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Hardee wins SE Amateur

Riverside grad goes 18-under par to win major amateur title

Alabama golfer and Riverside High School grad Jonathan Hardee won the nationally recognized Southeastern Amateur championship in Columbus, Georgia.

Hardee, a rising senior, finished the tournament at 18-under par. He shot a 262 total and earned a victory over Georgia Tech golfer James Clark.

"Winning this event means a lot to me," Hardee said. "It's huge for me to start the summer this way. This was the first time I played in this event and the first time I've won an amateur, so it super exciting and feels really good," he said.

Hardee started the final round two shots off the lead. His final round 65 gave him a four shot victory.

Hardee finished in 19th place at the NCAA championship playing for the Crimson Tide last month.

"It was great to continue the momentum I had from the NCAA Championships. Playing four rounds at the NAAs helped me in this tournament because we don't play a lot of four-round events in amateur golf," said the Alabama senior.



Alabama senior and Riverside High School grad Jonathan Hardee won the Southeastern Amateur.



Srinivasan qualifies for Women's Open

Furman golfer Natalie Srinivasan won the US Women's Open qualifying tournament at the Governor's Club in Chapel Hill.

The SoCon individual champion will play in the Women's Open July 10-16 at Trump National Golf Club in New Jersey.

"This is such an honor," said Srinivasan. "Qualifying for the U.S. Open is something most people dream of," said the SoCon Freshman of the Year.

Srinivasan shot rounds of 70 and 71 to finish at 3-under par and top two other South Carolina golfers.

Alabama golfer Lauren Stephenson from Lexington won a playoff over former USC golfer Katelyn Dambaugh from Goose Creek for the other qualifying spot.

Morgan wins CPGA Junior

Anna Morgan shot a bogey free first round and followed it up with a second straight 2-under par 70 to win the Carolinas PGA Girls Junior.

The Spartanburg golfer finished 7-shots in front of Smith Knaffle of Murrells Inlet for the title.

With the win Morgan earned a trip to the National PGA Junior championship which will be played in St. Louis starting on July 18th.



Wesley Hardin (left) and Lee Palms (right) of Greenville won the SCGA Lefty-Righty championship at the Lake Marion Golf Club.

Hardin and Palms take Lefty-Righty win

The team of Wesley Hardin and Lee Palms shot a final round 7-under par 65 to win the SCGA Lefty-Righty team championship.

Hardin and Palms were first round co-leaders after shooting a 9-under par 63. Their two day total of 128 was two shots better than the team of Cally Bell and Joe Hendrick.

The SCGA Left-Handers championship was won by Stan Sill of Spartanburg.

Sill won the title over Cally Bell with a par on the fifth playoff hole.

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Willis to play in USGA Junior Am

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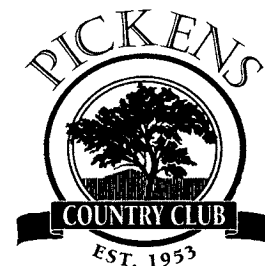
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Hip, Hip, Hirai! wins WSCGA Amateur

Furman senior wins state title at Thornblade Club

The Lady Paladins' rising senior Reona Hirai came from 4-shots behind second round leader Anna Morgan to win the WSCGA amateur at Thornblade Club in Greer.

The Furman golfer birdied the final hole to earn a 1-shot victory over Morgan, who is a rising high school senior at Spartanburg.

The state championship saw a major influx of young golfers this year. More college players and a much larger number of juniors competed this year.

The first round was led by Anne Taylor Hough, a Virginia Tech golfer from Spartanburg. Hough shot an opening round 2-under par 70.

In the second round, another golfer from Spartanburg took over the lead when Morgan shot a 3-under par 69.

She started the final round in the lead for the first time in a major championship.

"I was a little nervous," she said. "I just tried to take it shot by shot and not get ahead of myself," said Morgan.

The game plan worked until Morgan hit a difficult stretch and bogeyed three straight holes. She finished the front nine



Furman rising senior Reona Hirai from Summerville birdied the final hole to top Spartanburg High School golfer Anna Morgan by one shot to win the WSCGA Amateur that was played at Thornblade Club.

in a tie with Hirai.

The two leaders finished the front nine tied at 3-over par. Even without on-course scoreboards the leaders knew what they needed to do to finish on top.

"I knew, but I tried not to think about it," said Hirai, whose back to back bogeys on numbers 15 and 16 put Morgan back in the lead by one with two holes to play.

On the difficult par 3 17th hole Morgan's shot stopped a long way from the hole. She would three putt the green and



record a bogey to once again tie Hirai with only one hole to play.

