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FROM THE EDITOR

It is now May can you believe it??? I for one have had a great year hitting the ball the best I have ever hit it. Looking forward to the rest of the year as this year is going to be one of the best I have ever had. Really have some great Juniors coming up this year and the scores have been outstanding in the many tournaments that have played thus far this year. I just want to take a moment and thank all of you for reading this magazine and supporting our many advertisers. Your support has helped us to make this magazine known through out the South and now we are moving up North. We still want to support South Carolina Amateur Golf and the many Tournaments around, including the E Tour, East Coast Amateur Tour, 3 County Seniors, Eddie Barrett's Group, and the many others who make this work. Off course we still recognize the CGA, SCGA, WSCGA, EWGA, and the SCJGA. Life is good in South Carolina and I would not want to live anywhere else. Lets take time to remember that all of this is ours to enjoy thru the Grace of God, and Our Troops that allow us to have the freedom to enjoy life. I hope that I have not offended anyone but it is my belief that all of the above is true. Hit it long and Straight and may all of your putts find the hole. Keep the information coming and no tournament or event is to small to place in this your Magazine. Enjoy this Issue. R & B Amateur Golf.



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Ryan Ruggiere Sets Tournament Record

Spartanburg SC - Ryan Ruggiere (Athens, GA) set a tournament record by firing a first round score of 66 during the 21st Annual Coca-Cola Wofford Invitational yesterday at the Carolina Country Club in Spartanburg, SC. The six under par 66 score also sets a record of the lowest round ever by a USCB golfer in the program which just started in the fall of 2007.

Playing two 18 hole rounds on Monday on the par 72 6877 layout, the Sand Sharks played brilliant golf in the opening round and were in second place in the field of eleven teams with a team score of 291. USCB shot a second round 309 putting the Sand Sharks in ninth place after the second round in the tightly bunched standings. USCB is the only Non NCAA Division I University on the field.

Ruggiere shot a second round 74 and is in third place individually with a four under par 140 total. George Thacker (Ashbourne, England) is the next Sand Shark in 23rd place with rounds of 72-78 for a 150 total. Reed Howard (Banksville, NY) had rounds of 78-75 which is good for 36th place and is at 153. Round out the USCB contingent is Will Robbins (Piketown, OH) at 75-82 for 157 and Oren Butler (Nassau, Bahamas) at 79-86 for 165.



HHCA golfers third in Pinewood tourney

Summerville SC - Panther Invitational: Hilton Head Christian Academy's golf team (10-3) got steady play and finished third at Legends Oak Country Club with a team total of 303, five shots and two places ahead of Hilton Head Island High School in the eight-team field. The event was hosted by Pinewood Prep.

HHCA (303): Michael Montgomery 75, Chandler Vilcheck 75, Garrett Vilcheck 76, Wesley Long 77, Jason Fick 82.



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April 16th, 2008 - Ramona Chapman got her second Hole-In-One while playing with Sandra Murray of Santee, SC and Peggy Leonard of Shelbyville, Ky. It came on hole #15 at Eagles Point golf course on HHI, she hit her 8 iron 122 yards. Good to Go Ramona

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02/16/08	Linda McCarron	Moss Creek - North	10th	147
02/29/08	Jimmy Stewart	The Golf Club @ Star Fort	7th	140
03/02/08	Jimmy Mills	Shadowmoss	12th	180
03/02/08	Ellen Miller	Wachesaw Plantation Club	7th	104
03/13/08	Kathy Levin	Colleton River - Nicklaus	4th	87
03/14/08	Willis Barnes	The Golf Club @ Star Fort	7th	140
03/16/08	Maureen Blasdel	Moss Creek - South	17th	97
03/19/08	Robert Fagan	Santee Cooper CC	3rd	135
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Sucher Wins 60th Azalea Invitational

Charleston SC - Zach Sucher said he would not have minded an easier road in winning the 60th Azalea Invitational Sunday at the Country Club of Charleston. But after finishing two shots ahead of defending champion Webb Simpson, the 21-year-old junior at Alabama-Birmingham said it was a lot of fun.

"It makes the win better," said Sucher, who ground out a final-round 73 to finish the tournament at even-par 284. Simpson, who also won the 2004 Azalea as a high school senior, bogeyed the final hole for a 1-under 70 and 286 total. Oklahoma State teammates Trent Leon and Kevin Tway were a distant third at 292, while junior star Peter Uihlein, who has signed with Oklahoma State, finished fifth at 293.

Sucher, who had a five-shot lead over Simpson, never fell behind despite a valiant final-round charge by Simpson in cold, windy conditions. Simpson caught Sucher with a birdie on the 12th hole, but gave that shot back with a bogey on 13 and was unable to pull even again.

"I kind of got off on the wrong foot," said Sucher, who bogeyed both 1 and 2 to crack the door for Simpson. "I wasn't in quite the right places and made two bogeys quick. That isn't how I wanted to start. I wanted to hold on to that five-shot lead, and if it gets more than that, great. But I didn't want to go the other way."

