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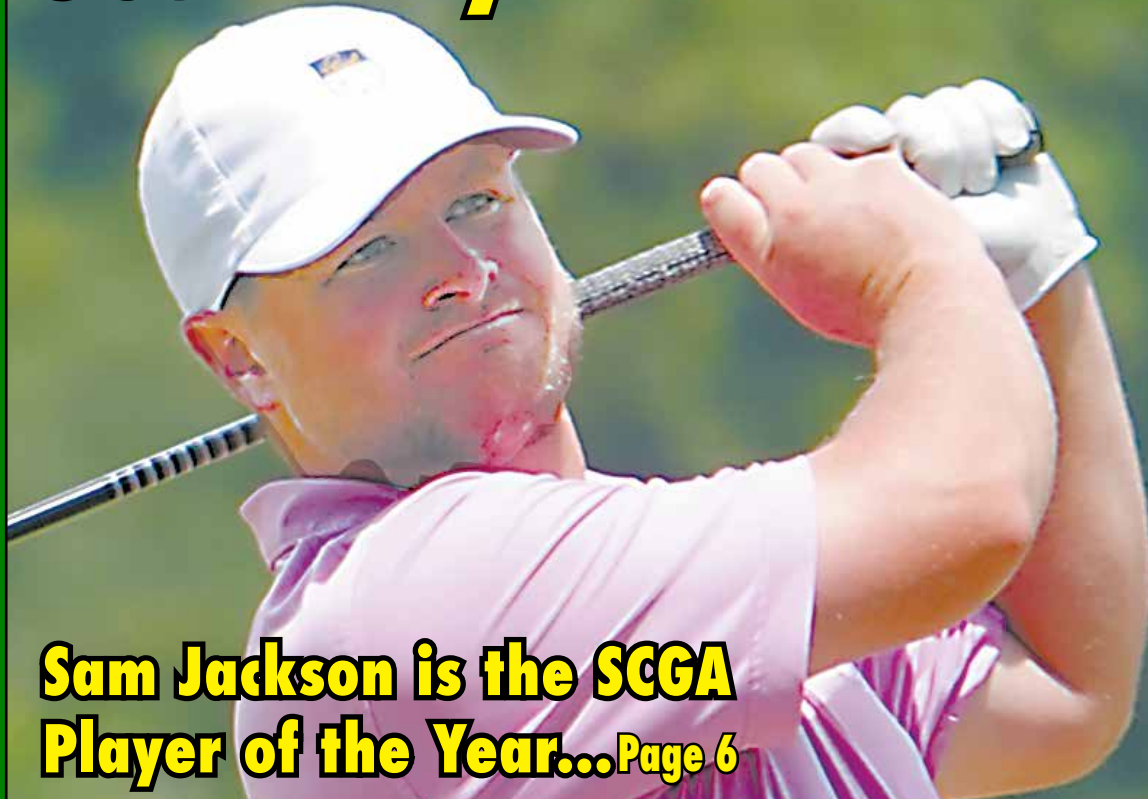
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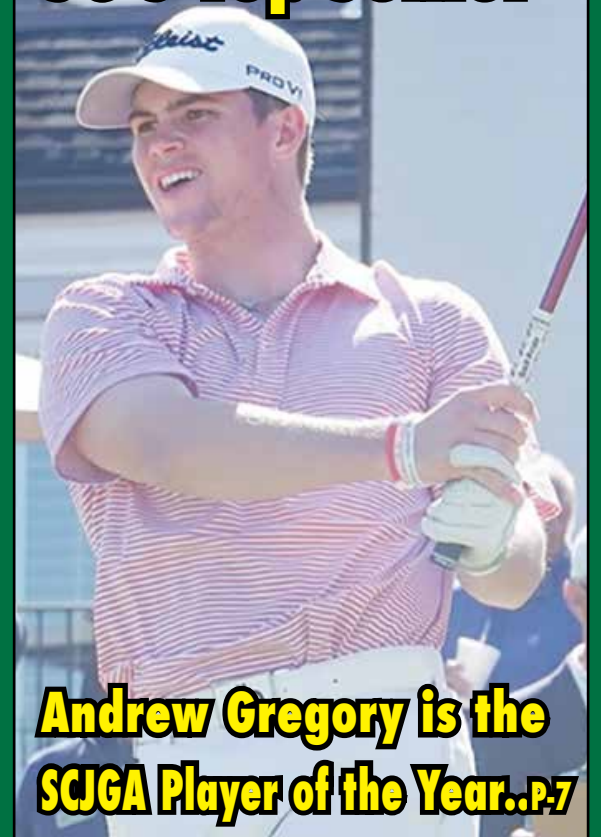
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# Lets Talk Golf!



## Mike Carter Coach and Professional Instructor

*In 2010, I traveled to Houston, Texas to study under Jim Hardy and Chris O'Connell.*

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In this article I want to describe the beginning of the backswing and the beginning of the downswing. Precisely I'll be describing the pressure shifts a golfer should feel in the feet as the backswing starts and the downswing begins.

Imagine you are 30 feet tall and can place one foot on one end of a seesaw and the other foot on the opposite end of a seesaw. At address you should have more pressure on your front foot than your back foot. The front side of the seesaw will be tilting toward the ground, and the backside of the seesaw will be off the ground.

The backswing should begin with a slight LATERAL MOVE OF THE BODY toward the back foot. This lateral move should be no more than an inch and a half.

The lateral move shifts the pressure off the front foot to the back foot. Now the back side of the seesaw will be tilted toward the ground, and the front side of the seesaw will be off the ground.

The downswing begins with a conscious effort to move the pressure back to the front foot before the grip reaches it's pinnacle in the backswing. This is called transition. You will be lowering the front side of the seesaw to the ground. The backside of the seesaw will come off the ground.

About 85 percent of your weight/pressure will be on your front foot before the top of the backswing is completed. You never want the pressure on the back foot at the top of the backswing. You are now in a position to naturally use ground forces to increase club head speed.

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**Break the Fort, January 7-8th, The Fort Club in Ninety Six.** The event will use 3-man teams playing a Tuff Day set up on the course. Skins available both days.

Call The Fort Club golf shop at 864-979-0406 to register.

**Saluda Valley 3-man Tough Days, January 28-29th.** The Captain's Choice tournament is open to all golfers. The tournament will be flighted after the first round.

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**Lathrop honored by the IAGA**

**Retired SCGA leader receives distinguished service national award**

The International Association of Golf Administrators honored retired SCGA Executive Director Happ Lathrop with its Distinguished Service Award.

Lathrop became the first full time director of the state organization in 1976 and served as the leader for 42 years before retiring in 2018.

During his years of service, golf in South Carolina grew and the junior golf program became one of the best in the country.

Lathrop was presented his award at the organizations annual meeting this year in Clear Point, Alabama.

**Columbia CC wins Lathrop Cup**

The annual Lathrop Cup was played at the Country Club of Lexington and the team from Columbia Country Club won the event.

The team event is for golfers over 55 and all must be members of the same golf club.

