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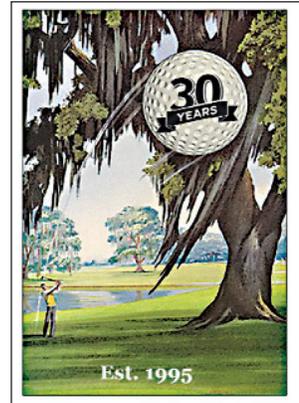
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## ALBATROSS ALERT

On Feb. 9, **Mike Rodosta** joined the Albatross Club using only two shots to finish the par-5 18th hole at Franklinton (La.) Country Club. The hole was playing 510 yards. Mike — a 53-year-old resident of Covington, La. — started the hole with a 290-yard drive, then used a 3-wood from 220 yards out as that shot found the bottom of the cup. He was playing with Jason Jordan and Nick Gonsulin.

At BREC's Webb Memorial Golf Course (Baton Rouge, La.) on April 18, **Chris Burke** achieved the rarest of double eagles as he aced the 302-yard par-4 10th! The shot was with a driver while playing with Dean Schlotterer, Mark Landry and Peter Burke. This was Chris' first-ever hole-in-one. He is 59 and resides in Baton Rouge.

On April 5, **Trey Crawford** recorded an albatross on the par-5 fifth at Canebrake Country Club in Hattiesburg, Miss.



**Mike Rodosta (center)  
with Jason Jordan (left)  
and Nick Gonsulin**



**Trey Crawford**

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ace or double eagle  
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### BREC's Beaver Creek Golf Course



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Continuing our trek east along I-10 and you will discover **Beaver Creek Golf Course** in Zachary, La.

This public facility is in the BREC (Recreation and Park Commission for the Parish of East Baton Rouge) Family and sits just 20 miles north of downtown Baton Rouge. It was opened in 2002 and designed by Craig Schreiner and Associates. The championship tract features a double green that is used by Nos. 5 and 7. Wind comes into play on some of the more open holes, but there are also some wooded areas. The back nine meanders through protected wetland areas. Water doesn't come into play on the first eight holes. Nos. 11, 12, 15 and 17 have water that comes into play on the back nine. The par-4 14th is the only hole on the course that doesn't have a sand bunker. While all of the courses on the GCGT have impressive practice facilities, Beaver Creek's range is lighted and amongst the largest in the Baton Rouge metro area. The tee-box yardages range from 6,855 yards from the tips to 4,789 yards from the front tees. East Plains-Port Hudson Road intersects with Highway 61 only 12 miles south of St. Francisville. From the south, take I-110 to Highway 61 and travel 13 miles north to the course.

Southeast of Baton Rouge and southwest of New Orleans sits **LaTour Golf Club**. Located in the city of Mathews, this is the only 18-hole course in Lafourche Parish. The facility was opened in 2009 and designed by David Toms. This championship course, which can play 7,170 yards from the tips and 5,656 yards from the front tees, is laid out over almost 600 acres of beautiful rolling grasslands and lakes that add to the beauty. Wind is always a factor here, but the layout is challenging, but fair. There are many fun holes at LaTour, but the first par-3 (No. 4) is beautiful with water between the tee box and the green, which is protected by a bunker in front and behind. Every hole on the front nine has water, but on a few of them, it shouldn't come into play. On the back nine two holes (Nos. 16-17) do not have water coming into play. No. 14 is a par-3 with a peninsula green. The facility, which is currently building a new clubhouse (target date for completion is Spring 2026), is closed on Mondays and Tuesdays.

The course sits an equal distance between Morgan City and downtown New Orleans (45 miles). It is 25 miles from Houma. The facility is accessed via Exit 215B (Louisiana Highway 308) off Highway 90 (future I-49 Corridor). If coming from the west, cross the Highway 90 Bayou Lafourche Bridge then take a U-turn and the exit will be on your right.

### LaTour Golf Club



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The lone Mississippi facility on the trail is **Shell Landing Golf Club** in Gautier. This semi-private championship design is located on the east side of the Coast, only 14 miles east of downtown Biloxi.