Zach Sucher



Sucher won the Cardinal Amateur last summer and also qualified for the NCAA Tournament as an individual where he finished fourth.

He's hoping the growing resume will result in bigger and better things, including catching the eye of Azalea contestant Buddy Marucci, who captained the 2007 U.S. Walker Cup team and is in charge of selections for the Palmer Cup Matches.

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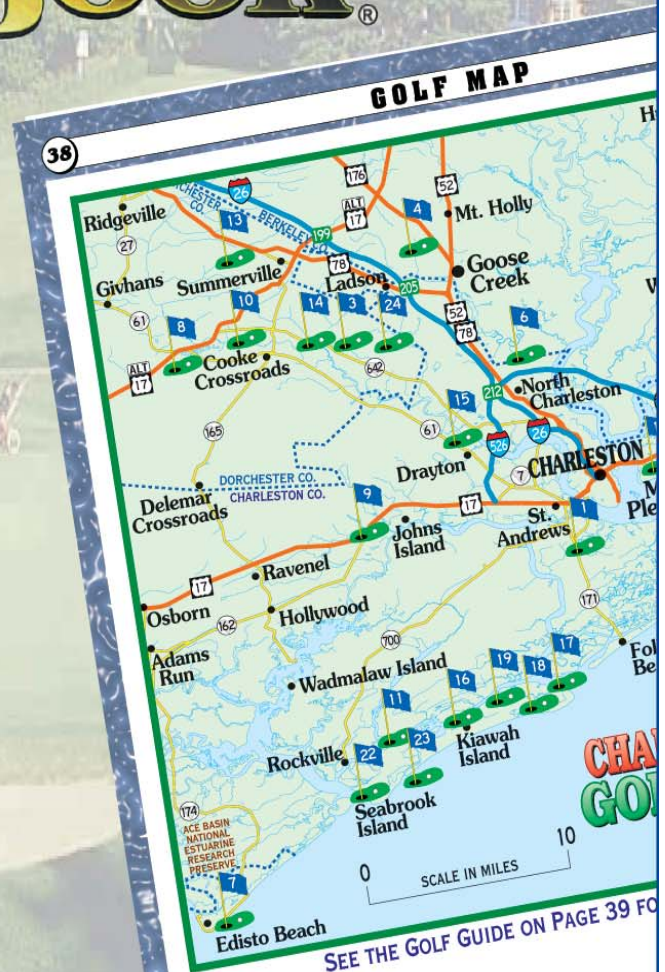
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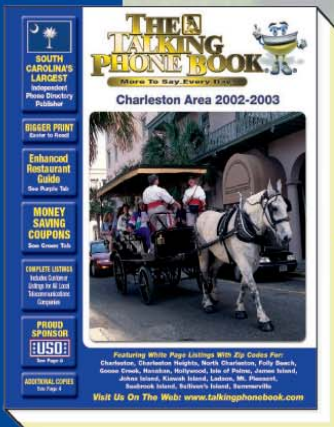
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Ben Lown breaks conference record and leads Indians to first ever SAC Championship

HICKORY, N.C. – On a monumental day for Newberry College men's golf, freshman Ben Lown (North Augusta, S.C.) etched his name into the record book. In three rounds, Lown's 54-hole score of 208 edged out former Presbyterian golfer Gavin Gillespie's 209 for the best all round score in South Atlantic Conference tournament history.

Five years after Gillespie's record in 2003, Lown was instrumental in Newberry's team victory at the 2008 Food Lion South Atlantic Conference tournament. Lown battered the course at the Lake Hickory Country Club at Catawba Springs with a dominating eight-under par over 54 holes. The freshman followed first day 138 with a two-under par performance on Tuesday. Lown's three rounds (70-68-70) was the only under par showing in the entire tournament.

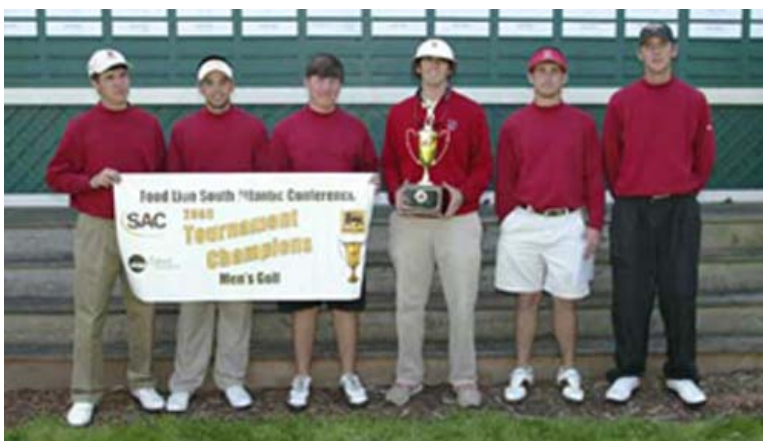
Lown was not alone in contributing to Newberry's first ever SAC championship in men's golf. Fellow freshman Daniel Stanley (Inman, S.C.) finished in third place with a stroke total of 220. Stanley was even par after the first two rounds and shot a 76 on day two.

