



## **THE BEGINNING**

On April 13, 1959, James J. Harris hosted a meeting at Morrocroft Farm that marked the formal beginning of Quail Hollow Club. On December 18, 1959, the 21 Founders of the Club executed the Club's Certificate of Incorporation, which was filed on January 4, 1960 to officially constitute the Club. The first 90 members of the Club were designated its Charter Members.

## **THE GOLF COURSE**

Located at 3700 Gleneagles Road in Charlotte, NC, Quail Hollow Club is one of the finest courses in the southeastern United States. The course was originally designed by famed golf course architect George Cobb in 1961 to capture the beauty as well as challenging terrain of the Piedmont region. In the intervening years, the course underwent a series of improvements, including modifications of several holes by Arnold Palmer in 1986, and a redesign by Tom Fazio in 1997 and 2003. Quail Hollow Club has two signature holes. The par four, 14th is a dogleg left that can be driven with a good tee shot. It measures 344 yards from the pro tees. A 15 acre lake frames the left side of the hole and the rough on that side slopes down to the water. The narrow landing area measures about 27 yards across and is guarded with two bunkers on each side. The two-tiered green is long and narrow with about 7100 square feet of putting surface. Two more bunkers guard the left front and middle of the green, and a collection area waits just off the right front of the green for short approach shots hit off line, or almost perfect drives. The area immediately left of the green slopes severely down 15 feet to the lake, so anything hit left has a very good chance of ending up in the hazard. The 17th hole is a 223-yard par three over water. A rock wall rings this part of the lake and borders the left and front of the green. The tee shot must carry the water hazard, and a bunker that protects the center. The 6,500-square-foot green is undulated, and on the left side there is only six feet between the edge of the putting surface and water hazard. On the right lies a closely mown collection area for errant shots. The water will be the collection area on the left.

## **THE CLUBHOUSE**

The white, Southern Style Plantation clubhouse was designed by Charles W. Connelly & Associates and was under construction from 1963 to 1967 and officially opened in September 1967. In 1999, the golf-course side of the clubhouse was redesigned for a more open feel by Ferry Hayes & Allen Designers, Inc. and Brian Dickerson. The building features a grand ballroom in the center with an oak floor. Off the main entrance foyer are a library and card room. Other features include several dining areas off the main kitchen, each with a distinct look and 15 fireplaces located throughout. The gentleman's and ladies' locker rooms are located on the west side of the building. The men's locker room features a grill and two lounge areas with paintings of the golf course throughout. Early decorations and furniture were provided by members and much remains in the club with the idea to create a feeling of comfort, much like entering an "elegant home," with the driveway leading to the front entrance bordered by large oak trees and the interior furnishings creating a sense of a "great big living room." In the winter of 2008, the member's pavilion was constructed behind the 18th green. During Wells Fargo tournament week, this is a members-only area where they can watch play on 18.

This building features oak walls, a large gathering space, a bar and a kitchen. The swimming pool was also re-done at the same time and is connected to this building on the parking lot side. The tennis shop was also rebuilt near here. The membership has such a sense of community that when a club member dies, the American flag located at the front of the clubhouse is lowered to half-mast. The last thing the Wells Fargo Champion does before departing the grounds on Sunday night is attend a Champagne Toast in the Quail Grill with tournament staff, board members and club members.

## **CHAMPIONS PARK**

Champions Park, built in 2004, is situated between the ninth and 10th fairways and honors those who have won professional tournaments at Quail Hollow. Kemper winners are named on the left and World Seniors victors on the right of a rock structure located in a grove of trees. On a massive, 20-foot high fireplace in the center, the winners of the Wells Fargo are honored with gold plaques. A stone building on the far end serves as a halfway house for most of the year. During the tournament, the Community Courtyard is located in this area paying tribute to tournament charities.

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## **SIGNIFICANT MOMENTS IN THE HISTORY OF QUAIL HOLLOW CLUB**

**April 13, 1959** First Meeting of Founders  
**June 3, 1961** Golf Course opened  
**September 14, 1967** Clubhouse opened  
**June 1969 – 1979** Kemper Open Invitational Golf Tournament  
**September 1980 – 1989** World Seniors Invitational Golf Tournament  
**July 1985** Holes 3, 7, 9, and 17 modified by Arnold Palmer  
**August 1993** Rock Wall on 17 added  
**August 1997** Rock Wall on 7 added  
**September 1997** Course Reconstructed by Tom Fazio  
**July 2000** Clubhouse renovated

**Spring 2001** Practice Facility reconstructed

**May 2003** PGA TOUR returns to Quail Hollow Club; David Toms Inaugural Champion

**Summer 2003** Holes 2, 8, and 9 modified by Tom Fazio

**Winter 2004** Champions Park constructed at Halfway House

**Winter 2008** Member's Pavilion constructed behind 18 green

**Summer 2009** Bunkering revitalized

**Summer 2010** Club selected by PGA of America as site of 2017 PGA Championship

**Summer 2013** All greens changed from bentgrass to MiniVerde bermudagrass. Hole 16 re-designed

**Winter 2015** Club selected by PGA TOUR as site of the 2021 Presidents Cup

**Spring 2016** Holes 1, 2 combined to make dog-leg right par-4 hole. Hole 5 split to create par-3 4<sup>th</sup> hole and par-4 5<sup>th</sup> hole with new green location.

**August 2017** Club hosts the 99<sup>th</sup> PGA Championship with Justin Thomas winning the title