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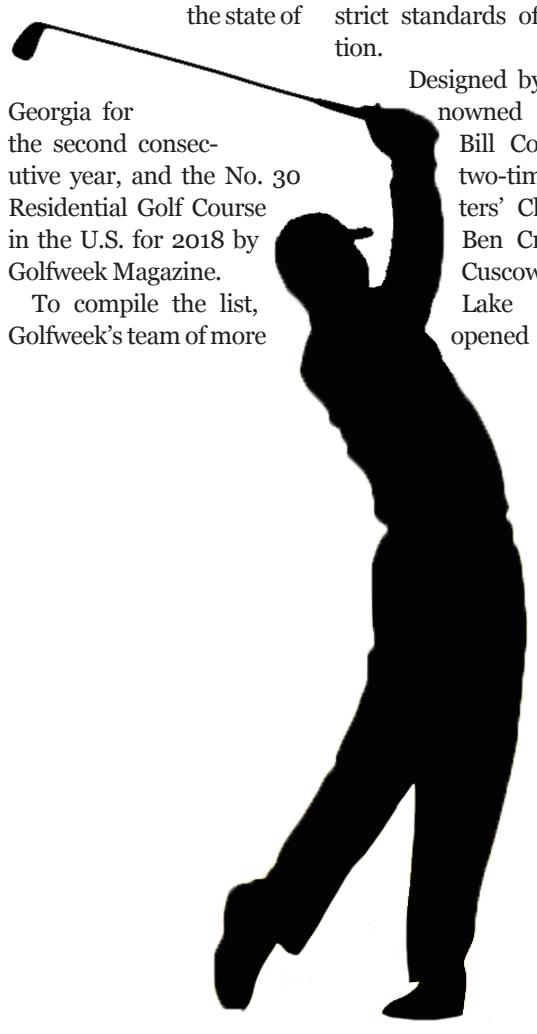

Designed by the renowned duo of Bill Coore and two-time Masters' Champion Ben Crenshaw, Cuscowilla on Lake Oconee opened for play in 1997 to rave reviews and has become a fixture atop the annual "best-of" lists, amassing an impressive list of honors including distinctions among the Top 100 Modern Golf Courses in the U.S., the No. 1 Golf Course You Can Play In Georgia, and most recently, the #1 Residential Golf Course in Georgia in both 2017 and 2018.

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Oconee Cellar keeps shelves stocked and ready for Masters Week

By WILL WOOLEVER
Lake Oconee Breeze

As springtime brings another chance to crown the world's greatest golfers on the hallowed grounds of Augusta National Golf Club, local business owners and residents are preparing for Lake Oconee's most unique time of year.

With a multitude of golf enthusiasts descending on the lake area during Masters Week in recent years, early April has seen the normally quiet Lake Oconee become a haven for fans both planning to attend the tournament and without the means to make it past Magnolia Lane. Amid the flurry of activity that comes with golf fans' most sacred week, one Lake Oconee business owner is an essential cog in golf fan's Masters week gatherings.

"When I first opened, there was no Publix, no Ritz-Carlton, and nothing really on [Highway] 44 — it's grown exponentially since then," said Matt Garofalo, owner of Greensboro's Oconee Cellar. "Masters Week is one of the busiest, if not the busiest week, of the year. That, and the Fourth of July, are probably neck and neck. Masters Week brings a lot of people to Lake Oconee."

For the past 20 years, Garofalo has supplied beer, wine and spirits to Lake Oconee residents and guests. In that time, he has seen the lake area grow from an out-of-the-way community far removed from Augusta National to a kind of staging area for those attending the Masters without lodging in the city proper. As the early April clientele of his business has shifted in recent years, so, too, have the types of beverages that the Oconee Cellar sells.

"People, and especially corporate people, will entertain clients, and a lot of people will send one group to the Masters one day while the other plays golf," he said. "The people who played golf will then go to the Masters and vice versa, and it's a great place for people to not only entertain but also to play golf themselves. ... When you're entertaining clients, you're not buying the low-end stuff, you're buying higher-end stuff to make sure those clients understand how much you appreciate them."

With golf fans and corporate bigwigs promising another busy April this year, Masters Week figures to be fairly hectic for Garofalo and his staff. Despite the extra work that comes with the golf year's most important week, the Oconee Cellar owner expressed excitement for the upcoming tournament.

"It's a great time to have a business like mine," said Garofalo of Masters week. "It's exhausting, but at the same time it flies by because it is so busy. The money is great, but at the same time it's just a fun week, and I've been lucky enough to be able to go to the Masters at least one time during the week, which is fun, too."

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Reynolds Kingdom of Golf Bradley helps visitors fine-tune their swings

By WILL WOOLEVER
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With several dozen of the world's best golfers set to gather at Augusta National Golf Club for the 82nd Masters, one of the world's most knowledgeable coaches will take in the tournament from afar.