John Allen Meetze (Chapin, S.C.) completed day two in 20th place with a 230. Brandon Burnside (North Augusta, S.C.) and Stephen Holmes (Chapin, S.C.) also played their parts with a 232 and 242 respectively.

Lown was named the tournament's Most Valuable Player and Stanley also made the all-tournament team.

Newberry men's golf celebrated their first ever SAC championship just hours after receiving several all-conference honors. Head coach Brian McCants was named the Coach of the Year in the SAC. Lown was named the Freshman of the Year and to the first team all-SAC while Stanley made the second team

Newberry College men's golf won the 2008 Food Lion SAC tournament with a three round score of 886.



Newberry Womans golf Team

HICKORY, N.C. – The Newberry College women's golf team finished in third place at the 2008 Food Lion South Atlantic Conference tournament at the Lake Hickory Country Club at Catawba Springs in Hickory, N.C. Individually, sophomore Franziska Blum (Schweinfurt, Germany) finished in second place; one stroke behind tournament champion Ashley Denton from Wingate. Blum shot a 79 in the final round to finish with a 232. Senior Ashley Ratcliff (Myrtle Beach, S.C.) completed play in seventh place with a three round total of 249 (83-85-81). Senior Lindsay Gifford (Luray, S.C.) and sophomore Sarah Grigor (Oakville, Ontario) finished in the top 25 with three day totals of 275 and 280 respectively. Freshman Kathryn Puryear (Cayce, S.C.) was 34th with a 303.



34th Southern Cross Golf Tournament

The 34th annual Southern Cross Tournament will be held at the historic Palmetto Golf Club in Aiken, South Carolina on May 2nd and 3rd. Twenty-two of the best high school golf teams in South Carolina and eleven individuals will compete in the two day tournament. The following high school teams will make up the field,

Aiken, Blythewood, Dorman, Dutch Fork, Eastside, Easley, Fort Dorchester, A. C. Flora, Gaffney, Greenville, Greenwood, T. L. Hanna, Laurens, Lexington, Hilton Head Christian Academy, Hilton Head, North Augusta, Orangeburg Prep, South Aiken, Travelers Rest, Wando and Wren

Many of the past participants and winners have joined college golf teams and gone on to the professional ranks. Past winners who are currently active on the PGA Tour include Jonathan Byrd (who won the Southern Cross Tournament three times), Charles Warren and Kyle Thompson. D. J. Trahan and Lucas Glover were members of participating teams.

The Palmetto Golf Club has recently completed renovations to strengthen the Alister MacKenzie characteristics from his design work in 1932. This required reworking and restoring bunkers, removing many trees, returning greens to their original sizes and replacing the grass throughout the course. The course was recently ranked by the South Carolina Golf Course Ratings Panel as the 18th best course in South Carolina. More information on the Palmetto Golf Club is available on the website (www.palmettogolfclub.net).

The Tournament is hosted by the Southern Cross Sertoma Club and receives broad support from the community. Proceeds from the Tournament benefit youth-related charities including Aiken Hook A Kid On Golf, Aiken Child Advocacy Center and Camp Sertoma. If you have any questions please contact Joe Spencer (803-507-5741) or by email (jdspencer@bellsouth.net)

Jason West Takes Medalist Honors

Gaffney, SC- Local club member Jason West of Blacksburg, SC fired the only sub-par round to take medalist honors at the Carolinas Mid-Amateur Qualifying at Cherokee National Golf Club. West was thrilled with his play. "When I wanted the ball to hook it would hook," said West. "It just all came together today." This qualifier is one of four being conducted in the Carolinas. Qualifiers at each site will advance to the championship being played at Greenville Country Club's Chanticleer Course. This event is conducted by the Carolinas Golf Association. Cherokee National Golf Club Par 72 Jason West Blacksburg, SC 36 34 70 Pat Thompson Asheville, NC 34 38 72 Jeremy Chandler Burnsville, NC 35 38 73 Lee Palms Greenville, SC 36 37 73 Jason Meadows Mooresville, NC 34 39 73

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ROBERT GODFREY CLAIMS 28th CAROLINAS MID-AMATEUR TITLE

GREENVILLE, SC – Final round results of the 28th Mid-Amateur Championship of the Carolinas Golf Association hosted by Greenville Country Club, Chanticleer course, Greenville, SC on Sunday, April 20, 2008 (6700 yards, par 36-36—72).

