfather Golf and Country Club Linville

2014 rank: 2	72	7,085	74.3/145
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Agnes "Aggie" Woodruff, sister of the late Tar Heel conservationist and photographer Hugh Morton, hired Ellis Maples to design this mountainous course in the 1960s on land she inherited from her grandfather, Wilmington developer Hugh MacRae.



3	3	The Country Club of North Carolina (Dogwood), Pinehurst	72	7,204	75.2/134
4	4	Old North State Club, New London	72	7,102	74.8/142
5	6	Pine Needles Lodge and Golf Club, Southern Pines	71	7,015	73.5/135
6	7	Elk River Club, Banner Elk	72	6,826	73.4/141
7	5	Quail Hollow Club, Charlotte	72	7,396	75.0/140

85,501

Estimated number of people who attended the 2014 U.S. Open at Pinehurst last June. Held the following week, the U.S. Women's Open attracted an estimated 34,147 people.

8 Charlotte Country Club Charlotte

2014 rank: 8	71	7,335	75.9/146
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Charlotte's first 18-hole golf course was completed in 1915. Architect Ron Prichard restored the Donald Ross-designed course in 2009, earning it *Golf Digest's* award for Best Remodel.



9	9	Pinehurst No. 8, Pinehurst	72	7,092	74.1/138
10	10	Wade Hampton Golf Club, Cashiers	72	7,154	74.0/144
11	12	Pinehurst No. 4, Pinehurst	72	7,117	74.2/135
12	14	Cape Fear Country Club, Wilmington	72	6,856	73.4/135
13	13	Biltmore Forest Country Club, Asheville	70	6,606	71.5/127
14	15	Eagle Point Golf Club, Wilmington	72	7,170	74.5/137
15	11	Forest Creek Golf Club (South), Pinehurst	72	7,067	74.6/143
16	22	Sedgefield Country Club (Ross), Greensboro	71	7,117	72.9/130
17	16	The Country Club of North Carolina (Cardinal), Pinehurst	72	7,212	75.0/141
18	24	Old Town Club, Winston-Salem	71	6,825	73.2/132
19	25	Mid Pines Inn and Golf Club, Southern Pines	72	6,528	71.3/127
20	18	Old Chatham Golf Club, Durham	72	7,210	74.0/131

21 Raleigh Country Club Raleigh

2014 rank: 21	71	6,816	73.7/135
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Raleigh software entrepreneur John McConnell purchased this club out of bankruptcy court in 2003. McConnell Golf LLC now owns 10 private clubs in the Carolinas, including recent additions The Country Club of Asheville and Greenville's Brook Valley Country Club.



22	17	Linville Golf Club, Linville	72	6,946	73.4/139
23	19	Forest Creek Golf Club (North), Pinehurst	72	7,139	74.7/144
24	33	Trump National Golf Club, Mooresville	72	7,037	74.2/140
25	20	Rock Barn Golf and Spa (Jones), Conover	72	7,126	74.4/141
26	23	Myers Park Country Club, Charlotte	71	7,120	74.3/138
27	29	Prestonwood Country Club (Highlands), Cary	72	7,082	74.4/138

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28	27	River Landing (River), Wallace	72	7,009	73.5/141
29	37	Country Club of Landfall (Dye), Wilmington	72	7,026	74.3/132
30	28	Treyburn Country Club, Durham	72	7,070	74.5/140
31	30	Greensboro Country Club (Farm), Greensboro	72	7,302	75.1/140
32	34	High Point Country Club (Willow Creek), High Point	72	6,972	73.9/139
33	31	Forsyth Country Club, Winston-Salem	71	6,555	71.7/130
34	26	Pinehurst No. 9, Pinehurst	72	7,125	75.1/143
35	32	Dormie Club, West End	72	6,988	74.0/140
36	57	Governors Club, Chapel Hill	72	7,062	75.1/144
37	36	The Hasentree Club, Wake Forest	71	7,074	73.9/139
38	59	Country Club of Landfall (Nicklaus), Wilmington	72	7,100	75.1/144
39	38	UNC Finley Golf Course, Chapel Hill	72	7,119	75.2/141

40 The Club at Irish Creek

Kannapolis

2014 rank: 46 72 7,099 74.3/137

Dole Food Co. Chairman David Murdock bought the former Kannapolis Country Club in 1982 as part of his purchase of now-defunct Cannon Mills Co. Charlotte native and 1997 PGA Championship winner Davis Love III renovated the course in 2007.



41	44	Duke University Golf Club, Durham	72	7,105	73.9/141
42	40	Pinewild Country Club (Magnolia), Pinehurst	72	7,446	76.4/139
43	35	Bright's Creek Golf Club, Mill Spring	72	7,392	76.1/143
44	39	Balsam Mountain Preserve, Sylva	70	6,859	73.0/145
45	41	Bald Head Island Club, Bald Head Island	72	6,855	73.8/137
46	43	Carmel Country Club (South), Charlotte	72	7,503	76.5/142
47	47	River Run Country Club, Davidson	72	6,947	74.2/138
48	42	Leopard's Chase, Sunset Beach	72	7,055	74.3/140
49	51	Hope Valley Country Club, Durham	70	6,671	73.1/133
50	49	River Landing (Landing), Wallace	72	7,112	74.0/132
51	48	Gaston Country Club, Gastonia	72	7,042	74.2/135
52	45	Tiger's Eye, Sunset Beach	72	6,849	73.3/141
53	52	Alamance Country Club, Burlington	71	6,900	72.8/128
54	53	St. James Plantation (Reserve), Southport	72	7,212	75.2/140
55	72	Prestonwood Country Club (Meadows), Cary	72	7,108	74.6/138

56 Grandover (East)

Greensboro

2014 rank: 55 72 7,250 72.5/136

Developed by Greensboro's Koury Corp. and opened in 1996, its towering resort and conference center beckon travelers along Interstate 85 in southwest Greensboro. The course added six new tee areas in 2011 to expand its total yardage to 7,250.

