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LOUISIANA GOLF ASSOCIATION 2009 SCHEDULE ANNOUNCED

The Louisiana Golf Association is pleased to announce its 2009 Championship Schedule. The LGA will again conduct nine Championship and 16 qualifying events during 2009, beginning in mid-April with the Club Team Championship and concluding in late-September with the Senior 4-Ball Championship. The LGA's 90th Amateur Championship, an event that crowned its first champion in 1920, will be conducted June 4-7 at Carter Plantation, just southwest of Hammond in Springfield, a David Toms-designed course that hosted the LGA's 4 Ball Championship in 2008.

Lafayette's Oakbourne Country Club, one of the LGA's most popular sites, will welcome the state's top 25 years of age and older players to the 2009 Mid-Amateur Championship August 7-9. The Oakbourne course has hosted a number of LGA Championships over the years and will also serve as host to the LGA's 2011 Amateur Championship.

The 2009 schedule kicks off with the Club Team Championship in mid-April at Tamahka Trails Golf Club in Marksville. This event matches teams from LGA Member Clubs in an exciting Ryder Cup type format consisting of 4-Ball play on Saturday and individual play on Sunday. Mid-May finds Baton Rouge's Santa Maria Golf Club hosting the Net Amateur and Net Club Team Championships for the second consecutive year. After the Amateur at Carter Plantation, the LGA heads to Alexandria Golf and Country Club for the Junior Amateur Championship in early July. The TPC Louisiana in New Orleans, annual host to the PGA Tour's Zurich Classic, will be the site of the 4-Ball Championship in mid-July.

August finds the LGA heading west to Oakbourne for the Mid-Am, then further west into the Lake Charles area for the Senior Amateur Championship at Lake Charles Country Club. The season ends in Shreveport at Southern Trace Country Club in late-September with the Senior 4-Ball Championship. Qualifiers will again be conducted for both the Amateur and Mid-Amateur Championships. Eight

sites around the state (New Orleans, Houma, Baton Rouge, Lafayette, Lake Charles, Alexandria, Monroe, and Shreveport) will conduct sectional qualifying rounds for all entrants not exempt into Championship round play.

As has been the case over the last few years, in addition to the Overall Championship, concurrent Age-Group Championships for Age-Groups 60-64 and 65-69 will be conducted at the Senior Amateur and Senior Four-Ball events. Individuals 70 and over may elect to compete in the Overall Championship by playing from the same tees as the Overall competitors but will also have the option of competing only in their Age-Group division and playing from a more forward set of tees. LGA Championship events are open to members of LGA Member Clubs.

LGA WELCOMES TRINITY ROCK AS 2009 USGA BOATWRIGHT INTERN

Having just bid farewell to Patrick Neuner, our 2008 Boatwright intern, we welcome Mr. Trinity Rock this month to begin his one-year hitch with the LGA as our 2009 intern. Trinity is a native of the Morgan City area, having just completed his degree from Nicholls State in Thibodaux. He will join us in mid-January and will be with us until just before Thanksgiving 2009. The USGA has supported state and regional golf associations through this program since 1991. This is the 13th consecutive year that the LGA has benefited from the USGA's generosity and we continue to be tremendously indebted to them for their support.

2009 CLUB TEAM CHAMPIONSHIP ENTRY FORMS AVAILABLE

We have just recently forwarded entry forms for our first event of the year, the Club Team Championship, to all LGA Member Club golf professionals. The weekend of April 18-19, 2009, will find this Championship taking place at Tamahka Trails Golf Club in Marksville. Typically one of our most popular Championships, the event will pit six-man teams from LGA Member Clubs in a Ryder-Cup type format. On Saturday each club represented will field three 2-man Four-Ball teams, with the best two of three scores counting as the team's score for the day. Sunday's play will be individual stroke play with the best four of six scores counting. With twice as many scores counting on Sunday, there's a good chance that a club will come from far back in the pack to make a run at the title. If your club is interested in fielding a team, we encourage

you to send your entry form in early to ensure your club's spot in the event. Provided we have space, we will accept more than one team per club.

ON-LINE REGISTRATION TO START FEBRUARY 1 FOR 2009 LGA CHAMPIONSHIP SEASON

Beginning February 1 you'll be able to register on-line for the 2009 LGA Net Amateur and Amateur Championships. Registration for the 2009 Junior Am, Four-Ball, and Mid-Am Championships will be available April 1, with 2009 Senior Am and Senior Four-Ball registration beginning June 1. Please visit our website at www.LGAgolf.org to find out more about our Championship dates and venues.

We sincerely hope the recent Holiday Season was a joyous one for you and your family.

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

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2009 LGA EVENTS

APRIL 18-19: Club Team Championship (Tamahka Trails Golf Club, Marksville)

MAY 16-17: Net Amateur Championship and Net Club Team Championship (Santa Maria Golf Club, Baton Rouge)

JUNE 4-7: Amateur Championship (Carter Plantation, Springfield)

JULY 8-10: Junior Amateur Championship (Alexandria Golf and Country Club)

JULY 18-19: Four-Ball Championship (TPC Louisiana, Avondale)

AUG. 7-9: Mid-Amateur Championship (Oakbourne Country Club, Lafayette)

AUG. 20-22: Senior Amateur Championship (Lake Charles Country Club)

SEPT. 26-27: Senior Four-Ball Championship (Southern Trace Country Club, Shreveport)

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