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Richard and Devvy Walker

Walkers third at Veterans Classic

Richard and Devvy Walker of Summerville Country Club finished in a three-way tie for first at the end of regulation in the three-day Veterans Golf Classic in Myrtle Beach.

The Walkers tied for first at -13 and then finished third after a playoff. The tournament is played on three different courses over three days. At least one member in the Veterans Golf Classic must be active or veteran military service.

The tournament consists of a Best Ball tournament in round one, combined team net in round two and a scramble in round three.

It was the 16th year of this 2-person team event. The event is flighted into 4 different divisions based on team handicap. Each flight plays a different course each of the three days.

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Santee Cooper Country Club
6.20.15
Charles Currier
Hole #15
driver | 167 yards
Witnesses: James Murray, Sandra Murray, Mary Currier

Seabrook Island Club
5.30.15
John Carpenter
Ocean Winds #15
9 iron | 126 yards
Witnesses: Ed Williams, Charlie Heye

Wescott Golf Club
5.28.15
Jim Dieden
Burn Kill #6
5 iron | 182 yards
Witnesses: Dave Korngiebel, Robert Stalled, Matt Murray

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6.25.15
Tom O'Halloran
Oak Forest #8
7 wood | 146 yards
Witnesses: Jim Magnotta, Chuck Navitsky

Lee Zimmerman
Black Robin #8
7 iron | 137 yards
Witnesses: Al Gamer, Al Baughn, Barry Gellis

Wild Dunes Harbor Course
6.4.15
Richard Lee
Hole #16
7 iron | 153 yards
Witnesses: Alan Sowers, Bob Henson, Dick Hanley

6.5.15
Hunter Tucker
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Oweida and Gabriele take SCGA 4 Ball

CofC golfers combine to win five matches

College of Charleston golfers Anthony Gabriele and Phillip Oweida won the 2015 SCGA Four Ball Championship at the Country Club of Lexington on June 7.

Gabriele, a rising sophomore, and Oweida, a rising junior, won a total of five matches, including the final match, 4&3, over Trey Taylor and Cabrick Waters. Gabriele and Oweida had seven birdies in 15 holes.

In the finals, Gabriele and Oweida started the final match making birdie on the first hole and never trailed.

A Taylor birdie on the par three 4th hole squared the match, but it was then the Anthony Gabriele show. The 19-year-old Charleston resident birdied five of the next nine holes.

After both teams struggled on the par five, they each finished with a bogey to have the hole and give the young duo their first SCGA Title.

Jackson Moore of Mt. Pleasant and **Hentry Smart** of Isle of Palms advanced to the semi-final. They won 3 and 2 in the round of 32, 1 up in the round of 16, and 3 and 2 in the quarterfinal. They lost in the semi-final match to Taylor and Waters ina playoff.

CofC golfers Phillip Oweida and Anthony Gabriele are SCGA Four Ball Champions.

Jeremy Moore of Mt. Pleasant and **Josh Fickes** of Beaufort won 3 and 1 in the Round of 32, but fell 2 and 1 in the round of 16.

Randy Adams of Seabrook Island and **Andrew Shiels** of Charleston also advanced to match play after stroke play qualifying, but lost 4 and 3 in the round of 32.

The 52nd Annual Four Ball Championship was played on the 6,663 yard, par 72 golf course at The Country Club of Lexington in Lexington, SC. The field began with 41 teams competing for 32 Match Play spots.

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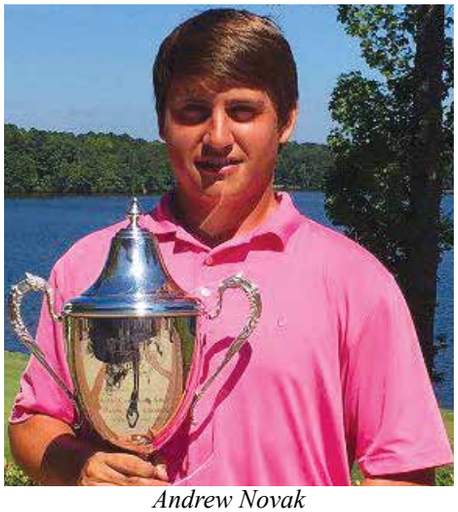
Novak gets big win for dad on Father's Day

Charleston golfers excel at S.C. Match Play Championship

Three of the four semi-finalists in the 2015 S.C. Amateur Match Play Championship were from Charleston: Jeremy Grab of Daniel Island, Matt Laydon of Charleston and Andrew Novak of Mt. Pleasant.

Novak, a junior at Wofford, went on to win this year's championship at The Windermere Club, defeating Jonathan Hardee, 3 and 2, in the finals. Novak won by the same margin in the quarterfinals and semi-finals, and by even wider margins in the rounds of 32 and 16. He never had to play past the 16th in any of his matches. In the final match he was 2 under when he sealed the win on 16.

"I was just worried about hitting fairways and greens and putting pressure on my opponents," said Novak, who added that the win, which came on Father's Day, was for his father.



Andrew Novak

Julian Keur of Summerville and Christian Sease of Mt. Pleasant joined the other three Charleston area golfers in advancing to match play following two rounds of stroke play qualifying. Keur made it to the quarterfinals and Sease to the round of 16.

The championship was hosted by the Carolinas Golf Association at The Windermere Club, 6,661 yards, 72.3/135).

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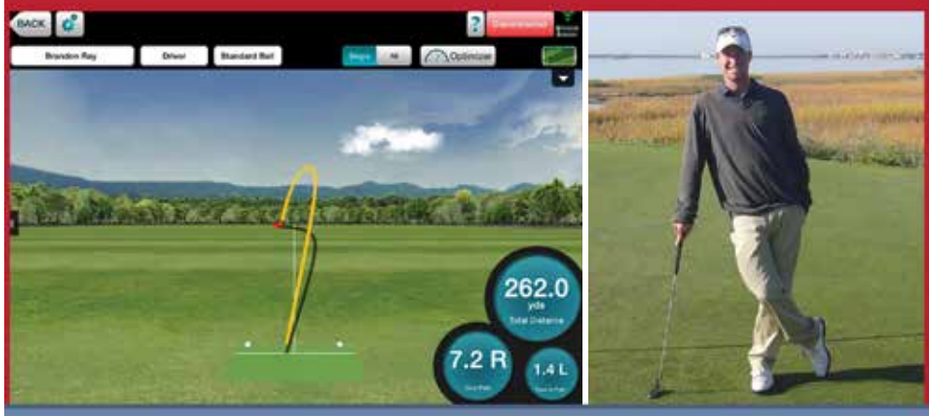

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Golfers support Berkeley Co. Lt. shot while on duty

Lt. Rogers and son Hunter are members at Berkeley CC

Berkeley County Lt. Will Rogers was shot in the back of the head while on duty on May 14. A masked gunman came from behind and shot him at 10:30 p.m. while he was talking with someone in the parking lot of the Exxon gas station on U.S. 52 and Cypress Gardens Road.

Mark Cercopely, owner of Cypress Point golf course on Cypress Gardens Road and a close friend of Rogers', said he heard an officer was shot and he knew Rogers was on duty that night. But it wasn't until he got a phone call at 3 a.m. that he learned it was his close friend who was shot.

"Shocked isn't the word to describe it," said Cercopely.

Rogers has been battling to recover since then. He remained in MUSC until he was released to a rehabilitation center on June 2. He has been readmitted to the hospital a couple times for additional care

Cercopely says he wanted to do something to help support Rogers and his family. He contacted Berkeley Country Club, where Rogers and his son Hunter are members, with the idea of a benefit tournament.

On June 20, golfers from around the Moncks Corner community gathered at Berkeley for the Lt. Will Rogers Benefit Tournament.

"We are very honored to be able to host this tournament," said Berkeley CC GM Will Seastrunk. "Will and his family are very close to us. He does a lot for us. Hunter plays here all the time. Hunter is on our Junior Interclub team. So anything we can do for the family we're happy to do."

Hunter greeted the golfers and told them their support means a lot. Sheriff Duane Lewis also shared some words.

"Will's got a long road but we're encouraged by his strength," said Sheriff Lewis. "I think everybody here knows just how tough Will is ... and I just ask that you continue to pray for him and his family. Thank you all for coming out and supporting this effort. It really means a lot to us."