"I hit 16 greens the day before and putted well, but that three putt was the difference for me," she said.

With both golfers at 3 over par for the tournament, Hirai birdied the final hole to claim the victory by a single shot. Morgan parred the hole to finish in second place.

"I just went out and played my own game. I made a lot of putts. I had four birdies on the back nine and that helped make

up for some of the bogeys," she said.

Hirai shot rounds of 72-75 and a final round 1-under par 71 for a 2-under par 218 total.

Morgan shot the low round of the tournament with her 3-under par 69 in the second round. She finished with a 219 total in her first WSCGA Amateur.

The Spartanburg High School golfer just missed claiming her second WSCGA victory. At the end of May she won the Green Valley Junior.

"This tournament will help my confidence, to lead a tournament like this has got to help me play the rest of the summer," said Morgan.

Morgan Cox from Pickens birdied her last two holes and the James Madison University golfer finished with a 4-over par 222 total.

Phoebe Carles from Clinton was among the youngest competitors in the field. The 15-year old shot a final round 2-over par 74 to move up to fourth place.

Defending champion Dawn Woodard of Thornblade finished fifteenth.

The win by Hirai at Thornblade was her second victory at the course. Her first win came in the 2013 Blade Junior Classic as a high school golfer.

"I remembered every hole," she joked. "I actually was in some of the same places

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Hendley wins Chanticleer National Senior

Greer golfer is the only player to finish under par

In recent years the final hole at the Chanticleer National Senior Invitational has turned into an adventure. No lead has been safe going to the final hole in the past, but this year was different.

Todd Hendley eliminated the chance of any drama on the final hole with a solid even par performance in the final round at the Greenville Country Club's Chanticleer course.

Hendley took the lead in the second round from Bert Atkinson. He had trailed the Charleston golfer by a shot after the first round, but shot an even par second round to take a two shot lead into the final round.

When the last round began Hendley was the only golfer in the field to be under par and thought another even par round could be a winner for him.

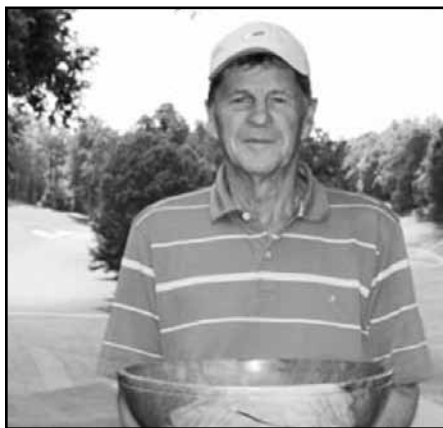
"I just wanted to concentrate on what I had been doing," said Hendley. "Just hit fairways and greens," he said.

The two-time SCGA Senior champion gave his lead away with a double bogey on the first hole.

"I hit a few bad shots, but it seemed like every time I hit a bad shot I was able to



Todd Hendley took over the lead in the second round and went on to a seven shot victory in the Chanticleer National Senior Invitational at the Greenville Country Club. Tim Miller (below) won the Super-Senior title.



come back and make a couple of birdies," said Hendley.

At the turn Hendley was back to even and the golfers chasing him for the lead had fallen back.

Hendley made another double bogey on the back nine, but cleaned it up again with a pair of birdies to finish the final round at even par and one-under par for the championship.

"I like playing these 6,400 to 6,500 yard golf tees. My wedge game is pretty strong and that allows me to compete with

these seniors. I played pretty solid and this is a good tournament," he said.

Walter Todd of Laurens and Scott Mayne of Harrisburg, PA finished in a tie for second at six-over par giving Hendley a 7 shot victory.

Tim Miller of Venice, Florida improved on his third place finish in the Super-Senior division last year to claim the championship. Miller shot rounds of 76-71-72 for a 219 total.

"I made a few more putts this year," said Miller. "This is a tough course and you have to stay away from double bogeys," said the Super-Senior champion.

Neil Spitalny of Chattanooga finished one-shot behind Miller.

Johnny Dennis, from Greenville, finished in third place in the division.

Don Wood of Louisville won the Legends Division shooting a 54 hole total of 6 over par.

The tournament continues to grow and add players from all over the country. Tournament founder Frank Wrenn III has seen the number and quality of players increase over the years.

"I think we had seven or eight state senior champions and we had golfers from as far away as California," said Wrenn. "The club and the staff have done a wonderful job making this event a great experience for all the golfers," he concluded.

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Keur wins first CGA SC Match Play title

UAB senior turns back Todd White in Match Play final

Youth and enthusiasm won out over age and experience in the final of the CGA South Carolina Match Play championship at the Carolina Country Club.

