Did You Know???

According to the National Council for Home Safety and Security, Pinehurst, NC is ranked as the No. 1 "safest town" in North Carolina for 2018. Other rankings have Pinehurst top-ranked for 2019 as well. Plus, the town has been among the Top 3 for several years. Another great reason to plan your next trip to The Home of American Golf!
From the Desk of the President & CEO

A TOAST TO THE HOLIDAY SEASON

Where did 2018 go? Hard to believe we are about to end another year! As we prepare for 2019, this is the season to be thankful and gather with family and friends to enjoy all the blessings we have been so fortunate to enjoy.

If your travels bring you to the Pinehurst, Southern Pines, Aberdeen Area during this special time of year, we look forward to welcoming you! Our wonderful townships through Moore County really embrace the holidays with an assortment of celebrations, holiday events and festive fun to fill the calendar from Veterans Day right through New Year’s Eve. To find holiday events, visit: HomeofGolf.com/area-events. If you live in Moore County and have friends and relatives needing lodging, take advantage of our "Holidays in the Hollies" program. There are several hotels and resorts offering special lodging discounts for Moore County residents who need overflow accommodations. Just call us at the CVB and we can tell you more about participating hotels: 910.692.3330.

Lastly, Shop Small Day is set for Saturday, Nov. 24th, so we encourage you to visit our local shopping options, not just on this day, but EVERY day throughout the holidays and all year long. We have some great local shops and restaurants and there’s nothing better than a gift, or a memorable experience right here at The Home of American Golf!

Phil Werz
President & CEO

Suggested Holiday Events

**Nov. 24**: Southern Pines Tree Lighting
**Nov. 28-Dec 1**: 22nd Sandhills Children's Center Festival of Trees
**Nov. 30**: Village of Pinehurst Tree Lighting
**Dec. 1**: Annual Southern Pines Christmas Parade
**Dec. 1**: Reindeer Fun Run (Aberdeen)
**Dec. 1-8**: Thomas Pottery Open House
**Dec. 6-9**: Weymouth Center Christmas Open House Tours
**Dec. 6**: Aberdeen Tree Lighting
**Dec. 7-9**: Christmas Open House at the Shaw House
**Dec. 8**: Christmas Carriage Parade
**Dec. 8**: Aberdeen Christmas Parade
**Dec. 8**: Old Fashioned Christmas at Malcolm Blue Farm
**Dec. 12**: NC Symphony Holiday Pops
**Dec. 15**: A Village Christmas (Pinehurst)

For all of these great holiday events and more, visit: HomeofGolf.com/area-events
Our CVB has earned its ninth consecutive Reader’s Choice Award as determined by the voters of ConventionSouth magazine. We were among 320 convention and visitors bureaus, meeting facilities and hotels located across the South to receive this year’s award. More than 7,000 voters participated in this year’s Reader’s Choice Awards. The Reader’s Choice Awards program started in 2001.

The second annual Festival D’Avion presented by Pinehurst Resort & Country Club will take place April 12-13, 2019. The festival honors the men and women who have served in the armed forces. See a variety of static aircraft and military equipment displays. For more information, visit www.FestivalDAvion.com

Want to be a part of golf history? Become a volunteer for the 2019 U.S. Senior Women’s Open at Pine Needles Lodge & Golf Club, May 16-19, 2019. Learn more and be a part of this great USGA event. To learn more about the volunteer program, click here: https://bit.ly/2ObCkpz

Groups Coming to Our Area

**Nov. 27-28, 2018**
Four Canadian golf writers representing the Toronto Sun, Flagstick Magazine and other media outlets will be in the Sandhills. They will play golf at two area courses and dine at two local restaurants as part of their coverage.

**Dec. 1, 2018**
**Reindeer Fun Run**
12k, 5k, 800m
Aberdeen, NC

**Dec. 7-9, 2018**
**2018 Extrication School - SCC**
Emergency Svcs

Southern Pines Veterans Day Parade

Enjoy some of the sights from this year’s festivities. Thank you to all of the men and woman who have and continue to serve our great country!
Pinehurst Brewery Now Open!
Time to raise a glass and officially welcome the third microbrewery to our destination! The Pinehurst Brewing Co. recently opened to much acclaim - and many downed pints! The former steam plant (1895) combines its history with a legendary brewer and hearty menu to create a really cool vibe and setting. It's a 19th hole and more as only Pinehurst can do!

Carthage Dedicates Third Mural
The town of Carthage dedicated its third mural "When Tobacco Was King" at a ceremony this fall. Chapel Hill-based artist, Scott Nurkin, produced not only this spectacular and colorful mural, but also the other two which including a historical tribute to the town's Tyson and Jones Buggy Factory, and the other honoring Carthage native and WWI pilot, James R. McConnell. The murals are all located in the downtown business district and a great way to experience the history found here in the Sandhills.

Legendary Pinehurst Caddie, Willie McRae Passes
Willie McRae, who spent almost 75 years caddying at Pinehurst Resort for golfers ranging from presidents to star athletes to the average golfer, passed away at age 85. His career at Pinehurst paralleled much of the storied history of the game of golf. He caddied for five presidents, celebrities from Mickey Mantle to Michael Jordan and many of golf's greatest players, including Bobby Jones, Gene Sarazen and Sam Snead.

True Spec Now Calls Pine Needles Home
True Spec Golf has created a modern indoor-to-outdoor studio at Pine Needles Lodge and Golf Club. True Spec Pinehurst will include an indoor-to-outdoor bay, full grass range and short game area, as well as a state-of-the-art putting studio. Using TrackMan’s Doppler radar-based technology and SAM PuttLabs, their Club Fitters will identify the equipment you need to play your best golf.

Get Out and Play - Check Out Packages & Deals
https://www.homeofgolf.com/packages-deals/
If your travels bring you to the Pinehurst-Southern Pines-Aberdeen area during the holidays, why not plan to enjoy a meal at one of our great, local restaurants. For a list of options with hours and contact information to make reservations on special days through New Year’s, visit: https://www.homeofgolf.com/dining-shopping/ and click '2018 Holiday Dining'. Happy Holidays and safe travels to the Home of American Golf!