For the past 25 years, Nick Bradley has helped golfers get the most out of their game at the highest levels of the sport. Throughout his time as a professional coach, Bradley has tutored players at the junior, amateur and professional levels, lending his expertise to such players as two-time Masters runner-up, 2016 Olympic Gold Medalist, and current world No. 5 Justin Rose. After nearly three decades of helping golfers from beginners to professionals perfect their game, Bradley has brought his expertise to Reynolds' Lake Oconee Kingdom of Golf to fine-tune his visitors' swings.

Originally from London, Bradley also served as strategic consultant for European Ryder Cup Captain Paul McGinley in 2014.

"My background is mainly tour teaching — I've spent basically the past 25 years teaching on the European Tour and the PGA Tour," said Bradley, the Kingdom's newly named director of instruction and club fitting. "I've taken players to number one in the world [on the amateur circuit] and two number fives, I've written two best-selling golf instruction books, and I've also done consultancy for the Ryder Cu p.... Last year, one of my students won the World Championship as an 11-year-old, and I've coached winners on every major tour in the world and seven amateur national champions."

Having begun work at Reynolds in January of this year, Bradley is still settling in to his new home in the lake area. As director of instruction and club fitting, Bradley is the Kingdom's resident expert on all things golf and the mental fortitude needed to play it. From Reynolds members and Ritz-Carlton guests to players that fly in specifically for him, Bradley is determined to help Kingdom visitors perfect their swing regardless of skill level.

In his new, full-time position, Bradley oversees the state-of-the-art operation at The Reynolds Kingdom of Golf, a 16-acre campus adjacent to the AAA Five Diamond Award-winning Ritz-Carlton Reynolds, Lake Oconee, and close to all 117 holes of Reynolds' highly acclaimed courses.

"It's pretty evenly based, actually. I'd say it's about a third members, a third Ritz-Carlton guests, and a third externally from Atlanta or other places," said Bradley. "I've just had a group fly in from New York, and such is the expertise we have here that people will fly in from [across the country]."

Although the Kingdom is busy with golfers all 12 months of the year, early April brings a certain weight to the sport in Georgia as visitors undertake the short drive from Reynolds to Augusta National. With the influx of players set to descend on Lake Oconee for golf's most hallowed week of the year, Bradley offered some advice to help players fine-tune their swing.

"A person can fix their golf swing, but relative to that will not make any change in their equipment to reflect the new technique," he said. "You can actually make someone's technique a lot better, but all of a sudden the equipment won't fit where they've made the improvements. The opposite is also true, where unless they change their equipment, hey don't have the potential to better their swing because their equipment is actually holding them back. A lot of people will say 'When I play better, I'll have a better plan', but the reality is that when they have a better plan, they play better."

Tiger Woods/AP Photo

Contenders led by Johnson, Watson, McIlroy, Woods

A capsule look at 15 top contenders for the Masters, which starts April 5 at Augusta National Golf Club:

DUSTIN JOHNSON
Age: 33.
Country: United States.
World ranking: 1.
Worldwide wins: 17.
Majors: U.S. Open (2016).
Masters moment: Slipping down the stairs and wrenching his back on the eve of the Masters, leading him to withdraw as the No. 1 player and heavy favorite in 2017.
Backspin: He doesn't have nearly the momentum he had last year when he was coming off three straight victories. But he hasn't been awful, either, except for his 0-3 mark at Match Play. He won Kapalua and was runner-up at Pebble Beach. He figured out how to play the course two years ago when he contended for the first time.

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BUBBA WATSON
Age: 39.
Country: United States.
World ranking: 21.
Worldwide wins: 12.
Majors: Masters (2012, 2014).
Masters moment: Hooking a gap wedge out of the trees on No. 10 to set up a par in a sudden-death playoff for his first Masters victory in 2012.
Backspin: Watson is healthy and happy, and the latter might be more important. He has never won twice going into the Masters, and he looked impressive in victories at Riviera and the Match Play. A good putting week is especially important for him.

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RORY MCILROY
Age: 28.
Country: Northern Ireland.
World ranking: 7.
Worldwide wins: 22.
Majors: U.S. Open (2011), British Open (2014), PGA Championship (2012, 2014).
Masters moment: Losing a four-shot lead in the final round of 2011 and shooting 80.
Backspin: This will be his fourth crack at trying to complete the career Grand Slam. He hasn't seriously contended at the Masters since he had a 4-shot lead after 54 holes in 2011. He won the Arnold Palmer Invitational three weeks before the Masters, which has given him a shot of confidence.

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TIGER WOODS
Age: 42.
Country: United States.
World ranking: 104.
Worldwide wins: 90.
Majors: Masters (1997, 2001, 2002, 2005), U.S. Open (2000, 2002, 2008), British Open (2000, 2005, 2006), PGA Championship (1999, 2000, 2006, 2007).