Dan Sullivan, Eddie Hargett, Brad Krapfel and Chris Sparrow posted a score of 219 to win the event by two-shots over the River Club.



Happ Lathrop and Barb Trammel were honored by the International Association of Golf Administrators for their outstanding career long contributions to the game.



**Pellerin wins CGA College Showcase**

Mauldin High School junior Olivia Pellerin shot her best competitive round to win the CGA Collegiate Showcase in Greensboro.

The future Anderson University golfer carded a 4-under par 68, her best round ever, to win the last junior tournament of the year by 7-shots.

**Melton named head pro at Woodfin Ridge**



Woodfin Ridge named Drayton Melton their head professional.

Melton has worked as a golf professional since graduating from the Professional

Golfers Career College.

The 2009 Spartanburg County Junior Champion and Spartanburg Methodist golfer played mini tour golf before concentrating on golf instruction.

Before joining the staff at Woodfin Ridge, Melton was the Senior Elite Academy Coach at KOHR Golf Academy in Boston for 5 years.

Melton will start the Operation 36 Instruction program and will also lead First Tee Upstate's program at the club.

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# Amateur Players Tour wraps up season

## Upstate Tour crowns season champs and helps Folds of Honor

The Upstate South Carolina Chapter of the Amateur Players Tour ended its season earlier in the fall, and is wasting no time getting back into action.

Late fall tournaments have been held at Cateechee, Wild Wing Avocet, and Woodfin Ridge, and a tournament is scheduled for Dec. 10 at The Club at Brookstone before the holiday break.

Then, the 2023 tour will begin in earnest. And organizers are hoping for more of the same from 2022.

According to chapter owner Larry Lee, the season that just wrapped up was one of the tour's best.

"We had 137 members, and averaged around 60 players per tournament," he said. "The payout average per tournament was \$2,500, all in Visa gift cards. Side pots averaged around \$2,000."

Those stakes, Lee said, help to give the tour an edge that competitors enjoy.

"When you're out there, you feel the heat of every putt and every shot just like the pros do," he said. "When you know you're playing for money instead of prizes, everything's on the line. There



Golfers on the Amateur Golf Tour Upstate Chapter raised money during the year to help support the local Folds of Honor program. (Amateur Golf Tour Photo)

are also points for Local Championships and National Championships. This season, every point counted. It came down to the end of the year, and there were some really close races."

When those races were decided, Eric Johannsen had claimed the Division 1 title. Travis Wartluft won Division 2, Tommy Boyter took Division 3, Jimmy Sullivan was the Division 4 winner, and Danny Sullivan took Division 5.

Lee said the feedback from tour members has been good, and that he wants to continue to take things above and beyond for participants.

"They love playing with us," he said. "They seem to have a good time at the tournaments. But they're set up to be player friendly. We announce everybody on the first tee, and we have photos and interviews that we put on our Facebook page. We try our best to make them feel

like they're pros. That's what the whole thing is. We want to give amateurs the pro experience."

They're also trying to do some good. The Tour helps to benefit Folds of Honor, a nonprofit organization dedicated to providing educational scholarships to the children and spouses of America's fallen or disabled service members and first responders.

"It's a big component," Lee said. "In November, the Amateur Players Tour gave a check for \$18,000. This year, we're doing memberships, and a portion of the membership goes into Folds of Honor, and comes with discounts for Folds of Honor members."

With a pro-style atmosphere, a strong pool of prizes, and a public service component, Lee wants to make sure to underscore the focus of the tour.

"We just want to continue to grow, and to continue to be fun," he said. "That's the main thing. We want the players to have fun."

The next season for the Amateur Players Tour will again feature outstanding courses and fun competition.

Information about the Tour is available at [www.amateurplayerstour.com](http://www.amateurplayerstour.com) and tab Local Chapters and select Upstate South Carolina Tour.

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# Davis has his day in Spartanburg

## The Under Armour Tour picks Petty as the Player of the Year

By Jed Blackwell  
Associate Editor - Publisher

Davis Petty's cap shared a popular golf greeting in capital block letters on Tuesday night: IABDIP.

"It's a beautiful day in Pinehurst."

It was a pretty nice day in Spartanburg, too.

Officially, in fact, Nov. 1 was Davis Petty Day.

Petty, the 11-year-old phenom who is taking the golf world by storm, was honored with a reception at Delaney's Irish Pub.

There, he learned that he's been named the Under Armour Junior Player of the Year. His navy cap was soon surrounded by a sea of gray ones, all bearing the same message DPno.1.

"It feels awesome," Petty said. "Especially this event, to have everybody show up. I'm just so grateful. This Under Armour season has been a grind, and one thing I've done is I've been really consistent. I've been working really hard. Playing up a division and getting second place is probably one of



*Davis Petty is the national Player of the Year for the Junior Tour Powered by Under Armour. Petty's coach Chip Ridley has been a caddy, mentor and coach for the very young golfer. Besides his success on the Under Armour Tour, Petty has been a winner in SCJGA Age Group events. (GolfClub Photo)*

my proudest moments. To me, playing up a division and finishing second is huge."

Petty's coach, Chip Ridley, noted some of Davis' accomplishments, and the numbers are staggering.

To go with a 531-1 record in tournaments on the world stage, Petty has a slew of junior titles, the 2021 Under Armour Summer National title, the 2022 Under Armour Winter National title,



a runner-up finish in the 2022 Under Armour Summer National tournament, an age group up from where he typically competes, and the Under Armour World Championship, where he shot scores of 65-67 to become the first Under Armour World Champion.

He has an 18-hole scoring average of 68.6 and a nine-hole stroke average of 34.3.

Just about the only thing he might

need to work on is estimating crowd size.

"I thought I was just coming here for dinner with my parents and my golf coach," Petty said with a laugh. "I walk in and there's 750,000 people in here with DPno.1 hats. I'm so grateful."

There weren't that many, but there were a bunch.

One was Spartanburg City Council Member Erica Brown, who was on hand to officially announce Davis Petty Day in the city, with a proclamation from Mayor Jerome Rice

There were also friends and family, and even guests who appeared through video. Among them were one of Petty's favorite professional golfers, Taylor Gooch, and putter manufacturer Sam Bettinardi, whose designs Petty plays and whose logo was on his pullover at the event.

"That's insane to me," he said. "I've loved Bettinardi putters and Bettinardi everything forever now. To have him say that to me, I'm just so blessed. It's awesome."

Just as special, though, were video tributes from those close to him, including Spartanburg golfer Kyle Milner and Davis' father, Joel.

"To see them on the video was awesome," he said. "Kyle's almost like a **Petty...** continued on page 22

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# Jackson is the SCGA Player of the Year

## Season long points race won by West Columbia golfer

When Sam Jackson looks back at the 2022 golf year he doesn't point to one swing, one putt, one good finish that earned him the South Carolina Golf Association Player of the Year award.

"I had a consistent year," said Jackson. "I don't think I ever played great, but I always played pretty good," he said.

By his own admission Jackson was not someone who would "beat" balls from sun up to sun down.

Instead he relied on an outstanding short game to keep him in contention in tournaments and the player of the year race.