Robert Godfrey, 34, of Seneca, SC posted a two-under par 70 to win the Carolinas Mid-Amateur Championship by two strokes over Greenville Country Club member Lee Palms of Greenville, SC

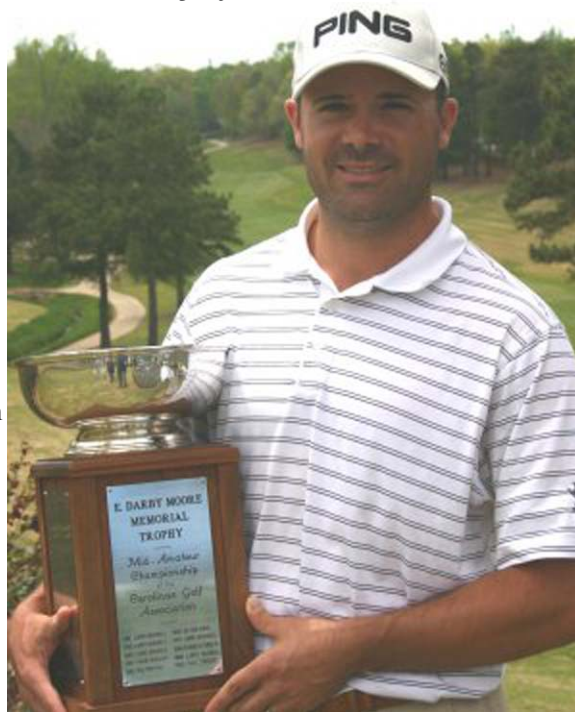
Godfrey, who operates a driving range, carded a double bogey six on the 446-yard par four opening hole. But he chipped away at that deficit throughout the round by holing four birdies with the last one holed at the par-five 17th hole.

Palms held the lead for a couple of holes on the back nine until a double bogey six on the tough 400-yard par four 12th hole. Palms then sank birdies at both the 16th and 17th holes to try to catch Godfrey. Knowing he needed a birdie to tie for the lead he miss-hit a 3-wood that led to a bogey five to post a final round of 73.

Defending champion Walter Todd of Laurens, SC posted a one-over par 73 to finish in 6th place.

The victory is Godfrey's second CGA major championship as he won the 1999 South Carolina Amateur Match Play Championship at The Windermere Club in Blythewood, SC.

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INSTRUCTIONS

This month we'll be covering two things, out to in swings, which cause the dreaded slice and striking golf shots with a descending angle of approach.

Helping students eliminate the dreaded slice has been very rewarding for me as an Instructor, here is a drill which was taught to me 10 years ago by a father/son team of Teaching Professionals hailing from Michigan and totaling over 80 years of teaching experience between them.



Take two tees, place them into the ground on your chosen target line about 7 inches apart from each other. Now, using a 6 or 7 iron assume your normal set up position, make sure that the tee farthest from the target is at body center or opposite your zipper and then sole the club behind it. Take a full swing and strike both tees if you can, if you miss the second tee it is a sure sign of an out to in swing and if you were striking the ball it would likely be a pull or a slice. Remember, the path upon which the club swings is determined by the direction of your arm swing. If you've missed the second tee you'll likely see the divot you've made be pointing left (for righties, and right for lefties). All you need to do is say to yourself "swing my arms straight and not either left or right", then you'll strike both tees. You can do this, because if you fix your attention on doing it, it will change the path. Once you've done the drill successfully by knocking both tees out of the ground do it again, this time with a ball. Strike the shot while leaving the first tee in the ground and knocking the second out of the ground.

Now onto striking shots with a descending angle of approach. We all know a descending approach with the clubface to the ball is desirable for striking crisp, solid golf shots from the fairway; here is a drill to sharpen yours.

Set up two rows of 5 tees as shown below. The goal of this drill is to setup to the first tee and strike only the second tee on your forward swing. With a properly timed descending angle, you will be able to clear the first tee (a slight brush is OK) and strike the second.



After at least 3 sets of 5 (15 total swings), set the tees up again but this time place a ball on the first tee. Your intent will be to strike the ball as the clubface descends to the second tee.



When executed perfectly, you will just "clip" the tee the ball is on and will brush grass or take a divot through the second tee...and the ball will be flying away!

This drill will reinforce the feelings associated with striking the ball with a descending angle of approach. Give it a try and let me know when you can precisely execute 15 balls in a row... Here's to happy ball striking!

If these drills help and you want to further improve your ball striking and scoring just give me a call or send me an e-mail, I'll assist you in any way that I can. Contact: Steve Conrad, (H) 843.556.0217; (C) 843.708.2837; e-mail: sconrad@naturalgolfcgi.com; website: www.carolinasmartswing.com.



