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PGA JUNIOR CHAMPIONSHIP - BE A PART OF IT - IT'S A TRADITION!

"This is the best junior tournament I have ever been to" said three time winner Morgan Hale of Tullahoma. "That is why I kept coming back." The PGA Junior Championship has been around since 1976. It was formerly the Westfield and before that the Maxfli.

To date, only 19 juniors have signed up for the 2008 PGA Junior Championship. Several years ago we were forced to go to the resume method since there were too many conflicts with the local qualifiers. Historically very few players have been denied entry into the event.

Your \$75 entry fee will cover three rounds of golf, range balls before play, player dinner, lunch, snacks and drinks on the course, favors, and prizes. The 36 hole event will be ranked on National Junior Golf Scoreboard.

The 2008 event is scheduled to be played at Lakewood CC in Tullahoma, June 5-6. Lakewood was chosen to host the state event because of their dedication to junior golf. Juniors, parents and spectators are always welcome at Lakewood CC and the PGA Staff and Head Professional John Dochety are planning a great event.

The one boy and girl that win the event will then go to the national tournament to be played at [TPC River's Bend](#) in Cincinnati, OH, August 13-16. Many college coaches will be on hand to watch this event.

Many local PGA Members played as juniors: Tracy Wilkins, Bob Wolcott, Randy Wylie, Lissa Bradford and Chris Wantz. Lissa Bradford remembers when she was fortunate enough to qualify and represent TN in the national tournament. "The PGA flew me to the tournament site in Florida. I was given my own suite on the beach! Each day I was driven to the course and got to play against some of the greatest junior players in the country." Several of Tennessee's Tour professionals also played: Doug Barron, Ashli

Price, Sarah Jacobs, Samantha Fox and Brandt Snedeker.

Recent juniors that have played report having their own lockers with their names on them, daily gifts left in their hotel rooms, their names on the range when they go to warm up, etc. Every time they turned around, they felt like royalty. How about giving yourself a chance to make this experience come to life for you!

The Junior PGA Championship has traditionally been a stepping-stone for many of today's PGA and LPGA Tour professionals as well as current collegiate stars. Past Junior PGA Championship competitors who have gone on to successful professional careers include: Billy Andrade, Brandie Burton, Stewart Cink, Jim Furyk, Cristie Kerr, Justin Leonard, Michelle McGann, Phil Mickelson, Grace Park, Dottie Pepper, Scott Verplank, David Toms and Tiger Woods.

For more information about this year's qualifier

[Click here](#)



NEW JUNIOR SERIES FORMED BY THE TRI-CITIES PGA

New for 2008! For junior golfers who live in the Tri Cities area. The Tri-Cities PGA has created the Junior Amateur Series in hopes of adding an avenue for kids to play during the summer. The Series will host 5 events in the Tri-Cities area during June and July, with the Championship being held at The Virginian Golf Club at the end of July. The Series is designed for all abilities and will have different age divisions. So if you are new to golf or you have been playing for years, be sure to sign up for these local events! Registration is free and each event fee is \$20; includes lunch, greens fees and trophies. These events are a great compliment to the TGA Junior Tour and scores from both the TGA Junior Tour and the Junior Amateur Series will be used to determine the qualifiers for the Championship at The Virginian. Juniors will use their two best scores from the Junior Series and/or the TGA Junior Tour (www.TGAJuniorTour.com) to determine their ranking. The more events a junior plays in, the better chance to lower their average. Juniors must play in at least one Junior Series event to be eligible for the Championship. For more information on the Junior Series, [click here](#) or email tcjuniorgolf@gmail.com.

THE FIRST TEE EXPANDS TO CLARKSVILLE AND TRI CITIES

The Tennessee Golf Foundation, which currently operates The First Tee of Nashville, is opening two new branded affiliates in 2008. The First Tee of Clarksville and The First Tee of Tri-Cities are part of Tennessee Golf Foundation's commitment to expand The First Tee and offer its programs to young people throughout the state and neighboring Kentucky and Virginia.

[The First Tee of Clarksville](#) is located 50 miles outside of Nashville at the Ironworkers Practice Club and expects to impact over 100 young people in the Montgomery County and the Fort Campbell (KY) U.S. Army installation areas in 2008. Programming will begin June 3 for young people 8-17 for a program fee of \$40 for the nine-week summer program; scholarships are available.