R.J. Keur of Summerville topped three-time champion Todd White of Spartanburg 4&3 to win the Carolinas Golf Association tournament.

Keur took control of the final match early with three straight birdies. He didn't show any nerves on his way to winning his first major Carolinas championship.

"I felt good about my swing and putting. I was controlling all my shots and I knew where the ball was going," said Keur. "I think that took a lot of the nerves away," he said.

The University of Alabama at Birmingham golfer rolled in a 40 footer for a birdie on number 7 and made a 25 footer on number 8 to save par when it looked like White would cut into his lead.

"I was just trying to get close to get a gimme," said Keur. "To see those two go in was a huge confidence boost, it makes the hole look a lot bigger," he joked.

White knew when the lead got up to three and with the way Keur was playing he could not stick to his game plan anymore.

"Seven and eight were the swing point in the match," said White. "I hit a bad shot on number nine and from then on I was trying to make birdies," he said.

Keur built his lead to four up with birdies on nine and ten before White was able to cut the lead back to three.

The thirteenth hole would not be the hole that won the match for Keur, but it gave him an insurmountable lead.

Both golfers were in "go" position off the tee on the 519 yard par-5 hole. White had to make his decision first to either lay



R.J. Keur from Summerville (above) defeated Todd White (below) from Spartanburg 4&3 to win the CGA SC Match Play championship.



up or go for the green over water.

White chose to lay-up. After some consideration Keur chose to go for it. His 5-iron shot covered the pin from 221 yards out. He ended up 15 feet from the hole and two-putted for a birdie while White settled for a par.

"I was up three and if I missed I would still have the lead. I have confidence in my short game that even if I went in the water I could get up and down. My 5-iron distance was max, there wasn't anything left. I felt confident and I was able to pull it off," said Keur.

White was not able to cut into Keur's lead on number fourteen or fifteen. The 21 year old college golfer wrapped up the major CGA championship over the 49 year old ex Walker Cup golfer with three holes to play.

White, the Spartanburg High School golf coach, was trying to break a tie with three other golfers for the most victories in the tournament.

"I'm going to be happy that I was

the medalist, but it is frustrating to miss a chance to win. My competitive window is closing in these tournaments. You have to give him credit he played very well," said the match play runner-up.

"I love match play and to experience what it takes to win a tournament you have to hit a lot of really good shots. I feel if I keep working on my game this will be a stepping stone for the rest of my summer," said the 2017 champion.

A family tradition

Todd family wins fifth Father-Son title in the Carolinas

The Todds from Laurens won a second straight SCGA Dudley-Sullivan Father & Son championship. However, this year it was a different son with their father.

Walter and Neal Todd defended the title won by Walter and Walt and claimed the third Father-Son championship for the family and the fifth when two CGA titles are included.

The Todds shot a 3-under par 69 in the alternate shot competition played at the Greenville Country Club's Chanticleer course.

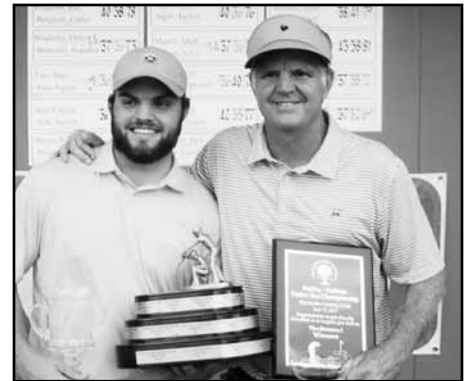
"I alternate years with the boys," he said. "One year I will play with Walt in the SCGA tournament and Neal in the CGA Father-Son," said the senior Todd.

Until this year Neal and his dad could only get close to a win. Walt and his father had picked up all the trophies.

"Playing alternate shot is pretty hard. We thought we had it going for awhile on the back nine, but then we had a bogey and we were back to even," said Walter Todd.

The team finished with a flurry, carding a pair of tap in birdies on the final holes.

On the 17th hole the team needed a



Neal and Walter Todd teamed up to win the SCGA Dudley-Sullivan Father and Son championship at the Greenville Country Club's Chanticleer course.

three footer to go to two under par and on number 18 they got even closer rolling in a short two-footer to get to three under par.

"We had a really good finish and I'm glad to be part of a win," said Neal Todd. "Now I can have something to brag about with my brother," he said.

Max and Parker Fain had a chance to catch the Todds, but a birdie try on the final hole missed and the Spartanburg golfers finished in second place.

The team of Bob and Brent Hoffman won the Division II title. Mike and Tyler Burdine won the Division III title.