"I could have a bad day ball striking, but my chipping and putting could make up for that and it helped me a lot during the year," he said.

When it came to chasing a player of the year award Jackson didn't have it for a goal.

"A couple of my friends have won player of the year and we would joke about when I would win, but I wasn't really serious about going for it," he said.

Without a great deal of fan fare Jackson moved into the lead early in the year. With partner Zack Herold the two won the Partners Championship.



Sam Jackson is the 2022 South Carolina Golf Association Player of the Year. Jackson had a strong finish in the Stazate Am to go along with making the round of 32 at the US Am to help him finish on top of the season long points race. (GolfClub Photo)

The win earned Jackson a spot in the Palmetto Cup matches.

Teamed with Jordan Sease, the 2019 SCGA Player of the Year, the two won their matches and helped the amateurs top the professionals early in the year.

Jackson was around the top spot most of the year. He fell to third in the standings before having a very good finish in the state am.

"I was playing with the kids and they can hit it a lot longer than I can," said

the 30 year old mid-am.

Besides giving up some distance, Jackson's short game kept him in contention at the Dunes Club.

He finished in 5th place, just a shot out of a second place tie.

After the SC Am Jackson used a hot putter to finish second at the USGA Mid-Am qualifier at the Patriot.

The finish earned him a trip to Milwaukee to play at Erin Hills in the **Jackson...** continued on page 16



## Hargett 4-peats as Senior P-O-Y

The SCGA may want to retire the plaque for Senior golfer of the year or maybe turn over custody of the award to Eddie Hargett.

The Blythewood golfer captured the South Carolina Senior Player of the Year award for the fourth straight year.

Among Hargett's accomplishments for the year were qualifying for the US Senior Open and finishing as the runner-up in the SCGA Senior Championship and finished third in the CPGA Senior Open.

He joined with Brad Krapfel to win the SCGA Senior Better Ball championship.

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# Gregory is the SCJGA Player of the Year

**Boiling Springs junior wins two straight tournaments to wrap up state's top honor**

**By Stan Olenik  
Editor - Publisher, The Golf Club**

When the new Heritage Foundation rankings began for 2022, Andrew Gregory set a goal for the year.

"My goal was to win the Player of the Year award," said the Boiling Springs High School senior.

In the season long points race Gregory achieved his goal with what runners call "a final kick" to the finish line.

At the end of the South Carolina Junior Golf Association's schedule Gregory ran through the tape.

Gregory got off to a great start with a win in one of the early season championships.

He won the boys title at the Morgan Lucas championship when he came from four shots off the lead in the final round to win.

If Gregory wasn't on college recruiters' radar after his win the previous summer at the CGA's Hope Valley Junior his victory at Chanticleer opened some recruiters eyes.

"If I can keep playing like this I can get some attention. I've got a lot of things to think about what I want in a college. Getting a good win like this is going to give me a few more options," said Gregory after the win.

The boys' high school season began and the Boiling Springs Bulldogs, with Gregory leading the way were the pre-season pick to win the AAAAA championship.

Gregory won three tournaments during the high school season and finished on top of the Upper State qualifying tournament.

In the state championship at the Charleston Municipal Golf Course Gregory didn't worry about



*Andrew Gregory from Boiling Springs lifts The Blade championship trophy after his win at Thornblade Club. The victory was one of four SCJGA championships the future Liberty University golfer won on his way to claiming the Player of the Year honors. (GolfClub Photo)*

individual honors, he did what the team needed to win the championship.

Individually he finished 10th, but birdied his 17th hole and that made the difference for the team.

"The team pushed me through it. When I was told we were in a winning spot, I said 'I cannot mess this up. This feels great!'" he said after the win.

When the summer junior season began Gregory qualified for the US Junior and finished 10th at the SCGA Junior.

Before he left for the national junior he won the coveted championship at The Blade at Thornblade Club.

He didn't play great golf in the final round, but he did play winning golf and claimed a 3-shot victory over Greenville's Tip Price.

"I wasn't hitting the ball the best, but I made a bunch of clutch putts, and that's what kept me in it, he said after his second SCJGA win of the year.

Gregory was part of the team of juniors who went to Scotland and helped the SC Juniors defend the Watson Cup.

He finished the summer with top-25 performances at the Beth Daniel and Orange Jacket.

He tied for 11th at the CGA Creed at Camden and was runner-up at the Transou at Cherokee National.

At the prestigious Bobby Chapman Junior at the Country Club of Spartanburg, he finished 11th among the field of nationally ranked juniors.

Gregory had done what he needed to do to be in the hunt for Player of the Year,

Going into the final two events on the SCJGA schedule, Gregory trailed Indian Land's Mason Kucia, the South Carolina AAAA High School champion, and Florence's Jay Smith, the winner of the Grant Bennett and the Transou.

Gregory shared the first round lead at the Cheraw Fall challenge with Luke Walmet from Mount Pleasant.

In the final round Gregory sprinted away from the field.

He shot a final round, tournament best, 6-under par 66 to win by 8-shots.

"It has been my goal this year to win the Player of the Year. I've had a good year and I needed this win and need to play well next in Hartsville to hopefully

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# It takes more than breaking 80 to be recruited

## Boiling Springs' Dixon is an example of what college coaches are looking for

There has long been a myth involved when it comes to junior and high school girls golf.

"There are plenty of scholarships for girls who can break 80," has been a popular belief.

It might have been that way once, but it really hasn't been that way for some time. There is much more to recruiting than just posting a good scoring average.

It is easy to pick out the prize recruits, the ones who are AJGA All-Stars or make it to match play at the US Junior.

But that only accounts for a handful of golfers who can command attention from Power 5 Conference coaches.

The large majority of college scholarships for women goes to golfers who have a stroke average between 75 and 79 and can occasional shoot par or better.

College coaches do not recruit players for the five spot on their teams and the quality of women's college golf on all levels demands more than an occasional 78.

So how do girls, whose ability fits in that range, get noticed and recruited and then offered a chance to play college golf.

"A good stroke average is important, but it takes a lot more," said Upstate coach Todd Lawton. "It takes a genuine commitment to the game to work towards turning those 78s and 79s into 72s and 73s," he said.

Lawton has had very good success recruiting foreign players in recent years, but he wants to have a balance and adding local players is his first choice.

Madison Dixon from Boiling Springs signed to play college golf at Upstate and her playing, academic and especially her commitment to the game made the difference for Lawton.



Madison Dixon has signed to play college golf at USC Upstate. The Boiling Springs High School golfer has been working towards this goal since she was barely taller than her golf clubs. (GolfClub file photos)

"We have to work a little harder than the Power 5 and even some bigger programs on our level to find players who can help us be successful, and Madison fits our profile for college success" said the Upstate coach.

Dixon has had a very good junior and high school career. In the recently completed girls high school season she claimed a tournament win, a seventh place finish at the AAAAA State championship and in general top-10 finishes in most events.

"You look at Madison's record, scoring average, the courses she played and the competition and you can see this is a golfer who has the ability now and with the right kind of help she can be even better," said the

Upstate coach.

