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Its here!! Looks like its going to come in as a Lion. The last few days of 2007 were wet for most of the State and it sure was needed by most of the area.

We once again experienced many changes through out the Golfing World of SC. Course Closings, Course Openings, and Pros moving from one area to another.

The Game goes on its that time of year where the fairways or thin and the greens slower than normal but if you wait one or two days you will have sunshine and fair weather to strike the ball and enjoy the game. Nothing takes the place of living in South Carolina when you favorite past time is to be outdoors. Thank you Lord.

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Hilton Head Island



Lowcountry Women's Golf Association HISTORY

In 1974, a group of women golfers, led by LaJunta Stovall and Ruthven Vaux, decided it was time to bring competitive golf to the women of Hilton Head Island.

Seven golf courses were in operation at this time: Palmetto Dunes, Port Royal, Harbour Town, Sea Marsh, Ocean, Hilton Head Golf Club (now Shipyard) and Spanish Wells. All were extremely cooperative in agreeing to set aside tee times throughout the year for a new organization, the Hilton Head Island Women's Golf Association (HHIWGA). As new courses were developed, HHIWGA expanded with them.

Shortly thereafter, the Dr. Alligator Tournament was founded to benefit the Hilton Head Hospital Auxiliary Nurses' Scholarship program, and over \$225,000 was donated by HHIWGA over the years for this most worthwhile cause. Lowcountry Women's Golf Association (LWGA) has now taken on this charitable function to benefit the nursing programs at both Hilton Head Regional Medical Center and Beaufort Memorial Hospital.

In 1976, another group of women golfers, led by Walton Horton and Ruthven Vaux, brought the spirit of competitive golf to the women of Beaufort County north of the Broad River. Thus the Women's Golf Association of Beaufort County (WGABC) was formed. In time, WGABC admitted eligible members from all of Beaufort County.

It became evident in 2001 that the demand for membership outweighed the capacity for membership. Popular tournaments were consistently overbooked and waiting lists grew. Demographics of the area predicted an ever-increasing number of residents, lured to the area by its fine golf and pleasant temperatures. In addition, the two organizations overlapped each other, with a majority of members belonging to both groups and both organizations requesting the same golf courses. Something had to be done.

A joint committee was formed to pursue the feasibility of developing a new golf organization that would absorb growth far into the future and that would include a single countywide women's association. Working diligently, this committee developed a framework that would maintain the friendly, competitive golf experiences of both HHIWGA and WGABC. HHIWGA and WGABC dissolved their separate organizations at the end of 2002, and the Lowcountry Women's Golf Association, an organization that included all of Beaufort County, was born.

Because of the foresight and perseverance of their Founders, the members of HHIWGA and WGABC enjoyed the best in competitive golf on both sides of the Broad River for 28 years. LWGA's Yearbook includes the names of these founders, as well as all of the past champions and the former presidents of HHIWGA and WGABC, ladies who gave much time and effort to ensure that these groups were well-run, competitive, fun and friendly. Thanks are also extended to all those members who served on their Boards of Directors over the years; without them LWGA would not have come to be.

As LWGA looks to the future, our goals remain lofty, our enthusiasm evident, and our hopes high.

Warren Peper & Joe McKain Senior & Super Senior Champs



Johnny Adams Mixed Team Championship

Ellie O'Brien and Warren Peper claimed the 2007 Johnny Adams Mixed Team Golf Championship, held over the weekend at The Municipal Golf Course. O'Brien, who has committed to play golf at Winthrop University next season, and Peper followed their first day 65 with a steady 70 for a 2-day total of 135, nine-under par. 2006 champions Victoria Tsurutis and David Ogle gamely defended their title, finishing the tournament with 4 birdies in the final 5 holes. However, O'Brien and Peper birdied 4 out of the first 6 on the back nine to secure the championship with a closing 33, to win by 3 shots.

Bonnie and Dennis Parsons, playing out of Snee Farm Country Club in Mount Pleasant, captured the Senior Mixed Team Golf Championship. The Parsons' 35 on the final nine secured the title by 5 strokes over Martha and Wayne Wright.