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Phillips wins SC Junior and AJGA Major

Inman junior keeps adding major wins to his resume

If you thought Trent Phillips seems to win every tournament he plays, you would be wrong,

He only wins around 57% of the time. If you figure in his five top two or three finishes, Phillips finishes "in the money" 71% of the time.

"I don't expect to win every time, but I'll take winning that much," he said.

In a little over the last year, the Boiling Springs High School golfer has won 16 of 28 events that are used for the South Carolina Junior Golf Heritage Foundation rankings.

In the last two months he has won three major titles. Phillips was the medalist in the South Carolina AAAAA High School championship.

Phillips was the favorite to win his third high school title and helped his Bulldog teammates to a fourth straight state title.

"I guess I am expected to be the favorite," he said. "You can't win every time out, but I wanted to give it my all and hopefully go home with another championship," he said.

When Phillips started the final round of this year's SCGA Junior two shots off the pace, he had the field in the 59th annual



Trent Phillips won his second straight SCGA Junior title and followed it up with a win at the Haas Family AJGA Major in Greensboro. The two-time SCJGA Player of the Year looks to be on track to make it three in a row at the end of the year.



championship right where he wanted them.

The Inman golfer shot a final round 5-under par 67 to pass 36 hole leader Levi Moody of Travelers Rest and Ryan Marter of Columbia. He won the state title by four shots.

It was another come from behind win for the rising high school senior.

"I seem to almost always play good in

the final round," said Phillips. "Usually my best round is my last round," said the two-time SCGA junior champion.

Several of Phillips' wins have come when he has been able to put pressure on the golfers in front of him on the leader board. More than a few of his competitors have lost ground looking over their shoulder at how Phillips was playing.

"Anytime someone wins a lot you got to watch them. I know I would," said Phillips.

The left handed golfer has not been a regular on the AJGA circuit, but he showed he would be a force when he scored a playoff victory in the Haas Family Invitational at Sedgefield in Greensboro.

Earning a win in a high profile national series was accepted with more than a little enthusiasm by the winner.

"It's a great course, really tough venue to play so anytime you come out here and get it done, you can really stack your game up with some really high end players. So that's pretty awesome to do," said Phillips.

Since the future Georgia golfer does not play in many AJGA tournaments he entered the event ranked 33rd. He shot rounds of 66-68-71-69 for his 274 total and a tie at the end of regulation with the sixth ranked Eugene Hong.

Hong was recently named the USA Today High School golfer of the year. Phillips earned second team honors in the paper's view.

After the win Phillips is now fifth on the AJGA season rankings.

On the playoff hole Hong rolled in a par putt, but Phillips topped him sinking a 12-foot birdie to win.

"It's hard to beat him," Phillips said of Hong, who is a future Florida golfer. "He's a phenomenal talent and being able to beat

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Totland and Chen win USGA Four-Ball title

Furman golfers team up to win national championship

Taylor Totland and Alice Chen started the USGA Women's Four-Ball championship as the top seed and finished right where they started.

The two golfers, who were teammates at Furman last year, won the national championship with two convincing victories in the semi-finals and finals of the tournament played at The Dunes Club in Myrtle Beach.

"We get to represent Furman together in the home state," said Chen. "So I don't think you could have written up a better story, and to be co-medalists and then fight it out to win, that's pretty much as good as it gets," she said.

"That's something you dream of forever, to have your name as a USGA champion, so it's really cool," added Totland.

Totland graduated from Furman this spring while Chen is a rising senior. The week before playing in sunny and warm Myrtle Beach the two played in the rain and near freezing temperatures in the NCAA national championship near Chicago.

Totland and Chen had a dominating tournament. The two only trailed on three holes in the five rounds they played in the



Recent Furman grad Taylor Totland (left) and rising senior Alice Chen teamed up to win the USGA Women's Four-Ball championship at the Dunes Club in Myrtle Beach. The two golfers from New Jersey won medalist honors and then the match play championship. (USGA Photo)

championship. In the quarter final match Maria Torres and Samantha Wagner, a pair of University of Florida golfers, took a one hole lead on the 13th hole and held it until Chen and Totland birdied the 17th hole to get the match back to even.

The quarter final match turned out to be the most difficult match for the champions. Totland needed to sink an 8 foot birdie putt on the final hole to send the pair of Lady Paladins to the semi finals.

"Tot has been playing amazing all week. I just keep on telling her it's a team

event, and we just did it together the whole week," said Chen.

Totland and Chen breezed past a pair of 17 year old high school golfers in the semi-final match. Jennifer Chang and Gina Kim lost 3&2 sending Totland and Chen to the finals to face a pair of University of Georgia recent graduates.

In the final match Totland and Chen jumped out to a 3 hole lead on the first three holes over Sammi Lee and Mary Ellen Shuman.

