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- Day 3 Arrive in New Orleans and play 18 holes at \*Bayou Oaks at City Park South Course. After golf try your luck at Harrah's downtown.

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- Day 2 In the morning, have breakfast at Café du Monde, this iconic New Orleans restaurant has been serving visitors since 1862, enjoy beignets and café au lait, before heading to Baton Rouge to play 18-holes at Beaver Creek Golf Course. Eat at any of Baton Rouge's local seafood restaurants where you can dine on seafood gumbo, crawfish etoufée, or chicken and sausage jambalaya.
- Day 3 Head to Lake Charles to play 18-holes at Contraband Bayou Golf Club at L'Auberge Casino Resort. Then take a drive to experience Lake Charles' Boudin Trail. Boudin is a Cajun staple food, made from Louisiana long-rain rice, pork and secret blends of spices.

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- Day 2 Swing through Marskville to stayat Paragaon Casino Resort and play their Tamahka Trails golf course before heading northeast
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#### **Golf and Distillery Trail (New Orleans-Cajun Coast)**

- Day 1 Start your adventure in New Orleans first by playing 18 holes at \*Bayou Oaks at City Park South Course. After the morning round, your distillery journey can begin. Cajun Spirits Distillery, Atelier Vie, Happy Raptor Distilling, Roulaison Distilling Co. and Seven Three Distilling Co., are all in New Orleans area.
- Day 2 Head to the Morgan City area to play 18 holes at \*Atchafalaya at Idlewild then it is on to Houma for a tasting adventure at Bayou Terrebonne Distillers, which makes small-batch white whiskey and Good Earth, a barrel-aged bourbon.
- Day 3 Continue your journey playing the David Tom's designed \*LaTour Golf Club in Mathews before heading west to stay and play at Coushatta Casino Resort in Kinder.
- Day 4 Play 18 holes at \*Koasati Pines then make a stop at Bayou Rum in Lacassine, where every batch of Bayou Rum is distilled in copper pot stills, aged mostly in Bourbon casks, and bottled in house.

#### Golf and Music Trail (New Orleans-Baton Rouge-Lafayette)

- Day 1 Arrive in New Orleans and play a quick round at the \*Golf Club at Audubon Park.. After golf, immerse yourself in an authentic musical experience by catching a performance at any local hotspot in and around the New Orleans French Quarter.
- Day 2 Arrive in Baton Rouge and play 18 holes at \*Santa Maria Golf Course, a Robert Trent Jones, Sr. signature design. Stay, relax and go listen to live music at the Red Dragon Listening Room where the musicians are the only reason everyone is in the room.
- Day 3 Make your way to Lafayette to play 18 holes at \*The Wetlands Golf Course. Your night should include the Blue Moon Saloon, for a musical evening to remember.

#### Golf and Craft Brewery Trail (Lake Charles-Lafayette-Northshore)

- Day 1 Play 18-holes at the Country Club at the Golden Nugget before visiting Crying Eagle Brewing Company in Lake Charles.
- Day 2 Play 18 holes at \*The Wetlands Golf Course in Lafayette to overnight and make time to go to Bayou Teche Brewing in Arnaudville.
- Day 3 Head to Baton Rouge to play golf at \*Copper Mill, then visit Tin Roof Brewing Company for an afternoon taste before continuing east to overnight in Hammond and to enjoy Gnarly Barley Brewery.
- Day 4 Get ready for a full day of golf by playing 18 holes at both \*Oak Knoll Country Club in Hammond and \*Carter Plantation, a David Toms' signature design in Springfield. Top off the day with a stop at the Abita Brewing Company.



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#### **FIVE LOCALS REGISTER AN ALBATROSS**

#### Three of them were the rare hole-in-one variety

March 5 was a fortunate day for two South Louisiana golfers as **Ricky Broussard** and **Larry Weber** each recorded an albatross,

Gary Lewis and Bill Corkern.

which is 3-under-par on any given hole.









