

## **Golf is the Name of the Game in the Myrtle Beach Area**

The Myrtle Beach area boasts more than 100 of the most unique, challenging and picturesque golf courses in the world, making it a premiere destination for golf enthusiasts and aficionados with more than four million rounds of golf played annually.

Golfers can experience the beauty of oceanfront holes or stand in the midst of giant live oaks draped in Spanish moss on the site of a colonial rice plantation. Course designers have taken great pains to protect the natural habitat and wildlife indigenous to the Grand Strand while creating courses that are technically challenging and beautiful. Among the world-renowned architects: Jack Nicklaus, Arnold Palmer, Robert Trent Jones, Davis Love III, Tom Fazio, Greg Norman, Gary Player, and Pete and P.B. Dye.

Several world-famous golfers designed many of Myrtle Beach's most challenging courses. Then there's one which played a part in the history of the popular magazine whose pages these athletes have graced - "Sports Illustrated." The year was 1954, and Pine Lakes Country Club hosted the magazine's first sales conference just a few weeks before the debut issue was released.

The majority of the Myrtle Beach area's golf courses are open to the public. Many host professional and amateur tournaments including the PGA TOUR Superstore World Amateur Handicap Championship each fall, which is played out on more than 70 different courses throughout the destination.

Nearly one-third of the Myrtle Beach area's golf courses are rated with four-stars or higher in Golf Digest's "Places to Play" and seven courses are ranked among the "Top 100 Public Courses in America." The readers of PGA.com chose Myrtle Beach as the No. 2 spot in a round-up of the top nine family-friendly golf resorts.

In 1967, Myrtle Beach Golf Holiday was founded as a not-for-profit organization to promote golf vacations and golf events. Today, Myrtle Beach Golf Holiday includes numerous Grand Strand golf courses and resorts ([www.GolfHoliday.com](http://www.GolfHoliday.com)).

As if this wasn't enough, golf enthusiasts looking for that perfect driver or putter now have a local destination. Golf Xtreme, the largest golf-only retailer in the world with almost 150 stores in the U.S. and Canada, recently opened its newest facility on Oak Forest Lane in Myrtle Beach.

## **Following is a listing of the Myrtle Beach Area's famed courses:**

### **NORTH STRAND**

- **Aberdeen Country Club** – (800) 344-5590
- **Azalea Sands** – [www.azaleasandsgc.com](http://www.azaleasandsgc.com); (843) 272-6191
- **Beachwood Golf Club** – [www.beachwoodgolf.com](http://www.beachwoodgolf.com); (800) 526-4889
- **Black Bear Golf Club** – [www.classicgolfgroup.com/blackbeargolfclub.html](http://www.classicgolfgroup.com/blackbeargolfclub.html); (800) TEE-OFFS
- **Carolina National Golf Club** -- [www.carolinanationalgolf.com](http://www.carolinanationalgolf.com); (910) 755-5200
- **Crow Creek Golf Club** – [www.crowcreek.com](http://www.crowcreek.com); (910) 287-3081
- **Crown Park Golf Club** – [www.crownparkmb.com](http://www.crownparkmb.com); (843) 756-3200
- **Dye Course at Barefoot Resort and Golf** – [www.barefootgolf.com](http://www.barefootgolf.com); (866) 638-4818
- **Eagle Nest Golf Club** – [www.eaglenestgolf.com](http://www.eaglenestgolf.com); (800) 543-3113
- **Farmstead Golf Links** – [www.farmsteadgolflinks.com](http://www.farmsteadgolflinks.com); (866) 749-7277

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- **Farmstead Golf Links** – [www.farmsteadgolfinks.com](http://www.farmsteadgolfinks.com); (910) 575-7999
- **Fazio Course at Barefoot Resort and Golf** – [www.barefootgolf.com](http://www.barefootgolf.com); (866) 638-4818
- **Glen Dornoch Waterway Golf Links** – (843) 249-2541
- **Heather Glen Golf Course** – [www.glensgolfgroup.com](http://www.glensgolfgroup.com); (843) 249-9000
- **Lion's Paw Golf Links** – (800) 882-3240
- **The Long Bay Club** – (800) 344-5590
- **Love Course at Barefoot Resort and Golf** – (888) 253-5426
- **Meadowlands** – [www.MeadowLandsGolf.com](http://www.MeadowLandsGolf.com); (888) 287-7529
- **Norman Course at Barefoot Resort and Golf** – [www.barefootgolf.com](http://www.barefootgolf.com); (866) 638-4818
- **Oyster Bay Golf Links** -- (910) 579-3528
- **Panther's Run Golf Links** – (910) 287-1717
- **The Pearl Golf Links** – [www.ThePearlGolf.com](http://www.ThePearlGolf.com); (888) 947-3275
- **Possum Trot Golf Club** – [www.PossumTrot.com](http://www.PossumTrot.com); (800) 626-8768
- **River Hills Golf & Country Club** – [www.RiverHillsGolf.com](http://www.RiverHillsGolf.com); (800) 264-3810
- **Rivers Edge Golf Club** – [www.riversedge-nc.com](http://www.riversedge-nc.com); (800) 789-0535
- **Sandpiper Bay** – [www.SandpiperBayGolf.com](http://www.SandpiperBayGolf.com); (800) 356-5827
- **Tidewater Golf Club & Plantation** – [www.tidewatergolf.com](http://www.tidewatergolf.com); (866) 772-4669
- **Thistle Golf Club** – [www.thistlegolf.com](http://www.thistlegolf.com); (910) 575-8700
- **Tiger's Eye Golf Links** – (800) 233-1801

