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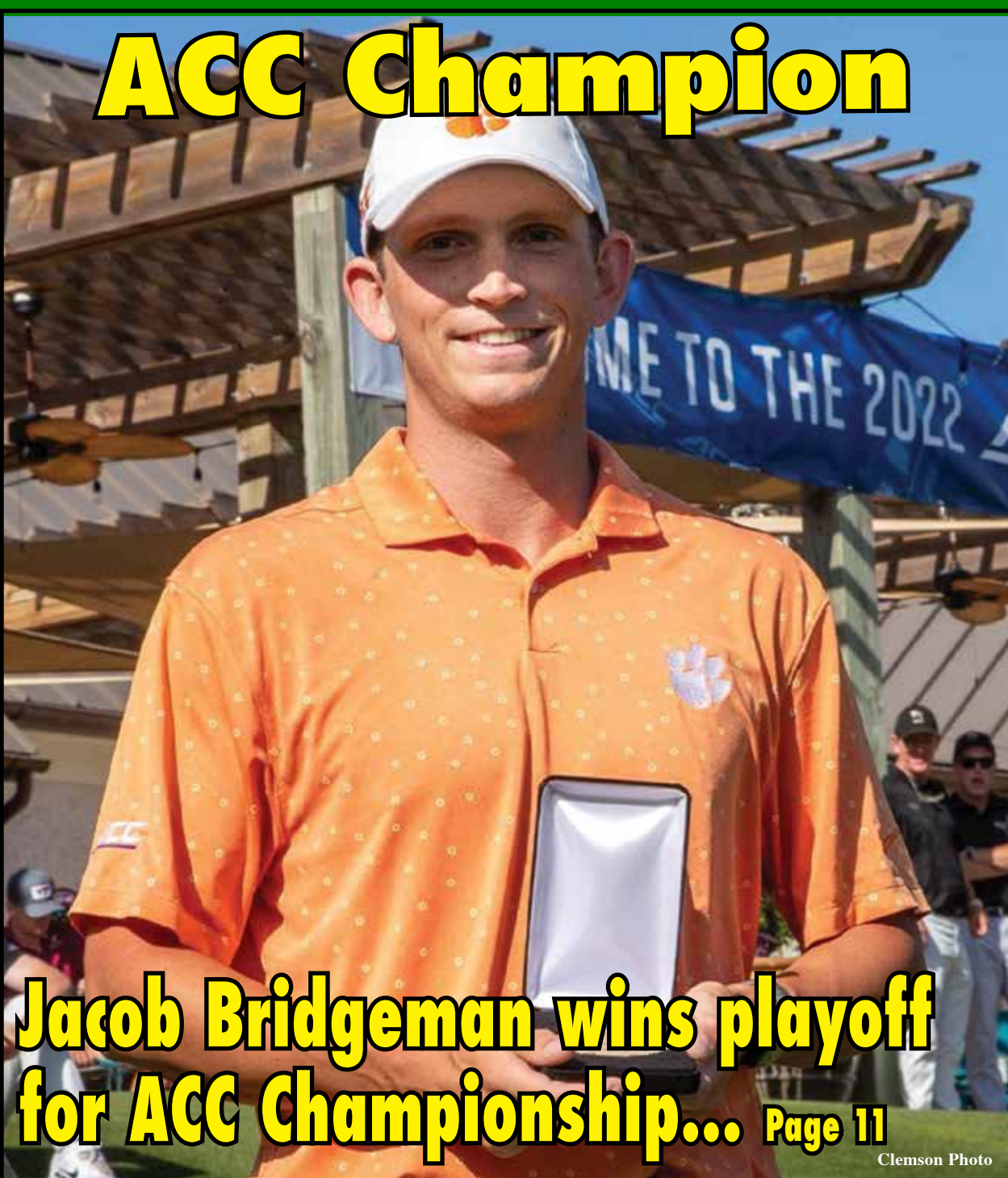
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Do You Know?



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

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One of Mike's college golfers, Delia Parker, celebrates making a long winning putt.

Last month I wrote an article about putting.

I listed four concepts Phil Kenyon considered bad putting concepts.

This month I am going to cover a torso move in the putting stroke that causes a Push Bias.

The right-handed golfer will tend to push a putt to the right of the hole.

A left handed golfer will tend to miss left.

In a good putting stroke the shoulders turn and tilt symmetrically during the back stroke and down stroke.

The PUSH BIAS occurs when the shoulders only tilt during the down stroke.

The left shoulder of a right handed golfer will be pushed upward and higher due to the tilting, and the putter will travel too far down the line.

The natural release of the putter will be inhibited.

The golfers head will move back and away from the hole during the downstroke.

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The tournament is open to Spartanburg County residents and club members.

Entry information is online at www.firstteeupstate.org.

Upstate 2-man, Legacy Pines, May 21-22. Open to all golfers. Flighted after the first round. Entry form is online at www.upstategolfclub.com

Folds of Honor Tournament, May 30th, Stoney Point Golf Club, Greenwood. Open to all golfers. Four player teams Captain's Choice format.

The tournament will include a golf ball drop with a 50/50 split.

Contact Kyle Davis at 864-993-4321.

A Coursey Memorial, The Patriot Golf Club, Saturday, June 4th. Double Shotguns at 8:30AM and 2PM. Four Player Captain's Choice Scramble.

Proceeds benefit Junior Golf. Call Craig Malone at 864-543-2000.

Festival of Flowers, June 25-26, Greenwood Country Club 36-hole individual stroke play event is open to players 16 and up.

Senior Division Players age 55 and over will play from the Gold Tees.

Note: If there are enough entrants

over 65, there will be a Super Senior Division. Entry information call (864) 942-8861.

Course Record

Links O'Tryon member Oren Wood set a new course record at the club He shot a 63 from the "Tagg" tees at about 6100 yards.

His record setting round included a bogey. He was playing with Wayne Jones, Paul Gangi and Joe Piccone.

Upstate Aces

Joanne Robinson, Links O'Tryon #15, 89 yds, 7-iron. Witnesses, her husband.

John DeBiasis, Willow Creek, #7, 102 yds, PW. Witnesses Jerry Baughman, Reg Patterson, Brian Smith.

Thomas Hansen, Carolina Springs, #8, 116 yds, 9-iron.

Josh Phillips, Links O'Tryon, #4, 167 yds, 8-iron. Witnesses Dallas Thomas, Bob Grampino, Rickey Johnson.

Frank "Scooter" Poole, Saluda Valley, #2, 154 yds, 7-iron. Witnesses Ted Williams, Ronnie Branyon.

Troy Whiteside, Links O'Tryon #4, 172 yds, 5-iron, Witnesses Landrum Golf team.

