

# 101st U.S. Open Golf Championship has unexpected finish



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**Golf-N-Around**

The 101st Open Championship played last week had all of the drama, dynamics and intensity even without Tiger Woods. Woods left his "A-game" at home, and finished back in the pack tied for 12th. The tournament was played at Sugar Hill Country Club in Tulsa, Okla., and proved to be one tough golf course. Even the likes of Phil Mickleson, David Duvall, Vijay Singh and Sergio Garcia succumbed and finished back in the pack. It came down to tour pro-

fessionals Mark Brooks, Stewart Cink and Retief Goosen vying for the championship. All three faltered on the last hole, missing putts even this writer could have made. Brooks and Goosen ended up in an 18-hole playoff on Monday. Retief Goosen, from South Africa, who plays primarily on the European Tour, outlasted Brooks and won the championship. Look for Goosen to be a full-time player on the PGA Tour next year.

The tournament saw more good golf than bad golf. The 101st U.S. Open Tournament proved that golf is a game of overcoming bad shots, close putts and getting out of trouble physically and mentally. You had to just love the drama, intensity

and grinding in the second major tournament of the year.

The Senior PGA Instinet Classic last weekend saw Gil Morgan as its winner. Jim Thorpe placed fourth, local professional Walter Hall finished tied for 19th, Jim Dent tied for 43rd and Walter Morgan tied for 53rd. Golf legend Lee Elder also participated in the tournament and finished 76th.

Construction at the new clubhouse at The Lake continues. The contractor says the clubhouse will be ready by mid-July. Don't hold your breath. Early August seems a better bet. By the way, the current cart barn will be taken down, and the carts will be housed in the basement of the new clubhouse. Expect some

changes at the 10th tee when the old building comes down.

The special weekday and weekend golf rates have been extended at The Lake through the end of July. The course is playing much better, and the greens are superb. The golf course maintenance team is doing an admirable job in bringing the course back after the installation of the new irrigation system. Get on out to The Lake and enjoy yourself.

The Winston Lake Junior Golf Program this year has more than 70 participants. The kids are getting great instruction and having a ball. Earnest Morris, head professional at The Lake, reports this is one of the largest groups in recent years. Almost half of

the kids are returning from previous years. Most certainly, that young man named "Tiger" is having an influence on youngsters all over the world playing golf.

In local happenings: B.G. Norman and Mike Robinson are letting it be known that Lonnie Wellman is running from them. The famous one, Wellman, was unable to play a scheduled match last week. This one is heating up and will not be over until it's over. Walt Foster is taking all comers since he is putting without glasses on. Foster is draining everything on the greens.

James Dixon gets the best-dressed golfer award at The Lake. Dixon is "cleaner than the Board of Health," every day. Dixon has

also "got game" to go with his fine golfing apparel.

Herman Springs if the self-appointed building inspector of the new clubhouse construction at The Lake. Most of the construction workers believe it too. With Springs on the job, the clubhouse will be a work of art, not just a building.

Don "Hound" Adams has been telling a story about the clubhouse about this writer throwing a temper tantrum and a club during a recent round. This writer only will confess to the clubthrowing part of the story. The temper tantrum part was internal.

Until next time - keep it in the fairway.

## Tri-City Relays Track Club enters third decade with top finishes in recent meet

BY SAM DAVIS  
THE CHRONICLE

Time keeps moving forward for the Tri-City Relays Track Club, but one thing remains constant. The program continues to be successful in its endeavors on and off the track.

The program moved into its 21st season this week, following a successful run during the Jim Law developmental meet, which was held at UNC-Charlotte's track last weekend.

Jerrold Wiley helped the club to distinguish itself at that meet by setting a meet record in the 400-meter dash. Wiley, a rising sophomore at Mount Tabor, also captured second place in the intermediate boys (15-16 years old) 100-meter dash. He also anchored Tri-City's first-place 4x100 meter relay team.

While the successes on the track continue to come through, the club is proudest of its success in academics and keeping its participants away from detrimental activities. It has a theme of "Running, throwing and jumping away from crime and drug abuse."

Through its first 20 years, the club has produced a host of state, regional and national champions. Program officials hope to continue to do the same in the future. Much of it will depend upon the continued support of the community and the parents who dedicate their time for the betterment of the program's participants.

