



TENNESSEE JUNIOR GOLF E-NEWSLETTER

Big Break Star Coming to BBGGF

The Tennessee Golf Association would like to announce that former Big Break star, Taryn Durham will be attending Bonnie Blackburn Girls Golf Fest 2011 at Golf House Tennessee.

Taryn, from Glasgow, KY, was a MTSU Blue Raider standout golfer (2004-2008) and has played on the Duramed Futures Tour for two seasons. Not to mention Durham's seven individual medalist honors, including the 2006 Sun Belt Conference Championship while at MTSU, Taryn also qualified for the 2007 U.S. Women's Open.

Most recently, Taryn, aka "Sweet T" has become well recognized through her participation in the Big Break Sandals Resort show this past summer where she made it into the final four. Currently, Taryn is pursuing the Women's Canadian Tour and other professional events.



BBGGF is scheduled for April 29-May 1, 2011 at Golf House Tennessee for girls ages 8-18. The deadline to sign up for BBGGF is April 20, 2011. For more information and updates you can visit www.bonnieblackburngolf.com.



TGA Junior Tour Membership on Record Pace for 2011

The TGA Junior Tour exists:

- To create opportunities for junior golfers to learn, play, and enjoy the game of golf.

- To motivate and educate junior golfers that through golf they may

learn values of honesty, integrity, and sportsmanship to last them

for a lifetime.

- To serve as a communications center for all junior golfers as relates to tournaments, education, scholarships, etc.
- To dedicate themselves and the junior golfers to be the best they can be on and off the golf course.

In 2011 the Tour has already registered 725 Members, which is about half of the 2010 membership. There is still time to sign up and attend one of the eleven remaining Rules Classes to get priority registration.

The 2011 season will consist of 105 regular season events. Players will have the opportunity to register in one of 13 different age and ability divisions. Almost 8,000 rounds will be available. Included are 14 TMACS two-day events for the more advanced players. [Click here](#) to find out more.

TGA and PGA Offer Great

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When planning your summer tournament schedule, consider playing in the Tennessee State Majors! For both boys and girls, the Tennessee Golf Association and the Tennessee Section PGA host top ranked events for the state.

Not only are these events ranked by the National Junior Golf Scoreboard and TGA Junior Amateur of the Year Point Events, but they are looked upon favorably by college coaches and they both offer advancement to other events.

To find out more about these events, [click here](#).



What's up in the Tri Cities Area?

There are several junior golf activities available for all ability levels in the Tri-Cities Region. We offer clinics, golf leagues, The First Tee and junior golf tournaments. Whether you're new to the game or advanced, we have something for you.

The Junior Golf League is designed to introduce students to the basics of tournament golf in a fun and relaxed atmosphere. Players must already have a good understanding of how to play on the golf course and must be able to carry their own golf bag for nine holes. Players are broken into Elementary, Middle and High School divisions and all rounds will be played using the USGA Rules of Golf. Awards will be given for Sportsmanship, Most Improved and Season Scoring Average, along with weekly prizes for closest to the hole on select holes.

The Golf League consists of 6 weeks with 9 holes of play each week. Each week will be stroke play to better prepare the participants for competitive golf. There will be a stroke limit as to not discourage the players. This is a great learning experience and great way to meet and play with other juniors. [Click here](#) to find out about dates, times and fees.

The Junior Golf Travel League is designed to give high school players a competitive league to participate in to prepare them for their upcoming summer tournaments and High School tryouts. This league will take place at 6 Tri-Cities area golf courses.

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What's Up in the Knoxville Area!



The Knoxville PGA Juniors Series compliments the TGA Junior Tour and gives juniors additional opportunities to compete locally as well as help new junior players learn to play competitively.

The Series is designed for all abilities and will have various age divisions for 8-18 year olds. So if you are new to golf or have been playing for years, be sure to sign up for these local events. The top 9 qualifiers from each age division will be invited to compete in the Knoxville Junior Championship held at Egwani Farms GC on July 25th. [Click here](#) to find out more.



Tweet: TGA Jr Tour on Facebook

The TGA Jr. Tour has entered the social media platform and will now be updating our members and fans on all the happenings of Junior Golf in Tennessee. They will also Twitter this year as a more direct and immediate way to communicate with their fans with pictures and tournament updates on site. Both platforms will allow the TGA Junior Tour to keep in closer contact with the people that have an interest in junior golf in Tennessee.

To sign up for Facebook, visit www.facebook.com and search for "Tennessee Junior Golf". For Twitter, visit www.twitter.com and search for "tnjuniorgolf".