**Ricky Broussard** 

Weber's shot was at BREC's Webb Memorial Golf Course (Baton Rouge, La.) and technically an albatross ace, which is the rarest shot in golf. Weber, who is 25 and resides in Prairieville, La., used a driver on the par-4 296-yard 10th hole. He was playing with Dustin Lambert, Michael McDonald and Danny Venable when he recorded his first-ever ace in two years of playing. Broussard's albatross was on the par-5 17th at Southern Oaks Country Club in Abbeville, La. His second shot, which found the bottom of the hole, was from 90 yards away. Venable was able to cut the corner on his drive, setting up the albatross.



On April 8, *Tommy Currier* was playing the sixth hole at Quail Hollow Golf Course at Percy Quin State Park (McComb, Miss.) when his drive found the bottom of the cup 253 yards away. Witnesses to the albatross ace were playing partners Mickey Mizell, David Kincaid,



**Tommy Currier (center)** 

*Greg Magee*, 60, used a 25-mph wind on April 22 at Bayou Vista Golf Course (Gulfport, Miss.) to ace the par-4 10th from 305 yards away with a driver. Witnesses were Kristie Harrison and Chip Harrison.



On the last day of 2021, **Bob Higginbotham** used a 3-wood to complete the par-5 first hole at Whisper Lake Country Club (Madison, Miss.) in two shots. His second shot was from 180 yards while playing with Tim Seachris and Dan Gleason.





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#### **COVER STORY**

# POSITIVE CHANGES IN LAKE CHARLES

In Southwest Louisiana, there is a rebirth going on.

Back in 2020, the state's fourth-largest metro area endured two significant hurricanes (Laura on Aug. 27 and Delta on Oct. 9). Laura was a high-end Category 4 packing winds of 150 mph. Delta passed through as a Category 2 with 100 mph winds. Together they crippled the area known as Louisiana's Playground. But daily, signs of a rebuilt Lake Charles area are evident. In particular, the golf market has come back strong with a handful of courses to fit all types of players and groups.

The Lake Charles metro area boasts a half dozen public-access courses, including the newest in the state. The area also has two of the last three courses built in the state and three of the last five. The Lake Charles area is growing with

an 8.2% population growth according to the last census figures.

The newest facility is *Mallard Golf Club*, which is a city-owned course. Located in the area of Lake Charles called Morganfield, this links-style course replaces Mallard Cove Golf Course,



which was also owned by the city but was on the Chennault Airpark (seven miles away). Mallard Cove closed in Aug. 2020 and Mallard Golf Club opened in Oct. 2021. The new clubhouse is scheduled to be opened at the end of this year and the course is being evaluated for Golf Digest's Best New Courses of 2022. The enjoyable and



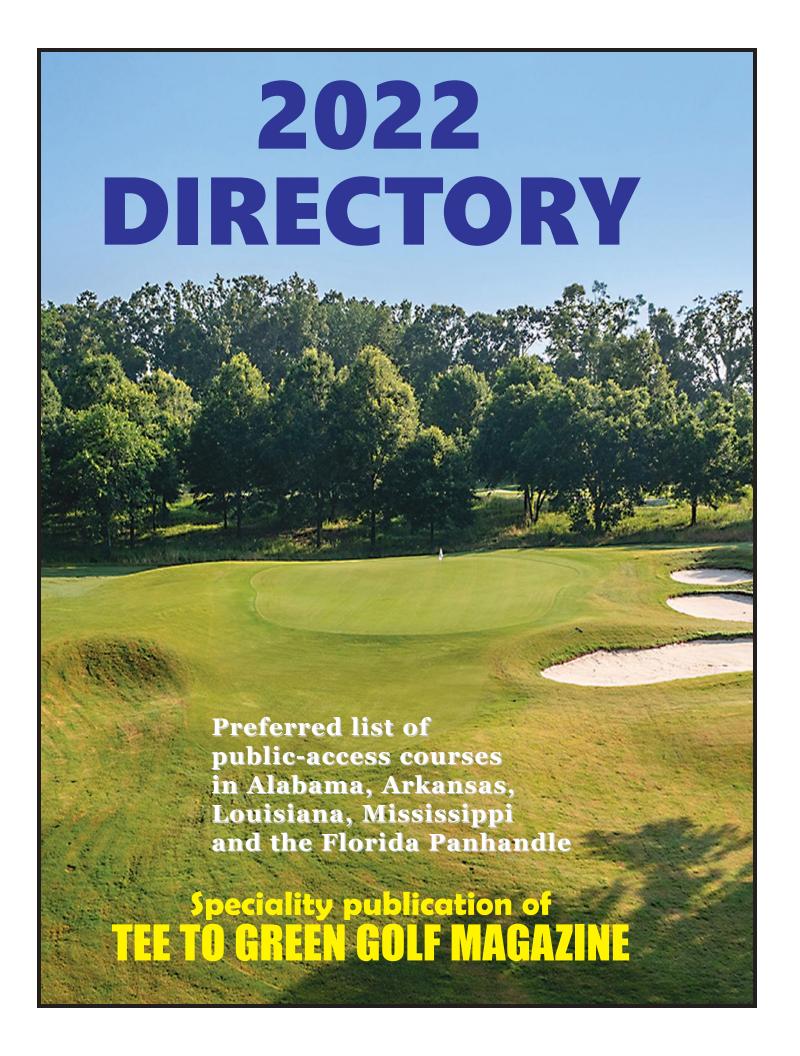
popular layout features GPS and Bluetooth-speaker systems in all carts to enhance your playing experience and guide you around the facility without confusion. Mallard Golf Club was designed by Jeff Blume and features elevated greens and rolling hills. The course is surrounded by native areas and has no trees giving a true Scottish links experience that is unique to this part of the state.