Opened in 2000 and designed by Davis Love III, the course can play as long as 7,024 yards from the tips as well as 5,047 yards from the front tees. The tract has diverse topography, natural beauty and is known for its exemplary personal service and immaculate course conditioning. There are a bunch of memorable holes at Shell Landing like the par-4 sixth, which has a forced carry over marsh to a wide fairway. Also, the green is guarded by the front, left and back by marsh. On the back nine, No. 13 is truly beautiful and the shortest par-5 on the course. The par-3 17th is the courses signature hole with elevated tees and marsh coming into to play front and right of the green. The facility is easily accessible from the interstate. From I-10, take Exit 57 (Hwy. 57) or Exit 61 (Hwy. 63) south, then take Hwy. 90 until it intersects with Shell Landing Boulevard.



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# Louisiana teams place third and fourth in National Finals

Two Louisiana teams placed in the top 10 out of 62 foursomes at the Applied Underwriters Invitational National Finals.

Both teams qualified through the Applied Underwriters Invitational (benefiting the National Kidney Foundation of Louisiana) Tournament, which was played at The Country Club of Louisiana in Baton Rouge last fall.

The team of Travis Bonifacic, Luke Delouise, Jordan Eagan, and Curt Patton finished third with a score of 35-under-par across Whistling Straits (Irish and River courses) and Blackwolf Run (River and Meadow Valleys courses) in Kohler, Wisconsin.

The team of Jon Bradford, John Crawford, Jeff Fernandez, and Randy Hernandez placed fourth with a score of 34-under-par on the same courses.

The Applied Underwriters Invitational National Finals was the culmination of a series of more than 80 charity golf tournaments nationwide. The Applied Underwriters Invitational raised over \$14 million for charities nationwide.

"These foursomes were among more than 12,000 amateur golfers across the country who generously supported national and local charities by playing in The Invitational," said Torie Kranze, Chief Executive Officer of the National Kidney Foundation of Louisiana. "We appreciate these players' efforts and their invaluable contributions to their communities."

The Applied Underwriters Invitational National program is supported by Cobra PUMA Golf, Bridgestone Golf, Bass Pro Shops, Destination Kohler and its golf brands, Whistling Straits, The Experience St. Andrews and Under Armour Eyewear.

The National Kidney Foundation of Louisiana is revolutionizing the fight to save lives by eliminating preventable kidney disease, accelerating innovation for the dignity of the patient experience, and dismantling structural inequities in kidney care, dialysis, and transplantation. The NKFL provides vital patient and community services, conducts extensive public and



**From left to right: Travis Bonifacic, Luke Delouise, Jordan Eagan and Curt Patton came in third in the Applied Underwriters Invitational in Kohler, Wisc.**

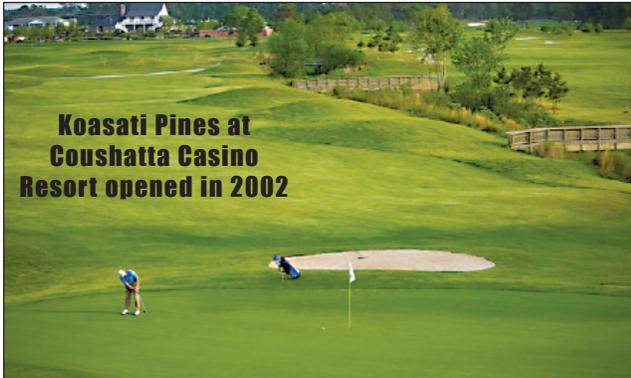
professional education, advocates for patients through legislative action, and supports local kidney research to identify new treatments. The NKFL relies on individual and corporate donations, business partnerships, foundation and government grants, and revenue from special events. More than 81 cents of each dollar donated to the NKFL goes directly to support its programs and services.

This year's golf tournaments are Sept. 22 (English Turn in New Orleans), Nov. 10 (Pelican Point in Gonzales) and Nov. 17 at Squire Creek Country Club in Choudrant.

For more information on these tournaments, log onto [www.kidneyla.org/golf-tournaments](http://www.kidneyla.org/golf-tournaments).