Berkeley Country Club has set up black buckets around the clubhouse to collect donations for Lt. Rogers and his family. A GoFundMe account has also been set up for Lt. Rogers, a retired Marine with more than 25 years of law enforcement experience. The fund has raised nearly $3,000 so far.

Police say they were able to identify through a DNA match the man who shot Lt. Rogers as Jerome Caldwell, 32, of Mt. Pleasant. Caldwell died after a 10-hour standoff in downtown Charleston on May 21. A motive for the shooting was not identified.

Above, Berkeley Co. Chief Deputy Sheriff Rick Ollic leads golfers in prayer before the benefit tournament at Berkeley CC to support Lt. Rogers, who was shot in the back of the head while on duty on May 14. His son, Hunter Rogers, below, tees off on No. 1.

"Will and his family are very close to us ... so anything we can do for (Will's) family we're happy to do."

Berkeley CC GM Will Seastrunk

At left: Mark Cercopely and Hunter Rogers. Cercopely, owner of Cypress Point golf course and a close friend of Lt. Rogers and his family, initiated the Lt. Will Rogers Benefit Golf Tournament. Above, Berkeley County Sheriff Duane Lewis speaks to the golfers before the tournament.. He is joined by Deputy Sheriff Rick Ollic and Lt. Rogers' son Hunter.

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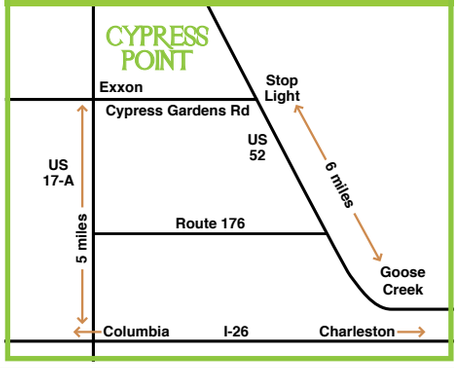

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Dennis Walters with Fred Gutierrez, aka "The Partially Paralyzed Golfer."

If Dennis can do it, so can I

by Rich O'Brien

GOLF therapy

Dennis Walters was a promising young golfer. In 1967 he won three major New Jersey state junior championships. He earned a golf scholarship at North Texas State University where he was competitive against the likes of Crenshaw, Kite, Wadkins, Strange, Lietzke, McLean and North. He graduated in 1971 with a BA in Business. A few months later he tied for 11th at the US Amateur.

By the age of 24 he started dreaming of playing on the PGA Tour. That fall he came close to earning his PGA Tour card, but missed his opportunity at the Q School. Some people would have been heartbroken, but Dennis began preparing for his next attempt the following fall.

In early 1974 he found a dream job for any aspiring touring professional at Wykagyl Country Club in New Rochelle, NY. His job was to represent the club playing in tournaments, playing with members, giving lessons and practicing. During that time he lived in the club's Crow's Nest above the locker room and ate all his meals at the club. You could say his entire life was golf.

On July 21, 1974 he struggled in a tournament. The Q School was only a few months away and he arranged to spend two days working with his friend and teacher, Ralph Terry at Roxiticus Golf Club in Mendham, N.J. Terry, in addition to being a PGA Professional, was also a former major league baseball pitcher with the New York Yankees. His positive attitude always seemed to make Walters feel and play better.

Upon arriving at Roxiticus, he jumped in a golf cart and set out to join Terry on the back nine. Then the unthinkable happened. As he was driving the golf cart down a steep hill the brakes on the three-wheeled cart failed and slid on some rocks. Dennis was thrown from the cart as it tipped over and careened down the steep hill and finally came to rest 60 yards below. He remembers the accident and the minutes that followed as if they happened in slow motion:

"I tried to get up but couldn't move. I was lying flat on my back without a single cut or scratch on my body. My pants weren't even ripped. There wasn't any blood and I didn't feel any pain. In fact, everything seemed normal except that I couldn't move my legs. In an effort to get something going, out of fear probably, I started beating on my leg. But there was no feeling at all."

After being transported to the hospital in Morristown, Doctors diagnosed with a dis-

Dennis Walters puts on fun, inspiring show for First Tee

Golfers and parents with the First Tee of Greater Charleston chapter and other golf fans enjoyed a a show by Dennis Walters at Patriots Point Links practice range.

located T-12 Vertebrae. Unfortunately, it had damaged his spinal cord and he was a T-12 level paraplegic. He was told he was paralyzed from the waist down and he would never walk again. The doctors also thought he would never be able to golf again, but Walters was determined to prove them wrong. After his accident things were looking pretty bleak.

Dennis found there were a lot of things he couldn't do, but there was no way he was giving up golf and, with this never-say-die-attitude, a new golf career was born. He had seen shows by Paul Hahn Sr. and read books about Joe Kirkwood, a pair of legendary trick-shot masters. He thought he could do it. It would take years of rehab and a lot of hard work, but he had a renewed sense of purpose and a new dream.

His dream may have been crushed if not for the invention of a special swivel seat that he helped design. The seat, mounted on the passenger side of the cart, allowed him to hit from a stable platform without injuring his back and losing his balance.

Golf proved to be wonderful therapy for him as he devoted his life to entertaining and inspiring others through the Dennis Walters Golf Show. He is now regarded as one of golf's greatest showmen and travels around the world to demonstrate his remarkable shot making skills. Since 1977 Walters has performed more than 3,000 shows worldwide. He performs many of his shows to benefit the First Tee Programs, the USGA and the PGA. The message of the one hour show is about reaching for your dreams and doing whatever it takes to make that dream come true. You're never too young to have one and there certainly are no expiration dates on dreams. Also, "if you have a dream and it doesn't work out, never stop dreaming ... get a new dream!"

> ***"In fact, everything seemed normal except I couldn't move my legs."***
>
> ***Dennis Walters***

Over the past 38 years, millions of people have been inspired by Dennis' skill and message. The inspirational message and his charisma have brought numerous golf honors such as being selected as one of 11 honorary lifetime members of the PGA of America. He also received the 1978 Ben Hogan Award from the Golf Writers Association of America, and in 2008 the PGA gave him the Distinguished Service Award.

His impact on individuals facing disabilities, illnesses and challenges is even more profound. He found a way to rebuild his life and follow his passion despite his paralysis. I am personally grateful for his example and he was my inspiration after I got hurt and had to rebuild my life and endure a long road to recovery.

After my own recovery, I shared Dennis' story with Fred Gutierrez, aka "The Partially Paralyzed Golfer." According to Fred, "Dennis' inspired me to believe in myself and follow my dreams of playing golf. He did not have an easy road to success and it was filled with a lot of blood, sweat and tears. A few years ago I attended one of Dennis' shows and saw what he could do with a golf club and ball. All I can say is 'wow.' Speaking with Dennis after the show, I admired how he tries to inspire people to go after their dreams and to set the bar higher each time. I want to do that!"

And like many people facing illnesses, disabilities and challenges, he was left with the thought: If Dennis can do it, so can I.

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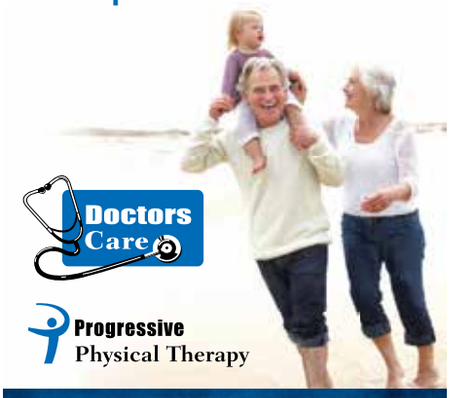

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So let's look at the pictures below to see how to get set up properly to move the putter on plane and make more putts.

In pic 1 below you can see that I'm holding the putter with just my left hand straight out in front of me in the air. If you look closely the grip is in line with my left forearm.

In pic 2, you can also see that if I hold the putter with just my right arm in the air, the grip is in line with my right forearm.

In pic 3, you can see the same alignments with both hands on the putter. This is a great way to practice setting up getting your forearms on the same plane as the putter. Which is imperative to swinging the putter on plane. If one of the forearms is off-line with the putter grip, you're going to have to make compensations to move the putter head back and through on plane.

