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## FROM THE EDITOR

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Thank YOU, I want to take the time to thank all of you for visiting our web site and signing up for SCAGM to be delivered via e mail to you each month.



This year has been great for golf and it looks like its going to get even better. All of the courses in the area that I play have had great growing seasons so far and the rain has been plentiful and its time to make sure that you have your "A" game in place. I want to express my pleasure in doing this magazine each month and enjoy reading your e mails and placing your pictures and tournament news in this publication. We would not have a magazine if it were not for you and our advertisers, so lets not forget them. Go to the coupon page and cut them out and get your discounts when you can. We also have been receiving pictures of **hole in one's** and we will be glad to place your picture along with your hole in one. Personally this year has been moving a little to quick for me and I am certainly not ready to entertain any type of cool weather, I am a Southern Boy and I love the warmth. Make sure that you visit the web site and look at all of the different areas, we expand as quick as we get more info. We now have some rounds of golf for Sale at a discount so check it out.

**Hit it Long & Straight and May all of your Putts be short and in the Hole, R & B**

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### UP COMING EVENTS

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### WSCGA Senior Championship

Hilton Head Island SC -*Kristine Berger of Hilton Head Island used her home course advantage to win her second WSCGA Senior Championship. The 2006 winner played steady golf to hold her overnight 3-shot lead and claim the title. Defending Champion and five time winner of this event Karen Ferree tried to mount a charge but missed several key putts down the stretch and finished as the tournament Runner-Up.*

*Playing with gusty winds blowing both days of the competition, the low round of the tournament was shot by Susan Zankowski. Susan fired a final round 72 and tied Diane Belair for the overall third place prize.*

*The winner of the Super-Senior division was Becky Lusk of Irmo who finished with two day total of 169 with rounds of 80 and 89.*

*Sybil Davis of Okatie was the winner of the first flight shooting a two day total of 160. Second place went to Donna Bailey whose tournament total was 162 and included a hole in one on the par 3 #17 during the final round.*

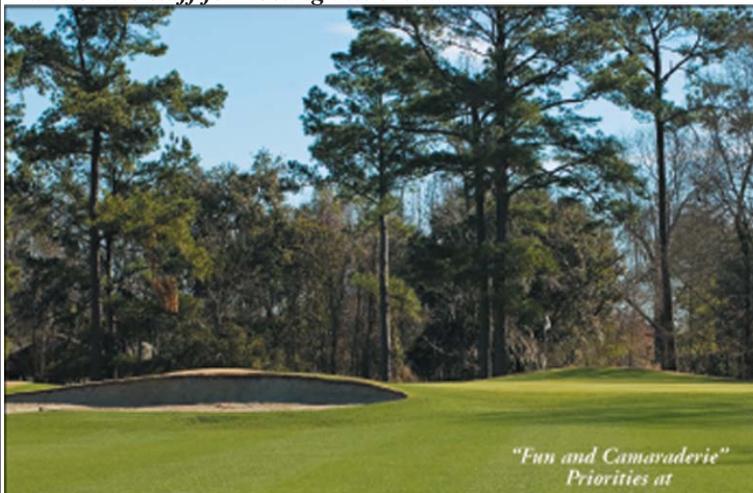
*Jeannie Hillock won the second flight, followed by Barbara Crowe in second place. First time participant Marty Corley won the third flight and second place went to Toni Buerkert.*

*Nancy Carder of Charleston won the fourth flight followed by Barbara Christy and Sarah Rijswijk who tied for second.*

*The WSCGA would like to thank Hampton Hall, the members and entire staff for hosting this event.*



**Kristine Berger Senior Champion**



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**Becky Lusk Super-Senior  
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### Kirchmayr Finishes 13th at NCAA Regional

College of Charleston's Steffi Kirchmayr posted a 219 in 54 holes to finish 13<sup>th</sup> at the NCAA Women's Golf Central Regional Tournament being held May 8-10 at the University of Texas Golf Club in Austin, Texas.

Kirchmayr missed the cut to the National Championship by four strokes after shooting a 77 in the final round.

The top two individuals, not on a team that finish in the top eight, advance to the NCAA Championship to be held May 20-23 at the University of New Mexico Championship Golf Course in Albuquerque, New Mexico

The native of Pocking, Germany, earned an at-large bid to the NCAA Tournament as an individual. The two-time Southern Conference Player-of-the-Year tied for third in the league tournament April 22.

