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JEFF HUGGINS gets some tips on putting from John Lawrence, a member of The Gauntlet's golf staff.

## Local Kids Get Hooked On Golf

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If you happen to be watching a professional golf tournament on television in the year 2005 and see the name Trey Grant on the leader board, remember where he got his start.

Trey, a 13-year-old Southport boy, was one of 20 local youngsters who received their first true taste of golf last week at the third annual "Hook A Kid On Golf" program.

Hosted by The Gauntlet at St. James Plantation, the week-long clinic is intended for boys and girls ages 8 to 14 who have never played the sport. The golf course staff teaches kids the fundamentals.

"I used to have some old clubs I hit in my back yard, but I didn't know how to play," Trey said last Thursday while Gauntlet pros Tom Plankers and John Lawrence taught putting.

"This is my first time learning,"

get to hit the ball and putt a lot," he said of the program.

Hook A Kid On Golf is designed to introduce the sport to kids with the hope they will continue playing long after the week-long clinic is completed.

Huggins promised to keep swinging until he gets better. "I'm not really good at golf yet," he said.

Joe Rosselli, county athletic coordinator, said this is the second year the program has been held at The Gauntlet. "This course is just so strong in youth golf. That's why we brought it back here for a second year.

Rosselli said the United States Golf Association has rated Hook A Kid On Golf as one of the best youth programs in the country. He said the average student-teacher ratio of 8-1 helps make the program what it is.

Hook A Kid On Golf first came to Brunswick County in 1991 when it was hosted by Sea Trail Plantation. The county was one of only 25 sites in the nation to offer the clinic that year.

# Harris' 50 Points Leads Sea Trail Men

Ken Harris amassed 50 points to win the Sea Trail Men's Golf Association points tournament last Tuesday on the Byrd course.

Golfers earned eight points for eagle, four for birdie, two for par and one for bogey. Each player's handicap was added to his points to determine the total score. Runners-up included Stan Risch

with 49 points and Bob Bach with 46. Dale Stanton and Bud Tunt tied for fourth place with 45 points apiece.

Tied for sixth with 44 points each were Winston Stephens, Charlie Ferguson, John Gregory, Howard Van Dusen and Bill Morris.

Finishing with 43 points were Pete Crockett, Bill Walters, Gerry Nappy, Bill Burkart and Bob Erbach.

Closest-to-the-pin winners were Jim Jones at the second and seventh holes, Dick Zinser at the 12th and Walters at the 16th.

#### Brierwood Men

Two teams tied for first place in the Brierwood Men's Golf Association best ball tournament last Thursday. Teams counted one best ball on par 3 holes, two balls on par 4 holes and three on par 5 holes.

John Martocci, Bill Allen, Charlie Stransky and Al Hierman shot 16under 136 to tie the team of Don Redding, Mike Soucie and Norm Soucie. They used a blind draw for their fourth score.

On July 26, Jim Crosby, Paul Dunfee and Dick Anzelone combined for a round of 120 to win a two best ball event at Brierwood. A blind draw was used for the fourth score

Finishing second with a score of 125 was the team of John Cowie, Fred Williams, Matt Monaghan and Jerry Wolff.

#### Carolina Shores Ladies

Cissie Fleming shot 39 to win the Carolina Shores Ladies Golf Association "Tee To Green" tournament last Thursday.

Runners-up included Blanche Johnson and Kathy Deming with rounds of 40, Dottie Russo and Jenny Briggs with scores of 42 and Helen Morrison, Jean Palmer and Emily Sharp with 43.

Lois Giamalva and Ginnie Derrickson tied for low putts with 29 each.

Palmer chipped in for birdie at the eighth hole. Dot Meader birdied the 12th hole and Jean Sperry chipped in at the 17th.

#### Brierwood Homeowners

Jerry and Pat Wolff and Straud and Betty Maerker teamed up to win the Brierwood Homeowners two best ball of foursome event Saturday.



The winners shot 27-under-par 117. Finishing four shots back in second place was the team of Gene and Jan Loflin and Dick and Barbara Baxter.

Taking third with a round of 123 was the foursome of John and Joanna Lang and Dick and Ginny Anzelone.