From pick 3, all I have to do is bend forward from the waist add a little knee bend and make sure my eyes are just over the inside of the putter. You can see this alignment in pic 4. In this picture I can also tell that my forearms are on plane with the putter shaft because from down the line I can only see my right arm. If there is too much or too little bend in the arm and it is below the shaft or it's above the shaft, then I would be able to see my left arm.

Now we are set up with our foreaems on plane with the putter and our body is in a great position to swing the putter on plane.

Give it a try next time you're on the practice green and make more putts!

by Brandon Ray
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Pic 1

Pic 2

Pic 3

Pic 4

	Previous Standings		Pine Forest Match Results			Current Standings		Out of 1st Place By...
Teams	Pts	Place	Score	Pts	Place	Pts	Place	Points
Berkeley CC	27.5	12	-7	6	8	33.5	12	28.5
Charleston Municipal	53.0	2	-9	5	9	58.0	4	4.0
Charleston National	49.5	4	10	12	2	61.5	2	0.5
Coosaw Creek CC	52.5	3	-2	9	5	61.5	2	0.5
Crowfield CC	47.0	7	7	11	3	58.0	4	4.0
Dunes West	48.0	6	-12	3	11	51.0	7	11.0
Legend Oaks	49.5	4	-33	1	13	50.5	9	11.5
Pine Forest CC	42.5	8	25	15	1	57.5	6	4.5
RiverTowne CC	25.0	13	-19	2	12	27.0	13	35.0
Shadowmoss CC	33.5	11	-10	4	10	37.5	11	24.5
Stono Ferry	54.0	1	-5	8	6	62.0	1	0.0
Summerville CC	41.0	9	5	10	4	51.0	7	11.0
Wescott Plantation	35.0	10	-6	7	7	42.0	10	20.0

Pine Forest Interclub team outpaces field on home turf

Charleston National, Crowfield take second and third

Another beautiful weather day with very dry conditions and light winds made scoring a little easier on this tough course, in spite of greens that were still recovering from a difficult winter. Pine Forest staff did a super job of hosting the seventh Interclub match of 2015. 128 players representing 13 CHS area golf clubs participated in a well run event of friendly individual and team golf competition.

In the team competition, the leaderboard for the annual team award changed significantly once again though the home club, Pine Forest, won the day with a +25 team score, significantly outpacing other teams. Charleston National finished second for the day and Crowfield finished 3rd. Stono Ferry made a good enough showing and for the second month retained a small lead in the annual team race with 62.0 points, just .5 points ahead of a strong Charleston National team and a surging Coosaw Creek squad. The table above reflects the team results and changes.

In the individual competition, Tucker Labree from Pine Forest led all players with a +11 modified Stableford score. Jim Thompson from Crowfield was second with +10 and Steve Bernard from Pine Forest took the 3rd place prize. Also of note, Ray Boutin from Pine Forest won 2 Closest-to-the Pin prizes on holes # 13 and # 17 with shots at 4' 8" and 2' 1" from each pin – nice Par 3s Ray!

Hats off to our Interclub Director (and team captain) for Pine Forest, David George, who sacrificed his playing spot to "ranger" for the tournament and work with the Pine Forest staff to set up the course fairly. This strategy greatly improved the Pine Forest team (if you catch my drift) and led to their winning the event. Smart man! Next match will be at Summerville CC on Monday, July 6 at 9 am.

By Mike Phillips

Top 30 individuals at Pine Forest

1	Tucker Labree	Pine Forest	+11
2	Jim Thompson	Crowfield	+10
3	Steve Bernard	Pine Forest	+8
4	Jeremiah Evers	Stono Ferry	+8
5	John Keenan	RiverTowne	+8
6	Keith Bartlett	Charleston Ntl	+6
7	George Suagerko	Berkeley	+6
8	Barry Connor	Summerville	+6
9	Jack Heidenreich	Dunes West	+5
10	Rocky Bailey	Summerville	+5
11	John Beahm	Charleston Ntl	+5
12	David Suggs	Coosaw Creek	+5
13	Ron Clayton	Summerville	+5
14	Ken Luttman	Wescott	+5
15	Fred Holland	Shadowmoss	+5
16	Macio Jacobs	Muni	+5
17	Tim Rooks	Stono Ferry	+4
18	Mike Sujka	Coosaw Creek	+4
19	Aaron Chase	Legend Oaks	+4
20	David Nelson	Shadowmoss	+3
21	Mark Pine	Charleston Ntl	+3
22	Dennis Slezak	RiverTowne	+3
23	Tim Ryan	Coosaw Creek	+3
24	Dennis Laabs	RiverTowne	+3
25	Rich Ottman	Pine Forest	+3

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Family: Karson Powers, Daughter. Catherine Powers, Mother. Katie Powers, Sister. Brian Powers, Brother.
Head Professional at: The Charleston City Municipal Golf Course
Years there: 2 and a half
Favorite Local Golf Course (other than yours): Bulls Bay
Clubs in Your Bag:
Driver/Woods: Taylor-Made SLDR 7degree, no fairway woods, Taylor Made RBZ 2 hybrid
Irons: Mizuno MP 58
Wedges: Mizuno MP R12 58 and 58 degree
Putter: Odyssey Two Ball putter
What got you HOOKED? I was playing golf before I could remember thanks to my father, Allen Powers, or "Puddin" as most in golf would have known him as. He had me swinging a golf club as soon as I could stand up. He took me to the golf course his entire life.
Most Influential to You in Golf and Why?: As a Golf Professional, I have many influences, too many to list and I'm afraid to leave anyone out. As a golfer, no doubt it was my father, who got me started and always encouraged me. He was a very accomplished competitive golfer, South Carolina All American, Carolinas Amateur Champion, South Carolina Sports Hall of Fame, South Carolina Golf Association Half of Fame to name a few accomplishments. It's hard to have someone like that in your life and not be a tremendous influence in as aspects of my life.
Most Memorable Golf Moment: Watching my father get accepted in the SC Golf Hall of Fame.
Double Eagle on Halloween in 2010. In front of a big crowd I hit a 230 yard 4 iron after a monster drive at Cabo de Sol Ocean Course, Cabo San Lucas.
Give us a tip!:
I give a ton of lessons at The Muni, and I see several things over and over again. Learn the proper grip and grip pressure. So many golfers, even some good ones, have the handle of the club too much in the palm of the hand, which requires the hand to squeeze harder to secure grip. I know it has been said everywhere time and time again but most people are holding the club wrong. Then in the swing, get those legs involved, it's a huge power source to be leaving out and many of the higher handicapper's are not using the lower body efficiently. Learn the role of the lower body in the downswing.

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Legend Oaks Member-Guest winners Tom Chilton and Dan Coy.

Club tournament winners

Tom Chilton and **Dan Coy** captured this year's Member-Guest Championship at Legend Oaks Golf & Country Club. **Terry Harrelson** and **Eric Piefer** finished second, winning the Legend Flight, and **Mark and Kevin Diedrick** finished third, winning the Oaks Flight.

Joe Kassim and **Dan Duffrin** won the 2015 Men's Member-Guest at RiverTowne Country Club.

Jeff Hemphill and **Bob Potter** won the men's member-member at Coosaw Creek Country Club.

North Carolina Open

Ray Franz of Mt. Pleasant and Daniel Island Club tied for 4th in the North Carolina Open at The Club at Irish Creek. Franz finished the 54-hole championship at 7 under. The championship was won this year by Justin Tereshko at -16.

Also competing from the local area and making the cut were: **Jay Hunter** (T16, -2) of Mt. Pleasant Daniel Island Club, **Luke McClellan** (T46, +3) of Charleston and Chechessee Creek Club , **Greg Boyette** (T51, +4) of Awendaw and Bulls Bay Golf Club, and **Chase Wells** of Mt. Pleasant and Charleston National (63rd, +9),

Renovations are progressing at Wild Dunes Links Course.

Wild Dunes Links renovations

Significant renovations have begun on the Tom Fazio designed Links Golf Course. The renovations will include resurfacing of the greens to Champions Bermuda grass, replacing the asphalt cart paths with new concrete paths, renovating the irrigation system and a few additional design changes to some of the greens and the green complexes. Wild Dunes Resort says it is working with the Fazio Design team to determine the best solution for the 18th hole based on the current beach conditions. The Wild Dunes Harbor Course remains open for play.