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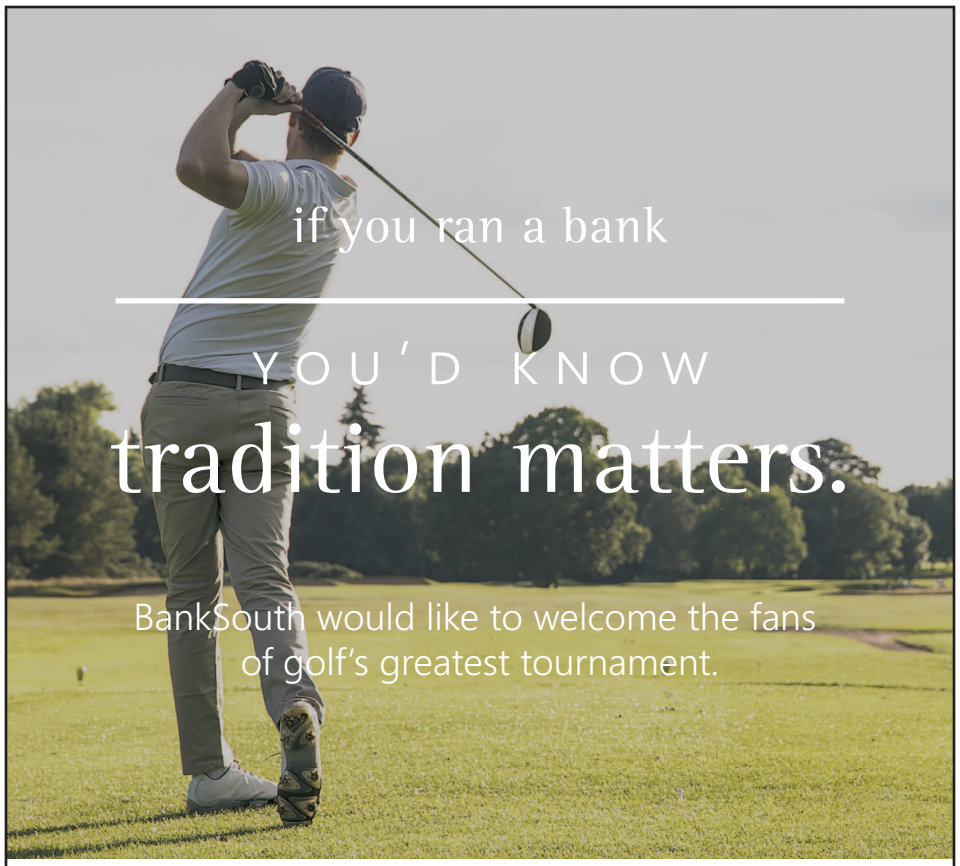

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Masters moment: Setting or tying 20 records in his first Masters victory by 12 shots in 1997.
Backspin:
Woods has missed the Masters three of the last four years because of back surgeries. The Masters is the only major in which he has never missed the cut, which is not on anyone's mind the way he has played this spring. All it took were three finishes in the top 12 for him to become the betting favorite in Las Vegas. If he were to win, the pursuit of Jack Nicklaus, who won 18 majors during his career, is back on.

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JORDAN SPIETH
Age: 24.
Country: United States.
World ranking: 4.
Worldwide wins: 14.
Majors: Masters (2015), U.S. Open (2015), British Open (2017).
Masters moment: Becoming the only player to reach 19 under at any point in the Masters in 2015. He wound up tying the 72-hole record held by Woods.
Backspin: Spieth is going through what might be the first slump of his career, mainly with his short game. His best finish this year is ninth at Kapalua and Riviera, and he has yet to finish closer than five shots of the lead. He'll find out what kind of magic the Masters holds for him. In four previous starts, he has been runner-up twice, won in 2015 and tied for 11th last year.

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PHIL MICKELSON
Age: 47.
Country: United States.
World ranking: 18.
Worldwide wins: 46.
Majors: Masters (2004, 2006, 2010), British Open (2013), PGA Championship (2005).
Masters moment: Leaping an estimated 13 inches into the air when he made an 18-foot birdie putt on the final hole for his first major.
Backspin: Mickelson has a history of playing Augusta National well at any age, though he has lost some of his consistency. In the last five years, he was runner-up to Jordan Spieth in 2015 but finished out of the top 20 the other four times. He has not broken 70 in a major since the final round of the 2016 PGA Championship.

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JUSTIN THOMAS
Age: 24.
Country: United States.
World ranking: 2.
Worldwide wins: 8.
Majors: PGA Championship (2017).
Masters moment: Earning his first crystal by making eagle on the par-5 13th hole in the fourth round last year.
Backspin: He is playing as well as anyone, with a victory in the Honda Classic, a playoff loss in Mexico and a semifinal loss in the Match Play. His first two trips to the Masters have been ordinary. Thomas made the cut both times but has yet to break 70.

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JUSTIN ROSE
Age: 37.
Country: England.
World ranking: 5.
Worldwide wins: 19.
Majors: U.S. Open (2013).
Masters moment: Losing in a playoff to Sergio Garcia last year.
Backspin: Rose had three chances to really close out a victory last year when he missed putts on the 13th, 17th and 18th holes. It was his second runner-up finish in three years, so he knows the course. His long game is the envy of many. His success lies in making putts on the back nine Sunday.