"We are happy that Dave Burke and the Ironworkers Practice Facility saw the benefit of how The First Tee and the Life Skills Experience can make a difference in the lives of young people and

help improve the community," said Thelma Ewell, program director of The First Tee of Nashville. [The First Tee of Tri-Cities](#) will operate at four facilities: Cattails at MeadowView in Kingsport, Pine Oaks GC in Johnson City, Steele Creek GC in Bristol, TN and Clear Creek GC in Bristol, VA. The First Tee of Tri-Cities expects to reach over 120 participants in 2008. Young people ages 10-17 can join The First Tee of Tri-Cities for a program fee of \$45 for the nine-week summer program; scholarships are available.

"The First Tee curriculum will positively impact young people in the Tri-Cities region at our four programming sites. We wouldn't be able to bring this program to the area without the support of the communities and their golf facilities. It's our hope to develop better citizens in Tri-Cities through this program," said Chad Anderson, regional director for the Tennessee Golf Foundation.

In both Clarksville and Tri-Cities, the program fee enters the participant them into The First Tee Life Skills Experience, a curriculum that uses the game of golf as a vehicle to teach character education and promote The First Tee Nine Core Values. For more info, please [click here](#).

FREE PLAY GOLF AMERICA DAYS

PGA Play Golf America Days are FREE consumer festivals offering golfers of all abilities and all ages a special day:

- Tune-up lessons with PGA and LPGA Professionals
- Clinics
- Programs for beginners
- Skill challenges and contests
- Special events and entertainment
- Demo the newest technology from a variety of leading golf manufacturers
- First 50 kids age 10 and under receive a free club.

Saturday, May 24

Fairway and Greens Golf Center (Knoxville)

Saturday, June 21

Tennessee Golf Trail at Warrior's Path (Tri-Cities-Bristol)



WHO IS TRYING TO QUALIFY FOR THE US OPEN?

Grant Fuhr has a list of accomplishments that would make any professional athlete cringe with envy. Five-time Stanley Cup champion (with Edmonton Oilers). Five-time All-Star. Vezina Trophy winner as the National Hockey

League's best goaltender (1987). Hall of Fame inductee (2003).

But there's one thing the 45-year-old Fuhr has yet to achieve: qualifying for the U.S. Open. A self-proclaimed golf addict - he plays three to four times a week during the NHL season and every day in the summer - the Scottsdale, Ariz., resident would love nothing more than to compete right alongside Tiger Woods, Phil Mickelson and the rest of the game's best on the biggest stage in mid-June.

And later this month, Fuhr will join 8,043 other hopefuls at local qualifying, hoping to move a step closer to his ultimate dream. This year, the USGA accepted 8,390 entries for the U.S. Open at Torrey Pines in San Diego, with 8,102 having to endure one or both stages of qualifying to get into the championship proper. Some 550 golfers will advance from 18-hole local qualifying to the 36-hole sectional stage with all but one of those qualifiers being held June 2 at 13 sites. One sectional is May 26 in Japan.

Fuhr is among seven current or ex-athletes to file an entry. He is joined by fellow former NHL goaltender Mike Dunham, former tennis greats Michael Chang and Ivan Lendl, former major league third baseman Chris Sabo, ex-NFL quarterback Billy Joe Tolliver and current Dallas Cowboys quarterback Tony Romo. [Click here](#) to read the rest of the story.

"THIS WAS THE BEST BBGGF EVER!"

This is what girls, parents and staff were saying about the Bonnie Blackburn Girls' Golf Fest that was held at Golf House Tennessee recently. Over 60 junior girl golfers ages 8-17 participated in lots of fun



activities and lots of golf. Everyone made new friends and shared lots of good times. The highlight of the weekend was the Talent Show on Saturday night. We had singing, dancing, keyboard, skits, etc. Each year the staff votes on a special girl to receive the Bonnie Blackburn Spirit Award. This year's award was given to all the girls. The staff felt so strongly that the girl's attitudes, sportsmanship, and relationships with others went above and beyond that the plaque will read 2008 Camp instead of one girl's name. Plan now to attend in 2009.