Wild Dunes Links Course is among several courses, including Coosaw Creek, Kiawah Oak Point, and Crowfield, under going renovations this summer.

2015 Palmetto Amateur

NOTES FROM AROUND THE LINKS

Ben Schlottman a rising sophomore at Auburn, won the 2015 Palmetto Amateur, shooting 69-64-73-66 in the four round championship featuring top amateurs from around the world at the Palmetto Golf Club in Aiken. **Andrew Novak** of Mt. Pleasant and Wofford tied for 33rd with rounds of 75-72-72-73. Novak was one of only 49 golfers to make the cut. **Todd White** of Spartanburg, winner of the 2015 Azalea, finished 5th, 67-70-74-68.

Bob Potter and Mike Benner of Coosaw Creek

Coosaw team wins at PGA Pro-Official

Mike Benner, PGA, and Bob Potter of Coosaw Creek Country Club carded a 62 (-10) to win the Club Car Carolinas PGA Pro-Official Championship at Trump National Golf Club in Charlotte on June 22. Benner and Potter won by three shots.

Mike Townsend and Will Culp of Kiawah Island - Cassique, and Steve Kelleher and Jordan Phillips of Kiawah Island Club tied for 6th (67). Charles Frost and Chris Randolph of Kiawah Island - River tied for 14th (69).

Calhoun, Walker in Senior One Days

Matt Walker of Mt. Pleasant and Robert Calhoun of Daniel Island finished in the top 10 at two Senior Four-Ball One Day events hosted by the Carolinas Golf Association.

Calhoun and Walker combined for a 74 and an eighth place finish at Forest Oaks CC on June 16 and came back the next day with a 74 and a fifth place finish at Bermuda Run CC.

2015 Rice Planters Amateur

The 43rd Rice Planters Amateur got under way at Snee Farm Country Club just prior to the deadline for this issue (look for results in our next issue).

The field of top amateurs included many from the Charleston area: **Zachary Bishop, Rob Bovender, Paul Conway, Chris DeMarco, Jake Ezell, Bruce Fleming, Austin James, Julian Keur, Matt Laydon, Josh Lorenzetti, Matt Mahle, Jackson Moore, Andrew Novak, Philip Oweida, Will Rainey, Christian Sease, Jarrett Swan, Nick Tremps, Adam Walker, Ethan Willis and Jamie Wilson.**

Golfweek Tour nears stretch run

Flight winners at Crooked Oaks

Alex Hargaden
Champ Flight Winner

Bill Huff
A Flight Winner

Johnny Steverson
B Flight Winner

Scott Crosby
C Flight Winner

John Wilson
D Flight Winner

The Charleston Tour took to the seaside Island of Seabrook for their second local major of the year at the Crooked Oaks golf course. The course was in spectacular shape and anyone looking for a get-a-way would be hard pressed to find a finer course to play close to the beach. The greens were rolling very true and outside of some windy conditions the tournament was a great success. The Champ flight saw two visitors competing for the title as Alex Hargaden from the Northeast Fl Tour dueled Myrtle Beach's Jeff Emory and in the end, it was Alexs' low ball flight that seemed to be the difference as he claimed the victory. The A flight saw Tour Veteran Biff Huff return to the victory circle as he posted a fine round of 78 for a one shot victory over Andy Wood and 2 over Dennis Slezak. The B flight saw new tour member Johnny Steverson show he is serious about tournament golf as Johnny fired a very nice round of 83 to secure a one shot victory over Jerry Mast and two shots clear of Marc Godzi. In the C flight, Scott Crosby continued his solid play by posting his second victory in three events. Scott shot 85 to Bill Chicks's 86 and Jason Courtney's 87 which include 4 birdies on the back nine! The D flight had John Wilson and Aaron Chase battling all day long. Just as Aaron pulled with in a shot, John would increase the lead by two or three. On the last hole of the day, John made a great par save from 170 yards out hitting three to secure his victory. This was a great event and just goes to show that the more guys we have, the better the competition and comradeship. Our next event will be Jun 13 at Pine Forest Country Club.

Flight winners at Pineforest

Stephen Kauble
A Flight Winner

Tony Walters
B Flight Winner

Casey Sullivan
C Flight Winner

John Wilson
D Flight Winner

The Charleston Tour embarked on their second battle of Summerville at Pineforest Country Club. The weather cooperated in the fact that it did not rain, other than that it was downright hot!! As usual Pineforest showed her teeth as they was not a player to break 80 in the field. With the limited entrants in the Championship Flight, we backed them up to compete against the A flighters and Brooks Harlow shot an 83 to best Paul Ponder by five shots showing it was more than a tough test from the tips. The A flighter's moved up to the Blue tees that proved to be just as formidable. Stephen Kauble and Biff Huff both fired rounds of 80 and took to the course for a sudden death playoff that went three holes before Stephen stuffed a great approach shot for birdie to take the title. In the B flight Tony Walters showed that steady play is often the best medicine as he shot a smooth 80 himself for a 4 shot victory over Will Gwaltney. The C flight saw Casey Sullivan shot a very nice round of 85 that included a nice birdie on hole one to kick start his round and post a three shot victory over Scott Crosby. The D flight has a new hot golfer and his name is John Wilson. John won his second event in row by blistering the course for an 88 and a 6 shot victory of Sean Gilpen!! Although it was it hot, and the scores were a bit higher than usual it was still a great time for all as everyone seemed to stick around for the final outcomes on the scoreboard as well as the Skins Sheet! Our next event is the Southern Regional which has been sold out for well over a month. After that we start our home and home combo events with the Hilton Head tour. On July 11, we venture down to Savannah to the Landings, and then they will come up to Seabrook for the challenging Ocean Winds! The rest of the schedule has some great track's and I look forward to a great stretch run!

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Tournament Calendar

Men & Women

June 27-28
SCGA Lefthander Championship and Lefty-Righty
Lake Marion | www.scga.org

June 28
Santee Amateur (27 holes)
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July 6-7
US Amateur Qualifying
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July 7-9
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July 8
SCGA Amateur Qualifying
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July 13
WSCGA One Day Stroke Play
Dunes Golf & Beach Club
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July 21-22
Carolinas Super Senior
Country Club of Spartanburg
www.carolinasgolf.org

Juniors

July 7-8
Al Esposito Golf Touranament Country
Charleston Municipal Golf Course
www.charleston-sc.gov/golf

July 7-8
17th Annual Blade Junior Classic
Thornblade Club
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Charleston Women's Golf

Tsurutis wins Ladies City Amateur Championship

Rickson claims Senior title

Victoria Tsurutis is the 2015 Ladies City Amateur Champion. Tsurutis shot 71-74--145 to earn her second win in the championship at Charleston Municipal. She previously won in 2009.

Terry Rickson, a fellow Muni golfer, is this year's Ladies Senior Champion. She chipped in for a birdie on the first playoff hole to edge Tori Langen.

Tsurutis opened the 36-hole championship with a 71 and led by one. She started day two with three bogeys, but played one under over the final 15 holes. A 20-foot birdie putt on 18 sealed a five-shot win. She said "it's huge" to win the championship on her home course.

"I've finished second twice and last year I was tied for third so I really wanted it this time," said Tsurutis.

Cass Manley won flight one and Shanie Cooper won flight two.

In the senior championship, Rickson led by three after day one. She started with a round of 77. Tori Langen was four shots back entering the second round but used a 77, the low score among seniors in the second round, to pull into a tie with Rickson after 36 holes.

On the first playoff hole on No. 18, both players put their approach shots just off the edge of the green. Rickson's chip-in birdie drew a big roar from those gathered around to watch the playoff.

"Playoffs are easy," she joked as players congratulated her on the win.

Victoria Tsurutis, above left, won the Ladies City Amateur. Rickson, above right, won the senior championship. Below left, Colleen Estes was the runner-up in the championship flight and Tori Langen, below right was runner-up among seniors.

