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FROM THE EDITOR

T.S. Eliot wrote that "April is the cruellest month". Golfers, young and old, may agree with him. I recently had the pleasure of starting teams on the opening day of the 2nd annual Edisto High School Classic. After introducing the fifth team, I realized how old I am because this old back was aching just watching the flexibility of these youngsters, the distances they were driving, and the areas in which they were landing that I had not seen since I was a young man. I guess this experience was preparation for a

Masters dominated by young men who continue to capture the true spirit of this game that we all love. The tournament was a huge success with the course record being broken by one of these young limberbacks.

April is the month when everyone watches the Masters, enjoys renewed inspiration, cleans up the irons, tries a new driver/swing and anxiously awaits the warm days ahead when we will attempt to, as always,

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Richard



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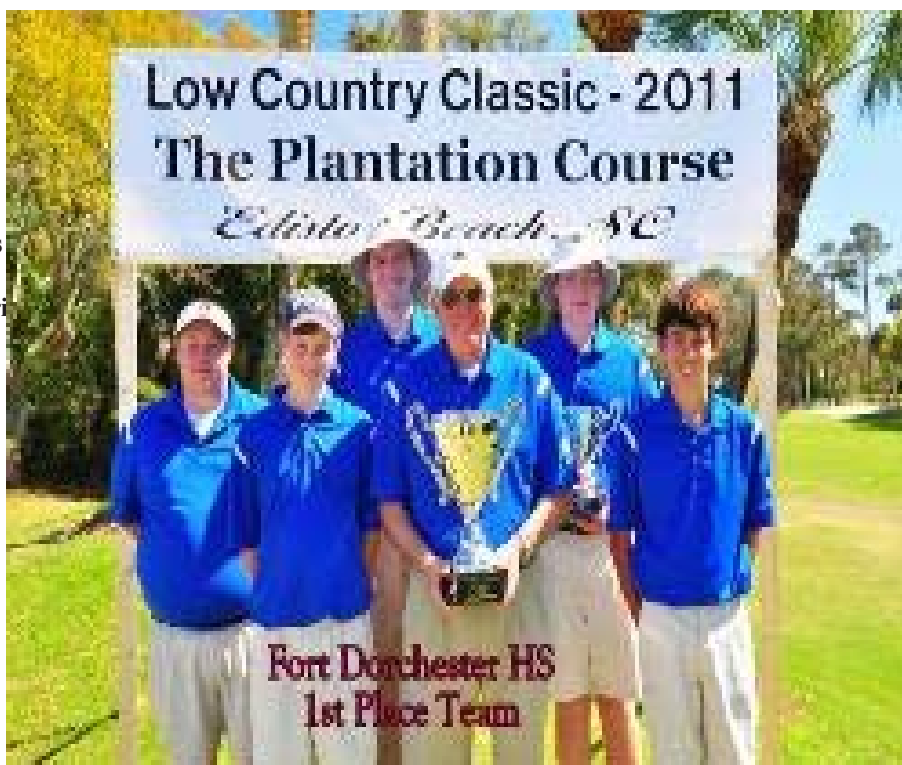
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The 2011 2nd Annual Low Country Classic High School Tourney was played this weekend, April 2nd and 3rd, at The Plantation Course in Edisto Beach. The field of 21 teams represented all areas of the State and brought to Edisto some of the best High School golfers in S.C. The 36-Hole event concluded Sunday.

