



## **CHARLOTTE / CAROLINAS GOLF**

- The state of North Carolina has hosted 24 previous USGA championships (up to 2008).
- Past U.S. Women's Amateur Championships in North Carolina
  - 1955 Myers Park C. C., Charlotte, N.C.; Entries: 112
  - 1989 Pinehurst (N.C.) C. C. (No. 2); Entries: 376
  - 1999 Biltmore Forest C.C., Asheville, N.C.; Entries: 676
- Widely acclaimed as the father of modern golf course architecture, Donald Ross, a Scottish native, made his home in Pinehurst, North Carolina. Ross is the golf course architect who designed the world-famous Pinehurst No. 2 course and is credited with building over 600 courses across United States, including Charlotte Country Club's course.
  - o In appreciation of the golf industry's contribution to our state of North Carolina, Governor Beverly Perdue proclaimed May 13 as annual "Golf Day" and reported the following:
  - o the golf industry is represented in every county of North Carolina through the state's more than 558 courses; and
  - o 2009 economic impact study of golf by SRI International found that, in 2007, the golf economy in North Carolina generated direct spending of approximately \$2.6 billion dollars which led to a total economic impact within the state of approximately \$5.3 billion dollars of direct, indirect and induced economic impact; and
  - o in 2007 the North Carolina golf industry provided jobs for 68,667 North Carolinians and generated total wage income of \$1.7 billion dollars; and
  - o golf courses provide a habitat for a broad range of wildlife, often in heavily urbanized areas; and
  - o golf courses and golfing provide a focus for healthful social and family activity; and
  - o the Pinehurst/Southern Pines Area is universally recognized as The Home of American Golf, and Pinehurst Resort has hosted two U.S. Open Championships and Pine Needles Lodge & Golf Club has hosted three U.S. Women's Open Championships; and
  - o Cary, Charlotte, Greensboro, Hickory and Raleigh will host PGA Tour, PGA Champions Tour and PGA Nationwide Tour events this year; and
  - o all of these events provide significant charitable contributions, increased economic activity and will enhance North Carolina's prestige on the national and international sports stage; and
  - o the state of North Carolina was home to Donald Ross, the father of classic golf course architecture, and is home to other modern day great architects such as Tom Fazio; and
  - o golf is economically vital and socially beneficial to the people and the state of North Carolina.