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Sandhills home to quarter of Top 100 golf courses in N.C.

SOUTHERN PINES – The Sandhills boasts 25 of the Top 100 golf courses in North Carolina, ranging from the legendary Pinehurst No. 2 in the top spot to the Holly course at Pinewild Country Club at No. 99, according to a published report.

The rankings were published in the April issue of Business North Carolina magazine, which compiled the results through the NC Golf Panel.

Pinehurst No. 2, which hosted the 1999 and 2005 U.S. Opens and will host the 2008 U.S. Amateur, was ranked No. 1 in North Carolina, followed by the Old North State Club at Uwharrie Point in Montgomery County, and Pine Needles Lodge & Golf Club in Southern Pines, site of the 2007 U.S. Women's Open.

The Dogwood course at The Country Club of North Carolina (fifth), the South course at Forest Creek Golf Club (sixth), and Pinehurst No. 4 (10th) were also in the Top 10.

Other Sandhills courses on the list were Pinehurst No. 8 (11th); the North course at Forest Creek Golf Club (13th); National Golf Club (16th); the Cardinal course at CCNC (17th); Mid Pines Inn & Golf Club (32nd); Mid South Club (36th); Pinehurst No. 7 (40th); Anderson Creek Golf Club (55th); the Magnolia course at Pinewild (56th); Tobacco Road Golf Club (61st); Legacy Golf Links (78th); Pinewood Country Club (79th); The Golf Club at Chapel Ridge (86th); Pinehurst No. 6 (88th); Tot Hill Farm (89th); The Southern Pines Elks Lodge & Golf Club (92nd); The Country Club of Whispering Pines (94th); and Little River Golf Club (96th).

Not surprisingly, Moore County had the most courses named to the list from the Sandhills at 19. Randolph County had two courses, while Chatham, Harnett, Lee and Montgomery had one apiece.

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