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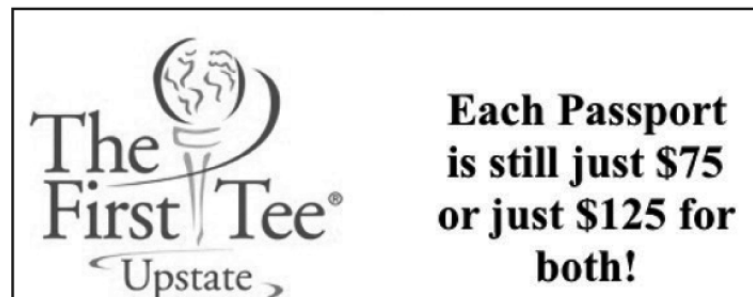
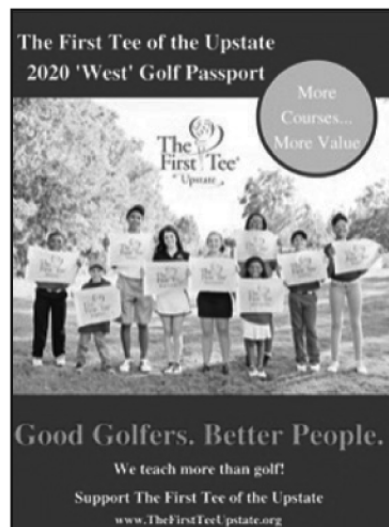
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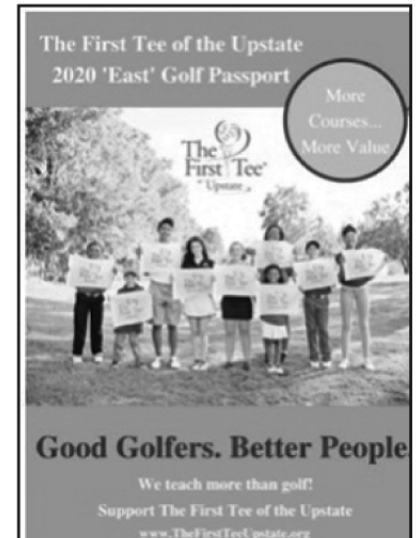
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Woodard wins 8th WSCGA award

Thornblade golfer wins Player of the Year for 8th time

Dawn Woodard won her record breaking eighth WSCGA Player of the Year Award. Woodard won the 71st Annual WSCGA State Amateur in a 4 hole playoff against 17 year old Sophia Burnett.

Other accomplishments during the 2019 season included a 4th place finish at the SC Women's Open.

In national events this year she made it to the round of 16 of the Women's Southern Amateur.

She qualified for USGA Mid-Amateur and made it to the Match Play round of 32 and qualified for the USGA Women's Four Ball Championship.

Apple Valley converts to Champion Bermuda

Rumbling Bald Resorts Apple Valley course will convert its greens to Champion Bermuda this spring.

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Dawn Woodard keeps setting records with her outstanding play. The former Lady Paladin golfer won her 8th WSCGA Player of the Year award.

New leadership at Meadowbrook

Meadowbrook Golf Club has been a family run business since its opening in 1963. This year family members are changing roles at the club near Rutherfordton.

William Deck has been the PGA Professional and club manager for the past 26 years.

Deck is retiring from the day to day operations, but will continue as an independent teaching professional at the club.

The ownership and operation of the club will now be under the direction of Alan Deck, who will be the owners' representative.

Deck has extensive golf management experience from his 20 year association with Troon Golf.

Glenn Deck, a Golf Magazine Alumni Top 100 Teacher is also joining the staff.

Evelyn Deck Roberson and Paul Deck, along with other family members will be part of the leadership.

Johnny Baker will continue as Greens Superintendent at Meadowbrook.

Legends Golf Center opens in Pendleton

The old Hackers Haven across from Boscobel is reopening this month as Legends Golf Center.

Scott Giles is the new owner and he plans to upgrade and improve the practice range.

Legends is adding new golf balls and mats. It will also feature an indoor practice putting green and will soon also stock some equipment.

The practice range will hold a Grand Opening on March 21 & 22, but the facility opened to the public in early March.

More information about the facility is available at www.legendsgolfcenter.com.



Roberts wins SCGA Tourney of champions

Kevin Roberts of Chesnee topped Jamie Lightsey from Indian Land by a shot to claim the Men's Club Champions Division at the SCGA Tournament of Champions.

Roberts finished with a two day total of one under par 143.

Greer's Chris Eassy captured the One Day Gross Division by two shots over Jeremy Revis (Greenville) with a tournament total of 146.