The junior opened the third round from hole 10 with four bogeys before paring the next five holes. She turned with a 40 and started the front nine with a birdie before ending the round with three bogeys in her last eight holes of the tournament

### Tang Wins Charleston City Am

Tim Tang won the 58<sup>th</sup> Annual City of Charleston Men's City Amateur Golf Championship at the Municipal Golf Course. Tang defeated Justin Hare, a rising senior at Duke University, with a par on the first playoff hole.

Tang, College of Charleston senior, finished with a three day total of 208, 8 under par at the Municipal Golf Course. A clutch 4-foot par-saving putt on the 18<sup>th</sup> sent the championship to sudden death. Tang, who helped his team win the 2007 Charleston City 4-Ball Championship with a birdie on the first hole of sudden death, used his experience in overtime golf at The Muni to his advantage. Fairway, green, 2-putts and Tang's first City Am Championship was finally secured

Hare carded 71 to catch Tang in regulation. 6-time City Am Champion Frank Ford, the only other player to shoot under par on Sunday, turned in his 6<sup>th</sup> consecutive 35, for the Sunday low round of 70 and a three day total of 210.



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# HOLE-IN-ONE

## South Carolina Hole In One Club

| DATE      | NAME           | COURSE                      | HOLE | YARDAGE |
|-----------|----------------|-----------------------------|------|---------|
| 08-Feb-08 | Bob Frazier    | Shannon Greens              | 15th | 150     |
| 29-Mar-08 | Monroe Boaz    | Moss Creek - South          | 5th  | 127     |
| 01-Apr-08 | Terry Brown    | Fort Jackson                | 2nd  | 110     |
| 01-Apr-08 | Jim Streevy    | The Links @ Stoney Point    | 13th | 97      |
| 01-Apr-08 | Bob Frazier    | Carolina Lakes              | 18th | 138     |
| 02-Apr-08 | Shelton Rumph  | Cheraw C.C.                 | 9th  | 145     |
| 04-Apr-08 | Gerard Stanis  | Indian River                | 12th | 146     |
| 05-Apr-08 | Judy Russert   | Colleton River-Pete Dye     | 6th  | 109     |
| 11-Apr-08 | Sandra Loy     | Miler Country Club          | 8th  | 147     |
| 12-Apr-08 | Will Mayhall   | Colleton River-Nicklaus     | 17th | 143     |
| 15-Apr-08 | Sylvia Rehrig  | Santee Cooper CC            | 11th | 133     |
| 15-Apr-08 | David Neff     | Moss Creek G.C. - South     | 5th  | 145     |
| 17-Apr-08 | Kathy Godby    | Greenwood Country Club      | 2nd  | 126     |
| 23-Apr-08 | Harv Kling     | Paw Paw CC                  | 5th  | 139     |
| 25-Apr-08 | Gail R. Kinard | Fort Jackson                | 15th | 97      |
| 25-Apr-08 | Chad Milford   | Beaver Creek                | 5th  | 115     |
| 26-Apr-08 | Dan O'Neill    | Beaver Creek                | 2nd  | 134     |
| 02-May-08 | Al Evans       | The Walker Course @ Clemson | 8th  | 200     |
| 05-May-08 | Luke Shoemake  | Cheraw Country Club         | 4th  | 190     |

### 2008 Summer Little Legends Series

Columbia, SC – The 2008 Little Legends Summer Series will begin in late June. The Little Legends Series is a youth development program of the SCJGA. The summer series is a recreational junior golf program for boys and girls ages 6-12. The Players Series is designed for those who have completed the Clinic Series and/or those who want to play the game but are not ready to play with the pressure of finishing every hole on their own. The Players Series is a fun, recreational, six week program where players participate in groups while adhering to a captain's choice format. The Players series is currently available in Aiken, Anderson, Beaufort, Chapin, Columbia, Charleston, Mt. Pleasant, North-East Columbia, Pendleton, Greenwood, Greenville, Lexington, Spartanburg, Sumter, Oconee and York County.

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## Hirai, Chickarello Take the Par Three Challenge

Columbia – Fifty teams of two teed it up at the SCJGA Par Three Challenge over this busy holiday weekend. The teams played at either Lake Murray Golf Center in Chapin or at the Golf Center in Columbia based on their divisions. Both team members were between the ages of 8-12, 8-18, or 8 and up to put them in their respective age brackets.

