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## **Sarah Bae Repeats as N.C. Junior Girls' Player of the Year; Miller Capps Named N.C. Junior Boys' Players of the Year**

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

West End, NC—Sarah Bae of Cary and Miller Capps of Denver have been named the 2011 N.C. Junior Players of the Year by the Tarheel Youth Golf Association (TYGA) and the Carolinas Golf Association (CGA). This is the second straight year Bae has been named the NC junior girl's player of the year. The N.C. Junior Player of the Year award recognizes one girl and one boy who have had the most successful year in amateur and junior golf events at the local, state, regional and national levels.



Bae, a 16 year old high school junior at Athens Drive High School, captured 10 individual titles including the North Carolina Junior Girls' Championship, the Roy Jones Junior, the NC Trusted Choice Big I Junior and the TYGA Team Championship, along with winning five junior tour events conducted by the Tarheel Golf Foundation (4) and the Eastern Junior Golf Tour (1). Bae's highlight of the year was participating in the US Women's Amateur Championship at Rhode Island CC in Barrington, RI. Over the past 12

months, Bae has finished in the top ten 20 times in 23 tournaments and finished with a 75.4 tournament stroke average.

Capps, an 18 year old high school senior at North Lincoln Senior High school, placed in the top 10 seven times along with finishing tied for 33<sup>rd</sup> in the US Junior Amateur Championship at Golf Mountain Golf Club in Bremerton, WA after reaching match play. In May, Capps finished in sixth place in the state 2A high school championship while leading North Lincoln to a runner-up team finish. Over the summer, Capps made the cut in the NC Open and Amateur Championships and finished the year with a 72.8 tournament stroke average. Capps has signed to play college golf at Clemson University.



The Player of the Year awards were determined by a combination of each player's tournament scoring differential and the total points earned in the TYGA NC rankings events from December 1, 2010 through November 30, 2011.

These outstanding juniors, along with the 2011 N.C. All-State Girls' and Boys' teams, will be honored at the N.C. Junior Golf Night Awards Banquet on Tuesday, December 27, 2011 at Pine Needles Resort in Southern Pines, 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, is dedicated to providing educational programs and playing events for its members. TYGA is committed to establishing relationships and coordinating with junior golf organizations to act as an information clearinghouse for all North Carolina junior golf opportunities and assist those organizations in the promotion of junior golf in North Carolina.

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