

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

West End, NC—McKenzie Talbert of North Augusta, SC and Carson Young of Pendleton, SC have been named the Carolinas Junior Golf Players of the Year and All-Carolinas for 2011. Joining Talbert on the All-Carolinas Girls' Team are Sarah Bae of Cary, NC and Kelli Murphy of Elgin, SC. Along with Young on the All-Carolinas Boys' Team are Will Starke of Chapin, SC and Benjamin Griffin of Chapel Hill, NC.



Talbert, a 16-year-old junior at Strom Thurmond High School, won her third straight Carolinas Girls' Player of the Year award by winning the CPGA Charles Tilghman Junior, the SCJGA Fall Championship and the SC Junior Match Play Championship along with finishing as the runner-up in the Vicki Disanstis Girls' Championship and the Joe Cheves Junior and a tying for third place in the Carolinas Girls' Championship. Talbert was also a member of the winning Junior Solheim Cup team. Talbert has also been named the 2011 Beth Daniels South Carolina Junior Player of the Year by the South Carolina Junior Golf Association. Talbert has verbally committed to play collegiate golf for the Clemson University Tigers.

Young, a 17-year-old high school junior at Pendleton High School, earned the 2011 Boys' Player of the Year honor by winning the CGA SC Junior Match Play Championship and the CPGA Junior Championship. Young also finished third in the SCJGA Players Championship, fifth in the SCJGA Fall Championship, tied for fifth in the CGA Carolinas Junior Championship and sixth in the SC Trusted Choice Big I Junior Classic. Young helped the Carolinas defeat the Virginias in the Virginias-Carolinas Junior Team matches. Young has committed to play college golf at Clemson University.



Bae, a 16 year old high school junior at Athens Drive High School, earned her second consecutive All-Carolinas award by winning the CGA NC Junior Girls' Championship, the NC Trusted Choice Big I Junior and the TYGA Team Championship along with finishing third in the Carolinas Junior and tying for fourth in the TYGA State Championship. Bae represented the Carolinas in the Mid Atlantic Girls' Team Matches. Bae won the NC Junior Player of the Year Award for 2011.

Murphy, a high school sophomore at Lugoff-Elgin High School, was named All-Carolinas based on winning the CGA Carolinas Girls' Championship, the Joe Cheves Junior, placing second in the SCJGA Fall and Players Championships and finishing third in the SCJGA Blade Championship. Murphy represented the Carolinas in the Mid Atlantic Girls' Team Matches. In August Murphy was named the *Golfweek* Junior Player of the Week after winning the Joe Cheves Junior.



Starke, a high school senior at Chapin High School, earned All-Carolinas honors by finishing second in the SC Trusted Choice Big I Junior Classic and the Carolinas Junior Championship. Starke also tied for second in the CPGA Junior Championship and tied for third in the SC Junior Championship. In July, Starke competed in the US Junior Amateur where he finished second in qualifying and reached the quarter finals in the national championship. Starke represented the Carolinas in the Virginias-Carolinas Junior Team Matches for the second year. Starke has committed to play college golf for the University of South Carolina.

Griffin, a high school sophomore at East Chapel Hill High school, secured his All-Carolinas award by finishing tied for second in the TYGA State Championship, tying for third in the NC Junior, third place in the CPGA Junior Championship, fourth in the CGA Dogwood State Junior Championship, tied for fifth in the Bobby Chapman Junior and in eighth place in the NC Trusted Choice Big I Junior Classic.



The All-Carolinas Junior Team and Player of the Year awards are based upon a 17 event series of junior tournaments run by seven 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 25, 2012 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.