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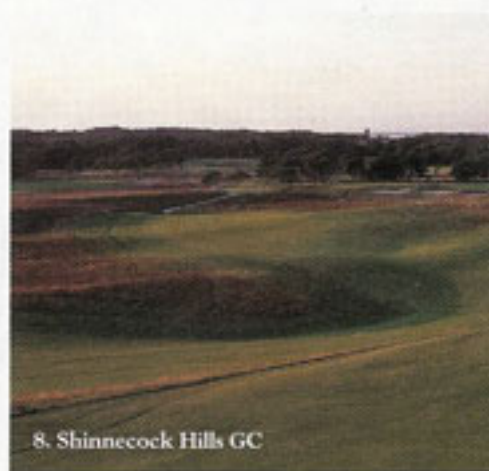
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1 Augusta National GC, Augusta, Ga.	9.97	9.97	10.00	9.10	9.59	9.96	9.69	9.77	10.00	9.93	98.51
2 Pine Valley GC, Pine Valley, N.J.	10.00	9.69	9.98	9.44	9.48	9.40	9.71	9.40	9.73	9.53	97.36
3 Hidden Creek GC, Egg Harbor Township, N.J.	9.85	9.77	9.65	9.81	9.67	9.81	9.60	9.14	9.71	9.76	97.28
4 Firestone CC, Akron, Ohio	9.85	9.85	9.62	9.54	9.00	9.42	9.25	9.50	9.54	9.17	95.86
5 Oak Hill CC, Rochester, N.Y.	10.00	9.88	9.88	8.56	8.78	9.13	8.80	9.22	9.11	10.00	95.34
6 Oakmont CC, Oakmont, Pa.	9.87	9.79	9.97	8.26	9.03	9.58	9.58	9.04	9.34	9.05	95.07
7 Cypress Point Club, Pebble Beach	9.94	9.72	9.98	7.07	9.88	9.07	9.71	9.30	9.32	9.73	95.01
8 Shinnecock Hills GC, Southampton, N.Y.	9.87	9.35	9.90	8.23	9.17	9.26	9.28	8.27	9.13	9.45	93.67
9 Peachtree GC, Atlanta	9.65	9.59	9.12	7.94	9.59	9.76	9.50	9.00	9.53	9.50	93.63
10 Muirfield Village GC, Dublin, Ohio	9.44	9.64	9.04	9.68	9.08	9.56	9.00	9.22	9.32	8.93	93.35
11 Crystal Downs GC, Frankfort, Mich.	10.00	9.56	9.60	8.17	9.44	8.08	8.25	8.90	8.80	9.43	92.55
12 Aronimink GC, Newtown Square, Pa.	9.23	9.15	9.38	8.92	8.77	9.54	9.55	9.18	9.08	9.25	92.22
13 Bayonne GC, Bayonne, N.J.	9.34	9.33	9.09	8.51	8.79	9.21	9.18	8.98	9.35	9.53	91.97
14 San Francisco GC, San Francisco	9.67	9.33	9.57	7.10	9.33	9.40	9.26	8.93	9.14	9.07	91.86
15 Northland CC, Duluth, Minn.	9.69	9.19	9.44	8.00	9.38	9.56	7.92	9.60	9.25	9.06	91.57
16 Chechessee Creek Club, Okatie, S.C.	9.32	8.50	8.13	9.02	9.85	9.52	9.65	9.18	9.88	9.86	91.51
17 Laurel Valley GC, Ligonier, Pa.	9.20	9.20	9.30	9.10	8.90	9.30	8.86	9.10	9.20	9.00	91.49
18 The Honors Course, Ooltewah, Tenn.	9.36	9.27	9.09	8.64	9.00	9.09	9.09	8.56	9.18	9.14	91.32
19 Hazeltine National GC, Chaska, Minn.	9.62	9.38	9.31	9.08	8.69	8.38	9.22	8.25	8.08	9.00	91.18
20 Merion GC, Ardmore, Pa.	9.62	9.38	9.83	7.00	8.62	8.86	9.26	8.52	9.25	8.67	91.11
21 Castle Pines GC, Castle Rock, Colo.	9.14	9.29	9.00	8.00	8.79	9.57	8.92	9.50	9.43	9.45	91.05
22 Whisper Rock GC, Scottsdale	8.86	9.43	8.64	9.71	9.07	9.36	9.43	9.11	9.50	8.13	90.92
23 Olympia Fields CC, Olympia Fields, Ill.	9.55	9.18	9.20	8.30	8.50	9.00	9.14	8.22	8.64	8.73	90.21
24 Medinah CC, Medinah, Ill.	9.27	9.20	9.33	8.73	8.64	9.53	8.50	8.83	8.86	8.50	90.19
25 Garden City GC, Garden City, N.Y.	9.63	9.21	9.47	6.47	9.16	8.95	9.06	8.69	9.11	8.91	90.18