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SERGIO GARCIA
Age: 38.
Country: Spain.
World ranking: 9.
Worldwide wins: 28.
Majors: Masters (2017).
Masters moment: Pounding his fist on the 18th green after making birdie to win in a playoff last year over Justin Rose for his first major.
Backspin: Garcia went 70 majors as a pro before winning his first major and hasn't finished in the top 20 since then. He returns to Augusta National as a father, with his wife having given birth to a daughter they named Azalea three weeks ago. Perhaps the confidence of winning will inspire him to another green jacket.

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RICKIE FOWLER
Age: 29.
Country: United States.
World ranking: 8.
Worldwide wins: 8.
Majors: None.
Masters moment: Being asked not to wear his cap backward at Augusta National his first year in 2011.
Backspin: Fowler has gone more than a year since his last victory, and he probably doesn't win enough in the first place. He has had two good chances at the Masters. He was two shots behind going into the final round in 2014 and shot 73. He was one shot behind last year and shot 76.

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JASON DAY
Age: 30.
Country: Australia.
World ranking: 12.
Worldwide wins: 11.
Majors: PGA Championship (15).
Masters moment: Losing a two-shot lead with three holes to play in 2013.
Backspin: Day's victory at Torrey Pines was enough to make him a factor at the Masters, where he was in the mix on Sunday in 2011 until Charl Schwartzel beat him with birdies, and in 2013 until Day beat himself with mistakes. He always felt Augusta National suited him. Key to Day is not falling too far behind after the opening round.

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JON RAHM
Age: 23.
Country: Spain.
World ranking: 3.

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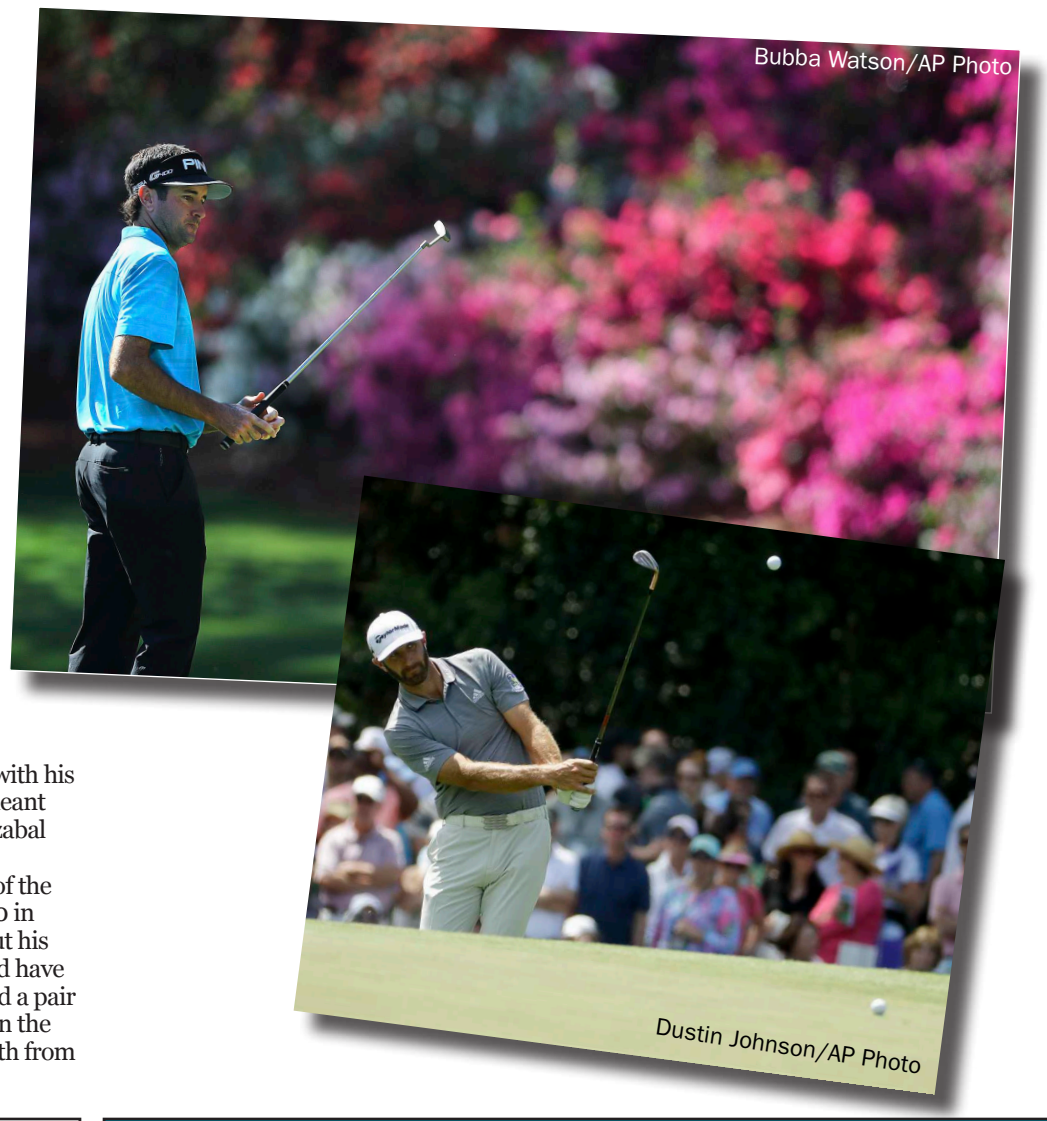
Worldwide wins: 4.
Majors: None.
Masters moment: Being just three shots out of the lead going into the weekend at his first Masters.
Backspin: Rahm figures to be the next Spaniard in a green jacket, though he is not in as good a spot as he was a year ago. After his 75-77 weekend at Torrey Pines when he had a chance to go to No. 1, and the following week in Phoenix when he fell out of contention with a 72, he has not looked as sharp.