Three teams tied for fourth place with scores of 124. They were Dave and Marge Harper/Fred and Shirley Eifert; Jim and Marje Roach/Bill and Marion Allen; Morris and Hilda Hall/Bill and Dot Crean.

#### **Brierwood Ninettes**

June Cleasby shot net 16 to win the Brierwood Ninettes tournament last Friday. Golfers counted scores on par 4 holes only.

Runners-up were Carol Soucie with a score of 18.5 and Julie Mc-Call with 18.7.

Cleasby and McCall tied for low putts with 17 each. Tied for second with 18 putts apiece were Judy Durham and Ruth Hier:.ian.

Making pars were McCall and Loretta Zderad at the third hole.

#### Calabash Veterans

Alan Kletchka, Ed Hennessey, Bill Mullikin and Adam Bollinger finished with minus one point to win the Calabash Veterans Golf Association Stableford team event last Friday at Cypress Bay.

Finishing second at minus five points was the team of Herb Oellerich, Jerry Falvey and Dennis Branner. Bob Maloy, Ed Jackson and Randy Spooner took third with minus six.

Ed Wood, Harry Birnie, George Beach and Harold Daigneau placed fourth with minus seven.

Finishing fifth with minus nine points was the foursome of Larry Bollinger, J.J. Quigley, Bob Erbach and Dave Becker.

The Calabash Veterans will play this Friday at Brierwood. Show time is 7:30 a.m. Players may pick their own partners for the better ball of twosome.

#### Brierwood Scramble

Fred Williams, Al Hierman, Marge Harper and June Cleasby shot three-under-par 33 to win the

nine-hole mixed scramble last Thursday at Brierwood.

Three teams tied for second in the captain's choice event with scores of 35. They were Jim Roach, Jerry Wolff, Irene Bryant and Sandra Maxwell; Dick Baxter, Burley Athan, George Cleasby and Marje Roach; Odie Johnson, Dillon Taylor, Marcia Kartsen and Alice Micali.

In the 18-hole mixed scramble July 24, first place went to the team of Jim Bryant, Burley Athan and Marcia Kartsen with a round of 60.

Jim Roach, Jerry Smith, Nel Justice and Lou Akers placed second with a 66. Finishing third with 67 was the foursome of Paul Neal, Hilda Hall, Ginnie Campbell and Margaret Pingo.

Bill Rose, Mary Nicol, Irene Bryant and Bill McCroskey shot 69 and tied for third with Morris Hall, Wally Kartsen, Joanna Lang and Margaret Wood.

#### **Brierwood Ladies**

Doris Dunfee shot gross 33 to lead the first flight in the Brierwood Ladies Golf Association crossover tournament last Tuesday.

Hilda Hall and Bobbie Maples tied for low net with rounds of 27. Joanna Lang had low putts in the top flight with 27.

In the second flight, top finishers were Lois Beato with gross 37 and Catherine Clemmons with net 24. Esther Smith had the second low net of 24.5. Shirley Groff had low putts with 29.

Marion Monaghan led the third flight with gross 39. Low net winners were Carolyn McCroskey with 26.5 and Dee Pratt with 27.5. McCroskey had low putts with 29.

In the fourth flight, Evelyn

Wuthrich fired gross 42 and Lou Culp and May Robertson tied for low net with 27.5. Robertson and Culp also tied for low putts with 34 each.

Sara McCullough chipped in for birdie at the fifth hole. Robertson had a chip-in at the 11th.

Carding birdies were Peg Sawyer and Dunfee at the third hole, Hilda Hall at the sixth and Mary Schaack at the 10th.

#### CS Travel League

Dick Stewart, Ed Jacobs, Dan Cuomo and Jim Mahony (blind draw) shot 127 to win the Carolina Shores Men's Travel League event last Friday at Colonial Charters.

Teams counted the two best net balls on each hole. On a match of cards, second place went to the foursome of Mike Healy, Glen Sook, John Serafin and Frank Eckert with a score of 129.

Finishing third, also with 129, was the team of Don Redding, Ken Shafer, Fred Janzen and Al Leisey.

Fourth place went to the team of John Ward, Fritz McCabe, Ernic Koeppel and Joe Gainer (blind draw) with 130. They edged Tom Hoskinson, Chet Palesko, Charlie Abamo and Ed Frey on a card match.

