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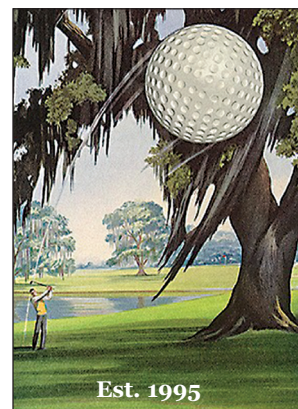
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DOUBLE EAGLES



On May 6, **John Shores III** recorded one of the rarest shots in golf — an albatross.

The feat came at Quail Hollow Golf Course at Percy Quin State Park in McComb, Miss.

The 200-yard shot on the par-5 seventh was with a 3-hybrid, which is a 20-year-old club given to him by his Papa. Witnesses were Louis Moore and Brenton Fitzpatrick.

On Feb. 25, **Mark Mathews** registered a double-eagle ace at Clear Creek Golf Course (Vicksburg, Miss.) on the 17th hole. The shot was made while Mark was playing with Billy Davis and Brian Hayes.

On Feb. 28 at Bay Pointe Country Club (Brandon, Miss.), **Juan Wilson** used only two shots on the par-5 15th at his home course.

The albatross shot was from 144 yards with a 6-iron while playing with Doug Porter, Frank Varnell and Bill Campbell.



Louisiana foursome wins National Tournament

The foursome of Jordan Eagan, Perrin Rome, Travis Bonifacic and Luke DeLouise (pictured from left to right) won the Applied Underwriters Invitational National Finals recently at Big Cedar Lodge in Ridgedale, Missouri.

The team represented English Turn Golf and Country Club in New Orleans and qualified for the national tournament via the National Kidney Foundation of Louisiana golf tournament held at English Turn last fall. In the recent event, the team shot 37-under-par over four rounds (two at Payne's Valley Course, one on Ozarks National Course and one at The Buffalo Ridge Course).



COVER STORY

KOASATI PINES IS ALWAYS A GOOD CALL

If you find yourself in Southwest Louisiana, making the drive to Kinder to experience the award-winning Koasati Pines at Coushatta would be a great use of your time.

Located less than 40 miles north of Interstate 10 and less than 45 minutes from downtown Lake Charles is one of the top courses in the state.

Since opening in 2002, Koasati Pines — which is owned by the Coushatta Casino Resort located next to the course — is a mainstay on many national resort facility lists.

Recent accolades place the facility among the Golfpass Golfers Choice Top 50 U.S. Golf Courses, Top 25 Conditioned Courses and Louisiana's Best Course.

In addition, the course garnered the 2023 Casino Players Choice Award.

Nestled in the natural wetlands and surrounded by stately pines and huge live oaks, Koasati Pines combines the beauty of nature with a dynamic par-72 championship layout. There six sets of tees and multiple approaches on three holes. Playing at 7,617 yards from the tips makes the course the longest public-access tract in the state. The front tees come in at 5,154 yards.

Each nine starts and ends with a par-5 hole. The front nine features a middle stretch of three par-4s with each one getting tougher as you go along. The sixth hole has fairway bunkers coming into play on your tee shot and is one of the multiple-approach holes. There is also water along the entire left of this hole as well as the two



previous holes.

On the back nine, the three-hole par-4 stretch starts out with the tough 13th, which can play as much as 456 yards from the tips (336 yards from front tees). Nos. 14 and 15 have water to contend

with (actually 12 holes on the course have water coming into play). There are 65 acres of lakes at Koasati Pines.

If you finish your round and still want a challenge, try out the 19th Gambling Hole, which is a huge island green. Afterwards, you can relax, unwind and get some food at the Eagle Bar and Grill.

Because of its yearly course conditions, overall challenging experience and so many additional amenities, Koasati Pines is very popular for tournaments, group outings and some professional tournaments.

Coushatta Casino Resort, the state's biggest casino resort, is also loaded with things to do when you are not golfing. For a truly unique experience, make plans to visit this Southwest Louisiana gem soon.