TOMMY FLEETWOOD
Age: 27.
Country: England.
World ranking: 11.
Worldwide wins: 5.
Majors: None.
Masters moment: Holing a 40-foot putt in Mexico last year to secure his first trip to the Masters.
Backspin: Fleetwood had a rough debut last year when he shot rounds of 74-78 and was gone by the weekend. He has established himself as one of Europe's premier players with three victories in the last 15 months against strong competition on the European Tour.

PAUL CASEY
Age: 40.
Country: England.
World ranking: 13.
Worldwide wins: 16.
Majors: None.
Masters moment: Closing with a Sunday-best 67 in 2016 to tie for fourth as England occupied three of the top four spots on the leaderboard.
Backspin: He has five top 10s at the Masters, and in only one of those occasions had he won that year to help with his confidence. That's why his victory in the Valspar Championship was significant. Casey won't have many chances left, and this is one course he has played reasonably well.

HENRIK STENSON
Age: 42.
Country: Sweden.
World ranking: 15.
Worldwide wins: 19.
Majors: British Open (2016).
Masters moment: Attended in 1999 with his wife, saw Jose Maria Olazabal and meant to place a bet on him but forgot (Olazabal won).
Backspin: He turns 42 on Thursday of the Masters. He has yet to record a top 10 in his 12 appearances at the Masters, but his putting has improved and that should have given him a chance anywhere. He had a pair of top 10s in the Middle East swing on the European Tour, and he finished fourth from the final group at Bay Hill.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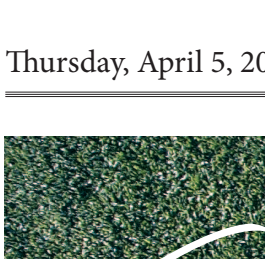
445 yards, par 4 (Tea Olive): This slight dogleg right plays uphill and has a deep bunker requiring a 317-yard carry off the tee. The bunker has a tongue in the left side, so anything that enters the front of the bunker might be blocked by the lip. A bunker is left of the green, which falls off sharply at the back and to the right.

Masters memory: Charl Schwartzel used a 6-iron to pitch a low-running shot from the right mounds across the green and holed the shot for birdie to begin the final round of his 2011 victory.

Average score and rank: 4.24 (6th)



350 yards, par 4 (Flowering Peach): One of the best short par 4s in golf, this hole hasn't been changed since 1982. Big hitters can drive near the green, but not many try because of all the trouble surrounding the L-shaped green that slopes sharply from right to left. Most players hit iron off tee to stay short of four bunkers on the left side.

Masters memory: Jeff Maggert was leading in the final round in 2003 when he found a fairway bunker to the left. His shot ricocheted off the face of the bunker and struck him in the chest for a two-stroke penalty. He took triple bogey on the hole and never recovered.

Average score and rank: 4.08 (14th)

240 yards, par 3 (Flowering Crab Apple): This has become a long iron for big hitters, fairway metal for others. A deep bunker protects the right side of the green, with another bunker to the left. Club selection remains crucial because of the deceptive wind. The green slopes to the front. This hole features the only palm tree on the course.

Masters memory: Phil Mickelson was one shot out of the lead in the final round in 2012 when his tee shot hit the grandstand and went into the woods. Lefty played two right-handed shots to get it out, hit his fourth into the bunker and got up-and-down for a triple bogey. He finished two shots behind.

Average score and rank: 3.29 (3rd)

455 yards, par 4 (Magnolia): An uphill, slight dogleg to the left with two very deep bunkers guarding the left side some 300 yards from the tee. The green slopes severely from back to front, and a small bunker catches anything long. If an approach is long and misses the bunker, it could roll down the slope and into the Magnolia trees.

Masters memory: Jack Nicklaus made two eagles in the 1995 Masters, with a 5-iron from 180 yards in the first round and with a 7-iron from 163 yards in the third round.

Average score and rank: 4.26 (5th)

575 yards, par 5 (Pink Dogwood): A dogleg left that can be reached in two by the big hitters. A fairway bunker on the right comes into play. A big drive kept down the left side shortens the hole but leaves a downhill lie to a green guarded by two deep bunkers in the front.