Warren Peper is on a tear City Senior Championship

Charleston SC Warren Peper stormed back from 9 shots down to claim the 2007 City of Charleston Senior Men's Golf Championship at The Municipal Golf Course. Peper carded 7 birdies on his way to a final round 68, enabling him to add another Charleston City Golf Championship to his 2007 season.

Already part of the 2007 City Mixed Champion team, Peper played the final 45 holes of this 54 hole event in 4 under par. Peper credits local professional Jim Williams with an alignment tip prior to Saturday's round for the turn around. Peper, whose goal at the start of the day was be "low Muni player," defeated medalist Bubba Hightower by one stroke.

Joe McKain held off a late charge by Jim Lamm to win the 2007 Super-Senior Championship. Lamm, the defending champion, played the final nine holes in one-under par. However, McKain was able to withstand the pressure and win on the first playoff hole.

Flight winners and complete results can be found at www.charlestoncity.info/golf.

Thank you for your support of the Charleston City Golf Championships.

Peper captures 3rd Straight City Championship

Warren Peper, teaming with son Mark Peper, won his 3rd consecutive City of Charleston Golf Championship in the 2007 Parent-Child Championship held at The Municipal Golf Course. On the heels of his Mixed Team Championship and City Senior Championship, Warren and son Mark rolled through the back 9 in 33 strokes to claim part of the three way tie in the 20-29 year-old sons division.

In the most competitive flight of the Championship, Austin and Kip Parks shot 67 to claim the 16-19 year old sons division. Four of the eleven teams in the 16-19 year old sons division shot better than par. The Parks' 5 under par round of 67 was the low round of the event from all of the 11 flights.

Shelley and Rusty Neal captured the 13-15 year old daughters division. Their 82 was the low round of the championship for all of the daughters' divisions.



South Carolina Hole In One Club

DATE	NAME	COURSE	HOLE	YARDAGE
19-Oct-07	Harold Grogan	Three Pines CC	11th	130
06-Oct-07	Don Lot	Colleton River - Dye Course	13th	128
12-Oct-07	Morgan Webber	Pebble Creek - Linkside	17th	110
30-Oct-07	Sam Corley	Elberton Country Club	11th	120
01-Nov-07	Robert W. Carrier	Fort Jackson	2nd	108
09-Nov-07	Joseph Rodriguez	Fort Jackson - Wildcat	6th	168
15-Nov-07	Anton Bampanella	Collenton River - Nicklaus	12th	144
20-Nov-07	Michael Green	Three Pines CC	7th	192
20-Nov-07	Tim Flanagan	The Links @ Stoney Point	17th	178
22-Nov-07	Bill Cawthon	Moss Creek GC - North	10th	156
25-Nov-07	Kitty Gschwender	Santee Cooper Resort GC	11th	133
28-Nov-07	Clem King	Wild Dunes - Links Couse	18th	175
28-Nov-07	Jeff Stoehr	Links At Stoney Point	4th	140
02-Dec-07	Ray Miles	Beaver Creek GC	17th	140
03-Dec-07	Susan L. Wurtzbache	Monticello Golf Club	12th	80
04-Dec-07	Billy Hill	Walker Course @ Clemson	12th	124
04-Dec-07	Herbert Watts	Cheraw Country Club	4th	192
05-Dec-07	Jack Stradwick	Moss Creek GC - South	15th	145
09-Dec-07	Renee Sokosky	Moss Creek -GC- South	15th	110
10-Dec-07	Dave Watson	Moss Creek -GC- North	7th	141
12-Dec-07	Tom Sexton	Walker Course @ Clemson	12th	124
15-Dec-07	Sue Wilson	Shadowmoss Plantation	12th	129

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Moore and Johnson take the Picard Junior Classic

Isle of Palms SC - The 14th playing of the Ford Picard Christmas Classic is complete with Caulder Moore taking the overall boy's title while Torey Johnson captured the girl's honors in the Picard Junior Classic. The world famous Links Course of Wild Dunes played host to the annual event that is part of the SCJGA holiday season. Polly's Fine Jewelry, also based in Charleston, is back as the presenting sponsor for the tournament.