40. Sand Hills GC



13. Bayonne GC



8. Shinnecock Hills GC

Best of the Best

🏌️ Quality of course(s)

1. Crystal Downs GC, Frankfort, Mich., 10.00
Oak Hill CC, Rochester, N.Y., 10.00
Pine Valley GC, Pine Valley, N.J., 10.00
4. Augusta National GC, Augusta, Ga., 9.97
5. Cypress Point Club, Pebble Beach, 9.94

🏆 Reputation/prestige

1. Augusta National GC, Augusta, Ga., 10.00
2. Cypress Point Club, Pebble Beach, 9.98
Pine Valley GC, Pine Valley, N.J., 9.98
4. Oakmont CC, Oakmont, Pa., 9.97
5. Shinnecock Hills GC, Southampton, N.Y., 9.90

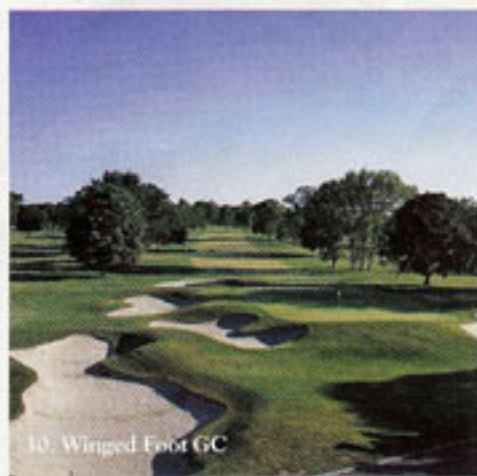


Augusta National GC



5. Oak Hill CC

											Total Score
26 The Olympic Club, Daly City, Calif.	9.26	9.17	9.48	8.22	8.65	9.00	8.50	9.12	8.68	8.76	89.84
27 Southern Highlands GC, Las Vegas	8.87	9.22	8.26	8.43	9.35	9.61	8.74	9.50	9.35	9.40	89.74
28 Riviera CC, Pacific Palisades, Calif.	9.50	9.17	9.50	7.35	8.44	9.50	8.67	8.54	8.50	8.94	89.64
29 Baltusrol GC, Springfield, N.J.	9.38	9.27	9.77	6.38	8.62	9.38	9.13	8.50	8.77	8.76	89.56
30 Winged Foot GC, Mamaroneck, N.Y.	9.40	9.15	9.65	7.08	8.52	9.26	8.77	8.68	8.52	8.94	89.45
31 Los Angeles CC, Los Angeles	9.17	8.88	9.63	7.92	8.38	9.04	8.95	8.90	8.96	8.65	89.39
32 Friar's Head GC, Riverhead, N.Y.	9.25	9.00	8.33	8.91	9.08	8.60	8.83	8.71	8.75	9.00	89.02
33 Fishers Island Club, Fishers Island, N.Y.	9.50	8.70	9.30	7.88	9.10	7.80	8.20	8.17	9.00	9.20	88.66
34 Maidstone Club, East Hampton, N.Y.	9.16	8.84	9.26	7.47	9.05	9.00	8.53	8.29	8.89	8.71	88.10
35 National Golf Links of America, Southampton, N.Y.	9.21	9.00	9.67	6.61	8.92	8.68	8.43	8.90	8.74	8.47	87.88
36 Caves Valley GC, Owings Mills, Md.	8.83	8.67	8.67	9.17	8.25	9.00	9.10	9.27	8.83	8.14	87.80
37 Seminole GC, Juno Beach, Fla.	9.14	8.45	9.41	8.00	9.28	9.41	9.30	7.50	8.90	7.73	87.76
38 Interlachen CC, Edina, Minn.	9.09	9.18	8.73	8.36	8.45	8.91	8.80	8.50	8.55	7.89	87.62
The Desert Mountain Club, Scottsdale	9.18	8.91	8.82	9.00	8.09	9.36	7.67	8.64	9.00	8.00	87.62
40 Sand Hills GC, Mullen, Neb.	9.55	9.09	9.18	6.73	9.09	7.60	8.10	8.78	9.36	7.67	87.36
41 CC of Fairfield, Fairfield, Conn.	9.33	9.00	8.73	6.57	8.93	8.87	8.75	8.25	8.60	9.00	87.33
42 Piping Rock Club, Locust Valley, N.Y.	8.55	8.91	9.00	8.45	8.27	8.90	8.70	8.82	8.64	8.70	87.15
43 Colonial CC, Fort Worth	9.09	8.73	9.45	7.45	8.36	8.56	9.00	7.88	8.55	8.40	87.14
44 The Kiawah Island Club, Kiawah Island, S.C.	9.45	8.82	9.00	8.64	7.36	8.27	8.22	8.45	8.82	7.55	87.04
45 Metedeconk National GC, Jackson, N.J.	8.69	8.94	7.94	9.25	8.50	8.56	8.57	8.00	8.69	8.58	86.24
46 Troon CC, Scottsdale	9.10	8.91	8.73	8.18	7.73	8.55	9.00	7.92	8.45	7.64	86.15
47 Yeomans Hall Club, Hanhan, S.C.	9.19	8.38	8.44	7.69	9.06	9.00	8.50	8.00	8.56	8.67	85.98
48 Stanwich Club, Greenwich, Conn.	8.83	9.08	8.83	8.42	8.33	8.00	8.36	7.78	8.17	8.29	85.95
49 Pine Hill GC, Pine Hill, N.J.	8.92	8.69	8.58	8.38	8.15	8.46	7.00	8.67	8.62	8.83	85.30
50 Crooked Stick GC, Carmel, Ind.	9.00	8.80	8.93	7.93	8.53	7.86	8.33	7.69	8.07	7.93	85.09



