



LOUISIANA GOLF ASSOCIATION PARTNERS WITH GOLFWEEK

The LGA is excited to announce its plans to partner with Golfweek magazine in providing additional value-added services to individual members of LGA member clubs. We hope to have the partnership finalized within the next few weeks and will be providing additional information in future columns and on our website (www.LGAgolf.org). To whet your appetite, we anticipate that we'll be able to offer a year's subscription (45 issues) for around 55 cents and issue, which is an 86-percent discount off the cover price of \$3.95 an issue. We plan on having a link on LGAgolf.org in the near future so that you can take advantage of this fantastic offer. The offer will only be available to our LGA Handicap Network participants and will require you to enter your 8-digit Network number in order to access the offer. We also plan to incorporate free Golfweek subscriptions into our Gold and Silver Sponsorship programs as well. For the \$25 cost of a LGA Silver sponsorship, and in addition to all of the current benefits, you'll receive a free three month Golfweek trial subscription. Gold Sponsors (\$75 annual fee) will receive a full year's free subscription to Golfweek in addition to the Gold Sponsorship's current benefits. This additional benefit will apply to new Silver and Gold sponsorship subscribers and to current subscribers' as their anniversary renewal dates occur. To kick off this program, the LGA is randomly selecting 1,000 of its members that will receive a free one year's subscription to Golfweek. Stay on the lookout, if you've not received notice of a free subscription, compliments of the LGA, by the middle of May, we encourage you to consider becoming a Gold or Silver Sponsor and receiving your free subscription via that route....or you can simply order your subscription on LGAgolf.org for the discounted annual rate of \$24.95. Stay tuned....we'll keep you posted on how best to take advantage of our Golfweek partnership!

CLUB TEAM CHAMPIONSHIP RECAP

It's hard to believe but the first LGA event of the year is in the hopper. Willowdale Country Club took home the title in the 20th edition of the LGA Club Team Championship the weekend of April 19-20. Willowdale's six-man team from Luling protected a precarious one-stroke lead after Saturday's first round by shooting two-over-par 290 on Sunday to outdis-

tance The University Club of Baton Rouge and OakWing Golf Club of Alexandria by four shots. Willowdale's two-day total of 423 was 9-under par. The Atchafalaya Golf Course at Idlewild in Patterson proved to be a popular venue for this event, drawing compliments from all participants about the Robert Van Hagge design only open a couple of years. The Club Team Championship pits six-person teams from LGA Member Clubs against each other in a Ryder Cup type competition over 36 holes. On Saturday each club fields three two-man four-ball teams and the best two four-ball scores are combined to determine the Club Team's score for the day. On Sunday all six team members play as individuals with the best four of six scores counting for the team score. Father-and-son tandem Brian and Andrew Noto combined for a 6-under-par 66, Jarrett Walker and Landon Clause shot 67, and Duane Lorio and Seth Dufrene carded a 69 in four-ball play on Saturday for the victorious Willowdale team. On Sunday, with all competitors playing their own ball, Dad Brian Noto fired a three-under 69 to take home medalist honors, son Andrew had an even-par 72, with Walker and Lorio rounding out the scoring with a 73 and 76, respectively. Other under-par scores in individual play on Sunday included Pelican Point Golf Club's Paul Castro (70), Les Vieux Chenes Golf Club's Spence Girouard (71) Beau Chene Country Club's Jay Coxe (71), Pine Hill Country Club's Nick Jungina (71), and OakWing Golf Club's Dusty Green (71).

CHAMPIONSHIPS REMINDER

Just a quick reminder of our other upcoming Championships, sites, and deadline dates. Our next event is the LGA Net Amateur Championship, which will be held at Santa Maria Golf Club in Baton Rouge the weekend of May 17-18. The deadline for that event is May 8. Gray Plantation will host the 89th edition of our marquee event, the Louisiana Amateur Championship, on June 5-8. Deadline for entries was April 29, with qualifying events held at eight sites around the state early this month.