Masters memory: Louis Oosthuizen hit a 4-iron from 253 yards in the final round of 2012 that landed on the front of the green and rolled some 90 feet into the cup for the first albatross at this hole in Masters history. It took him from a one-shot deficit to a two-shot lead. He went on to lose in a playoff.

Average score and rank: 4.79 (16th)

180 yards, par 3 (Juniper): An elevated tee to a large green with three tiers, with significant slopes marking the three levels. Getting close to the hole is a challenge. The easiest pin might be front left. The hole has not been changed since 1975.

Masters memory: Billy Joe Patton, trying to become the first amateur to win the Masters, made a hole-in-one with a 5-iron from 190 yards in the final round in 1954. He missed the playoff between Ben Hogan and Sam Snead by one shot.

Average score and rank: 3.14 (13th)

570 yards, par 5 (Yellow Jasmine): An accurate drive is important to avoid the fairway bunker on the right side. The hole is uphill and features trouble left of the green. There are no bunkers around the green, just severe mounding.

Masters memory: Tom Kite and Seve Ballesteros were paired together in the final round in 1986, both in contention. Kite hit a sand wedge from 80 yards that bounced twice and dropped in for his first eagle to get within two shots of the lead. Ballesteros, not the least bit bothered, played a pitch-and-run from 40 yards short of the green and matched his eagle to take the lead.

Average score and rank: 4.83 (15th)

495 yards, par 4 (Camellia): A long hole that can play shorter if the drive catches the slope in the fairway. It is difficult to save par from the bunker right of the green. The putting surface slopes from right to left. It has played as the most difficult hole in Masters history.

Masters memory: Bubba Watson was deep in the trees to the right of the fairway, 155 yards away, when he played a 40-yard hook with a wedge that landed about 10 feet beneath the hole. He two-putted for par to win the 2012 Masters.

Average score and rank: 4.31 (1st)

155 yards, par 3 (Golden Bell): This is among the most famous par 3s in golf, and the shortest hole at Augusta National. Club selection can range from a 6-iron to a 9-iron, but it's difficult to gauge the wind. Rae's Creek is in front of the shallow green, with two bunkers behind it and one in front.

Masters memory: Jordan Spieth hit two balls into Rae's Creek and made a quadruple-bogey 7. He started the back nine Sunday in 2016 with a five-shot lead. Walking to the 13th tee, he was three shots behind.

Average score and rank: 3.28 (4th)

450 yards, par 4 (Pampas): This hole literally has come a long way, from 320 yards to 450 yards. The tee was extended by 40 yards in 2003, then two years ago, the tee box was lengthened to allow the hole to play shorter if necessary. The tee shot is through a chute of Georgia pines, played to the left-center of the fairway into a slight slope. The green is surrounded by five bunkers, the most around any green.

Masters memory: Byron Nelson drove the green in the 1937 Masters for a two-putt birdie when it played at 320 yards. That inspired Augusta National to alter the hole, moving the green back 20 yards and to the right on an upslope and surrounding the green with bunkers.

Average score and rank: 4.15 (10th)

460 yards, par 4 (Carolina Cherry): The tee shot should be aimed down the right side for a good angle into the green, which features two large bunkers to the left. Any approach that is short could spin some 25 yards back into the fairway.

Masters memory: Jack Nicklaus hit 9-iron into 12 feet in 1986 and was ready to putt when he heard back-to-back cheers from behind him on the eighth green. "Why don't we try to make some noise ourselves?" he said to the gallery. He made the birdie putt, and so began his charge to his sixth green jacket.

Average score and rank: 4.14 (12th)

505 yards, par 4 (White Dogwood): Amen Corner starts here. The tee was lengthened by 15 yards in 2006, but some pine trees have been removed on the right side, although the landing area is still tight. A big tee shot — and a straight one — is required to get to the crest of the hill. A pond guards the green to the left and a bunker is to the back right. The safe shot is to bail out short and to the right.

Masters memory: Larry Mize was in a sudden-death playoff with Greg Norman in 1987 when he missed the green to the right. Mize's 140-foot chip was gaining steam when it dropped in for birdie, giving him the green jacket and dealing another blow to Norman's hopes of winning the Masters.

Average score and rank: 4.30 (2nd)

510 yards, par 5 (Azalea): An accurate tee shot to the center of the fairway sets up players to go for the green. A tributary to Rae's Creek winds in front of the green, and four bunkers are behind the putting surface. From tee to green, there are about 1,600 azaleas.

Masters memory: With a two-shot lead in the final round in 2010, Phil Mickelson was in the pine straw behind a pair of trees. He hit 6-iron through a small gap in the pines and over the creek to about 4 feet. He missed the eagle putt but kept his lead and went on to win.

Average score and rank: 4.79 (17th)

440 yards, par 4 (Chinese Fir): This is the only hole on the course without a bunker. Even if the drive avoids trees on both sides of the fairway, the green has severe contours that feed the ball to the right.

