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## America's 50 Greatest Golf Retreats

RANKING	THE CLUB	SCORE	COMMENTS
1.	<b>Augusta National G.C.</b> Augusta, Ga.	9.78 (out of 10)	Counting housing in the cabins, rooms in the clubhouse and the fabled Crow's Nest, Augusta National can sleep 110.
2.	<b>Pine Valley G.C.</b> Pine Valley, N.J.	9.53	Nothing tastes better after a round than the turtle soup—with or without a jigger of sherry.
3.	<b>The Alotian C.</b> Roland, Ark.	9.48	The Tom Fazio design, set next to Lake Maumelle, the primary source of Little Rock's drinking water, was 2005's Best New Private Course.
4.	<b>Sand Hills G.C.</b> Mullen, Neb.	9.03	No buildings intrude on the seclusion of the course. The clubhouse and the cottages are set half a mile away overlooking the Dismal River.
5.	<b>National G. Links of America</b> Southampton, N.Y.	8.83	Guest rooms in the clubhouse are basic—but their views of Peconic Bay and the course are spectacular.

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26.	<b>Seven Canyons</b> Sedona, Ariz.	8.06	The Tom Weiskopf design, set at an elevation of 4,600 feet, has spectacular views on every hole.
T27.	<b>Robert Trent Jones G.C.</b> Lake Manassas, Va.	8.00	Government leaders play here because of the proximity to Washington and the seclusion of its property.
T27.	<b>Spring Creek Ranch G.C.</b> Collierville, Tenn.	8.00	Many of the cottages and suites have oversize shower heads, steam baths and pool and poker tables.
29.	<b>The Farm G.C.</b> Rocky Face, Ga.	7.93	The ninth hole on this Tom Fazio design was the supply road in the Civil War for the Battle of Dug Gap Mountain.
30.	<b>The Preserve G.C.</b> Carmel, Calif.	7.90	Wild boar, bobcats and mountain lions roam this wildlife preserve in the foothills of the Santa Lucia Mountains.

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10.	<b>Flint Hills National G.C.</b> Andover, Kan.	8.34	Designed by Tom Fazio, it has hosted the USGA Women's Amateur and is scheduled to host the 2007 USGA Senior Amateur.
11.	<b>Whispering Pines G.C.</b> Trinity, Tex.	8.33	Half of the members' dues go to charitable causes. Owner Corby Robertson covers its other expenses.
12.	<b>Sutton Bay G.C.</b> Agar, S.D.	8.31	Graham Marsh took acres of a South Dakota cattle ranch and turned it into the state's best course.
T13.	<b>The Honors Course</b> Ooltewah, Tenn.	8.28	This club was designed to honor and celebrate amateur golf. The range at this Pete Dye layout is 50 yards from the clubhouse.
T13.	<b>Ocean Forest G.C.</b> Sea Island, Ga.	8.28	The wind off the Atlantic Ocean affects play on this Rees Jones design, especially on the last three holes.
15.	<b>Muirfield Village G.C.</b> Dublin, Ohio	8.27	College interns, some from Jack Nicklaus' alma mater, Ohio State, prepare meals for guests in the cottages.
16.	<b>The Valley Club of Montecito</b> Santa Barbara, Calif.	8.25	Set in a bucolic enclave, this ultra-private Alistair Mackenzie-Robert Hunter design is open to play year-round.
T17.	<b>Caves Valley G.C.</b> Owings Mill, Md.	8.21	Designed to look like a turn-of-the-century farm, the clubhouse is connected to the outbuildings by a walkway.
T17.	<b>Cherokee Plantation G.C.</b> Yemassee, S.C.	8.21	Lunch, featuring out-of-this-world fried chicken, is served in an authentic lowcountry-style building.
19.	<b>Castle Pines G.C.</b> Castle Rock, Colo.	8.17	"Home cooking" is the motto here. And it's not limited to the food, but the warm and caring attitude toward members and guests.
20.	<b>Mayacama G.C.</b> Santa Rosa, Calif.	8.14	Along with the club's cave and cellar for wine, members have private lockers, each holding 48 bottles.
T21.	<b>Double Eagle C.</b> Galena, Ohio	8.13	Designed by Jay Morrish and Tom Weiskopf, the course features a 100-yard 19th hole to settle bets.
T21.	<b>Rich Harvest Links</b> Sugar Grove, Ill.	8.13	Owner and course designer Jerry Rich keeps his massive collection of antique cars on the property.
T21.	<b>Wade Hampton G.C.</b> Cashiers, N.C.	8.13	The Tom Fazio layout in the Blue Ridge Mountains is best in autumn, when the foliage is at its peak.
24.	<b>Shoal Creek</b> Shoal Creek, Ala.	8.11	Double Oak Mountain, visible from every hole, adds to the beauty of this Jack Nicklaus design.
25.	<b>Victoria National G.C.</b> Newburgh, Ind.	8.10	Built by rubber magnate Terry Friedman in 1998, the club hosted its first USGA event, the Senior Amateur, in 2006.

