



#### SERIES OF RULES SEMINARS AROUND THE STATE

The LGA will conduct a series of Rules Seminars throughout the state in mid-June and early-July. Another in our continuing efforts to increase benefits and services to the members of our member clubs, the seminars will be conducted in Mandeville, Baton Rouge, Lafayette, Alexandria, and Monroe, and will be free to golfing members of LGA Member Clubs. The seminars will also be open to members of non-LGA member clubs for a fee of \$20. Participants will receive a 2008-2009 USGA Rules of Golf booklet, compliments of the LGA, and will see a Power-Point presentation on how to use the Rules Book, commonly used and abused rules, and 2008 Rules changes. There will also be a question-and-answer session to conclude the seminar. No pre-registration will be necessary, however; each session will be limited to 100 participants (80 at the Baton Rouge site). The \$20 fee for non-LGA member club members will be collected at the door. The seminar in Monroe will be held from 6:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. at Bayou DeSiard Country Club on Wednesday, June 18 and the capacity will be 100 persons. The Alexandria seminar will be held from 7 p.m. to 9 p.m. at Alexandria Golf and Country Club on Thursday, June 19 and the capacity will be 100 persons. The seminar in Baton Rouge will be held on Wednesday, June 25 at Santa Maria Golf Club from 7 p.m. to 9 p.m. and the capacity will be 80 persons. The Mandeville seminar will be held on Thursday, June 26 at Beau Chene Country Club from

7 p.m. to 9 p.m. and the capacity will be 100 persons. The Lafayette seminar will be held on Tuesday, July 1 at Oakbourne Country Club from 7 p.m. to 9 p.m. and limited to 100 persons.

#### LGA NET AMATEUR CHAMPIONSHIP

The 2008 LGA Net Amateur Championship was conducted at Santa Maria Golf Club in Baton Rouge the weekend of May 17-18. It was another exciting finish in this event with Jared Fontenot, playing with a 7.9 USGA Handicap Index, of Washington taking a one-shot victory over Sedrick Gregory of Sulphur (9.5 Index). William Duncan of Baton Rouge (9.4 Index) took third by himself, with defending champion Resta Choate of Shreveport (22.1 Index) and Slidell's William Johnson (16.8 Index) finishing in a tie for fourth. Santa Maria was inundated with over five inches of rain a few days before the tournament and, as a consequence, the course played longer than the 6,600 yards it was set up to play. Fontenot fired a net 69 on Saturday to take a two-shot lead into Sunday's final round. Gregory, who was tied for fifth after the first round, shot an even-par 72 on Sunday to make up two shots on Fontenot but it wasn't quite enough as Fontenot made a natural birdie on the par-5 18th hole Sunday to take the title.

The LGA conducts this event to provide a championship for its higher handicap players with procedures in place to assure that consistency and integrity are benchmarks for the event. The LGA utilizes the USGA Tournament Score Probability Table to adjust handicap indexes when a player's score exceeds normal probability.

Lake Charles' Pine Shadows CC took home the title in the concurrent LGA Net Club Team Championship, firing a 13-over par score of 445. The Pine Shadows team, composed of Julius Courville, Al Lyles, Ricky Norwood, and Carl Lemaire, won

the club's third title in the six years of this event's existence. Hammond's Oak Knoll Country Club finished in second two shots back. Flight winners included the following: Carnoustie flight/Carl Lemaire of Sulphur; Troon flight/Julius Courville of Lake Charles; Prestwick flight/Ronald King of Mandeville; and St. Andrews flight/Al Wyche of Shreveport.

#### UPCOMING ENTRY DEADLINES, ETC.

Approaching entry deadlines include: June 24/Mid-Amateur Championship, July 1/Junior Amateur Championship, and July 7/Four-Ball Championship. The Mid-Am will be held August 1-3 at Ellendale CC in Houma, with qualifiers at eight sites across the state in early July. As was the case last year, those not qualifying for Championship rounds play will receive a \$100 refund from their \$200 entry fee. This year's Junior Am will be conducted July 9-11 at Santa Maria GC in Baton Rouge. Entry fee for the Junior is \$50. The Four-Ball Championship is scheduled for Carter Plantation, just west of Hammond, on July 19-20. The team entry fee is \$300. Online registration and entry forms are now available for the 2008 Senior Amateur and Senior Four-Ball Championships. The Senior Am will be held at the Farm d'Allie Golf Club in Lafayette Aug. 14-16, with the Senior Four-Ball taking place Sept. 20-21 at Lake Charles Country Club. Simply go to [LGA.org](http://LGA.org) and follow the prompts for online registration.

#### USGA CHAMPIONSHIPS

I will be heading to Torrey Pines to participate as a Rules Official at the 2008 U.S. Open later this month. I've also been fortunate enough to be asked to officiate at the U.S. Amateur (Pinehurst) and U.S. Mid-Amateur (Milwaukee CC) later in the year. As I typically do, I'll plan on sharing my experiences from the U.S. Open in this column next month.



#### ARKANSAS WINS GOVERNOR'S CUP BY ONE POINT

Arkansas took an early lead by winning the four-ball matches on Friday, 5-3. Mississippi answered by winning 5.5 points in the afternoon in the foursome matches to their 2.5. The big win on Friday afternoon gave the Mississippi team a one-point lead heading into the singles matches on Saturday morning. Mississippi came out strong winning three of the four matches in the senior matches. Arkansas came back with a two-point lead with the final two matches all square playing the 18th hole. David Sellers defeated Jeff Benton to give Mississippi one more point. Michael Dowst chipped in for birdie on 18 to force Wes McNulty of Arkansas to get up and down for birdie to half the hole and the match. McNulty made birdie to get the one half point needed for Arkansas to win The Cup outright. If the teams had tied at the end of the singles matches with 16 points each, Arkansas would have retained the cup, being that they won the Governor's Cup in 2007.

#### COLEMAN WINS 2008 NORMAN BRYANT COLONIAL INVITATIONAL

David Coleman of Madison defeated defending champion Scott Rhodes of Ridgeland in the 2008 Norman Bryant Colonial Invitational 6 and 4 on Sunday.

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