The Picard Junior Classic is named after Mr. Henry Picard who was one of the top SC golfers of all time as he won the Masters tournament, numerous PGA titles, and was inducted into the World Golf Hall of Fame. Caulder Moore fired a one under par 69 to win the individual stroke play part of the event. Torey Johnson tied Elizabeth Thompson at 76 after regulation play. A birdie putt on the third hole of sudden death sealed the victory for the Duncan native. Jackson Moore kept the family name proud on the scoreboard as he matched his older brother's win with a victory in the boy's 13-14 bracket. McKenzie Talbert won the girl's 13 and under bracket while Wesley Long was victorious in the nine hole boy's bracket.

The first round of the two day event was the Ford Parent Child Championship took place on Wednesday. The teams competed in pre-flighted divisions with a select drive - alternate shot format. The Bryan family took yet another trophy home as they added to their history of Ford Picard titles. Wesley and his dad, George III, combined for an over all 65 to win by one over the Blanchard team from Orangeburg. George III has won the event with both Wesley and his oldest son George IV in previous years. Wesley also holds the individual championship from last year. The first day's festivities are named for seven time SCGA Amateur Champion Frank Ford

Jaynelle Harmon Assit @ Crowfield GCC



Moss Creek HHIPGA

Blufton SC - Moss Creek was the setting for this years Hilton Head Island PGA Winter Pro-Pro the team of Koll Farman & Jaynelle Harmon were not only the best looking two some on the course but they shot 66 to take top honors. Koll who has been at Crowfield GCC, for almost a year and his new assistant Jaynelle not only can play but they have the best hospitality in the low country so go and see them at Crosfield GCC.

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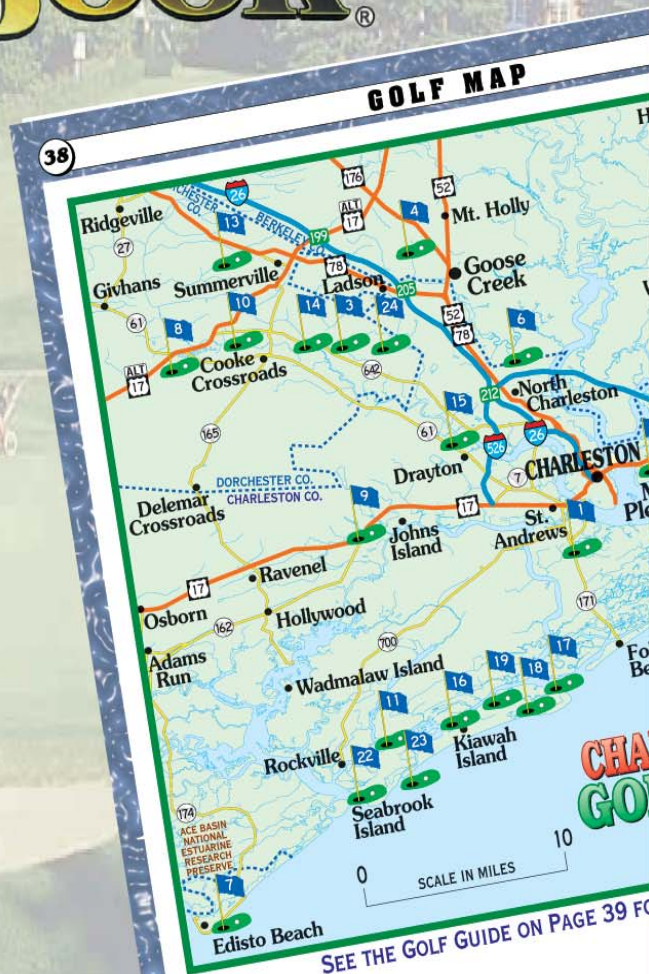
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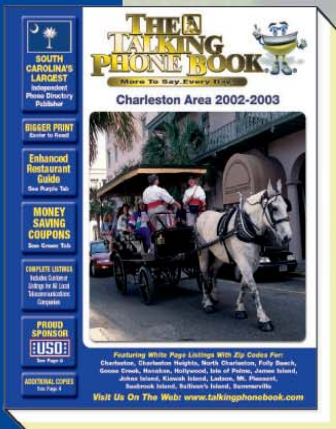
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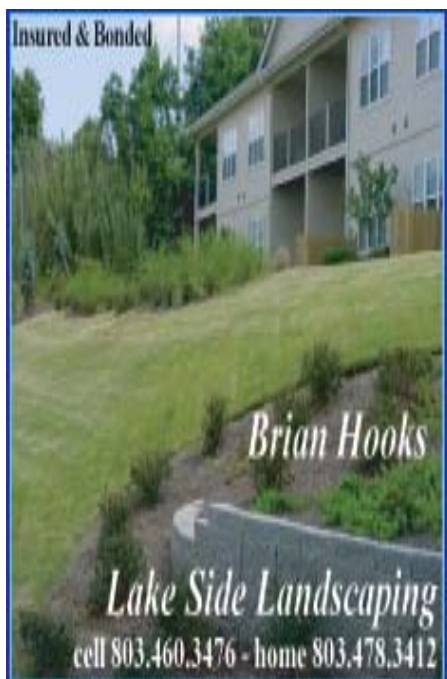
HOWARD SAYS: Lifting Ball May Create Problems Okay, Jim, I'm going to take on the USGA here so you shouldn't have any trouble digging your poison-ink fangs into my carcass. I'm a firm believer in the USGA and everything it stands for in the great game of golf. Especially the Rules of Golf. Hey, I even like those blue blazers and those striped ties. But I have to tell you that I'm not exactly ecstatic about the new identification rule for a ball into a hazard or bunker. The change says that, beginning in 2008, a golfer will be allowed to lift a ball for identification in a bunker or a water hazard. However, there will be a two-stroke penalty for playing a wrong ball from a hazard in stroke play or the loss of the hole in match play. The intent, of course, is to help honest golfers avoid a disaster, such as hitting a wrong ball from a hazard and having it go out of bounds. "This provision will eliminate many difficult and unfortunate situations that occurred under the present version of Rule 12-1," said James T. Bunch, Chairman of the USGA's Rules of Golf Committee. "For example, there is the case of a player who finds a ball in a hazard that may be his, and he then hits it out of bounds without ever really knowing whether it was his ball." "Third, there is the general principle that the elimination of one large exception from the Rules will only lead to a more consistent and understandable code." "Perhaps if everyone was going to interpret this rules change to the nth degree of its intent, it would be all right. But let me ask you this, oh Great One, do you think that maybe, somewhere deep in a Carolina bunker, someone may come out of this interpretation with a slightly better lie? A lot of golfers play pretty loose with the rules anyway, especially in casual rounds. I know for a fact that some of the guys I play with on a semi-regular basis, will never again have another buried lie in a bunker or a bad lie in a hazard. You know what I'm talking about. Sure golf is a gentleman's game. But a lot of the gentlemen aren't as pure heart as a USGA OFFICIAL