Lake Charles also features two casino courses — Contraband Bayou Golf Club and The Country Club at the Golden Nugget. These two courses are right next to each other and in fact, share a driving range (located at Contraband Bayou Golf Club).

The Golden Nugget course hosts an annual PGA Tour Korn Ferry event (Lake Charles Championship) in the

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spring. This Todd Eckenrode (Origins Golf) Design opened in 2015 and is known for its plush conditions and native areas. The course is on casino property and laid out with a handful of holes along the water (where



Prien Lake meets the Calcasieu River). The front and back finishing holes feature beautiful backdrops of the clubhouse and the dual casino lodging towers. Staying on property will qualify you for discounts on green and cart fees.

# Contraband Bayou Golf Club is owned by L'auberge Casino Resort. The course is a Tom Fazio design, but one of his resort-style layouts with



marsh and lowland features. The name comes from a nearby waterway, which got its name from Jean Lafitte. The famous pirate was known to use the small bayou, which runs through Lake Charles, as a safe haven for his ships during hurricanes and storms when traveling the Gulf Coast. Despite losing 3,000 trees in Hurricanes Laura, the course has rebounded well thanks to \$450,000 worth of sod and a recent project replacing all the bunkers and putting in new bright white fine sand. Next up is replacing the greens, which are original and date back to 2005 when the course opened. The course also features aquatic and natural vegetation among its eight lakes. This is Fazio's only public design in the state. Guests of L'auberge do get a discount on fees at Contraband Bayou Golf Club.

Just west of Lake Charles is the city of Westlake, which is home to The National Golf Club of Louisiana. Owned and operated by the City of Westlake, this facility recently unveiled its new two-story clubhouse that overlooks the 18th hole. The clubhouse also is home to one of the best restaurants in the city named The Max. The course was designed by Dave Bennett. Course conditions are above what you expect from a municipal course. There are 14 lakes, 65 bunkers and some challenging greens. The greens are large, allowing a different experience depending on pin placement. After your round, head over to The Max, which was named after Westlake High School Football Coach Frank 'Max' Caldarera (coach from 1977 to 2011). Caldarera, who passed away in 2016, is in the Louisiana High School Sports Hall of Fame.

The last public course in the area is *Frasch Park Golf Course* in Sulphur, a bedroom community of Lake Charles. The popular course for locals was originally opened in



1955 with nine holes and increased to 18 holes in 1966. In its prime, the course garnered national honors. The facility has mature trees and flat fairways with a lone canal that runs through the course and comes into play on six holes. The facility was designed and built by a bunch of volunteers in Sulphur.

