

THE OUTER BANKS

North Carolina's Unsung Destination



HANG GLIDERS COME TO THE OUTER BANKS TO REPLICATE ORVILLE AND WILBUR WRIGHT'S FAMOUS FLIGHT. THE GRANITE MONUMENT COMMEMORATES THE INNOVATIVE BROTHERS. THE CAPE HATTARAS LIGHTHOUSE IS A PIECE OF OUTER BANKS HISTORY. AND GOLFERS? THEY COME TO PLAY COURSES LIKE THE CAROLINA CLUB (ABOVE).

North Carolina's Outer Banks comprise a lengthy chain of barrier islands that delicately dangle off the state's mainland coast like a priceless string of pearls. They are geological marvels – the highest ridges of prehistoric sand dunes that barely managed to keep their collective chins above water as the earth's glaciers melted around them eons ago.

These fragile slivers of land – now supporting towns with picturesque names like Waves, Duck and Salvo – have attracted adventurers of all kinds for centuries, but now in the 21st century, golfers are discovering the windswept sandy loam of the eastern extreme of the Tarheel State makes a mighty fine golf getaway.

The Outer Banks has long been an alluring destination for vacationers with a multitude of interests: fishing, boating, beachcombing and historic sightseeing top the list. Golf, for the most part, ranked as a secondary attraction to the other main draws. That perception, however, is gradually changing.

As assuredly as sands shift on the OBX, golf is making a

move up the beachgoers' priority list, thanks in no small way to the formation of an association to lure golfers in the shoulder seasons and to make beach vacationers aware that some of their summer vacation budget should be set aside for golf.

The Outer Banks Golf Association (golfouterbanks.com) has made the OBX a favorite golf destination. Golf on the Outer Banks features the windswept ridges of the Currituck Club, the meticulous putting surfaces of the Pointe Golf Club and the views of the Roanoke Sound at Nags Head Golf Links, not to mention the majestic views of the Atlantic Ocean at Sea Scape, the impeccable Carolina Club, and the winding lush forests of the new

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– Keith Hall, President
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CONTRIBUTING WRITER PATRICK JONES TAKES A MORE IN-DEPTH LOOK AT THE COURSES AND LIFESTYLE OF THE OUTER BANKS AT WWW.GOLFSTYLESONLINE.COM



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