T35.	<b>Colleton River Plantation G.C.</b> Bluffton, S.C.	7.69	This exclusive Hilton Head Island-area community features courses by Jack Nicklaus and Pete Dye.
T35.	<b>Old Memorial G.C.</b> Tampa, Fla.	7.69	This club was built in 1997 by three Outback Steakhouse founders who wanted a world-class course in their hometown.
37.	<b>The Kingsley C.</b> Traverse City, Mich.	7.68	Architect Mike DeVries played Crystal Downs growing up, and its pro, Fred Muller, helped with the design of Kingsley.
38.	<b>Sleepy Hollow C.C.</b> Scarborough-on-Hudson, N.Y.	7.66	Guests stay in rooms on the second and third floors of the clubhouse, a McKim, Mead and White design built in 1893.
39.	<b>Eagle Point G.C.</b> Wilmington, N.C.	7.64	Tom Fazio designed this parkland course overlooking the Intracoastal Waterway. The club also features a nine-hole par-3 course.
40.	<b>Nantucket G.C.</b> Siasconset, Mass.	7.63	The logo at the Best New Private Course of 1998, a flagstick bowed by wind, aptly describes conditions at this Rees Jones design.
41.	<b>Yeamans Hall C.</b> Hanahan, S.C.	7.62	The 900-acre property includes a Seth Raynor gem, grounds laid out by Frederick Law Olmsted and a whitewashed brick clubhouse.
T42.	<b>Pete Dye G.C.</b> Bridgeport, W.Va.	7.61	Built on 250-acres at the base of a strip coal mine, the club took 16 years to complete.
T42.	<b>Secession G.C.</b> Beaufort, S.C.	7.61	The tees are named for Civil War generals—Grant, Lee, Sherman—and the holes for famous battles—Fort Sumter, Bull Run, Shiloh.
44.	<b>Kittansett C.</b> Marion, Mass.	7.56	The wind is always a factor at this 1922 William Flynn-Frederic Hood design next to Buzzards Bay.
45.	<b>C.C. of North Carolina</b> Pinehurst, N.C.	7.53	There are two courses at this William Byrd-Ellis Maples design in the Carolina Sandhills.
46.	<b>Maroon Creek C.</b> Aspen, Colo.	7.52	The eponymous creek will catch mis-hit shots on this Tom Fazio-designed course.
47.	<b>G.C. of Tennessee</b> Kingston Springs, Tenn.	7.49	Set in a 1,000-acre wildlife preserve, the club allows golfers to enjoy complete solitude 25 miles from downtown Nashville.
48.	<b>C. at Las Campanas</b> Santa Fe, N.M.	7.46	The Jack Nicklaus Signature Sunrise and Sunset courses, at an elevation of 7,400 feet, offer scenic vistas.
49.	<b>Grandfather G. &amp; C.C.</b> Linville, N.C.	7.42	The Ellis Maples design at the base of Grandfather Mountain is a summer refuge for many members.
50.	<b>Firestone C.C.</b> Akron, Ohio	7.41	Best known for the South Course, the club also has two other 18s, the North and the West.

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