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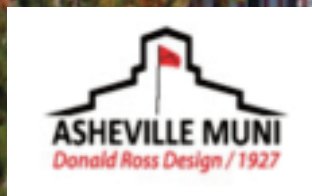


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# All The History Of A Donald Ross Design And All The Scenery Of Asheville, NC

Asheville Golf Course is a true gem and one of the oldest courses in Western North Carolina. This classic layout was designed by famed course architect Donald Ross in 1927 and it accomplishes the difficult double task of being challenging and fun.

The front nine of the par 72 historic course spans 3,246 yards from the back tees. Its scenic design allows for the use of a driver on most holes. Meanwhile, the 3,194 back nine favors accuracy over distance. Although not long by today's standards, the course proves length does not make a great course.



Their friendly staff will help you make start times, rent golf carts and register you and your guests before each round of golf. An excellent selection of merchandise is sold in the golf shop and golf lessons are available. Gift certificates are available in the pro shop and online as well. Contact the pro shop for assistance, or to make an appointment for lessons.

Asheville Golf Course offers chipping and putting areas, and is the perfect place to improve your short game. PGA staff is available for lessons. Take your game to the next level by making time to perfect your swing and improve your golf game today. Just contact Their pro shop to speak with a member of the professional staff and schedule your lesson today. To contact the Pro Shop call (828) 298-1867.

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Championship: Yards 6420 | Rating 71.1 | Slope 122  
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Senior: Yards 5110 | Rating 65.5 | Slope 110  
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## *Asheville Golf Club*

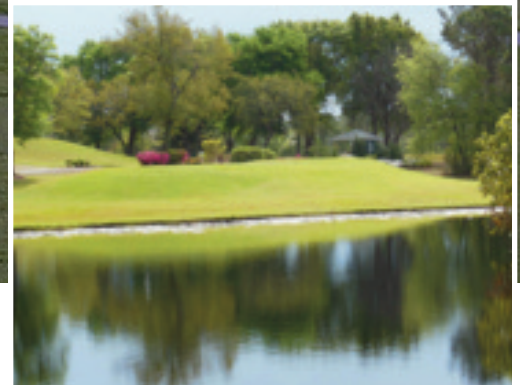
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Asheville, NC 28805  
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# Beau Rivage Golf & Resort

649 Rivage Promenade, Wilmington, North Carolina, USA. 28412 (910) 392-9021



Make your escape from the flat terrain of the coastal region and enjoy a refreshingly unique golf experience. Amid gently rolling hills, willowy pines and aesthetically designed lakes, this 18-hole course ranks among the finest on the coast. Elevations changes up to 75 feet and scads of bunkers place Beau Rivage among the more dramatically landscaped golf courses on the coast.

Carved out of long-needle pine forests, Beau Rivage's 18-hole championship layout incorporates wooded hills, rolling dunes, undulating valleys and plenty of water in-play from estuaries of the neighboring Cape Fear River. Attacking the flags from the rough and pine straw can be a perilous undertaking. With countless tight doglegs and narrow bermuda-grass fairways, Beau Rivage will test one's accuracy off the tee. The Beau's renowned putting greens, made of a genetically engineered form of bermuda-grass, are known for their consistent smoothness, speed and true roll. The countless ups and downs, blind approach shots and natural hazards, combined

with slick greens, Beau Rivage creates a golfing experience that offers even the avid player a challenging round. For tee times and information, contact the Pro Shop directly at (910) 392-9021.

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225 Country Club Drive, State Road, NC 28676 | (336) 835-2320

[www.CedarbrookCountryClub.com](http://www.CedarbrookCountryClub.com)

Cedarbrook Country Club was designed by one of North Carolina's most noted golf architects. Ellis Maples, who studied under Donald Ross and whose family has perhaps the deepest roots in North Carolina golf, sculpted Cedarbrook out of rolling countryside, thick forests, and sparkling lakes. The result was another Maples classic.

The course offers a unique test each time you tee it up. From the front nine's majestic, undulating greens to the back nine's requirement of shotmaking precision, Cedarbrook continues to withstand the test of time. No matter your ability, Cedarbrook has a different challenge for everyone with its four sets of tees and variety of course setups. One thing is certain ... you will always enjoy your rounds of golf there.

