

# Talbert and Knox Named Carolinas Junior Golf Players of the Year; Six Named All-Carolinas

West End, NC—McKenzie Talbert of North Augusta, SC and Andy Knox of Cary, NC are the 2009 Carolinas Junior Golf Players of the Year. Joining Talbert on the All-Carolinas Girls' Team are Maureen Dunnagan, of Lexington, SC and Collins Bradshaw of Columbia, SC. Along with Knox on the All-Carolinas Boys' Team are Damon Postal of Blythewood, SC and Payne McLeod of Reidsville, NC.



Talbert, a 14-year-old freshman at Strom Thurmond High School, won the 2009 Girls' Player of the year award by winning the CPGA Charles Tilghman Junior along with finishing as the runner-up in the WSCGA SC Girls' Junior, the SCJGA The Blade Junior and the Joe Cheves Junior. Talbert was a member of the winning South Carolina team in the South Carolina – Georgia Junior Challenge Matches. Talbert also has been named the 2009 Beth Daniels South Carolina Junior Player of the Year by the South Carolina Junior Golf Association.

Knox, a 17-year-old high school senior at Apex High School, earned the 2009 Boys' Player of the Year honor by winning the CGA NC Junior and the Joe Cheves Junior. Knox also finished second in the CPGA Charles Tilghman Junior and fourth in the CGA Carolinas Junior. Knox qualified for the USGA US Junior Amateur where he reached match play before losing a close first round match. Knox has represented the Carolinas in the Carolinas-Virginias Junior Team Matches for the past three years, tying the record for the most appearances. Knox will play collegiate golf for the Spartans of UNC-Greensboro.



Dunnagan, an 18-year-old senior at Lexington High School, earned All-Carolinas honors by winning the CGA Carolinas Girls' Junior, tying for third in the CPGA Charles Tilghman Junior and finishing in fourth place in the WSCGA SC Girls' Junior and the CPGA Junior along with four other top 10 finishes. Dunnagan represented South Carolina in the South Carolina-Georgia Junior Challenge Matches and the Carolinas in the Mid-Atlantic Junior Girls' team matches. Dunnagan plans to play collegiate golf at N.C. State University.

Bradshaw, a 16-year-old sophomore at A.C. Flora High School, secured her All-Carolinas award by winning the SCJGA The Blade Junior, finishing in third in the WSCGA SC Girls' Junior and tying for third in the CPGA Charles Tilghman Junior, fourth in the CGA Twin States Championship and fifth in the Joe Cheves Junior. Bradshaw also represented SC in the South Carolina-Georgia Junior Challenge Matches.



Postal, a 17-year-old senior at Blythewood High School, earned his All-Carolinas award by finishing in third in both the CPGA Junior and the Joe Cheves Junior along with reaching the semifinals in the CGA SC Junior Match Play and finishing in seventh place in the SCGA SC Boys' Junior. Postal also qualified for the USGA US Junior Amateur where he advanced to the second round of match play. Postal has signed to play college golf for Winthrop University.

McLeod, an 18-year-old senior at Reidsville High School, secured his award by finishing as the runner-up in the CGA NC Junior and the NC Trusted Choice Big I Junior Classic and in third place in the SCJGA Bobby Chapman Junior. McLeod also finished tied for 13<sup>th</sup> in the National Trusted Choice Big I Junior Classic. McLeod has signed to play collegiate golf at UNC-Wilmington.



The All-Carolinas Junior Team and Player of the Year awards are based upon a 12 event series of junior tournaments run by six associations that are the grassroots of junior golf in the Carolinas. The three leading point's recipients in each division (boys and girls) will be invited to the Carolinas Golf Association's Annual Meeting and Golf Night on February 12, 2010 at Pine Needles Lodge and Golf Club in Southern Pines, NC where the Players of the Year and All-Carolinas Junior Team will be recognized.

Participating Carolinas Associations: Carolinas Golf Association, Carolinas PGA, North Carolina Independent Insurance Agents, South Carolina Golf Association, Women's Carolinas Golf Association, Women's South Carolina Golf Association and the Joe Cheves Junior Invitational.