The competitive 8-18 bracket completed their 18 hole par three competition at the Golf Center while Lake Murray Golf Center hosted the 8-12 and the 8- up brackets. Kamito Hirai and his partner Doug Chickarello took the overall title in the 8-18 bracket after a tie in regulation. Trace Crowe and his matching partner, Caleb Proveaux prevailed in the younger bracket with a four under par total of 50. Alex Finke and his younger brother Christopher captured the oldest bracket with a 9 under par total of 45.

Both facilities hosted holes in one as well. Alex Finke led the charge at Lake Murray GC and Chase Epting holed his tee shot at the Golf Center.

Format: USGA rules apply, 18-hole Captains Choice par 3 play.

Eligibility: Open to junior members of the SCJGA age 13-18, still enrolled in high school, and adults.

Schedule: May 25, 2008- 18 holes of par three captain's choice play.

### Lake Murray Golf Center 8-12

Crowe, Trace (Easley) - Proveaux, Caleb (Leesville) 50

Stephenson, Lauren (Lexington) - Chin, Nicole (Irmo) 52

### Lake Murray Golf Center 8-up

Finke, Alex (Rock Hill) - Finke, Christopher (Rock Hill) 45

Miller, Jordan (Chapin) - Miller, Chris (Chapin) 46

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### The Golf Center 8-18

Hirai, Kamito (Summerville) - Chickarello, Doug (North Charleston)

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Nesmith, Matthew (N. Augusta) - Epting, Chase (Aiken)

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## The 2008 SCJGA Hootie and the Blowfish Junior Golf Series

Columbia, SC – The South Carolina Junior Golf Association’s 2008 Hootie and the Blowfish Junior Golf Series will begin in early June. Please visit [www.scjga.org](http://www.scjga.org) and follow the links to chapters to find more information on how to sign up for your local program.

This program was built on a foundation of networking community junior golf programs referred to as “Chapters.” Chapters give juniors an opportunity to be a part of a fun, weekly tournament schedule designed to develop tournament skills, teach a working knowledge of the Rules of Golf, and build lasting friendships. Currently there are nineteen chapters across the state that play home to nearly 1800 junior golfers.

“Chapter” events are conducted beginning the first week in June. Tournaments are played mostly on Mondays at different area golf courses. Members compete in age groups and accumulate All-Star points. The All-Star Championship is held at the end of the season and brings together youth from across the state. In 2006 the popularity of this program and the All Stars Championship grew to a level in which we were forced to split the championship into two divisions. Today, Pickens Country Club plays host to the Thomas D Todd All Stars Championship for the north and The Ocean Winds Club at Seabrook Island plays host to the Tommy Cuthbert All Stars Championship for the south. Although all skill levels are welcome, the Junior Golf Series is designed to help young players mature and develop tournament experience in hopes to become successful in the SCJGA Major Tournament Series.

Individuals compete in seven age groups from the following tees:

| Group        | Holes | Tee     |
|--------------|-------|---------|
| Boys 15-18*  | 18    | Back    |
| Boys 13-14   | 18    | Middle  |
| Boys 10-12   | 9     | Forward |
| Boys 8-9     | 9     | Special |
| Girls 14-18* | 18    | Middle  |
| Girls 11-13  | 9     | Forward |
| Girls 8-10   | 9     | Special |

Chapters vary guidelines based on participation.

Some events may designate different age groups.

\* Can not reach 19th birthday prior to the All-Stars or started in college

All available chapters and their directors can be found on the SCJGA website, [www.scjga.org](http://www.scjga.org).



SCGA 40+ Series

### Bright Takes Trophy!!

With the heaviest of rains falling, the 40+ Series at Woodcreek Farms was decided by the flip of a coin after Mike Bright & Doug Edwards both finished with rounds of one under par 71. Bright made the right call and walked away with the hardware and a victory after a long wet day on the links.



## 50th Annual SCGA Senior Championship

### Weiner Comes From Behind to Take Title

Kiawah's Mike Weiner came back from a nine shot deficit with a final round of 68 and a tournament total of 217 to capture the 50th Annual Senior Championship at Greenville Country Club's Chanticleer course.