Just 45-minutes from Winston-Salem, and a little over an hour from Charlotte or Greensboro. It's easy to get to, but challenging to play. Your day begins perfectly when you climb into one of their comfortable golf carts, complete with a computerized GPS system with a large screen that allows you to see where you are on the course, the location of the players ahead of you, and distances to the hole and hazards. You can even order your lunch or snacks from the cart from their stylish restaurant and bar that is situated in their 10,000 square foot rustic clubhouse.

The tee boxes, fairways and greens are in excellent shape. There is a fair amount of sand and water on the course, which keeps you on your toes, yet it is manageable. The course is 6,747 yards long from the blues, and a formidable 4,920 from the orange tees, with the white, yellow and green tees in between.

Rates are extremely reasonable, especially when you consider the quality of the club. And ... as a bonus, everyone is so friendly, the staff and the

golfers. And, they take care of all the details, even fresh cold water conveniently placed on the course.

### Enjoy The Rustic Club House



Today, Cedarbrook members and visitors enjoy a beautiful clubhouse completed in 2005. The classic clubhouse features clapboard siding, shingled gables, and a distinctive rooftop cupola, paying tribute to the early 1900's origins of the location. After a round of golf on the challenging Ellis Maples designed course, enjoy a meal in their main dining room, or on the veranda overlooking the golf course and picturesque foothills. Or retire to the second floor "Crows Nest Lounge", offering an even more spectacular view of the property. Fully appointed Men's and Women's locker rooms, a well-stocked golf shop, a comfortable Grill Room and Lounge, and a welcoming staff, all contribute to a memorable visit to Cedarbrook Country Club.

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Chicora was built in 1952 by Harnett County citizens as a Country Club. In 2003 all of the Chicora Country Club's facilities were sold to an outside Golf Group. However; in the summer of 2006, a group of prominent local Club Members, that also call Chicora home, joined together to form a new company known as the Chicora Golf Club. Because these owners live on or near the facilities they ensure the Chicora neighborhood and Golf Club will always live up to its Country Club status. Chicora, Native American for "The Land," offers a challenging 18 hole golf course, a putting green, driving range, full-service pro shop, golf lessons by a PGA Certified Instructor, golf carts, rental clubs, full-service bar, food, member and public tournaments, ABC Permits, swimming pool and club house facilities for reserve.

Treat yourself to a visit real soon! Located in Dunn, NC, Chicora was voted one of the best golf courses in the Greater Raleigh/Fayetteville Area. The Chicora Golf Club is an excellent choice for beginner and professional golfers alike. Players from all over recognize this 18-hole course as one of the most challenging in the area – and that's not even the best part about it yet! The climate at our location makes our course playable almost year-round! The air is always fresh, the landscapes are inspiring, and the atmosphere is truly on a class of its own.

### *More Amenities and Services ...*

The Chicora Golf Club is home to more than just the most outstanding course on this side of town. Our club also has all the amenities you need for the best golf experience possible. Chicora also has a putting green, driving range, full service pro shops, a fleet of golf carts, and also offers golf lessons from PGA certified instructors. These facilities are ready at all times and available for tournaments and competitions. We also have facilities and amenities ready for spectators and other non-golfers. Guests can reserve our swimming pool and club house facilities, or marvel at the beautiful views the course offers.

### *Hosting Your Special Events ...*

One of the most notable amenities found at Chicora Golf Club is our beautiful golf course, which serves as the venue of choice for many receptions and other significant events. Whether you are celebrating a lovely spring wedding or a summer company retreat, our club has the facilities to make your event a success. More than the venue itself, we also provide assistance with event planning every step of the way.

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# Golf Courses: Fun and Different Everytime.

By: J. Brian Keith

This interesting article addresses some of the key issues regarding golf courses. A careful reading of this material could make a big difference in how you think about golf courses.

Is everything making sense so far? If not, I'm sure that with just a little more reading, all the facts will fall into place.

One thing every golfer will agree on is no golf course is ever the same. While playing different courses is fun and challenging, playing ones home course, no matter how many times it is done, is always going to be different.

Yes, it is the same course, nothing has been changed, except for the position of the cup on the green, but no golf course is ever exactly the same two days in a row, or, for that matter, the same day.

Will Smith in the movie "The Legend of Bagger Vance" told his protégé how the grass follows the sun, which means a putt that broke one way in the morning will break in the opposite direction in the afternoon.

Another thing that makes the same course different every day is the weather conditions. Weather plays a big factor in golf, and how a course plays. A wet course will play slower and the ball will not travel as far after hitting the ground. On a dry course, the ball will roll farther after hitting the turf.

