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WOW - If the rest of this year goes like January, We don't have enough time to even shave much less play any golf. It has been a little chilly in the state so far, but thats the way it should be its Winter time and Spring is on the way. I am truly ready for the grass to grow and the chill in the air to go away, but I'm a southern boy and I can't stand the cold. I guess you could say that I am one of those golfers who shoot's in the 70's, that is 70 degree's. In all looks like this is going to be a great year for golf in the state of SC. We have several groups that have formed Mini Tours for the Amateur and all you have to do is look around in your local area and you can find any kind of group to play with and enjoy and meet and greet lotz of new people. Enjoy this game and may all your putts fall and hit it long and in the middle R & B



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Carolina News

Carolinas Golf Association Announces 2007 Players of the Year

West End, NC - Two precious winners and three first timers are named Players of the Year by the Carolinas Golf Association (CGA),

The Richard S. Tufts Awards were established in 1997 to honor Carolinas amateur golfers who had exceptional individual tournament performances over the preceding year. Tufts served on the CGA Executive Committee from 1926 to 1964. The awards are given to the number one golfer based on the CGA amateur rankings at the end of the calendar year in each of four categories: Men, Women, Senior Men, Senior Women.

The Junior Boys and Junior Girls awards are based upon a nine week, eleven-event series of junior tournaments run by six associations that are the grassroots of junior golf in the Carolinas. Participating Carolinas associations are the Carolinas Golf Association, Carolinas PGA, North Carolina Independent Insurance Agents, South Carolina Golf Association, Women's Carolinas Golf Association, and the Women's South Carolina Golf Association.

Award winners will be honored at Carolinas Golf Night at the Country Club of North Carolina in Pinehurst, NC on Friday, February 15, 2008.

Dustin Johnson of Myrtle Beach, SC is the 2007 Carolinas Men's Player of the Year. Johnson was once ranked the number one amateur in the country according to Golfweek. The 23-year-old attended Coastal Carolina University where he finished T9 at the NCAA Division I Championship in June. Other top finishes included victories at the Northeast Amateur and Monroe Invitational, semifinalist at the Western Amateur, T9 at the Porter Cup, T11 at the Jones Cup, T13 at the Dogwood Invitational and qualified for match play at the U.S. Amateur. He was also a member of the victorious United States Walker Cup team that defeated Great Britain and Ireland 12 1/2 to 11 1/2 at Royal County Down Golf Club in Northern Ireland in September. Shortly after the Walker Cup Match, Johnson turned professional and secured his 2008 PGA Tour card by finishing T14 at the PGA Tour qualifying tournament.



Patty Moore of Charlotte, NC sweeps the women's awards. The 57-year-old wins her second Carolinas Women's Player of the Year title and fourth consecutive Carolinas Senior Women's Player of the Year honor. Her 2007 season included a remarkable five victories and participation in three USGA national championships. Her five victories were at the Women's Carolinas Amateur Championship, Carolinas Women's Senior Championship, North-South Women's Senior Championship, Carolinas Women's Match Play Championship and the Eastern Senior Championship. Moore qualified and advanced to the round of 16 at both the U.S. Women's Mid-Amateur and U.S. Senior Women's Amateur along with a T11 finish at the USGA State Team Championship. Other top finishes included a second place showing at the Southern Women's Senior Championship and a T5 at the North Carolina Women's Amateur Championship.

Haley Stephens, a 17-year-old high school junior from Greer, SC, captures the Carolinas Junior Girls Player of the Year award. Stephens' 2007 tournament highlights includes winning the Carolinas Golf Association's Fall Invitational, finished sixth at both the South Carolina Junior Girls Championship and the Charles Tilghman Junior Championship, reached the semifinals at the Carolinas Junior Girls' Championship, and finished ninth at the Blade Junior.



Ben Kohles, a 17-year-old high school senior from Cary, NC, is the 2007 Carolinas Junior Boys Player of the Year. Kohles won both the Dogwood State Junior and the CGA Fall Invitational, tied for seventh at the Carolinas Junior Boys Championship and finished tied for eighth at the Charles Tilghman Junior. He has signed a letter of intent with the University of Virginia to play collegiate golf.



