



TENNESSEE JUNIOR GOLF E-NEWSLETTER

More Than a Memorial

The 2011 Memorial played at Clarksville CC, August 1-2, will be even more memorable this year with the recent passing of Tennessee's golf legend and charter member of the Tennessee Golf Hall of Fame, Mason Rudolph.



The Memorial was established in 2000 after Craig Rudolph, the youngest son of Carol and Mason Rudolph, was tragically killed in a helicopter accident. The event has been embraced by the club and is probably one of the most well run junior championships in the state. This 36 hole tournament is open to boys ages 13-18 and is ranked on the National Junior Golf Scoreboard as well as being a TGA Junior Player of the Year point event.

After the practice round on Sunday, there is a coat and tie dinner. The speaker this year will be Dick Horton, Tennessee Golf Foundation President. Players are provided with breakfast and lunch both tournament days as well as walking scorers, snacks on the course and lots of extras!

[Click here](#) for an application and to find out more about The Memorial.

[Click here](#) to read more about Mason Rudolph.

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TGA Junior Tour Update!



Junior Tour

TGA Junior Tour memberships and tournament registration is in full swing! Over 1,000 Members have registered already, but there are still 3500 tournament spots still available. Meet new friends, play different courses, travel outside your comfort zone, compete on different grasses, and have lots of fun!

The TGA Junior Tour which was formerly, the Vince Gill Junior Tour, and before that the Nortel Junior Tour has graduated several professional tour pros, club and teaching professionals, college, high school and middle school coaches and lots of successful college players who have been able to gain athletic aid to assist with their college finances. And more importantly, since 1990, the Tennessee Golf Foundation has provided an arena for kids to play and enjoy the game of golf.

[Click here](#) to find out more and sign up!

Do You TMACS?

TMACS stands for the Taylor Made/adidas Championship Series that is part of the TGA Junior Tour. These 36 hole events provide the more advanced players a place to showcase their talents in National Junior Golf Scoreboard ranked events. NEW THIS YEAR - we are offering a membership level with no fees attached where a player can choose to play in just one TMACS event. We found that several of our advanced players wanted to participate in the TGA Junior Tour but the full schedule of events just wasn't possible. Each event offers TaylorMade/adidas favors, lunch, crystal trophies and added benefits. [Click here](#) to find out more.

Schooldays Tournament Info!



By Mike Organ THE TENNESSEAN

McCabe Golf Course will be in full play again in time for the 87th annual Tennessean/Metro Parks Schooldays Golf Tournament, which will be played this year on June 14-16. **Applications for golfers ages 12-17 in the Middle Tennessee area go online 4 p.m. May 16 at tennessean.com.**

With four holes damaged by the May floods prior to last year's tournament a makeshift course using the North, South and Middle nine holes had to be

used. The last of the damaged holes is scheduled to reopen May 1, meaning the 220 golfers in the Schooldays field will go back to playing the South and Middle nine for the June 14 qualifying round.

The top 16 boys and eight girls advance to match play after the qualifying round.

[Click here](#) to find out more on the Schooldays event.

What is NJGS?

The National Junior Golf Scoreboard is the most comprehensive website for junior golf tournaments. Any event that is 36 holes or more and meets the yardage requirements may be included on this site. Players can search for events, see results, get tips from professionals and learn more about the junior golf environment. [Click here for www.njgs.com.](#)



[Click here](#) for Tennessee State and Local events and Tours.



SIUE Still Looking for Female Players!

Ladies, still looking for the right fit for college this fall? Southern Illinois University in Edwardsville still has openings and golf scholarships available! The program is currently in the Transition to NCAA

Division I. 2011-2012 year will be the final year of that transition, and they are a member of the Ohio Valley Conference (OVC). They play a full Division I schedule but will not be eligible for the Conference tournament until 2012-2013. The program has made great strides over the past few years and attendance at SIUE is growing rapidly each year.

If you are interested, please contact Coach Jennifer Jakel, jjakel@siue.edu.

TGA Junior Player of the Year Update



The 2011 TGA Junior Player of the Year rankings will begin posting on May 1. The Ruth Eller Cup is presented annually to the female winner. Kendall Martindale of Jefferson City has claimed this honor the past two years. She will graduate high school in May and will attend Vanderbilt University in the fall, which gives her one more season to vie for the honor.