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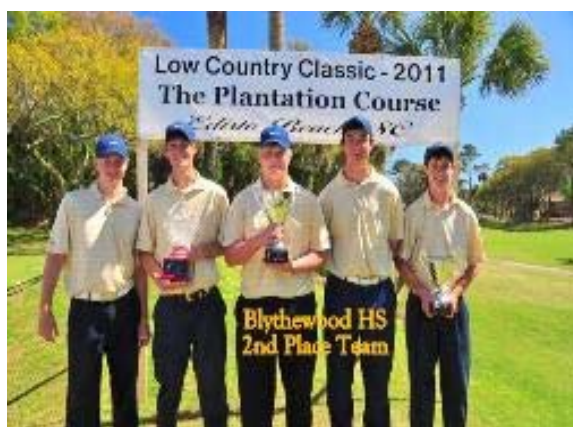
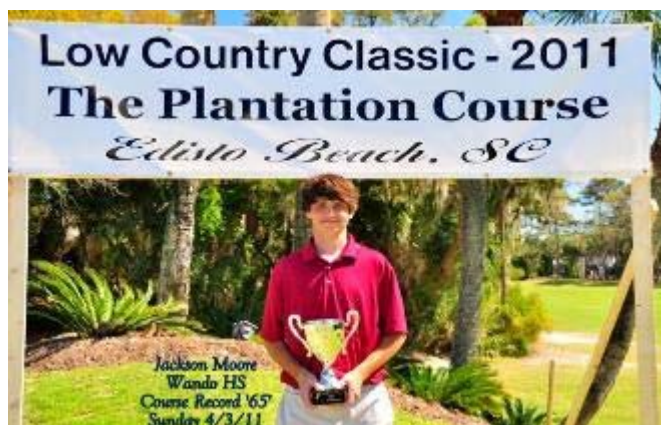
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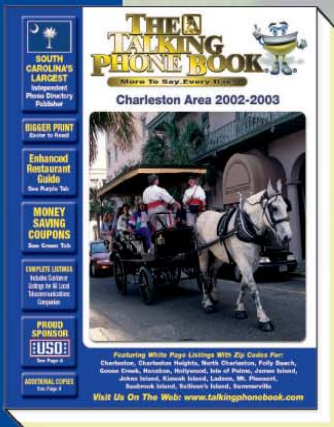
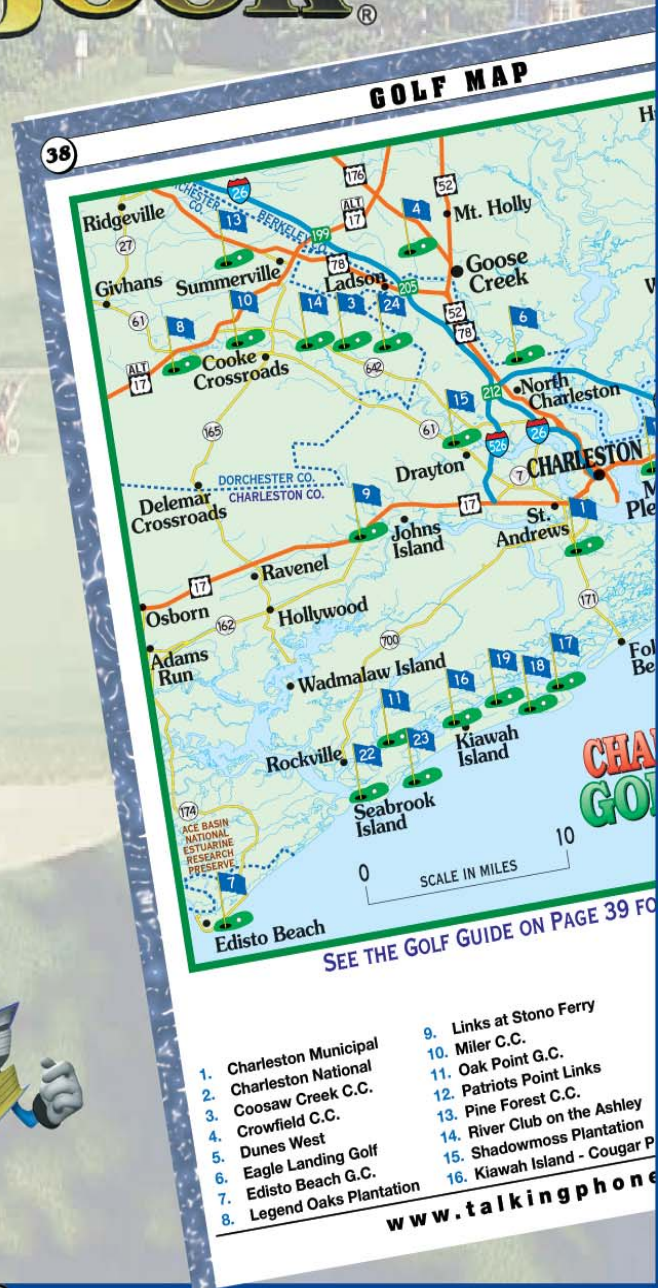
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18th Caddie Classic

Chapin SC— Will Starke captured the 18th Caddie Classic after a round of 67 over the par 70 track of Camden Country Club. Blustery conditions made scoring tough for the 78 competitors and the combination of the small Donald Ross Greens kept scores high for the majority of the field. Sydney Legacy won the overall girls action with a superb 71 that included three birdies on her back nine. The boys 13-14 bracket played the same set of tees as the older players and in the division, a sudden death victory by Alex Handy gave him the first place trophy. The girls 13-14 has Kelli Murphy adding to her impressive list of SCJGA victories while also playing the same set of tees as the older girls. The tournament has been proudly presented by the South Carolina Automobile Dealers Association for the past five years and is also a vital part of the SC junior Golf Foundation's Golf Week celebration.

Boys and girls competed for the coveted positions and will get to choose their "team" based on their stroke play finish. The players will have the opportunity to get close to today's celebrities, professional athletes, and stars of the PGA Tour. In 17 years, the Hootie and the Blowfish Monday After the Masters Pro-Am has raised over 5 million dollars for charity revolving around children specific causes. Educational entities, junior golf, and many other youth programs benefit each year from the hard work done by the band, board, and many volunteers of the tournament. For tickets, sponsorship opportunities, and more information on this celebrity Pro Am, please visit their website at www.hootiegolf.com.