Championship Flight

Victoria Tsurutis	71-74—145
Colleen Estes	80-70—150
Meghan Taylor	78-72—150
Ansley Vaughan	72-79—151
Savannah Hallman	77-79—156
Alison Gianakas	76-87—163
Lauren Gillott	79-84—163
Taylor Mayers	80-85—165

Ladies First

Cass Manley	82-81—163
Delanie Mortier	89-79—168
Olivia Erwin	87-86—173
Denise Sterner	88-85—173
Robin Moyer	85-89—174
Katrina Leoni	83-93—176
Wanda Torres	82-95—177
Lynn McCain	87-93—180

Ladies Second

Shanie Cooper	96-94—190
Kristen Biety	97-93—190
Robin Richardson	93-100—193
Beth Greenlee	102-94—196
Mary Gastley	100-97—197
Suzanne Morgan	99-102—201
June Stovall	102-100—202

Senior Championship

Terry Rickson	77-81—158
Tori Langen	81-77—158
Devvy Walker	81-79—160
Sandy Bland	80-83—163
Anita Marciniak	84-82—166
Jeannie Hillock	82-85—167
Carole Davis	84-89—173
Arlene Southerland	86-88—174
Rhonda Hood	86-89—175

Senior First

Betty Poore	87-81—168
Jan Blum	88-89—177
Ruth Yack	91-88—179
Linda Williams	89-91—180
Clara Polutta	92-88—180
Robin Smith	92-91—183
Myrtis Burbage	87-98—185
Charlene Atkins	92-93—185
Bacele Infinger	101-116—217

Bacele Inginer and Olivia Erwin

From 14 to 90 years of age

There was a gap of more than 86 years between the youngest and oldest competitors in this year's Ladies City Amateur Championship at Charleston Municipal.

But there was no gap in their enthusiasm for the game.

Juniors were allowed to enter the championship this year for the first time. Olivia Erwin, 14, was the youngest. She joined Delanie Mortier as juniors in this year's event. Mortier was runner-up in the first flight and Erwin was close behind in third.

Meanwhile, Bacele Infinger, 90+, was the oldest competitor in the event. She has participated in nearly every ladies city championship at Charleston Municipal, and plans to continue. She plays to support having a ladies championship in Charleston, she says, and to have fun.

"I have fun every time. I really do," says Infinger. "As long as I'm having this kind of fun, there's no point in me not coming. Anything you get a lot of fun out of keeps you going, so you should do it, and be happy."

Her granddaughter, who took the day off from work to "be her eyes" and caddy for her, said she's no longer surprised by what her grandmother accomplishes after watching her for so many years. "That's just who she is," she said.

Infinger says other golfers tell her they want to be like her when they grow up, and she tells them, 'Well, there's no reason you can't."

She invites other senior ladies to come join her, and adds, with a smile, that she hopes they'll add a 90+ division next year.

WSCGA One Day at CCC

Brown leads field of 100

The Country Club of Charleston hosted a One Day event for the Women's South Carolina Golf Association on June 10.

Lea Anne Brown of Mt. Pleasant and Bulls Bay Golf Club won her first WSCGA One Day event of 2015 after shooting a round of 78. She beat out a field of 100 players and won by one over Victoria Tsurutis of Charleston and Charleston Municipal Golf Club.

Low Gross Lea Anne Brown Bulls Bay GC 78
Low Net Judy Hair Coosaw Creek GC 67

FIRST FLIGHT
1st Low Gross Victoria Tsurutis Muni 79
2nd Low Gross Tori Langen Seabrook Island 83
1st Low Net Laura Rawl Shadowmoss Plnt. 70
2nd Low Net Julie Stevens Woodside 72

SECOND FLIGHT
1st Low Gross Chris Schiable Snee Farms 89
2nd Low Gross Vicki Sheehan Bulls Bay GC 91
1st Low Net Patricia Slagle Coosaw Creek 70
2nd Low Net Cathy Robinson Sunset CC 74

A field of 100 turned out for a WSCGA One Day event at The Country Club of Charleston.

THIRD FLIGHT
1st Low Gross Karen Hudson Woodside 91
2nd Low Gross Deb Shaw Coosaw Creek 93
1st Low Net Jackie Amthauer Wedgefield Pltn.
2nd Low Net Nancy Lamb Daniel Island 75

FOURTH FLIGHT
1st Low Gross Betsy Nemeth Wedgefield 96
2nd Low Gross Amy Hurst Burning Ridge 97
1st Low Net Marilyn Smith Bulls Bay 72
2nd Low Net Patsy Michaels Woodside Plnt.74

FIFTH FLIGHT
1st Low Gross Ginny Beane Shadowmoss 98
2nd Low Gross Susan Moore Daniel Island 104
1st Low Net Kaye Thomas Wedgefield Plnt. 72
2nd Low Net Stacy Redman Shadowmoss 74

WSCGA is the largest women's golf association in South Carolina with more than 140 member clubs represented by nearly 12,000 individuals.

WSCGA Match Play Championship

Lea Venable of Simpsonville and Hollly Tree CC defeated five-time past champion Dawn Woodard, 4 & 3, in the WSCGA Match Play Championship at Carolina Country Club, June 16-19.

Savannah Hallman

Savannah Hallman of Mt. Pleasant, a sophomore at Charleston Southern, advanced to the quarterfinal round of this year's championship before narrowly losing, 2 and 1, against Jaelyn Tindal.

Hallman entered match play as a No. 10 seed in the championship division after stroke play qualifying. She upset No. 7 seed Stephanie Johnson, 1 up, to advance to the quarterfinal.

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Men's Flight 3
Andrew Smith, Chris Craven, Joe Carr
Men's Flight 4
CJ Rafferty, Andrew Smith

Senior Flight 1
Keith Hess, Marion Hair, Brian Lott
Senior Flight 2
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Senior Flight 3
Mike Bowler, Ernie Crosby, Steve Hamby

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Richard McDaniel, Bob Burns, Marion Hair
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Whaley a trend setter dedicated to growing game

by Rich O'Brien

The ideal leader of the Professional Golfers Association of America should combine playing and teaching ability. They should also be good mentor and should be a tireless promoter of the game of golf with the vision and charisma necessary for the organization to work as a team.

In my opinion, the PGA of America recently elected the perfect person for the job when the membership elected Suzy Whaley to be the Secretary of the PGA of America. After a two-year term as secretary, she will serve two years as Vice President before ascending to the Presidency of the 28,000-member organization. She is the first woman to ever be elected to the Executive Committee.

Suzy Whaley is the first woman to ever be elected to the PGA Executive Committee.

Suzy Whaley has always been a trend setter. She grew up in Syracuse, N.Y. The climate of Central New York is more conducive to winter sports than playing golf. Suzy's first love was always skiing and in Syracuse she had the perfect climate to hone her skills. When she was nine years old. her mother, an avid golfer, introduced her to golf and right from the beginning she loved every minute. But skiing was her first love and by the age of 12, she was good enough to be selected to the Olympic Development Team. In 1983 while pursuing her dreams of Olympic gold she hurt her back in a downhill crash.

Each spring, after the snow finally melted, Suzy turned her attention to golf for the next six months. She was also a great talent in golf and with the help of former PGA Tour player, Joe Tesori, she became one of the top junior players in the state and won the NY State Junior Girls Championship in 1984. She had a decision to make on which school and which sport to pursue. She chose to accept a skiing scholarship to the University of Colorado because her passion was still fueled by the rush she felt racing down tall mountains and the dream of Olympic medals.

Suzy has been an excellent player, an outstanding teacher and a tireless promoter doing what is necessary to grow the game of golf.

During her freshman year, however, she re-injured her back and it forced her to permanently give up her Olympic dreams. Shifting courses, she decided to transfer to the University of North Carolina to play for the Tar Heels women's golf team. Changing sports allowed her to have four years of eligibility in golf and the time to hone her game with the goal of playing on the LPGA Tour. She took care of business in the classroom and graduated with a BA in Economics in 1989.

An Outstanding Player

A few months after completing college she qualified for the LPGA Tour and played two seasons in the early 1990's. During that time, her coaches were Jim Flick and Bill Whaley of the Nicklaus-Flick Golf Schools. In the end, the economics of the LPGA Tour never worked in her favor, but she found something better; the love of her life, Bill Whaley. The couple married in 1991 and a few years later started a family and welcomed two daughters Jennifer (21) and Kelly (18) to the family.

As an LPGA member and later as a member of the PGA, she continued to play competitive golf at a high level, but instead of traveling the world on the LPGA Tour, she played closer to home in LPGA and PGA section events. Her resume from those events is quite impressive as she won three Connecticut Women's Opens, two LPGA Northeast T& CP Section Championships (2002 & 2005) and a LPGA T&CP National Championship (2002). Then in 2003 she won the Connecticut PGA Club Professional Championship. That victory qualified her for the 2003 Greater Hartford Open and she became the first woman since Babe Zaharias, 58 years earlier, to qualify for a PGA Tour event.