Less than 40 miles from downtown Lake Charles is

#### Koasati Pines Golf Course.

The facility is owned by the Coushatta Casino, which is the largest in the state. The Kinder resort course, which was designed by Kevin Tucker, opened



in 2002 and can play at 7,612 yards from the tips. At the time of opening, that yardage was the longest in the state, but it has since become the second-longest course in the state. Most of the play at Koasati Pines comes from the other five tee-box locations. The name of the course comes from a Native American Language of Muskogean origin. The language is spoken by the Coushatta people, most of who live in nearby Allen Parish. The course is nestled in natural wetlands with stately pines and huge live oak trees. There are 65 acres of glass-looking lakes and even a 19th hole gambling hole, which features an island green. Stay-and-play packages as well as specials can be found on the course's website. Koasati Pines is a member of the Audubon Golf Trail, which started in 2001.

Speaking of the AGT, Gray Plantation Golf Club in Lake Charles is a charter member of the trail. Opened in 1999, *Gray Plantation* is now a private club, but is honoring some outside play through the Audubon Golf Trail.



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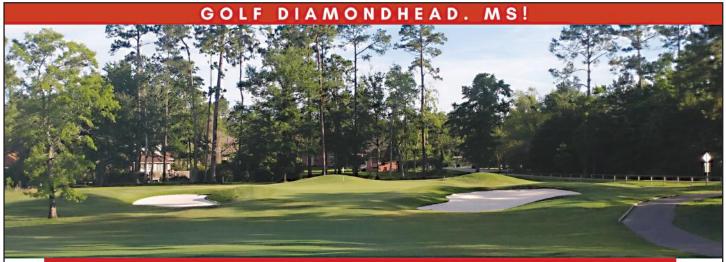
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#### **ANN MANNING**

Feb. 19, The Country Club of Louisiana (Baton Rouge), No. 3

#### **KAREN SANCHES**

Feb. 22, The Club at Diamondhead (Miss.) Cardinal No. 4 (80 yards)

#### **BILL EVANS**

Feb. 22, Timberlane Golf and Recreation (Gretna, La.), No. 17





**Bill Evans** 

#### **HECTOR BOESCH**

Feb. 24, Timberlane Golf and Recreation (Gretna, La.), No. 3 (151 yards)

#### **KELVIN PRICE**

Feb. 24, Carter Plantation (Springfield, La.), No. 12 (163 yards)

#### **GORDON CONN**

Feb. 24, BREC's Santa Maria Golf Course (Baton Rouge, La.), No. 17 (132 yards)

#### THERON PFANTZ

Feb. 28, Beauregard Country Club (DeRidder, La.), No. 8 (108 yards)



**Theron Pfantz** 



#### UPCOMING TOURNAMENTS \*indicates double-points events

JUNE

4: Timberton Golf Club (Hattiesburg) ■ <u>18-19:</u> Dancing Rabbit Golf Club's Azaleas and Oaks Courses (Choctaw)\*

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SEPTEMBER

9: The Oaks Golf Club (Pass Christian) ■ 30: The Refuge (Flowood)
AUGUST

<u>20-21:</u> Magnolia Grove Falls and Crossings Courses (Mobile, Ala.)\*

<u>3:</u> Preserve Golf Club (Vancleave) ■ <u>24:</u> Shadow Ridge Golf Club (Hattiesburg)

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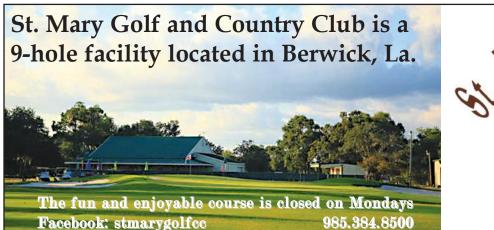
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#### JERRY HARMON

March 2, Clear Creek Golf Course (Vicksburg, Miss.), No. 14 (128 yards)

#### COLE DURON

March 2, Kirkwood National Golf Club (Holly Springs, Miss.), No. 15 (120 yards)

#### DAVID ALEXANDER

March 3, Pine Creek Golf Club (Purvis, Miss.), No. 15 (125 yards)



#### LARRY WEBER

March 5, BREC's Webb Memorial Golf Course (Baton Rouge, La.), No. 10 (296 yards)

#### RAY LOUVIERE

March 5, The Island Golf Course (Plaquemine, La.), No. 16 (105 yards)



Cole

Duron

#### ANDREW RICHARDSON

March 5, The Country Club of Oxford (Miss.), No. 15 (173 yards)