Wells McDougald, Cobb's Glen, #7, 112 yds, 52W, Witnesses Bennett Scaletta, Aiden Byce.

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Cobb's Glen wins Trescott title

Anderson club wins SCGA team event at Musgrove Mill

Led by Jake Miller's 5-under par 67 the team from Cobb's Glenn won the annual SCGA Trescott Team championship at Musgrove Mill.

Miller was joined by Josh Branyon, Blake Williamson and PGA Professional Dale Heflin on the winning team.

The Cobb's Glen team shot a team total of 210 to finish in front of the Thornblade Club team of Ron Clontz, Crawford Reeves, Richard Robarge and PGA Professional Brandon Motley.

In the SCGA-PGA Pro-Am portion of the event the team from the Country Club of Lexington topped the Cobb's Glen team for the Pro-Am victory.

Parks and Petty win at The Creek

The team of Hunter Parks and Davis Petty won the overall championship at The Creek Golf Club's Member-Member championship.

Stan Sill and Josh McMillan won the Championship Flight. Gary Cooper and Jantzen Childers won the First Flight.

Ray Stephens and Wayne Cooper won the Second Flight with Chuck and Ryan Burns taking the Third Flight.



The team of Jake Miller, PGA Professional Dale Heflin, Josh Branyon and Blake Williamson won the 38th annual SCGA Trescott championship.



Rawl and Roberts are Players of the Year

Two future Clemson golfers have been named the players of the year in South Carolina by the SC Coaches Association of Women's Sports.

Sydney Roberts from Chesnee is the AAA Player of the Year and Isabella Rawl from Lexington is the AAAAA Player of the Year.

Rawl was the AAAAA individual state champion, while Roberts won the AAA individual title.

SoCon honors Wofford's Ridgeway



The Southern Conference has named Wofford coach Angie Ridgeway the Coach of the Year.

Ridgeway guided the Terriers to a second place finish in the conference championship.

Wofford won two tournaments and had three other top-5 finishes during the season.



Hargett, Berchiatti win CGA Sr. Four-Ball title

Eddie Hargett from Blythewood, and Geno Berchiatti from Greenville were six-shots behind the leaders after the first round of the CGA Senior Four-Ball championship at Green Valley.

After the second round the duo cut the lead to four-shots and in the final round carded an 8-under par 64 to win the championship by a shot.

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Sophia Burnett set the pace for the Lady Paladins leading the field after the first 36 holes before finishing fourth. Senior Kyra Cox took the selfie with the championship trophy after the victory. Coach Jeff Hull, Assistant coach Mackenzie Raim and Lady Paladin golfers Savannah Hylton, Sarah-Eve Rheume, Sophia Burnett and Anna Morgan celebrated the school's 19th SoCon title. (Furman and SoCon Photos)

Furman is back on top of the SoCon

Lady Paladins bring SoCon championship back to Greenville

The Furman Lady Paladins reclaimed the championship of the Southern Conference with a four-shot victory in the tournament played on the Dye Course at Barefoot Landing in North Myrtle Beach.

The Lady Paladins will play in the NCAA Stillwater Regional hosted by Oklahoma State as the eighth seed. Regional Play begins on May 9th.

Furman won the school's 19th conference championship as well as the SoCon's automatic bid to the NCAA Regionals that begin on May 9th.

"It's really exciting to win this cham-

pionship," said Furman head coach Jeff Hull. "Conditions were tough today, and our players really fought hard," said the Lady Paladin coach.

Furman held the highest Golfstat ranking in the conference going into the tournament.

"Going in we felt like we were the best team. We felt if we played our own game and minimized mistakes we would be okay," he said.

For most of the tournament the Lady

Paladins did just that, but in the final round it got close.

"We made some mistakes coming in, but Sarah (Eve Rheume) got us going on the back nine," said the Furman coach.

Rheume, the defending SoCon individual champion, eagled the par-5 12th hole to give the Lady Paladins a little breathing room.

While Furman's top player, Anna **Furman...** continued on page 16



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Greenville's Jay Haas at the age of 68 broke Sam Snead's 40 year old record to become the oldest player to make a PGA Tour cut. Haas and his son Bill made the cut at the Zurich Classic. (PGATour & Twitter photos)

Haas makes the cut and sets the record

Greenville PGA Tour pro tops Sam Snead as oldest player to make a cut

It took Greenville's Jay Haas 49 years and the help of his son Bill to set the new all-time PGA Tour record as the oldest player to make a cut.

Playing with his son, Haas rolled in a 5-foot putt on the final hole of his second round at the Zurich Classic to break the record held by legendary golfer Sam Snead that had stood for 40 years.

"I don't think it should be (the record) because Sam Snead did it on his own, but anything that I'm even remotely close to Sam Snead on would be very special," said the senior Haas.

At 68 and almost 5 months Haas

edged out Snead by around a year to go into the record books.

The father and son had talked about playing together in the partners event for some time.

"We've talked about it the last couple of months and I tried to discourage him, that he needed a partner who could help him a little bit more," said Jay.

Bill, the 2011 Fed/Ex Cup champion is trying to regain full status on the Tour.

Evan as a top-50 career money winner, in order to have full status on the Tour going forward, he needs to finish the year in the top-120. He currently is around 160.

Making the cut with his father came down to the final hole.

Playing an alternate shot format Bill put his dad in position and hopefully

making the cut.

"I wanted to make the cut so bad. I don't think we showed up just to try. We wouldn't have been so nervous if we just didn't care. But he can shoot a good score. The ball doesn't know who's hitting it, and he played amazing," said Bill.

In his 49 year PGA Tour career Jay has stood over maybe thousands of 5-footers, but he had trouble remembering if he ever was as nervous as over this last one.

"That was probably as nervous as I've ever been over a putt of that length certainly. It sounds silly just to have a chance to make the cut. However, there's a lot of circumstances here that it kind of made it doubly important in my mind," Jay said.

The two had struggled from the 14th hole on when they had making the cut in their sights and maybe were trying too hard.

"It's one of the hardest things to do in golf is to let that go and quit trying so hard and just execute. I was struggling out there to execute It was fun to hang on, fun for him to make that last putt," said Bill.

With the putt the Haas's made the cut on the number and a good week for the father and son got better being able to play on the weekend.

"To somehow shake that putt in on the last hole was something I'll never forget, but just the whole week, playing with Bill, getting texts from all my kids, it's just been a real charge," said Jay.

Jay and Bill played the final two rounds and finished tied for 38th.

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The Anderson Trojans won the South Atlantic Conference championship at the Hartsville Country Club. The win earned the team a trip to the NCAA Division-II South Regional. Jessica Rathbone (left) won medalist honors while teammate Kennedy McGaha (right) finished third and was named to the All-Conference team.