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ACES



RICHARD DAVIET

May 7, BREC's Beaver Creek Golf Course (Zachary, La.), No. 8 (125 yards)



JODY GAUTHIER

May 9, Les Vieux Chenes Golf Course (Youngsville, La.), No. 17 (118 yards)

WILLIAM HEALY

May 10, BREC's Webb Memorial Golf Course (Baton Rouge, La.), No. 17 (126 yards)



MADDOX LIVINGSTON

May 11, Okatoma Golf Club (Collins, Miss.), No. 4 (165 yards)



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Livingston**

DAVID LANOIX

May 11, The University Club (Baton Rouge, La.), No. 5 (189 yards)

THOMAS ADAMS

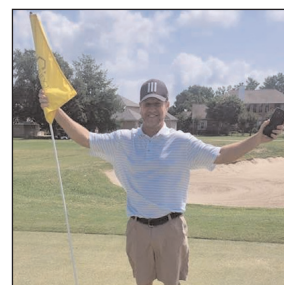
May 11, Castlewoods Golf and Country Club (Brandon, Miss.), No. 15

JOHNNY BAKER

May 15, Clear Creek Golf Course (Vicksburg, Miss.), No. 17 (260 yards)

DARREN O'NEILL

May 15, Jay and Lionel Hebert Golf Course (Lafayette, La.), No. 15 (130 yards)



Gavin Johnson

JAMES CROWELL

May 16, The University Club (Baton Rouge, La.), No. 16 (137 yards)

GLENN WARD

May 22, Links on the Bayou (Alexandria, La.), No. 14 (145 yards)

GAVIN JOHNSON

May 25, Stonebridge Golf Club of New Orleans (Gretna, La.), No. 7 (176 yards)



JOSH LUNN

May 27, Bay Pointe Country Club (Brandon, Miss.), No. 13 (150 yards)



Mike Pritchard

JOHN ARNOLD

May 27, Bay Pointe Country Club (Brandon, Miss.), No. 3



ABRAM HARTLEY

May 27, St. Mary Golf and Country Club (Berwick, La.), No. 3 (165 yards)

DAVID LIVINGSTON

May 27, St. Mary Golf and Country Club (Berwick, La.), No. 3 (165 yards)



SAMUEL DAVIS

May 27, Panola Country Club (Batesville, Miss.), No. 11

JAMES WHITE

May 29, Timber Truss Golf Course (Olive Branch, Miss.), No. 2



**Brennen
Stanley**

MIKE PRITCHARD

May 29, Bay Pointe Country Club (Brandon, Miss.), No. 6 (104 yards)

BRENNEN STANLEY

May 31, Stonebridge Golf Club of New Orleans (Gretna, La.), No. 23 (107 yards)





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ACES



DENNIS EDWARDS

April 1, BREC's Santa Maria Golf Course (Baton Rouge, La.), No. 5



CLEVE LANGLOIS

April 2, The University Club (Baton Rouge, La.), No. 8

GUY FRANCO

April 3, BREC's Santa Maria Golf Course (Baton Rouge, La.), No. 11



RICK HETTICH

April 3, Les Vieux Chenes Golf Course (Youngsville, La.), No. 17 (121 yards)



**Kenny
Hoggatt**

KENNY HOGGATT

April 12, BREC's Webb Memorial Golf Course (Baton Rouge, La.), No. 5 (134 yards)



RICHARD WHIDDON

April 12, Pine Creek Golf Club (Purvis, Miss.), No. 3 (130 yards)



KANDY STRINGER

April 13, Castlewoods Golf and Country Club (Brandon, Miss.), No. 15

KYLE BOLIVAR

April 13, Les Vieux Chenes Golf Course (Youngsville, La.), No. 3 (135 yards)



Erik Frank

ERIK FRANK

April 14, The Club at Diamondhead (Miss.), Cardinal No. 17 (172 yards)



MITCH RYAN

April 16, Booneville (Miss.) Golf and Country Club, No. 6 (95 yards)

ALLEN THORNTON

April 17, BREC's Webb Memorial Golf Course (Baton Rouge, La.), No. 17 (123 yards)



BROWN DENNIS

April 21, Mallard Pointe Golf Course and Villas (Sardis, Miss.), No. 8



**Allen
Thornton**

MYRON ARDOIN

April 21, Links on the Bayou (Alexandria, La.), No. 18

JOHNEY McQUARTER

April 23, BREC's Webb Memorial Golf Course (Baton Rouge, La.), No. 17 (136 yards)



ROY CUMMINGS

April 25, Timber Truss Golf Course (Olive Branch, Miss.), No. 14



Roy Cummings

LUKE GOWER

April 25, The University Club (Baton Rouge, La.), No. 8 (168 yards)

ARLENE RICHARD

April 26, Jay and Lionel Hebert Golf Course (Lafayette, La.), No. 15 (120 yards)