#### MARK EUBANK

March 6, Bay Pointe Golf and Country Club (Brandon, Miss.), No. 3 (112 yards)

#### JERRY PHILLIPS

March 6, The Club at Diamondhead (Miss.), Cardinal No. 7 (136 yards)



#### DARRELL LAKVOLD

March 6, BREC's Webb Memorial Golf Course (Baton Rouge, La.), No. 3 (123 yards)

#### JOHN MILSAP

March 6, Meadow Lake Golf and Country Club (Bernice, La.), No. 6

#### MARVIN HAWLEY

March 6, Oak Harbor Golf Club (Slidell, La.), No. 15 (121 yards)

#### **GARY TILYOU**

March 7, BREC's Webb Memorial Golf Course (Baton Rouge, La.), No. 17 (118 yards)

#### **KYLE BROWN**

March 7, The Pines at North Park (Denham Springs, La.), No. 3 (117 yards)

#### STEVEN SPAIN

March 9, Farm d'Allie Golf Club (Carencro, La.), No. 3 (130 yards)



David Alexander

**Gary Tilyou** 

#### **BRENT BATES**

March 13, Quail Hollow Golf Course at Percy Quin State Park (McComb, Miss.), No. 3 (165 yards)

#### MIKE ROUSSEL

March 14, BREC's Santa Maria Golf Course (Baton Rouge, La.), No. 17 (149 yards)





#### **MIKE PUENTE**

March 14, The Club at Diamondhead (Miss.), Cardinal No. 4 (124 yards)

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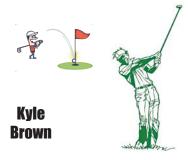




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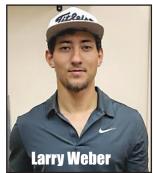
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#### **BO ASHLEY**

March 15, Pine Creek Golf Club (Purvis, Miss.), No. 2 (191 yards)

#### **CHASE MORRIS**

March 21, The Pines at North Park Golf Course (Denham Springs, La.), No. 6 (147 yards)

#### MIKE LEDET

March 23, Ellendale Country Club (Houma, La.), No. 4



#### WHITNEY AMEDEE

March 23, The Bridges Golf Club (Bay St. Louis, Miss.), No. 7 (105 yards)



March 24, BREC's Santa Maria Golf Course (Baton Rouge, La.), No. 17 (151 yards)



Mike Ledet

#### **ROY HILL**

March 25, BREC's Webb Memorial Golf Course (Baton Rouge, La.), No. 15 (111 yards)

#### JIM NIKOLAUS

March 25, The University Club (Baton Rouge, La.), No. 5



#### **PERCY FREEMAN**

March 25, Tchefuncta Country Club (Covington, La.), No. 12





**Roy Hill** 

#### **JASON LEE**

March 26, BREC's Santa Maria Golf Course (Baton Rouge, La.), No. 17

#### **DAVID DRAGON**

March 26, BREC's Santa Maria Golf Course (Baton Rouge, La.), No. 11 (118 yards)

#### **DAVID BARONE III**

March 27, Bay Pointe Golf and Country Club (Brandon, Miss.), No. 3 (120 yards)



**David Barone III** 

#### **JUDY TAUZIN**

March 30, The Club at Diamondhead (Miss.), Pines Course No. 13 (141 yards)

#### **WALKER JOHNSON**

March 31 BREC's Santa Maria GC (Baton Rouge) No. 2 (137 yards)









**Chase Morris** 



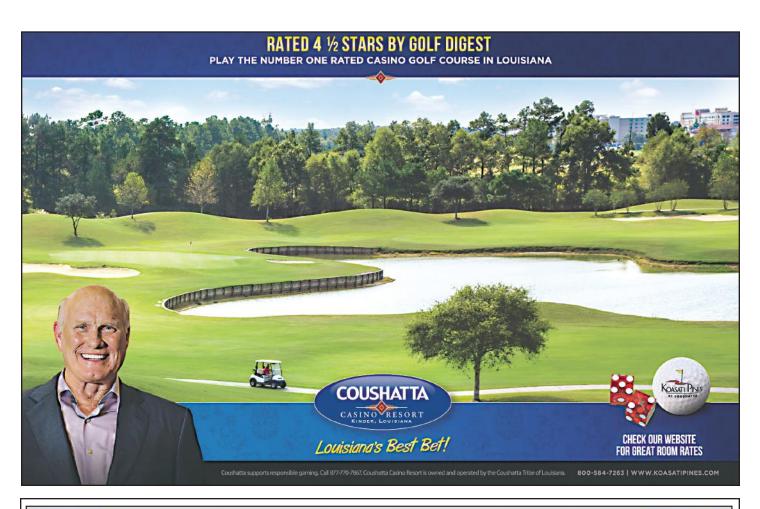
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#### **ARNOLD TASSIN**