# FAIRWAYS OF CHANGE

**A LOT HAS CHANGED IN THE LOUISIANA-MISSISSIPPI LANDSCAPE SINCE 1995**



**Koasati Pines at  
Coushatta Casino  
Resort opened in 2002**

**By JOHN PRICE  
Publisher**

In the last 30 years, the golf business in our region has experienced a dynamic evolution much like the rest of the nation. When Tee to Green Golf Magazine was started, Tiger Woods wasn't even a professional golfer yet. In fact a lot of the courses (mostly public-access ones) we enjoy today were far from being built. The game was ready to grow but no one could have predicted the 'Tiger' effect and how it led to an explosion in new courses in Louisiana and Mississippi.

In Louisiana, 30 courses were opened between 1996 and 2017. In Mississippi, 28 new courses were opened between 1995-2016. When you add up those numbers, and add the existing courses that had major renovations, you get a much different looking golf landscape in the two-state area in just 30 short years.

Both states did lose some courses because of Hurricane Katrina in 2005, but both areas (Southeast Louisiana and the Mississippi Gulf Coast) have recovered well considering. In addition, out of the 58 new courses in our region since 1995, only eight are private facilities, showing while private courses will always have a niche in the golf business, the majority are public-access ones in

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**Cypress Bend Resort in Many, La. opened in 1996**



**The Island Golf Course opened as The Island  
Country Club in Plaquemine, La. in 1999**



**OakWing Golf Club in  
Alexandria, La.  
opened in 2002**

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the form of public/municipal, resort or semi-private tracts. In both states, we seem to be at the right level of courses to handle the current amount of players as none have been opened since Mossy Oak Golf Club (West Point, Miss.) in 2017. In Louisiana, the last course to open was Bayou Oaks at City Park South Course in New Orleans in 2016.

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**Quail Hollow Golf Course (McComb, Miss.)  
opened in 1996**



**The Refuge (Flowood, Miss.) opened in 1998**



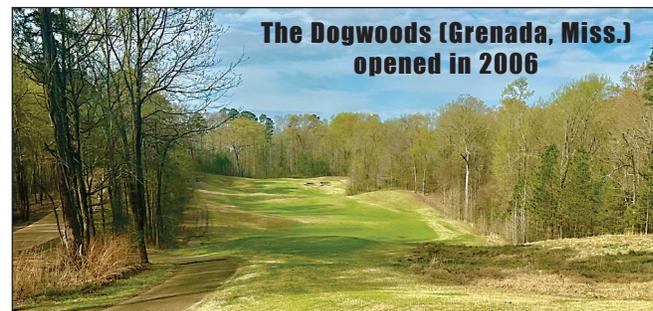
**Tunica (Miss.) National opened in 2004**



**TPC Louisiana (Avondale) opened in 2004 and is home  
of the PGA Tour's Zurich Classic of New Orleans**



**Dancing Rabbit Golf Club (Choctaw, Miss.)  
opened in 1997**



**The Dogwoods (Grenada, Miss.)  
opened in 2006**



**Mallard Pointe Golf Course in  
Sardis, Miss. opened in 2004**

# LIST OF COURSES OPENED IN THE LAST 30 YEARS

## LOUISIANA

**1996**

Cypress Bend Resort (Many)

**1997**

Pelican Point Golf Club (Gonzales)

**1998**

Money Hill Golf and Country Club (Abita Springs)  
The University Club (Baton Rouge)

**1999**

Gray Plantation (Lake Charles)  
Olde Oaks Golf Club (Haughton)  
The Golf Club at Stonebridge (Bossier City)  
The Island Country Club (Plaquemine)

**2000**

Tamahka Trails Golf Club (Marksville)

**2001**

Calvert Crossing Golf Club (Calhoun)

**2002**

Beaver Creek Golf Course (Zachary)  
Koasati Pines at Coushatta (Kinder)  
Links on the Bayou (Alexandria)  
OakWing Golf Club (Alexandria)  
Squire Creek Country Club (Choudrant)

**2003**

Carter Plantation (Springfield)  
Farm d'Allie Golf Club (Carencro)  
Oak Lake Golf Course (Clinton)