#### Lockwood Shootout

Bryan Smith and Ruth Roose finished with plus 6 points to win the Shootout last Wednesday at Lockwood Golf Links.

Runners-up were Joe Baker and Jim Van Dyke with 51/2 points and Ron Steele and Dan Dilworth with 5.

The top individual on a non-winning team was John Markell with plus 8.





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Trey added. "I learned how to hit it a long ways without killing the ball and how to putt better."

The Brunswick County Parks and Recreation Department coordinates the program and \$100 contributions are sought from area businesses to sponsor each participant.

Each child in the program receives a shirt, three clubs, bag, visor, balls, accessories, membership card and five half-days of instruction on the fundamentals of driving, chipping and putting.

But there's more to golf than simply hitting the ball. As every golfer knows, there are plenty of rules and customs to be learned. They're included in the instruction provided by the golf course staff.

"Also we learned golf etiquette," Trey added. "You have to be quiet on the golf course and not move around when somebody else is hitting and not cross the path of their ball when somebody else is putting."

Jeff Huggins, a tiny 10-year-old, said he likes hitting the ball a long way. "I like the driving range. This is my first time at golf camp. I like it out here."

Another beginner, Troy Simmons, also prefers driving to the other aspects of golf. "It's good because we

Although the program has seen tremendous expansion since then, Brunswick County remains a pioneer. The Gauntlet will host a skills competition Friday morning for the 70 local children who have completed the program.

Rosselli said Brunswick is one of only four sites in the country that is offering the pilot program. Kids will compete in short putting, long putting, chipping and driving. "It's basically a competition but real low key.'

### **Carolina Shores** To Host Scramble

Carolina Shores Golf & Country Club of Calabash will host a scramble golf tournament Wednesday, Aug. 11, at 11:30 a.m.

The \$23 entry fee covers the cost of green and cart fees, beverages during and after play and prizes.

The tournament is being sponsored by Mama Brava's Pizza Cafe of Calabash, said pro shop manager Keith Stanzel.

### **Grossman Ace Highlights** Senior Golf Tournament

Alice Grossman of Shallotte made a hole in one to highlight the Brunswick County Parks and Recreation senior golf tournament July 27 at The Gauntlet at St. James Plantation.

Grossman used a 5-iron to ace the 100-yard fifth hole and went on to win her age group, 65-69, with a score of gross 90. Rod Hohing also had an eagle during the tournament at the par-4 17th hole.

There were 127 participants. Top finishers, listed with their score in order of finish according to age group, were as follows:

Men 55-59: Leon Milner, 71; Al Young, 85; Ray Kerstetter, 88.

Women 55-59: Julie Hayes, 92; Florence Greene, 96; JoAnn Simmons, 99.

Men 60-64: Jack Hall, 77; Claude Ellison, 77; John Lange, 78.

Women 60-64: Ellen Parker, 91; Lib Brooks, 93; Mildred Thomas,

Men 65-69: Bill Teschler, 77; Keith Clark, 78; Tony Tomcy, 80. Women 65-69: Alice Grossman,

90; Rose Gorney, 95; Betty Wilson,

95. Men 70-74: Bob Lawler, 81; Joe Christian, 81; Ed Finnegan, 83. Women 70-74: Margaret Wood, 104

Men 75-79: Hank Clark, 85; Collie Jess, 88; Al Switcher, 90. Women 75-79: Kate Bunten, 109; Evelyn Teague, 111.

Men 80-84: Tom Blackwell, 104; Charles Neville, 119.

Two other local senior golfers recently made holes in one. Kay Brannon of Oak Island used a pitching wedge to ace the 72-yard 18th hole at Land O' Lakes Golf Club in Whiteville on July 18. On May 25, Rolla Nelson used a 5-iron to ace the 138-yard 16th hole at The Gauntlet.

The next senior golf tournament is scheduled Sept. 29 at Olde Fort Golf Club. The \$20 entry fee covers the green and cart fees, lunch and prizes. Registration opens at 7:30 a.m. and the shotgun start will be at 8:30 a.m.

The field will be limited to 120 players. For more information or to register, call Kay Brannon at 919-278-9409.

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