

TOURNAMENT TIME

Thirteen golf championships are being contested at McConnell Golf venues across the Carolinas with five tournaments on the April agenda.

RALEIGH, N.C. (April 2013) — In Augusta, the azaleas are in full bloom. Around the Carolinas, McConnell Golf is ready for another season hosting top-tier championships.

Clubs from the select McConnell Golf stable will host professional tournaments (Rex Hospital Open, Wyndham Championship and Carolinas PGA Section Pro-Official), collegiate championships (ACC Men's and Women's Tournaments), amateur events (Cardinal Amateur, Carolinas Mid-Amateur, South Carolina Amateur Match Play Championship, Carolinas Women's Amateur and Carolinas Club Championship) and elite junior competitions (American Junior Golf Association FootJoy Invitational, Rex Hospital Open Junior Invitational and North Carolina High School Invitational).

On the April calendar alone, there are five tournaments contested over four of McConnell's eight championship courses. On April 8, Tom Fazio's refurbished Treyburn Country Club in Durham hosted the 36th Carolinas Club Championship; then welcomes today's scholastic stars at the 7th North Carolina High School Invitational on April 22.

Meanwhile, Raleigh Country Club hosts one of the region's major amateur events as the 33rd Carolinas Mid-Amateur is contested April 12-14 over Donald Ross' final design.

On April 26-28 a few of the recent high school invitational participants will don their new school colors when Old North State Club at Badin Lake hosts the ACC Men's Golf Championship. A week prior, the ACC women's tournament field gets its first shot at the newly converted Bermuda grass greens at Sedgefield Country Club's Ross Course in Greensboro. Old North State served as host site for the ACC Women's Golf Championship in the early 1990s and the league was so impressed it awarded the men's golf championship to Old North State — where it has been held ever since.

Treyburn completes its tourney trifecta by hosting the 87th Carolinas Women's Amateur Championship May 21-23.

The Web.com Tour's Rex Hospital Open in Raleigh will be contested June 20-23 – a few weeks later than normal – at TPC at Wakefield Plantation, which opened in July 2000 and began hosting the event a year later. Another McConnell Golf property, Raleigh Country Club, served as the event site for three years starting in 1998, back when the Web.com was known as the Nike Tour.

Of course, once again, in August — after warming up with the best golfers this side of the PGA Tour — McConnell Golf welcomes the world's finest August 15-18 during the Wyndham Championship at Sedgefield Country Club's Ross Course. The Wyndham field is expected to be better than ever, as the Wyndham now stands as the final regular

event of the 2013 season, meaning future Tour cards will be on the line, along with a spot in the lucrative FedEx Cup.

Two months earlier from June 11-14, Sedgefield's Ross Course entertains the game's top junior players with the winner of the AJGA FootJoy Invitational earning a sponsor's exemption into The Wyndham. Then on July 15, it hosts the Club Car CPGA Pro-Official Championship.

Also this summer, for the eighth year in a row, The Rex Hospital Open begins tournament week with The Rex Hospital Open Junior Invitational at TPC at Wakefield Plantation. A pair of McConnell Golf Junior Scholars – Carter Jenkins and Grayson Murray – won the past three tournaments and earned spots in the field.

Not to be outdone this summer, Musgrove Mill Golf Club in Clinton, S.C., provides a stern test for the 41st South Carolina Amateur Match Play Championship June 12-16. The Cardinal Amateur (three weeks earlier than normal from July 19-21) at Sedgefield's Dye Course in Greensboro is one of the nation's most coveted amateur events with a storied history of matching some of the world's top players in a competitive but fun environment.

McConnell Golf is an organization dedicated to delivering quality golf and amenities to its members, and having strategically located courses throughout the Carolinas is a big part of the overall plan that brings exceptional value to 3,000-plus members. The traditions and values it brings to all, and to every skill level, are a testament to the caliber of people that welcome its courses for pleasure and competition.

About McConnell Golf

McConnell Golf (www.McConnellGolf.com) offers pure golf for the true golfer as a privately held company offering unlimited access to world-class facilities and golf courses designed by legends Donald Ross, Pete Dye, Tom Fazio, Arnold Palmer, Greg Norman and Hale Irwin. Founded in 2003, McConnell Golf provides members a quality golf experience among 153 holes of championship golf at seven clubs: Raleigh Country Club in Raleigh, N.C.; Treyburn Country Club in Durham, N.C.; Old North State in New London N.C.; Musgrove Mill Golf Club in Clinton, S.C.; The Reserve Golf Club in Pawleys Island, S.C.; Sedgefield Country Club in Greensboro, N.C.; and TPC Wakefield Plantation, Raleigh, N.C. All clubs are maintained and serviced to the highest standards with an emphasis on true golf, complete service and absolute quality. McConnell Golf offers individual club memberships, as well as innovative corporate and national/international memberships that deliver unmatched access to the top courses in the Carolinas.

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