TENNESSEE SENDS THREE TO NATIONAL DCP CONTEST

It has been a whirlwind for Drive, Chip and Putt contestants these last few weeks. Tennessee hosted 4 local qualifiers and Sunday marked the regional final at Forrest Crossing GC in Franklin. Alex Bradford and Zach Botts, both of Jonesborough, and Hogan Herring of Crossville will compete in FL in November for the national title. Below are the results for all the qualifiers. Juniors can still register to compete at an alternate site. Just [click here](#).

Knoxville Qualifier

age 7-8	1st	Hogan Herring	Crossville
	2nd	Bryson Morrell	Knoxville
	3rd	Jenny Simonsen	Johnson City
age 9-10	1st	Will Botts	Jonesborough
	2nd	Alex Bradford	Jonesborough
	3rd	Cole Lockard	Clinton
age 11-12	2nd	Hayden Settle	Knoxville
	3rd	Noah Gettlefinger	Knoxville
age 13-14	1st	Conner Froning	Knoxville
	2nd	Zach Botts	Jonesborough
	3rd	Teleri Hughes	Knoxville

Memphis Qualifier

age 7-8	1st	Ethan Harkavy	Memphis
	2nd	Winston Margaritis	Eads
	3rd	Charles Long	Memphis
age 9-10	1st	Reed Rudesill	Memphis
	2nd	Greg Gionfriddo	Memphis
	3rd	Davis Brooks	Germantown
age 11-12	1st	Cole Gwin	Germantown
	2nd	Daniel Booker	Dyersburg
	3rd	Landon Cottrell	Collierville

age 13-14	1st	Mitch Bennett	Arlington
	2nd	Matt Strube	Germantown
	3rd	Andrew Duff	Bartlett

Nashville Qualifier

age 7-8	2nd	Angelo Malcapo	Martin
age 11-12	2nd	Andrew Simonsen	Johnson City
	3rd	Dustin Carroll	Murfreesboro
age 13-14	1st	Peyton McClure	Brentwood
	2nd	Carson Jacobs	Hendersonville
	3rd	Leah Johnson	Lafayette

Regional Qualifier

age 7-8	1st	Hogan Herring	Crossville
	2nd	Ethan Harkavy	Memphis
age 9-10	1st	Alex Bradford	Jonesborough
age 11-12	2nd	Andrew Simonsen	Johnson City
	3rd	Dustin Carroll	Murfreesboro
age 13-14	1st	Zach Botts	Jonesborough
	2nd	Peyton McClure	Brentwood
	3rd	Carson Jacobs	Hendersonville

Atlanta Qualifier

age 11-12	1st	Steven Fisk	Jonesborough
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Chattanooga Qualifier

age 7-8	1st	Abigail Bolt	Woodstock
	3rd	Luke Scealf	Knoxville
age 9-10	2nd	Natalie Javadi	Chattanooga
	3rd	Dylan Day	Chattanooga
age 11-12	1st	Lauren Johnson	Signal Mountain
age 13-14	1st	Codie Campbell	Jonesborough

No one from these qualifiers finished in the top 3 in the regional.



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STILL ROOM FOR YOU! AT GOLF CAMP!

Weeks are filling up fast but we still have some openings. Have a fun week, meet new friends and learn some new skills on the side. Campers are divided in age and ability groups to maximize their camp experience. Everyone stays on the grounds at Golf House Tennessee so no time is lost travelling back and forth from dorms or a hotel. The staff is a friendly group of experienced PGA, LPGA teachers and college coaches. State of the art video equipment and lots of teaching aids are used by the campers during the week. [Click Here](#) for more info or call

Cody at 615-790-7600.

OVER 900 MEMBERS REGISTERED SO FAR!
MEMBERSHIP PACKETS AVAILABLE NOW!



Looking for a fun way to spend the summer, make some new friends, play some new courses? Whether you are a newcomer to competition or a seasoned veteran, the TGA Junior Tour has a place for you!

Junior golfers ages 4-18 may choose up to 7 events from anywhere across the state. Over 800 players have already registered. There is plenty of room for you to join them. Just [CLICK HERE](#) to find out more.