Anderson wins SAC Championship

Trojans earn SAC's bid to the NCAA D-II South Regional

In the words of Cal Naughton Junior, "nothin' wrong with silver."

But unlike the perpetual runner-up to Ricky Bobby, the Anderson Trojans got tired of taking the runner-up trophy home with them.

The Trojans went for the gold and got it at the South Atlantic Conference Women's championship played at the Hartsville Country Club.

Anderson had finished in second place four times during the regular season playing in events with other elite NCAA DII teams.

"I kept telling them it was going to happen for us," said Denton Moore, the

Associate Head Coach at Anderson. "We have been ranked among the top-5 teams and have been playing in tournaments with all the best teams and coming close to winning," he said.

Anderson's regular season record, included two wins and a third place finish, but the four second place finishes have come against Nova-Southeastern, Lynn and Limestone all ranked in the top-five with the Trojans.

"This was a big win for us and it means we are going to the NCAA D-II South Regionals in May," said Moore.

The Trojans claimed a nine-shot win in the conference tournament and Jessica Rathbone continued her outstanding season with a third tournament title.

The sophomore, from Virginia, was the tournament medalist shooting better scores every day.

"Jessica was playing great and in the

last round she carried us over the finish line," said Moore.

Rathbone shot rounds of 72-69 and a final round 67 to win the conference championship by 10 shots.

The 18h ranked NCAA Division II player is certain to move up higher.

"I don't think she has finished outside the top-20 in any event this year. Sometimes she is playing a different course than the rest of us," joked Moore.

She received great support from freshman Kennedy McGaha, from nearby Belton, who finished third after flirting with the lead during the tournament.

Kerington Lamb finished tied for 11th with Emma Charles and Victoria Hall rounding out the championship team.

"We have been very fortunate to also have some very good players like Zoe Iglesias and Anna Freeman who can step

right into the lineup," added Moore.

Winning a conference championship is every team's goal. Now comes the next big step for the program.

Victoria Hall and Emma Charles have gone on to the national as individual players, but as a team, Anderson had yet to earn an invitation until this year.

Anderson will play in the NCAA D-II South Regional in Fort Lauderdale. If they can finish in the top-five they can advance to the national championship.

"I think everyone who is involved in D-II Women's golf knows that the South Regional has more good teams than even the national championship, so it will be a real challenge to move on," Moore said.

"We have a chance to do something we've never done before. We are looking forward to what is in front of us," concluded Moore.



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Morgan is SoCon Player of the Year

Lady Paladin Junior won two tournaments and played at Augusta

Anna Morgan has had an outstanding season and is hoping for a little more.

The Lady Paladin from Spartanburg and her teammates are preparing to play in the NCAA Regional in Stillwater, Oklahoma.

Morgan will take the Southern Conference Player of the Year award with her to the Regional.

The Furman junior added this year's Player of the Year award to the Freshman of the Year Award she won in 2021.

"It is a very nice honor to receive," Morgan said. "I knew I was having a pretty good year," she said.

Morgan won two tournaments during the season.

She set a new tournament record when she won the Lady Paladin championship and added medalist honors at the UNF Collegiate.

"I knew if I played good golf it could



SoCon Player of the Year Anna Morgan from Furman won two tournaments during the year and played in her first Augusta National Women's Amateur on the Augusta National course. (ANWA Photo)

be something I could get, but it wasn't a goal. I just wanted to play good golf and keep improving. Sometimes that is easier said than done," Morgan said.

Her conference honor and two college wins are important, but not much

could compare to her experience playing at Augusta in the Augusta National Women's Amateur.

"It is easily the best experience of my life. Thinking about it now it almost seems unreal that I was play-

ing at Augusta on the Masters course," Morgan said.

If you watched the TV coverage of the final round of the ANWA you didn't get to see much of Morgan until the 18th hole.

The golf gods smiled on Morgan as she completed her round.

Her ability and the TV camera, for the live national broadcast, gave her a memory that she will never want to forget.

What TV viewers saw was an impressive 18 foot birdie putt on her final hole.

The camera angle wasn't the best, but it still showed the birdie putt roll into the hole and Morgan's reaction.

"It was fun because I had a lot of my family, friends, teammates, and coaches out here," added Morgan. "I could literally recognize their voices in the crowd even though I couldn't necessarily see them the whole day. Just knowing they were all walking along with me made it a little bit more comfortable and just a lot of fun," she said.

Morgan finished the final round shooting a 4 over par 76 to finish in a tie for 21st.

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Spartanburg's Davis Petty (left) may soon be able to open a jewelry store with all the crystal trophies he has accumulated. Greenville's Cullen Beck (right) will hang on to the ball he used to make a hole-in-one to help him win the US Kids Desert Shoot-Out. Carolina Country Club's Kevin Britt teaches juniors all year, but has special summer camps. Now is time to make plans for summer golf for juniors. (GolfClub Photos)

Summer golf for juniors is almost here

Tournaments, Camps and Junior Tours promise a summer of fun golf for kids

There is no way to know if the very young golfers who are winning tournaments at the age of eight, nine or ten will continue on to be junior stars, but if the intensity with which they attack the game is any indication there is a good chance we could be seeing these kids on TV someday.

Spartanburg's Davis Petty is one of those young phenoms who looks, acts, practices and plays like an 11 year Tour veteran instead of an 11 year old.

Petty recently won his Under Armour age group event at Saddlebrook near Tampa, shooting a final round 64 to make up a three shot deficit for the win.

Last year he won a similar event at Disney World and he already owned the 2020 US Kids 9-year old world championship.

Greenville's 10 year old Cullen Beck won the US Kids Desert Shoot-out in Arizona with a finish Tiger Woods would have been proud of.

Beck started the final round trailing the leader by two-shots. He looked to have the opportunity to take

the lead, but he double-bogeyed his 16th hole.

The Greenville junior had to do something dramatic and he did. He aced his 17th hole and eagled the 18th hole to win the championship by 2-shots.

Petty and Beck are two examples of very young golfers who seem to have unlimited possibilities in front of them, if, and it is a big if, they can maintain the desire and work ethic they have shown so far.

Not many junior golfers will ever develop the game that Petty and Beck already have, but that doesn't mean there isn't a place for them in golf.

The growth of junior golf can be traced to the efforts of the South Carolina Golf Association, but junior opportunities have not always existed on the level they do today.

Several years ago Todd Carter and Todd McAlister started the GSA Tour in the Upstate to create opportunities for young golfers (*Please see Jed Blackwell's story on Page 17 about the GSA Tour*)

Recently the SCJGA has increased staff and events to keep up with the ever increasing demand for golf opportunities for juniors.