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Furman senior Natalie Srinivasan won her third individual title at the Moon Invitational (right) in Melbourne, Florida. The win along with her two fall victories at The Glass City Invitational (left) and a victory in her home tournament, the Lady Paladin, (center with coach Jeff Hull) has firmly placed the Lady Paladin golfer from Spartanburg among the top 20 college golfers in the country according to the latest Golfweek and GolfStat rankings.

Srinivasan wins third tourney title this year

Furman senior now ranked eighth in the Golfweek poll

In hockey, three goals in a game is a hat trick. Natalie Srinivasan pulled off a hat trick with her third win of the season to open the spring portion of her senior campaign.

"It was our first tournament back and I really didn't have any expectations," she said. "I had been working out some stuff with coach (Jeff Hull) and it was great to see everything come together on the course," she said.

Srinivasan trailed her teammate Anna Morgan by three shots going into the final round of the Moon Invitational.

The three-time All-So-Con selection birdied her first hole and in the shotgun start format passed her teammate by her ninth hole.

"I make it a point not to know what the other scores are. I ask coach not to tell me. I want to play my best and if it works out that is great," she said.

The 2018 SoCon golfer of the year finished with a 5-under par 67 to tie for the best round shot in the tournament played at the Duran Golf Club in Melbourne, Florida.

Srinivasan finished with a 10-under par 206 total to top her teammate by four shots.

"Anna is a very talented player and we push each other all the time. I thought it was great that Furman had the first and second place finishers. If she had won I would have been happy for her," she said.

Srinivasan bested highly ranked golfers in the field for the Moon Golf Invitational which included top-25 teams from Alabama, Ole Miss and Kentucky.

At the Glass City Invitational Srinivasan finished on top of a field including South

Carolina, Duke and Florida.

When Srinivasan won on her home course taking the title at the Lady Paladin she topped golfers from Wake Forest, North Florida and Augusta.

Ever since winning the SoCon individual title as a freshman the Dorman High grad has grown more comfortable playing on a big stage against the other top college players in the game.

"I know I am a good player and I have the confidence I need to play at a high level. I can build on my past experience and that helps. The more you play at a high level you learn how to deal with it," said Srinivasan.

During the break between fall and spring Srinivasan has received some publicity and recognition for her play in the first half.

Srinivasan has been on some of the post season honors watch lists. She was ranked ninth on the Arnold Palmer Cup watch list.

She also was invited to Curtis Cup practice along with other top players where she was one of 21 possible candidates for the team that is considered the top honor in women's golf.

Srinivasan has received a number of All-American awards and is considered the best golfer in the SoCon.

While Srinivasan does strive for any goal other than getting better every day, a spot on the Curtis Cup team would be a prize worth winning.

"I'd love to be selected to the Curtis Cup team. It is something I would really like to do. I'd like to think I am off to a good start and am in good position, but you never know what they are looking for," she offered.

Srinivasan will again be in the field at the Augusta National Women's Amateur.

Last year Srinivasan finished 13th in the inaugural event at the August National Golf Club.

Srinivasan has three college events left before the Lady Paladins defend their SoCon team title at Moss Creek Plantation near Hilton Head and then on to the post-season.

With a very manageable class schedule leading up to her graduation in the spring, the Health Science major wants to keep

working on getting better and have a great final semester.

"I want to keep playing well and really enjoy this final semester at Furman. I really enjoy our team this year and want to help the younger players on our team have a great spring," concluded Srinivasan,

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Greenville Country Club honored its past champions as part of the 125th anniversary celebration of the clubs founding. Former champions (l-r) Bob Taylor, Matt Grandy, Frank Wrenn, III, Johnny Dennis, Garland Ferrell, Lindsay Carrington, Ellison McCoy, Lee Palms, Heyward Sullivan, Danny White, Wes Harden all received a Ferguson Tartan jacket in recognition of their championships. Four-time Greenville club champion Lee Palms (top left) adjusts his new Ferguson Tartan jacket. Greenville's History and Traditions Committee chairman Kelly Odom (right) unveiled the Bronze Rooster to celebrate Chanticleer's 50th anniversary. (GolfClub Photos)

Club honors past champions and 50th anniversary of the famed Chanticleer course

Greenville celebrates 125 years of tradition

The Greenville Country Club has a great deal to celebrate in 2020. The club was founded 125 years ago and the highly regarded Chanticleer course was opened 50 years ago.

As part of the celebration, the club, which has a long and rich history with many traditions, has added a few more during this special year.

As a way to pay special honor to club champions, Greenville commissioned a special tartan jacket and medal to be awarded to the champions.

