

YHC announces Clay Dotson Open Golf Tournament Champions

Young Harris – The annual Clay Dotson Open golf tournament to benefit student scholarships at Young Harris College was recently held on May 20 at Brasstown Valley Resort. Approximately 170 players enjoyed morning and afternoon flights followed by an awards ceremony.

Prize categories included overall winners for each flight as well as second and third place for each flight, longest drive and closest to the pin. The tournament also featured an Alumni Team Challenge in which a prize was awarded to the team of four YHC alumni with the lowest score.

Prizes for the tournament were awarded as follows: **Morning Flight:** Flight 1 Winner: Roger Miller, Debra Patterson, Wade Patterson, Stan Woodard.

Flight 2 Winner: Adam Cohen, Jimmy Filler, Richard Oates.

Flight 1 Second Place: Cary Cox, Daniel Davenport, Larry Garrett, Lamar Paris.

Flight 2 Second Place: Brett Butler, Paul Butler, Kurt Momand, Mark Stancil.

Flight 1 Third Place: Gene Clopton, Clay Dotson, Drew Dotson, Tony Wade.

Flight 2 Third Place: Jim Basin, Kevin Floyd, Clint Hobbs, Matthew Mashburn.

Closest to the Pin: Chris Robbins. Longest Drive: Clayton Knox.

Afternoon Flight: Flight 1 Winner: Doug Adams, Robert Dumas, Joe Jordan, Ricky Tanner.

Flight 2 Winner: Mark Dehler, Reid Dyer, Paul Gribble, Marvin McArthur.

Flight 1 Second Place: Michael Caverzasi, John Gehrich, Ben Kirby, Bryan Rey.

Flight 2 Second Place: Andy Burks, Ryan Burks, Rick Davenport, Matthew Mashburn.

Flight 1 Third Place: Larry Garrett, Mike Kelley, Brett Owenby, Mike Patton.

Flight 2 Third Place: Drew Dotson, Michael Kimsey,

Larry Owens, Gregg Rogers. Closest to the Pin: Todd Buchanan. Longest Drive: Brett Owenby.

Alumni Challenge Winners: Andy Burks, Ryan Burks, Rick Davenport, Matthew Mashburn.

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Afternoon Flight 1 winners



Flight 1 morning winners



Afternoon 2nd Flight winners



Flight 2 morning winners



The Alumni Challenge winners

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Lady Panther seniors thank Coach Hunter, Coach Krieger, and Coach Rhonda Payne. Photo/Todd Forrest

off-foot goal that smashed the back of the net against Towns. "There were a lot of fantastic goals this year," Hunter said. "Our guys were by far the most explosive team in the Region. We could put seven or eight goals on a team in no time, which made this even harder to choose."

The Purple Heart Awards went to Lalo Rivera and John Spaulding.

"(Lalo) wasn't able to play this year, but he was at every practice, managing, and doing whatever I asked of him," Hunter said. "(John) always

put our team first, he is a very coachable player, and did a great job in the back"

Hunter then handed out an award to Union County soccer's No. 1 Fans, his daughters, Ada and Lola Hunter.

"(Lola) always wants to be at the ball games, although she doesn't watch a bit of them," Coach Hunter said. "She just runs around, sits on the bench, then runs around some more. But she loves to play soccer and loves to be with our team. Ada was our water girl and probably the reason that I'm back in soccer. I was out of

this for a few years and every day she would say, 'daddy, you need to coach soccer.'"

Another tradition that Hunter wants to continue is the seniors leaving with their jerseys.

"This is something that I want to make sure we do again," Hunter said. "Anyone who has put forth the time, the effort, and the sacrifice to put this jersey on, should get to keep it always."

The Lady Panthers' seniors then took center stage to thank both Coach Hunter and Coach Krieger. The graduating



Kyle Hamby

players were unified in that fact that both coaches were "awesome, taught them a lot, and appreciated everything they did for them during the season."

The North Georgia News would also like to thank both of the Union County Soccer teams, their families, and the coaching staff for a memorable 2013 season.

