



GOLF IS THE NAME OF THE GAME IN THE MYRTLE BEACH

-- Seaside Golf Capital of the World --

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.

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." In 2002, the Myrtle Beach area was designated "Golf Destination of the Year" by the International Association of Golf Tour Operators, winning out over such hotspots as Palm Springs, Hilton Head, Northeast Florida, Scotland, Ireland, and previous winners including the Algarve in Portugal.

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 nearly 100 Grand Strand golf courses and resorts (www.GolfHoliday.com).

Following is a partial listing of the Myrtle Beach Area's famed courses.

NORTH STRAND

Aberdeen Country Club -- (800) 344-5590

Barefoot Resort & Golf – www.barefootgolf.com; (800) 320-6536

Beachwood Golf Club – www.beachwoodgolf.com; (800) 526-4889

Black Bear Golf Club – www.classicgolfgroup.com/blackbeargolfclub.html; (800) TEE-OFFS

Eagle Nest Golf Club – www.eaglenestgolf.com; (800) 543-3113

Farmstead Golf Links – www.farmsteadgolfinks.com; (866) 749-7277

The Long Bay Club – (800) 344-5590

Meadowlands – www.MeadowLandsGolf.com; (888) 287-7529

The Pearl Golf Links – www.ThePearlGolf.com; (888) 947-3275

Possum Trot Golf Club – www.PossumTrot.com; (800) 626-8768

River Hills Golf & Country Club – www.RiverHillsGolf.com; (800) 264-3810

Sandpiper Bay – www.SandpiperBayGolf.com; (800) 356-5827

Tidewater Golf Club & Plantation – www.tidewatergolf.com; (866) 772-4669

MYRTLE BEACH

Arcadian Shores Golf Club – (866) 326-5275

Arrowhead Country Club – www.Arrowheadcc.com; (800) 236-3243

Burning Ridge Golf Club – www.classicgolfgroup.com; (800) TEE-OFFS

The Dunes Golf and Beach Club – www.DunesGolfandBeachClub.com; (843) 449-5236

Grand Dunes Golf Club - (843) 449-7070

Man O'War – www.ManOWarGolfCourse.com; (843) 236-8000

Myrtle Beach National – (800) 344-5590

Myrtlewood Golf Club – www.myrtlewoodgolf.com; (800) 283-3633

Pine Lakes Country Club – www.pinelakes.com; (866) 772-4669

River Oaks Golf Plantation – www.RiverOaksGolfPlantation.com; (800) 762-8813

Waterway Hills – (800) 344-5590

Whispering Pines Golf Course – www.wpinesgolf.com; (843) 918-2305

Wild Wing Plantation – www.WildWing.com; (800) 736-WING

Witch of Myrtle Beach – www.witchgolf.com; (843) 448-1300

The Wizard – www.WizardGolfCourse.com; (843) 236-9393

SOUTH STRAND

Blackmoor – www.Blackmoor.com; (866) 952-5555

Founders Club at Pawleys Island – www.classicgolfgroup.com/foundersclubpawleysisland.html; (800) TEE-OFFS

Indian Wells Golf Club – www.classicgolfgroup.com/indianwellsgolfclub.html; (800) TEE-OFFS

Litchfield Country Club – www.LitchfieldBeach.com; (888) 766-4633

Pawleys Plantation – www.PawleysPlantation.com; (800) 367-9959

Prestwick Country Club – www.PrestwickCountryClub.com; (843) 293-4100

River Club – (843) 237-8880

TPC Myrtle Beach – www.TPCMYRTLEBEACH.com; (843) 357-3399

The Tradition Club – www.TraditionGolfClub.com; (877) 599-0888

True Blue Golf Club – (888) 483-6801

Wachesaw Plantation East – <http://WachesawEast.com>; (888) 922-0027

Wedgefield Plantation Golf Club - www.wedgefield.com; (843) 448-2124

Willbrook Plantation Golf Club – (800) 344-5590

FRIENDLY COMPETITION: MYRTLE BEACH GOLF TOURNAMENTS

World Amateur Tournament

For 24 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.

Family Golf Tournament

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 Challenge

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.

Glory Days National Alumni Classic

Does your blood run hot for the colors of your alma mater? Get four fellow alums together and join the madness of the Glory Days National Alumni Classic. Over the course of three days and 54 holes, there will be prizes for the teams, with all the usual prizes and parties to enjoy.

Masters Hootie and the Blowfish Celebrity Pro-Am

Although it's invitation only, the annual Masters Hootie and the Blowfish Celebrity Pro-Am is fun to watch, and proceeds go to numerous charities supported by the South Carolina band's foundation.

KIDS PLAY FREE PROGRAM

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>.

For more golf event information, visit www.GrandStrandEvents.com or www.GolfHoliday.com. For additional information on the Myrtle Beach Area, visit www.VisitMyrtleBeach.com or call 1.888.Myrtle1.

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