The jacket is a Ferguson tartan. The

Historical Pictures, Video Interviews with Heyward Sullivan and Kelly Odom at www.scgolfclub.com

pattern has special significance to the club as the first golf professional at Greenville was Dave Ferguson who was hired 100 years ago.

SCGA Hall of Fame and Greenville Country Club member Heyward Sullivan recalled being a 12 year old learning the game

from the stern Scotsman.

"He was a very good teacher," said Sullivan. "His accent was very distinctive and he was really strict about some things," he said.

Ferguson served the club for 30 years as head professional. He left his mark on the club and especially on the golfers he taught.

"Ferguson used to say, 'Laddie, the short game will help your long game, nay the long game will never help the short game.' He wanted you to practice chipping and putting more, and he was right," said Sullivan.

The club was founded by local business-

men in 1895 and became the Sans Souci Country Club in 1905 before moving to its current location

Greenville has the distinction of being the longest continuing club in South Carolina.

"Mr J.E. Serrine was club president for 30 years," said Kelly Odom, the chairman of the club's History and Traditions committee. "During the depression when other clubs suspended operations, Serrine made up the money needed to keep the club operating during the difficult times," he said.

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Novak notches first pro victory

Wofford alum earns first Korn-Ferry Tour win with a birdie on the final hole.

Every young golfer has imagined making a birdie on the final hole to win a tournament.

Andrew Novak may have practiced that way as a kid, but on Sunday he got to live the dream.

The Wofford alum rolled in a 10-foot birdie putt on 18 to win the Lecom Suncoast Classic on the Korn-Ferry Tour.

"This is just awesome," Novak said. "I don't remember half of what happened in the last 30 minutes. It's been kind of crazy," he added.

Going to the final two holes Novak trailed the tournament leader John Chin by a shot, but Novak had plenty of company within striking range of the leaders.

"If you made a bogey or a double you were falling fast. You had to be on every shot. Everybody was playing well. It was really bunched up," he said.

On the 17th hole Novak rolled in a 50 foot putt for birdie. He was now tied with the leader who had finished his round and was waiting to see if there would be a playoff.

"At that point my whole mindset was just trying to get in a playoff," he said. "Eighteen isn't an easy hole. I wasn't really expecting birdie there, either. I was just trying to make a birdie somewhere. I knew with two holes left, it wasn't really one you're expecting to make, but I wanted to at least give it a run. It just lined up and went in," he said.

Novak handled the pressure on the final hole. He took advantage of a favorable breeze to get his second shot into range for a second straight birdie.

"The wind was perfect. I just kind of threw it out there and let the wind bring it back towards the hole. I caught it perfect and it worked out perfectly," he said.

Novak nailed his approach shot from 204 yards as it settled 10 feet from the pin.

As the former SoCon golfer of the year walked up to



Andrew Novak rolled in a 50 foot birdie putt on the 17th hole and followed it up with another birdie on 18 to win his first Korn-Ferry Tour title. Novak moves up to third on the Tour money list. In addition to the win the 2014 SCGA Amateur champion is now fully exempt for the rest of the Tour season. (PGA Tour Photo)

the final green he was greeted by a big ovation. The crowd filled the stands giving Novak the feeling he was playing what could be his final shot of the event in a stadium rather than a country club.

"I like playing in front of people. I like crowds, so this was perfect," he said. "I grew up playing other sports, and you see in all those sports where everyone is playing in front of crowds. I like making people cheer, so it was perfect for me. They all gave me a big ovation. I hadn't made the putt yet or anything. I definitely felt the love there," he said.

While the crowd settled down, Novak would avoid a playoff with a 10 foot birdie putt to win the tournament.

"I was so locked in for the last 20 minutes," he said. "I actually made it a bit of a point not to take too long (on the last putt) and not try to overlook it," he recalled.



Novak carded rounds of 69-64-66-66 for a 265 total and finished the 36 hole tournament at 23-under par.

The victory continued a strong run recently. Novak finished ninth the previous week in Colombia.

With the win the 2015 SCGA Amateur champion moved up to the third spot on the Korn-Ferry 25 ranking. He has earned \$136,735 so far this year.

The win also makes Novak exempt for the rest of the season which will give the former Terrier the opportunities needed to finish in the 25 and earn his way onto the PGA Tour.

"This has been what I've been working three years for since I turned pro, and even before then in college and all those hours. It's awesome to have an opportunity. I've still got more work to do—one win doesn't lock it up (PGA TOUR card)—but this is obviously a great start, he concluded.