A course will also play differently in hot or cold weather. Colder weather keeps the ball from travel-

ing as far, while a well hit ball will go further on a warm or hot day. Additionally, if an area has been dry for any length of time, the fairways, unless they are watered heavily every day, will become as hard as concrete and provide extra distance once the ball hits the ground.

Then comes the golfer's attitude. Yes, the frame of mind a golfer is in will have a direct effect on how well he or she plays and reacts to the course. Golf is a game requiring a calm, focused mind, so the player can concentrate on what he or she is trying to do on any particular shot.

One other thing that will make the same course play differently is how the grounds are kept. If the fairway is allowed to grow a little long, balls will not be able to roll as far, whereas, if they are kept trimmed close to the ground, the ball will roll further.

The rough is a whole other problem, as are other obstacles on the course, such as sprinkler heads. The rough is always going to be thick and hard to play out of, but a heavy, wet rough makes it almost impossible for a golfer to do much more than simply attempt to chip back onto the fairway. Sprinkler heads, which are positioned all over the course, will have an adverse affect on a ball that happens to hit them.

Believe it or not, who a person is playing with, or if he or she is playing alone when he or she normally plays with someone else will affect the way the course is played. So, this only goes to show how the

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**183 Golf Circle - Rutherfordton, NC 28139 | (828) 286-9117**

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Welcome to The Cleghorn Club at Tryon Resort (formerly Cleghorn Golf & Sports Club), one of the best places to play golf in Western North Carolina. Cleghorn is more than 18 holes of golf, it is an experience you will not soon forget. The views, the George Cobb design (famous works include Quail Hollow Club and Par 3 at Augusta National), and the great playing conditions will give you four hours of solid enjoyment. Your best round at Cleghorn will have nothing to do with your score. It will be about the challenge you face on every tee box and how you handle the 18 adventures in front of you.

Just one hour west of Charlotte, forty minutes from Asheville, and Greenville/Spartanburg, SC off Highway 74. Nearby attractions like the new Tryon International Equestrian Center, world famous Lake Lure where "Dirty Dancing" and "Last of the Mohicans" were filmed, and the breathtaking Blue Ridge Parkway, all just minutes from our club.

**Acclaimed by the PGA as one of the best courses in North Carolina!**

Listed by Golf Digest as one of their "Best Places to Play."  
Voted multiple times "The #1 Golf Course in Rutherford County".

Yardage/Slope/Rating - PAR 71 Course  
BLACK TEES: 6821 Yards - Rating 73.8/Slope 135  
GOLD TEES: 6203 Yards - Rating 70.9/Slope 131  
SILVER TEES: 5473 Yards - (Men) Rating 67.1/ Slope 126  
(Women) Rating 73.3/Slope 135  
BRONZE TEES: 4620 Yards - (Men) Rating 63.6/Slope 109  
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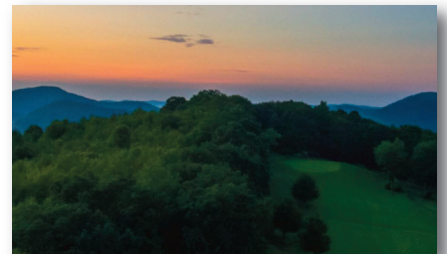
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Located in West Jefferson, North Carolina and nestled in the heart of the Blue Ridge, Mountain Aire is an established, public course offering 18 holes of well-maintained fairways, complimented by the natural, rugged beauty of the Appalachians. It is located just 30 minutes from Boone. In addition to offering a challenging round of mountain golf, Mountain Aire also "plays" the backdrop for a beautiful golf community called Fairway Ridge.

Mountain Aire Golf Course features a course of moderate length that can be enjoyed by players of different skill levels with its four sets of tees. The blue course plays to a length of 6,415 yards, a modest length by today's standards, but the course record of 64 indicates that the course defends itself well against par. We recommend the blue course for accomplished players with a handicap of less than 10. The white course measures 5,858 yards, and while the course record is 62, the white course gives most men all they can handle. The gold course is 4,852 yards and is just right for juniors, seniors and ladies who need a little more length than the red tees

provide. The red course is played by most ladies and measures 4,140 yards. It is not as long as many ladies courses and can be enjoyed by ladies of all skill levels. The ladies course record is 65.

