

Returning Home

The 9th annual NAGA Warm-Up is returning to the area of its birth, Pinehurst. With the help of many of you in 2001, I started what has become a fun NAGA tradition. Couples (golfing and non-golfing) and singles are encouraged to participate in the Warm-Up. Due to the tight times we are in right now, I have scaled back the quantity of the Warm-Up slightly, but not the quality.

Saturday, October 31 - Traveling Day

The cost of this day is NOT included in the Warm-Up package. You will stay anywhere you wish, however, I am recommending that you either stay at the Marriott Courtyard - Cary (800.321.2211 or 919.481.9666), across the street from Casa de Pitkin (they quoted me \$79 rack or \$67 AAA, but you may get it for less) or ask me to add Saturday night to your package at the Pinehurst Resort (\$230/room) so you don't have to move again all week. Evening festivities at Casa de Pitkin will be furnished those staying at The Marriott Courtyard - Cary.

Sunday, November 1 - Grip it and rip it!

After breakfast on your own, we return to the notorious Tobacco Road Golf Club (<http://www.tobaccoroadgolf.com/>). This course evokes no ambivalent opinions as it tests all parts of your game on what is one of the most unique layouts in golf. It has been kept as part of the Warm-Up due to requests from past participants. After golf, we head to the Carolina Hotel & Villas at Pinehurst Resort (http://www.pinehurst.com/carolina_historic_hotel.asp), where we will reside the remainder of the week. Prior to dinner on our own, many lies will be told of how well we played today in our daily hospitality suite with complimentary beverages and snacks.

Monday, November 2 - The Magnolia Course, Pinewild CC

(<http://www.pinewildcc.com/magnolia.html>) Monday brings us to one of the local favorite courses in Pinehurst, The Magnolia Course at Pinewild CC. For those desiring a quality, challenging course that is very playable for everyone, you can't beat this one. LPGA players heaped praise on the course when the LPGA's Pinewild Women's Championship was contested in 1995. The Magnolia has been a qualifying site for numerous US Open Championships, the US Amateur Championship, as well as PGA Tour School Qualifying.

Tuesday, November 3 - The Dogwood Course, Country Club of North

Carolina (<http://www.ccofnc.com/>) This is one of the more exclusive clubs and best courses in central North Carolina. Designed by Willard Byrd in his last year as lead architect for Ellis Maples, it is likely his best work. It was in *Golf Digest's* Top 100 US Courses from 1969 to 1997, and currently is ranked as the #10 course in the state by *Golf Digest*. (FYI, NAGA tournament courses, Pinehurst No. 4 is rated #12 in the state and No. 8 is rated #13 in the state.)

Wednesday, November 4 - The Tribute begins!

Today's activities will be on your own. I'll be happy to recommend courses to you or you may decide a day in Pinehurst's luxurious spa is what you need (http://www.pinehurst.com/spa_resort.asp) . Whatever you decide, you will be glad you came on the NAGA Warm-Up.

How much & what's included?

All packages include:

- Three nights lodging at The Carolina Hotel or the adjacent Villas (Nov. 1, 2 & 3, 2009), including room taxes and Resort Fee
- Hospitality Suite food & beverage - Sunday afternoon thru Tuesday night.
- Welcome gift, and
- Camraderie and fun with old friends and new

Golf packages also include:

- Green fees, carts, yardage guides and range balls at Tobacco Road, The Magnolia Course at Pinewild CC and The Dogwood Course at CCNC.

Package A - Golfer rooming with another person (spouse or other) \$845

Package B - Golfer rooming alone \$1,190

Package C - Non-Golfer rooming with another person \$500

How do I register and by when?

As soon as you know you will attend, send an e-mail to dpitkin@nc.rr.com stating for which package(s) you are registering. Send the entire payment, payable to GolfQuest, no later than September 15, 2009. If you must cancel after September 15, 2009, a \$50 per person administrative fee will retained by GolfQuest plus any fees for which GolfQuest is liable due to your registration. Send the fee to:

GolfQuest
PO Box 157
Cary, NC 27512-0157

Please direct questions to David Pitkin at the above e-mail address or at 919.906.2076.