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South Carolina Golf Association Recognized by The First Tee

Columbia, S.C. — The South Carolina Golf Association was recently presented The First Tee Founder's Award at The First Tee 10th Anniversary Meeting. The award, accepted by SCGA Executive Director Happ Lathrop, recognizes individuals and groups such as youth service agencies and volunteer leaders for their support of The First Tee chapters and The First Tee home office. The SCGA was one of five associations throughout the United States and Canada who was a recipient of this award.

The SCGA, through the efforts of the South Carolina Junior Golf Association and South Carolina Junior Golf Foundation, has

The First Tee tenth anniversary meeting was held the first weekend of November in Jacksonville, Florida to celebrate the impact and accomplishments of The First Tee and its chapters providing opportunities to young people. Over the first ten years, The First tee has grown into 202 chapters in 47 states and five international locations and reached an estimated 1.5 million youth, introducing them to the game of golf and the program's core values.

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Mark McEntire



CofC Men's Golf Signs two

College of Charleston men's golf coach Mark McEntire announced Wednesday the signing of Ben Pounds and Cabe Prieskorn to national letters of intent for the 2008-09 season.

"I couldn't be more pleased that Ben and Cabe have signed and will play their college golf here," said Coach McEntire. "They are the type of players that can make CofC Golf a nationally competitive program and the type of individuals that will make our fans proud. They have proven themselves at the highest levels of junior golf and come from truly special families. There is no limit to where their talents can take them."