"We have to send out a special thanks to all those who make our program a success," said Lemuel Johnson, one of the organization's founders. "We rely on a lot of people for our success, such as the community at large, the parents, volunteer coaches, financial

supporters, the administrators at Mount Tabor High and Atkins Middle School who allow us to use their facilities.

"I'm also very proud of our team members, who have given their efforts and time over the years to help improve their athletic abilities," Johnson said. "For years we've stressed how participating in track and field will help in the overall development of all athletes."

When it comes to the meets ahead this season, Johnson said he believes Tri-City will do well. The next meet up for the team is an AAU State Qualifying Meet, which will also be held at UNC-Charlotte. Team members will have an opportunity to qualify for the regional meet, which will be held in Savannah, Ga., July 5-8. Members of Tri-City and others from the Southeast Region will then have an opportunity to qualify for the National AAU Track and Field Meet, which will be held at Norfolk State in August.

In addition to Riley and the intermediate boys 4x100-meter

relay team faring well, Tri-City had several other athletes come through with top performances. Chris Stewart captured second place in the youth boys' high jump. Jamie Samuels was named the MVP of the meet by capturing first place in the 100- and 200-meter dashes in the youth boys division and also anchored the team's second-place finish in the 4x100-meter relay. In the Bantam Girls division, Jacora Gaaney took first place in the 100-meter dash and anchored the second-place 4x100-meter relay team.



## Tiny Vikings to host registration for football, cheerleading June 23

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The Winston-Salem Tiny Vikings will hold registration and sign-ups on Saturday, June 23, 10 a.m. until 2 p.m. at Mineral Springs Middle School, 4558 Ogburn Ave.

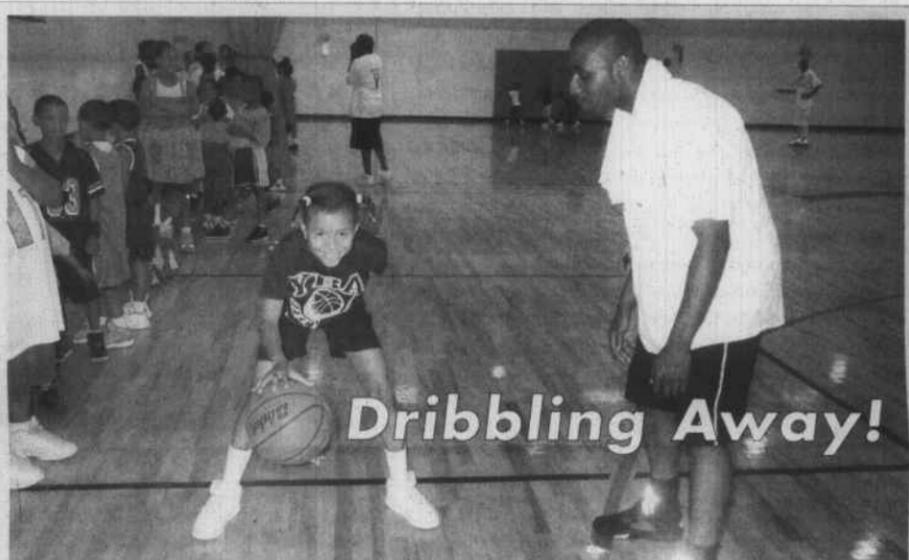
The Winston-Salem Tiny Vikings organization also will

host a Booster Club meeting on July 12 at the Carl H. Russell Recreation Center at 7 p.m.

The program still needs head coaches and assistant coaches for the cheerleading program. Anyone interested in participating on the Homecoming Committee and other volunteers should contact us at the Booster

Club meeting.

Contact Robert McCormick, president of the Tiny Vikings, by e-mail at [WSTINYVIKINGS@hotmail.com](mailto:WSTINYVIKINGS@hotmail.com) or contact him in person at a Winston-Salem Tiny Vikings Booster Club meeting, held every second Thursday of the month.



Linwood Skinner instructs Whitney Knight on the basics of dribbling the basketball during the Winston Lake Family YMCA's Basketball Camp. More than 70 turned out for the camp.

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