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Kaitlin O'Sullivan of Hilton Head signs with Newberry's Womans Golf

NEWBERRY, S.C. – *The Newberry College women's golf program and head coach Lauren Ressler are pleased to announce the signing of two student-athletes to begin competition during the 2008-09 season. Kaitlin O'Sullivan (Hilton Head Island, S.C.) and Julia Sizemore (Bel Air, Md.) each lettered four years varsity for golf at their respective high schools.*

O'Sullivan tied for eighth place this past October after shooting 75 at the 3-A Girls State Championship, helping Hilton Head High School to a second place finish. In October 2006, O'Sullivan finished in fifth place at the State Championship and was named first team All-State.

A three sport varsity athlete at Hilton Head High School, Kaitlin participated on the basketball and softball teams in addition to golf. O'Sullivan has been on the "A" Honor Roll three times during her high school career as a student.

Julia Sizemore finished fifth at the Maryland High School State Championship in 2006 and was named to the All Harford County first team. From 2005-07, Sizemore was a recipient of the Maryland Athletic Association "Minds in Motion" award. In 2005, Sizemore was a runner-up at the LPGA Pro-Am skills challenge hosted by Bulle Rock Golf Club.

"Both Julia and Kaitlin are athletic competitors," said Lady Indian golf head coach Lauren Ressler, "They bring spirited intensity and determination from their previous sports into the golf arena. Although both are relatively new to the game, they make up for it with unparalleled dedication, raw athletic ability and dedication. I see no limit to what each of them can accomplish during their time at Newberry College both on the course or in the classroom. We are truly lucky to have them join our team next fall."

The 2007-08 version of the Lady Indian golf team finished the fall portion of the schedule with two top five finishes as a team and five individual top 10 finishes.

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Sapphire, N.C. — Junior Jonathan Bowden (77-70=147) carded a one-under-par 70 to lead Furman from 12th place up to a fifth place finish Tuesday at the Western Carolina Intercollegiate at the par-71 Country Club of Sapphire Valley. Furman posted a final round 295, the second best score of the day, to climb seven spots on Tuesday. Senior Ben Goforth (71-72=143) finished in a tie for sixth at one-over-par after posting a final round 72. Bowden's 70, the second best individual score of the morning, rallied the Easley, S.C., native to a 17th place finish.

Western Carolina (278-287=565) cruised to a 17-stroke victory over second place Vanderbilt. The Catamounts' Andres Cuenca (66-69=135) claimed individual honors finishing four strokes ahead of teammate Dustin Furnari and Samford's Martin Bunt.

The tournament concludes the Paladins' fall schedule.



Hawai'i trip highlights Wofford men's golf spring plans

The Wofford men's golf team, set to compete in five spring tournaments including a trip to Hawai'i, will begin its preseason practice February 5. The Terriers will not officially begin practice until that date.