BOBBY HATHAWAY ELECTED SOUTH CAROLINA GOLF ASSOCIATION PRESIDENT

Columbia SC - South Carolina Golf Association's annual meeting, Bobby Hathaway was elected to a first term as the President of the association. The 45-year-old Hathaway has served on the SCGA's Executive Board since 1995 elected as vice president in 2006 & 2007. Hathaway is a broker with NAI Avant in Columbia. The Blythewood resident is a member of Camden Country Club. Joining Hathaway as officers of the SCGA are Vice President Doug Smith of Spartanburg, Secretary Vic Hannon of Camden and Treasurer Kent Hungerpillar of Myrtle Beach. Two new board members were elected for a first term and they are Tom Wyatt of Aiken and Mike Bright of Mt. Pleasant. Reelected as Board members are: Steve Fuller (Hilton Head), Robby Bennett (Cheraw), Dr. Joe Robinson (Rock Hill), Mike Whitaker (Greenville), Ron Swinson (Columbia), John Lopez (Murrells Inlet), John Durst (Columbia), Mike Murphy (Bluffton), Dan O'Connell (Spartanburg), and Lee Palms (Greenville). Elected to serve a year as "Honorary" Board members are: Bob Cunningham (N. Augusta), David DuPre (Blythewood), Jeff Howell (Aiken) and John Roy (Aiken).

During the Annual Meeting ceremonies, it was noted that Harry Wilson has "retired" after serving 23 years as secretary of the association. Several awards were made by the SCGA. Charlie Bryan of Greenville, was recognized for his long time activity with the SCGA Board that dates back to 1996. Bryan served as President in 2004 and 2005. His emphasis has been on junior golf where he headed up the development of the First Tee of Greenville. Bryan received the **Distinguished Service Award**.

The Country club of South Carolina was recognized with the **Club of the Year** award. The CC of SC has been a long time friend of the SCGA hosting many major events including the 2005 Four Ball Championship, the 2006 Junior Championship and the 2007 SCGA Amateur.

The Carolinas Golf course Superintendent Association was recognized for their work in the promotion of golf and emphasis of the importance of golf to the economy of SC. The CGCSA was awarded the SCGA's highest honor of the **Tom Fazio Service to Golf Award**.

The South Carolina Golf Association was formed in 1929 to serve the golf needs of member clubs and the golfers of South Carolina. The SCGA has some 287-member clubs with over 69,000 individual golfers on their membership system. The SCGA office also houses the South Carolina Junior Golf Association and the South Carolina Junior Golf Foundation.

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Patrick Rada

Rada Tabbed South Carolina Golf Association Player of the Year

COLUMBIA SC- South Carolina sophomore Patrick Rada will be named 2007 South Carolina Golf Association Player of the Year at a banquet at Columbia Country Club Saturday. In the year-long competition, Rada scored 233.8 points including victories in two tournaments and two other top-five finishes.

Rada was the SCGA Four Ball Tournament champion and claimed the title at the Carolina Golf Association Carolinas Amateur Tournament as well. He advanced to the semifinals of CGA Match Play and took fifth place in the SCGA Amateur.

For the Gamecocks this season, Rada opened the Bank of Tennessee Intercollegiate with a career-best 68 and finished 57th. He went 1-2-1 in the Callaway Golf Collegiate Match Play event, helping the Gamecocks to a fourth-place finish.

The Gamecocks return to the course in February at the John Hayt Invitational, which tees off on the 17th at Sawgrass Country Club in Ponte Verde Beach, Fla.

Women's Golf Rated 27th in the Nation

COLUMBIA SC - At the end of the fall campaign, South Carolina women's golf ranks 27th in the nation in the Golfweek/Sagarin Performance Index. Sophomore Bénédicte Toumpsin is ranked 52nd in the individual standings as well. A mathematical formula that links teams and players based on common opponents based on strength of schedule and won-lost-tied record, the Performance Index gives the most objective view of the teams and individuals playing well over a set period of time.

The Gamecocks opened the season with a sixth-place finish at the Cougar Classic and closed tournament play with a seventh-place showing at the UA-Ann Rhoads Intercollegiate. Individually, Toumpsin was the team's top scorer in all four events and finished as high as fourth at the Cougar Classic. She finished the fall with a 73.67 average.

