

GOLF NEWS & NOTES

Great Golf Getaways

(NAPSA)—Golfers who want to putt away on vacation without spending a lot of green may want to check out one of the country's hottest golf spots: Fayetteville, North Carolina.

The Carolina city offers rolling fairways and soft white native sands on uncrowded courses—courses boasting the well-known names of famous golf architects such as Davis Love III, Ellis Maples, Gene Hamm and Willard Byrd. In fact, Golf Digest recently ranked the Fayetteville area 95 out of 312 golfing destinations. The same survey put the city at 52 out of 312 destinations for its value to golfers.

In addition, greater Fayetteville's Tobacco Road and Anderson Creek Golf Clubs were honored with a Five Star Rating from the North Carolina Magazine Golf Panel's 2004 listing of North Carolina's Top 100 Golf Courses. The courses ranked 34 and 35 respectively.

Anderson Creek was Davis Love III's first signature course in North Carolina and winner of the Best New Course in NC award in 2001. It offers a traditional layout with rolling fairways lined with longleaf pines. Tobacco Road was designed by Mike Stantz. It has been described as "golf's rock and roll thrill ride." The unique course carves its way through an old rock quarry.

Of course, you may need to take the occasional rest from golfing while on vacation. That's where Fayetteville's top-of-the-line accommodations come in. With over 5,000 hotel rooms at a variety of properties, the region offers lodging for most budgets



Golf getaways don't have to break the bank.

and tastes. Some packages start at \$74 for an overnight stay, breakfast, cart and one round of golf.

Fayetteville restaurants range from fine dining to Japanese steak houses, seafood to Greek restaurants, and from southern buffets to Hungarian cuisine. The region is even home to two microbreweries, so you can toast your day out on the links.

If you're looking for a night out on the town after a day out on the course, you can check out the Cape Fear Regional Theatre or the Cameo Art House Theatre. Golfers can also relax and take in a local sporting event. The area has four sports teams: the Cape Fear FireAntz (hockey); Fayetteville Patriots (NBDL basketball); Cape Fear Wildcats (arena football); and the Fayetteville SwampDogs (baseball). For more information on the Fayetteville area, visit the Web site at www.VisitFayettevilleNC.com.

For more information or to book a golf package, call 1-888-292-4906 or visit www.fayettevillegolfpackages.com.