CODY CATHEY

April 29, Mallard Pointe Golf Course and Villas (Sardis, Miss.), No. 8



**Cody
Cathey**

BUDDY BURAS

April 30, BREC's Santa Maria Golf Course (Baton Rouge, La.), No. 2

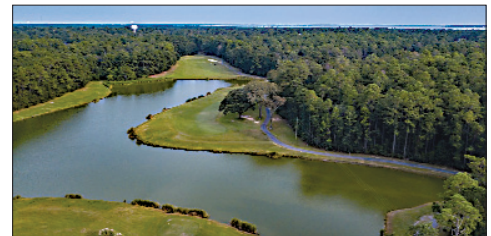


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ACES



NANCY CONRAVEY

March 2, Money Hill Golf and Country Club (Abita Springs, La.), No. 16 (102 yards)

CAMERON COVEY

March 3, Bay Pointe Country Club (Brandon, Miss.), No. 17 (157 yards)



ROY WEBSTER

March 4, Royal Golf Club (Slidell, La.), No. 7

RICHARD DAVIET

March 6, The University Club (Baton Rouge, La.), No. 8 (140 yards)

EVAN LEBOEUF

March 10, Jay and Lionel Hebert Golf Course (Lafayette, La.), No. 15 (131 yards)



**Cameron
Covey**

GREG OUELLETTE

March 12, Lakewood Golf Club (New Orleans), No. 17 (89 yards)

KARLA NEAL

March 14, The Island Golf Course (Plaquemine, La.), No. 3 (115 yards)

LELAND HOWARD

March 16, BREC's Beaver Creek Golf Course (Zachary, La.), No. 8 (126 yards)



BOBBY BERNARD

March 20, The University Club (Baton Rouge, La.), No. 5 (131 yards)

KEVIN DIBENEDETTO

March 20, The Country Club of Louisiana (Baton Rouge), No. 17 (145 yards)



Karla Neal

BILLY SPIERS

March 21, Pine Creek Golf Club (Purvis, Miss.), No. 15 (88 yards)



BARRY BREITHAUPT

March 22, Clear Creek Golf Course (Vicksburg, Miss.), No. 2

MATT HEINZ

March 27, The University Club (Baton Rouge, La.), No. 13 (185 yards)

WALTER MONSOUR

March 29, The University Club (Baton Rouge, La.), No. 8 (138 yards)



KELLY HARELSON

March 30, The Country Club of Louisiana (Baton Rouge, La.), No. 17 (156 yards)



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ACES



LARRY OSBURN

Feb. 3, The Club at Diamondhead (Miss.), Pine Course No. 6 (96 yards)



JAKE HYMEL

Feb. 7, BREC's Beaver Creek Golf Course (Zachary, La.), No. 17 (196 yards)



MIKE SMITH

Feb. 8, BREC's Beaver Creek Golf Course (Zachary, La.), No. 3 (105 yards)



Jake Hymel

DAVID HOFFMANN

Feb. 10, BREC's Historic City Park Golf Course (Baton Rouge, La.), No. 1 (129 yards)



BILLY JOE TOLLIVER

Feb. 13, The University Club (Baton Rouge, La.), No. 13 (171 yards)

HUDSON McCALL

Feb. 15, Patrick Farms Golf Club (Pearl, Miss.), No. 4 (162 yards)

AARON BROOKS

Feb. 16, The University Club (Baton Rouge, La.), No. 5 (151 yards)

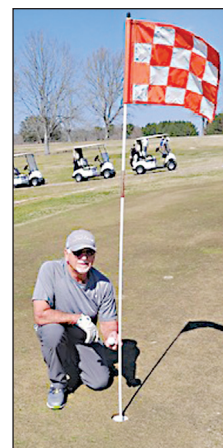
JIM GALJOUR

Feb. 20, Okatoma Golf Club (Collins, Miss.), No. 7 (113 yards)



CARTILLIUS ROBINSON

Feb. 24, BREC's Webb Memorial Golf Course (Baton Rouge, La.), No. 15 (128 yards)



Jim Galjour

MARVIN UNDERWOOD

Feb. 25

The Refuge Golf Course (Flowood, Miss.)

No. 15 (147 yards)

MICHAEL ROGERS

Feb. 25

BREC's Santa Maria Golf Course (Baton Rouge, La.)

No. 11



MARK MATHEWS

Feb. 25

Clear Creek Golf Course (Vicksburg, Miss.)

No. 17

JAKE HYMEL

Feb. 29

BREC's Santa Maria Golf Course (Baton Rouge, La.)

