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quite a bit of research when determining which manufacturer made the most sense to partner with. In compiling that research, the fact that over 98 percent of PGA Tour professionals utilize Bushnell products during practice rounds and that the Bushnell products don't require any other ancillary devices to work certainly seemed to create the kind of value that we desire to bring to the table for our membership.

### LGA CHAMPIONSHIP ENTRY FORMS AVAILABLE

Visit our website to sign up online or download an entry form for our first three Championships of 2006. The Club Team Championship (Copper Mill Golf Club on April 22-23), Senior 4-Ball Championship (Carter Plantation on May 12-13), and Amateur Championship (Country Club of Louisiana on June 8-11) are available now for entry. Don't hesitate as these fields will fill up fast as entry deadlines approach. Our website address is [www.LGAgolf.org](http://www.LGAgolf.org), or you can call our offices at 337.265.3938 for more information on our Championships or on any other LGA programs or initiatives.

### HURRICANE CLUB FORMED FOR LGA MEMBERS IN NEW ORLEANS AND LAKE CHARLES AREAS

A number of golfers in the New Orleans and Lake Charles areas belong to LGA Handicap Network Clubs that are currently closed following the damage done by Hurricanes Katrina and Rita. As a consequence, their clubs are no longer active and they are unable to post scores or view their handicap history.

We know that many of them are still playing golf and would like the ability to maintain a valid USGA Handicap Index, so the Louisiana Golf Association has created a special club for these golfers. The Hurricane Golf Club has been created to afford members of these facilities the opportunity to maintain a valid USGA Handicap Index and membership in the Louisiana Golf Association.

Here is how the Hurricane Golf Club will work. If you would like to enroll in this club, you must contact the LGA by email ([mwalder@lgagolf.org](mailto:mwalder@lgagolf.org)) or by phone (337-265-3938) and let us know of your intentions. If you were an active member of one of these clubs prior to the storms, we will make you a member of the Hurricane Golf Club at no charge. You will be able to keep your original LGA Handicap Network number and have the ability to post scores and view your handicap history online via the LGA website ([www.lgagolf.org](http://www.lgagolf.org)).

The Hurricane Golf Club will be available until May 31, 2006. The Hurricane Golf Club was not set up to be a permanent club, but instead was designed to give golfers the chance to post scores and maintain a valid USGA Handicap Index while they looked for a new club or waited for their club to reopen. There are a number of facilities currently open in the New Orleans and Lake Charles areas that are a part of the LGA Handicap Network. If you would like a listing of these facilities, please contact the LGA and we would be happy to provide you with a contact name and phone number.

See you next month.....Inside the Ropes!

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## Inaugural Louisiana Futures Classic set for April 7-9 in Lafayette

The Futures Tour, which is the official developmental tour of the LPGA Tour, will hold the first of at least three tournaments at The Wetlands in Lafayette, La.

The 2006 event is scheduled for April 7-9 at Lafayette's newest municipal course. The three-year deal was announced recently at The Wetlands. Festivities will actually start on Wednesday, April 6 with a junior clinic at 4 p.m. and a Meet the Pros Party at 6:30 p.m. On Thursday, there will be two pro-ams (8 a.m. and 1:30 p.m.).

A total of 144 ladies will be trying to cash in the \$75,000 event. "We are proud to have this be our first major function at The Wetlands," said Lafayette Mayor Joey Durel. "We hope this is something we do for many, many years to come."

Officials from the Futures Tour, including President Zayra Calderon, were present at the press conference.

"The Duramed Futures Tour is very excited to come to Lafayette. We've been working on this for about two years and we are delighted to inaugurate this great golf course," Calderon said.

Possibly the lone local player in the tournament -- the official list is not released until shortly before the event -- is Michelle Louviere. Louviere, who is from Lafayette, was extended a sponsor's exemption for the tournament. She also played golf for LSU and has played in Futures Tour and LPGA Tour events.

The Futures Tour was founded in 1981 and became the official developmental tour of the LPGA in 1999. The tour has over 300 members from 30 countries. For more information — including volunteer opportunities — about the Louisiana Futures Classic, log onto [www.lafuturesclassic.com](http://www.lafuturesclassic.com) or call (337) 593-2272.



### FACILITY CLOSURES

*The following is a list of facilities that have been closed as a result of Hurricanes Katrina and Rita. If you have any updates on these facilities to pass along, please call (800) 643-4053. In addition, please log onto our website ([www.teetogreenmagazine](http://www.teetogreenmagazine)) for current updates on these facilities.*

Aviation Oaks Golf Club (New Orleans)  
Bartholomew Memorial Golf Course (New Orleans)  
Bayou Oaks Golf Club (New Orleans)  
Golf Club of New Orleans at Eastover (New Orleans)  
Great Southern Golf Club (Gulfport, Miss.): Planning limited opening Spring 2006  
Hidden Oaks Golf Club (Braithwaite, La.)  
Lakewood Country Club (New Orleans)  
Oak Harbor Golf Club (Slidell, La.): Planning to re-open Spring 2006  
Pine Shadows Golf Club (Lake Charles, La.): Planning to re-open Spring 2006  
Port Sulphur Golf Course (Port Sulphur, La.)  
President Broadwater Golf Club (Biloxi, Miss.): Planning 2008 opening  
Southwind Golf Club (Biloxi, Miss.)  
The Oaks (Pass Christian, Miss.)  
TPC of Louisiana (Avondale): Planning to re-open in Fall 2006  
Tramark Golf Club (Gulfport, Miss.)