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The team of Whitt Jefferson, John Carter and Josh Branyon (above left-right) made 25 birdies in two rounds to win the Frostbite at Boscobel. (GolfClub photo) The team of Jeff and Weston Bell with Robert Lutomski (above left to right) shot 16 under par in the final round to come out of the First Flight and win the overall championship at the Pickens Tuff-Days tournament. Both tournaments were played with a full field as golfers welcomed the opportunity to get out on the course.

Cool temps and hot golf in February

Golfers turn in hot rounds to win at Pickens & Boscobel

Upstate golfers had been cooped up since early December and were ready to get back on the course in tournament play.

Mild weather made several winter weekend tournaments playable in better than usual winter weather.

Pickens Tuff-Days

The first round of the Pickens Tuff-Days tournament wasn't really difficult for the

team of Marcus, Shane and Eric Grumbles.

The brothers opened the 36 hole event posting a 16 under par score of 56 to hold a three shot lead over the team of Todd Reid, Cole Patterson and Brad Hawkins.

The second round proved to be tougher for the top two teams, but several teams that did not start strong picked up their game on the second day.

The team of Weston Bell, Robert Lutomski and Jeff Bell opened the tournament with a 10 under par 62 scores.

The team missed the cut line for the championship flight and began the final round

in the lead of the First Flight.

The leaders of the First Flight matched the first round score of the tournament leaders to shoot into the lead.

The two Bells and Lutomski finished with a 118 total. It not only took the top spot in the First Flight, but it also earned the trio the overall championship.

The Grumbles shot a second round 64 to finish at 120 and tie with Reid, Hawkins and Patterson for the top spot in the Championship Flight and second place overall for the tournament.

The team of Johnny Pope, Steve Graham

and Mark Syracuse won the Second Flight while the team of Danny Emery, Terry Davis and Eddie Arledge finished on top of the Third Flight.

The Frostbite

The largest field in recent memory shook off some winter rust and posted impressive scores at the Frostbite three-man tournament at Boscobel.

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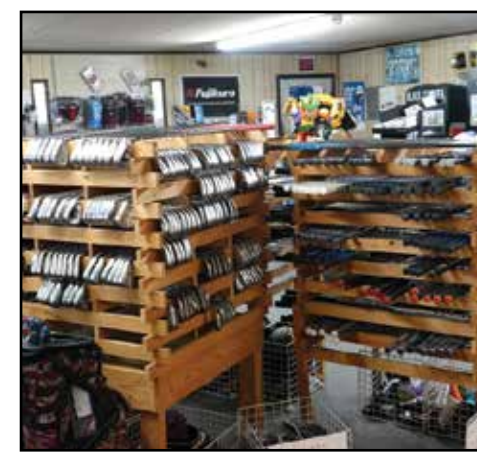
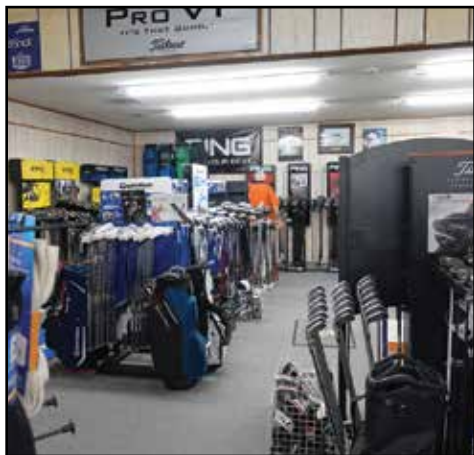
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"Fitting is the name of the game," said Wes Reeves. The newest member of the ByPass Golf...Continued on page 10

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Mike Lawrence has played in 10 majors and a handful of PGA Tour events. Long time professional associates (center) Jim Nimmo and Joey Herbert along with Michael Lawrence Jr. joined with other Hall of Fame members to endorse Lawrence's addition to the Hall of Fame. The longtime Upstate teaching professional lists among his accomplishments three South Carolina Open Championships. (GolfClub photos)

Lawrence inducted into SCGA Hall of Fame

The SCGA Hall of Fame adds Mike Lawrence and Kevin King

It was easy to understand why the gathering at the Columbia Country Club quickly rose out of their seats to give the two newest members of the South Carolina Golf Association's Hall of Fame a standing ovation.

Longtime upstate PGA professional, Mike Lawrence, and one of the all-time best amateurs from the low country, Kevin King, became the 71st and 72nd members to be honored by the state association.

Lawrence, from Liberty, has been a career club professional who has had the playing ability to step out from behind the counter and win three SC Opens championships.

He has competed in 5 Senior PGA Championships, 3 PGA Championships a US Open and a US Senior Open. He also won qualifying tournaments to win his way into several PGA Tour events including the Heritage at Hilton Head.