No. 5 (204 yards)



David Hoffmann

TIME TO PLAN THAT FALL TRIP TO SOUTH ALABAMA

Whether you are going to the Mobile Metro area or the Alabama Gulf Coast, there are lots of great places to play golf and cool things to experience in South Alabama.

If Mobile is your destination, no golf trip is complete without a stop at **Magnolia Grove**, which is part of the state's Robert Trent Jones Golf Trail.

Magnolia Grove features 54 holes of golf, which includes two championship courses (Crossings and Falls). The other 18 comes in the form of the Short Course, which is a tract that Golf Digest called the Best Par-3 Course in America. The Crossings Course has hosted the LPGA and PGA Korn Ferry Tours. It is open with several water features and a crushed oyster shell waste areas for a unique look. The greens are Mini Verde Ultradwarf. The Falls has large Mini Verde greens and massive bunkers. It is the only par-71 course on the trail. The Short Course features Champion Ultradwarf Bermuda greens.



of the Robert Trent Jones Golf Trail.

On the Coast, there are four great courses to choose from in Kiva Dunes, The Peninsula, Craft Farms and Gulf Shores Golf Club.

Kiva Dunes (Gulf Shores) is the closest course to the beach sitting on the west side of the Alabama Gulf Coast near The Beach Club. This course can play differently depending on the wind coming off the Gulf of Mexico. It features a unique blend of wide resort landing areas with waste bunkering. There is also wetland vegetation forcing some accurate shots.



Peninsula Golf and Racquet Club features 27 holes among three distinct nines: Cypress, Lakes and Marsh. Anyone of the 18-hole combination of rounds for the day will be an enjoyable one. The Lakes has the facility's Signature Hole, which is a par-5 with a large landing area for your tee shot and a beautiful backdrop of Mobile Bay. All of the holes on the Lakes have water.



PENINSULA

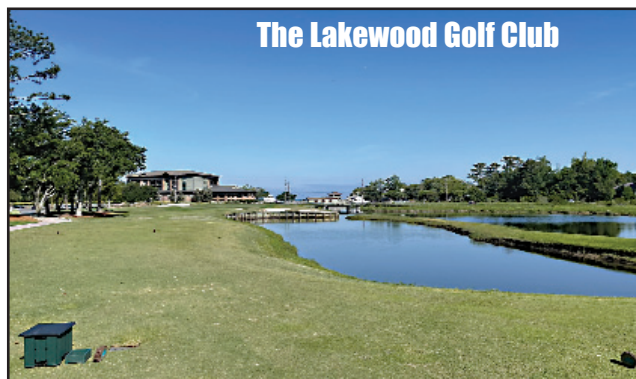
Cypress is the longest of the courses. It requires the most accuracy off the tee and features more forced carries as the others. Cypress also has some well-placed bunkers and several water holes. Marsh has variety and narrow fairways closer to the greens. The sixth hole is a par-4 that will be drivable to most playing the correct tees. All but one hole features water.

Craft Farms is five miles inland from the beach, but an

Between Mobile and the Gulf Coast sits **The Lakewood Golf Club at The Grand Hotel.**

This 36-hole facility in Point Clear has hosted a U.S. Women's Senior Amateur Championship. The Dogwood Course winds through marsh areas and has a handful of demanding holes. It was re-opened in 2019 after an extensive renovation. This tract features TifEagle Ultradwarf greens. The Azalea Course gets its name from the azalea bushes along the fairways. The 15th Signature hole features a par-3 with a carry over water into a green framed by ancient live oak trees.

Lakewood Golf Club has been named among the Best Golf Resorts in America by Golf Magazine. It is also part



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easy drive from the Coast. Craft Farms features a pair of championship layouts in Cotton Creek and Cypress Bend.

Cotton Creek is the longer of the layouts by a mere 265 yards. The course features rolling fairways and large undulating greens. It has numerous risk/reward opportunities and was designed to challenge players instead of intimidate them.



Cypress Bend is more of a links-style course. It's a perfect compliment to Cotton Creek as it has a unique system of lakes, which come into play on almost every hole. The wide fairways, vast landing areas and large greens allow the course to be enjoyable despite all the hazards.

Gulf Shores Golf Club was the first golf course in Gulf Shores (built in the 1960s) and is located between Craft Farms and The Peninsula.



This facility has kept up with the times and fits in great with the more modern courses as a great change of pace.

The course is home to an abundance of wildlife, and has water coming into play on several holes, along with numerous oak and pine trees that can affect your shots.



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