South Carolina returns to the course for spring competition on Feb. 24 at the Puerto Rico Invitational.



Bénédicte Toumpsin

Ernst takes Beth Daniel Award

Columbia SC - LPGA Hall of Fame Member Beth Daniel has an award in her honor that recognizes the top female player for the SCJGA. Austin Ernst of Seneca has won this prestigious award for the 2007 SCJGA season.

The December 1st issue of the Heritage Classic Foundation Rankings is the final issue of the year and the top spot at season's end is the SCJGA Player of the Year. The Heritage Classic Foundation Rankings are based on overall finishes in tournaments across South Carolina and nationwide. Points are compiled from over 100 events conducted over the past twelve months.

Ernst grabbed the lead in August from 2006 award winner, Rachel Uremovich. Thanks to two AJGA victories, Ernst finished a solid year with 1014 points, 52 ahead of her nearest competitor.

Austin is a 2010 graduate, making her eligible for the award a record three times.

2007 accomplishments include:

AJGA Rolex Junior All American

CHAMPIONSHIPS:

2006 CPGA Charles Tilghman Invitational

AJGA Ringgold Telephone Company Junior Classic

AJGA Burgett H. Mooney Rome Classic

CGA SC Junior Match Play

Joe Cheves Junior Invitational

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SCJGA Tradition Four Ball

AJGA Heritage Junior Classic- 4th Place

Burger ends the year on top!

Columbia SC - The South Carolina Junior Golf Association is proud to announce Jacob Burger as the Jay Haas Player-of-the-Year. The honor is awarded by Champions Tour Player Jay Haas.

The Association's highest honor (for boys) is awarded to South Carolina's top ranked player on the December 1st issue of the Heritage Classic Foundation Rankings. The Heritage Classic Foundation Rankings are based on overall finishes in tournaments across South Carolina and nationwide. Points are compiled from over 100 events conducted over the past twelve months.

Orangeburg's Burger started the year in 2nd place on the rankings just behind 2006 award winner McCuen Elmore. The ensuing months had Elmore and Burger swapping the top spot with Jacob taking over the lead in June. A strong summer campaign from Chapin's Wesley Bryan had him on top in July. Both competitors stayed very close in points for the rest of the season and the two final events determined the winner. Jacob won both the SCJGA Players Championship and the George Holiday to win the closest race in SCJGA history. In the end, Burger prevailed by a slim 8 points to put his name on the Jay Haas Award.

Burger will join Elmore at Clemson University to pursue his collegiate career.

2007 accomplishments include:

SCGA Junior Championship *Runner-up*

George Holiday *Runner-up*

SCJGA Players Championship *Champion*

Bobby Chapman *Runner-up*

Junior Heritage *Fifth*

Westfield CPGA *4th*

The Blade *Runner-up*

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AJGA Players *Seventh*

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Ben Lown & Stephen Holmes



Freshmen Ben Lown and Stephen Holmes named to UNA Fall Classic all-tournament team

FLORENCE, Ala. - Newberry College freshman golfers Ben Lown (North Augusta, S.C.) and Stephen Holmes (Chapin, S.C.) were named to the UNA Fall Classic all-tournament team by virtue of low-rounds in the top five. Lown's two-day score of 141 was good enough for second place while Holmes' 144 placed him fourth.

Sharing honors with Lown and Holmes on the all-tournament team were Brett Munson (1st) and Matt Gourgeot (3rd) from North Alabama University, Brandon Bennett (tied 5th) from West Georgia University, and Eliot Blake (tied 5th) from Catawba College.

The Newberry College men's golf team finished in second place at the University of North Alabama Fall Classic held at the Blackberry Trail golf course in Florence, Ala.

After a combined stroke total of 289 in round one, Newberry fell eight strokes behind host and tournament champion University of North Alabama on day two. The Indians finished with a 291 on Tuesday with a combined score of 580, four-over par. Newberry's day one 289 tied the second-best 18-hole low in school history and Tuesday's 291 tied for fourth-best.

Newberry completed play three strokes ahead of conference foe Catawba College. The University of West Georgia and Lindenwood University rounded out the top five.

Individually, three Indians turned in rounds under par over the two days, including Ben Lown's school record-setting 68 on Monday. The freshman followed up on Tuesday with a round of 73, finishing with a three-under par for the tournament and in second place.