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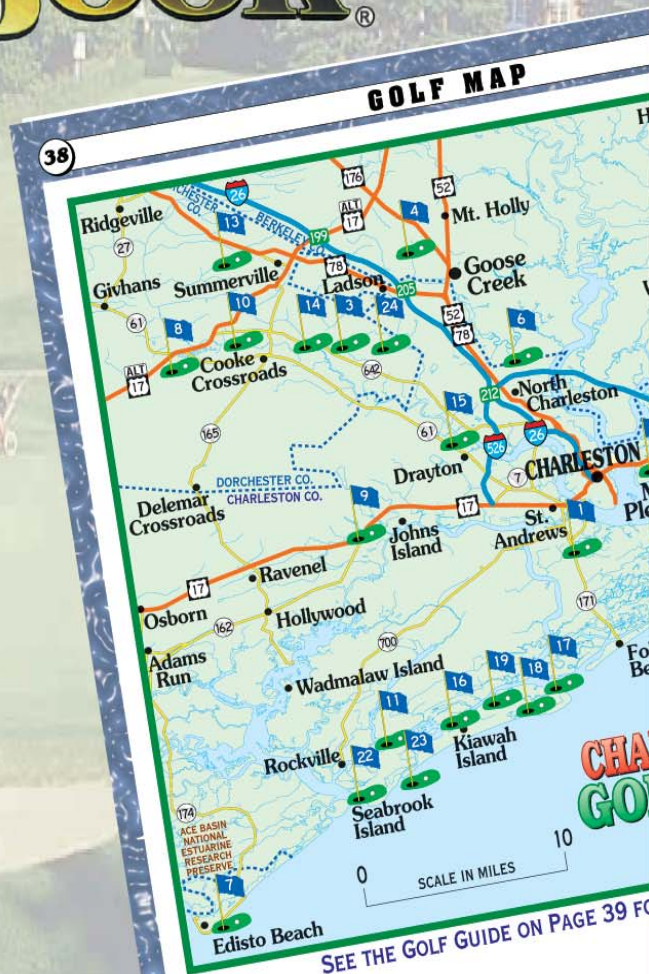
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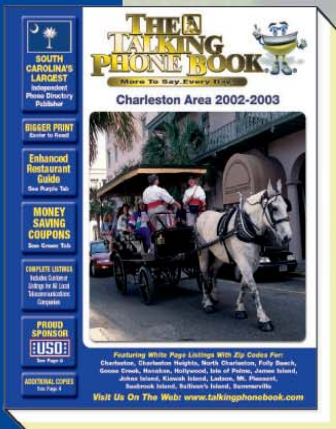
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**A Hole In One
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Amateurs will get taste of U.S. Open reality

By Larry Dorman - New York Times News Service

SAN DIEGO —Almost every golfer has dreamed of being in the U.S. Open. Some have nightmares about incredible shrinking fairways; others see themselves sinking the five-foot putt that beats Tiger Woods. But who could have imagined that the U.S. Golf Association, Golf Digest and NBC would one day turn the dream into a reality show?

That day has come. A one-hour taped show, which NBC will broadcast as a lead-in to the final round of the 2008 United States Open on June 15, will feature a foursome of amateur golfers with varying handicaps, all attempting to shoot a score lower than 100 on the Open setup at Torrey Pines Golf Course. “We’re very excited about this,” said Jon Miller, executive vice president of NBC Sports. “If this does well, as I have every reason to believe it will do ratings-wise, it could become an annual event that we put in front of the Open every year on Sunday.” To help ensure the ratings, three of the amateurs, to be chosen by Golf Digest editors and NBC, will be “celebrities,” highly recognizable faces either from television, the music world or professional sports. The remaining participant, representing millions of amateur golf dreamers, will be selected from a field of finalists culled by Golf Digest editors and voted on by the magazine’s readers.

The format: 18 holes over more than 7,600 yards, inside the ropes, from the back tees, in front of a live gallery, with NBC cameras recording every shot and the golfers writing down every stroke. The round will take place Friday, June 6. A USGA rules official will accompany the foursome. There will be no mulligans. “Strict rules of golf,” said David Fay, the association’s executive director, quoting the character Auric Goldfinger from the classic 1964 James Bond movie. But of course.

Fay’s cinematic reference, though dated, is appropriate. In looking for ways to update its rather elitist image, the USGA is reaching out to different audiences. It has made inroads in recent years with its addition of public golf courses to the Open rotation. Bethpage Black began the trend in 2002, and with Torrey Pines in 2008, Bethpage Black again in 2009 and Pebble Beach in 2010, the Open will have been played at courses accessible to the public four times in the first decade of the 21st century. “I’m sure some people will raise their eyebrows and say, ‘Why are they doing this?’” Fay said. “To me, the operative word is fun. Sure, it will be interesting and educational, and it will allow people to get some insight into the USGA and give us a chance to connect on a different level. But I actually think it’s going to be a hoot.”

One of golf’s annual, and often-heated, discussions, about what exactly an average player could shoot on a treacherous Open layout.