Lawrence was nominated and supported for the honor by what became known as "Team Lawrence."

Boscobel staff professionals Jim Nimmo and Joey Herbert along with Clemson golf coach Larry Penley were joined by a group of Hall of Fame members in supporting the recognition for Lawrence.

"I'm really honored to be named to the Hall of Fame. It is something I never thought about or aspired to. I just went



Lawrence was inducted into the SCGA Hall of Fame along with Kevin King from Hilton Head Island. King is one of only two golfers in the history of the SCGA to win the SC Amateur, Mid-Am and Senior Am. (GolfClub photo)

Hear from new SCGA Hall of Fame inductee Mike Lawrence at www.scgolfclub.com

about doing what I always have done in golf. It is really awesome that people think I'm worthy of being part of the Hall of Fame," concluded Lawrence.

Spending his entire life in the game, picking a Hall of Fame memory from his career is almost impossible. Lawrence

places the 18 times he has qualified to play in the National Club Pro Championship as a career highlight.

"The game is so awesome, the experiences are so varied, to single out just one or two is difficult," said Lawrence. "The first US Open I played in, those are experiences that came early in my career and are so memorable," he said.

While the former All-ACC golfer at Clemson has spent many years in charge of golf operations at Smithfields, Pickens and the Cliffs at Glassy, he always loved helping golfers play better.

He founded the TGM teaching Academy in the upstate and has been a full time instructor for many years.

Lawrence has developed a teaching method he calls the R3 Approach. His website at www.mikelawrencegolf.com offers theory and instruction based on his opinion about golf developed over a lifetime in the game.

"Their are so many awesome experiences we have in golf. The places we get to go, the great people we meet and then we play the game and that can be peculiar," he said.

A favorite tip Lawrence has offered golfers during his many years of giving lesson is pretty simple and also obvious.

"Breath. They don't call it choking for nothing," he joked. "When we get in pressure situations our bodies physiology changes and it begins with breathing. If you are a golfer just remember, keep your breathing good," he said.

The new Hall of Fame inductee will turn 65 this year. At a time when many make plans to retire, Lawrence does not even consider the opportunity.

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The SCGA recognized the top junior golfers in the state for 2019. Gene Zeigler from Florence received the Jay Haas award as the top junior boy while MK Talledo from Boiling Springs won the Beth Daniel award as the top junior girl gofer in South Carolina.



Eddie Hargett from Columbia won the SCGA Senior Player of the Year award finishing a fraction of a point ahead of three-time Senior Player of the Year Walter Todd from Laurens. (GolfClub Photo)



Jordan Sease from Lexington was honored as the SCGA Player of the Year. Sease finished on top of a year long points race by a very small margin over Raymond Wooten from Clemson. (GolfClub Photo)

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"No, I'm just getting started," said Lawrence.

Bluffton's Kevin King joined Lawrence in the Class of 2020. The long time amateur has a HOF collection of accomplishments.

King is only one of two golfers in the Palmetto State record book to win the SCGA Amateur, Mid-Am and Senior Am.

Some of his victories include nine-time Hilton Head Amateur Champion, multiple partner Championships, a seven time USGA Mid-Am and US Amateur contestant, 2019 USGA Senior Open qualifier and three-time representative of SC in the USGA's Team Matches.

The SCGA Golf Day also honored the top players and contributors to the game in the state.

Jordan Sease of Lexington was recognized as the Player of the Year. Eddie Hargett of Columbia won the Senior Player

of the Year award by a fraction of a point over three-time senior award winner Walter Todd of Laurens.

The former executive director of the SC Junior Golf Association Chris Miller received the Charles Drawdy distinguished service award.

The Seabrook Island Club was honored as the SCGA Club of the Year. The club was presented the award for their support of the SCGA and the SCJGA.

The Women's South Carolina Golf Association was honored with the Tom Fazio Service to Golf Award.

Zeigler wins CGA Junior Boys award

Gene Zeigler from Florence earned the CGA Junior Boys' Player of the Year award with a pair of wins and 14 top-ten finishes.

Zeigler won the Anderson Brothers Junior and the SCJGA Fall Challenge.

Zeigler adds the Carolinas Award to the SCJGA Junior Player of the Year Award.



Former Executive Director of the South Carolina Junior Golf Association, Chris Miller, was presented with the Charles Drawdy Distinguished Service Award for his work with the SCJGA. (GolfClub Photo)



Brian Thelan, the Director of Golf at the Seabrook Island Club accepted the SCGA Club of the Year Award for 2019. (GolfClub Photo). Seabrook annually hosts the season ending SCJGA lower state championship.