Weiner's round was highlighted by a three hole stretch from holes 10 to 12 where he went birdie – birdie – eagle. The Kiawah Club member's eagle came from the fairway with a 9 iron from 130 yards. After following that run with a bogey on the par four 13th, Weiner added one more birdie on the par five 15th. Not even a bogey on the final hole from the water hazard could deter the Champion as he finished two shots ahead of second place finisher, Gary Shimmin.



Second round leader Jim Van Ooteghem struggled to a final round of 80 to finish tied for third with Columbia's Steve Pachol. First round leader and Greenville CC member Johnny Dennis finished at 222 tied with Heyward Sullivan and Gene Spencer for 5th. Defending Champion Bill Palmer finished at 223, tied for 8th.

The 2008 SCGA Senior Championship was played on the par 72 - 6,399 yard Chanticleer course at Greenville Country Club in Greenville, SC. The field consisted of 125 players over the age of 55 and was cut to the low 60 and ties after the first two days of play. 62 players made the cut at 161 and played the final round. The Senior Championship is one of 19 Major Championships conducted by the South Carolina Golf Association and is in its 50th year of existence.

### Qualifying is complete for the SCGA Junior Championship

Over 120 hopeful players teed it up on Saturday to try and gain entry into the SCGA Junior Championship. Wyboo Plantation, Wedgefield Plantation, Sweetwater CC, and Cobbs Glen all held regional qualifiers on Saturday in support of the tournament. For the 50<sup>th</sup> playing of the South Carolina Golf Association's Junior Championship, the competitors with previous experience will notice an enhanced atmosphere this year. The Heritage Classic Foundation has signed on as presenting sponsor for the South Carolina Championship. This year's contest will make a historical visit back to the Country Club of Lexington, where it was played for 29 years before moving around the state of SC. The Heritage Classic Foundation is the general sponsor of the Verizon Heritage, the Verizon Junior Heritage, The Players Amateur and has raised more than \$16.6 million for charity since its inception in 1987.

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## SCGA 40 Plus Series Rogers' 72 bests field at 40 Plus

Wayne Rogers of Easley shot an even par round of 72 that was good enough to secure victory at the 40 Plus event held at the Patriot Golf Club at Grand Harbor. Kevin Hester finished alone in second with a two over par 74. Seven players tied for third with three over par 75.

In the net division, Richard Swinbank of Lexington took top honors with a net 68.

The 40 Plus is a series of events conducted for the "baby boomer" golfers across South Carolina, over the age of 40. The field consisted of 96 players, playing on the 6520 yard Patriot Golf Club at Grand Harbor in Ninety Six, SC. This event was the fourth of eight 40 Plus events the SCGA will conduct in 2008. The next 40 Plus event will be held on September 15 at Mount Vintage Plantation in North Augusta, SC.



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When striking a ball, the fact is that the ball only responds to one thing and that is the direction the clubface is moving through impact. That direction is your only task when it comes to focusing your attention. So all you have to do is swing the club toward the target, when you do, that's where the ball will go. Simple enough...isn't it?

If you find that your intent does not match the outcome and the ball goes someplace you did not intend, maybe the following practice session will help you find "where straight is". At the driving range, place a club on the ground between you and the ball aimed at a specific target, this will provide a reference for your clubface aim.

Your task will be to swing the club to hit shots in 3 different directions on purpose. For each swing direction be sure to begin with your clubface aimed at the target and your body aligned square to that aim.

For the **first 3 balls** that you hit, intentionally swing the club on an OUT to IN path so that the ball will fly to the left of the target (this description is for right-handed golfers, the reverse is true for left-handers).

For the **next 3 balls**, intentionally swing the club on an IN to OUT path so the ball flies to the right of the target.

For the **final 3 balls**, swing the club on a STRAIGHT path so the ball flies toward the target. Then change clubs and do the drill again



In fact, we recommend you change clubs every 9 shots while doing this drill until you use at least 5 different clubs for the practice session. The point of this drill is to help you "frame" what swinging toward the target really feels like. If you know how to swing OUT to IN and IN to OUT on purpose then swinging between those two directions will reveal what it means to swing STRAIGHT.

Then, when you go to the course to play, you will easily be able to choose the correct swing direction to focus your attention on. The choice is yours for every swing you make. Decide to swing toward the target, if you are uncertain of the feeling, you can make a practice swing that is OUT to IN and then another that is IN to OUT and finally a third that will be STRAIGHT.

Knowing that you have control over the direction you swing is a big boost to confidence and gives you the best chance to hit your best shots. Choose to focus your attention on swinging toward the target and enjoy the results!