Lown's combined total of 141 also broke the school record for a 36-hole low score. The previous record was 143 held by Beau Osborne, Hunter Mengel, and Brian Rush.

Lown was joined by two other freshmen in the top ten with Stephen Holmes finishing fourth and Daniel Stanley (Inman, S.C.) tied for seventh. Holmes boasted a two-day score of 144, including a one-under par performance on Tuesday. Stanley shot two-under par on day two and completed play with a combined score of 146.

The individual tournament winner was Brett Munson of North Alabama. Munson completed his home tournament at seven-under par.

Lady Paladin Golf Signs Pair To National Letter-Of-Intent

Greenville, S.C. - Brienna Heinzler and Elizabeth Wendt have signed national letters-of-intent to join the Furman women's golf program in the fall of 2008, it was announced this week by head coach Jen Hanna.

Heinzler, a native of Palm Harbor, Fla., is a senior at Palm Harbor High School. She has earned team most valuable player honors four straight years and garnered first team all-conference honors in Pinellas County as a junior after placing third in the district. The honor roll and dean's list member claimed first place in the district as a sophomore.

Wendt, a native of Houston, Texas, graduated a year ago from Memorial High School and currently attends the International Junior Golf Academy in Hilton Head, S.C. The post-graduate student has claimed two victories on the International Junior Golf Tour this season finishing first at the IJGT at ChampionsGate in Orlando, Fla., and at the Legacy Golf Club in Bradenton, Fla. She also recorded top three finishes at Chateau Elan (3rd) and Savannah Harbour (2nd).

The Lady Paladins open their spring schedule March 9-11, at UCF in Orlando, Fla.



Head coach Jen Hanna (left) with Blair Lamb.

2008 Carolinas Rules of Golf Seminar Schedule

WEST END, N.C.— The Carolinas Golf Association (CGA) has announced the schedule for its annual series of USGA Rules of Golf Seminars. This year's series will be the 32nd year the CGA has served the Carolinas with Rules of Golf education and annual rules presentations. The scheduled 17 seminars are free of charge to attendees, who will view a narrated computer presentation followed by question and answer sessions. Seminars typically last between 1 ½ to 2 hours in duration. A free 2008-09 Rules of Golf book will be distributed to all participants, and information on the Carolinas Golf Association will be available. The Rules of Golf are revised every four years with 2008 serving as a Rules change year. The seminars focus on the basics of the Rules of Golf and will cover all Rules changes. Seminars are open to golfers of all ages and abilities including members of CGA member clubs, college and high school golf teams and the general public. Carolinas PGA members receive two MSR credits and Carolinas Golf Course Superintendents Association (CGCSA) members receive .2 credits for attending a seminar. Seminar attendees are encouraged to pre-register online at www.carolinasgolf.org. For further information, contact the CGA, PO Box 319, West End, NC 27376, phone: 910-673-1000 or e-mail Andy Priest at apriest@carolinasgolf.org.

Ashley Resigns As Coastal Women's Golf Coach

CONWAY, S.C. — Coastal Carolina University head women's golf coach **Brian Ashley** has resigned from his position to pursue other opportunities effective immediately, CCU Athletics Director **Warren Koegel** announced today. "Brian has been a loyal employee at Coastal Carolina University for seven years, but he was involved in a secondary violation of NCAA rules," Koegel stated. "In light of the infraction, Brian decided to pursue other opportunities and resign his position here. We will miss him and we wish him and his family well in their future endeavors." Ashley has been the head women's coach at CCU for seven years, with his teams holding six of the top seven scoring averages in Coastal Carolina history. He led Coastal to the 2004-05 Big South Conference championship and the program's first-ever appearance in the NCAA Championships, while also having an individual advance through the NCAA Regional to the NCAA Championships in 2007. He also had two Big South Players of the Year, 17 All-Big South athletes, three individual Big South champion, six Big South Freshman of the Year winners, one Big South Scholar-Athlete of the Year and the 2007 Big South Conference Female Athlete of the Year for all sports. Ashley came to Coastal Carolina after serving as the Head Men's and Women's Golf Coach at Gardner-Webb College for the 1999-2000 season. He led the women's program at Gardner-Webb to a final national ranking of seventh in NCAA Division II and coached All-American Hannah Storey. On the men's side, Ashley led a resurgence in the program as the Bulldogs improved over 30 spots in the national rankings.



