

The 2008 Masters Factsheet

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This two page factsheet tells you everything you need to know about the 2008 Masters

Bobby Jones

One of the greatest names in the history of golf Bobby Jones completed the only Grand Slam of four majors in 1930. His "Slam" was made up of the British Open, US Open, British Amateur and US Amateur.

Exhausted by this feat Jones bowed out of golf soon after, his place in the games firmament assured. As a thank you to golf Jones decided to build a classic course.

Working with the architect Alistair McKenzie the result of Jones' dream was Augusta National. The first Masters followed in 1934.

Augusta's Flowers

Each hole at Augusta is called after a flower. The colourful blooms across the course are easily recognisable This wasn't all planned - the first flowers were a remnant of the course's history - it was once a market garden!

Which Way?

Originally the course was played the other way round. Jones decided to switch the front and back nine after the first Masters tournament!

Card of the Course

Hole		Par	Yards
1	Tea Olive	4	455
2	Pink Dogwood	5	575
3	Flowering Peach	4	350
4	Flowering Crab Apple	3	240
5	Magnolia	4	455
6	Juniper	3	180
7	Pampas	4	450
8	Yellow Jasmine	5	570
9	Carolina Cherry	4	460
	OUT	36	3735
10	Camellia	4	495
11	White Dogwood	4	505
12	Golden Bell	3	155
13	Azalea	5	510
14	Chinese Fir	4	440
15	Firethorn	5	530
16	Redbud	3	170
17	Nandina	4	440
18	Holly	4	465
	IN	36	3710
	TOTAL	72	7445

Amen Corner: The writer Herbert Warren Wind coined the phrase Amen Corner to describe holes 11, 12 and 13. Wind was inspired by Arnold Palmer's heroics on those holes in 1958 and borrowed the term from an old jazz song called "Shouting at Amen Corner" by Milton Mezzrow's band.

Masters Numbers

6 - Most Victories (Jack Nicklaus)

30 - Lowest front nine (Jonny Miller, Greg Norman and KJ Choi)

29 - Lowest back nine (Mark Calcavecchia and David Toms)

63 - Lowest 18 hole score (Nick Price and Greg Norman)

64 - Lowest fourth round score (Gary Player shares this record: he did it in 1978 to win the tournament)

270 - Lowest score for the tournament (Tiger Woods winning score in 1997)

289 - Highest winning score (Sam Snead, Jack Burke and Zach Johnson)

66 - Lowest round by a player over 50 (Ben Hogan, aged 54, 1967)

3 - Number of rounds matching par or better by the entire field in the third round in 2007

50- Most starts at The Masters (Gary Player and Arnold Palmer)

Crow's Nest

By tradition the five amateurs invited to compete in The Masters stay in the Crow's Nest - a room at the top of Augusta National's famous clubhouse. Jack Nicklaus and Tiger Woods are among those to have enjoyed this unique Augusta experience.

Par Three Jinx?

No winner of the traditional pre tournament Par Three tournament has ever gone on to triumph at the Masters in the same year. Ben Crenshaw is the only par three winner to win a Masters after winning the par three event although Sandy Lyle and Tom Watson won the short event after winning for real.

Tiger Woods

Tiger Woods launched himself into superstardom when he won his first Masters at the age of 21 in 1997. Smashing his way through the field, Tiger raced to a 12 shot victory: golf had a new king. Tiger was the youngest winner, set a record winning margin and was the first winner of African-American or Asian-American descent. He won again in 2001, 2002 and 2005. In 2008 The Masters is the first leg of Tiger's Grand Slam challenge.

The Golden Bear @ Augusta

Jack Nicklaus' Wins

1963 (Total 286)
 1965 (Total 271)
 1966 (Total 288)
 1972 (Total 286)
 1975 (Total 275)
 1986 (Total 279)

* With 6 wins Nicklaus has won The Masters more times than any other golfer

* In 1986, at 46, he became the oldest Masters winner. Six years since his last major Nicklaus produced a stunning 65 on the final day to clinch one of golf's most famous victories.

* 15 top 5 finishes at Augusta: more than any other player.

* 71.98: Masters career scoring average after 163 rounds.

* 24 eagles, 506 birdies: more than any other player at The Masters.

History

1930 - Bobby Jones clinches the Grand Slam and, at 28, retires from golf. He plans to build a course. The result is Augusta National.

1934 - The first tournament, then called the Augusta National Invitation Tournament. Horton Smith wins.

1939 - For the first time Bobby Jones allows the tournament to be called The Masters.

1943 - The Masters halts for the war - cattle graze at Augusta National to assist the war effort.

1961 - Gary Player becomes the first overseas player to win The Masters after Arnold Palmer, the defending champion, makes a double bogey on 18.

1968 - Roberto Di Vincenzo signs an incorrect score card and fails to qualify for a play off by one shot. "What a stupid I am" he notes.

1987 - Greg Norman, who was destined to never win The Masters, is denied by local boy Larry Mize who holes a 45 yard pitch on the second play off hole. Mize is the first Augusta born winner.

1988 - Sandy Lyle is the first British Champion. Nick Faldo (three times) and Ian Woosnam soon follow him.

1996 - Greg Norman is six shots clear of Nick Faldo after the third round. Faldo shoots 67, Norman 78 and Faldo wins by 5 strokes.

2003 - Mike Weir becomes the first Canadian to win a major and the first left hander to win The Masters.

2007 - Arnold Palmer is named honorary starter for The Masters.

Tradition @ Augusta

Champion's Dinner: The reigning champion chooses the menu for Tuesday night's Champion's Dinner. Sandy Lyle served haggis in 1989, Nick Faldo fish and chips in 1990.

Caddies: Until 1983 all players had to use local caddies. Since then players have been allowed to bring their own caddies but they must wear the standard uniform. Reigning champions always get caddie number one.

Presidents: President Eisenhower is remembered at Augusta by Ike's Pond, the Eisenhower Tree and the Eisenhower Cabin. He asked for the tree to be cut down because he hit it so many times.

Bridges: Ben Hogan, Byron Neslon and Gene Sarazen, all former champions, have Augusta National bridges named after them.

Fountains: Past champions, course records and par three winners are marked on fountains around the course

The Shot Heard Around The World

In 1935 Gene Sarazen came to the par 5 15th hole with few people giving him a chance of winning. The winner's cheque had already been written out for the leader, Craig Wood.

Sarazen produced a miraculous shot that entered legend and cemented The Masters as a world class tournament.

Sarazen's 2nd shot, a 235 yard 4 wood, dropped in the hole for an albatross. Sarazen went on to win a play off. No one has matched his 2 at the 15th hole.

The Last 10 Champions

Year	Winner
2007	Zach Johnson
2006	Phil Mickelson
2005	Tiger Woods
2004	Phil Mickelson
2003	Mike Weir
2002	Tiger Woods
2001	Tiger Woods
2000	Vijay Singh
1999	José María Olazábal
1998	Mark O'Meara

The Green Jacket

The most famous item of clothing in sport, every member at Augusta receives the classic green sports jacket bearing the club crest. The winner of the tournament is presented with a green jacket by the previous year's winner. The champion can wear the jacket anywhere for one year. After that it returns to Augusta and remains, with all the others, in the clubhouse.