

# 2008 Tournament season kicks off

By MARGO COLEMAN

The Mississippi Golf Association's tournament season begins with the 7th Annual Patrick Farms Invitational.

The Patrick Farms Invitational will be played on March 15-16 at the Patrick Farms Golf Club in Brandon. The field is open to male amateurs who have reached their 17th birthday on or before the first day of the tournament. The MGA will be conducting a net division during the tournament for all players with a USGA Handicap Index on the GHIN Handicap Service through the association. The entry deadline is March 12 at 5 p.m. and the entry fee is \$160. Printable forms are available on our website or by contacting Patrick Farms Golf Club (601) 664-0304.

Clay Homan of Starkville will be defending his title in the first state championship of the year. The Mid-Amateur Championship will be played on April 11-13 at Colonial Country Club, Deerfield, in Canton. The field will be flighted after 36 holes of play. All players with a USGA Handicap Index will be participants in the net division of the Mid-Amateur Championship. The entry fee is \$195 and the tournament is open to male amateurs who have reached their 25th birthday, are members of the associations and are bona fide residents of the state of Mississippi. The entry deadline is April 7 at 4 p.m.

The MGA makes a grand return to Quail Hollow Golf Club in McComb for the State Four-Ball/Bill Cass Senior Four-Ball Championships. The state four-balls will be played April 25-27 the tournament is comprised of regular, senior and super senior divisions. All players must meet the general eligibility and be members of the association. The entry fee is \$410 and you must indicate on your entry form which division your team will be competing in. The entry deadline is April 21 at 4 p.m.

## STATEWIDE CLUB TOURNAMENT SCHEDULE

Looking for a tournament to play in? We have an extensive list of tournaments. The MGA has posted a tournament schedule of club tournaments across the state of Mississippi. The schedule is available on the MGA's website [www.missgolf.org](http://www.missgolf.org). Log on now

and click on Membership Services and Club Tournaments on the left side. Some of the club schedules include courses like Quail Hollow, Old Waverly, Pass Christian Isles Golf Club, and Patrick Farms. Contact information for the clubs is also posted. If you would like the association to post your tournament, please send the tournament information to Allison Hendrix [Allison@missgolf.org](mailto:Allison@missgolf.org).



## ONLINE REGISTRATION IS AVAILABLE

Online registration is available for the Mid Amateur; State Four-Ball and Senior 4-Ball; State Amateur Qualifiers, State Amateur Championship for exempt players; MS Sports Medicine Father-Son/Daughter; Match Play Championships; and the Senior Amateur. All members are encouraged to use the online registration. Printable entry forms are available for the Mid Amateur, State Four-Ball Championships, and the State Amateur Qualifiers. Membership registration is also available. Other printable forms will be available. How do I use the Online Registration?

Create a profile or login with your existing login, click on the tournament in which you wish to register, click on Enter Online Sign if you did not in step one. Complete entry application and submit. You will receive a confirmation once your entry has been accepted.

Call the MGA office (601-939-1131) if you encounter any problems.

## MJGA NEWS

The MJGA Tour kicks off on May 29 with Event #1 at Columbus Country Club. The Country Club of Oxford will host the Mississippi Boys Junior Amateur July 28-30. The MJGA Tour tournaments will be sanctioned for MJGA players of the year points standings, MJGA Junior Cup Matches, and the Viking Classic/BankPlus Junior Pro Am. The complete MJGA Schedule is posted on the website [www.missgolf.org](http://www.missgolf.org).

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our LGA mission statement requires that we do..... foster the enhancement and expansion of amateur golf through the development of member and information services, the promotion of opportunities for all who want to play, and the protection of the game's integrity and valued traditions.

We hope our individual members recognize that this is what their small investment on an annual basis helps us do. We don't say often enough how much we appreciate our members' willing-

ness to support the game we all hold dear in this manner. If your club is not presently a member of the LGA, we hope we've piqued your interest enough that you'll contact your club decision-makers about membership in 2008.

Please let us know if we can provide additional information on LGA membership.

See you next month.....Inside the Ropes!

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