An Outstanding Teacher

In 1995 Suzy returned to the Nicklaus-Flick Golf Schools as a teacher and quickly developed a reputation as an outstanding golf instructor, evidenced by the many accolades during her 20-year teaching career. She has been recognized as a Top 50 golf instructor by Golf Digest, Golf for Women and US Kids. She has also been recognized twice as the Section's PGA Teacher of the Year (2004 & 2007). She is presently the PGA Director of Instruction at Suzy Whaley Golf in Cromwell, Connecticut.

A Mentor and Role Model

She has also received prestigious awards from the PGA and LPGA that recognize her character and leadership. In 2003 she was named the section's Bill Strausbaugh Award recipient for mentoring and service. She was also recognized as the 2012 LPGA National Nancy Lopez Achievement Award Winner which is given to an LPGA professional who exemplifies the qualities of Leadership; Passion; Giving and Approachability.

Not only has she been a role model to her own daughters, who both are currently playing collegiate golf, she has also been a mentor and inspiration to thousands of kids in the Connecticut First Tee Program.

A Tireless Promoter

Suzy's love and passion for growing the game have led her to serve on various committees section and national committees. She was a member of the National PGA Board of Directors from 2011-2013. She also was the Chair of the Junior Committee and Co-Chair of the Player Development Committee. She served as a member of the Instruction and Diversity Committees.

Suzy has been an excellent player, an outstanding teacher, a wonderful mentor and a tireless promoter doing what is necessary to grow the game of golf. She is a wonderful role model whose infectious laugh and sense of humor draws people to her and makes them want to be part of her team. I have no doubt she will do a wonderful job on the Executive Committee of the PGA during the next five plus years.

Author's note: I grew up in Syracuse, NY and graduated from a rival high school the same year as Suzy Whaley. We competed in many of the same Syracuse District Junior Golf Association events and high school tournaments as she played for the boy's golf team at Jamesville-Dewitt.

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Palmetto Senior Am Tour

Penny Branch

The Palmetto Senior Amateur tour headed south on I-95 toward Furman to play the Penny Branch Golf Club on May 7. The trek was well worth it as the golf course was enjoyable and the staff was super to deal with.

Dennis Slezak is a force to be reconned with this season as he won the A Flight with a great 71. Mike Phillips and Alan Smith took the next two spots each firing a 72. Dan Fagley was next with a 77 followed by James Jaco 78 and Denny Miller at 79.

Bob Richards shot a really nice 79 to take honors in the B Flight. He was followed by Tommy Hunt 80, Ty Cline 81, Bob Abramski 83 and Tim O'brien 85.

Two strong players in the C Flight, Bill Hinson and Bob Merryman tied at 79 with Hinson winning the scorecard playoff. They were followed by Mike Rodin 80, last years C Flight winner Larry Dangerfield 81 and Bob Gorman 82.

Ray Beacham remained hot to win the D Flight with a 90. Larry Hile and Tony Fowler tied at 92, Bill Ray 93 and Mike Wright rounded out the prize winning places.

Upcoming events will include our second major event at the Edisto Plantation Course on June 25 followed by Santee Cooper CC on July 9. Visit our website at "psagolf.com" or call Denny Miller 843 735-9191 for more info. A personal congratulations to my partner Bob Wamboldt for recently winning the inagural Legend Oaks Amatuer.

Dennis Slezak - A Flight

Bob Richards - B Flight

Bill Hinson - C Flight

Ray Beacham - D Flight

Berkeley

The Palmetto Senior Amateur Golf tour (PSAG) ventured to Berkeley CC on May 19 for a mid season event. We are amazed at the consistent quality of their greens year after year! Comaraderie and low scores were the theme of the day. After 1.5 years of existence our 110 players have blended well and the comaraderie shows. A big thank you goes out to our players!

We present our first ever champ flight winner in Mike Phillips. Mike recently ascended to our sacred 0-3 handicap plateau and fired a blistering 69 to win the flight. Great job Mike but we certainly need more quality players in that flight to push you a bit.

The A Flight crown goes to Doug Williams with a smooth 74 after a scorecard decision over past winner James Jaco. Other prize winners in the flight were Dennis Slezak 75, Bob Wamboldt 77 and Denny Miller 77.

Ty Cline is always in the hunt with his steadiness but this time he is the B Flight champ with a blistering 71. Earl Richter was also superb with a 73. Other winners in this large flight were Eddie Smith 74, Tim O'Brien 75, Bob Whiteford 76. Ken Sharp and John Saager round out the scoring in B Flight with 77's.

Bob Merryman comes away with the C Flight crown with a real nice 77. Newcomer Ralph Barbaro shows he will be a factor with an 80. Other prize winners are Bill Hinson and Bob Gorman 81 followed by James Johnson, Bob Stall and Doug Mihalick with 82.

Another newcomer Mike Wright is the winner in the D Flight with an excellent 86. That is Mike's first win but probably not his last. Bill Ray carded an 88 for second followed by Larry Hile 89, David Piersee 91 and Doug Segars 92.

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Mike Phillips
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Mastering your mental game through mindfulness

By Hillary Evans, Clinical Hypnotherapist

Jack Nicklaus once said, "Keeping the head still is golf's one universal, unarguable fundamental." Of course, this is easier said than done. But what if I told you there's a way to calm your mind and enhance your game in the process? Well, there is: mindfulness. While your golf pro can help you correct your grip or keep your hips level, mindfulness offers an equally important part of golf success. Here's what you need to know to master your mental game.

About Mindfulness

A growing body of research points to the importance of mindfulness for everything from boosting immune function to reducing depression.

Mindfulness is not a product, but a process. In order to harness the power of mindfulness, practice is required. This may include any number of proven meditation techniques—from deep belly breathing and visualization to positive affirmations and negative thought stopping.

While the expression "imagine it and it will be," may sound like a platitude, it's grounded in research indicating that positive thinking leads to everything from better performance to quicker post-injury recovery.

As part of my hypnotherapy practice, I regularly work with golfers trying to improve their game. One step is to create a mental picture of every shot, allowing your intuitive mind to fully absorb the moment. By visualizing yourself hitting the target, you set your subconscious up for success.

Conversely, allowing yourself to let thoughts of failure enter the picture is self-sabotage, particularly when it comes to your last thought before a shot. If you think, "Don't hit the ball in the bunker," your subconscious may hear "Hit the ball in the bunker."

Another important step is to acknowledge the things you've done right. Not only will doing so build you up, but it also positions you for more of the same.

However, it's not just your own negative thoughts that matter. Judgement imposed by others can also get inside your head, so be conscious of both internal and external negativity.

The Importance of Being Present

Golf is about the conscious mind and physical body working together. In order to achieve success, it's vital to stay in the moment. While your thoughts can jump ahead and back, your body is stuck in the moment.

If you're preoccupied with thoughts of your last shot or what your score will be if you sink the next putt, you'll be out of sync. By remaining in the here and now, you ensure a symbiotic relationship between body and mind.

Being present can also give you heightened awareness if something doesn't feel right. If you're truly in the moment, you can pause and make a correction.

To learn more about how mindful meditation and hypnotherapy can help you take your game to the next level, call me at my office in downtown Charleston—843-252-0573.

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Let us tackle the important issue of posture. Unfortunately this is not a one sided issue, so we are going to break it down into two pieces.

First off, it's important to address that poor posture can make your spine weak. When your spine is weak it allows for already lax ligaments and muscles to become even more damaged. Also, it causes muscles that are dominant to pull your body into unnatural positions. Like anything, posture takes work. You have to consistently be cognizant of your posture for awhile before it becomes second nature.

Since, our practice is upper cervical based, I am going to focus on proper head and neck posture. This type of posture can affect the low back and mid back. Unfortunately, in today's day and age many people are constantly looking down at computers, cell phones or books. The more often you do these activities, the more likely you become to develop neck and back pain, that can drastically affect your golf game.

When you are standing or sitting, roll your shoulders up, then down and squeeze your shoulder blades together. Next, bring your neck back and pull your chin into your neck. This should be your neutral head position.