If you need assistance along the path of improving your game give me a call or write, my contact information is below.

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- Johnny Graham 5th
- Gerald Harrington 6th

**1st Flight**

- Robert McClary 1st
- Billy McCarley 2nd
- Lee Filyaw 3rd
- Tommy Patrick 4th
- Lewis Thompson 5th
- Walter Berry 6th

**"B" Flight**

- Bryan Lewis 1st
- Anthony Spivey 2nd
- Lee Prather 3rd
- Skip Crossland 4th
- Alex Blackmon 5th
- Walker Davis 6th

**2nd Flight**

- Jay Kirby 1st
- Mike Cumbie 2nd
- Bobby Matthews 3rd
- Dodd Daniels 4th
- Doug Bryant 5th
- Brookd Watford 6th

**3rd Flight**

- 1st Randall Odom
- 2nd Billy Early
- 3rd Gene Falls
- 4th Trey Gibbs
- 5th Freddie Gibbs
- 6th Gary Odom Jr

**5th Flight**

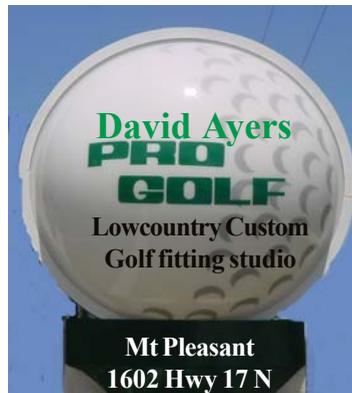
- 1st Tom Shealey
- 2nd Gerald McDonald
- 3rd Wayne Ussery
- 4th Dale Hanna
- 5th Bob Cain
- 6th Tommy Stokes

**4th Flight**

- Stephen Lankford
- Jamie Gardner
- Billy Lewis
- David Knight
- Guy O'Neal
- Darrell Swain

**6th Flight**

- Stuart Berry
- Richard Cook
- Jerry Maldoven
- JoJo Strickland
- Melvin Truett
- C V Jeancake





**Chad had two Hole-In-Ones at Bever Creek with- in two Weeks, Whats Your Secret??**



**l-r Wallace-Jack-Dennis-Dennis- Johnathan enjoy a round at Traces Golf Club**

## **Patriots overcome conditions to place 5th at Penn State tourney**

STATE COLLEGE, PA – Amid poor weather conditions, Francis Marion University compiled a 314 team score and moved up two positions to finish fifth after the final round of the 32nd-annual Rutherford Intercollegiate Tournament, hosted by Penn State University.

The 54-hole event was played on the par 71, 7,202-yard Penn State Blue Course.

The host school shot the low round (306) of the rainy final round to capture the team title with a final score of 878. Miami (Ohio) University finished second at 894, followed by the University of Hartford (902), the University of Akron (907), Francis Marion (910), Bowling Green State University (914), Ball State University (916), St. Bonaventure University (918), Ohio University (920), the University of Richmond (924), Binghamton University (933), and Wright State University (934).

Junior Andrew Pitcher shot a 79 over the final 18 holes to finish tied for 10th at 73-73-79=225 and lead the Patriot golfers. Sophomore Christopher Couch had FMU's low round on the final day as his 5-over 76 lifted him into a tie for 18th position (72-80-76=228). Junior Peter McGibney tied for 26th (72-78-80=230), while junior Ronan O'Connor tied for 34th (73-80-79=232), and junior Keith Crowley tied for 47th (79-75-81=235).

Penn State's Robert Rohanna became the first player to ever win the tournament in consecutive years as he fired a final-round 76 to finish at 3-over 216.

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## Newberry College men's golf advances to National Tournament

**BELMONT, N.C.** — For the first time in Newberry College men's golf history, the Indians are heading to the NCAA Division II national tournament. Newberry qualified at the 2008 Southeast Regional tournament after the third and final round was completed at The Point Lake Golf Club in Belmont, N.C. on Wednesday afternoon. With the first two rounds in the books, Newberry stood at 597 (293-304) through 36 holes and in fourth place heading into today's play. The Indians had a strong third round with a stroke total of 294 to ensure a spot in Houston, Texas and a chance at a national championship. The full tournament stroke total for Newberry was 891 and placed the Indians in third place in the Southeast Regional. To qualify for a spot at the national tournament, the Indians needed to either win the Southeast Regional or have one of the top three scores in the Southeast/Atlantic Super Regional. The Indians' 891 beat out all but two teams in the field and pushed Newberry men's golf into new and exciting territory. Also qualifying for the national tournament was Southeast Regional champion Georgia College and State University, Atlantic Regional champion Belmont Abbey College, the University of South Carolina-Aiken and Clayton State University.

