



Southern Hills: Hottest of the Hot

Just how hot is hot when it comes to major championships at Southern Hills? Among the worst experienced, according to a study conducted for *Golf World* by Longitudes Group, LLC, of climate data in the United States and United Kingdom. Longitudes gathered climate data from the sites of the first 402 major championships and calculated the hottest weeks. All six majors conducted at Southern Hills rank in the top 25, led by the hottest major in history, the 1970 PGA, when the average daily high was 100.3 degrees. Not surprisingly, the PGA and U.S. Open dominate the top 100; the hottest Masters was in 1978 (ranked 47th, average daily high 86.8) while the hottest British Open was last year at Royal Liverpool (122nd, 80 degrees). The hottest single day? The conclusion of the 1963 PGA at Dallas AC, when the temperature hit 103. Of the 10 days with triple-digit temps, five occurred at Southern Hills (1970 and 1982 PGAs).

Rank	Site	Event	Dates	Daily Averages	
				High	Low
1.	Southern Hills CC, Tulsa, Okla.	PGA	Aug. 13-16, 1970	100.3	70.8
2.	Dallas AC, Dallas	PGA	July 18-21, 1963	99.3	79.8
3.	Baltusrol GC, Springfield, N.J.	PGA	Aug. 11-14, 2005	98.5	75.8
4.	Southern Hills CC, Tulsa, Okla.	PGA	Aug. 5-8, 1982	97.0	76.0
5.	Northwood Club, Dallas	U.S. Open	June 12-14, 1952	96.6	73.6
	Southern Hills CC, Tulsa, Okla.	U.S. Open	June 12-14, 1958	96.6	77.3
7.	Chicago GC, Wheaton, Ill.	U.S. Open	June 23-24, 1911	95.5	69.0
8.	North Shore GC, Glenview, Ill.	U.S. Open	June 8-10, 1933	95.3	69.0
9.	Oak Tree GC, Edmond, Okla.	PGA	Aug. 11-14, 1988	94.8	74.5
10.	Big Spring CC, Louisville	PGA	June 22-25, 1952	94.5	74.0
11.	PGA National GC, Palm Beach Gardens, Fla.	PGA	Aug. 6-9, 1987	94.0	78.0
12.	Pecan Valley CC, San Antonio	PGA	July 18-21, 1968	93.8	73.8
13.	Baltusrol GC, Springfield, N.J.	U.S. Open	June 17-20, 1993	93.3	70.5
14.	Baltusrol GC, Springfield, N.J.	U.S. Open	July 8-9, 1903	93.0	72.0
	Shoal Creek, Shoal Creek, Ala.	PGA	Aug. 9-12, 1990	93.0	64.3
16.	Worcester CC, Worcester, Mass.	U.S. Open	June 3-5, 1925	92.6	70.3
17.	*Englewood GC, Englewood, N.J.	U.S. Open	June 24-25, 1909	92.0	78.5
	Interlachen CC, Edina, Minn.	U.S. Open	July 10-12, 1930	92.0	73.0
	Congressional CC, Bethesda, Md.	U.S. Open	June 17-19, 1964	92.0	65.3
20.	Miami Valley GC, Dayton, Ohio	PGA	July 17-21, 1957	91.8	68.8
	Southern Hills CC, Tulsa, Okla.	U.S. Open	June 16-19, 1977	91.8	73.0
22.	Southern Hills CC, Tulsa, Okla.	PGA	Aug. 11-14, 1994	91.5	70.8
23.	Champions GC, Houston	U.S. Open	June 12-15, 1969	90.6	68.3
24.	Southern Hills CC, Tulsa, Okla.	U.S. Open	June 14-18, 2001	90.5	62.7
25.	Inverness Club, Toledo, Ohio	PGA	Aug. 12-15, 1993	90.0	64.3

*Course no longer exists.

Sources: Longitudes Group, LLC; Weather-Source, LLC; National Climatic Data Center by NOAA; almanac.com; United Kingdom Met Office.