Chen birdied the first two holes and

earned another win on the third hole with a par. Both golfers had times when they took over a round with great play even if the other was having some difficulty.

"To be able to cover each other when the other one wasn't doing so hot, that's why it's called four-ball. It's been such a blast," said Chen.

Lee and Shuman won the 10th hole with a birdie and were in position to win a second straight hole and cut the lead to just one.

On the 12th hole, Lee had a birdie putt opportunity from about 6 feet while Chen was out of the hole and Totland was in a bunker at the front of the green.

Often it takes great shots to win major championships and Totland hit a great shot. She lifted her pitch from below the green and had the perfect line to drain a 30 footer for an amazing par that ended the threat.

"I hit it, and I was like, that sounds pretty good," said Totland. "Normally, I don't really look at my shots, especially in a bunker, but I peeked up," she said. "It's kind of hard to ever really think you have it until it's done. Literally if you take your foot off the gas you can lose a hole or two and you're right back where you started," she said.

Chen had the best seat in the house to watch her partner's amazing shot roll into the cup.

"It was right at my eye level, too, be-
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Sill riding a hot streak to wins

Sill tops the field at Greer and at Southern Oaks

During the last month or so Brad Sill may be playing some of the best golf of his life.

He has won two local tournaments, a pair of Upstate Tour wins, a Mountain Tour victory and came within a shot of qualifying for a Web.com Tour event.

"I think I am just playing smarter golf. I am using my head a lot more," said Sill after winning the Southern Oaks Open.

Sill shot an opening round 6-under par 66 to tie for the lead.

He followed the strong first round up with an even better second round. Sill shot an 8-under par 64 to win the Open by four shots.

"I didn't start very well, but I got going around 11 and really played well the rest of the way," he said.

Sawyer Mills finished second after shooting a final round 7-under par 65 for a two day total of 134.

"I played well and got even with him by the 11th hole, but then he just took off," said the Winthrop University golfer.

Sill birdied seven straight holes to create his four shot victory margin. He had to go low because there were many low scores on the final day at Southern Oaks.

The other two players in the final group also played very well. Western Bell finished fourth after shooting a 2-under par 70 while Doug Ramey finished 5-under par with a 67 for third place.

Sill posted his other local victory at the Greater Greer Open. He shot rounds of 2-under par 70 and 4-under par 68 to hold off Derrick Oyervidies and win by a shot.

Even a quick thunderstorm late in the final round at Greer could not cool off Sill.

"I made a bunch of birdies before the rain and made one more after we got back on the course to be at six-under par," he said.

Shooting low rounds at Greer is nothing new to the former Dorman and USC Upstate golfer.



Brad Sill from Spartanburg won the Greater Greer Open and the Southern Oaks open in the last month.

"Last year I shot six under to finish second and this year it was good enough for the win," said the GGO champion.

Third place went to Ryan Lynn who finished with a four-under par 140 total. Brandon Coggins of Gaffney finished fourth at 141.

The success that Sill has had in local Open and Pro events has him thinking of trying to qualify at a few more Web.com Tour events.

"Things are going well right now, so I might as well give it a try and see how far I can go," said Sill.

GGO Flight Winners - Flight winners included First Flight - Tadd Gosnell, Second Flight - Luke Scott.

The Senior Division championship was by Eddie Powell. It was his second straight senior championship, Powell finished well ahead of Ken Ball and Kenneth Moore.

Southern Oaks Flight winners - Second Flight - Zach Bishop, Third Flight - Drake McAlister, Fourth Flight - Bradley Suddeth, Fifth Flight 0 Gross J.R. Sanders, Net - Turner Plumley. David Hall made a hole-in-one on number #4 with a 9 iron.

Parker wins at Festival of Flowers



John Parker knew he didn't have any strokes to waste on the closing holes of the Festival of Flowers at The Patriot Golf Club.

The Lander University golfer birdied the final two holes and hoped it was enough to at least tie for the lead and force a playoff.

"Did I win," he asked one bystander after making his birdie putt on the final hole. "I didn't have any idea how I finished," said the new Festival of Flowers champion.

Parker had moved past Winthrop University golfer Michael McKee, who Parker thought was the leader on the course. However, he did not know that Thomas Todd was shooting a 7-under 65 on the other side of the course.

After an opening round 76 Todd started on the back-nine in the final round.

"After being seven shots back I wasn't expecting to be in it," said Todd who finished at 3-under par 141 for the tournament.