"The interest is so great and there are so many really good juniors that our events have not had much room," said Justin Fleming, the SCJGA Senior Director.

To try to satisfy the demand the SCJGA has started the Player's Series. Tournaments around the state where being a highly ranked junior actually works against getting into the field.

"We needed an opportunity for the kids who didn't have the ranking to get into many of our events. The Player's Series accepts applications from players who are ranked above 75 in our rating," said Fleming.

The expectation is that young golfers begin to develop the skills needed to move into the main competitive draw at bigger events.

The Player's Series has opportunities for junior boys and girls 13-18 to compete.

The SCJGA also conducts the Hootie Summer Series of Monday tournaments beginning in June at 14 chapters around the state for boys and girls 7-18.

Their scores are tracked and at the end of the summer the top golfers can play in All-Star matches.

While the SCJGA has some events for the under 12 juniors, like the Hootie Series and state Pee Wee championship, the need for playing opportunities for kids as young as 6 has opened the door for other junior series.

Many of the very young golfers can't play on their own. Under Armour and US kids get parents involved **Junior Golf...** continued on page 12

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The Greenville All-County team (right) included Greenville's Claiborne Mardre, Tip Price, and Hugh Faulkner. Mauldin's Jay Wilkins (Medalist) and Major Lenning. Christ Church's William and Walker Jennings. The Greenville Red Raiders County championship team included Claiborne Mardre, Tip Price, Hugh Faulkner, Henry White, Walker Dunn and coach Andy Newton. Jay Wilkins (below) was the only golfer in the field to break par and gave Mauldin High School its second straight Greenville County individual champion. (GolfClub photos)

Red Raiders win Greenville County title

Mauldin's Wilkins takes takes the top spot at Thornblade

Upstate High School golfers have played the early part of their season in some challenging weather conditions.

Wind has seemed to be a factor in many events and the teams that have learned to play their way through the gusts have turned in winning performances.

Greenville beat the wind and the field at The Rebel Invitational in March and did the same at the Greenville County High School championship.

Greenville shot a 298 total to win the Greenville County title by 4-shots over the defending champions from Mauldin, with Christ Church finishing third.

"To beat last year's champs (Mauldin) Christ Church and Eastside and shoot

the overall best team score we have had in the last three years, it doesn't get any better than that," said Greenville coach Andy Newton.

Greenville's Tip Price and Hugh Faulkner both were in the hunt for medalist honors till late in their rounds.

Faulkner finished at even par, in second place, while Price carded a 1-over par 72 to finish in a third place tie with Christ Church's William Jennings.

As well as Faulkner and Price played, it was a third member of the team that was a difference maker for Greenville.

"Tip and Hugh did their thing and today they got some great help from Claiborne Mardre. He played out of his mind. He shot 73 with a couple of late bogeys. He has become one of our better players," said Newton.

Pardon the pun, but the win puts some wind at the Red Raiders back.

"I told the team this is like the All-



Star break in baseball. We now can use this win to give us confidence going forward," he said.

Mauldin's Jay Wilkins was the only golfer in the field to finish under par. Wilkins shot a 3-under 68 in very difficult conditions.

"All year it has been really windy, so

I've learned how to keep the ball low," said Wilkins. "I've learned how to play the wind to my advantage," he said.

Wilkins used an early 25 foot par saving putt to set up his winning round.

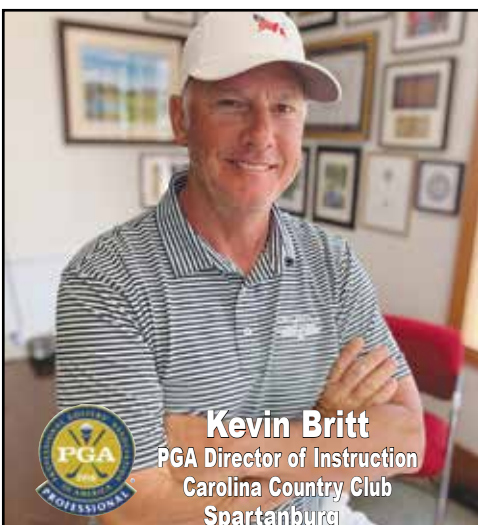
Not only did he finish 3-shots in front of Greenville's Faulkner for the win, but he also topped his teammate who was the defending champion.

"Me and Major (Lenning) played well. We both have played well all year. We love competing with each other. He got one last year so I had to get him back," joked Wilkins.

With the Mavericks' two top golfers earning a win and a tie for fifth, Mauldin missed repeating as Greenville champions by just a couple of shots.

"This year has been different. We have a younger team and we are having fun with it. Me and Major just go and play our best and see what happens," said Wilkins.

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Stars are back in the Upstate for the BMW

Spartanburg returns to the tournament with two rounds at the Carolina Country Club

The celebrity lineup has been announced for the upcoming BMW Charity Classic.

The Korn-Ferry Tour stop will be in the Upstate from June 9th to the 12th at Thornblade Club and the Carolina Country Club.

This year's group of celebrities include many returning favorites, some new faces and a few celebrities you may need to buy a program to know who they are.

Fans will see celebrities from sports, Hollywood and music tee it up to help raise money for local charities.

Law and Order and Blackish actor Anthony Anderson has played in the tournament several times as has comedian Larry the Cable Guy.

Baseball stars Ken Griffey, Jr. Ozzie Smith and David Wells will join former USC and Packer great Sterling Sharpe among the professional athletes in the celebrity field.

If you understand Golf Social Media Influencing you will be able to follow the Shee Sisters, Kat and Isabelle on the course as well as online.

The celebrity with the largest following last year is back as boxing champion Canelo Alvarez will play in the tournament for the second straight year.

Celebrities and amateurs are paired with Korn-Ferry Tour players for one round at each course. After the second round is played a cut is made for the professionals and the amateurs.

The surviving pro-am teams play their final round on Saturday at Thornblade Club and the professionals have the course all to themselves on Sunday to complete the tournament's final round.

The complete list of celebrities can be found on the event website at www.bmwcharitygolf.com.

This year the Carolina Country Club welcomes the BMW Charity Pro-Am back to the club in Spartanburg for the first time since 2011.

The first two rounds of the Korn-Ferry Tour event will be played at Carolina and Thornblade Club before the cut is made and the final two rounds are played at the Greenville course.

"There is a real energy around the tournament returning to Spartanburg," said BMW's Max Metcalf, the tournament's Secretary-Treasurer. "The Carolina Country Club team, members and residents have just been great," he said.

Not only will fans get to see the Korn-Ferry Tour players and the celebrities play at Carolina, several off course events have been scheduled to reach out to Spartanburg area residents and make them part of the week long tournament activities.

Once all of the off course events were held in Greenville, this year several will be in Spartanburg.