10. Winged Foot GC

Practice Facility

1. Hidden Creek GC, Egg Harbor Township, N.J., 9.81
2. Whisper Rock GC, Scottsdale, 9.71
3. Muirfield Village GC, Dublin, Ohio, 9.68
4. Firestone CC, Akron, Ohio, 9.54
5. Pine Valley GC, Pine Valley, N.J., 9.44

Caddie program

1. Cypress Point Club, Pebble Beach, 9.71
- Pine Valley GC, Pine Valley, N.J., 9.71
3. Augusta National GC, Augusta, Ga., 9.69
4. Chechessee Creek Club, Okaloosa, S.C., 9.65
5. Hidden Creek GC, Egg Harbor Township, N.J., 9.60

Locker room

1. Augusta National GC, Augusta, Ga., 9.96
2. Hidden Creek GC, Egg Harbor Township, N.J., 9.81
3. Peachtree GC, Atlanta, 9.76
4. Southern Highlands GC, Las Vegas, 9.61
5. Oakmont CC, Oakmont, Pa., 9.58

CLOCKWISE FROM TOP: STEPHEN SCHULE; (2) DARREN CARROLL; LARRY LAMBERT; DOM FURIONE

What you will find among our list of winners are some of the country's most decorated golf establishments. Golfers have long considered Augusta National GC and Kiawah Island Resort, our top-ranked facilities in the private and resort categories, to be hallowed grounds.



At the same time, we think you will see within the results some noteworthy discoveries as well. Our readers confirmed the growing reputation of Alabama's Robert Trent Jones Golf Trail for providing quality golf at a great value by ranking the Grand National facility in Opelika No. 1 in the public category (not to mention its Capitol Hill facility in Prattville No. 2).



Bayonne GC, Bayonne, N.J. and Broadmoor GC, Colorado Springs

To make the Readers' Choice Awards an annual tradition—voting for next year's edition will open shortly—we're going to need your help. Take some time to look through the rankings and see if the thoughts of your peers jibe with your own (we welcome your feedback via e-mail at readerschoice@golfworld.com). And while you're doing it, challenge yourself to consider again just what makes for a great place to play golf.

—Ryan Herrington

Criteria Evaluated

-  Quality of course(s)
-  Condition of course(s)
-  Reputation/prestige
-  Golf practice facilities
-  Speed of play
-  Clubhouse/locker room
-  Hotel accommodations
-  Caddie program
-  Golf pro shop
-  Food/dining
-  Off-course activities/amenities
-  Service
-  Overall value

For additional results from the Readers' Choice Awards—Best in State listings, top destination areas and more—go to www.golfworld.com.



Methodology

The Readers' Choice Awards are based solely on reader input gathered by Golf Digest Publications' Research Resource Center via an online poll conducted this summer. For a facility to be ranked, it had to receive a minimum number of reader evaluations. (Some venerable places—Oakland Hills CC and Chicago GC, for example—do not appear because they did not reach that minimum.) Readers graded facilities based on various criteria (see key above) using a 10-point scale. To arrive at an overall aggregate score for each facility, we calculated the

average ratings received in all applicable criteria. The raw scores were weighted to reflect different levels of significance for each of the criteria, with the formula varying based on the category. The overall total then was recalculated to a 100-point scale so a perfect score on every ballot yielded an aggregate of 100. (It's why when reading the accompanying charts a facility's scores in each criteria don't equal its total.) Augusta National GC came closest of all facilities to achieving the perfect 100 score, earning a 98.5.