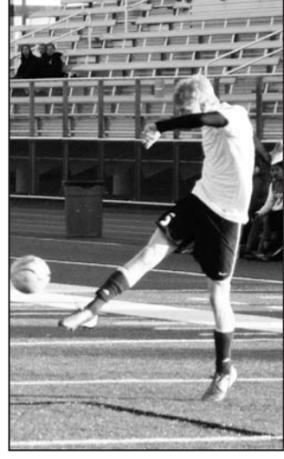
A special thank you goes to John Innis and the Goalkeeper's Club for all of their hard work and support during the year, and providing pictures, stats, and info throughout the course of the season.



Ansley Gutierrez and Taylor Burton pregame. Photo/Todd Forrest



Tim McKenna (Left) and T.J. Smith (Right). Photos/Todd Forrest



Union County Softball Summer Schedule

June 10th - Practice 10 a.m. - noon.
June 11th - Summer League Games vs. Towns 5:30/7:00 p.m. (@Union).
June 17th - Practice 10 a.m. - noon.
June 18th - Summer League Games vs. TBA - double-header.
June 20th - Summer League Games vs. TBA - double-header.
June 24th - Summer League Games vs. Towns 5:30/7 p.m. (@Union).
June 25th - Summer League Games vs. Lumpkin at 5 p.m. vs. Dawson at 6:30 p.m. (@Lumpkin County).
July 1st - 5th - GHSA Softball Dead Week. No games or practices allowed. 8-11 Panther Pride Team Camp (TBA)
July 9th - Summer League

Games vs. Fannin. Towns vs Fannin Union vs. Towns (@ Union).
July 15th - Summer League Games vs. Fannin, Towns vs Fannin, and Union vs. Towns (@ Union).
July 16th - Summer League Games vs. Gilmer and Fannin at Union.
July 18th - Practice 10 a.m.-12 p.m.
July 22 - North Georgia Summer Classic - TBA (@North Georgia College)
July 23 - North Georgia Summer Classic- TBA (@North Georgia).
July 29th - hitting at 4 p.m. and conditioning at 5 p.m. July 30- Fielding at 4 p.m. and conditioning at 5 p.m.
July 31 - Hitting/fielding at 4 p.m. and conditioning at 5 p.m. (timed mile and hills).
Aug. 1st - practice 4-6 p.m.

Aug. 2- workout 3:30-4:30 p.m.
Aug. 3 - 100 Inning Game at 10 a.m. followed by team cook-out at 5 p.m.
 Game schedule will be released soon. You must have a physical to participate in the summer workouts
 Please call Coach Stewart (706-897-7372) or Coach Cagle (706-492-3039) if you have any questions.

Meeks Park Swimming Pool

The Meeks Park Public Swimming Pool is now open 12 p.m. - 6 p.m. daily. Questions about water aerobics, swimming lessons, or pool parties should be directed to Brittany Swartz, manager at 706-439-6101.

UCRD info

Football (tackle): registration is May 1 - June 15, ages 7 - 12; fee \$90 (after June 15 \$100); teams assigned by age.
Football (flag): registration is May 1 - June 15, ages 5-6; fee \$35 (after June 15 \$45).
Cheerleading: registration is May 1 - June 15, ages 5 - 12; fee \$95. At registration child must be present to be fitted for uniform.
Summer Day Camp: location is Union County Kidz Korner, 683 Ledford Road; registration is now; ages 4 - 13; fee \$80 per week (includes breakfast, lunch and most activities; May 20 thru Aug 2nd).
Batting Cages Closed: As of June 3rd the Union County Automated Batting Cages are closed for the 2013 season.

Joe Collins

Tips from the Range

I'm getting a lot of questions about why it is so hard to hit the ball straight, so I thought I would cover some of the things you should look for if you are having trouble hitting greens or par threes or finding the fairway off the tee. Unfortunately, there is never the one fix that will work for everybody when accuracy is the problem, but there are some things that are very common among every golfer who struggles with accuracy.

