

Alabama Left-Handed Golf Association Newsletter



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2006 State Tournament

Well another year has come and gone, and another Alabama Left-Handed Golf Association state tournament has been completed. The tournament was held at Twin Bridges Golf Course in Gadsden. This was the second time to hold the tournament at Twin Bridges with last year's tournament being held there. Twin Bridges is a designed by Gene Bates and presents a lot of exciting risk reward type shots. It was awarded one of the Best New Affordable Public Golf Course slots by *Golf Digest Magazine* in 2004. It is managed by Billy Casper Golf. The course was in excellent condition and the level of service from the staff was excellent. Our thanks go out to Chris and Justin and all of the staff for making our 2006 tournament one of the best and most enjoyable. If you did not get to participate in this year's tournament, plan an outing to Twin Bridges and see what you missed.

After Tim McCollum held the state title for the past three years we have a new state champion. Read more about Randy Lipscomb further into

the newsletter. The tournament got off to a great start. Then Mother Nature decided we needed a 2 and half hour rain delay on Friday afternoon. The course was in good condition before the storm with fairly firm fairways due to the lack of rain and good greens that would hold. After the storm, we had casual water, even softer greens, and fairly soft fairways. It was determined to attempt to complete Friday's round. Most flights finished just as the sun went down, with the Championship flight playing into the darkness. Below are the final results from the tournament with the scores and flight winners. Go to our website at allefitygold.org for all scores and results. Saturday's round got under way that morning with some impressive scores in all of the flights. Saturday night the course got a good soaking from a thunderstorm that came through. Sunday's round started with a slight drizzle of rain and some of us were wondering why we left that umbrella, rain suit, or towel to dry in the hotel room after Friday's downpour. However, the sky cleared and the round was completed without interruption.

Congratulations to all of the winners and those that placed.

2006 State Left-handed Champion

The 2006 ALHGA state left-handed champion is Randy Lipscomb. Randy is 27 years old and lives in Gadsden. He played high school golf in Etowah County and played for Gadsden State Community College. He went on to graduate from Auburn University with an engineering degree. He works full-time as an engineer. So no, he does not spend all of his time on the golf course. He described himself as a "weekend golfer". A pretty darn good one if you look at the scores and the competition he faced. Previous champion, Tim McCollum finished second, putting up a tough fight to retain the championship. Tim played his consistent good rounds we all have witnessed in the past. A new member, Alan Boutwell finished 3rd with an impressive come back after a not so stellar round on Friday. Alan plays for Briarwood Christian in Birmingham. That is correct; he is only 16 years old. So the future ALHGA championships look to be interesting. Make

your plans for next year's tournament and meet Randy when he returns to defend his title.

2006 Business Meeting

The 2006 association business meeting was held Saturday after the lunch provided by the Twin Bridges staff. Outgoing President Daryl Johnson and his father, Ken drew member names for some pretty nice draw prizes. Dave Dillman was kind enough to donate a Big Bertha driver that was given away to a lucky member. A big thanks goes out to all who brought draw prizes and obtained hole sponsorships.

The association would like to thank Daryl Johnson for the 2 terms he served as President. Both tournaments under Daryl were most enjoyable and have helped to increase membership for the association. Daryl gave up the Presidency due to another

Johnson that came along in August. ALHGA will have a new member and dues are due at birth. The association wishes to express gratitude to Daryl for all he and his family have done for ALHGA and wish him and his family all the best with their expansion. Daryl will be back next year to defend his win in the Championship B flight or move up.

During the business meeting I was elected your new president. I am Charley Booth. I have been a member since 2003 and have met most of you that have been at the tournaments. I'm not sure if being elected president is an honor or a punishment for the scores I shot at this year's tournament. Seriously, I am honored to be the ALHGA president and will do all I can to make the tournaments fun and enjoyable for all members. I will also work to increase membership and participation in the annual tournaments. In an effort to do this I have enclosed a brief

questionnaire. Please take a minute or two to fill it out and mail it back to me. Or if you would like give me a call to discuss any of the items on the list or anything else that may not be on the list. My telephone number is **205.910.5052** and my email is **alhga@mindspring.com** I will be scouting courses between now and next spring so if you have any suggestions please let me know. As soon as I get feedback from the membership and get plans for next year firmed up, I will be contacting you about the 2007 state tournament and any other events the association may have before then. **If you did not send your dues in prior to the tournament or pay them at the tournament they are now past due**, please send to:

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Send any changes in your contact information to the same address.

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Division	First Name	Last Name	Score			
			Friday	Saturday	Sunday	Total
State Champion	Randy	Lipscomb	77	71	75	223
Champion	Tim	McCollum	74	72	78	224
Champion	Alan	Boutwell	81	72	74	227
Champion B	Daryl	Johnson	86	79	78	243
Champion B	Murphy	Abernathy	82	82	84	248
Champion B	Scott	Banks	91	81	78	250
Open A	Phillip	Amberson	74	81	72	227
Open A	Gene	Ellison	78	85	80	243
Open A	Robert	James	86	84	78	248
Open B	Kendal	Goodwin	91	86	76	253
Open B	Terry	Marcus	83	93	82	258
Open B	Randy	Bryant	99	85	83	267
Senior	Herman	Johnson		80	78	158
Senior	Joe	Fuller		83	83	166
Senior	M.J.	Denard		87	89	176