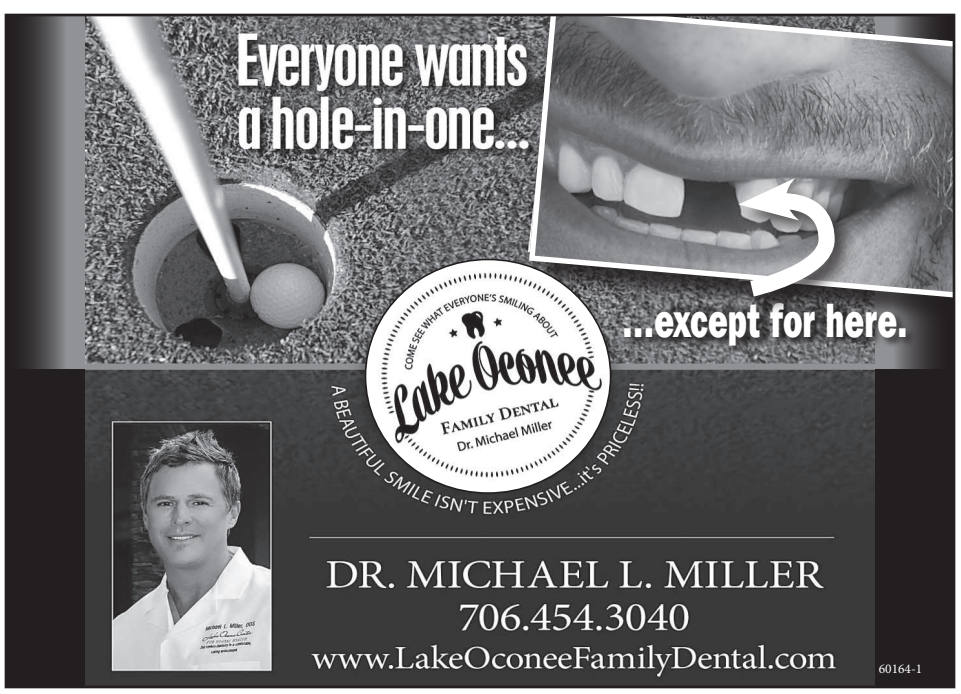
Masters memory: Phil Mickelson holed out for eagle during an eagle-eagle-birdie stretch on Saturday in 2010 that helped him get into the final group. He won his third green jacket the next day.

Average score and rank: 4.17 (8th)

530 yards, par 5 (Firethorn): A cluster of pines is starting to mature on the right side of the fairway, making it critical to be straight off the tee. The green can be reached in two with a good drive, but a pond guards the front and there is a bunker to the right. Even for those laying up, the third shot requires a precise wedge.

Masters memory: Gene Sarazen was three shots behind when he hit the "shot heard 'round the world" in 1935. His 4-wood from 235 yards went into the hole for an albatross. He tied Craig Wood and defeated him the next day in a playoff.

Average score and rank: 4.78 (18th)



170 yards, par 3 (Redbud): The hole is played entirely over water and eventually bends to the left. Two bunkers guard the right side, and the green slopes significantly from right to left. The Sunday pin typically is back and on the lower shelf, and pars from the top shelf that day are rare.

Masters memory: Tiger Woods had a one-shot lead over Chris DiMarco when he missed the green long in 2005. He chipped away from the hole up the slope, watched it make a U-turn at the top and roll back toward the hole, pausing for 2 full seconds before dropping for birdie.

Average score and rank: 3.15 (11th)

465 yards, par 4 (Holly): Now among the most demanding finishing holes in golf, this uphill dogleg right is protected off the tee by two deep bunkers at the left elbow — the only bunkers in play off the tee on the back nine (except for par 3s). Trees get in the way of a drive that strays to the right. A middle iron typically is required for a green that has a bunker in front and to the right.

Masters memory: Sandy Lyle was tied for the lead with Mark Calcavecchia in 1988 when he hit 1-iron in the first of two bunkers down the left side of the fairway. Not thinking he could get on the green, Lyle hit 7-iron over the tall lip and behind the flag, and it rolled back to 10 feet. He holed the putt for birdie to win.

Average score and rank: 4.23 (7th)

440 yards, par 4 (Nandina): The Eisenhower Tree to the left of the fairway about 210 yards from the tee could not be saved from an ice storm in February 2014. It was taken down after suffering significant damage. That has made the tee shot much easier, especially for those with a lower, left-to-right ball flight. The green is protected by two bunkers in the front.

Masters memory: Jack Nicklaus made his final birdie in 1986 with a 12-foot putt that sent him to a 30 on the back nine and a 65, giving him a one-shot win and his sixth Masters. The pose Nicklaus struck when the putt dropped is captured in a bronze of him outside his clubhouse at Muirfield Village.

