



**Special points of interest:**

**August 20, 2007** — Wolfpack Welcome Golf Tournament.

**August 22, 2007**— NC State begins the fall semester.

**September 9, 2007**—First meeting of the NC State PGM Student Organization

**September 19—20, 2007** — The SAS Championship PGA Pro-Am at Prestonwood CC, Cary, NC.

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## NCSU Breaks Ground on Palmer Designed Golf Course

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Golf legend Arnold Palmer teed off construction of the Lonnie Poole Golf Course at North Carolina State University in an invitation-only ceremony Monday, July 9, on NC State’s Centennial Campus.

The Palmer Course Design Company designed the 18-hole, 7,025-yard, par-71 public course. NC State alumni Erik Larsen ’77, executive vice president of the Palmer Course Design Company, and Brandon Johnson ’97, golf course architect for the firm, were instrumental in the course’s design.

“This course will bring a broad range of benefits to NC State, our students and the community,” said Chancellor

James Oblinger. “The golf course will support teaching and learning, research, economic development and recreation in many ways.”



*“This program is not about the game of golf, it’s about the business of golf.”*  
- Dr. Robb Wade  
PGM Director

The Poole family donated \$3 million for the course’s construction. The \$11.6 million golf course project is being funded entirely by private donations.

In addition to serving as a recreational amenity, NC State’s golf course will enhance the academic and programmatic mission of the university, provide a critical research and teaching tool, serve as a living laboratory for the university’s nationally recognized turfgrass program, provide a home for the university’s PGA-sanctioned Professional Golf Management program and serve as a venue for the NC State golf teams.

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## NC State PGM Welcomes Andy Betz as Internship Coordinator

Andy Betz has been named the new Internship Coordinator for the NC State PGM program and will begin his duties September 4, 2007.

Betz leaves his positions as Head Professional at

MacGregor Downs Country Club in Cary, NC where he worked for nine years..

Betz says he is excited about his new position and working with students and golf professionals, but he and his

family are most excited about the opportunity to spend time together on the weekends.

The NC State PGM program is proud to welcome Andy Betz and his family into our PGM family.

The course is particularly important to the teaching of golf course professionals and will be a boost to the turfgrass program. The university is one of only 18 schools in the nation accredited by the PGA of America to offer a Bachelor of Science in professional golf management (PGM). PGM students learn how to combine the best practices for managing the business of golf with the best stewardship of natural resources. The turfgrass program is one of the largest and best known in the country.

The environmentally friendly course and facilities will cover about 200 acres in the southern portion of Centennial Campus. Eventually, the facility will include a clubhouse and a 12,000-square-foot building that will house classrooms, working labs, meeting and conference rooms, and offices.

The golf course is slated to open in spring 2009.



Arnold Palmer tees off ceremony for new Lonnie Poole Golf Course at NC State University.



NC State PGM students have the honor of meeting Arnold Palmer at the groundbreaking ceremony. Pictured left to right are Joey LeCompte (So., Washington, NC), Clay Garland (Sr., Canton, NC), Arnold Palmer, Joe Froelich (Sr., Staunton, VA).

## ***“We Work Where We Play”***

*In this column we will feature facilities where NC State PGM students complete internships. Since NC State’s golf course is not yet complete, local courses in the Triangle area of NC have graciously allowed our students playing privileges, as well as, opportunities to learn through work experiences. Therefore, in many cases, “We Work Where We Play.” We thank all facilities throughout the United States who have worked with our students to provide them with the hands-on learning they need to be successful in the golf industry. This month we feature:*

***Raleigh Country Club, Raleigh, NC ...  
Chad Kufen, Head Professional &  
Director of Operations***



Raleigh Country Club was established in 1948 and boasts the last course for [Tradition and Future](#) designed by legendary [Donald Ross](#).

The course has remained true to the original standards, as described by the [Donald Ross Society](#), of making each hole present a different problem, making every stroke count, and taking full advantage of terrain while wasting no ground. The course opened for play in July of 1949, with Hall of Fame member Sam Snead playing an exhibition tournament.

Ellis Maples became the club’s first Director of Golf and Arnold Palmer played numerous rounds as a collegian during his early years. Raleigh Country Club has been host to numerous professional and major national amateur events.