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Bridgeman is the ACC Champion

Clemson senior ends regular season with playoff victory

It took a couple of extra holes, but Clemson's Jacob Bridgeman is the new ACC champion.

The Tiger senior from Inman, SC birdied the second playoff hole to break a tie with North Carolina's Peter Fountain for the individual championship.

Bridgeman and Fountain were tied going into the final round, but both golfers were playing on opposite sides of the course with their teams.

Bridgeman started on the back nine and birdied his first hole to take the lead.

He added an eagle 3 on the par-5 13th hole (his fourth hole of the day) to add to his lead.

Fountain was playing the front nine and birdied two holes and when Bridgeman bogeyed his ninth hole (18 on the course) the two were effectively back to even, even if the leader board didn't read that way.

Both golfers birdied their par 5s on their final nine. Bridgeman's two birdies kept him in the lead until Fountain got to his second par 5, the 17th hole.

The Tarheel golfer birdied the hole and with one hole to go had a chance to break the tie and win the championship.

While Bridgeman, who finished on his side of the course well in front of Fountain, waited, the UNC golfer settled



Clemson's Jacob Bridgeman continued his hot streak with playoff win to claim the ACC Individual championship at Shark'Tooth Golf Course in Panama City Beach, Florida. (Clemson Photo)

See how Jacob Bridgeman won the playoff for the ACC title and hear from the champion at www.scgolfclub.com

for a par on his final hole and a tie for the lead and a sudden-death playoff.

In the playoff, Bridgeman had a chance to end it on the first extra hole, but a 6-foot birdie putt missed the hole.

On the second playoff hole, Fountain pushed his second shot to the back of the green while Bridgeman hit a near perfect approach shot to within 7 feet of the pin.

Fountain missed his long birdie try,

but this time Bridgeman drained the birdie putt for the ACC Championship.

"It was a little bit longer than the first one, but I knew I had it," said the new ACC Champion.

Clemson coach Jordan Byrd knows he has seen Bridgeman play a stretch of golf that is just about equal to some of the record performances by the best Clemson golfers in the past.

"Jacob has been brilliant all spring and this week was no different," said Byrd. "He has a complete game and he used all of it this week to win," said Byrd.

Bridgeman is the seventh Tiger to win the conference championship and the first to win the individual title outright since John Engler won the champi-

onship in 2001. The last Clemson golfer to win an ACC championship was David May who shared the title in 2009.

"We have a lot of history at our school, to make some more is special to me. To see I've made my mark in Clemson history is awesome," said Bridgeman.

With the win Bridgeman set or tied a number of program records.

He now shares the record for most tournament victories at five with 1989 US Amateur champion Chris Patton and the PGA Tour's D.J. Trahan.

Bridgeman's impressive finish to the regular season included a win in the PGA Tour Canada qualifying tournament. A college win at the Linger Longer Invitational and top-4 finishes in three other spring tournaments.

"I have been playing great. I started at the Canadian Q School qualifier, every thing clicked down there. We have been playing a lot of golf so I haven't had time to change anything. My putter got me through this tournament. I didn't hit it my best. My ball striking has been great the last few weeks so it was great to have that (putter) come back out," said Bridgeman.

His run of sub 70 scores continued in the tournament and now stands at 49 for the year, a new Clemson record.

The Chapman High School grad posted rounds of 69-66-68 for a 203 total. Bridgeman made only three bogeys in the tournament, one in each round.

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as caddies and helpers until the juniors reach a certain age.

"It is great that they can be with their juniors and help them learn the game while they compete," said Chip Ridley, the director of the Under Armour Tour in the Upstate.

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Kevin Britt, the Director of Instruction at the Carolina Country Club has been honored by the Carolinas PGA Section for his work with juniors and is convinced having fun is the best way to learn in the summer.

"You not only want kids to learn to play, but you want them to have fun and build relationships with other kids. That is what brings them back and fuels the competition to make some grow into very good golfers," he said.

Britt will conduct several camps this summer at Carolina. Information is on his website at www.kevinbritt.com.

Parents can find information about the SCJGA and its junior opportunities at www.scjga.org.

The Junior Tour powered by Under Armour is online at www.uagolftour.com. US Kids information is available at www.uskidsgolf.com.

And don't forget to reach out to a golf course or club near you. Many have programs and welcome the opportunity to grow the game by working with juniors.

So act now for a summer full of fun golf that may lead to a lifetime career or simply the enjoyment the game always provides.



The Carolina Country Club will host two rounds of the BMW Charity Pro-Am. The finishing par-5 hole can test the courage of any golfer under pressure. (GolfClub Photo)

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A night with the Marshall Tucker Band will be on Tuesday, June 7th at 7:30 in Morgan Square. The public is invited and a VIP ticket is available.

On June 8th, The Carolina Country Club will host a ticketed ladies clinic and lunch featuring LPGA Hall of Fame golfer Amy Alcott.

There are two junior clinics connected with the tournament in Spartanburg.

On Monday, June 6th, First Tee Upstate will hold a junior clinic at Carolina from 4-7 and on June 8th the tournament will host a special Spanish Speaking Junior Clinic also at Carolina.

Additional event information and tickets to these events can be found and tickets can be purchased at the event

website.

There are a number of similar events in Greenville, but this is the first time these events are offered in Spartanburg.

"You can feel the energy in Spartanburg, and you know how it is in Greenville, that energy is going through the whole Upstate," said Metcalf.

With the off course events followed by the golf tournament the BMW is now really a week instead of just 72 holes.

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Palmetto State golfers advance to the post season

Gamecocks get top seed for NCAA Region in Tallahassee

South Carolina enters the championship chase as the top seeded team in the Tallahassee Region.

The Gamecocks won five tournaments during the regular season, including the Darius Rucker, but were knocked out of the SEC championship by Alabama for the second year in a row in Match Play.

“We are excited and honored to have earned the No. 1 seed at the Tallahassee Regional,” said head coach Kalen Anderson. “Our group has been preparing extremely diligently, and we will be ready to compete,” added Anderson.

The Seminole Legacy Golf Club in Tallahassee will host the Regional.

Clemson finishes 5th in ACC Championship

Clemson will travel to Stillwater, OK after just missing Match Play at the ACC Championship.

Clemson is the sixth seed in the Regional hosted by Oklahoma State.

The Tigers finished fifth at the Reserve Club on Pawleys Island in the ACC tournament.



Spartanburg Methodist has advanced to the National Junior College Finals in Lubbock, Texas. The Pioneer team included Assistant Coach Larry Kelly, Lane Whitsell, Davis Hill, Sam Norris, Jake Vaughan, Andrew Greene, Corbin Pye, Head coach Dr. Kyle Owings.

