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2009 N.C. Girls' All-State Golf Teams Announced

*N.C. junior golf's best to be honored by the Carolinas Golf Association
and the Tarheel Youth Golf Association*

West End, NC—30 girls have been named to the 2009 N.C. Girls' All-State Golf Teams by the Carolinas Golf Association and the Tarheel Youth Golf Association, honoring those junior golfers who have had the most success in amateur and junior golf events at the local, state, regional and national levels over the past 12 months.

The girls' first team is led by Katherine Perry of Cary, the 2009 N.C. Junior Player of the Year. Perry, a high school senior, competed in the US Women's Open along with winning the NC Women's Amateur, the Vicki DiSantis Girls' Championship and the NCHSAA 4A state title. Also named to the first team are Lizzie Bundy of Clayton, who finished as the runner-up in the NC Junior and the Trusted Choice Big I National Championship; Allison Emrey of Charlotte, the winner of the Dogwood State Junior; Sarah Almond of Albemarle, who competed in the US Junior Girls' Amateur and the US Women's Amateur; Taelor Rubin of Raleigh, the runner-up in the Golfweek Junior Series at Pine Needles; Kayla Sciupider of Etowah, the NCHSAA 1A/2A/3A state champion; Katie Kirk of Davidson, the NC Trusted Choice Big I champion; Mattie Tobey of Denver, the runner-up in the Ballantyne Resort Junior and the Dick Tiddy Junior; Lori Beth Adams of Burlington, the winner of the Precision Golf Girls' Championship; and Megan Burnham of Gastonia, who had 13 top 10 finishes including reaching the semifinals in the NC Junior Championship.

2009 N.C. Girls' All-State Golf Team

<u>First Team</u>	<u>Second Team</u>	<u>Third Team</u>
Lori Beth Adams <i>Burlington</i>	Taylor Allison <i>Elizabeth City</i>	Victoria Allred <i>Pfafftown</i>
Sarah Almond <i>Albemarle</i>	Sarah Bae <i>Raleigh</i>	Nimeeta Bhasker <i>Advance</i>
Lizzie Bundy <i>Clayton</i>	Lane Gakeler <i>Greensboro</i>	Emily Brooks <i>Chapel Hill</i>
Megan Burnham <i>Gastonia</i>	Kristi Ingram <i>Winston-Salem</i>	Hannah Craver <i>Winston-Salem</i>
Allison Emrey <i>Charlotte</i>	Michelle Pilo <i>Apex</i>	Andrea Estes <i>Cary</i>
Katie Kirk <i>Davidson</i>	Kathryn Rand <i>Hampstead</i>	Samantha Gilder <i>Pinehurst</i>
Katherine Perry <i>Cary</i>	Andrea Robbins <i>Liberty</i>	Madison Kennedy <i>Salisbury</i>
Taelor Rubin <i>Raleigh</i>	Tara Simmons <i>Goldsboro</i>	Ashley Osiecki <i>New Bern</i>
Kayla Sciupider <i>Etowah</i>	Casey Ward <i>Chapel Hill</i>	Kristen Rhodin <i>Asheville</i>
Mattie Tobey <i>Denver</i>	Mallory Warrick <i>Wilson</i>	Jane Shavlik <i>Raleigh</i>

To be eligible, girls must have played in a minimum of five TYGA N.C. rankings events from December 1, 2008 through November 30, 2009. The awards were determined by a combination of each player's scoring differential and the total points earned in the ranking's events.

These outstanding juniors will be honored at the N.C. Junior Golf Night Awards Banquet, Saturday, December 26, 2009 at Little River Golf and Resort in Carthage, NC.

About the Tarheel Youth Golf Association...

The Tarheel Youth Golf Association (TYGA), a division of the Carolinas Golf Association, a 501 (c) 3 organization, provides playing opportunities for its members, conducts educational seminars and events, acts as a junior golf informational clearinghouse, provides free USGA handicaps to junior golfers in North Carolina, recruits sponsor clubs that grant junior access to golf facilities in North Carolina, publishes monthly North Carolina junior rankings, and awards Junior Player of the Year and All-State awards to the top juniors in North Carolina. Membership is free to any boy or girl who is a legal resident of N.C; is 18 years of age and under; and who has not started college.