

Oakley, Sims big winners at Back Acres Invitational

T. Robert Oakley was able to post his fourth victory 29th Annual Back Acres Invitational held recently in Senatobia.

Oakley also won the event in 2007, 2009 and last year. This year, he shot rounds of 72 and 75 to beat Grant Goforth by two strokes. Goforth shot rounds of 72 and 77. Sean Casey finished third four strokes back.

In the senior division, Ricky Sims was able to come out victorious over Gerald Chatham. Sims shot a 74 and trailed Chatham by one stroke after the first round. In the second round, Sims posted a 76 while Chatham carded a 79 making Sims the winner by two strokes. Defending champion Gary Oakley finished third.

COAST AMATEUR

Gregory Brooking of Natchez edged Lane Phippen of Ocean Springs to win the overall division of the Coast Amateur Tournament recently. Brooking shot identical rounds of 71, while Pippin, who won the championship flight, carded rounds of 69 and 75. Other flight winners were: Drew Seals of Wiggins (first), Brandon Baxter of Hattiesburg (second), Brooking (senior championship) and Davis Sellers of Lucedale (senior first).



NORMAN BRYANT INVITATIONAL TOURNEY

Scott Rhodes beat Ricky Sims, 4 and 3, to win the Championship Flight of the Norman Bryant Invitational Tournament.

Other flight winners were: Ronnie Posey (first), Christopher Martin (second), Dave Stephenson (third), Sammy Warman (fourth), Charles Hutson (fifth) and Chuck Halbert Jr. (sixth).

GREENVILLE INVITATIONAL

Alan Ellis won the overall title and championship flight recently at the Greenville Invitational after posting rounds of 70 and 71. Ellis, who is from Greenwood, topped Billy Brozovich and Michael Naaman — both of Greenville — and Lee Gladden of Madison by three strokes. Other flight winners were: Brozovich (first), Ken Horton (second), Ricky Sims (third), Bill Hood (fourth) and William Tindall (fifth).

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par fives, #11 and #13, to remain tied with five holes to play. Struthers blinked first with a three-putt bogey on the difficult par four 16th. Matching pars on #17 brought them to the final hole with Berthelot holding a one-shot advantage. After a great up-and-down par by Struthers, Berthelot faced a tricky 25-foot downhill side hill putt, needing a two-putt to win. His putt took forever to get to the hole but finally found the side-door, falling in to give him the two-shot victory. Rounding out the top ten finishers were: Robby Going of Lake Charles (5th/288), Clinton Shepard of West Monroe (6th/289), Tim Dahlberg of Mandeville (7th/290), John Talley of St.

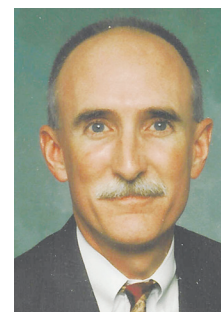
Martinville (8th/291), Mick Huffman of Maurice (9th/292), and Chad Bailey of Lafayette and Dustin Petit of Luling (T10/293).

UPCOMING EVENTS

We have a busy schedule the next couple of months, conducting four LGA Championships and one USGA qualifier before the end of August. We begin with our Junior Amateur Championship at Beaver Creek GC in Zachary June 6-8, then head to Koasati Pines at Coushatta in Kinder for the 4-Ball Championship the following weekend, July 16-17. English Turn G & CC in New Orleans hosts our Mid-Amateur Championship August 5-7 and we then visit the recently-renovated University Club in Baton Rouge for the Senior Amateur

Championship August 18-20 and the USGA Mid-Amateur Qualifier on August 29.

Our last event of the year is the Senior 4-Ball Championship at Money Hill G & CC in Abita Springs September 24-25. See you in a couple months!



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