“You can never, ever practice for Open conditions like they’ll see,” said Joe DeBock, the director of golf at Torrey Pines, who has spent the last 20 years there. “The green speed, the height of the rough, the pressure - a regular 10-handicapper having to play by every rule? I’m thinking 110 at least.”

Pia Nilsson, the extraordinarily positive and upbeat Swedish coach who founded Vison54/Coaching for the Future to advance the theory that it is possible to shoot a round of 18-under-par 54 on a regulation par-72 course, did not want to pick a score for a 10-handicapper at Torrey Pines. “It is not going to be easy,” she said. “This will be so much more stress than they have ever had - probably twice as much as in any round they have played. They will have to be brutally honest with their game plan, knowing what shots they can hit and what shots they cannot hit, and then not to try to hit shots they cannot hit.”

Where average golfers are concerned, that may not be easy. The consensus is that a double-digit handicapper who believes he can break 100 on an Open setup is deluded.

Tarde said: “There isn’t a golfer who ever grew up playing the game who didn’t stand over a putt at some point in their life and say: ‘This is for the U.S. Open. This is it.’ I think when they watch this they will realize how far that dream is from reality. Then again, maybe not.”





Senior Warren Thomas led the Garnet squad to victory.



Kristi Coggins

Coggins Steps Down as Women's Golf Coach

Longtime University of South Carolina Women's Golf Coach Kristi Coggins has resigned her position effective immediately. Athletics Director Eric Hyman announced today.

Golfers Celebrate End of Fall with Intra-Squad Competition

COLUMBIA SC- South Carolina men's golf capped its fall season with a good-natured intra-squad competition last week, which the Garnet team, captained by senior Warren Thomas, claimed by dominating the bowling finale on Sunday. The largely golf oriented competition against senior Mark Anderson's Black team spanned the last two months and culminated in the one-sided bowling showdown.

"I'm at a loss for words," Thomas said. "This means so much to me and my teammates. I felt all along that we could dominate the bowling event. The golf matches were tough, but Mark silvers is an ace when you get him on the lanes."

The golf matches consisted of four-club match play, scramble, best ball, alternate shot and singles. An intense night of bowling capped off an exciting and hotly contested match. Team captains Anderson and Thomas organized each showdown.

"I'm extremely disappointed," Anderson said. "We played well at times, but I place all of the blame on my teammates. We just didn't show up to win tonight, and some of them need to spend a lot more time practicing their bowling. We were out-classed in every phase of the game."

Head coach Bill McDonald attended the final bowling event, and shared his thoughts on the decisive match. "I have no idea what these guys do in their spare time," he said. "Most of them, apparently, bowl. I would rather they spend more time rug putting."

The Gamecocks will return to the golf course for their spring season on Feb. 17 at the John Hay Invitational at Ponte Verde Beach, Fla.