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John Gerring has been honored with Hall of Fame recognition by the PGA, Wake Forest University and the Carolinas Golf Association.



He is the author of "Simple Enough" insights and lessons from a PGA Hall of Fame Member and Master Professional. Gerring is an instructor at Haas Family Golf in Greenville.

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"If someone has been a Ping guy or always played TaylorMade or just about any brand we can use Trackman to get them fit using the best technology," said Reeves.

The former Limestone College golfer believes every golfer can benefit from a fitting.



ByPass Golf has recently installed a 300 square foot practice putting area to help custom fit putters using the Mitchell Tour Gauge Putter Machine. The shop's Trackman fitting studio includes fitting carts from all major brands.

"Golfers don't hit every shot great, but having your clubs fitted can make the good shots really good and the not so good shots not that bad," he said.

ByPass offers golfers complete services that include precision repairs done quickly.

While everyone on the staff can help golfers, Chip Allen is a trusted club builder who has helped top amateurs as well as Tour professionals.

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"We can re-grip clubs while golfers wait. If we are really busy they can go get a hamburger and by the time they get back we will have their clubs ready," Allen said.

But even if the repair is going to take a little time, most golfers hang around the shop.

There are plenty of good golf stories, golf rumors, and golf information that is passed around between the customers and the staff.

"We have always enjoyed being a place where golfers stop in, even if they are not buying something. Golfers feel comfortable here and we love seeing them," said Webber.

It is no secret that the golf business has been in a slump the last few years. Golf courses have been closed and in the Upstate, which once had almost a dozen golf shops, the number has been thinned considerably.

Webber believes the doom and gloom is behind the game and the future looks brighter.

"You just look around and see all the juniors playing. They are going to keep playing and that is going to grow the game," he said.

The excess of the early 2000s that saw too many golf courses built and too many companies trying to get into the equipment business has stopped.

"I think golf has been right-sized. There were too many courses and too many outlets for equipment. Now it looks like we are reaching the right amount of both," said Webber.

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Boscobel partners Coby Gambrell and John Guenther have been pleased with the reception the new greens surface and reshaping has been received by golfers. The club changed its greens late last fall going to a T1 bent grass surface. New superintendent Jack Dalton supervised the transition and is monitoring the final phase of the grow in process. The club near Pendleton has long been known for outstanding bent grass greens and the new surface is living up to the club's reputation.

The Bell is back and ringing

Boscobel's new T1 bent grass greens are ready to roll

Last fall Coby Gambrell and Jon Guenther faced an important decision about their golf course.

The greens at Boscobel had to be replaced and making the decision on how to replace the existing bent grass was not easy.

"We were right on the edge of the time when you could get a Bermuda surface to work," said Gambrell. "Or we could go with a bent replacement. We had to make a good decision quickly," he added.

In one way it was a difficult decision, but in another it really wasn't.

Boscobel has had a reputation for great bent grass greens. The course is one of just two or three in the Upstate that feature this type of surface at a course that is not part of a private club.

"We have been known for having great bent grass greens and while we gave strong consideration to going with some form of Bermuda it was our tradition that won out,"

said Gambrell.

The decision was made to remodel the greens with T1, a new generation of bent grass.

Boscobel brought in new superintendent Jack Dalton and along with his father Lee to help make the decision and then put in the new surface.

"I don't think any courses around here have this putting surface. It has been around for awhile, but in our business sometimes it takes a long time for something new to be accepted," said Dalton.

The most well known course using T-1 grass is Valhalla, the site of a PGA Championship.

"Our research showed that the T1 was more forgiving than the old bent," said Guenther. "Ball marks and divots can heal up faster. It is a little darker green and it is a little easier to maintain than the old bent grass," he added.

The club operated with temporary greens for several months as the new surface was grown in.

Changing the turf was only one part of the work done at Boscobel.

"We figured if we were going to be

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making changes, we would make some other much needed changes," aid Gambrell.

While the putting surface at Boscobel has always been considered a top feature at the course. Some of the actual greens complex needed updating.

The course has always been challenging and on some holes a little quirky.

The Boscobel partners decided to rework five greens and make some smaller adjustments on several more.

The greens on holes 5,7,11,17 and 18 each saw subtle changes.

The most noticeable change was on the ninth hole. The green required more luck than skill to get the ball close to the hole.

"We brought in 60 tons of sand and built up one side of the hole. Jack and his Dad did a great job. They made the hole fair," said Guenther.

Golfers who have not been to Boscobel since last fall will notice one more change

at the course.