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18th Senior Four Ball Championship

Gravley & Willis Birdie Last Hole for Victory

Mike Gravley and Terry Willis shot a final round 68 for a two day total of 134 and earned their first team victory in the SCGA's Senior Four Ball Championship held on the Jones course at Woodside Plantation.

Coming into the final hole of the day at nine under par for the tournament, Gravley and Willis found themselves tied with the hard charging team of Johnny Dennis and Frank Wrenn after the Greenville team posted a final round low of 67. Knowing a birdie was a must for victory, Terry Willis hit his approach shot five feet from the hole and calmly made the putt to give the team a one shot victory. Three time Defending Champions Jimmy Burgess & Bob Hammersla finished in fourth place at 138.

In the First Flight, John Hencken and Joe Vignati shot a final round 68 for a total of 140 and a one shot win. In the Second Flight there was a four way tie for first at 145.

The 2011 SCGA Senior Four Ball Championship was played on the par 72 – 6,398 yard Jones Course at Woodside Plantation in Aiken, S.C. The field consisted of 59 two-man teams playing Best Ball format conducted over thirty six holes. The Senior Four Ball Championship is one of 19 Major Championships conducted annually by the South Carolina Golf Association.



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MURRELLS INLET

U.S. Team Claims 13th Annual Can-Am Junior Team Matches

Murrells Inlet SC - On the second day of the Can-Am Junior Team Matches, the American team earned 157 ½ of 288 possible points to defeat the Canadian squad 233 ½ to 198 ½ to earn the 2011 title of Can Am Champions.

Sunday's format featured singles match play with the South Carolina junior golfers facing off against junior golfers from the Canadian Province of Ontario . Eighteen points were available per match – one per each hole. In the event of a tie, each team gets ½ of a point.

The first day of the Can-Am Junior Team Matches had the American team holding a narrow margin over the Canadian juniors 76 to 68 at Wachesaw Plantation Club in Murrells Inlet , SC.

The young ladies led off the Matches Sunday and narrowed the first day lead of the American team with some solid play starting off the day. Reona Hirai (Summerville) and Louise Oxner (Greenville) both dominated their matches and truly set the tone for the day. After the eight Matches had concluded, the Americans added 16 points to their first day lead. Matthew Nesmith (N. Augusta) also started the boys matches off well with an eight point victory. The next few Matches, contested by the boys were close and the margin was trimmed down. However the final two Matches featuring the top two young men from both South Carolina and Ontario sealed the win for the American Team. Florence , SC native Stephen Behr battled Lucas Kim and earned a three point win. Cody Proveaux of Leesville took on Brandon Ng (the only player to play on either team for four years) of Ontario . Experience didn't prevail as Proveaux earned an additional six points and put an exclamation point on the American win. After a 2010 where the Joseph T. Simons Can Am Trophy spent a year in Ontario , it is now coming back to South Carolina .

Overall, the 2011 Can Am Junior Team Matches were a success in terms of growing the game and strengthening the relationship between neighboring countries, especially with the addition of the females this year. The American win of the 13th annual edition of the Matches put the record to a 10-3 margin in the win-loss column in the 13 year history of the event in favor of the U.S.A special note that this event would not be possible without the continued support from Wachesaw Plantation and more specifically a group of its members who help fund this event, appropriately named the "Wachesaw Warriors." Also, a special thanks to all of the host families that housed some of the players this year.

The matches were contested over the 6,853 (boys) / 5,940 (girls) yard par 72 Wachesaw Plantation Club in Murrells Inlet , SC. Wachesaw Plantation has hosted the matches since 2002 and has agreed to host the event through 2013. The series stands at 9 - 3 in favor of the SC junior boys. The team from South Carolina is selected by using the HERITAGE CLASSIC FOUNDATION RANKINGS System from the previous December's point standings. The top eight ranked players are invited.



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Golf Stretching Program

Dynamic Stretches

Start with some arm circles - perhaps 10 clockwise and 10 counter-clockwise. Next do some twisting from side to side - keep your feet shoulder width apart, place your hands on your hips or at chest height and turn from side to side 15-20 times. These dynamic stretches just help to increase blood flow and loosen joints before moving onto the static stretches.

Shoulder & Chest Stretch

This can be performed kneeling or standing. Clasp hands behind back and straighten arms. Raise hands as high as possible and bend forward from the waist and hold.



Shoulder Stretch

Place one arm straight across chest. place hand on elbow and pull arm towards chest and hold. Repeat with other arm.



