

Can-Am Month: Something to Cheer “About”

By Lane Osborne

I love our neighbors to the north. Every year, thousands of Canadians participate in an annual migration in March to Myrtle Beach to partake in a celebration known as the Canadian-American Days Festival.

This year marked the 50th anniversary of the event, hosted by the Grand Strand, and thousands of Canadians traveled south to our shoreline to thaw out and enjoy Myrtle Beach’s fine golf courses, restaurants, and nightlife. In honor of the event I thought I would take the opportunity to offer some lesser known golf facts about Canada.

- Sean Foley, golf instructor to PGA Tour players Sean O’Hair, Hunter Mahan, Stephen Ames, and most recently Tiger Woods, is Canadian.
- PGA Tour golfer Stephen Ames, born in Trinidad & Tobago, also became a citizen of Canada when he married his Canadian wife in 2004.
- LPGA standouts past and present, Sandra Post, Gail Graham, Dawn Coe-Jones, and Lorie Kane are all Canadian.
- PGA standouts past and present, Dave Barr, Richard Zokol, and Mike Weir are all Canadian.
- The Canadian Open has been won by Tommy Armour, Walter Hagen, Lawson Little, Sam Snead, Byron Nelson, Bobby Locke, Arnold Palmer, Lee Trevino, and countless other great professional golfers, but never Jack Nicklaus.
- Jack Nicklaus competed in the Canadian Open 27 times, 15 of which were held at Glen Abbey in Oakville, Ontario, a course designed by Nicklaus. Despite never winning the Canadian Open, Nicklaus was inducted into the Canadian Golf Hall of Fame in 1995.
- Arnold Palmer’s first PGA Tour win happened in the 1955 Canadian Open at Weston Golf & Country Club in Toronto, Ontario.
- The first left-handed player to win the Masters wasn’t Phil Mickelson. It was Canada’s, Mike Weir.
- Golf prodigy and legendary ballstriker, Moe Norman was Canadian.
- The oldest golfer to “shoot his age” at 103-years-old, was Arthur Thompson of Victoria, British Columbia.
- The first club formed in North America was Royal Montreal Club in Montreal, Quebec, Canada in 1873.
- The Canadian PGA, established in 1911 at Royal Ottawa Golf Club, will celebrate it’s 100th anniversary this summer (only the PGA of Great Britain is older).
- While hockey is still Canada’s national pastime, golf is giving it a run for the money with over 2,000 golf courses in Canada and growing every year.

JUSTINBOUNDZ™ BY LANE OSBORNE



“Canadian golfers dress weird.”

To learn more about Lane and his artwork
visit JustinBoundz.com



JustinBoundz™

The Leader in the Clubhouse with Humorous Golf Greeting Cards!



No golf gift is complete without a JustinBoundz™ Golf Greeting Card!

WaterCreek, LLC • P.O. Box 50143 • Myrtle Beach, SC 29579
Ph: (843) 365-1363 • justinboundz.com