All three teams that were not regional champions came from the Southeast Regional field. Newberry's 27-over par team performance was fourth-best amongst the qualifying teams.

"This is the first time that Newberry men's golf has ever made it to the national tournament," said head coach and South Atlantic Conference Coach of the Year Brian McCants, "It is very exciting."

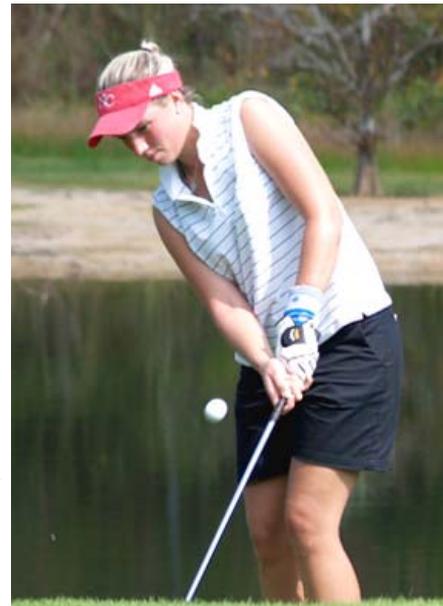
In a season that was highlighted by a SAC championship and qualifying for the regional tournament, Newberry golf is breaking new ground. "Winning conference and coming to regionals was phenomenal already," said McCants, "But this is incredible."

### Franziska Blum finished 15th

**HOWEY-IN-THE-HILLS, Fla.** — Newberry College women's golfer Franziska Blum (Schweinfurt, Germany) finished in 15th place after the third and final round at the Mission Inn Resort and Club in Howey-in-the-Hills, Fla. on Wednesday afternoon.

Blum, a sophomore, completed the final 18 holes in 75 strokes and three-over par for the day. Blum's three day total was 232 (77-80-75). Blum failed to qualify as an individual for the national tournament.

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## 34th Southern Cross Tournament

Aiken SC -The Final results for this years Southern Cross Tournament are attached. Dutch Fork won the team championship and Wesley Bryan of Dutch Fork won the individual championship by 1 stroke over his teammate Mark Joye and Corbin Mills of Easley.

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## Ernst Earns Vicki DiSantis Girls' Title

Charlotte, NC—Austin Ernst of Seneca, SC captured her second career Carolinas junior championship winning the 3<sup>rd</sup> Vicki DiSantis Girls' Championship by six shots finishing the 36 hole contest at even par 142. Ernst, a high school sophomore, finished the junior event with round of two under par 69 on the 5954 yards, par 71 layout at Pine Island Country Club in Charlotte, NC.

Ernst also won the SC Junior Match Play Championship last July. Haley Stephens of Greer, SC, the 2007 Carolinas Girls' Player of the Year, finished in second place with a two day total of six over par 148. Defending champion, Megan Moore of Bahama, NC finished tied for ninth at 12 over par 154. This annual junior championship is conducted by the Carolinas Golf Association in honor of Vicki DiSantis for her dedication and promotion of girls' junior golf in the Carolinas.



First Reliance Bank took 1st Place honors at the Spring Chamber Golf Classic @ The Country Club of South Carolina

## Florence Chamber holds Spring Chamber Golf Classic @ The Country Club of South Carolina



Palmetto State Sign took 2nd Place honors at the Spring Chamber Golf Classic @ The Country Club of South Carolina

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## Carolina Men Qualify and move to next level for U.S. Open

WALLACE, NC – Final results from U.S. Open Championship local qualifying hosted by River Landing, River course, in Wallace, NC on Friday, May 9, 2008 (6950 yards, par 36-36—72).

Brad Revell of Canada and Ryan Healy of Wilmington, NC shared medalist honors after firing a four-under par 68 in very windy conditions at River Landing.

A four-for-three playoff was held at three-under par 69 with Matt Hendrix of Greenville, SC, Matthew Hill of Canada, and Cliff Benson III of Raleigh, NC winning the final qualifying positions on the first playoff hole. Kevin Grady of Woodbine, MD is the first alternate.