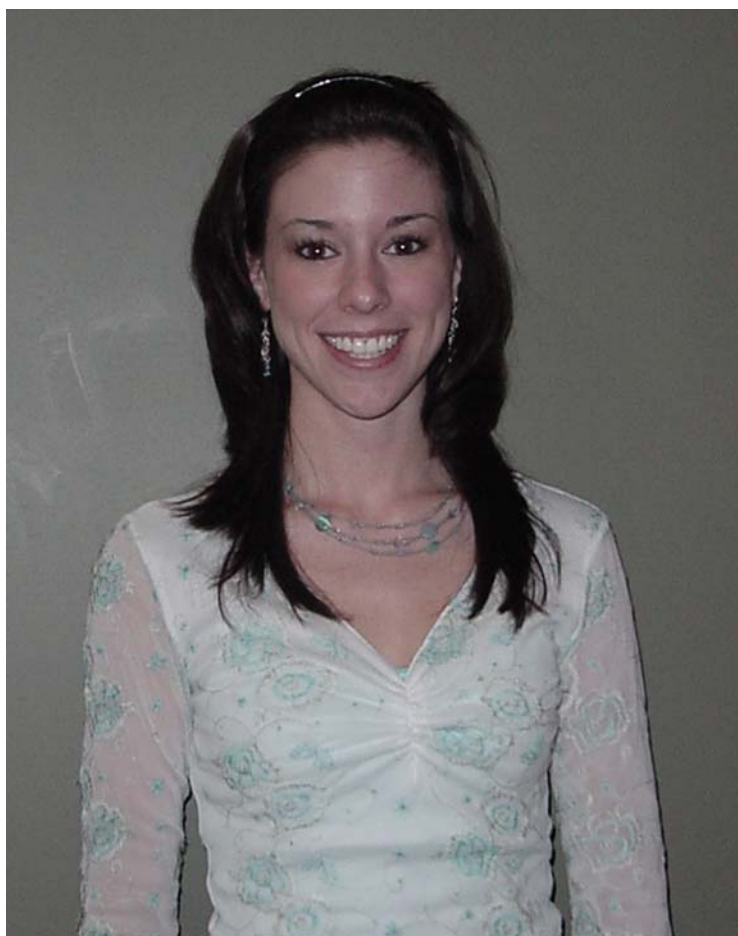
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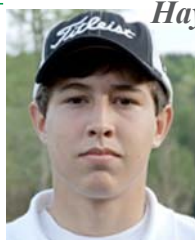
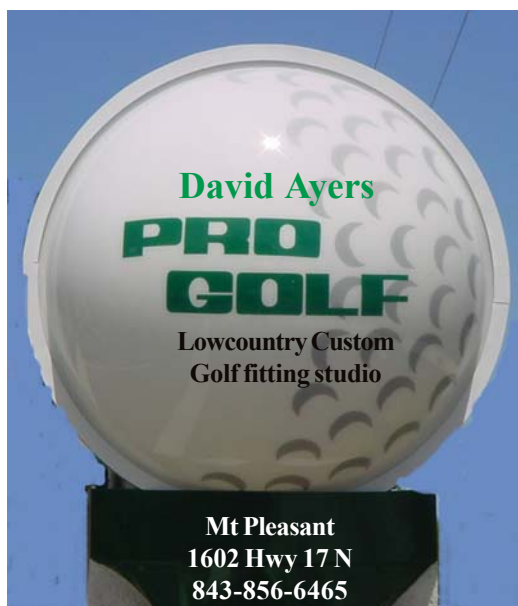
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Hassell, Talbert, and Johnson take the Caddie Classic

Sumter – The 15th Annual Caddie Classic has completed play on a tough day with temperatures never getting above 45 degrees. Sean Hassell won the overall boys title while McKenzie Talbert and Torey Johnson toughed out 79's for the girl's title. 120 players teed it up hoping to qualify for 34 coveted caddie spots in the Hootie and the Blowfish Monday After the Masters Pro Am on April 14 in Myrtle Beach.

Hassell tied for the overall day medalist score with 74 with Tyler Muma. After one hole of sudden death, Hassell took the championship. Both brackets of the girls, 13-14 and 15-18, played the same set of tees for the round. Torey Johnson fired a 79 to win her bracket, while Talbert shot the same score to win the girls 13-14 division. Cody Proveaux continued his good play of late and won the boys 13-14 by five shots over Lucas Harper and Stayton Pruitt. The SC Junior Golf Association is again very fortunate to have the South Carolina Automobile Dealers Association as presenting sponsor. SCADA has a long history of supporting youth oriented programs in SC and they are also a vital part of the SC Junior Golf Foundation's Golf Week.

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Hayden Letien

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Sumter High School A Golf Powerhouse

Sumter SC -If Wednesday's 11-stroke win over West Florence High School is any indication, the Sumter High School golf team is showing signs of having

what it takes to put together a good season-ending run and possibly improve dramatically on last year's 12th-place finish in the 4A state tournament.

After losing to West Florence earlier in the season, the Gamecock golfers decided that they needed to serve notice that they are going to be competitive this year in Region VI. Their 6-under par 138 on the back nine at Beech Creek Golf Club was an effective notice.