**2004**

Copper Mill Golf Club (Zachary)  
Prison View Golf Course (Angola)  
TPC Louisiana (Avondale)

**2005**

Contraband Bayou Golf Club (Lake Charles)

**2006**

Black Bear Golf Club (Delhi)  
Greystone Country Club (Denham Springs)  
The Atchafalaya Golf Course at Idlewild (Patterson)  
The Wetlands Golf Course (Lafayette)

**2009**

LaTour Golf Club (Mathews)  
The National Golf Club of Louisiana (Westlake)

**2015**

The Country Club at Golden Nugget (Lake Charles)

**2017**

Bayou Oaks at City Park South Course  
(New Orleans)

## MISSISSIPPI

**1995**

Big Oaks Golf Course (Saltillo)  
*(Now Tupelo National Golf Club as of 2005)*

**1996**

Cherokee Valley Golf Club (Olive Branch)  
Quail Hollow Golf Course (McComb)  
Wolf Hollow Golf Course (Wesson)

**1997**

Dancing Rabbit Golf Club (Choctaw)  
Lake Caroline Golf Club (Madison)  
The Bridges Golf Club (Bay St. Louis)

**1998**

Canebrake Country Club (Hattiesburg)  
North Creek Golf Course (Southaven)  
Pine Belt National Golf Club (Moselle)  
River Bend Links Golf Course (Tunica)  
The Oaks Golf Club (Pass Christian)  
The Refuge (Flowood)

**1999**

Beau Pre' Country Club (Natchez)  
Grand Bear Golf Course (Saucier)  
Patrick Farms Golf Club (Pearl)  
Shadow Ridge Golf Club (Hattiesburg)

**2000**

Shell Landing Golf Club (Gautier)

**2003**

The Links at Oxford (Oxford)

**2004**

Mallard Pointe Golf Course (Sardis)  
Tunica National Golf and Tennis Club (Tunica)

**2005**

The Links of Madison County (Canton)

**2006**

Fallen Oak Golf Course (Saucier)  
The Dogwoods at Hugh White State Park (Grenada)  
The Preserve Golf Club (Vanceleve)  
The Reunion Golf and Country Club (Madison)

**2008**

The Links at Starkville (Starkville)

**2016**

Mossy Oak Golf Club (West Point)

