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GA-SC Junior Challenge Matches - Round 1 Results

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The pristine setting at The Reserve at Lake Keowee Club in Sunset, SC was the venue for the 34th Annual GA-SC Junior Team Matches. The junior squad from South Carolina took a stronghold on day one with an overall four point lead of 6-2 over the juniors from Georgia. Matches started at 8:00 a.m. with Henry Mabbett of Georgia taking a 2 & 1 victory over Adam Goings. The next four matches went to South Carolina as Ben Fogler of Elgin (5 & 4), Damon Postal of Blythewood (2 & 1), Florence's Stephen Behr (4 & 2) and Columbia's Brannan Hudson (2 & 1) all earned one point victories. Tate Hoisington of Hilton Head lost a close match (2 & 1) to Jack Walsh of Lawrenceville. However the final two matches went in favor of the South Carolinians as Cory Taylor of Greer (1 Up) and the SCGA Junior Champion, Isle of Palms resident Caulder Moore (5 & 4), both earned a point for their respective team. The format is singles match play with one point available per match. If matches are tied at the end of 18 holes, each player receives half of a point. It should be noted that of all 16 participants, only Stephen Behr of Florence, SC has previously played in the matches back in 2007. This year, The Reserve at Lake Keowee Club stepped up to host the longest running interstate junior matches in the country for the 34th consecutive year. Teams from both states are selected by accepting the top eight finishers at each state's Junior Championship. The South Carolina team was solidified in June after the Championship was held at the Bulls Bay Golf Club. Thirty-four years ago, Pete Cox of the Georgia State Golf Association and Charles Rountree, Jr. of the South Carolina Golf Association formalized the idea of the GA - SC team matches. The winning team has their victory inscribed on the beautiful Rountree - Cox trophy that was donated by the Rountree family. Every junior that has participated in the 33 year old competition will find his name on the trophy with his teammates. The Georgia teams have produced 21 victories as compared to the 12 for the SC teams. The Junior Championship is one of 19 SCGA statewide championships, 80 one-day contests, nine USGA qualifiers, eight 40-plus tournaments and five special events conducted by the SCGA. Results, schedules and applications may be accessed via the Internet at www.scgolf.org.

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USGA rules apply, for a 36-hole match play event.

Eligibility: The top eight junior golfers from the South Carolina Golf Association's Junior Championship and Georgia State Golf Association's Junior Championship.

Schedule of rounds: July 16 – Practice Round July 17-18 – First & Second Round Match Play

South Carolina Team Caulder Moore, Isle of Palms Cory Taylor, Greer Tate Hoisington, Hilton Head Brannan Hudson, Columbia Stephen Behr, Florence Damon Postal, Blythewood Ben Fogler, Elgin Adam Goins, Gaffnet

Georgia Team: Scott Wolfes, St. Simons Island Michael Garretson, Acworth Will Evans, McDonough Jack Walsh, Lawrenceville Anders Albertson, Woodstock Gus Wagoner, Duluth Henry Mabbett, Griffin Ty Howze, Hahira