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# Pine Hollow Golf Club

3300 Garner Road, Clayton, NC 27520 | (919) 553-4554

[www.PineHollowGolf.com](http://www.PineHollowGolf.com)

The par-71 golf course at Pine Hollow Golf Club near Raleigh, North Carolina, measures 6,508 yards from the back (blue) tees. It was designed by Maurice Brackett and Bob Moore and opened for play in 1968. The manageable length of the golf course, along with affordable anytime rates, make Pine Hollow your best choice for outdoor recreation.

Located in beautiful Clayton, North Carolina, it is a favorite for many golfers in the Raleigh area because of the amazing course and exceptional service. Host your Raleigh golf outing or tournament at the club and see why so many people are enjoying Pine Hollow Golf Club year after year.

Stop by the driving range on your way to scoring your personal best. A pre-round warm-up will help you focus on your game and get into the swing that you need to play your best round. Get a feel for the course on their putting greens and chipping areas before you hit the course. You can also stop by after work to enjoy the gorgeous scenery while you hit a few balls.

When you book a tournament at Pine Hollow, you will walk out onto the course and realize that you have picked the perfect place to bring your friends and coworkers together. They host many events for charities, businesses and golf groups that can't wait to come back time and time again. The club is off of the beaten path and offers the perfect getaway for your golf outing.



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# Salem Glen Country Club



**1000 Glen Day Drive | Clemmons, NC 27012 | (336) 712-1010**  
**[www.SalemGlen.com](http://www.SalemGlen.com)**

As the Triad area's one and only Nicklaus Design course, Salem Glen continues the legendary Nicklaus tradition of accentuating and amplifying the beauty of the natural terrain. The layout takes full advantage of the 150 feet of elevation changes, four and a half miles of creeks and nine lakes. With two distinct nines, the course offers fun and excitement for players of all skill levels.

Salem Glen is first and foremost a course designed for players who love the game, from expert to novice. The five sets of tees offer a challenge that ranges from 4,816 yards from the front tees to a full 6,810 yards from the back tees. Experienced players will continually find risks and rewards, yet the course is designed to have the ultimate playability for those still learning the game. The design assures enjoyable play round after round, while its craftsmanship reveals its intricacies the more you play it.

Thanks to the Nicklaus Design group, Salem Glen plays almost as if it were two courses. The front nine is a links-style layout with generous fairways and several strategically placed water hazards. Five of the front nine holes are set in the Yadkin River basin. The most dramatic is the signature fourth hole, a 566-yard par 5 with an elevated tee shot that must avoid a meandering creek to the left of the fairway and trees to the right.

The back nine is typical Carolina mountain-style

with dramatic elevation changes. Most of the fairways are tree-lined. The 13th hole is a breathtaking par 4 where your tee shot must carry a 70-foot deep ravine. The challenging 14th hole is a 550 yard par 5 that plays over the ravine to a long, shallow green cut into the hillside. The four closing holes are the toughest on the course, as they should be. The 17th, a 193 yard par 3 flanked by creeks in front and behind the large green, is a player favorite. The course closes with a challenging par 4 where the ideal tee shot utilizes the gently sloping fairway from right to left to avoid the water hazard off to the left.

Overall, Salem Glen is a picturesque, playable jewel of a golf course that takes full advantage of its unique setting and abundant acreage. Our guests relish every shot and every hole.

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# The 3 Types of Golf Handicaps

By Brian Yager

There are 3 types of handicaps out there. They include: (1) honest handicaps; (2) sandbagger handicaps and (3) Hollywood handicaps.

Thankfully, the most common type of handicap is the honest handicap. This is a handicap that is determined by using a standard and accepted formula as defined by the governing golf body in a particular country. The golfer who carries an honest handicap is conscientious about keeping accurate scores, adhering to the accepted rules of golf and of considering all rounds played when applying the handicap formula.

The golfer who can be considered to be carrying a sandbagger handicap goes out of his way to make sure that his "official" handicap is somewhat higher than what it should be. The reason for doing this is pretty obvious. When competing in Net Score competitions (often involving money or prizes) he can have a distinct advantage.

A proper handicap, as mentioned above, must be based on all rounds played - good or bad. One "not so subtle" way to achieve the status of an elite sandbagger is to conveniently forget to enter good rounds but to be diligent to the extreme when it comes to entering bad rounds. If the golfer is "on a roll" with nothing but good rounds being shot, it may be nec-

essary to make the supreme sacrifice and actually purposely play a bad round. "Gee, I just couldn't hit a fairway today!"