Another playoff was held at two-under par 70 for the second alternate position with River Landing Assistant Golf Professional, Paul Dickens of Wallace, NC, securing the spot on the 5<sup>th</sup> playoff hole.

The five qualifiers advance to one of 14 sectional qualifiers, 12 of which are held in the United States, one in Japan and one in England. Sectional qualifiers advance to the 108<sup>th</sup> United States Open Championship at Torrey Pines Golf Course in San Diego, CA on June 12-15, 2008.

This qualifier was conducted by the Carolinas Golf Association on behalf of the United States Golf Association.

| Place             | Competitor                           | Score    |
|-------------------|--------------------------------------|----------|
| <u>Qualifiers</u> |                                      |          |
| T1                | Brad Revell, Canada,                 | 32-36—68 |
| T1                | <b>Ryan Healy, Wilmington, NC</b>    | 35-33—68 |
| T3                | Matthew Hill, Canada,                | 35-34—69 |
| T3                | <b>Matt Hendrix, Greenville, SC</b>  | 36-33—69 |
| T3                | <b>Cliff Benson III, Raleigh, NC</b> | 34-35—69 |

### Alternates

|                        |                                  |          |
|------------------------|----------------------------------|----------|
| T3-1 <sup>st</sup> Alt | Kevin Grady, Woodbine, MD        | 33-36—69 |
| T7-2 <sup>nd</sup> Alt | <b>Paul Dickens, Wallace, NC</b> | 35-35—70 |

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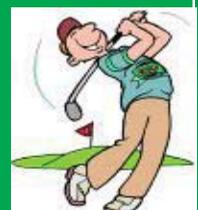
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## 57th Carolinas Four-Ball Championship

Camden, SC Championship Match Results Camden, SC - USC-Upstate golfing teammates Baxter Culler of Hartsville, SC and Josh Gallman of Gaffney, SC defeated Harrison Moore of Orangeburg, SC and Allen Koon of Anderson, SC to win the Carolinas Four-Ball Championship by a slim one-up margin at Camden Country Club. Culler and Gallman never trailed in the match although Gallman had to convert an uphill four-foot par putt on the 18th hole to secure the one-up lead. The round included two eagles, one of which came on the tricky par-4 5th as Moore knocked a 65-yard shot into the hole for the eagle and win. Koon converted a 25 foot putt on the par 5 15th to claim the eagle and the win. Culler and Gallman's largest lead came twice during the round when they held a two-up lead after holes 3 and 9. Harrison and Koon fought back to square the match after 14 only to lose 15 to a Culler birdie and never overcome the one-down deficit. Moore now joins father Bill (1976) as a co-finalist in the Carolinas Four-Ball and both leave without a win. This event is conducted by the Carolinas Golf Association.



## 82nd Women's Amateur Championship of the Women's Carolinas Golf Association

Sumter, SC — 82nd Women's Amateur Championship of the Women's Carolinas Golf Association hosted by Sunset Country Club on Thursday, May 22, 2008. Par 35-36—71, 5816 yards. The wind at Sunset Country Club died down today and so did the scores. 20-year-old Abby Bools of Hickory, NC shot a 4-under par 67 to win the 82nd Women's Carolinas Amateur championship over defending champion Patty Moore of Charlotte, NC. Moore found herself two shots back of the lead heading into the final round but after carding four birdies on the front nine she came within one-shot of the lead. Bools knew she would not be able to loose her focus on the back nine. "I have actually been fighting my swing a little bit," Bools said. "Thank goodness that my chipping and putting was there to save me." Moore and Bools were shot for shot until the 11th where Moore's ap



proach shot was left of the green and she failed to get up and down for par. Bools went on to make a par and she again had a two-shot lead. Both Bools and Moore matched birdies on the reachable par 5 12th hole. Bools kept her composure hitting perfect shot after shot and finished with a birdie on the closing hole to win by three-strokes over Moore. "I didn't let my Mom walk around with me all week. Today she walked around with me and it was the best I played all week. Next time, I think I will let her walk around with me more often." Moore did capture the Senior division for a second year in a row. Players were placed into flights for the final round within their respective divisions. The Carolinas Tees plays a shorter course. This championship is conducted by the Women's Carolinas Golf Association.

Championship Division Place Competitor Score



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