

# Winston Lake Seniors host First Annual James E. Blaylock Tournament May 14-15

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The Winston Lake Senior Golf Association will be hosting its 11th annual golf tournament at Winston Lake Golf Course on May 14-15. This year the association is proud to be naming the tournament "The First Annual James E. Blaylock Senior Golf Tournament" in honor of its good friend association member and golfing partner who passed away last year.

"James Blaylock was a long-time Winston-Salem resident, avid golfer and was one of those people in life you meet who never met a stranger, and is dearly missed by us all," said David

Peay, association president.

The year the tournament has a senior division for those golfers over 50 years of age, with five flights, and a non-senior division for those golfers who are 49 years of age and younger, with five flights also. Trophies and prizes will be awarded for first through fifth place in each division and in each flight.

Proceeds from the tournament are donated to the Winston Lake Golf Course Youth Golf Program, Best Choice Center, the YMCA Youth Partners Program, the Senior Association's Tutorial Program, and the Tiny Vikings Football Team. The association is expecting 100

golfers to participate in this year's event. Entry Forms can be obtained at the Winston Lake Golf Course or from any association member.

The festivities will begin on Thursday, March 13, with a social hour and tournament pairings at the Comfort Inn-North on Akron Drive at 6 p.m. The hosts will greet golfers from Atlanta, Raleigh, New York, New Jersey, Virginia, West Virginia, Maryland, Pennsylvania, Washington, D.C. and the Triad.

The tournament will begin on Friday, May 14, at 8 a.m. and conclude on Saturday, May 15, with an awards ceremony at Winston Lake Golf Course.

Other activities will include a banquet on Friday, May 14, at the Comfort Inn-North, with cocktails at 5 p.m., followed by dinner at 7 p.m. Many local and out of town merchants and companies have donated funds and prizes to help sponsor this event, which is growing each year. Lester Carpenter is tournament chairperson. Association officers are: David Peay, president; Robert Bethea, vice-president; Bobby Wofford, secretary; Herman Springs, financial secretary; Samuel Puryear, treasurer; and James Dixon, chaplain; For more information, contact Lester Carpenter at 761-1010.

## Dukes vaults her way to state championship in gymnastics meet



Melanie Dukes poses with her well-deserved trophies.

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Melanie Dukes of Winston-Salem won the championship in the vault at the recently concluded State Gymnastic Meet in Greenville. Melanie, a Prep 1 - Optional gymnast won with a vault score of 8.85 for the 9-11 age group.

Melanie, 10, is a fourth-grader at the Downton School and competes with the Carolina Twisters Gymnastic Team in Kernersville. She is the daughter of Richard and Joyce Dukes.

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Wilkes

the players understand that they must make the most of each day, each practice and each game.

Since the plaque was installed, the Yellowjackets have posted a 26-2 record. That includes a 10-2 record and conference championship in 1997 and last year's state championship.

During last Saturday's ceremony, Wilkes talked about the program's days down in the valley and how through faith they were able to enjoy their mountaintop experience at the state championship game in Chapel Hill.

Donald Evans, a former teammate of Wilkes' at Winston-Salem State and former professional NFL player, also mentioned it as he and his company presented Wilkes and assistant coaches Robert Wynn and Darryl Hall with trophies.

Evans, a financial supporter of



The mothers of the Carver football players treated the audience to a rendering of the Yellowjackets' pre-game song "Mama, Mama, can't you see what the Lord has done for me?"

the program, helped honor the team by making a generous contribution toward the state championship rings. It allowed the school to upgrade the rings from the standard gold-plated variety to a sleek 10-karat gold finish. Evans' contributions to the Yellowjackets' program since Wilkes became head coach now exceed \$50,000.

That is a credit to Wilkes and the commitment to his program and the players. Evans said that's what drew him to the program and why he plans on continuing his support.

Evans said the players deserved an award worthy of what all involved had done to take the program to its current level.

Looking back at where they've been in the recent past, and where they are now, the Yellowjackets indeed had a reason to celebrate.



Coach Keith Wilkes presents an award to Donald Evans and his family as principal Dan Piggott stands in the background.

### Cooper

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the world in me and I'm looking forward to winning both (long and triple)."

Cooper believes she comes by her skills because of her gene pool. Her mother, Mary Addison, was an outstanding long jumper and hurdler in high school.

Cooper wants to take her ability to the next level by participating in track and field in college. Her eyes are set on the University of South Carolina. The Gamecocks have been following Cooper's career and are expected to come across with a scholarship offer. At least that's what Cooper is hoping.

"I've been waiting on it forever," Cooper said.

A couple outstanding leaps at the regional and state meets will help make that a reality. That's one reason why Cooper has given up playing softball this season. Cooper has been a mainstay for the Demons in her previous three



Cooper heads down the runway for another leap.

seasons on the diamond. Last season Cooper led the conference in stolen bases and earned all-conference honors at center field. She was also named the team's MVP in softball.

"Playing softball and track in the same season was hard," she said. "I would go to track practice first, for about an hour, then go to softball practice. It was tough, but I'm the kind of person who has a lot of energy."

This season, all of her effort has gone into track.

"I'm hoping it will help my jumps," she said.

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## CORRECTION

LARRY HANEY'S NAME WAS SPELLED INCORRECTLY IN AN ARTICLE LAST WEEK ANNOUNCING THE NAMES OF SEVEN MEN WHO WILL BE INDUCTED INTO THE WINSTON-SALEM/FORSYTH COUNTY HIGH SCHOOL SPORTS HALL OF FAME. THE CHRONICLE CONGRATULATES LARRY HANEY AND DOES INDEED REGRET THE ERROR.