The male winners are presented the Harold Eller Cup. Marshall Talkington of Jackson took the 2010 honor. Marshall will finish up his freshman year at UT Knoxville this spring so a new winner will be announced in 2011.

The rankings favor local events to reduce economic favoritism, and national championships to recognize top prominence. For a complete list of events and how the rankings work, please [click here](#).

Girls, Find a Program in Your Area!

The Tennessee Girls Golf Network has launched a new area on the website with female instructors and programs in different areas of the state.



Click on an instructor to find out what "girls only" programs she may offer at her facility. Many of these instructors also give private lessons if you are looking for a female teacher. [Click here](#) to find out more.

Try a New Game on the Course!



Apart from having a lot of fun and adding some real variety to your game of golf, and getting to try something new, Kangarila balls and the game are great as a training aid, where playing shots with unconventional clubs broadens a golfer's skills and versatility.

Golf professionals have said that it's a great way to encourage and interest kids too! Players tee off as usual and then, depending on the lie of the ball and which marked area faces upwards on the Kangarila ball, players play their next shot using the indicated club, or with a free choice of club. [Click here](#) to find out more.

AJGA Franklin Looking for Volunteers

The AJGA event at Westhaven Golf Club in Franklin, scheduled for June 20-23, is looking for volunteers to help with the championship. If you are interested in assisting at a timing station or live scoring, or shuttling, spotting balls or even being a standard bearer, contact Chris Cauthen, Head Professional at Westhaven, 615-599-4420 or John Harris, Co-Tournament chairman, 615-268-6956.



The Tennessee Golf Foundation and The First Tee Nashville will benefit from this event.

What Useful Information Can I Research on a Golf Team's Website?

Do your homework before developing your list of target schools

By John Brooks, borrowed from www.njgs.com

As you begin thinking about college and where you might like to play golf, realize that the Internet can be extremely helpful to you and your parents throughout the college placement process. It is very important to develop a target list of schools to research, visit, and possibly contact. This task should be completed no later than the first semester of your junior year in high school. In most cases I recommend that sophomores start formulating ideas about what they want out of their college experience. It's never too early to start this process. [Click here](#) to read more.



College Scholarships For Girls! Deadline Soon.

The LPGA Foundation currently administers three scholarships for young women who enjoy the game of golf, and plan to attend college in the fall of 2011. The Dinah Shore Scholarship will be given to a female high school senior who played golf during high school, but will not be playing collegiate golf. The Marilyn Smith Scholarship will be awarded to seven high school seniors who will be playing golf at the collegiate level; and The Phyllis G. Meekins Scholarship will be a need-based

award to a high school senior from a recognized minority background who will be playing golf at the collegiate level. Qualifications for all scholarships include strong academic programs, community service and recommendations. The ***deadline for applications is May 13.*** [Click here](#) to find out more.

The Women's Southern Golf Association has established a scholarship fund to assist deserving female golfers residing in the 15 southern states and the District of Columbia to obtain four years

of higher education. This year a scholarship of \$3,500 will be available along with a commitment of \$3,500 for each of the three succeeding years of undergraduate school, not to exceed a total of four years. **Deadline is May 1.** [Click here](#) to find out more.

Congrats to Our Spring Signings!

Olivia	Crowder	Tellico Plains	King College
Jace	Devault	Bluff City	Walters State
Emily	Harris	Elizabethton	Milligan College
Jessica	Kubalak	Franklin	Carson Newman
Justin	Lyons	Elizabethton	Milligan College
Sarah	McFarlin	Brentwood	Lipscomb University
Alexis	Spalding	Hendersonville	Tennessee Wesleyan
Keoni	Vidrine	Delano	Tennessee Wesleyan
Leah	Watson	Milan	Bethel University

[Click here](#) to see the list of current and signed Tennesseans playing college golf. If you have an update to this list, please contact us at tnjuniorgolf@pgahq.com.

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Little Course Membership	Gaylon	615-790-7600	Click Here
Play the Little Course	Golf Shop	615-790-0222	Click Here
TGA Boys Jr Amateur	Nate	615-790-7600	Click Here
TGA Girls Jr Amateur	Ashley or Dori	615-790-7600	Click Here
PGA Jr Amateur	Lissa	615-790-3336	Click Here
College Golf	Lissa	615-7690-336	Click Here
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