

Locals fare well in recent Robert Trent Jones Golf Trail Junior Tour event

Three out of the four divisions of the Robert Trent Jones Golf Trail Junior Tournament's Cambrian Ridge event in Greenville, Ala., were won by local players on Sept. 2-3.

The boys 16-18-year-old division was won by Myers Marshall of Daphne, Ala., who shot a 76-75-151.

Wilson McDonald of Mobile, Ala., won the boys' 14-15-year-old division after shooting a pair of 70s. Zachary Hughes of Irvington, Ala., won the boys' 12-13-year-old division with a 73-78-151. Kristen Dorsey of Gulf Breeze, Fla., finished second in the girls division with a 81-84-165, which was nine strokes back of the leader (Haley Wilson of Port Mitchell, Ala.).

Kristen Warhurst of Mobile finished third in the girls division after a pair of 83s. Heather Lott of Baton Rouge, La., was fifth after carding a 86-89-175.

In the boys' 12-13-year-old division, Robby Shelton of Wilmer, Ala., was second (76-82-158), while Adam Spiller (79-80-159) of Mobile was fourth.

Michael Ulmer of Fairhope, Ala., finished second in the boys'

14-15-year-old division one stroke back with a 67-74-141. In the boys' 16-18-year-old division, Blaine Henderson of Lucedale, Miss., was second after a 77-75-152. Ryan Wilson (78-78-156) of Daphne, Ala., was third and Devin Sellers (74-83-157) was fourth.

ROBERT TRENT JONES GOLF TRAIL



SUPERINTENDENT GRANT PROGRAM APPLICATIONS NOW BEING ACCEPTED

For the fourth year, Bayer Environmental Science has teamed with The Environmental Institute for Golf to send five golf course superintendents to the 2007 GCSAA Education Conference and Golf Industry Show, Feb. 19-24 in Anaheim, Calif.

The grants assist golf course superintendents with their professional development through participation in the most comprehensive education program and trade show available in the industry.

Entries will be accepted through Oct. 27, with the winners selected through a random drawing. The Institute will notify winners by Nov. 10.

Only one application will be accepted per person. GCSAA membership is not required. Each grant will cover expenses for airfare (including international), hotel (accommodations for six nights), conference registration (full-pack), two education seminars (half-day, one-day, or two-day), two tickets to the President's Celebration and \$200 spending money.

Golf course superintendents who did not attend either of the last two GCSAA Education Conferences and Golf Industry Shows are eligible. Those interested should complete and submit the online application or contact GCSAA member services at (800) 472-7878 to receive an application via fax.

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143 in the event that was conducted in late August. Congratulations to Cody and Andrew for their finish as our representatives in this prestigious Junior event.

2007 LGA CHAMPIONSHIP SCHEDULE

We're excited to reveal our 2007 Championship schedule for the first time here. As we mentioned in last month's column we have a number of new venues in 2007. Fully half of our championships will be conducted on courses we've never visited before. It seems our schedule gets better every year, as is evidenced by the fact that our 2007 Amateur will be held at the Pete Dye-designed TPC Louisiana in New Orleans, home of the PGA Tour's Zurich Classic. Squire Creek Country Club just outside Ruston (a Tom Fazio design), rated as the No. 1 course in Louisiana by Golf Digest, will host our Mid-Amateur. The Farm Golf Club in north

Lafayette (Club Team Championship) and the Atchafalaya Golf Course in Patterson (Senior 4-Ball) are our other two first-time venues. Beaver Creek Golf Course, Carter Plantation, and the University Club of Baton Rouge round out the sites for our 2007 Championships.

Please note that our Net Amateur and Senior 4-Ball Championships will be switching dates in 2007. The 2007 Net Am will move to dates in May (19-20) while the 2007 Senior 4-Ball Championship will become our final event of the season and will be conducted in September (15-16).

We look forward to seeing many of you at our 2007 championship events. See you next month...Inside the Ropes.

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LOUISIANA GOLF ASSOCIATION 2007 SCHEDULE

April 21-22: Club Team Championship (The Farm Golf Club, Carencro)

May 19-20: Net Amateur and Net Club Team Championship (Beaver Creek Golf Course, Zachary)

June 7-10: Amateur Championship (TPC-Louisiana, Avondale)

June 27-29: Jr. Amateur Championship (Beaver Creek Golf Course, Zachary)

July 21-22: Four-Ball Championship (The University Club, BR)

Aug. 3-5: Mid-Amateur Championship (Squire Creek Country Club, Choudrant)

Aug. 16-18: Senior Amateur Championship (Carter Plantation, Springfield)

Aug. 29: USGA Mid-Am Qualifier (Squire Creek Country Club, Choudrant)

Sept. 15-16: Senior Four-Ball Championship Atchafalaya Golf Course at Idlewild, Patterson)