Each member will receive a Membership Packet with a hat, towel, bag tag, handbook, decal, 2008-09 USGA Rule Book, Rules of Play Card, Access to the Junior Tour Pro Shop, discounted rate for the "Junior Golf Profile: Premium Edition", discounted rate for a Mental Golf Profile, FREE golf resume critique and FREE admission to a College Day Seminar. Membership packets may be picked up at Golf House Tennessee, Monday thru Friday 8am-5pm for those in middle TN. Others will be mailed in the next couple of weeks.

All two-day events will be ranked by the National Junior Golf Scoreboard. [Click Here](#) to find out more.



2008 COMPETITIONS

Are you looking for competitions to play in our just checking out results. You can [Click Here](#) to go to the State and National Competitions Calendar which gives you a list of all the major events in TN and others in which TN juniors like to compete. As we get closer to summer, the 2008 Timeline will be up so you can access a list of events in your area for your specific age and ability level. For a complete list of all the multi-day junior events across the country, please see the National Junior Golf Scoreboard. Below are some results from events held recently. Complete results can be found at www.njgs.com.

USJGT - Memphis, TN

1st	Jack Belote	Bartlett	67-37	Boys High School
T2nd	Brett Patterson	McMinnville	68-37	
T2nd	Wes Newbill	Dyersburg	70-35	
1st	Amanda Martin	Memphis	75	Girls High School
2nd	Ashley Haggard	Savannah	76	
2nd	Winburne Hughes	Memphis	72	Boys Junior High
5th	Jacob Choi	Collierville	76	
1st	George Kawell	Collierville	76	Boys Rising Stars
2nd	Grant Hirschman	Collierville	78	
1st	Bria Sanders	Cordova	75	Girls Rising Stars
2nd	Elizabeth Moon	Germantown	79	

3rd	Patton Orr	Memphis	74	Boys Future Stars
4th	Peyton Dix	Bartlett	80	

AAJGT - Loudon

1st	Kory Webb	Knoxville	73-69	Boys High School
2nd	Jacob Everts	Ooltewah	74-71	
1st	Jordan Britt	Dayton	73-76	Girls High School
2nd	Sophia Schubert	Oak Ridge	77-80	
1st	Hunter Arnold	Lenoir City	77-77	Boys 7-8 Grade
3rd	Spencer Honey	Chattanooga	84-79	
2nd	Elizabeth Nelson	Athens	128-68	Girls 6-8 Grade

SJGT - Jekyll Island, GA

T6th	Kaleigh Toole	Chattanooga	85-89	Girls 15-19
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FCWT - Bradenton, FL

T20th	Marshall Talkington	Jackson	75-78	Boys 16-18
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FCWT - Albuquerque, NM

2nd	Dylan Healey	Franklin	74-74	Boys 16-18
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AJGA - Salem, SC

T6th	Ryan Thornton	Chattanooga	75-69	
T29th	Jay Vandeventer	Bristol	74-76	
17th	Kendall Martindale	Jefferson City	76-77	
20th	Alyssa Randolph	Knoxville	79-78	

AJGA - Texarkansas, TX

T1st	Mike Markiewicz	Knoxville	74-75	
T17th	John Michael Sisinni	Olive Branch	77-80	

USJGT - Nashville

1st	Tanner Taddeo	Hendersonville	74-71	Boys High School
2nd	Elliot Shin	Estill Springs	74-74	
1st	Hannah Underhill	Memphis	76-82	Girls High School
1st	Benjamin Wolcott	Burns	77-78	Boys Junior High
2nd	Bryan Grisard	Hendersonville	80-78	

USJGT - Southaven, MS

2nd	Patrick Newman	Collierville	68-77	Boys High School
3rd	Brent Webb	Savannah	73-73	
1st	Brooke Alford	Marion	81-79	Girls High School
2nd	Jennifer Kim	Collierville	90-82	
1st	Jeff Capwell	Memphis	80-77	Boys Junior High
2nd	Connor Davis	Olive Branch	81-80	
1st	Hays Moreland	Memphis	75-76	Boys Rising Stars
2nd	Logan Watkins	Covington	76-77	

1st	Bria Sanders	Cordova	86-76	Girls Rising Stars
2nd	Aubree Jones	Covington	92-86	