Last season the Tigers earned the school's first 54 hole championship with the team's win at the Clover Cup.

In 2003 the Tigers men's team won the NCAA Championship at the Karsten Creek course.

SMC advances to Juco Championship

Spartanburg Methodist will play in the National Junior College championship in Odessa, Texas.

The Pioneers qualified at the South/Southeast Regional tournament in Alabama.

“It was a total team effort,” said the Pioneers' coach Kyle Owings. “Just to advance out of the Region feels like we

NCAA Men's Regional assignments were made after our print deadline. We will post an update on our website at www.scgolfclub.com after May 4th.

already won the championship,” he said. The South Region had more highly ranked teams than may be at the National Championship.

“Our Region was loaded. It had 10 of the top-25 teams in the country, so we are pretty happy we were able to advance to the finals,” said Owings.

Andrew Greene and Davis Hill led the way for the Pioneers.

It has been four years since the Pioneers last played in the JUCO National Championship. This year the tournament begins on May 10th.

Holder is Sunland's Freshman of the year

Augusta University's Chloe Holder, from Wren High School was named the Freshman of the Year in the Sunland Conference.



Holder won a tournament during the year and finished third in the Sunland Conference tournament.

Holder and the Jaguars will play in the Franklin, TN NCAA Regional.

Lander's Legros wins Peach Belt title

Maxime Legros won the Sun Belt individual championship.



The Lander senior has advanced to the NCAA Division II South/Southeast Regional in Valdosta, GA.

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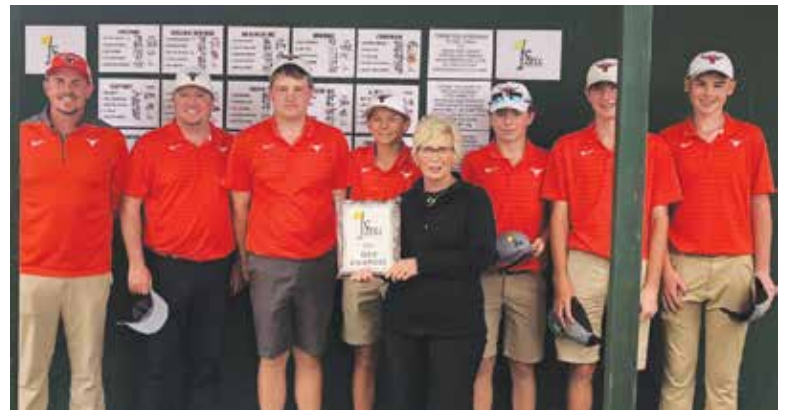
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The Greenville Red Raiders won their third big tournament of the year when they finished on top of the 36-hole Wren Invitational at Southern Oaks. Andrew Gregory claimed the individual top spot in two more tournaments making the Boiling Springs junior someone to watch in the SC AAAAA playoffs. Mauldin won the T.C. Ezell Invitational championship at Meadowbrook Golf Club and moved up a few spots in the state golf coaches poll.

Are you ready for the playoffs

Upstate teams tune up for championship play in May

Last year teams from the Upstate dominated the South Carolina High School Championships.

Boiling Springs, Christ Church and Southside Christian all brought back state titles.

So did AC Flora from Columbia which has been grouped into the Upstate by the SCHSL.

Sweeping to the championships could be more difficult this year for the Upstate if the final poll before the playoffs begin is an indication.

In AAAA Flora continues to be the favorite. The Falcons will have the

SC High School Golf Coaches Pre-Playoff Rankings

AAAAA	AAAA	AAA	AA&A
1 Chapin	1 A.C. Flora	1 Bishop England	1 Christ Church
2 Spartanburg	2 Greenville	2 Oceanside	2 C Pageland
3 Boiling Springs	3 N Augusta	3 Woodruff	3 St. Joseph's
4 Mauldin	4 S Aiken	4 Wren	4 P Simmons
5 River Bluff	5 Eastside	5 Fox Creek	5 Chesnee

added benefit of playing the state championship on their home course at Forrest Lake in Columbia.

Greenville has recently won three big tournaments and maybe most important the back of the lineup has come alive to support the play of the Red Raiders two leading golfers Tip Price and Hugh Faulkner.

With Boiling Springs struggling as a team, Chapin, Spartanburg and especial-

ly Mauldin look to have the opportunity to make a serious championship run.

The Mavericks won the TC Ezell Invitational, but also have two solid second place finishes at the Greenville County and the Wren Invitational.

Jay Wilkins and Major Lenning have both been individual Greenville County champions and if they get some help could make Mauldin a real AAAAA contender.

If there is such a thing as a "mortal lock" in high school golf Christ Church winning another state title would be it.

The Cavaliers have so much talent on the team, they arguably could be the favorite in any of the high school league classifications.

Boiling Springs' Zach Phillips won the individual AAAAA championship last year and another Bulldog could be ready to make it two in a row.

Andrew Gregory claimed an impressive win in the Trojan Invitational in Carrolton, GA.

He added a win at the Ezell Invitational and a solid third place finish at the Southern Cross in the final tune up before Region championships and the Upper State qualifying tournament in early May.

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USC Upstate finished as the runner-up in the Big South Conference as did the Wofford Terriers in the SoCon. Each team's top individual finisher was second in the individual standings in their conference. Been Pabsimma from Upstate was second in the Big South while Beca Earl from Wofford was second in the SoCon. The Upstate team included Head Coach Todd Lawton, Assistant Coach Brooke Hutto, Suvarin Yord-In, Preaw Nontarux, Beem Pabsimma, Katheryn Elliott and Abigayle Hatcher. The Terrier team included Beca Earl, Speedy Kent, Nicole Amos, Lindsey Hollis and Maggie Jackson. (Golf Club and SoCon photos)

Upstate and Wofford earn best conference finishes

Spartans and Terriers produce best seasons in each school's history

The women's golf teams at USC Upstate and Wofford turned in their best season finishes in each program's conference championships.

Upstate takes second in Big South

USC Upstate finished second in stroke play qualifying and topped Charleston Southern in the first round to advance to face Campbell in the Big South Match Play finals at The Patriot near Ninety Six.

Upstate pressed the Big South defend-

See Playoff highlights and hear from USC Upstate coach Todd Lawton on our website www.scgolfclub.com

ing champions into a sudden-death playoff.

It took the Camels six-holes of sudden death play before they were able to top the Spartans.

Campbell won its sixth straight Big South title.

"It turned around on a dime, it could have gone either way," said John Crooks,

Campbell's coach. "We're fortunate to be the Big South conference champions," he added.

Upstate coach Todd Lawton watched as his team match Campbell shot for shot until the sixth playoff hole.

"This provides something for the future. It is a good take-away, but we fell short," he said.