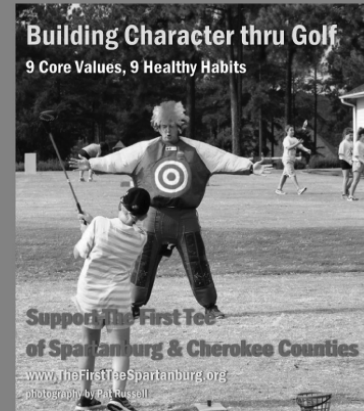
Parker rolled in a five foot birdie putt on 17 and got up and down from just off the green on 18 for another birdie and the win

"This is the first amateur win for me," said Parker. "We had a great year at Lander last season, but this is special to get a win on my own," he said.

Robert Lutomski finished at 2-under par 142 to take third place while McKee finished at 1-under par in fourth place.

Walter Todd of Laurens won the senior division with rounds of 65 and 69 for a 134 total. Todd finished two shots in front of Gary Odom with John White in third place.

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Village Greens club professional Corey McEwen finished fourth in the Carolinas PGA Senior Club Pro Championship. He will compete in the PGA Professionals Championship in Arizona later this year.

Once a week golfer

McEwen wins his way into PGA Pros Championship

Corey McEwen is a golf professional, not a professional golfer. The difference between the two may not seem like much to most people, but among PGA Professionals there is a world of difference.

"I have a job and I work a schedule," said the head professional at Village Greens in Campobello. "I maybe get to play once a week. The rest of the time I am working in the shop, running tournaments or giving lessons," he said.

McEwen was able to juggle his schedule and get away from the shop for a couple of days. McEwen made the best of a rare playing opportunity. He finished fourth at the Carolinas Senior PGA championship.

McEwen shot a 1-under par 143 total. His second round 69 tied for the second lowest round of the tournament. He was the highest finisher among South Carolina professionals in the event.

Neal Lancaster won the tournament. The Smithfields, NC professional has played on all three professional tours and won the 1994 Byron Nelson Classic.

Lancaster shot a fantastic 64 in the final round to finish the tournament at 12-under par and eight shots ahead of the field

"I think I did alright being able to hang in there with a former tour player. I don't get to play as much as he does, so being able to finish in the top-five is a pretty big deal for a working pro like myself," he said.

McEwen advances to the PGA Professionals Championship on September 28th at Desert Mountain in Scottsdale, AZ.

"Most of the guys who qualified from the Carolinas either are PGA Life Members, who don't have to work a job, or are instructors. A couple just play golf all the time. I'm pretty satisfied to be a working pro who made it," he said.

If McEwen is successful in Arizona he could earn a spot to play in the Senior PGA Championship next year.

"I don't want to get ahead of myself. This is a big deal for me just to make this tournament and play in an event with professionals from all over the country. There may be around 200 players there and I think it is going to be a great experience," he said.

McEwen is hoping that he can juggle his work schedule again to be able to get the time off to go to Arizona for the tournament. He also hopes he can find some time to do a little more practice.

"I think for something like this we will be able to work things out. The owners are very supportive and I'm looking forward to representing Village Greens and the real working club pros at the tournament," concluded McEwen.

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Totland and Chen (above) celebrate a victory during the USGA Women's Four-Ball championship. The two celebrate (below) their final victory to win the USGA National championship (Photos from the USGA)

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cause I hit it into the hazard and I was about to chip out," added Chen. "It was up at my eye level, and I was like, oh my God, it's looking good, and it hits the flagstick and comes back down into the hole, and I was like, yeah!" she said.

Lee missed her birdie putt allowing Totland and Chen to push their lead back to three and ending the last threat to their victory. Totland and Chen won the final match 4&3.

"Every time we thought we were making progress, they put another one on top of us, so hats off to them. They played lights out," said Lee.

The two former teammates join some of the best golfers in the history of the Furman program to win a USGA title. LPGA Hall of Fame golfers Betsy King and Beth Daniel each won two USGA championships.

The most recent golfer with ties to Furman to win a USGA major was 1990 grad Todd White. White joined with Nathan Smith to win the first USGA Men's Four-Ball Championship in 2015.



Totland had success at LPGA Qualifying School before returning to Furman for her senior year. She is expected to turn pro this summer.

Chen will return to Furman for her senior year and brings a medal and trophy with her to campus.

"I'm just sitting here thinking about all the little details. It's definitely not by my own doing, so I'm kind of mind blown," said the new national champion.

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him is sweet," he said.

So was his win last summer when an even younger Phillips topped a field of college and older amateur golfers at the Palmetto Amateur.

"People probably expected me to fail, thinking I didn't have the patience or the confidence or the mental toughness to hang in there, but I did and I'm really happy about it," he said.

Phillips has built his outstanding resume mostly in and around the Carolinas.

The rest of the summer has a lot of golf

against a much wider field of opponents outside the Carolinas.