April 6

Stonebridge Golf Club of New Orleans (Gretna, La.) Harvey Nine third hole (106 yards)





#### AUBRY GUILLOT

April 6, Timberlane Golf and Recreation (Gretna, La.), No. 8

#### LAWRENCE SIMONEAUX JR.

April 6, The Atchafalaya Golf Course (Patterson, La.), No. 11



#### Tommy Currier (center)

#### TOMMY CURRIER

April 8, Quail Hollow Golf Course (McComb, Miss.), No. 6 (253 yards)



#### **JAMES HOTH**

April 9, BREC's Santa Maria Golf Course (Baton Rouge, La.), No. 17 (110 yards)



#### **LUKE CARPENTER**

April 9, The Dogwoods Golf Course (Grenada, Miss.), No. 2 (100 yards)



**Aubry Guillot** 

#### WILFRED RAGAS

April 13, Stonebridge Golf Club of New Orleans (Gretna, La.), No. 14 (125 yards)



#### MARC ROGER SR.

TONY MARABELLA

April 15, BREC's Santa Maria Golf Course (Baton Rouge, La.), No. 5 (138 yards)

#### MIKE OLINDE

April 18, BREC's Webb Memorial Golf Course (Baton Rouge), No. 5 (140 yards)



April 20, BREC's Santa Maria Golf Course (Baton Rouge, La.), No. 11 (120 yards)

**DARYL GLUECK** April 22, The University Club (Baton Rouge, La.), No. 8

**Luke Carpenter** 

#### **DON BAKER**

April 22, BREC's Beaver Creek Golf Course (Zachary, La.), No. 15 (139 yards)

#### **GREG MAGEE**

April 22, Bayou Vista Golf Course (Gulfport, Miss.), No. 10 (305 yards)





#### DEAN LAWRENCE

April 22, Bayou Vista Golf Course (Gulfport, Miss.), No. 2 (120 yards)

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#### LYNN AMEDEE

April 23, Copper Mill Golf Club (Zachary, La.), No. 11 (131 yards)

#### HAL RAMIREZ

April 24, Copper Mill Golf Club (Zachary, La.), No. 2 (120 yards)

#### MITCH McCRORY

April 24, Greenville (Miss.) Municipal Golf Course, No. 3 (108 yards)

#### MICHAEL BURGER

April 25, The Club at Diamondhead (Miss.), Cardinal No. 17 (159 yards)

#### **KENNY JORDAN**

April 27, Bay Pointe Golf and Country Club (Brandon, Miss.), No. 13 (129 yards)

#### **CHARLES BAERSON**

April 28, The Club at Diamondhead (Miss.), Cardinal No. 4 (100 yards)

#### **BRENT BARKER**

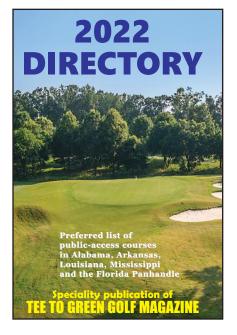
April 29, The Dogwoods Golf Course (Grenada, Miss.), No. 2 (131 yards)

#### **BOB LEWIS**

April 29, Timberlane Golf and Recreation (Gretna, La.), No. 3

#### JIM MOBBERLY

Exact date in April unknown, Stonebridge Golf Club of New Orleans (Gretna, La.), No. 5 (113 yards)

















Mitch McCrory



**Bob Lewis** 



Kenny Jordan



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## NOLA foursome wins National Tournament

### THE TEAMS PLAYED THEIR WAY INTO TOURNEY WITH NKFLA EVENTS IN 2021

A Louisiana foursome representing the National Kidney Foundation of Louisiana won the championship at the Liberty Mutual Insurance Invitational National Finals at the Streamsong Resort (Bowling Green, Fla.) on March 31-April 3.