USJGT - Knoxville

1st	Alex Ratliff	Kingsport	71-69	Boys High School
2nd	Mason Griffin	Kingston	72-74	
1st	Lindy McGuire	Maryville	84-86	Girls High School
2nd	Lexi Clevenger	Newport	89-84	
2nd	Ben Hartsell	Maryville	93-86	Boys Junior High

AAJGT - Hermitage

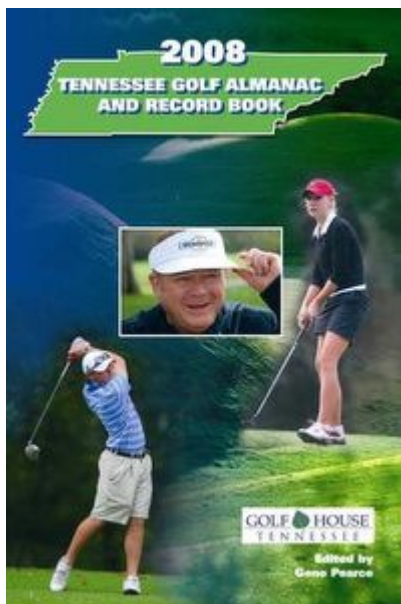
1st	Christopher Baker	Franklin	72-69	Boys High School
2nd	Robbie Taylor	Brentwood	73-73	
1st	Sydney Bell	Franklin	79-77	Girls High School
2nd	Jordan Hollinshead	Old Hickory	85-77	
1st	Seth Bambling	Franklin	80-75	Boys 7-8 Grade
3rd	G Rollins	Murfreesboro	83-81	

AJGA - Frankfort, IL

4th	Brett Patterson	McMinnville	75-70	
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FCWT - Clearwater, FL

T25th	Marshall Talkington	Jackson	78-80	Boys 16-18
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TENNESSEE GOLF HISTORY 101

Answers:

1977 was the year Al Geiberger shot 59 at Colonial in the Danny Thomas Memphis Classic. The Tennessee Golf Association began measuring and rating Tennessee golf courses. Lew Oehmig was captain of the victorious U.S. Walker Cup Team.

Question:

Can you find any Tennesseans that played in The Masters the year you were born? [Click Here](#) to find out.

[Click Here](#) for more information on the 2008 Golf Almanac.

GET A FREE LESSON IN MAY!

PGA Free Lesson Month is a growth-of-the-game initiative as part of the Play Golf America campaign. Last year, a total of 6,636 PGA Professionals gave 115,500 free lessons, for an average of 17 lessons per Professional.



PGA Free Lesson Month is a great chance for you to get some help with your game. Just [click here](#) to find a PGA pro in your area.

GOLF HOUSE TENNESSEE - EVERYTHING GOLF FOR YOU!

Golf House Tennessee houses all the major golf bodies in the state. The TN Golf Foundation's goal is to preserve the game of golf and its future in TN. The Tennessee Golf Association runs competitions and programs for amateur golfers ages 4-104. The Tennessee Section of the PGA conducts the business and competitions for over 400 golf professionals in our state. The Little Course at Conner Lane is open to the public March through December. The staff conducts countless junior golf programs, events and overnight camps. Finding the information you are looking for can get confusing. Hopefully the chart below will help with your search.



Subject	Phone Number	Contact	Website
Golf Instruction & Programs - juniors	615-790-7600	Cody	Click Here
Golf Instruction - adults	615-790-7600	Vikki	ClickHere
TN PGA Junior Golf Academy	615-790-7600	Vikki	ClickHere
TGA Junior Tour	615-790-3336	Steve or Lissa	ClickHere
TGA Jr. Amateur Championship	615-790-7600	Carter	ClickHere
PGA Jr. Championship	615-790-3336	Lissa	ClickHere
Other Junior Competitions	615-790-3336	Steve or Lissa	ClickHere
Handicaps	615-790-7600	Lynne	ClickHere
Improve Your Game Programs	615-790-7600	Dori	ClickHere
The First Tee TN Chapters	see website		ClickHere
Women's Golf	615-790-7600	Dori	ClickHere
College Golf	615-790-3336	Lissa	ClickHere

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