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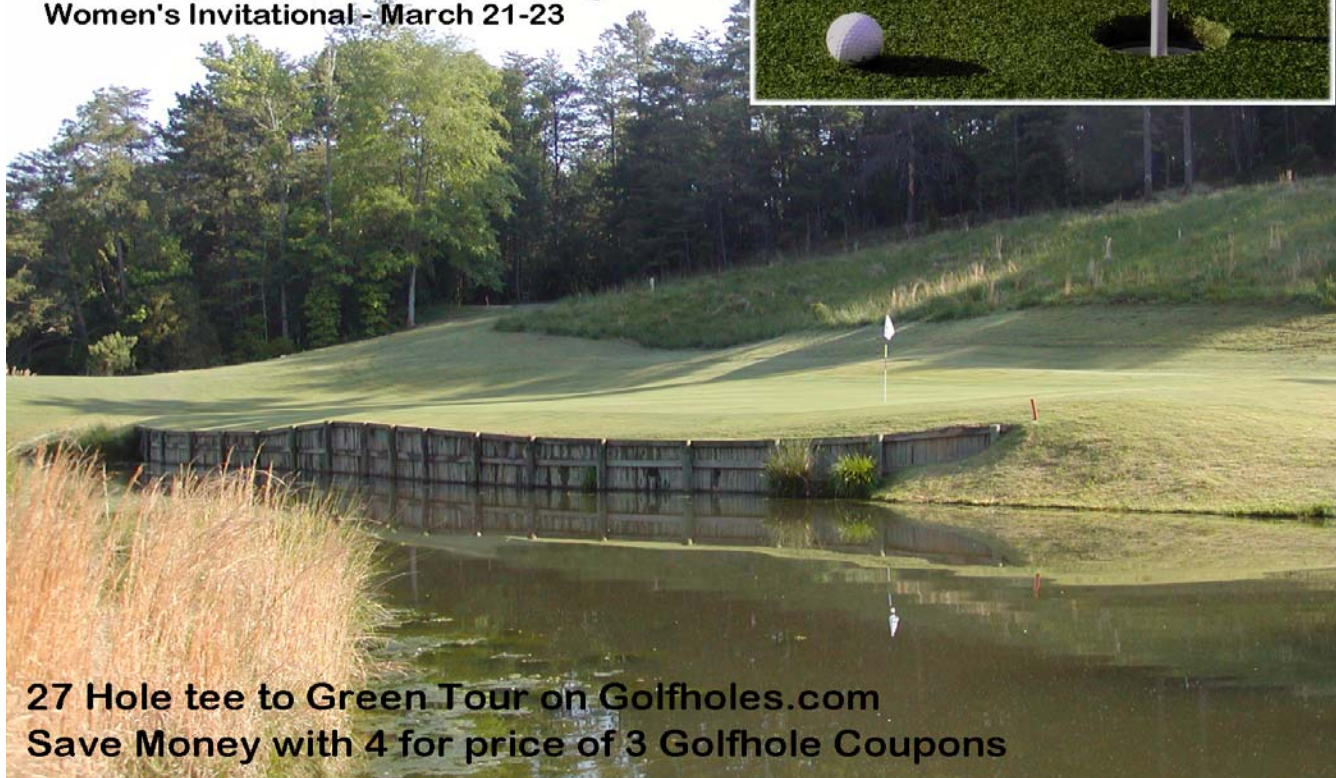
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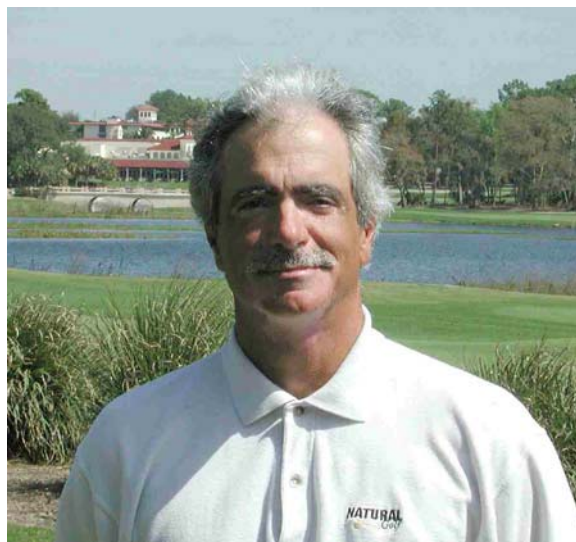
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Amateur 16 Myrtle Beach



Carolyn Cudone Trophy being presented to Lee Anne Brown by Dennis Nichol

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The tournament benefited the Vicki Hillen Junior Golf Foundation, which is operated through the Women's South Carolina Golf Association.

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Lee Ann Brown Wins

The inaugural Carolyn Cudone Invitational was held at the Dunes Golf and Beach Club on November 13, 2007 to honor one of the great champions of women's Golf.

Lea Anne Brown of Mount Pleasant shot a 5-over par 77 to win by two shots over 2nd place finisher Jeannette Godwin of Pawleys Island in the first playing of this event. The overall low net winner on the 5,400 Robert Trent Jones design was Betty Christopher of Myrtle Beach with a 78.

Other gross winners in the 47-player tournament included Jeannette Godwin in the first flight with a 79, Jeannie Hillock of Kiawah Island in the second flight with an 86, and Jocelyn Burg of Columbia in the third flight with a 104.