The New Orleans foursome of Travis Bonifacic, Luke DeLouise, Jordan Eagan and Perrin Rome represented Lakewood Golf Club and carded scores of 62-64-59-244 for the title. The scores were registered on the Red and Blue Courses.

Two other teams finished in the Top 16. They were Josh Gunn, Keith Johnson, Joe Lavigne and Michael Weinstein (The Country Club of Louisiana team from Baton Rouge) and Don Davis, Tyler Hennessee, Jason Mook and Daniel Speir (Squire Creek Country Club team from Choudrant). The CCL team finished ninth at 253 and the Squire Creek squad was 16th at 260.



After playing three competitive rounds, the field was divided and the teams who did not make the cut for the championship round, competed in a one-day tournament on Streamsong Blue Course. Three local teams were in that one-day tourney with Craig Galatas, Lee McKinstrey, Danny McMyne and Brian Southmayd (all from New Orleans) carding a 63 for a second-place finish. Another New Orleans foursome (Drayton Holley/Curt Patton/Joel Rayborn/Rob Vosbein) shot 65 to finish in eighth place. Coming in 10th was another Choudrant team (Doug Farr, James Murphy, Richard O'Donovan and Ken Vines) as they shot 66.

The Invitational National Finals was the culmination of a series of more than 75 charity golf tournaments around the country in 2021. The Invitational tournaments raised more than \$9 million for charities in the United States.

"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 sincerely appreciate these players' efforts and their invaluable contributions to their communities."

The Invitational program is supported nationally by Cobra, Puma Golf, Bridgestone Golf, Under Armour Eyewear, Blank Label, Streamsong Resort, Global Golf Post, Short Par 4 and All American Classics.

The Invitational tournaments are single-day events featuring an 18-hole Scramble format open to

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men and women amateur golfers of all skill levels in the local community. Each tournament is held at a prestigious golf course in that community and concludes with a dinner and awards ceremony.

Leaders from the community, business and charitable organizations run and promote the local tournaments. Winning foursomes from each local tournament are invited to play in the four-day Invitational National Finals the following spring.

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One in three American adults are at risk for chronic kidney disease.

Risk factors for kidney disease include diabetes, high blood pressure, heart disease, obesity and family history of kidney failure. People of African American, Hispanic, Native American, Asian or Pacific Islander descent are at increased risk for developing the disease. African Americans are three times more likely than Whites, and Hispanics are nearly 1.5 times more likely than non-Hispanics to develop end-stage renal disease (kidney failure).

The National Kidney Foundation of Louisiana, Inc. is the major statewide voluntary non-profit health organization dedicated to preventing kidney and urinary tract diseases, improving the health and well-being of individuals affected by these diseases and increasing the availability of all organs for transplantation. For more information about the NKFL, visit www.kidneyla.org.

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## MGT continues to grow



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Now in the midst of its second year of existence, the Mississippi Golf Trail has grown to nine facilities after starting out with six in the spring of 2021.

Along with charter members Timber Truss Golf Course (Olive Branch), Bay Pointe Golf and Country Club (Brandon), Natchez Golf Club at Duncan Park (Natchez), Okatoma Golf Club (Collins), Pine Creek Golf Club (Purvis) and Shell Landing Golf Club (Gautier), The Dogwoods Golf Course (Grenada), Quail Hollow Golf Course at Percy Quin State Park (McComb) and The Oaks Golf Club (Pass Christian, Miss.) were added at various times in 2021.

To keep up with happenings at the Mississippi Golf Trail courses, like and follow the MGT Facebook Page — @MISSISSIPPIGOLFTRAIL



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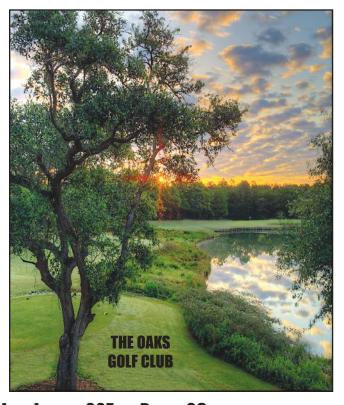


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