"During the playoff the Upstate coach was often surprised by the shots, chips and putts his team was able to produce.

"We hit some shots that were better than I thought we were capable of. Nobody faded, nobody," said Lawton.

The best tournament finish followed another successful regular season for

the Spartans, who won a tournament had three second place finishes and four more Top-10s.

"The overall quality of my players is what put them in this position. From the first tee to 18th green they hung in there and stayed with it," Lawton said.

There are no seniors on the Upstate team so the success and the experience gained in the Match Play final should help the Spartans in the future.

"I'm super proud. I see this as the next step, and we are making big steps in this program. Now we need to add some people to who we have and keep going," concluded Lawton.

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"He has a complete game that can win in any condition or environment. It is a treat for me to watch him compete!" said his coach.

The Clemson senior may make some of the decision makers involved with post season awards wonder why they left him off the Ben Hogan spring watch list.

While the Hogan and Haskins Awards are always significant, Bridgeman's win may be even more important to his immediate future after completing play in the NCAA Championship this month.

Bridgeman is currently ranked second (as of April 30th) in the PGA Tour University poll. The top five golfers in the poll receive full season exemptions to the Korn-Ferry Tour and can begin play as soon as the college season ends.

If he can stay in the top-5 Bridgeman could begin his professional career either in Raleigh or in the Upstate at the BMW. Both events take place right after the completion of the NCAA Championship in Arizona.

The Clemson team missed the chance to repeat as conference champions finishing the stroke play portion of the tournament in a tie for 9th place.

The Tigers are ranked 23rd in the Golf Stat poll and will certainly receive an invitation to play in an NCAA Regional.

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Morgan, had a good tournament finishing in a tie for ninth place, the four other golfers helped the Lady Paladins wrap up the victory.

Sophia Burnett took the opening round lead with a 2-under par 70 and held the lead when the weather delayed second round was completed.

Kyra Cox shot a final round 3-over par 75, but her four birdies in five holes on the back nine tied Morgan for the second best score in the final round and helped keep Furman in the lead.

Freshman Savannah Hylton contributed two counting rounds and like Cox finished in the top-30.

"The best thing about today was that everyone contributed. It was a total team effort," said Hull.

The Lady Paladins finished four-shots in front of Wofford, but not before giving their coach a little scare when three of the Lady Paladins double-bogeyed the final hole.

"The 18th hole was kind of interesting, but we played really solid, and we're so excited to bring the SoCon Championship back home," said Hull.

Furman was second last year, one-shot behind East Tennessee State. There was no tournament in 2020 because of the pandemic so the victory was Furman's first since 2019.

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Wofford finishes second in the SoCon

The Wofford Terriers completed their best season with their best finish in the SoCon Championship.

Finishing second, the highest finish in the program's history was significant, but the Terriers were so close to an even bigger accomplishment.

"It was impressive the way we played. We played with real confidence and a belief in each other, and played with a lot of grit," said Angie Ridgeway the Terrier coach.

Wofford was 9 shots behind Furman at the end of the first round.

The tournament experienced some difficult weather conditions and needed an extra day to complete the second round.

When the round was finished Wofford posted the best second round score, a 294, and would move on to the final round tied with Furman.

"The scoring conditions were very difficult in the second round and we handled it well," she said.

The Terriers Beca Earl's 67 in the second round was the best round shot in the tournament at Barefoot Landing's Dye Course in Myrtle Beach.

Earl's score tied Chattanooga's Dorota Zalewska for second place 2-shots behind Furman's Sophia Burnett.

Earl and Zalewska battled even until the 15th hole when Earl bogeyed.

On 17, Zalewska holed her tee shot on the 110 yard par-3.

Earl ran in a 25 foot birdie putt on the hole, but was now two-behind with one

hole to play.

On the final hole Earl chipped in from a bunker for a birdie, but Zalewska sank an 8-foot par putt to win by a shot.

"I really didn't see much (at the end) because I was crying," said Earl. "It wasn't because I didn't win it was because I knew it was my last time playing at Wofford," she said.

Earl finished her time with the Terriers as the most successful golfer in the program's history. She earned three wins including the championship at this year's Lady Bison Bay Point Classic. She also posted three other top-10 finishes this spring.

Furman won the SoCon Tournament championship by four-shots over the Terriers.

Wofford loses Earl and Speedy Kent from their SoCon tournament lineup, but Ridgeway believes the progress the team has made the last few year's puts the Terriers in a better competitive position for the future.

"We have two rising seniors in Nicole Amos and Lindsay Hollis who both had good tournaments. Freshman Maggie Jackson has been in the lineup for every tournament this year and we have some good players coming in," said Ridgeway.

The Terriers best previous SoCon finish was fourth place in 2015.

"I'm so proud of this team. There is no disappointment in the effort. This team has raised the bar for Wofford Golf," concluded the Terrier' coach.

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A unique Upstate golf tour that provides competitive opportunities for junior golfers is well underway for the season, and is ready for its ninth year.

The GSA Junior Golf tour held its April stop at the Carolina Country Club, with a field of talented junior golfers. Tour organizers Todd McAlister and Todd Carter said that's the whole idea behind the tour.

"We both live in Easley, and we started the tour in 2014 mainly to give our own kids more opportunities to play and to get out on the golf course," McAlister said. "We stay local in order to kind of lessen the burden of travel, because junior golf is not inexpensive. We play somewhere in the Upstate once a month, year-round. We're just trying to give the kids an opportunity to play."

Those opportunities pay off as young golfers progress, McAlister said.

"I think the more opportunity you



GSA Tour organizer Todd Carter and current Erskine golfer Mia Settle help a golfer register for the tour's recent stop at the Carolina Country Club

have to play, the more times you do something, the less nerves you're going to face," he said. "Our tour is more developmental, probably, but if you win out here it's not a walkover. You'll have some kids shoot in the mid to low 70s or sometimes better to win it."

The GSA Tour also has an eye on affordability.

"There's a lot more out there for junior golfers today than when we started, but a lot of junior golf still involves a ton of travel," McAlister said. "Kids usually have no concept of the cost of

travel plus the cost of playing. We try to be cost-price competitive. Today, for example, I think we've got a couple out of Columbia, but most of the players are from within an hour of here."

Mia Settle, a J.L. Mann graduate and an Erskine College golfer, was once a player on the GSA Tour. She's now helping McAlister and Carter with some tournament administration.

"I started competitive golf my freshman year of high school," she said. "Not long after that I started playing in the GSA tournaments. They were very easy

for me to come to because they're on the weekends and close to home. And it was great to play competitive golf. Competitive golf is a testament to your abilities. Usually during practice rounds you're playing and kind of goofing off sometimes. Competitive golf gives you a look at the next level. I didn't have any aspirations of playing in college, but once I developed and played more, I saw the possibility."