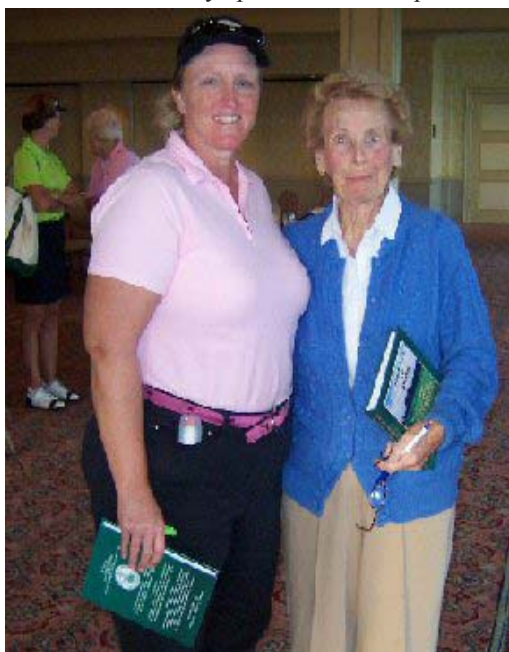
Carolyn Cudone hits the first shot

tournament a huge success. A special thank you to Mrs. Cudone for all she has done to inspire junior golfers and dedicating her time and talents to see that every child has the opportunity to play the game of golf.

EGOLFAMATEUR TOUR

The Upstate Division of the EGolf Amateur Tour, formerly the Amateur Golf Tour begins its 2008 season in the Greenville/Spartanburg area on March 8 at the Pickens Country Club. The EGolf Amateur Tour offers stroke play, competitive tournament experience to golfers of all ages and skill levels. Championship, "A", "B", "C", & "D" Flights create a playing field where any skill level golfer has a legitimate opportunity to win their Flight.

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Foundation Trustee Kimberley Case with Carolyn Cudone

CAROLINAS PGA SECTION ANNOUNCES KATE ANDERSON AS NEW PROMOTIONS AND MARKETING MANAGER

LITTLE RIVER, S. C., - The Carolinas PGA Section (CPGA) has announced today that Kate Anderson will be joining their team as the new promotions and marketing manager. Set to assume her duties in January 2008, she will be responsible for the overall communications with Carolinas PGA professionals as well as the events that facilitate the growth of the game within the Carolinas and southern Virginia. Among her duties, Anderson will be leading the planning and execution of Play Golf America Days, Family Golf Days and other Growth of the Game events and initiatives. She will also be writing and organizing the monthly E-Newsletter for distribution to CPGA members, and will create and design additional publications which will promote the role of the Carolinas PGA professional in the golf industry in the Carolinas. Originally from rural Wisconsin, Anderson will be graduating from the University of Wisconsin-Eau Claire with a Bachelor of Arts degree in Mass Communications-Public Relations. A long-time golfer and athlete, Anderson says her love of golf is what made her career decision for her. "I've always had an idea of where I wanted to be coming out of college, and I couldn't have imagined a better fit for me than the Carolinas PGA Section." As an intern with the Illinois Junior Golf Association (IJGA) and the Wisconsin Woodchucks Baseball Club, Anderson gained valuable experience in tournament and game operations as well as communications and media relations. Her leadership achievements within the IJGA prepared her for her new role with the CPGA and she looks forward to further promoting the game of golf to another large audience. "The variety of programs I am going to be involved with is very exciting," Anderson said. "The Carolinas PGA Section does so much to bring the game of golf to everyone from its professional members to the general public, and I look forward to being an instrumental part of their goals and achievements." Executive Director, Ron Schmid, PGA, said, "We are very pleased that Kate has accepted this position with the Section. This will enhance the promotion of our members and will increase awareness of the Carolinas PGA initiatives to all golfers and potential golfers throughout the Carolinas." Since its inception in 1923, the Carolinas PGA Section has been committed to nurturing and improving the quality of the game for the thousands of golfers using its member facilities.