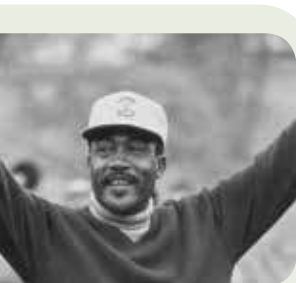


57	54	Pinehurst No. 7, Pinehurst	72	7,216	75.5/149
58	56	Sedgefield Country Club (Dye), Greensboro	70	6,821	74.2/139
59	50	Scotch Hall Preserve, Merry Hill	72	7,257	76.3/139
60	60	The Country Club of Asheville, Asheville	71	6,672	72.3/134
61	66	Bryan Park Golf and Conference Center (Champions), Browns Summit	72	7,097	74.5/135
62	58	Linville Ridge, Linville	72	6,775	72.8/136
63	62	MacGregor Downs Country Club, Cary	72	6,812	72.9/134
64	79	Porters Neck Country Club, Wilmington	72	7,112	74.8/138

8.1%

Increase in golf-fee revenue in North Carolina in 2014 compared with 2013, according to the PGA.

2015	2014	Course	Par	Yardage (back tees)	Course rating/slope
65	61	The Club at Longview, Weddington	72	7,068	74.5/140
66	65	Pinewood Country Club, Asheboro	72	6,830	73.5/134
67	67	Grandover (West), Greensboro	72	7,100	74.3/140
68	73	Tournament Players Club at Wakefield Plantation, Raleigh	72	7,257	75.2/137
69	67	Lake Toxaway Country Club, Lake Toxaway	71	6,500	70.9/134
70	74	Cape Fear National at Brunswick Forest, Leland	72	7,217	74.5/143
71	64	Mid South Club, Pinehurst	71	6,988	73.9/140
72	76	The Currituck Club, Corolla	72	6,888	73.9/136
73	70	Tobacco Road Golf Club, Sanford	71	6,554	73.2/150
74	63	The Cliffs at Walnut Cove, Arden	72	7,278	74.7/138
75	69	Brier Creek Country Club, Raleigh	72	6,885	73.6/139
76	75	Tanglewood Park (Championship), Clemmons	70	7,018	75.4/142
77	71	Carolina Golf Club, Charlotte	71	7,011	73.2/138



CHARLESSIFFORD

North Carolina's golf community lost one of its icons when Charlie Sifford died Feb. 3 at age 92. Sifford was the first black golfer to earn a PGA Tour card and to be inducted into the World Golf Hall of Fame. The Charlotte native was awarded the Presidential Medal of Freedom in November. At the presentation, President Barack Obama said, "... He had plenty of guts and grit and that trademark cigar. And Charlie won on the Tour twice, both after age 45. But it was never just about the wins. As Charlie says, 'I wasn't just trying to do this for me, I was trying to do it for the world.'"

78 Lonnie Poole Golf Course at N.C. State University, Raleigh

2014 rank: 78 71 7,358 74.9/144

Poole, a 1959 N.C. State graduate and founder of Raleigh-based Waste Industries USA Inc., donated \$3 million toward construction of this Arnold Palmer-designed course, which opened in 2009. Poole and his wife Carol later donated another \$2.5 million for naming rights to the clubhouse as part of a \$40 million gift to his alma mater.



79	77	Ballantyne Country Club, Charlotte	72	7,034	74.1/136
80	81	Wilson Country Club, Wilson	72	6,851	73.1/136
81	-	Cedarwood Country Club, Charlotte	71	6,940	73.4/132
82	80	The Golf Club at Ballantyne Hotel & Lodge, Charlotte	71	6,710	71.5/133
83	85	Crow Creek Golf Club, Calabash	72	7,101	73.9/130
84	82	Jefferson Landing, Jefferson	72	7,111	73.1/134
85	87	Hound Ears Club, Boone	72	6,327	69.9/129
86	83	Forest Oaks Country Club, Greensboro	72	7,197	75.9/145
87	88	Rocky River Golf Club, Concord	72	6,970	73.5/137
88	89	Kilmarlic Golf Club, Powells Point	72	6,560	72.2/144
89	84	Country Club of Salisbury, Salisbury	71	6,665	72.0/128
90	90	Blowing Rock Country Club, Blowing Rock	72	6,162	69.9/130
91	92	Prestonwood Country Club (Fairways), Cary	70	6,475	71.2/134
92	86	Omni Grove Park Inn Golf Course, Asheville	70	6,162	70.0/126
93	93	Seven Lakes Country Club, Seven Lakes	72	6,943	74.4/140
94	91	Legacy Golf Links, Aberdeen	72	7,004	73.2/132
95	94	Starmount Forest Country Club, Greensboro	71	6,518	72.0/136
96	96	Mount Mitchell Golf Club, Burnsville	72	6,495	70.0/121
97	99	Mill Creek Golf Club, Mebane	72	7,004	73.5/144

98 Nags Head Golf Links Nags Head

2014 rank: 97 71 6,126 70.2/138

Rolling sand dunes, wild sea grass and a backdrop of the Roanoke Sound provide unparalleled views, while coastal winds add challenge to this Bob Moore-designed Outer Banks course that opened in 1986.



99	-	Red Bridge Golf & Country Club, Locust	72	6,735	72.5/138
100	95	Mountain Air Country Club, Burnsville	71	6,425	70.9/129