He will play in the US Junior and then tee it up in the Dogwood Invitational.

The amateur event in Atlanta includes many of the top college golfers in the country. He will be taking a step up in competition much as he did last year at the Palmetto Amateur.

The PGA Junior in Missouri is on his schedule for the end of July and if his current status does not get him an exemption into the US Amateur he will attempt to qualify for that tournament.

"The rest of the summer is a lot of golf for me and I'm looking forward to some new challenges," concluded Phillips.



Reona Hirai won the WSCGA Amateur at Thornblade Club. Pam Prescott was the top finisher in the State Division. Presbyterian College golfer Ann Elizabeth Gore from Lexington won the Mytrice-Riccoboni trophy as the net championship winner.

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I was today as I was when I played here in The Blade," she said.

The victory was the second major title for Hirai in the last month. In May she had teamed up with Auburn golfer Kelly Murphy from Elgin to win the CGA Women's Four-Ball championship.

The State Division championship was won by Pam Prescott from Pickens Country Club. The Powdersville High School golf coach shot a 228 total to finish two shots in front of Stephanie Van Inwagan from Three Pines Country Club.

Presbyterian College golfer Ann Elizabeth Gore from Lexington won the Mytrice Riccoboni Net Championship.

Flight winners included, Championship Flight - Reona Hirai. Championship #2 - Morgan Cox. Championship #3 - Chloe Grace Holder. Championship 4th - Ann Elizabeth Gore.

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Burgess wins WSCGA Junior

Future Clemson golfer from Lexington wins state title at Wescott Plantation

Gracyn Burgess of Lexington had a three shot lead going into the final round of the WSCGA Junior Championship.

She needed every one of those strokes to hold off Katie Whitfield and Isabella Rawl to win the state title.

The future Clemson golfer made the turn at Wescott Plantation and was still up by three strokes, but Whitfield and Rawl stayed close to the leader.

On the back nine things got interesting for the three leaders. Whitfield made four birdies including one on the final hole to finish at 1-over par.

Rawl, who is just 13 years old, shot even par on the front, but struggled to start the back nine. A double-bogey and a bogey put the Lexington golfer at 4-over par and six shots behind her high school teammate.

It looked like Rawl might have shot herself out of the championship, but she birdied the 17th hole and eagled the 18th hole to finish at 1 over par.

Playing in the same group, Burgess saw her lead narrow. A bogey on the 16th hole and another on the 18th hole left the reigning SCJGA Player of the Year at even par for the tournament and a one shot victory.

Whitfield shot the best round of the tournament with her final round 68. She and Rawl finished at 1-over par 217 for the 54 hole event.

Defending champion Baylee Evans of Lancaster finished in fourth place at 218 while Jodee Tindal of Rock Hill was fifth.

Three golfers finished tied for sixth place. Phoebe Carles of Clinton shot a final round 3-under par 69 to finish in a tie with Rachel Rich of Mount Pleasant and Elle Johnson of Inman at 222.

Mauldin High School golfer Emily Dunlap finished in ninth place and Christ Church's Peyton Gillespie was in the tenth.



Gracyn Burgess led wire to wire to win the WSCGA Junior championship at Wescott Plantation in Summerville. The future Clemson golfer finished one shot in front of Katie Whitfield from Clemson. (WSCGA photo)



Jordan Guyton of Columbia won the girls overall championship and Walker Jones from Sumter won the boys overall title in a five hole playoff at the Upstate Junior Classic played at Smithfields.



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Doug Ramey (left) won his second Coca-Cola Spartanburg Senior Amateur championship. Roger Page (right) won the championship in the Super-Senior Division.

Sptbg Senior champs

Ramey wins second Senior Am, Page wins Super-Senior

Roger Page has been playing senior golf for many years while Doug Ramey is relatively new to the senior circuit.

The two golfers finished on the top of the leader board at the Coca-Cola Spartanburg County Senior championship played at the Carolina Country Club.

Page was the only golfer with all red numbers on the scoreboard. The Super-Senior champion shot rounds of 70 and 69 for a 5-under par 139 total and the championship.

"I've been playing in the county championship for 35 years and it is nice to finally get a win," said Page. "Even though we played a shorter course than the seniors, having red numbers on the board looks pretty good to me," he said.

The Willow Creek golfer went on to claim a convincing win over defending champion Mike Ridgeway and Robin Goings.

"I just retired a couple of weeks ago and now I don't have to worry about emails and phone calls, so I can just concentrate on my golf like I did this week," concluded the Super-Senior champion.

Ramey earned his second Spartanburg County senior title. He won his first cham-

pionship at Three Pines Country Club two years ago.