We're back at Santa Maria for the Junior Amateur July 9-11, with the deadline for entries scheduled for July 1. Carter Plantation in Springfield, site of last year's Senior Am, will be host venue for the 2008 Four-Ball Championship July 19-20. Deadline for entries is July 7. And we're pleased to visit Ellendale Country Club in Houma for this year's Mid-Amateur August 1-3. Deadline is June 24 with qualifying at eight statewide sites in early July. Entries will be available for our last two events of the year, the Senior Amateur at the Farm d'Allie Golf Club in Lafayette (August 14-16) and the Senior Four-Ball at Lake Charles Country Club (September 20-21), on June 1.

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Steve Wilson

WILSON WINS THE MS MID AMATEUR CHAMPIONSHIP

On a beautiful and breezy day at Colonial Country Club-Deerfield, Steve Wilson of Ocean Springs walked away as the Mid Amateur Champion.

Wilson played consistently over the three-day event to finish at even par for the tournament (216). Second place was shared by Jay Hale, Clay Homan, and Scott Rhodes, all finishing at 217. Hale birdied 17, but was unable to break away from the three-person tie. Homan registered par on the last two holes to finish at 74 for the day and Rhodes birdied the final hole to finish the day with a one-over-par 73.

Greg Taylor and Greg Williamson tied in the net division with a net score of 215. Other flight winners were: Robert Willis (225, first flight), Michael Hammett (231, second flight), Scott Anderson (240, third flight), David Sinclair and Eric Russell (239, fourth flight), Greg Taylor and Richard Fairchild (251, fifth flight). Complete results are posted on www.missgolf.org.

BEAU PRE CC IN NATCHEZ WILL HOST THE MS/AR GOVERNOR'S CUP MATCHES

Mississippi will host the 3rd Annual Mississippi/Arkansas Governor's Cup

Matches May 16-17 at Beau Pre Country Club in Natchez.

The Mid South Golf Association was founded in the 1980s and was an annual competition between six states (Arkansas, Louisiana, Mississippi, Oklahoma, Texas, and Tennessee). The Mid South Golf Association would host a Ryder-Cup format in which each team would bring a team and compete against the other five states. In 2006, the Mid South Golf Association was disbanded and the Mississippi Golf Association and the Arkansas State Golf Association created the MS/AR Governor's Cup. Each association alternates years to host the match. Mississippi hosted the inaugural event in 2006 at Reunion Golf and Country Club in Madison, with Arkansas hosting the second year at Texarkana Country Club in Texarkana.

Texarkana Country Club played host to the very first Mid South Cup Matches and was a long standing host until the matches began to rotate through the member states. Mississippi claimed the cup in 2006, with Arkansas winning it in 2007. The Mississippi Team hopes to regain the cup in 2008 with home-course advantages. Each team consists of a 16 persons, with 10 players selected from the regular points list and six players being selected from the senior points list. The 2008 Mississippi team members are Steve Wilson, Alan Ellis, Stan Hall, Todd Metz, Carter Callaway, Duke Simmons, Scott Rhodes, David Sellers, David Coleman, Ricky Sims, Brother Sandifer, George Hinman, Peter Marks, Felix Bertucci, and Robert Willis, with MGA President, Gerald Chatham Sr. as the captain. The Matches begin on Friday, May 16 with four-ball and foursome matches and conclude on Saturday, May 17 with singles matches in the morning. Each match is worth one point. The team winning the most points will win the Governor's Cup.

BANKPLUS ROAD TO THE CLASSIC

BankPlus has partnered with the MJGA as the title sponsor for the 2008 MJGA Junior Tour. The BankPlus Road to the Classic will kick off with the MJGA Event No. 1 at Columbus Country Club and conclude with the MS/LA Junior Championship at Wolf Hollow Golf Club. The MJGA members earn points throughout the MJGA season and to participate in the BankPlus MJGA Junior Pro Am at the Viking Classic. BankPlus and Viking Classic have partnered to create one of the greatest events for junior golfers in Mississippi.

"The MJGA is very lucky to be a part of the Viking Classic, the only professional sports event in Mississippi," said Ronny Ross, MJGA President. "We are the only junior golf association in the country to be able to provide this opportunity to our members," said Ross.

The top 32 players from the MJGA Point System will be invited to play with a PGA Tour Professional during the Viking Classic. The top 32 players will be selected from the

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