New to 2011, the public will have access to the "TGA Junior Tour" app on both the Apple and Android mobile phone platforms. If you have an "app-friendly" phone, go to the iTunes store or Android marketplace and search for the "TGA Junior Tour" app. Once downloaded, users will be able to register, search the schedule, and view results through their phones. [Click here](#) to find out more..

Please contact the office at 615.790.3336 with any questions.

Sign Up Now!

Spring Events at The Little Course



and girls ages 8-17.

Looking for some spring competition? The Mini Masters at The Little Course is a great event. See how well you can navigate the par 3 holes against the competition. The date is Saturday April 9th for boys

Bring your caddie to The Little Course for a fun day on Saturday May 14. Each player may have any adult caddie for this competition. Open to players ages 4-13.

How about some afternoon golf on Mondays in April and May? The Little Course is offering a Spring Golf League for Elementary, Middle and High School Divisions.

[Click here](#) to find out more about these events and more to come in 2011.



TN Golf Hall of Fame to Induct David Meador as 37th Member

The Tennessee Golf Foundation board of directors has recently approved the induction of David Meador of Nashville into the Tennessee Golf Hall of Fame. A formal induction ceremony will be held at the foundation's Celebration of Golf Dinner held in middle Tennessee this fall. After David Meador's induction, The Tennessee Golf Hall of Fame will have 37 members that are enshrined at Golf House Tennessee in Franklin.

David Meador, who lost his vision after a car accident when he was 18 years old, has not let his blindness hold him back. He played golf before the accident and continued on with the sport, eventually becoming a national blind golf champion. Meador not only won a national title, but he has also had three holes in one. David's golf accomplishments include: 1977 National Blind Golf Champion, Firestone Country Club, Akron, Ohio; 2009 National Blind Golf Championship Runner-up; 1988

Heather Farr Golf Classic Champion, Phoenix, Arizona; 2005 & 2008 The Guiding Eyes Classic Champion, New York; 2003 Kaia Jergenson Courage Award from the Nashville Sports Council.

David Meador served on the Board of Directors of the United States Blind Golf Association (1993-2002) and was instrumental in bringing the U.S. Blind Golf Association championship to Old Natchez Country Club in 2005. He is a two-time cancer survivor and most recently he is the author of *"Broken Eyes, Unbroken Spirit, The Story of a National Blind Golf Champion"*.



TMSGGA Starts Spring Season 2011

The Tennessee Middle School Golf Association season is underway. The 2011 season is comprised of 137 teams and a number of individuals competing in 8 districts.

Each district will hold a season ending qualifier for one of the 3 Super Regional events. The regular season offers players thirteen dates of competition. To follow your favorite team and find out more, [click here](#).

The Importance of Your Pre-Shot Routine

by Jeff Troesch Borrowed form www.njgs.com



On the bag caddying for junior golfer Anthony Paolucci in his PGA Tour debut at Torrey Pines, I was struck again by how much of this game of golf is mental. Standing on the range and watching the Tour players practice and warm up pre-round, one would be challenged to pick out which of the players on the range were inside the top 30 in the world and which was the 18-year-old high school kid.

Everyone was hitting crisp shots, everyone was turning the ball right and left, and everyone was flighting their shots high or low. On the putting green, a variety of different putting styles and strokes still had similar results. The ball rolled true on its line and with quality speed.

While there is no disputing the necessity of working on the technical and physical components of this game, once players reach a certain level, the more mentally disciplined players separate themselves from the rest.

The discipline in how one approaches practice opportunities, the discipline in how one prepares pre-round, and particularly how disciplined one is pre-shot are enormous variables- all of which are in one's control. These give a player the chance to approach each golf opportunity with consistency.

[Click here](#) to read more.

Spring College Events in Your Area



Thinking about playing college golf? Check out one of these events in your area. It is a great way to see how players and college coaches interact as well as yardages played, etc. To see a full schedule of college golf tournaments, go to www.golfstat.com.

Women

<i>Date</i>	<i>Host School</i>	<i>Golf Course</i>
Mar 20-22	Christian Brothers	TPC Southwind
Mar 21-22	TN Wesleyan	Springbrook CC
March 24	Maryville	Green Meadow
Apr 4-5	Rhodes	Windyke CC
Apr 4-5	Tusculum	Link Hills CC
Apr 4-5	Belmont	Old Hickory CC
Apr 4-5	Covenant	Lookout Mtn
Apr 4-5	Milligan	Elizabethton
Apr 22-23	OVC Championship	GreyStone

Men

Mar 28-29 Trevecca	Old Hickory CC
Apr 11-12 TN Wesleyan	Springbrook CC
Apr 22-23 Union	Ross Creek GC
Apr 25-26 Union Conf Q	BT Tims Ford
Apr 25-27 OVC Championship	GreyStone

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