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- **Arcadian Shores Golf Club** – (866) 326-5275
- **Arrowhead Country Club** – [www.Arrowheadcc.com](http://www.Arrowheadcc.com); (800) 236-3243
- **Avocet Course at Wild Wing Plantation** – [www.wildwing.com](http://www.wildwing.com); (877) 283-2122
- **Burning Ridge Golf Club** – [www.classicgolfgroup.com](http://www.classicgolfgroup.com); (800) TEE-OFFS
- **The Dunes Golf and Beach Club** – [www.DunesGolfandBeachClub.com](http://www.DunesGolfandBeachClub.com); (843) 449-5236
- **Grand Dunes Golf Club** – (843) 449-7070
- **Hackler Golf Course at Coastal Carolina University** – [www.coastal.edu/hacklercourse](http://www.coastal.edu/hacklercourse); (843) 349-6600
- **Heathland Golf Course at the Legends Resort** – [www.legendsgolf.com](http://www.legendsgolf.com); (843) 236-9318
- **Hummingbird Course at Wild Wing Plantation** – (843) 347-9464
- **King's North at Myrtle Beach National Golf Club** – [www.mbn.com](http://www.mbn.com); (843) 347-3333
- **Legends Golf Resort** – [www.legendsgolf.com](http://www.legendsgolf.com); (843) 236-9318
- **Man O'War** – [www.ManOWarGolfCourse.com](http://www.ManOWarGolfCourse.com); (843) 236-8000
- **Palmetto Course at Myrtlewood Golf Club** – [www.myrtlewoodgolf.com](http://www.myrtlewoodgolf.com); (843) 913-4516
- **Parkland Course at the Legends Resort** – [www.legendsgolf.com](http://www.legendsgolf.com); (800) 299-6187
- **Pine Hills Course at Myrtlewood Golf Club** – [www.myrtlewoodgolf.com](http://www.myrtlewoodgolf.com); (843) 913-4516
- **Pine Lakes Country Club** – [www.pinelakes.com](http://www.pinelakes.com); (866) 772-4669
- **River Oaks Golf Plantation** – [www.RiverOaksGolfPlantation.com](http://www.RiverOaksGolfPlantation.com); (800) 762-8813
- **Shaftesbury Glen Golf and Fish Club** – (888) 999-9520
- **Southcreek at Myrtle Beach National** – (843) 347-4653



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- **Waterway Hills** – (800) 344-5590
- **West Course at Myrtle Beach National** – (843) 347-4653
- **Wicked Stick Golf Links** – [www.wickedstick.com](http://www.wickedstick.com); (843) 215-2500
- **Witch of Myrtle Beach** – [www.witchgolf.com](http://www.witchgolf.com); (843) 448-1300
- **The Wizard** – [www.WizardGolfCourse.com](http://www.WizardGolfCourse.com); (843) 236-9393
- **World Tour Golf Links** – [www.theworldourgolf.com](http://www.theworldourgolf.com); (877) 377-7773

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- **Blackmoor** – [www.Blackmoor.com](http://www.Blackmoor.com); (866) 952-5555
- **Caledonia Golf and Fish Club** – [www.fishclub.com](http://www.fishclub.com); (843) 237-3675
- **Eagle Nest Golf Club** – [www.golfcourseatmyrtlebeach.com](http://www.golfcourseatmyrtlebeach.com); (843) 249-1449
- **Founders Club at Pawleys Island** – [www.classicgolfgroup.com/foundersclubpawleysisland.html](http://www.classicgolfgroup.com/foundersclubpawleysisland.html); (800) TEE-OFFS
- **Heritage Golf Club** – (843) 237-2663
- **Indian Wells Golf Club** – [www.classicgolfgroup.com/indianwellsgolfclub.html](http://www.classicgolfgroup.com/indianwellsgolfclub.html); (800) TEE-OFFS
- **Indigo Creek Golf Club** – [www.indigocreekgolfclub.com](http://www.indigocreekgolfclub.com); (843) 650-1809
- **International Club** – [www.internationalclubgolf.com](http://www.internationalclubgolf.com); (843) 651-9995
- **Litchfield Country Club** – [www.LitchfieldBeach.com](http://www.LitchfieldBeach.com); (888) 766-4633
- **Pawleys Plantation** – [www.PawleysPlantation.com](http://www.PawleysPlantation.com); (800) 367-9959
- **Prestwick Country Club** – [www.PrestwickCountryClub.com](http://www.PrestwickCountryClub.com); (843) 293-4100
- **River Club** – (843) 237-8880
- **TPC Myrtle Beach** – [www.TPCMYRTLEBEACH.com](http://www.TPCMYRTLEBEACH.com); (843) 357-3399
- **The Tradition Club** – [www.TraditionGolfClub.com](http://www.TraditionGolfClub.com); (877) 599-0888
- **True Blue Golf Club** – (888) 483-6801
- **Wachesaw Plantation East** – <http://WachesawEast.com>; (888) 922-0027
- **Willbrook Plantation Golf Club** – (800) 344-5590