Dixon has done many things that make her "recruitable." She is strong academically, she knows about the Upstate program and she has been around outstanding golfers during her high school days.

"She started in the Boiling Springs program before it was split with Chesnee. She has been around players like Sydney Roberts (2021 Clemson recruit) MK Talledo (2020) Charleston recruit so she has seen up close what it takes to be a very good golfer," said Lawton.

Dixon's work ethic also helps her stand out from the majority of golfers with similar stroke averages. She isn't someone who dropped another sport because golf looked like fun, she works hard at her game.

"She is dedicated and she puts in the time," said Kevin Britt, the Director of Instruction at Carolina Country Club and Dixon's coach. "She has the talent to play at a lot of schools, including some of the big ones," he added.

Working with Dixon for some time, Britt also sees something in the high school senior besides her swing that can help her become a successful college golfer.

"She is very competitive and wants to learn, but she also has a really good life balance knowing who she is and at the next level that is very important because it isn't easy," he said.

Being a local player has allowed Lawton to spend more time considering Dixon for his team.

"She was in a group of players who had similar ability on the golf course, but it was the way Madison took the time to understand our program and what she will have to do to be successful in college made a big difference for me," Lawton said.

Dixon finished her career at Boiling Springs as one of the most-decorated girls golfers in program history. She was a six-year starter for the Bulldogs, and earned All-State nods and the opportunity to play college golf  
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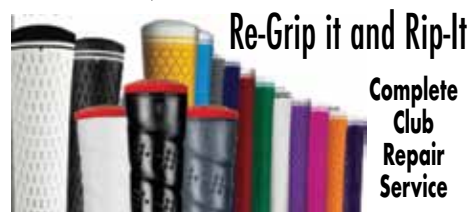
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South Carolina Junior golfers will take their talents to the next level and help college teams get better. (Center) Abby Franks (North Georgia) and Maddie Peake (Presbyterian), with their state champion teammates signed on to play college golf. Hanna High Schools Ivy Schulze (left) is going to Clemson. Jerry Bruns (right) from Beaufort joins the Gamecocks. Emilyn Davis from BHP (left-center) becomes a Lander golfer and Major Lenning (bottom-left) will join the Wofford Terriers. (GofClub Photos)

# SC juniors make it official

## Palmetto State juniors sign on to play at the next level

Palmetto State juniors had made commitments to play college golf and in November they had the opportunity to make it official and sign their national letter of intent.

If there is to be a Jacob Bridgeman or Trent Phillips to come from this class they will have to do it in college.

The high school talent in the state is good, not great this year, but in years past good golfers like those in this year's class have blossomed in college.

Just look at what Anderson University

has accomplished with good local players who have grown and helped the school achieve high national rankings and NCAA championship level success.

The Class of 2023 may not have any one or two great juniors, but it does have players with a wide range of experience and success who will make what ever college team they join better.

Outstanding competition in the many events run by the South Carolina Junior Golf Association has helped to make juniors from the state tournament tough and ready to compete early in their college careers.

Here is a round up of the local juniors who have signed on to play college golf in and around South Carolina

### College Signings Junior Girls

- Ivy Schulze - Hanna - Clemson,
- Abby Franks - Dorman - North Georgia,
- Maddie Grace Peake - Dorman - PC
- Mia Gray - Conway - Charlotte,
- Olivia Ireland - Chapman - Lee Univ.
- Madison Dixon - USC Upstate,
- Emilyn Davis - BHP - Lander,
- Mattie Padget - Seneca - N.Greenville,
- Lillian Alexander - Byrnes - Citadel,
- Sophia Smith - Riverside - SMC

### College Signings Junior Boys

- Andrew Gregory - B' Springs - Liberty
  - Jay Smith - Florence - High Point
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When Chuck Papale isn't out playing in softball tournaments he has been helping get golfers started at Willow Creek for the last 15 years. Will Hodges has been rangers at the course for a little over three years. Dave Hickman is a four year staffer while Bob Peel (seated in cart) has been keeping things moving in the cart paddock for 20 years. Max Grooms and Peel have been long time friends spending 18 years working together at the course. Willow Creek PGA Professional and Manager Dale Heflin and the club have benefited from experienced help like they get from the outside staff and Tom Selfridge in the shop. (GolfClub Photos)

# Willow Creek's Super Senior Staff

## The crew of retirees help golfers get off to a good start

By Stan Olenik  
Editor - Publisher, The Golf Club

It's not unusual to run into salesmen, business owners, managers or engineers when you get to your favorite golf course in the Upstate.

You might also meet a few retirees who finished their working days in the old textile industry, lived here for a time and decided the Upstate would be a good place to retire.

If you have a tee time at Willow Creek you will bump into these guys, not on the tee, but instead, getting you set to tee-off.

The course near Greer has a crew of retired business executives, salesmen,

technicians and managers who are now the starters, cart runners, clean up crew who manage the tee sheet and keep everything moving at the very busy golf course.

Dale Heflin, the PGA Professional and manager, joined the club a few months ago and found a resource he never had in his over 30 years as a club pro.

"I've only had high school kids running carts and helping around the course," he said. "Some were good, but with a lot of them I was worried if they would show up for work. I don't have those worries with our guys here," he said.

The group kind of manages itself, When they have to change shifts or need to fill in some spots they handle the changes and Heflin has confidence they will be there, on the job.

Willow Creek's outside staff first and most importantly makes golfers feel welcome.

"I've been here through a few pros," said Bob Peel, the dean of the outside staff. "We've had some good pros and they always want us to make sure we are friendly and helpful and appreciate the golfers who play here," he said.

Peel is a retired textile executive who has now been getting golfers started at the course for almost as long as the course has been open.

"I retired from Hoechst and have been doing this for 20 years," said the 80 year old Peel.

In return for a few shifts a week helping golfers get started the crew gets paid, but more important to all of them, they get to play golf at the club.

"We work a few shifts and we get to play a couple of days," said Max

Grooms, a retired textile chemist who has been on the staff for 18 years. "It is a good deal because the course is always in really good condition," he said.

Heflin can't say enough good things about the 18 men on the roster.

"These guys have all been successful in their jobs and they really understand what we are doing here. When they see a problem they get it fixed and they keep everything running smoothly," said the club pro.

The group enjoys a fun relationship with the club members and guests.

"We have really nice members here, everyone is here to enjoy playing and we don't have many problems," said Will Hodges who is a weekend ranger at the course.

"When things get backed up the golfers are pretty good about understanding **Senior Staff...** continued on page 14

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# Junior golf advocate honored by the SCGA

## Tournament named for Rick Vieth, Junior Foundation leader

By Stan Olenik  
Editor - Publisher, The Golf Club

As the young South Carolina Golf Association's Junior program began growing in the 90s the Association began to develop events for junior golfers.

Rick Vieth, who served on the board of the SCGA and in several other capacities, thought the tournaments were great, but the kids needed to have a fun event played the way most golf is played.