When working at the office, on your cell phone, or reading in bed, bring the object up to eye level. Avoid straining your neck forward, as this will only strengthen your already dominant muscles and weaken your postural muscles.

Never place pillows behind your neck, to bring your head forward. This is a big NO!

If you practice these simple steps, you will notice a reduction in spastic back muscles and less pain. It may seem simple, but I challenge you to try this for a week and I'm sure you will find yourself more often than not in bad posture.

Secondly, poor posture can be the result of high shoulders and hips due to structural abnormalities. Many times, patients tell me that their posture is better after we reduce these abnormalities. If you struggle with good posture, and find yourself in extreme pain trying to do so, consult a professional.

As many of us golfers know, how you address the ball, your swing and general body biomechanics are imperative to a fun and rewarding day on the course. Correcting these issues before you hit the links, will result in straighter shots and less strokes.

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Golfers conquer heat at Mount Pleasant Junior Open

High temperatures didn't stop local juniors from posting low scores in the 2015 Mount Pleasant Junior Open at Patriots Point Links, June 17-18.

Dallas Johnson won the Boy 8-9 age group with a 64 that included a 29 on day two over nine holes.

Zach Adams won the Boys 10-12 with a 67, and Sam Manning won the Boys 13-14 with a 70 on the final day, a new tournament low for him. John Paul Velasquez also delivered a new personal low in a tournament with a 69 on day two.

Jacob Morris won the Boys 15-18 age group after a very competitive battle with Ben Quinque. In the opening round, Quinque shot a 69 and Morris a 70.

In the girls competition, division winners were Ally Grace Dominiak, Kennedy Carroll and Michaela McAuley. Carroll set a new personal mark with a 79 in the opening round.

The Mount Pleasant Junior Open is hosted by the Mount Pleasant Recreation Department each year at Patriots Point.

Above from left are three of the division winners at the 2015 Mount Pleasant Junior Open: Jacob Morris, Kennedy Carroll and Dallas Johnson. Photos of the other division winners and more in a gallery at www.charlestongolfnews.com.

2015 Mount Pleasant Junior Open

Boys 8-9	
Dallas Johnson	35-29--64
Daniel Donato	32-33--65
Jon Graham	36-34--70
Joseph Condon	35-39--74
Tyler Taber	36-39--75
William Donato	43-40--83
Boys 10-12	
Zach Adams	34-33--67
Wayman Thomas	38-38--76
Luis Thompson	41-37--78
Sam McMillan	43-44--87
Luca Seccareccio	42-45--87
Logan Lutz	49-42--91
Luke Walmet	48-47--95
Jack Jordan	56-53--109
Benjamin DeMichael	56-57--113
Leyton O'Keefe	55-58--113
Cole Seitz	58-63--121
William Voelkel	66-60--126
Girls 10-12	
Ally Grace Dominiak	54-51--105
Ally Blanchard	67-61--128
Girls 13-14	
Kennedy Carroll	79-84--163
Kayla Bartemeyer	99-96--195
Cecelia Knecht	99-97--196
Kennedy Broadway	103-104--207
Boys 13-14	
Sam Manning	74-70--144
John Paul Velasquez	77-69--146
Joseph Keene	70-77--147
Jack Robinson	74-77--151
Carson Crocker	74-78--152
Willis Rogers	77-78--155
Davis Yearout	86-73--159
Peter Catalano	82-85--167
Jackson McGowan	84-83--167
TJ Johnson	88-97--185
Price Lenoir	98-88--186
Eugene Park	94-90--184
Rye Tifft	90-90--180
Girls 15-18	
Michaela McAuley	82-81--163
Grace Zoller	85-84--169
Maddie Schutte	102-101--203
Boys 15-18	
Jacob Morris	70-72--142
Ben Quinque	69-74--143
Max Kastenholz	75-72--147
Ben Burton	74-73--147
Gil Altman	96-94--190
Jackson Trigiani	79-84--163
Matthew Ponte	86-79--165
Chase McDonald	84-81--165
Nathan Busch	87-82--169
Parker Futrell	86-83--169
Austin Dowd	85-84--169
Andrew Skipper	91-103--194

Charleston Junior Interclub teams make stop at The Muni

Junior golfers from seven area golf clubs and the First Tee of Greater Charleston are gaining some great experience in a competitive environment this summer, playing on teams in the Charleston Junior Interclub.

The remaining schedule is: June 29 at Summerville CC, July 13 at Legend Oaks, July 20 at Pine Forest, July 27 at Wescott, and August 3 at Berkeley. Below are results from the June 22 match at The Muni.

First Tee	**259**
Jon Graham	34
Anderson Fite	40
Olivia Erwin	45
Grayson Henley	45
Jocelyn McGill	47
Chandler Richardson	48
Cooper Tillman	50
Raven Turner	53
Sullivan Scibek	54

Berkeley	**261**
Parker Free	37
Hunter Rogers	38
Tyler Brown	39
Hunter High	49
Chas Urashima	42
Wyatt Driggers	56
Jordan Willey	59
Reid Giggleman	60
Ian Brown	63

Miler Country Club	**262**
Zach Lee	38
Michael Dietz	41
William Wimberly	42
Nick Walters	45
Jay Franko	46
Samatha Shaughnessy	50
Laban Jones	51
Savannah Mapes	51
Federico Martinez	56
Jonah Litz	62

Crowfield	**270**
Blake Lee	42
Billy Ackerman	44
Jared Rushton	44
Joseph Evans	46
Jamen Sanders	47
Michael Evans	47
Jesse Parker	54

Wescott	**274**
Matt Ponte	40
Ricky Martin	42
Anthony Ciabattari	43
Kevin Bates	48
Mitchell Mason	50
Jacob Ponte	51
Max Poulakis	71

Coosaw Creek	**277**
Harrison Craven	41
Cece Knecht	45
Price Lenior	45
Lauren Fix	45
Hayes Craven	46
L.T. Leshore	55
Jackson Murphy	58
Anna Walsh	67
Peytno Lenior	72

The Muni	**346**
Joseph Condon	39
Connor Heyboer	55
Regan Clifford	58
Tess Parker	61
Miles Paige	66
Harper Kissell	67
Avie Williams	70

Legend Oaks	**366**
Jacob Daley	39
Griffin Clower	58
Dominic Coffman	69

Week 2 standings	
Berkeley	14
Crowfield	13
Miler	12
First Tee	9
Wescott	8.5
Coosaw Creek	7.5
Charleston Muni	4
Legend Oaks	4

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Juniors advance at Daniel Island; next one at Wescott July 1

Daniel Island Club hosted a Drive, Chip & Putt regional qualifying event on June 23. The top three in each age group advanced to the sub-regional in Georgia. Another regional qualifier will take place at Wescott on July 1.

Qualifiers at Daniel Island include:

Boys 7-9: Daniel Donato, Daniel Brown, William Donato

Girls 7-9: Grace Lindsey, Sally Clarke Wimberly, Carter Jane Munley

Boys 10-11: Benjamin Patrick, Troy Ryan Propes, Luke Walmet

Girls 10-11: Bailee Mason, Ally Grace Dominiak, Ives Lang

Boys 12-13: Matthew Hutto, Alex Stephens, Austin Scott

Girls 12-13: Karlee Vardas, Kayla Bartemeyer, Savannah Hylton

Boys 14-15: Dixon Flowers, Jake Snelgrove, Drayton Stewart

Girls 14-15: Gaby Martinez, Regan Clifford, Propes

SCGA Jr. Championship and more ...

Drayton Stewart of Charleston finished first among Boys 13-14 and tied for sixth overall at the 2015 SCGA Junior Championship. He shot 75-73-76--224 at The Dunes Golf and Beach Club (6,702/par 72).

Stewart was one of three Charleston juniors to finish in the top eight and earn a spot in the GA/SC Junior Team Match this year. Stewart will be joined by **Kent Lawrence Jr.** of Mt. Pleasant, who came in third and finished just five strokes behind the winner, and **Wil Sheppard** of Mt. Pleasant who tied for 6th with a total of 224.