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## Friendly competition: Myrtle Beach area golf tournaments

### **Myrtle Beach Preseason Classic (Jan. 31 – Feb. 3, 2016)**

New for 2015, the Myrtle Beach Preseason Classic is a 54 hole, two-person golf tournament that included six great Myrtle Beach layouts. The event includes flight prizes, random drawings, on course contest and great golf camaraderie. Limited to the first 100 teams, players will compete on three different courses to determine the winner of each flight based on team handicap. Different formats each day will keep the competition fresh and keep the leader board tight for all 3 rounds. For more information, visit <http://myrtlebeachpreseason.com>.

### **Hootie and the Blowfish Monday After the Masters Pro-Am (April 11, 2016)**

Although its invitation only, the annual Hootie and the Blowfish Monday After the Masters Pro-Am is fun to watch, and proceeds go to numerous charities supported by the South Carolina band's foundation. For more information, visit [www.hootiegolf.com](http://www.hootiegolf.com).

### **Never Forget Memorial Golf Outing (May 23-25, 2016)**

More than 1,000 firefighters from around the country flock to Myrtle Beach for three days of golf, food, drink, fun...and even a belly flop contest! The Alfred E. Ronaldson Spring Golf Classic started in Orange County, N.Y., in May 1992, and has since expanded and changed host locations to the sunny Grand Strand. For more information, visit [www.myrtlebeachneverforgets.com](http://www.myrtlebeachneverforgets.com).

### **Veterans Golf Classic (May 2016)**

Held prior to the Memorial Day holiday, more than 10 area courses play host to this popular tournament, which honors both present and past members of our armed forces. Two-man teams compete in this 54-hole competition. As if that wasn't enough, there's also the tournament within the tournament. The Carolina Cup pits members of the American Legion against those of the VFW. Then there's the Branch Challenge, which discovers who is the best of the best from Army, Navy, Air Force, Marines and Coast Guard. For more information, visit [www.veteransclassic.com](http://www.veteransclassic.com).

### **National Retired Military Golf Classic (June 1-4, 2016)**

The 32nd annual competition gives retired military personnel the chance to compete and form new friendships while competing at Myrtle Beach National, Wild Wing and Myrtlewood courses. For more information, visit [www.oceanaresorts.com/golf/nrmgc](http://www.oceanaresorts.com/golf/nrmgc).

### **Family Golf Tournament (June to August)**

During the summer months, Myrtle Beach Golf Holiday sponsors Family Golf Tournaments at various courses. Three worthwhile events with specialized fields include the Veterans Golf Classic, for active members of the service or veterans and their families; FDNY Memorial Golf Outing, for firefighters from across the country; and National Law Enforcement Officers Memorial Golf Classic.

### **Father & Son Team Classic (July 20-23, 2016)**

The annual Father & Son Team Challenge attracts nearly 1,600 participants to compete in various categories for three days of gold. Fathers and sons, grandfathers and grandsons, uncles and nephews, stepfathers and stepsons are all welcome. For more information, visit [www.fathersongolf.com](http://www.fathersongolf.com)





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### **Kids Play Free Program (Summer)**

The Myrtle Beach area has 46 courses, including some of the nation's best, that allow junior golfers (kids 16 and under) to play for free when accompanied by a paying adult. Several other facilities permit juniors to play for free during the summer and at deeply discounted prices the rest of the year, allowing Myrtle Beach to do its part to help ensure the future growth of the game. For a list of participating courses, visit <http://www.golfholiday.com/content/kids-play-free-in-myrtle-beach.cfm>.

### **World Amateur Tournament (Aug. 29 – Sept. 2, 2016)**

For 28 years and counting, the World Amateur tournament has attracted golfers from all 50 states and 20 nations around the world for the gala event. With the field of nearly 4,000 golfers divided into various divisions and nearly 50 flights, the four-day stroke-play event winds down to a fifth day shootout for the championship. Every night, the participants and their friends and families gather at the Myrtle Beach Convention Center for the “world’s largest 19th hole” party. Sponsored by the PGA Tour Superstores, there are prizes galore as well, even for those who don’t win. Official handicap is required. For more information, visit [www.worldamgolf.com](http://www.worldamgolf.com).

For more golf event information, visit [www.GrandStrandEvents.com](http://www.GrandStrandEvents.com) or [www.GolfHoliday.com](http://www.GolfHoliday.com). For additional information on the Myrtle Beach Area, visit [www.VisitMyrtleBeach.com](http://www.VisitMyrtleBeach.com) or call 1.888.Myrtle1.