Ramey started the final round two shots behind first round co-leaders Todd Webber and Bill Gee. The two first round leaders struggled while Ramey was playing a comfortable round.

"There really wasn't anything spectacular about the way I played," he said. "I hit a lot of fairways and greens and made a few putts," said Ramey.

Two-time champion Stan Sill started the final round one-shot behind Ramey. He shot even par to finish tied with Gee for second place. The two golfers finished at 147, three shots behind the winner.

"I thought I would need to shoot around 69 to be in good position to win. I missed a chance for an eagle on the final hole or I would have hit my number," said Ramey.

Flight winners included: First Flight - Stan Sill, Second Flight - Mike Ridgeway, Third Flight - Randy Mahaffey, Fourth Flight - Mickey Shaine, Fifth Flight - Tim Cash, Sixth Flight - Gerald Palmer.

The tournament is organized by The First Tee of the Upstate. The organization benefits from proceeds raised by the Spartanburg Senior, Women's, Junior and Amateur.

The Spartanburg County tournaments will raise around \$10,000 annually to help the First Tee with the mission to introduce golf and its values to youngsters.

Upstate Am Schedule

County Ams set for this month

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All information and registration forms are available online at www.spartanburg-firsttee.org.

47th Coca-Cola Spartanburg County Amateur, July 14-16th, Woodfin Ridge. The field will be limited to the first 139 paid entrants. The tournament is open to all golfers who live in or belong to a club in Spartanburg County. Junior golfers who wish to play in the county amateur must first play in the County Junior.

50th Annual Greenville County Amateur, July 21-23, Green Valley Country Club. The tournament is open to any amateur who lives in Greenville County or is a member of a Greenville County golf club.

The 54 hole tournament has a 36 hole cut for the final round on Sunday, July 23rd. The Greenville Cyder Cup team uses the results of the Greenville County Amateur to help select the county's team for the annual match with Spartanburg County.

Entry information and registration forms are online at www.upstategolfclub.com.

Greater Greenville Ladies Amateur, August 7-8th, Southern Oaks. The tournament is open to women golfers in Greenville, Pickens, Oconee and Anderson Counties.

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Upstate Amateur Championship, August 26th - 27th, Carolina Country Club. The championship is open to all amateur golfers. The tournament is flighted after the first round of play. Registration and entry forms will be available at www.upstategolfclub.com.

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Golfers go from local to regional contests that end on the 18th green at The Masters.

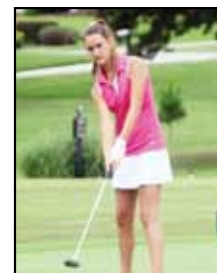
The PGA Reach Carolinas Foundation organizes the contest in North and South Carolina. The Drive, Chip and Putt competition and the PGA Junior League are structured to develop young golfers and grow the game.

The programs are designed to create opportunities for kids to have fun and create an inclusive opportunity to enjoy the game of golf.

At Willow Creek over 150 young golfers tested their skills. Golfers hit drives for



Willow Creek hosted a Drive, Chip and Putt event. Logan Hawkins (left) from Williamston won his age group. PGA Pro Steve Goforth (right) announced the winners.



distance and accuracy. They chipped from the fringe to a pin and finally tried to sink three putts of various lengths.

"These kids are the future of the game," said Steve Goforth, the head PGA Professional at Willow Creek. "The PGA is all about growing the game and getting kids interested so they grow up playing golf and keep playing and enjoying the game all their lives," he added.

Golfers came from both Carolinas and Tennessee to compete in the local qualifying event.

"There is no charge for the golfer. They can sign up online. If they missed the event at Willow Creek they can go to our website at www.carolinas.pga.com/drivechipputt and find another qualifier. They can go anywhere in the country that has an opening," said Gaines.

Logan Hawkins from Williamston was the overall winner in the boys 14-15 year old division. The Palmetto High School golfer who plays at Saluda Valley will next

compete at Fort Jackson with the hope of advancing to the regional in Pinehurst.

"This is my first time trying this," he said. "It would be pretty great if I could play at Augusta in the finals," said Hawkins.

The top three girls in the 14-15 year old division showed how far young golfers will travel to get a chance to compete.

Nicole Adams came from Greensboro, Madilyn Newman from Knoxville and the Chloe Crane from Greensboro.

Newman won the putting contest in the finals at Augusta last year. The Knox Central High School golfer would like nothing better than to be on the 18th green again this year.

"I thought I might be nervous with all the people around, but they just kind of became a blur. I will remember it forever and hope I can get back there again," she said.

Those are the same sentiments of just about every golfer of any age when it comes to The Masters.



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