Many NC State PGM students have had the opportunity to do internships at RCC and have continued to work their long after their required internship period has expired. Currently RCC has four students on staff and others work at caddies as various times.

Chad Kufen, head professional and director of operations says, “Having been a Class A member of the PGA for some 10 years now, I can personally attest to the success of the Professional Golf Management program. In the beginning of my tenure, my interns would fill positions in my outside operations and sometimes be entrusted with shop duty. It’s a very different situation nowadays. I look to the PGM program for key young men and women to fill important operational gaps during the busy season. I’ve not only had the honor of hosting aspiring golf professionals for their internships, but the majority of my permanent professional staff at Raleigh Country Club are graduates of the PGM program. North Carolina State University produces a tremendous pool of fine golf professionals upon graduation each year.”

NC State appreciate the partnership with RCC and looks forward to many successful years ahead.

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## Student "Eagle" - Tom Tyndall

Tom Tyndall, a 4th year senior from Clayton, NC is not what one would call a "traditional" college student. This 43 year old decided a few years ago it was time to find a job he enjoyed in a field in which he had a passion. That is when Tom enrolled in the NC State PGM program.



Since that day Tom has become a student who aims high and expects a lot from himself and his fellow students. Tom says, "The opportunity to be in the Professional Golf Management program at NC State University is one in which I am truly grateful. Over the last few years and three internships, I have developed many personal and professional friendships both in and out of the golf industry that will last me a lifetime. I have experienced first hand what it is like to work a US Open Golf Championship and had the opportunity to work at the only course that Arnold Palmer and Jack Nicholas collaborated on (the King & Bear Golf Course) inside the World Golf Village in St. Augustine Florida. I have had the privilege of working with many industry leaders and met many wonderful people."

"I am most proud of my current position with The First Tee of the Triangle where I have assumed the Director of Programming position indefinitely. Being responsible for the successful delivery and further development of our character development/junior golf program is something in which I take great pride. At a time in history when our children are exposed to more social and personal challenges than ever before, it's nice to know that there are organizations like The First Tee of the Triangle that strive to give children the tools they need to become successful human beings as well as successful golfers."

T.D. Lutten, Executive Director, First Tee of the Triangle, says "Tom has been an integral part of our program and success in changing our name from the First Tee of Wake County to First Tee of the Triangle and serving a larger population of youth in this area of NC. He was instrumental in changing our method of registration by fax to an online registration saving us processing time from 270 hours/year to 60/year. He is invaluable to our program."

Regarding the NC State PGM program Tyndall states, "Students can expect a multifaceted approach to education and a variety of internship possibilities across the country that will prepare them for many career opportunities. Students can expect to understand the golf business as a whole and to better understand the business of golf. I am grateful to be a part of such a special program."

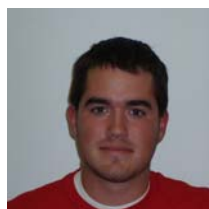
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## What Are They Saying About Their Internships from Coast to Coast?

"The Bandon Dunes Golf Resort Internship program is one of the best in the nation. Most internship experiences teach students how to do something. Bandon Dunes teaches you **"why"** they do it. Through the internship, a student will rotate through the golf shops, retail department, guest services, and caddie manager giving the student a full understanding of the entire golf resort. With all three golf courses ranked in the top 100, and three of four golf shops in the top 100, Bandon Dunes golf resort is second to none."

Kyle just completed a seven month internship at Bandon Dunes Golf Resort in Bandon, OR.

**Kyle Earley**  
Junior  
Level II PGA Student  
Erie, PA



"Working as an intern assistant golf professional at the Slammer & Squire Golf Course at the World Golf Village in St. Augustine, FL, was an experience that has changed my entire perspective on the golf industry. The World Golf Village prides itself on customer service and superior course conditioning and the company works diligently to train their golf professionals to become experts in all aspects of the industry. While working at the Slammer & Squire, I had the opportunity to work on staff management, outside supplies and rental club inventory, tournament setup and operations, and numerous marketing campaigns. I also spent several shifts working on player development and PGA Grow the Game initiatives. I would definitely recommend working at the World Golf Village if you are looking to expand your professional abilities and make some valuable contacts and recommendations for future use."



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**Jeff Holden**