Each of Sumter's top four golfers on Wednesday came in under par, finishing ahead of West Florence's low man Steven Behr, who shot even par at 36. Sumter's top two, Hayden Letien and Dalton Ward, shot 34, while Miles Anderson and Brian Amick shot 35. Sumter head coach Jeff Schaffer said he doesn't know of a 9-hole score that low in his 17 years coaching high school golf, either from his own team or from any of his teams have played.

"When you have one or two guys shoot under par in a 9-hole match, that's pretty good," Schaffer said. "But when you have all four of them do it, you're going to beat the majority of teams."

"I think (Wednesday's match) was a matter of pride, to be honest with you," Schaffer added, saying that he also doesn't think it was a matter of familiarity with the course that gave the Gamecocks the edge. "We very seldom play the back nine unless it's in a tournament, so we focus most of our time on the front," Schaffer said. "We had to play the back, and the other coach wanted to play it because his team hadn't seen it and we're playing the region tournament here in a couple of weeks." With the region tournament being played at the end of April at Beech Creek, Sumter is looking to finish strong and position itself better in terms of pairings for the state tournament, which will again be held at the University Course at Furman University in Greenville. Letien, a sophomore who finished in the top 10 of last year's prestigious Trusted Choice Big I Junior Classic golf tournament sponsored by the Tiger Woods foundation, said he's relieved to be playing this season. "I definitely was (worried)," said Letien. "It was kind of a weird situation with the High School League for a while, but luckily, I got approved and it's been good since then." "I'm just trying to play as good as I can and try to practice hard and hope it pays off in the tournaments." Letien said what drew him away from Laurence Manning to Sumter was the quality of both the golf and the educational opportunities, which he thinks will give him the edge when it comes to playing college golf. "We have a lot better golf teams out here, and I think we've got a pretty good shot at winning state this year," Letien said. "The education level is a lot higher, and I think that's the main reason. I think it's going to help a lot (with playing in college)."



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UP STATE

Francis Marion golfers finish 10th at Furman Intercollegiate Tournament

GREENVILLE, S.C. — Sophomore Christopher Couch shot a final-round, even-par 72 on Sunday to help rally Francis Marion University to a 10th-place finish at the 39th-annual Furman University Intercollegiate Golf Tournament. Jonathan Hodge (69-73-71=213) carded a final-round 71 to claim individual medalist honors and help the University of Tennessee-Chattanooga (874) edge Clemson University (877) by three strokes for the team title. Couch (75-78-72=225) and Andrew Pitcher (76-75-74=225) finished tied for 31st place, while other Patriot golfers included Peter McGibney (70-79-77=226) tied for 42nd, Ronan O'Connor (76-79-74=229) tied for 64th, and Keith Crowley (81-78-72=231) tied for 79th. The Mocs, who captured their first Furman Intercollegiate title, led at the conclusion of all three rounds at the par-72, 6,800-yard Furman University Golf Course.

The University of South Carolina (882) finished third, while Western Carolina University (888) and Vanderbilt (888) rounded out the top five. Virginia Tech (890) was sixth, followed by USCA (891), Furman (894) and Ohio State University (894), and Francis Marion (899). The field included 24 teams. Francis Marion was tied for seventh after the opening round, but faltered in the weather-delayed second round. The Patriots rallied to shoot the third-lowest team score (292) on Sunday.

Ben Lown ties for tournament championship; sets school record.

GREENVILLE, N.C. — The Newberry College men's golf team finished in second place at the Ironwood Pirate Intercollegiate held at the Ironwood Golf and Country Club in Greenville, N.C. after the second round of play on Sunday. A large part of the Indians' team success was the spectacular play of freshman Ben Lown (North Augusta, S.C.). Lown shot a 69 on each day to finish the tournament six under par and tied for the individual tournament championship with St. John's Keegan Bradley. Lown's 36-hole stroke total of 138 is a new school record; besting fellow freshman Daniel Stanley's (Inman, S.C.) record of 140 that was set earlier this year.

GREENVILLE



Franziska Blum takes first place at Ralph Hargett Invitational

CHARLOTTE, N.C. — The Newberry College women's golf team completed day two of the Ralph Hargett Invitational in Charlotte, N.C. in fourth place after a round two team score of 348 at the par-72, 5,280 yard Olde Sycamore Golf Course on Tuesday afternoon.

Belmont Abbey College won the tournament with a two day total of 643. The Lady Indians improved their first round score of 363 by 15 strokes.

Individually, sophomore Franziska Blum (Schweinfurt, Germany) was the tournament champion after shooting a 155 over two rounds. Blum edged out Belmont Abbey's Liz Cortez by two strokes on the strength of a second day 77. Blum was the only player on Monday to have a round under 80 (78).

Fellow sophomore Sarah Grigor tied for 19th after a second day 84. Grigor, a native of Oakville, Ontario, improved by nine strokes in the second round and finished with a 177.