Carter said the chance to play top-level courses is also a draw for the tour.

"With the BMW coming up, they're going to get to play on the same course the pros will be playing on," he said. "That's a big deal for young players, especially."

Carter said the love of watching young players enjoy the sport is one of the things that keeps the tour going.

"We didn't ever think after our kids graduated we'd be here," he said. "It gets in your blood. You get attached to these kids. They're like family, watching them grow up and seeing them go on to college. This is something they can do the rest of their lives."

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Pattersons win Texas 2-man at Boscobel

Father and son team birdies final hole to win by one shot

Joey and Cole Patterson got together to play some weeknd golf and have some father and son time.

Joey, a veteran upstate amateur and his son Cole, who is a former Presbyterian College golfer and 2019 Greenville County champion, won the Texas Two-Man at Bocobel.

The Pattersons shot a first round 59 to hold a two stroke lead over the team of Nick Biershenk and Zach Bishop.

Brad Sill and Stan Sill were another shot behind on a tight leader board.

When the Pattersons got off to a shaky start the lead was up for grabs.

“We had a stretch where we didn’t play our best,” said Joey Patterson, “We had some poor shots and a bogey and that is not good in this format,” he said.

The Pattersons got back on track



Cole and Joey Patterson teamed up to shoot rounds of 59 and 65 to win the Texas Two-Man tournament at Boscobel. The father and son team birdied the final hole to wrap up the win. (GolfClub Photo)

when Cole saw his 8-iron shot on the 160 yard par-3 tenth hole just miss.

“I hit it over the pin and it rolled back towards the hole and lipped it,” he said.

It wasn’t a hole-in-one, but it was a birdie to get the two back on track.

The tournament came down to a putting contest on the final hole.

Several golfers had eagle attempts that could have tied the tournament, but no one was able to make an eagle.

Sometimes putts get missed because of the condition of the green, but the golfers in the event did not have that as a reason for a miss. The 60 -plus teams of golfers had nothing but praise for the

condition of the greens at the Bell.

The Pattersons like the other groups, finished with a birdie and that earned the father and son a 1-shot victory over the team of Biershenk and Phillips.

The Pattersons shot rounds of 59 and 65 for a 124 total. Biershenk and Phillips posted rounds of 63 and 62 for a 125 total and a runner-up finish.

Joey and Cole have played in a number of father and son events and notched a win several yeas ago, but this was the first time the two had won an event of this size together.

Both Pattersons agreed it was a good weekend spent together on the golf course and to win was a bonus.

Flight winners included: First Flight – Cole and Joey Patterson, 124. Second Flight – Mike Hartin and Randy Cisson, Third Flight -Whitt Jefferson and Larry Penley, Fouth Flight – Rob and Ryan Horner, Fifth Flight – Brooks Bryce and Phil Genthner, Sixth Flight – Carey and J.B. Sanders.



Black wins second straight Traynham

Mike Hartin finished the first round of the Traynham Invitational at Paris Mountain with a six-shot lead.

In the final round Hartin was sailing along until he got to the ninth hole.

Hartin missed his short putt on the hole and then followed up with a little tap in, but his putt horseshoed the hole. With some frustration, after missing the short putt, his next putt did the same thing, another horseshoe.

“I lost a couple of shots and I started to think, here we go and it wasn’t going

to be good,” he said.

It might not have been as big a problem for Hartin if defending champion Adam Black wasn’t catching up.

Black cut into Hartin’s lead and by the final hole he was ahead by a shot.

Black almost lost his ball on 18, but recovered to card a bogey.

Hartin again had trouble on the green and Black defended his championship winning by two-shots.

“This course is special because of growing up here and playing high school

golf here, so to back up last year’s win with another was a goal and I’m pretty happy to win it again,” he said.

Hartin, the 2017 champion finished second one shot in front of 2020 champion Michael Powell.

The senior championship was won by Ron Clontz for the second straight year.

Flight winners included: First Flight – Jeremy Revis, Second Flight – Scotty Scott, Third Flight – Jimmy Wilson. Senior First Flight – Derrick Henderson, Second Flight – Whitney Grumbles.



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After several close calls a South Carolina native finally won the state's only PGA Tour event at Hilton Head. Wesley Bryan (center) won his first PGA Tour championship and became the first Palmetto State native to win his home state event. Kevin Kisner from Aiken (left) lost in a playoff and Ben Martin from Greenwood (right) earned a third place finish. All three give more than a small amount of credit to the SCJGA.

Palmetto State has its first home grown champion

Bryan claims first PGA Tour victory at the RBC Heritage

Wesley Bryan was not the only winner when he put on the tartan jacket after earning his first PGA Tour victory at the RBC Heritage.

Bryan ended a 49 year quest of golfers from South Carolina to win their home state tournament.

"This is as good as it gets," said Bryan. "This is one behind any major I would put up on my list pretty high," he added.

Bryan shot a final round 4-under par 67 for a tournament best total of 13-under par and a one shot victory over Luke Donald.

The win moved Bryan into the top-15 in the Fed/Ex Cup standings. It also guaranteed



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him the short trip next spring from his home in Augusta to Magnolia Lane.

It was a big win for the former Gamecock golfer and for the South Carolina Golf Association that helped him grow as a junior.

"It's crazy to think that all of the great golfers that have come out of the state not one of them has won here. But to be the first is

really, really special. To win in my home state, I honestly couldn't have dreamed anything better than this," he said.

There had been close calls before at Hilton Head. In 2015, Kevin Kisner lost out in a playoff.

"Yeah, finally," said the Aiken native when he heard about Bryan's win. "We can finally get that off our backs," he said speaking for all the Palmetto State golfers.

Ben Martin from Greenwood challenged for the win in 2014 before finishing third.

"It is about time," said Martin. "Tommy 'Two-Gloves' almost did it a couple of years before I had my good finish. It is good to see one of us get it done," he said.

Martin, who is among the 10 PGA Tour winners who came from the South Carolina Junior Golf Association, gives credit to the state association,

The SCJGA and Foundation began in 1995 and was recognized as the best in the country a few years ago.

"When I was a junior I didn't play in any AJGA tournaments. I didn't have to because the competition in the state was so good. I think it goes back to a great golf association that has created so many opportunities for kids in South Carolina to play," said the former Clemson golfer.

There are more potential Tour players on the way. The quality continues to improve and the numbers continue to grow in the SCJGA.

"You just look at our junior rankings and it is easy to see that the pipeline to the PGA Tour is going to continue," said Chris Miller, the Managing Director of the SCJGA. "I don't think Wesley is going to be the only South Carolina golfer to win the Heritage," concluded Miller.

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