Average score and rank: 4.16 (9th)

Masters, Trivia Quiz

1. Which former British Open champion never broke par at the Masters?
a.) John Daly
b.) Bobby Jones
c.) Bill Rogers

2. Who won the first Masters?
a.) Gene Sarazen
b.) Byron Nelson
c.) Horton Smith

3. After which flower did Sergio Garcia and his wife name their daughter?
a.) Golden Bell
b.) Camellia
c.) Azalea

4. Which player has won the most green jackets?
a.) Jack Nicklaus
b.) Arnold Palmer
c.) Tiger Woods

5. Name the only player to complete the career Grand Slam at the Masters?
a.) Gene Sarazen
b.) Gary Player
c.) Ben Hogan

6. Name the first player to win the Masters in a sudden-death playoff.
a.) Fuzzy Zoeller
b.) Nick Faldo
c.) Ian Woosnam

7. Who was the only player to lose the Masters in a playoff twice?
a.) Chris DiMarco
b.) Ben Hogan
c.) Greg Norman

8. Which player recorded the highest score on the par-3 12th hole at the Masters?
a.) Tommy Nakajima
b.) Tom Weiskopf
c.) Jordan Spieth

9. Who was the first player to shoot 63 at the Masters?
a.) Nick Price
b.) Greg Norman
c.) Arnold Palmer

10. Who was the oldest Masters champion?
a.) Raymond Floyd
b.) Jack Nicklaus
c.) Angel Cabrera

11. Name the only player to finish runner-up to Jack Nicklaus and Tiger Woods in the Masters?
a.) Greg Norman
b.) Tom Kite
c.) Mark O'Meara

12. What did Tiger Woods shoot on the opening 9 holes the year he won the Masters by 12 shots?
a.) 30
b.) 36
c.) 40

13. Who has finished runner-up at the Masters the most times without ever winning?
a.) Tom Kite
b.) Johnny Miller
c.) Tom Weiskopf

14. Name the first left-handed Masters champion.
a.) Phil Mickelson
b.) Mike Weir
c.) Bob Charles

15. On which hold did Gene Sarazen make albatross in the "shot heard 'round the world" in 1935?
a.) No. 13
b.) No. 15
c.) No. 18

16. Who was the first player to birdie the last two holes to win the Masters by one shot?
a.) Craig Wood
b.) Arnold Palmer
c.) Sandy Lyle

17. Who shot the lowest final round to win the Masters?
a.) Jack Nicklaus
b.) Jack Burke Jr.
c.) Gary Player

18. Who is the only Masters champion to win in a sudden-death playoff with a bogey?
a.) Nick Faldo
b.) Mike Weir
c.) Adam Scott

ANSWERS
1. b
2. c
3. c
4. a
5. a
6. a
7. b
8. b
9. a
10. b
11. b
12. c
13. c
14. b
15. b
16. b
17. c
18. b

Masters '18 facts & stats

Tournament: The 82nd Masters.
Dates: April 5-8.
Site: Augusta National Golf Club.
Length: 7,435 yards.
Par: 36-36_72.
Purse: To be determined ($11 million in 2017).
Field: 86 players (80 professional, 6 amateurs).
Cut: Top 50 and ties, and anyone within 10 shots of the lead.
Defending champion: Sergio Garcia.
Last year: Sergio Garcia won his first major in his 70th attempt as a pro, rallying from a two-shot deficit with six holes to play to beat Justin Rose on the first hole of a sudden-death playoff. The turning point came at the par-5 13th when Garcia had to take a penalty drop from the bushes left of the tee. He saved par, went birdie-eagle to tie Rose and won with a 12-foot birdie putt on the 18th hole in sudden death after Rose made bogey.
Eye on Tiger: Tiger Woods returns after missing the Masters three of the last four years with a back injury.
The odds: The Westgate Las Vegas Superbook had odds at 50-1 for Woods winning the Masters before he returned to competition in the Bahamas the first week in December. Six tournaments later, he is a co-favorite.
Grand Slam: Rory McIlroy will try for the fourth time to win the Masters and become the sixth player to complete the Grand Slam.
New chairman: Fred Ridley takes over as chairman of Augusta National, succeeding the retired Billy Payne.
Key statistic: This is the only major where Tiger Woods has never missed the cut as a pro.
Noteworthy: It has been 20 years since a player in his 40s won the Masters.
Quoteworthy: "There's no other golf course like it in the world and there's no other golf tournament like it. It is literally a player's heaven." — Tiger Woods.
Television: Thursday-Friday, 3-7:30 p.m. (ESPN); Saturday, 3-7 p.m. (CBS Sports); Sunday, 2-7 p.m. (CBS Sports).
Interactive: www.masters.com . Live video channels from Amen Corner, the 15th hole, 16th hole and a featured group. Estimated times — Amen Corner (Nos. 11, 12 and 13) from 10:45 a.m. to 6 p.m. Thursday and Friday, and from 11:45 a.m. to 6 p.m. on Saturday and Sunday; Nos. 15 and 16 from 11:45 a.m. to 7 p.m. on Thursday and Friday, and from 12:30 p.m. to 6:30 p.m. on Saturday and Sunday; and featured group from noon to completion of play on Thursday and Friday, and from 12:30 p.m. to completion of play on Saturday and Sunday. The Masters iPad application will display the video channels and a live digital simulcast of CBS Sports' weekend coverage.

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