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Men's Golf Captures Fifth Straight Big South Conference Championship

NINETY-SIX, S.C. — Coastal Carolina's men's golf squad posted an even-par 288 in the final round for a 16-shot victory at the 2008 Big South Conference Men's Golf Championship, Apr. 21-22. The two-day, 54-hole championship was played at The Patriot Golf Club (Par 72 - 7,079 yards) in Ninety Six, S.C. It was Coastal's fifth straight league title, 10th in the last 12 years and 11th overall.

The now five-time defending league champion Chanticleers put together their best round of the tournament to pull away from the field with a 54-hole total of 874, with Charleston Southern finishing second at 890 after a final round 286, the best round of the tournament. Second-seeded Radford finished third at 891.

Coastal freshman David Dannelly led by four shots through 36 holes and maintained that lead en route to medalist and All-Big South honors with a 1-under 71 in the final round to finish at 2-under 214, four shots better than Kelvin Day of Charleston Southern. Dannelly is the eighth Coastal golfer to have won the individual title at the Big South Championship in the last 18 years. Thomas Todd of Presbyterian had the second-best three-round score of 216, but PC individuals and team score did not count as the program continues its Division I transition. Senior Lindsay Renolds also earned All-Big South after tying for third at 220, while sophomore All-Big South selection Dan Obremski tied for fifth at 222.

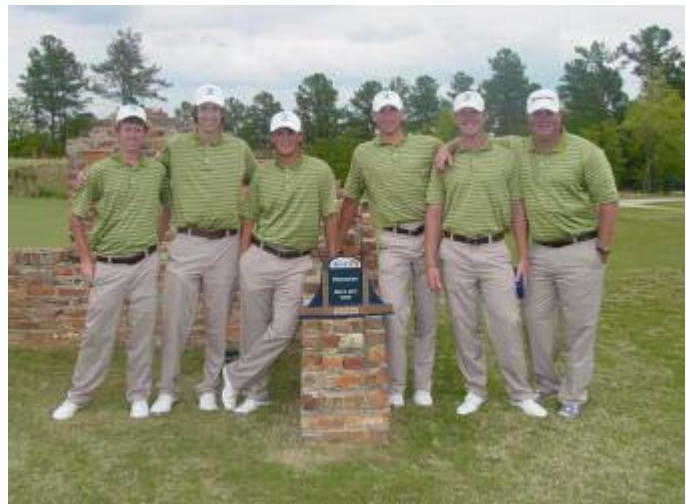
The Chanticleers have earned the conference's automatic berth to the NCAA Regionals and will find out in two weeks where they will be playing May 15-17, with the three sites in Chattanooga, Tenn., Columbus, Ohio and Bremerton, Wash.

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TOURNAMENTS

Martin Leads Tigers with Top 10 Finish

New London, NC — Ben Martin fired a final round 70 and finished eighth overall to lead Clemson to a sixth-place team finish at the 55th annual ACC Men's Golf Tournament. The 54-hole event completed Sunday was played at par 72 The Old North State Club at New London, NC.

Florida State won the title with a 26-under par score of 838. Duke was second at 841, while North Carolina was third at 846. Georgia Tech finished with a 17-under par score of 847. There was a two hour rain delay on Sunday. Tech was 18 under prior to the delay and five over par as a team after the delay. Wake Forest was fifth at 848 and Clemson was sixth at 854, four shots ahead of NC State. When Clemson finished it was five shots behind NC State, but the Pack stumbled down the stretch.



Martin finished with a 54-hole score of 211. It was his second top 10 finish of the year, his first since the opening tournament of the year in Japan back in September. It was his best finish in any tournament since he was third at the Carpet Classic in the first event of his career in the fall of 2006. Martin had rounds of 73-68-70 at the ACC Tournament for his 211 total. It was his best 54-hole event of the year by four shots.

Sam Saunders and David May both had even par scores of 72 on Sunday. May finished with a 214 total for the three rounds, good enough for 20th place. It was the third straight top 20 finish for May at the ACC Tournament. Saunders had his best round of the tournament on Sunday. He started with consecutive birdies and had a birdie on the 18th hole.

Kyle Stanley was Clemson's second best golfer for the ACC Tournament. The sophomore All-American shot a 73 on Sunday and finished with a 213 total, good enough for 18th place. He had a round of 68 on Saturday for his top round of the tournament. Phillip Mollica had a 74 on Sunday and finished with a 218 total for the three days, 29th place.