Now the largest of the PGA's forty-one sections, the Carolinas PGA Section of the Professional Golfers' Association boasts nearly 2,000 professional members and represents more than 800 golf facilities within North and South Carolina as well as portions of southern Virginia. PGA professionals are responsible for conducting a variety of golf-related functions which include human resource management, golf shop merchandising, golf instruction, tournament operations, junior golf programs, growth of the game initiatives, golf club repair, administering the rules, public relations and much more.



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Men's Golf Signs Three To National Letters of Intent For 2008-09 Season

CONWAY, S.C. — The Coastal Carolina men's golf squad has signed three to National Letters of Intent for the 2008-09 season, head coach **Allen Terrell** announced today. In the signing class are **Mike Murray** (White Lake, Mich./Bradenton (Fla.) Prep), **Charlie Winegardner** (Lothian, Md./Calverton) and **Daily Young** (Springfield, Mo./Hillcrest). Murray qualified for the 2007 U.S. Junior Amateur this past summer, following a fourth-place finish in the American Junior Golf Association (AJGA) Randy Wise Junior Open, shooting a score of 73-71-73=217. This fall at Bradenton Prep, he won the Donald Ross Memorial event, finished third at the IJGT event at the Legacy Golf Club in September. He followed that up with a runner-up finish at the Naples Beach Open in November, shooting a four-under 140. He also competed in the 2006 and 2007 Western Junior and also placed 18th in the *Golfweek* Junior. In his first three years at Gabriel Richard High School in Michigan, Murray was a three-year letterwinner and named All-State his sophomore and junior seasons. As a sophomore, he led the team to a third-place finish at the State Championships, as well as tying for eighth individually. For his efforts, he was named All-County and All-Catholic each of his three years. He was also a member of the National Honor Society, on the Honor Roll all four years and earned the Gabriel Richard Award for his grade point average. His mother Marjorie also was a collegiate athlete, playing basketball at the University of Detroit Mercy. Winegardner it a four-time MISAL Conference Most Valuable Player and named All-County each of his four seasons, including Player of the Year as a senior. He also finished third at the Maryland State Boys Championship, shooting scores of 67 and 73 in the tournament, as well as broke the school record with a 29 in a match his final year. In the summer of 2007, he won the Williamson Cup, shooting a four-under 140 in the event and was runner-up in the Robert Riley Open. In 2006, he was the Washington Metropolitan Junior Golfer of the Year after winning titles at the Robert Riley Open, Bobby Gorin Championship and Titleist Golf Tournament at the University of Maryland Course. He also has played varsity basketball all four years, serving as co-captain his senior year, as well as playing varsity lacrosse his first two seasons. A two-time All-State and three-time All-District and All-Conference selection, Young won the Class 4A Missouri State High School Championship his junior year, as well as earning High School Story of the Year from the *Springfield News-Leader*. He followed it up with a fourth-place finish in the Bubba Conlee Junior National, including tying for the low round of the tournament with a 64. He also placed second in the Missouri Collegiate Preview and fifth at the Bass Pro Shops AJGA Tournament and was named Southwest Missouri Junior Golf Association Player of the Year for his efforts. He also qualified for the U.S. Junior Amateur by placing second in his qualifier. At the U.S. Junior Amateur, he tied for 30th in stroke play before being eliminated in the second round by the No. 1 seed. At Hillcrest High School, Young was also a National Honor Society Officer and a member of the Superintendent's Student Advisory Board.

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Since its inception, this prestigious event has enjoyed remarkable growth, and early indications are that this year's tournament will continue this trend as it welcomes teams from 3 states.

ABOUT THE TOURNAMENT

The ABB Invitational was inaugurated in March 2000. The tournament was originally established as a 36-hole stroke play competition for High School Golf teams from the Pee Dee Area of South Carolina. Held every spring since 2000 the tournament has been open to both public and private school golf teams. The tournament, through steady promotion, developed into more than a regional event. Teams from all over the state of South Carolina now compete in the tournament. In 2004 the tournament was elevated in status with acceptance to the South Carolina Junior Golf Association's official tournament list for individual state rankings. 2008 will see tournament officials expanding the field to include teams from North Carolina and Georgia. With the expanded field including contestants from 3 states the tournament will be on track to be a National Ranking Points tournament through Golf Week Magazine.

