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Greensboro Country Club (Farm) Named Best New Course

The Farm course at Greensboro Country Club has been named Best New Course in the state for 2010 by members of the North Carolina Golf Panel.

Originally designed by Ellis Maples in 1963, the course was reconstructed by renowned Scottish architect Donald Steel. Previously a par 71 that played to a maximum of 6,914 yards, it now plays to a par 72 and as long as 7,376 yards. Steel built five entirely new holes and did significant work on the remaining 13, including changes in routing and elevation.

The Farm led a diverse list of impressive new courses that were visited by panelists in 2010. On a 1 to 10 scale, with 10 being the highest, panelists assessed 10 elements of each new course: routing, flow, design, strategy, fairness, memorability, condition, variety, aesthetics and the experience of the round. The Farm's average score of 87.3 gave it top honors over Cutter Creek Golf Club (84.6), a Bob Moore design in the eastern North Carolina community of Snow Hill; Lonnie Poole Golf Course (82.8), a Arnold Palmer design at N.C. State University in Raleigh; Cape Fear National (82.6), a Tim Cate design near the coast in Leland; and Sequoyah National (74.8), a Robert Trent Jones II design in Whittier carved out of the mountains for the Eastern Band of the Cherokee.

More details on the Farm being named Best New Course will be included in the April issue of the award-winning *Business North Carolina* magazine, which for the fifth consecutive year will devote a special supplement to all of the course rankings voted on by the N.C. Golf Panel.

In addition to naming the Top 100 Courses in the state as well as top regional rankings, panelists also voted on three specialty categories: Best Bang for the Buck; Best Shot Values; and Our Dream 18.

Founded in 1995 by Bill Hensley, the N.C. Golf Panel is in its 16th year of ranking the best courses in what it believes is the best state for golf.