While the SCGA and its Junior program are rightfully proud of the number of college and professional golfers who have come through the program, adding a Four-Ball championship would give young golfers a chance to play in a format most will play the rest of their golfing lives.

"When you play with your buddies on the weekend its a Four-Ball match," recalled Vieth. "There is a lot of golf played that way and it is what helps make golf so much fun," he said.

So Vieth lobbied SCGA Executive Director Happ Lathrop to begin a Four-Ball Junior event. The event was approved and named the Tradition.

Vieth and one of the sponsors started the tradition of putting the names of the winners on the back of a tee-shirt, which was given to the following year's contestants.

The list of junior winners is a who's who of junior golf in the Palmetto State. It includes many top juniors who went on to be college stars and PGA or LPGA Tour players.

It would be hard to start a new event with a better winner than the first SCGA Traditions Four-Ball tournament did.

Future Clemson All-American and US Open champion Lucas Glover teamed up with a golfer who went on to play locally and win the 2002 Greenville County Amateur, Jeremy Revis.

"When we started it, the first few years we had to teach the players how to play a four-ball match. They had not experienced anything like that and there were some growing pains," said Vieth.

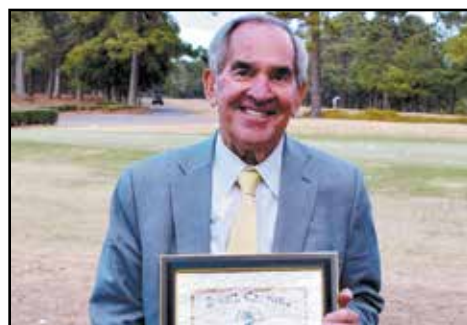
But as more juniors heard about the format and realized how much fun it



Three generations of golfers who have enjoyed being a part of the South Carolina Golf Association were present for the first Rick Vieth Junior Four-Ball. Vieth and his wife Gayle, grandson Pete and Jeremy and Randi Revis. (GolfClub Photo)



In 1995 future US Open Champion Lucas Glover teamed up with future Greenville County Amateur champion Jeremy Revis to win the first Tradition. (GolfClub Photo)



The SCGA presented Vieth with its Golf Ambassadors award at the 2022 Golf Day meeting in Columbia. (SCGA Photo)

was to play, the tournament grew and at a few times over the years had to turn players away.

Vieth took his role as the founder seriously. He was at every tournament to greet the players and hand out awards.

One year he took charge of a boys four team playoff that went on for hours. The SCGA staff was finishing with the other divisions so Vieth jumped in and supervised a playoff that ended in almost total darkness.



This year Vieth presented Brooks DeSheilds and Blake Kelly their championship awards at The Fort Club in Ninety Six as the Four-Ball tournament returned to the SCJGA schedule. (GolfClub Photo)

As the tournament neared the 25 year mark junior events had grown to be everywhere and almost every week.

Cost was a factor for some parents and golfers, but points and rankings available at other events became an even bigger problem.

"We established the event to be fun, but as points became more important it became hard to figure points for each golfer in a Four-Ball match. It got to be a pretty big issue when some of the ranking services stopped rating Four-Ball matches," said Vieth.

A combination of issues with points, Covid and finding a new host course put the event on hold for a couple of years.

After being away the SCJGA has brought back the format and included it in its Players Series of events.

Points were not an issue this time as the event was another opportunity for the many junior golfers working their way up in the state to have a tournament.

When it was decided the event would

return it was an easy decision to name it for its founder. The event appeared on the SCJGA Players Series Schedule as the Rick Vieth Junior Four-Ball Championship.

It is an honor and a tribute to a tireless worker for golf in South Carolina and especially junior golf.

Vieth has served the SCGA in several capacities over the years. He has been a director, legal council and past president of the SCGA.

Perhaps his most important work has been done on the board of the South Carolina Junior Golf Foundation.

The board has directed the growth and funding of the junior game in the state and helped it reach a level of respect that has earned it recognition as best in the country a few years ago.

Vieth had been the chairman of the board, but has had to limit his activities in the past couple of years.

He was diagnosed with ALS two years ago and has been battling the disease, while still being involved as much as he can in the game and the organization he loves.

"I can't play anymore, so the most enjoyment I get from the game is going up to The Reserve (Vieth is a member) and sitting in the Range Bar and having a drink and a cigar. We have a great men's association there and I enjoy being with them even if I can't play now," he said.

Vieth maintains his schedule at his law practice in Spartanburg and is as active as he can be in and around golf.

As a criminal defense lawyer for much of his life, Vieth has always had a wry way of looking at situations to find some glimmer of light and he has done the same with his condition.

"A lot of people who get this go pretty quick and I have been able to hang around a couple of years and hope for more. We are all going to go sometime. I know this much, people have been very nice to me telling me they appreciate me and the things I have done. It kind of is like being able to hear what is being said about you at your funeral," he joked.

Vieth was able to hand out the awards to this year's winners at the Fort Club just as he did in the first tournament.

The event is now appropriately named the Rick Vieth Junior Four-Ball as the SCGA honors Vieth's lifetime commitment to grow the game and make golf better for juniors in South Carolina.

# Parks and Herold win at Musgrove Mill

## Kennedy and Clontz win Senior Division Invitational title

The best field for a club event this side of a SCGA or CGA major is always the Invitational at Musgrove Mill.

If you follow amateur golf in the Carolinas and you look at the final scores you can put a significant golf accomplishment next to just about every name in the top-twenty and with a little research probably even deeper on the score sheet.

Levi Joiner and Luke Hammond from the Mid-Carolina Club opened the 36 hole weekend event with a 7-under par 65.

It gave the team a 2 shot lead over a pair of teams into the second round.

Hunter Parks and Zachary Herold were joined in a second place tie with the team of Sam Jackson and Dixon Walker.

There wasn't much breathing room at the top of the leader board as five more teams posted rounds under 70.



Zachary Herold from the Country Club of Lexington and Hunter Parks from Creek Golf Club were able to claim the Musgrove Mill Invitational title with a playoff win. Brian Kennedy from Three Pines and Ron Clontz from Thornblade shot a final round 64 to take the Senior Division title by a shot at the Musgrove Mill Invitational.

In the second round, Joiner and Hammond shot a 3-under 69, but were caught by Parks and Herold who matched their first round 67 to finish regulation in a tie at 134.

The two teams needed a pair of extra



holes to determine the championship.

Parks and Herold claimed the victory on the second playoff hole.

The teams of defending champions Kevin Roberts and Zach Siefert along with Weston Bell and Garland Ferrell

shared third place just one shot out of the playoff.

Sam Jackson and Dixon Walker finished fifth with the rest of the top-10 needing to be under par.

Nine of the first ten teams finished under par.

The Senior Division saw its share of quality scores as the team of Walter Todd and Duff Wagner shot an opening round 64 to take a 3-shot lead into the final.

You would not expect to see many 64s on the leader board the way Musgrove usually plays this time of year, fast and firm, but the team of Ron Clontz and Brian Kennedy carded that same number in the second round.

Add the 64 to their first round 4-under par 68 and the two edged out Todd and Wagner by a shot for the Senior Division championship.

