

BORDER CROSSING

This year's ACC Golf Championships were moved from a pair of McConnell Golf-owned courses in North Carolina to a pair of McConnell Golf clubs in South Carolina. Events highlight an impressive calendar for McConnell Golf, which will host 18 professional, collegiate, amateur or elite junior level events in 2017.

RALEIGH, N.C. (April 2017) — This year's Atlantic Coast Conference (ACC) Golf Championships were moved from a pair of McConnell Golf-owned courses in North Carolina across the border to a pair of McConnell Golf clubs in South Carolina.

"The ACC and our member schools appreciate the continued partnership with McConnell Golf," said Kris Pierce, ACC Senior Associate Commissioner for Championships. "We're pleased to be able to hold our 2017 ACC Golf Championships at two outstanding McConnell Golf venues in the state of South Carolina. Our players and teams are among the best in the country and both ACC Championships should be extremely exciting."

The 2017 **Women's ACC Golf Championship** will be played April 13-15 at The Reserve Golf Club in Pawleys Island, S.C., following a nine-year run at McConnell Golf's Sedgefield Country Club Ross in Greensboro, N.C. In last year's tournament, Virginia defended its title after becoming the first-ever champion from outside the state of North Carolina in 2015. The Reserve was designed by Greg Norman and has played host to numerous important events including the 1999 South Carolina Open, 2001-02 Carolinas Opens, 2003-05 Carolinas PGA Section Championships, 2012 South Carolina Senior Championship, 2014 South Carolina Amateur and 2016 Carolinas Women's Amateur.

The **Men's ACC Golf Championship** will be contested April 21-23 at the Arnold Palmer-designed Musgrove Mill Golf Club in Clinton, S.C., after 15 consecutive years at McConnell Golf's Old North State Club in New London, N.C. Last year, the Clemson Tigers won their 10th conference championship and first since 2004.

"McConnell Golf deeply values our relationship with the ACC," said McConnell Vice President of Golf Operations Brian Kittler. "We are proud to have quality venues in South Carolina available that will allow us to host events on short notice."

During its nearly 15-year existence, McConnell Golf has forged a reputation for touching all the right bases through its stable of private clubs. The company's member-first, high-quality approach includes a wide variety of locations throughout the Carolinas from the mountains to the coast and now into Tennessee, as well as an

honor roll of golf course architects — legendary names including Donald Ross, Arnold Palmer, Pete Dye, Tom Fazio, Greg Norman and Hale Irwin.

Equally impressive is the list of tournament championships hosted annually by McConnell Golf courses. The company's 2017 calendar of events is particularly impressive, featuring 18 professional, collegiate, amateur or elite junior level events contested on highly regarded McConnell Golf courses this year.

Along with the pair of ACC Golf Championships, other highlights include the PGA Tour's **Wyndham Championship**, which returns to Sedgefield Ross Course on August 17-20. Since 2001, the Web.Com Tour's **REX Hospital Open** has been played at McConnell Golf's TPC Wakefield Plantation in Raleigh, N.C. The 2017 REX Hospital Open will be June 1-4. The Carolinas Golf Association (CGA)'s 37th **Carolinas Mid-Amateur Championship** will be competed April 21-23 at Providence Country Club in Charlotte, N.C., while the SCGA's 54th **Four-Ball Championship** will be played May 24-28 at Musgrove Mill.

###

ABOUT MCCONNELL GOLF

McConnell Golf (McConnellGolf.com) memberships include privileges at a dozen 18-hole, private golf courses plus one nine-hole course throughout the Carolinas and Tennessee. McConnell Golf's stable of prestigious clubs includes Raleigh Country Club and TPC Wakefield Plantation in Raleigh, NC, Sedgefield Country Club Ross Course and Dye Course in Greensboro, NC, Providence Country Club in Charlotte, NC, Old North State Club in New London, NC, Treyburn Country Club in Durham, NC, Brook Valley Country Club in Greenville, NC, Country Club of Asheville (NC), The Reserve Golf Club in Pawleys Island, SC, Musgrove Mill Golf Club in Clinton, SC and Holston Hills Country Club in Knoxville, TN. McConnell Golf also operates the 27-hole public Raleigh Golf Association and manages the Grande Dunes Members Club and Ocean Club in Myrtle Beach for LStar Development.

Media contacts

Martin Armes (919) 608-7260, martinarmes@nc.rr.com

Brad King (336) 306-9219, king@bradkingcommunications.com