The Tournament is conducted on two dramatic courses, The Country Club of South Carolina and Dusty Hills Country Club. The Country Club of South Carolina was built in the late 1960's under the direction of the late Grant Bennett with the golf course designed by Ellis Maples. The CCSC is a wonderful championship venue that has hosted many top amateur and professional tournaments including a tour stop for the now Nationwide Tour. The CCSC is also the home golf course for the Francis Marion University Golf Team (2003 Division II National Champions). Dusty Hills Country Club is the third oldest golf club in the state of South Carolina following the Country Club of Charleston and Palmetto Golf Club. The original course was built in 1921 at its present location. The original routing was changed in 1965 with the addition of 9 new holes. DHCC has hosted several top amateur golf tournaments including the 1938 South Carolina State Amateur.

During the past eight years the tournament has featured a number of top juniors from the state of South Carolina. Past individual champions include now top collegiate players: Tripp McAlister (Coastal Carolina), Colby Hyde (Newberry), Kellen Altman (College of Charleston), Christopher Couch (Francis Marion), Baker Elmore (USC), and Paul Woodbury (USC).

The tournament is fortunate to be able to conduct their event at two superb facilities with professional staffs eager to accommodate all contestants. The atmosphere and professionalism of all who are associated with the tournament has played an integral part in establishing the tournament as one of the most popular High School Tournaments in South Carolina.

INFORMATION

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Rocky and Rich emerged from the clubhouse to tee off at the first, but Rocky looked distracted. “Anything the matter, mate.” Rich asked. “Oh, it’s just that I can’t stand the club pro,” Rocky replied. “He’s just been trying to correct my stance.” “He’s only trying to help your game,” Rich soothed. “Yeah, but I was using the urinal at the time.”

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Never Lie About your Handicap

A businessman, Dave Froberg, was attending a conference in Africa . He had a free day and wanted to play a round of golf. He was directed to a golf course in the nearby jungle. After a short journey, he arrived at the course and asked the pro if he could get on. “Sure,” said the Pro, “What’s your handicap?” Not wanting to admit that he had an 18 handicap, he decided to cut it a bit. “Well, its 16,”

Dave said, “But what’s the relevance since I’ll be playing alone?” “It’s very important for us to know,” said the pro, who then called a caddy. “Go out with this gentleman,” said the pro, “his handicap is 16.” ; Dave was very surprised at this constant reference to his handicap. The caddy picked up Dave’s bag and a large rifle; again the businessman was surprised but decided to ask no questions. They arrived on the 1st hole, a par 4. “Please avoid those trees on the left,” said the caddy. Needless to say, Dave duck-hooked his ball into the trees. He found his ball and was about to punch it out when he heard the loud crack of the rifle and a large snake fell dead from a tree above his head. The caddy stood next to him with the rifle smoking in his hand. “That’s the mamba, the most poisonous snake in all Africa . You’re lucky I was here with you.” After taking a bogey, they moved to the 2nd hole, a par 5. “Avoid those bushes on the right,” says the caddy. Of course, Dave’s ball went straight into the bushes. As he went to pick up his ball, he heard the loud crack of the caddy’s rifle once more and a huge lion fell dead at his feet. “I’ve saved your life again,” said the caddy. The 3rd hole was a par 3 with a lake in front of the green. Dave’s ball came up just short of the green and rolled back to the edge of the water. To take a shot, he had to stand with one foot in the lake. As he was about to swing, a large crocodile emerged from the water and bit off much of his right leg. As he fell to the ground bleeding and in great pain, he saw the caddy with the rifle propped at his side, looking on unconcernedly. “Why didn’t you kill it?” asked the man incredulously. “I’m sorry, sir,” said the caddy, “this is the 17th handicap hole, you don’t get a shot here.” That’s why you never lie about your handicap

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