The third type of golfer is the one who carries a Hollywood handicap. This type of player is extremely interesting. This golfer has his heart in the right place - he takes the game seriously and desperately wants to improve and, perhaps more importantly, to be recognized as an accomplished player by his friends and peers. For the typical Hollywood handicap player, the handicap is everything. He would rather carry a low handicap and lose money than carry an inflated handicap and win money. A rare, but interesting breed!

To make my point, you should understand that the first step in computing a handicap using the standard USGA formula is to convert the Gross Score to what is called the Adjusted Gross Score (AGS). The AGS is equal to or lower than the gross score with an adjustment made by reducing unusually high hole scores. For example, in the US a typical bogey golfer (with a handicap between 10 and 19) cannot take more than a 7 on any hole.

OK, so you should now understand the difference between the Gross Score and the Adjusted Gross.

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# How To Feel The Golf Clubhead As You're Swinging

By Nick Bayley

*T*his article shares a simple golf drill that will help you to feel the clubhead as you're swinging. For a lot of amateur golfers, feeling the clubhead when swinging simply doesn't happen and sadly never will. But for golf professionals they have an intimate feeling of where the golf club is at all times during the golf swing. Could that be a golf swing secret?

Well, I don't want to say for certain but if you have trouble feeling the clubhead as you're swinging here's a simple golf drill that will help give you the feeling of the clubhead as you're swinging. This can only help you to hit the golf ball better.

To do this drill simply setup to a golf ball and grip the golf club as you normally would. But, move your grip up the club so that you have the last two fingers of your top hand off the end of the grip. Once you have done this, then I want you to swing with this

"new" golf grip.

By doing this it will force you to place a lot less emphasis on your hands and arms as your big muscles will be forced to control the golf swing. You'll also get great feedback when doing this golf drill if you swing too fast because if you do you'll lose all control of the club through the ball.

If that happens you simply have to swing the golf club with more rhythm and better tempo. And, what you want to feel when doing this drill is that the golf ball simply gets in the way of your golf swing. You shouldn't force anything, especially with your golf grip. Remember to "swing the golf club" and not "hit the golf ball". The golf ball is hit as the result of you "swinging the golf club!"

By doing this drill, you'll get a much better feeling of the clubhead as you're swinging and definitely through the ball. However, don't expect to hit the ball

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## **Golf Courses: Fun and Different Everytime**

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same course, no matter how many times a person plays it, is never the same course twice. Knowing enough about golf courses to make solid, informed choices cuts down on the fear factor. If you apply what you've just learned about golf courses, you should have nothing to worry about.

## **The 3 Types of Golf Handicaps**

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In fact, the concept of a gross score becomes obsolete. If the player happens to balloon to a triple bogey or worse on a par 5, he will typically say "just put me down for a double," knowing that anything higher will not affect his handicap. And of course, the "put me down for a double" statement will have that unmistakable inflection of "surely you would not expect a player of my stature to put down a number higher than that." Hmm, I have to wonder what would happen if Tiger, participating in a PGA event and after playing a rare bad hole, were to say "just jot down a par for that hole." It wouldn't be pretty.

The final interesting thing about the Hollywood handicapper is that he will enjoy a cold beverage after a round of golf and discuss, nonchalantly, his final score. It would never occur to him that his 9 on the eighth hole should have any bearing on the validity of the score he discusses - a result where a 7 appears on the scorecard.

Still, when all the dust settles, I would rather play a Hollywood handicapper than a sandbagger in a heads up battle. Hey, who wouldn't?

## **How To Feel The Golf Clubhead As**

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great when doing this golf drill. That's not the point of this drill. Instead, when doing this drill you should be focusing of the feelings that go along with swinging using the different grip. Then you can transfer those feelings over to your normal golf swing, which can only help to improve your ball striking.

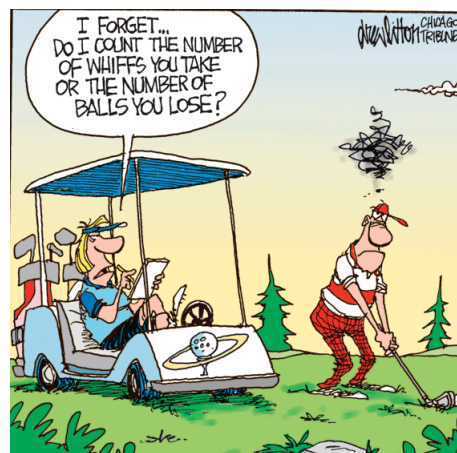
Now I've said this before, but because it's so important I'll say it again. The golf ball should just get in the way of your golf swing. You should not "try" to hit the ball.



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