The team of Doug Ramey and Dan Sullivan finished in third place at 9-under par.

Tim Pope and Todd Hendley finished in fifth place while Todd Webber and Ronnie Pruitt from Spartanburg finished in fifth place.

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# Chanticleer Invitational wraps up season

Red hot golf on a cold weekend earns Reeves and Allen a win

By Jed Blackwell  
Associate Editor - Publisher

Crawford Reeves and Taylor Allen got hot, and made it stand up in the cold.

Reeves and Allen fired a 10-under par 62 in Saturday's opening round of the Chanticleer Invitational, and followed it up with a Sunday round of 67 for a 15-under par two-day total and a two-stroke win in the four-ball event.

The team of Matthew Kilgo and Olof Bengtsson had matched the winners' opening round of 62, but could only bring a 3-under par 69 home in the final round.

The two rounds of 62 turned in by the co-leaders may have a place in the Chanticleer Invitational record book.

Greenville Country Club assistant pro Jarrod McWatters said he couldn't remember a lower round.

"I don't know that we've seen anybody post 10-under in a single round," he said. "That's some of the lowest scoring we've ever seen in the tournament.



The team of Crawford Reeves (l) and Taylor Allen won the Chanticleer Invitational at the Greenville Country Club. The two broke out of a 10-under tie after the first round to go on to the win. (GolfClub Photo)Necto

We got some rain over the last couple of days, so the greens were receptive. If you give that to players of this caliber, they're going to take advantage. This has turned into one of the better mid-am tournaments in the state, and if you give those guys soft conditions they're going to make a bunch of birdies, and that's what they did.

What kept them in the lead, though, was their performance on the Par-5s. The team played those eight holes in

9-under par, including kick-in eagles at No 7 both days – one by each player.

"Yesterday, the wind was completely different, so it was a different hole," said Allen, who made eagle at 7 for the pair on Saturday. "It was driver, 5-iron. We were about 200 out. Today, the wind was a lot different." "I hit a hybrid to about two and a half feet today, where he hit a five iron to about two and a half feet yesterday," Reeves said. "Those were

easy chances."

Reeves and Allen stuck to a strategy, and it paid off for them in the win.

"Taylor hit first all weekend," Reeves said. "He's a great driver of the ball. We both drive it pretty well, and when he had one out there in play it took a little pressure off. We both showed up when we needed to show up, and happened to roll in a couple of putts. We hit a rough spot today, but kind of righted the ship there at the end."

The pair said they enjoyed the chance to compete.

"This was fun to get out and play," Allen said. "Fortunately we were able to put together two good days in a row."

The Chanticleer's spot on the calendar means amateur golf is winding down for the year. Several times over the years the tournament winner has earned important state ranking points. On at least two occasions a win at Chanticleer made the difference in the Player of the Year race for the SCGA.

"This is one of those that plays into SCGA Player of the Year," he said. "We're happy with where the tournament is in the season, and that it's a nice little send-off to the end of the year for these guys."

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close to home.

“It was an easy decision, Coach Lawton was really welcoming, and he was very helpful in accommodating the major I want to pursue,” said Dixon, who plans to study Biology with a pre-med track. “That was a big thing, and there’s also the fact that they have a really good schedule and I’ll have the opportunity to go a lot of different places.”

Dixon has worked for this opportunity and is not taking it for granted.

“I’ve spent a lot of hours putting the work in, and its paid off, and that feels good,” she said.

The holidays and winter is not the best time to be working on a golf game, but Dixon shows her determination to get to campus and be ready to contribute early in her career by working to improve her game in any kind of weather.

“College is much different from high school and from junior tournaments. The yardages are different, they sometimes play 36 holes in a day, and it’s just a lot different. I’m playing now with the goal of getting my body physically ready for college golf,” she said.

**Recruiting ...** continued from 9

- Matthew Baxley** - N. Augusta - Aiken
- Ashton Eubanks** - Lexington - Winthrop
- Luke Walmet** - Mt Pleasnt - Wm & Mary
- Rowan Sullivan** - Charleston - Vanderbilt
- Major Lenning** - Mauldin - Wofford
- Sam McMillan** - Mt Pleasant - Anderson
- Gage Howard** - Woodruff - Presbyterian
- Ben McKinney** - Woodruff - Presbyterian



*Dixon began playing golf by tagging along with her father and brother. Now she will have the opportunity to play college golf at USC Upstate. (Family photo)*

Lawton and Britt both see a bright future for Dixon at Upstate and believe she could be an early contributor to the already successful Upstate women’s team.

But more than any success Dixon will have with the Spartans her path to a college scholarship shows it takes a lot more than breaking 80 to play in college.

“Madison has done everything the right way, she has worked for her opportunity and didn’t put everything in just her scores on the course. We think we got a perfect golfer who is going to have a fine career at Upstate and help us become a better team,” concluded Lawton.

- Blake Kelly** - Woodruff - N. Greenville
- Jerry Bruns** - Beaufort - South Carolina
- Brooks DeSheilds** - Easley - Anderson
- Cameron Biddle** - Aiken - USC Upstate
- Adam Hunt** - Columbia - Illinois
- Waymon Thomas** - Mt. Pleasant - Char,ton
- Sam McMillan** - Mt Pleasant - Anderson
- Connor Rose** - Riverside - Belmont Abbey



*The best perk of the job is getting to tee it up at Willow Creek. Peel, Grooms and Hickman get in a quick nine after getting the Saturday morning rush off the tee. (GolfClub Photo)*

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they need to pick up the pace. Every once in awhile we may get one who isn’t cooperative, but that doesn’t happen often,” said Hodges.

While most of the crew look forward to the golf, Chuck Papale has a different reason for working at the course.

“I’m a softball player,” said the 80 year old retired steel salesman. “Our team won a title last year,” he said.

Papale’s reason for helping out at Willow Creek is he lives on the course.

“I guess I’m kind of protecting my home,” the 15 year staff veteran joked.

The crew is easy going, but if you show up late for your tee time, that is when they have to scramble.

“You get one tee time behind and it can back up many more so we try to make sure we keep everything on schedule,” said Peel.

When Heflin took over the golf shop, he made a few changes that expanded the tee sheet and in some ways got the outside staff even more involved.

“We started earlier in the morning

and we went to 10 minutes between tee times. It has really helped the flow around the course and the guys do a great job keeping up with the tee sheet,” said Heflin.

Instead of waiting to get any update, the crew is often up in the shop checking for changes and letting Heflin know if they can “work” some golfers in.

“We’ve been busy and you hate to turn golfers away. If you do it often they may not come back. The way our guys run things, they let me know if we can get a walk-in out on the course. They understand the business,” said Heflin.

The club pro often hears compliments from members and guests about how efficient things run and how helpful and friendly the crew is.

“And most of them are Yankees,” joked the pro who grew up in Illinois. “But seriously they do such a great job making everyone feel comfortable, and welcome. We are really fortunate to have these guys here,” concluded Heflin.