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28th Carolinas Mid-Amateur Championship Sectional Qualifying

Country Club of Orangeburg,
Orangeburg, SC Qualifying Results

1 Jeffrey Stephens, Simpsonville, SC

T2 Robert Godfrey, Seneca, SC

T2 Kevin Hester, Blythewood, SC

T2 Bill Duncan, Greenville, SC

T5 Joseph Davis, Huntersville, NC

T5 Robert Hayes, Anderson, SC

7 Ron Kirkpatrick, Charlotte, NC

8 David Dargan, Columbia, SC

T9 Michael Cress II, Mount Pleasant, SC

T9 Blanton Phillips, Simpsonville, SC

T9 Terry Lanning, Beaufort, SC

T9 Jim Burgess, Kingstree, SC

T9 Wade Culler, Lugoff, SC

T9 Alex Brenner, Charlotte, NC

Dianne Yelovich of Pinehurst, NC. Moore who is the reigning Carolinas women's player and senior player of the year starts off the season on a high note. "It's really great to be able to defend. I didn't have a good day today and I didn't know what was going on in front of me. I could have really blown it out there." What Moore didn't know was that Dianne Yelovich of Pinehurst, NC was having a very steady round and was cutting Moore's lead down quickly. Yelovich fired an even par round of 72 shooting a 1-under par-35 on the inward nine. In the end, it would not be enough to steal the title away from Moore. 2000 Carolinas Women's Senior Champion Cynthia Curry of Charlotte, NC fired a 2-over par 74 on the day to finish alone in third place.

PATTY MOORE PREVAILS AT 10TH CAROLINAS WOMEN'S SENIOR CHAMPIONSHIP



Charlotte NC -Defending champion Patty Moore of Charlotte, NC was able to capture her fifth CGA Women's Senior Championship by three strokes over

Players were flighted within their respective division for the final round. In the tournament tee division Lilla Rodriquez of Chapel Hill, NC and Jackie Meyer of Pinehurst, NC shared the top spot. The tournament tee division plays a shorter course.

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SIMSON AND DETWEILER WIN 40TH CAROLINAS SENIOR FOUR-BALL



Wilmington, NC – Final round results of the 40th Carolinas Senior Four-Ball Championship of the Carolinas Golf Association hosted by the Country Club of Landfall, Nicklaus course (Marsh-Ocean), in Wilmington, NC on Thursday, April 10, 2008. (6450 yards, par 36-36—72). Paul Simson and Don Detweiler of Raleigh, NC shot a two-under par 70 total to win the 40th Carolinas Senior Four-Ball Championship. The victory marks the 17th CGA title for Simson and first for Detweiler. This was Simson's first Senior Four-Ball title. Detweiler had a little local knowledge as he is the reigning Country Club of Landfall club champion.

"We did not make a bogey for the 3 days," Simson said. "We played really great together. I did well pairing-up with the club champion." "It was really special for me to have a partner as good and classy as Paul," noted Detweiler. Finishing one-shot out was Lex Alexander of Chapel Hill, NC and Bill Boles of Wilson, NC. Alexander and Boles' round of 69 jumped them into second place. Logan Jackson of Winston-Salem, NC and Bill Palmer of Bluffton, SC briefly held the lead during the final round. But a five-over par stretch during the last 10 holes dropped them into a 4th place finish.

Defending champions Joe Padgett of North Charleston, SC and Bill Smunk of Kingstree, SC finished in a tie for 24th place. This championship is conducted by the Carolinas Golf Association.

Inaugural Charlotte Open to Draw Elite Field of Pros and Amateurs

MATTHEWS, N.C. – After the Charlotte Hornets, the Carolina Panthers, and the Charlotte Bobcats, Charlotte has a new professional championship event. A significant addition to Charlotte golf arrives this fall with the formation of the Charlotte Open, an annual championship that will attract an elite field of professional and amateur golfers to Mecklenburg and Union County. The 2008 Charlotte Open takes place October 7-9 (Tuesday through Thursday) on the championship layout of Emerald Lake Golf Club. This 54-hole, stroke-play tournament will pay an estimated total purse of \$100,000.

"I want this to become the premier open golf championship in the Southeast," said Nick Jacobi, Tournament Director. "It is the first true championship in the Carolinas." Unlike others, it is open to anybody who qualifies. "Our goal is to draw working professionals, as well as touring pros and top-notch amateurs from across the Carolinas and beyond. We want professional golfers at every level, whether they are a working club pro, teaching pro, or play the Nationwide Tour or the PGA Tour. We welcome them to tee it up." Jacobi feels several reasons that the Open will draw a large field. First, the purse is large enough to interest pros throughout the South. Second, the Charlotte area courses are great, and these courses provide an added draw. "The formula is in place for success," said Jacobi. "We've created a tournament that gives golf professionals the opportunity to earn a very good check of \$15,000 for a modest entry fee." The entry fees are set \$225 for amateurs, \$275 for Carolina PGA Pros, \$325 other section PGA Pros, and Pros who play on tour for a living \$550.

The format for the Charlotte Open is 54 holes of stroke play. After the second day, the field will be cut to the low 50 and ties. A full field of 132 players is expected. There will be a Qualifier the week before if the entries exceed 132. The Charlotte Open Entry Form will be released in July 2008. Amateurs with verifiable handicaps of 5.5 or less are encouraged to enter. They will compete against the full field, but also have their own prize pool. A certain number of amateurs will make the cut, based on their number of entries. We want to get everybody involved, from the media to local businesses to Carolina golf fans. We think Charlotte, as the professional sports center of the Carolinas, is a great draw."

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