"We took out a lot of trees. We took out some to improve airflow around the new greens and get more sun on the surfaces. We also took out some to make play better," said Guenther.

The speed of the new greens is developing as they mature. The change in the shape of some of the greens requires golfers to re-learn how to play some of the holes.

"Our main senior group has been very pleased with the changes. Golfers will still need to make shots, but the course is now more player friendly," said Guenther.

As spring gets closer to the Upstate Boscobel has started including some special features.

Boscobel has arranged for food trucks to be at the club on certain days to give golfers a variety of food options when they play.

While the partners have seen the new greens develop as expected one development has surprised them.

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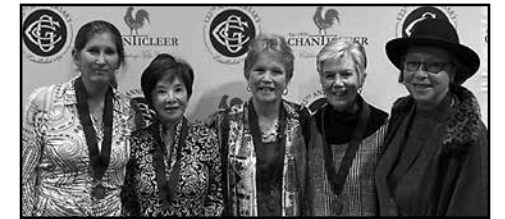
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The past living Women's champions were recognized at the Champions Dinner. (l-r) Kristen Rooke, Yoshi Mizuno, Rebecca Earle, Betty Nipper and Hall Bickman.

When the club decided to add a second course, famed architect Robert Trent Jones, Sr. was hired to design the Chanticleer course.

According to legend, building the course was easier than naming it.

When the Chanticleer name was offered some of the Greenville board members didn't like the suggestion.

As with many things in South Carolina a faction of the board were Clemson fans not wanting their course named after a "chicken."

It took some coaxing and a lesson from the Canterbury Tales about the Chanticleer and the Fox to convince the Clemson faction that the Chanticleer wasn't a Gamecock, but a proud and handsome rooster.

"Actually the course was probably named for the Chanticleer subdivision that was on one side of the course," offered Odom.

However the name was chosen and Chanticleer came to represent the course and this year a bronze rooster was created by Greenville artist and sculptor Charles Pate, Jr. It will be placed on the course to celebrate the 50th anniversary.

"The bronze Chanticleer will be near the tenth tee. It is the highest point on the course and one of the first places the sun hits the course," said Odom.

While the club will spend much of the year celebrating the history and the tradition of the club the role Greenville has played in

the development of the game in the Carolinas will also be remembered. Greenville was one of the founding members of the Carolinas Golf Association. It hosted the first Carolina Amateur and has been a long time partner of the CGA and the SCGA by hosting countless championships.

Since 2011 the club has hosted the nationally ranked Chanticleer National Senior Invitational which has added to the club and course's reputation.

"I think our club, boards and active members of our club have always been interested in promoting golf and associating ourselves with the CGA and the SCGA. Our club has been active in that area and it has been good for us and for golf," said Sullivan.

The Champions Dinner honored tournament winners from the 2019 season and the living former club champions.

Ellison McCoy won the men's title for the second time and Kristen Rooke claimed her fourth Greenville ladies championship.

Several other anniversary events are being planned including a tournament on the official 50th anniversary of the course opening on September 12, 1970.

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after the first round.

Tommy Sr, Robbie and Nick Biershenk teamed up to shoot a 14 under par 71. What would end up being the best round of the tournament earned the team a one shot lead over the field in the captain's choice format.

The team of Thornblade club professional Jon Hines, CGA Senior champion Todd Hendley and former Clemson golfer Crawford Reeves carded a 13-under par 58 and was only one shot in front of four other teams.

One of the teams in that four-way tie for second included a pair of pros. John Carter and Whitt Jefferson, the head pro and assistant respectively at Burlingame Country Club in Sapphire, North Carolina, made the drive down from the mountains to play in the tournament.

"Our club is closed between October and May and this isn't too far to come to be able to play golf," said Carter.

The two were joined by former SCGA Mid-Am champion Josh Branyon. The three golfers played the first round bogey free and like the other two teams tied for second expected to challenge the leaders.

"We thought if we could match our first round score we would be in it," said Jefferson. "Anything could happen and another 59 would at least keep us close," he said.

In the second round Carter, Jefferson and Branyon improved on their first round

score by a single shot. As one of the earlier finishers the three golfers had to wait for the leaders to finish before they could find out if their 13-under par 58 would be good enough for the win.

"We played unremarkable golf," said Branyon. "We had a lot of short putts and we made them all," he said.

For the second day in a row the team played bogey free golf.

"We made 25 birdies in the two rounds. It was a collective team effort," said Jefferson.

The two day total of 59 and 58 gave the winners a 117 total and a one shot victory for Branyon, Carter and Jefferson in the first big Upstate tournament of the new year.