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# Hamilton joins the SCJGF as senior director

## 2004 Amateur champ to lead SCGA Jr. fund-raising efforts

The new Senior Director of the South Carolina Junior Golf Foundation has just started his job with the Association in November, but he really has been preparing for a job like this one all of his golfing life.

Alex Hamilton began his association with the SCGA as a junior in Aiken.

His Junior success earned him an opportunity to play college golf at South Carolina.

As a Gamecock Hamilton was a four-year letterman and helped USC to four NCAA post season appearances.

Before his senior year in Columbia he put his name on the state amateur trophy.

Hamilton won the 2004 State Am and shares the honor of being one of only two SCGA staff members to be an amateur champion.

Hamilton is in good company, The other name on the trophy is Happ



Alex Hamilton traded in his 2004 SCGA Amateur Championship blazer for a 2022 staff jacket when he became the Senior Director of the South Carolina Junior Golf Foundation. (GolfClub Picture)

Lathrop, the long time retired executive director, who won the title in 1968 in the championship played at the Columbia Country Club just like Hamilton would do 34 years later.

After a few years playing professionally Hamilton began coaching with his first stop at Mercer.

He returned to work with USC's Bill McDonald helping the Gamecocks to success in the NCAA post season

After a year coaching at South



a college golfer and coach I know a lot of the people who know and care about the game in the State," he added.

Hamilton believes his office in Columbia may just be a place to pick up his mail. He is convinced a big part of his job is to be out and around the state.

"Working as the Director means making sure we have the funding we need to keep our Junior program at a high level. It means making sure we reach all the people who want to help, not just the ones who have helped in the past," he said.

One of the major concerns for Hamilton, as it is for the entire staff at the SCGA is making sure there are enough courses for the many golf championships and tournaments that the Association conducts for Palmetto State golfers.

"Private golf is booming, rounds are up and that makes finding courses a little more difficult, but the golf environment in the state is great for tourism and golfers who live here and I'm looking forward to helping the SCGA keep making the game even better, said Hamilton.

Alabama Hamilton took over the Wofford program before leaving coaching to represent Callaway with junior sand up and coming young players.

When the position at the SCGA opened Hamilton believed his life's experience would be a near perfect fit for the job.

"I knew what the SCGA did for me and what it is doing for all golfers in South Carolina," said Hamilton. "I think my experience as a junior golfer, and as

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## Gregory...

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 have a chance," he said after his third SCJGA win.

When Andrew Gregory was leaving Cheraw with the trophy for winning the Fall Challenge, SCJGA Tournament Coordinator Mark Elam asked if he would be at the next tournament, the Players Championship,

Gregory answered he would be there and he was going to win, again and backed it up at the Hartsville Country Club.

He backed up his prediction with his second straight win in the SCJGA Fall Series of tournaments.

"I guess I was feeling pretty good about my game after the win at Cheraw," said Gregory. "I had been playing well and I felt like I could keep it going," he said.

And he did in the first round of The Players Championship at the Hartsville Country Club.

Gregory used a pair of eagles to take the lead. He chipped in for one on the second hole and made a "little" four-footer for his other eagle on 18. Putting two eagles on a scorecard for the first time.

"I'm pretty sure I would have remembered if I had done that before, but that was the first time, and they came at a good time for me," he said.

The second eagle was on the finishing hole and gave Gregory a one shot lead over future Vanderbilt golfer Rowan Sullivan from Charleston and future Presbyterian golfer Gage Howard from Woodruff.

He was just 18 holes away from winning two in a row and 18 holes away from wrapping up a season long goal.



In addition to his four SCJGA wins Gregory also topped the field in four High School championships including the Trojan Invitational played in Carrolton, Georgia which featured top teams from Georgia and South Carolina. Gregory (r) finished 11th at the Bobby Chapman Junior at the Country Club of Spartanburg in a field made up of the top junior golfers in the country. (GolfClub Photo)

The start of Gregory's final round was the text book definition of a roller-coaster ride.

On the first nine holes he made three bogeys, but after every bogey he bounced back with a birdie.

Gregory made the turn at even par and then carded two birdies, with no bogeys on the back nine to finish the tournament at 5-under par with a four-shot victory.

"I was up and down today," said Gregory. "I played the front nine pretty good and made a lot of pars. I hit a few bad drives on the back nine but was able to birdie the par fives, so overall it ended up being a pretty good round," he said.

Howard from Woodruff and Charles Cauthen from Columbia tied for second place.

Gregory topped a much stronger field in the "Players" than he did a few weeks back in Cheraw.

The top nine golfers in the points



standings were all in the field at "The Players" adding to the value of Gregory's victory.

"I might have felt some pressure in the past, but this time I just tried to play a good shot after a bad one, just one shot at a time. If I hit a bad shot I didn't let it bother me and I followed it up with a good shot," he recalled.

Florence's Jay Smith and Indian Land's Mason Kucia were right behind Gregory in the points standings and also were behind him at the finish in Hartsville, which allowed Gregory to accomplish his biggest goal this year.

"My goal all year was to be the Player of the Year. Confidence is so important in golf and as I was finishing I had it. I told myself you can play golf, beat people and win golf tournaments, that kind of confidence is going to help me play college golf next year," said the future Liberty University golfer and South Carolina Junior of the Year.

## Jackson...

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USGA Mid-Am.

It was his second USGA national championship. As a high school golfer Jackson played in the 2009 US Junior.

"Erin Hills is an unbelievable course and it was a great experience," he said.

Jackson made the round of 64 and won his match.

In the round of 32 he was eliminated by the golfer who would finish as the runner-up, Hugh Foley from Ireland.

After the US Mid-Am Jackson moved ahead of SCGA Mid-Am champion John Weiss and held the points race lead to the end of the year.

He and Herold teamed up again for good finishes at the Musgrove Mill and Chanticleer Invitationals to finish the golf for the year.

Jackson plays his non-tournament golf at the Country Club of Lexington. The club near Columbia is one of several clubs around South Carolina where more than a few good golfers are members.

"You have to have a pretty good game to play at Lexington. You are always playing with good players so when you play in big tournaments it is a lot less nerve wracking," he said.

Jackson is looking forward to some of the doors to top level amateur events his Player of the Year award will open.

"Next to having my name on the list with so many other great players, getting to play in some top amateur tournament around the country will be fine" he said.

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# DeShields and Kelly win at The Fort Club

## Upstate juniors win the first Rick Vieth Junior Four-Ball title

This year Brooks DeShields and Blake Kelly teamed up to shoot an 8-under par final round and come from back in the pack to claim the win.

The two shot a 71 in the first round and didn't think they were very competitive when the lead was held by two teams, three shots ahead of them and a few others between them and the top spot.

"We kind of beat it around the first day and after we finished I asked Brooks to look at my swing and we fixed something," said Kelly.

In some four-ball matches one golfer has to carry the load, but the winning team split up the scoring evenly.

"We really had a pretty good day. When one of us would make a birdie the other had a par," said DeShields.

Both golfers carded an eagle during the round to get to 7-under for the round and be tied for the lead on the final hole.