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Reeves and Weaver take the Cheraw Fall Challenge – Taylor Weaver held on to her first round lead to claim the overall girl's title in the 13th Annual Cheraw Fall Challenge. Crawford Reeves claimed top honors in the Boys 15-18 bracket with a tournament total of 140. The tournament is proudly hosted by Cheraw Country Club and Cheraw State Park. The South Carolina Department of Parks, Recreation, and Tourism continue to support the SCJGA as title sponsor.

Weaver fired back to back rounds of 72 for a two day total of 144, two under par. Greenville native Reeves fired an impressive two day total of 140, six under par. Crawford's efforts were just enough as 2006 Champion, Wesley Bryan, fired a final round of five under par to finish one back at 141. The top five finishers all shot under par for the two day event, making it exciting for all who were in contention.

Low scores continued to be the theme for the nine hole players who were hosted by Cheraw Country Club. Will Bundy shot a final round 32 to win by one shot over Ryan Lamb. Bundy had a two day total of one under par to take the Boys 10-12 bracket. In the Girls 10-12 age bracket McKenzie Talbert found herself in a familiar place after two rounds to claim the Girls 11-13 division. Caleb Proveaux took the top honors in the Boys 8-9 and also set a new eighteen hole scoring record of 66. Lauren Stephenson took top honors in the Girls 8-10 bracket while setting a couple of scoring records herself. Stephenson now owns the nine hole record at 34 and eighteen hole record at 70.

The Cheraw Fall Challenge is presented by the Town of Cheraw and South Carolina Department of Parks, Recreation, and Tourism. It is also one of 13 SCJGA statewide championships and five special events conducted by the SCJGA. Results, schedules and applications may be accessed via the Internet at www.scjga.org.

Burger, Stephens take the Players Championship

Hartsville SC—Jacob Burger came from four strokes back to capture the overall boys championship, while Haley Stephens held on to win the girls division in the Players Championship. One hundred and two players earned their way into the 10th playing of the championship in Hartsville. As always, the event is proudly presented by the Hartsville Junior Golf Foundation. Corporate partners of the Foundation include Kentco, Carolina Bank, John Newsome's GM Superstore, Stingray Powerboats, and Sonic Restaurants. The tournament is hosted by the membership of Hartsville Country Club. Burger had two eagles in his record setting round of 67 to win the tournament by one shot over Newberry's Martin Summer. The Orangeburg native finished the event at two under par 142. Stephens shot 73 in her opening round and followed up with a two under par 70 to win by a comfortable margin of seven shots. The Boys 13-14 bracket has Ben Fogler as champion as he completed play in even par for the two days. The 10-12 year olds has Wesley Long on top with a record tying 67 for his tournament total. The youngest girls division has McKenzie Talbert adding to her impressive list of SCJGA titles as she won by four shots. The participants were treated to a presentation on Saturday evening by renowned teaching professional, Dana Rader, as part of the great weekend in Hartsville. Results will follow completion of play and will be posted on www.scjga.org.

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NORTH MYRTLE BEACH, S.C. – The final round of the 18th Carolinas PGA Charles Tilghman Junior Championship has concluded at the Surf Golf & Beach Club in North Myrtle Beach, SC. Wesley Bryan (Chapin, SC) and Cayci Ruppe (Gaffney, (SC) are the Overall Boys' and Girls' Champions respectively.

After an opening round of 65 (-7), Bryan shot a 32-36=68 (-4) to finish the tournament at eleven strokes under par with a two-day total of 133. His play was nearly flawless including one eagle, eleven birdies, and one double-bogey. After her first round of 77 (+5) Ruppe carded a 38-35=73 (+1) to finish the tournament with a two-day score of 150(+6).

2006 Boys' Champion Daniel Meggs (Charlotte, NC) finished second this year with a tournament of 66-72=138 (-6). 2006 Girls' Champion Austin Ernst (Seneca, SC) finished second in the girls' division with scores of 79-73=152 (+8).



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