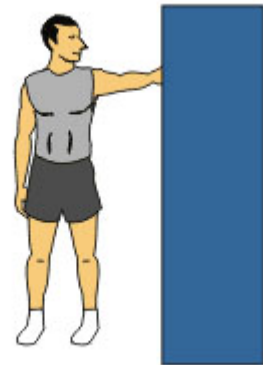
Triceps Stretch

Place one hand behind back with elbow in air. Place other hand on elbow and gently pull towards head. Hold and repeat with other arm.



Chest Stretch (Wall)

Place an outstretched arm against a wall or doorway and lean forward with that shoulder. You should feel a stretch in your chest when you lean forward. Hold and repeat for same arm then repeat 2 stretches for other arm.



Back Stretch

1. Start by kneeling on the ground with your arms out in front of you.
2. Slide your arms further away and slowly shift your hips back towards your feet until a comfortable stretch is felt.
3. Now slide your hands to the right until a stretch is felt down the side of your torso. Repeat to the left.



Low Back Stretch

1. Lie on back with right knee drawn toward chest.
2. Slowly bring bent leg across body until a stretch is felt in the lower back and hip area.
3. Remember to keep shoulders squared and flat on ground at all times. Bottom leg should be bent so that your knees are aligned.



Butterfly Stretch

1. Sit in upright position and place heels together.
2. Spread knees apart and pull feet toward groin until a stretch is felt in groin and inner thigh.
3. Remember to keep low back straight to emphasize stretch.



Hamstring Stretch

1. Sit in upright position. Tuck foot near groin with opposite leg straight.
2. Bending from the hips and leading with the chest, reach down until a stretch is felt in back of thigh.
3. Remember to keep the low back straight to isolate stretch in hamstring



Quad Stretch

1. Standing with a shoulder width stance and hang onto an object for support
2. Bring one foot up and grab with your hand.
3. Pull your foot up until you feel a stretch on the front of your thigh.
4. Hold, relax and repeat before changing legs.



Forearm/Wrist Stretch

Stand with your right arm extended straight out. Pull back your fingers with the other hand until you feel a stretch in your forearm. Hold, repeat and then repeat 2 stretches on other arm

These golf stretching exercise, performed regularly will help to promote relaxation in muscles. This has the added benefit of also increasing body awareness, which is so in for maintain a consistent swing pattern.

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The Stimpmeter: Friend Or Foe? (continued from March Issue)

Common comments include, “I didn’t putt well today. The greens were slow.” Or, “I made everything today, the greens were just the way I like them.” In terms of green speed, knowing the speed of greens helps to remove emotion from the equation when evaluating the condition of the greens, and ultimately the performance of the golf course superintendent.

A big problem for golf course superintendents is golfer desire to have faster greens. Many times, the current speed of greens is not even considered. Rather, the greens just need to be faster, faster, faster. This becomes a contentious issue and can lead to problems. What if the greens are already pretty fast for daily play? Generally, as green speeds increase, so does the chance of stress to the turfgrass. How fast is too fast? The answer varies. Some facilities have the available resources to maintain very fast greens consistently, but most have to establish a reasonable daily speed target that is obtainable given available resources and grass composition and understanding that some portions of the growing season are not conducive to faster greens. Do not be fooled. Available resources are a big factor in maintaining green speed. For example, with adequate resources, a golf course with *Poa annua* greens can maintain fast speeds, and effectively manage the risk to the grass with constant monitoring and hand watering. The same greens at a facility with less available resources will exhibit severe stress or even decline if an attempt is made to maintain the same speeds throughout the growing season. Having several employees available to constantly monitor greens throughout the day during the heat of the summer is a big advantage. **To be Continued**

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SCGA Partners Championship

Columbia SC - A wet and windy 19th Annual Partners Championship greeted the field on day two. The Championship Division was contested at Spring Valley Country Club. Kevin Hester (Blythewood) and Dan Sullivan (Columbia), who were tied for the lead at 13 under par, carded five birdies and a bogey to shoot four under 68 and earn the 2011 SCGA Partners Championship title by a stroke. Hester and Sullivan won the Tournament Division at this same championship in 2010.

Rick Cloninger (Fort Mill) and Todd White (Moore), who had a share of the first round lead, came in tied for second with Stan Sill (Spartanburg) and Jeff Stephens (Ware Shoals) at 16 under par for the two day event. Defending champions, Brent and Justin Roof finished six strokes off the lead at 133 overall.

The Tournament Division tested their skills at The Members Club – Woodcreek Course and saw Andy Gianoukas (Charleston) and Brian Lott (Summerville) take the over title with a two day total of 133. Mike Wiland (Aiken) and Ron Schroder (Aiken) finished one shot behind at 134.

The Championship and Tournament Divisions, each comprised of 54 teams were divided into three flights for Sunday's play heading to their respective courses.

Plantation Course @ Edisto



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