# APRIL ACES

## RONNIE LEWIS

**9:** Bay Pointe Country Club (Brandon, Miss.), No. 17 (125 yards)



## VINCENT DISTEFANO

**14:** Ellendale Country Club (Houma, La.), No. 4 (137 yards)



## CHRIS BURKE

**18:** BREC's Webb Memorial Golf Course (Baton Rouge, La.), No. 10 (302 yards)



## PHIL CANOVA

**18:** The Island Golf Course (Plaquemine, La.), No. 3



## BART JONES

**23:** The University Club (Baton Rouge, La.), No. 5 (139 yards)

## LEWIS MORRIS

**26:** BREC's Historic City Park Golf Course (Baton Rouge, La.), No. 9 (141 yards)



## TERRY CHURCH

**26:** The Refuge Golf Course (Flowood, Miss.), No. 5 (125 yards)

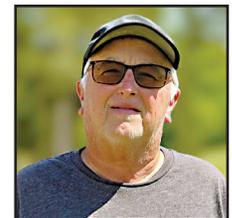


## PUDDIN BOONE

**30:** Links on the Bayou (Alexandria, La.), No. 14 (161 yards)



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# MARCH ACES

## FINLEY WIELENGA

**1:** Mallard Pointe Golf Course and Villas (Sardis, Miss.), No. 5



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Wielenga**

## PETER YAGER

**1:** The Club at Diamondhead (Miss.), Cardinal Course No. 7 (148 yards)

## NEAL RICKER

**6:** The Club at Diamondhead (Miss.), Cardinal Course No. 7



## THOMAS DORSEK

**6:** The Club at Diamondhead (Miss.), Cardinal Course No. 4 (100 yards)



**Merrill  
Patin**

## BURKE TARLTON

**7:** The University Club (Baton Rouge, La.), No. 13 (150 yards)

## ETHAN MOSER

**9:** The University Club (Baton Rouge, La.), No. 5 (157 yards)

## MERRILL PATIN

**12:** BREC's Santa Maria Golf Course (Baton Rouge, La.), No. 2



## ANDREW McNEILL

**16:** The Club at Diamondhead (Miss.), Pine Course No. 6 (145 yards)



## LAILA BADGER

**18:** Jay and Lionel Hebert Golf Course (Lafayette, La.), No. 6 (120 yards)

## KIM LEMOINE

**21:** The Island Golf Course (Plaquemine, La.), No. 16 (135 yards)



## JAMES ELY

**22:** BREC's Beaver Creek Golf Course (Zachary, La.), No. 17 (143 yards)



## TRENTON EVERSULL

**23:** The Club at Diamondhead (Miss.), Pine Course No. 13 (140 yards)



## DENNIS SURRAT

**23:** The University Club (Baton Rouge, La.), No. 8 (132 yards)

## SETH KAPLAN

**23:** The University Club (Baton Rouge, La.), No. 13 (139 yards)

## CHARLES BAERSON

**25:** The Club at Diamondhead (Miss.), Pine Course No. 6 (115 yards)



## GRIFFIN TANNER

**28:** The Country Club at Oxford (Miss.), No. 15

## MATT BENOIT

**31:** Ellendale Country Club (Houma, La.), No. 17 (129 yards)

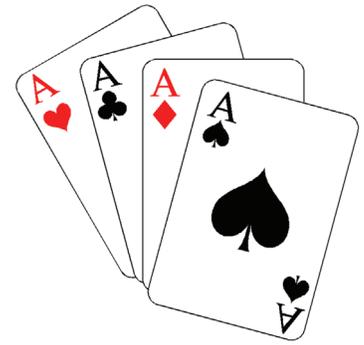


**Burke Tarlton**



**Matt Benoit**

# FEBRUARY ACES



## **KEN GOVE**

**3:** Les Vieux Chenes Golf Course (Youngsville, La.), No. 3 (111 yards)

## **DAVID SIMMONS**

**4:** Copper Mill Golf Club (Zachary, La.), No. 2 (110 yards)

## **DAVE CZAPLICKI**

**6:** The Club at Diamondhead (Miss.), Pine Course No. 6 (105 yards)



## **LAWRENCE JACKSON**

**6:** Copper Mill Golf Club (Zachary, La.), No. 2 (117 yards)

## **RANDY CLOUATRE**

**14:** BREC's Webb Memorial Golf Course (Baton Rouge, La.), No. 3 (138 yards)



**Jeff Patin**

## **JOHN NELSON**

**18:** BREC's Santa Maria Golf Course (Baton Rouge, La.), No. 17



## **JEFF PATIN**

**24:** The Island Golf Course (Plaquemine, La.), No. 8 (181 yards)



## **CARSON KEELER**

**26:** Huntington Park Golf Course (Shreveport, La.), No. 9



**Carson Keeler**

## **MURLEY FORRESTIER**

**28:** Jay and Lionel Hebert Golf Course (Lafayette, La.), No. 2 (104 yards)

## **JOHN REEDER**

**28:** The University Club (Baton Rouge, La.), No. 8 (140 yards)



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# JANUARY ACES



## DANE LAMBERT

**3:** The University Club (Baton Rouge, La.), No. 5 (167 yards)

## LAMONT GROWE

**16:** Jay and Lionel Hebert Golf Course (Lafayette, La.), No. 10 (106 yards)

## PRESTON 'CHIP' LEVITO

**16:** BREC's Beaver Creek Golf Course (Zachary, La.), No. 3 (133 yards)



## TRIPP NAPOLI

**17:** Copper Mill Golf Club (Zachary, La.), No. 11 (143 yards)

## JACKSON BOSWEL

**24:** The Ole Miss Golf Course (Oxford, Miss.), No. 3



## SHAYNE STEVENS

**25:** Copper Mill Golf Club (Zachary, La.), No. 6 (132 yards)

## KEITH APPLEWHITE

**28:** Okatoma Golf Club (Collins, Miss.), No. 11 (100 yards)



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