Christian Salzer of Sumter is the 57th SCGA Junior Champion after shooting rounds of 71-76-69 with a three day total of even par 216. Other Charleston juniors who made the cut are:

3 Kent Lawrence Jr.	79-72-70--221
T6 Drayton Stewart	75-73-76--224
T6 Wil Sheppard	74-73-77--224
14 Jamie Wilson	76-73-78--227
T33 Kyle Spencer	78-78-76--232
T46 Ethan Willis	81-77-78--236
T50 Zak Butt	78-80-79--237

Kent Lawrence Jr.

Drayton Stewart

MTPJGA summer season

The Mt. Pleasant Chapter of SCJGA's Hootie and the Blowfish summer series is under way. Winners from the first match at Shadowmoss include: **Lang Ives, Jon Graham, Daniel Donato, Ella Drew Dodd, Luis Thompson, Grace Zoller, Johnny Velasquez, and Ben Quinque.**

Winners in the second match at Stono Ferry include: **Lang Ives, Daniel Donato, Blake Lee, Zach Adams, Johnny Velasquez, Grace Zoller and JR Stark.**

Bovender, Hirai in Eastern Golf Amateur Championship

Reona Hirai and **Annika Bovender** finished in the top 10 at this year's Women's Eastern Golf Association Amateur Championship in Virginia.

Hirai, a 2014 Pinewood Prep grad now playing for Furman, tied for 4th, and Bovender, a 2015 Academic Magnet grad also headed to Furman, tied for 9th.

Meghan Khang won the 54-hole championship finishing at 4 under. Hirai shot 71-71-77--219 and Bovender shot 72-71-81--224.

LPGA-USGA Girls Golf

The largest chapter in South Carolina, LPGA-USGA Girls Golf of Charleston, held its first session of the summer at Wescott Golf Club in June. Another is scheduled for July. The association is dedicated to introducing golf to girls aged 7-17 in a more social and non-competitive atmosphere.

USGA Junior Qualifying

Jamie Wilson, a junior at Bishop England, came within a few shots of qualifying for the USGA Junior Championship. He shot 70-76--146 to tie for 5th.

Palmetto Christian

The Palmetto Christian Academy's Middle School Golf Team ended its 2015 season in strong fashion, picking up a win in its final match at Wild Dunes.

Role models in golf

by Olivia Erwin

In golf you meet and play with many different types of people. Some who may be visiting Charleston and others that may be local. You can also end up playing with someone who doesn't speak the same language or who has just been introduced to the game of golf.

As you grow with your golf game, it is important to represent yourself well and to always have good golf etiquette. If you are like me, you like to have role models. I watch women's golf on television and admire Paula Creamer and her great fashion sense. Then there's Michelle Wie, who has the crowd "wowing" over her putting stance and stroke.

It is my opinion that experienced golf players are supposed to help set good examples for junior golfers and encourage us to play golf. In my case, some day I would like to be one of the players who has a positive impact on the young juniors interested in the game of golf here in Charleston. If you are an experienced golfer, then please realize that juniors today are watching you and learning from your tips and advice. I know that junior golfers are learning etiquette and new rules every day.

Although the basics are still the same, we are also learning practices like "ready golf" that are new to some current golfers. I am still learning, but I also feel like as a junior I have some current tips which I can share with the more experienced golfers as well. Continue to learn from your favorite players and fellow golfers, just like I did with Cele Infinger who played with us at the Ladies City Amateur golf tournament and is 90 years old. She has proven that golf is a lifelong sport. Now that's a role model!

Cele Infinger with Olivia Erwin at the Ladies Amateur

High school golf careers come to end for local seniors

Bovender makes All State for girls and boys teams

by Kathy Chickarello

Congratulations to the class of 2015! Here's a look back at the achievements this year of some seniors who helped lead their teams over the past year, and earned All-State or All-Region honors.

Annika Bovender of Mt. Pleasant is headed to play golf for Furman University in the fall of 2015, after finishing an outstanding year playing on both the Girls and Boys Varsity Golf Teams at Academic Magnet High School. Bovender completed her high school golf career finishing 1st in the S.C. High School Girls 2A Championship with a score of 142 (-2), a full seven shots in front of the field.

In the S.C. Boys 2A Golf Championship she finished in a tie for 6th with a score of 156 (+12). Bovender was named to both the Girls and Boys South Carolina 2A High School All State Golf Teams and was also named to the Post and Courier's Lowcountry Golf Honorable Mention Team. Her South Carolina Junior Golf Rankings record boasts four 1st place finishes, three 2nd place finishes and seven more top 10 finishes in 2014-2015.

Annika Bovender

Bovender will be greeted by a familiar face at Furman, when she joins Reona Hirai of Summerville, a rising sophomore on the Paladins team this fall.

Chris DeMarco of Mt. Pleasant signed last year to play for Queens University of Charlotte in the fall of 2015, after an impressive end to his high school career at Palmetto Christian Academy.

Chris DeMarco

DeMarco was named to the SCISA All State Golf Team, finishing with a score of 149 (+5) in the SCISA Boys Golf 2A Championship, tying for 8th place in the event.

DeMarco was also named to the Post and Courier's Lowcountry Golf First Team. His South Carolina Junior Golf Rankings record includes four top 5 finishes in tournaments played in 2014-2015.

Dane Henderson of Summerville finished his high school golf career helping his Fort Dorchester Boys Varsity Golf Team capture the South Carolina 4A Region 8 Boys Golf Championship. Henderson had his best round of the season on day two shooting 73 (+1), giving him a two day total of 155 (+11).

Dane Henderson

Henderson was named to the 4A High School All Region Team and also named to the Post and Courier's Lowcountry Golf Honorable Mention Team.

His South Carolina Junior Golf Rankings record includes 2nd, 4th & 9th place finish in tournaments played in 2014-2015.

Christian Woods of Summerville finished his high school golf career with three great finishes during the South Carolina High School 4A Golf Championships. Playing for Summerville High School, Woods first finished in 3rd at the 4A Region 8 Championship, followed by a tie for 12th at the 4A Lower State Championship and finally finished in a tie for 9th at the 4A State Championship, with a score of 69-80—149 (+5).

Christian Woods

Woods was named to the 4A High School All State Team and also named to the Post and Courier's Lowcountry Golf First Team. His South Carolina Junior Golf Rankings record includes four top 10 finishes in tournaments played in 2014-2015.

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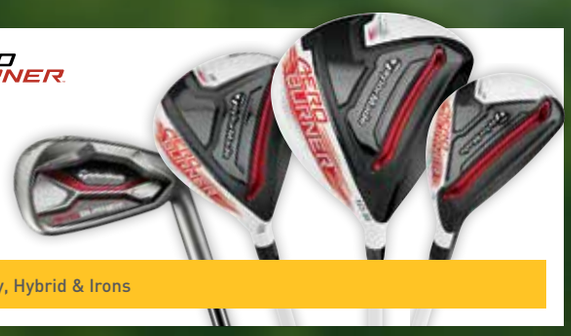

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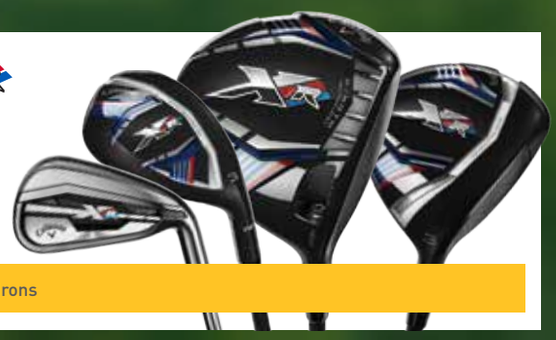

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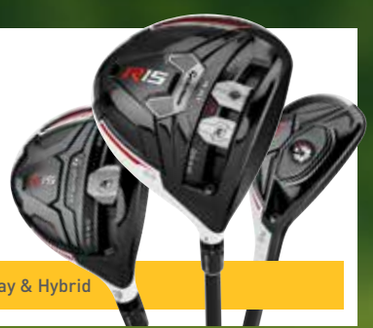

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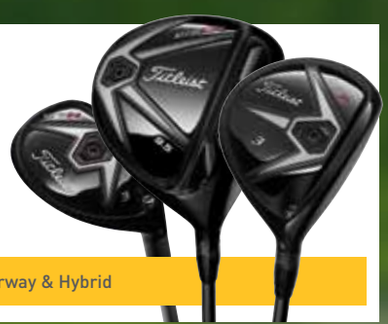

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