Brooks DeShields (l) celebrates Blake Kelly's birdie on the final hole to win the First Rick Vieth Junior Four Ball championship. The two Upstate juniors shot a final round 8-under par and won the event by a single shot. (GolfClub Photo)

The Powdersville High School golfer (DeShields) and the Woodruff High School golfer (Kelly) finished with a second round 64 to edge out the team of Easley's Colton Evatt and Hanna's

"I knew we would need to birdie the hole to win. There were still a lot of golfers out on the course, but I figured we would be hard to catch," said Kelly, who had to wait for five more groups to finish before he could officially celebrate the win.

The Powdersville High School golfer (DeShields) and the Woodruff High School golfer (Kelly) finished with a second round 64 to edge out the team of Easley's Colton Evatt and Hanna's Jackson Scaletta by a shot.

The Junior Four-Ball had been originally scheduled for the weekend Hurricane Ian came through and the date was moved. The change affected the girls field since this weekend was the North-South All-Star Matches.

The team of Lexington High School golfers Caitlyn Gaines and Brooke Burgess claimed a four shot victory for the girls championship.

The tournament first appeared on the SCJGA schedule in 1995 as "The Tradition" and was played at Pebble Creek. The first winning team included future US Open champion Lucas Glover.

Jackson Scaletta by a shot.

Kelly took care of making sure his team would win. His second shot on the par-4 18th ended up about 3 feet from the hole.

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North team included Abby Franks – Dorman, Ivy Schulze – Hanna, Maddie Peake – Boiling Springs, Madison Dixon, Mattie Padgett -Seneca, Lindley Cox – Blue Ridge, Emilyn Davis – BHP, Evie Harkins – Pickens Coaches Andy Swords, Assistant Coach Macy Tate, Boiling Spring



Petty earned his second straight champion's belt at the Jackie Seawell Junior. It is not unusual to see his name on a leader board. He has done it often enough he was named the Under Armour Tour player of the year. Petty was honored on Nov. 1 when The City of Spartanburg declared it "Davis Petty Day". Petty is shown with City Council Member Erica Brown (below). (GolfClub Photo)



# North tops the South

## Upstate golfers add All-Star Matches to win total in 2022

The North scored the second biggest win in the history of the event with a 13.5 to 2.5 win in the annual North-South Girls All-Star matches, at the Greenwood Country Club.

The North team was loaded with future college golfers. The South did not have nearly as many.

After teams in the North swept up all the Girls High School Championships, if there is such a thing as momentum on a golf course, the North team had it.

"If you look at the South lineup they are very good. We kind of jumped

out to a lead in the first round and we kept playing well to win," said North coach Andy Swords.

Swords and Assistant coach Macy Tate from Boiling Springs hit on a simple way to set up their first round pairings.

"For the alternate shot round, we put down all of the girls' state championship scores and then we paired one with eight," said the All-Star coach.

The formula worked as the North swept all the matches to open a big lead.

"The girls were great and a lot of fun during the weekend. You could win a lot of championships if you get that group all on one team," said Swords, who led Daniel to the 2018 and 2019 state titles.

The North leads the 11 year old event with 9 wins and the South has two wins.

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second father to me. And my dad...that just means the world to me."

Ridley said the maturity that Petty showed in accepting the recognition that comes with the award is something that sets the young golfer apart.

"Coaching Davis has been one of the greatest highlights of my life because I've become his friend," Ridley said. "He's so warm, so open, so mature. It makes people want to gravitate around him. Tonight, for so many people to come out, it's just a testament to that. So many people have great accomplishments, but when you're humble about it, when you give people a little bit of it and they feel like it's their accomplishment too, that's when you have the support team that Davis has."





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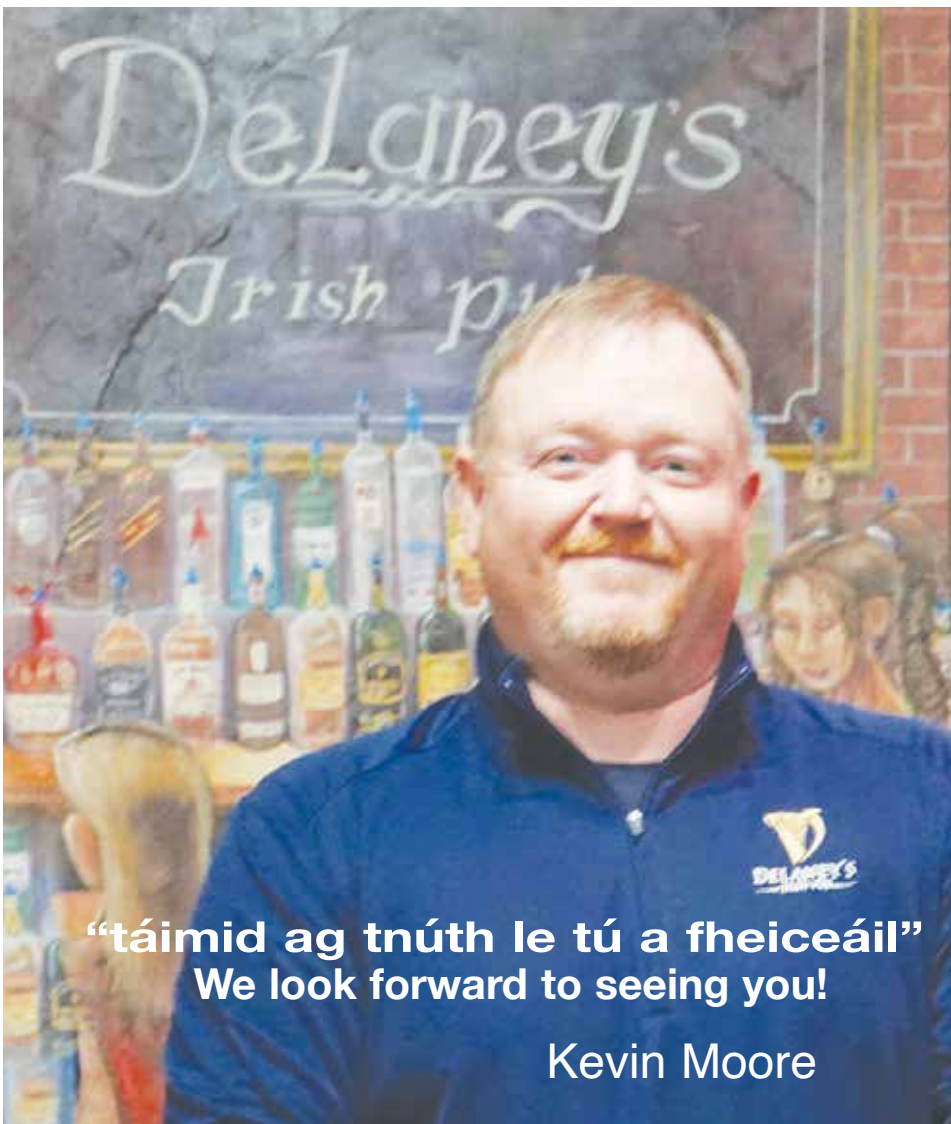




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