The team of Dallas Odom, Justin Whelchel and Colby Green broke out of the tie at fourth place by shooting their second straight 12-under par 59 for a total of 118.

First round leaders, Tommy, Sr. Robbie and Nick Biershenk posted a respectable 9-under par 62. It dropped the team from first into a tie for third place.

Weston Bell, Robert Lutomski and Matt Carter shot a final round 11-under par 60 to tie the Biershenks for third place.

Tournament Flight winners included: Second - Scott Hollingsworth, Chris Heintze, Wes Cartee, Third - Ric Cobb, Jimmy Wilson, Johnny League. Fourth - Heath Hammond, Billy McCroskey, Dawson Sanders.

Amateur Events

Smoke The Oaks, March 14th-15th, Southern Oaks. The 2-man Texas scramble event is open to all golfers.

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Calvert Memorial Tournament, March 21st, Smithfields. See details below.

2020 "Shank" Shootout, April 5th, Legacy Pines. Two-man Scramble, \$150 per team, BBQ Plate, Putting contest.

Tournament proceeds will go to the family of Len "Pork Chop" Calvert.

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Pickens Texas 2-Man, April 18-19th, Pickens Country Club, The tournament is open to all golfers. The event will be flighted after the first round.

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Save the dates for future events:
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Paul Bleckley, Woodfin Ridge, #15, 140yds, Gap. Witnessed by James Hong.

Jack Jackson, Walker Course, #17, 118yds, 8-iron. Witnessed by Tom Shealy, John Pantaloni, Charles Rutland.



Sydney Roberts from Chesnee won the girls division while Daniel Brasington won the boys title at the Morgan Lucas Championship played at the Greenville Country Club's Chanticleer course. Both golfers led from start to finish.

Morgan Lucas champs

Roberts, Brasington win tournament titles at Chanticleer

The Morgan Lucas championship has become an early season showcase for some of the best juniors in South Carolina on one of the state's top golf courses.

Seventy-five juniors teed off at the Greenville Country Club's Chanticleer course in the first event on the SCJGA's 2020 schedule exclusively for Palmetto State golfers.

Sydney Roberts from Chesnee led the girls championship from start to finish while Daniel Brasington from Woodruff did the same in the boys division.

Roberts, who won the Upstate Junior last summer, shot a 1 over par 73.

Her first round score was good enough to hold a 4-shot lead over the 2019 SCJGA Player of the year MK Talledo from Boiling Springs.

In the second round Talledo improved her score by a shot while Roberts did the same.

Roberts two-day total of 145 was enough for a three-shot victory over Talledo while Sarah Boteler from Greenville finished third.

"This win means a lot to me because of being my first and being able to put two rounds together that were consistent," said

Roberts.

Brasington, who won the Spartanburg County Junior Championship in 2019, opened with a 68. The 4-under par round gave the future Wofford Terrier golfer a one shot lead over Matthew Hutto from Blythewood.

The Woodruff High School senior played his final round at 1-under par for a two-day total of 139 and a two shot victory.

Just as in the girls championship, the boys field included many juniors who already had major victories. Zach Adams from Charleston was the defending champion and Mason Tucker from Lancaster earned three major titles in 2019.

Brasington played a consistent final round being kept on his game by the fine play of the other two golfers in his group.

"It was a great pairing today that helped me forget about the tournament aspect and focus on having fun and making good shots," said Brasington.

While Jerry Bruns shot a second round 3-under par 69 to move up to second. Brasington's other two golfers Hutto and Ford Reynolds from Columbia finished in a tie for third place.

The Morgan Lucas Championship was presented by Marchant Real Estate.

The event began as a team championship, but over the years the event has become a major individual stroke play championship.

Calvert Memorial Tournament set for March 21 at Smithfields

There may be golfers in the Upstate who didn't know Len Calvert, but almost all golfers knew "Pork Chop".

Len (Pork Chop) Calvert passed away after a difficult battle with cancer. He was 51.

Calvert helped countless golfers enjoy the game during his time as a professional at several clubs in the Upstate.

Most recently he was the assistant pro at Oyster Bay Golf Links in Myrtle Beach.

In addition to being an accomplished club professional, Calvert could come out from behind the counter and play with a scorecard in his pocket.

He won the 2008 South Carolina Open and gathered more than a handful of wins in other professional events.

Calvert is survived by his wife Jennifer Johnson, son Gavan, daughter Paige, first wife Sonya, and loving Aunts Carolyn Chap-



Shaffer, and Uncle Jimmy Goldsmith as well as many cousins.

Friends of Calvert will hold a special memorial tournament at Smithfields on Saturday March 21st.

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