The first thing a golfer should consider when working on hitting the ball straighter is alignment. Good golfers will first make sure that their alignment is good when trouble starts sneaking into their game. Have a friend or even a playing partner stand behind you and see if you are "pointed" to the correct area on the course or practice facility. If you aren't aimed correctly your sub-conscious will know it and force your swing to compensate for the poor alignment. The fix some of you need could be this simple.

If alignment is not your issue then we next need to focus on the club path. If the club path is incorrect it will cause the ball to start off either left or right of where you are aimed. The path of the club must start off straight away from the intended target and then continue on an uninterrupted path all the way to the end of the backswing. From there it must travel slightly inside the takeaway path to impact and beyond. The follow-through path should mimic the takeaway path. Never lean into the ball on the downswing because if you do you will cause the downswing path to travel on the outside of the takeaway path ("over-the-top") and that is bad. That path can cause all sorts of weird looking shots so stay away from bad balance on the downswing.

Now let's look at the shoulder turn because it will be the actual problem many of you will struggle with. The shoulder turn is crucial to making a good golf swing, but the problem with a lot of us is, we can't turn enough to get the shoulders in

the correct position. We try to compensate by using the arms more and that is where the problem lies. The arms have to stay "connected" to the body and must stay if front of the chest on the downswing. The distance the arms travel in a proper backswing is determined by how far the shoulders can turn. When the shoulder turn is complete, let the momentum the arms have built up set the top position. Focus on keeping the top of the spine, or your head, behind the ball as you make the downswing. Don't force the arms to travel farther than the shoulders can turn them in the backswing before you start down. This may shorten your swing a little but you will probably pick up some yardage because you will be hitting the ball more solid.

The last thing to look at when facing accuracy issues is the weight transfer. The proper weight transfer is very important to the club path and must occur at the right time in the swing. To early and you will push the shot and to late will make you pull the shot, so make sure your weight transfer is correct from back to front on the downswing. Your weight must be on the front foot at impact with your shoulders slightly open. The weight transfer starts with the hips and finishes through shoulders so make sure you push off the back foot and hold your back to the target to start the downswing. Always remember to keep your head behind the ball at impact.

Accuracy is difficult because to hit the ball correctly you must not really feel your hands. Shots need to be controlled by the big muscles and not the smaller muscles like is in your hands and wrist. This feels awkward when trying to hit a designated target but it is the proper way to swing. The back hand and arm can provide a lot of power but must be used at the correct time in the downswing. If you release the back wrist too soon it makes it really difficult to hit a straight shot with any club, so swing the club with the big muscles and stay in balance to improve your accuracy.

Hope this helps! Remember to send yours questions to jcollins.tcherald@windstream.net and hopefully a little insight can help make your game more enjoyable. Don't forget that practice makes golf better so get out there and work on your game. Good luck and I will see you on the course!

Tucker Basketball Camp

Union County High School will be hosting a basketball skills camp from June 24th-27th for boys and girls grades K-12. The camp will begin daily at 8:30 a.m. and end at 11:30 a.m. Every camper will receive a camp T-shirt. There will be an awards ceremony on Thursday the 27th at 11 a.m. The cost for each camper will be \$60. You may bring this form and money on June 24th or mail this form and money to David Tucker at: 106 Sherwood Ave. Box 26, Calhoun, TN 37309. You may also contact Coach Tucker at (423) 336-3045.

Assisting Coach Tucker at the camps will be: Tina Dockery - Union County Lady Panthers Assistant Coach, Mandy Hunter - Union County Middle School Girls Coach, Junior Tucker - Walker Valley High School, Mindy Cox - Niota Elementary School, and Jon Tucker - Tennessee Wesleyan College Assistant Coach.

Activities will include: ball handling drills, dribbling drills, shooting drills, offense and defense instruction, contests, 5-on-5 play, 3-on-3 play, and 1-on-1 play.

Camper's Name: _____

Do you have health insurance on this child? Yes ___ No ___

Emergency Contact: _____

Emergency Contact Phone #: _____

Parent Signature: _____

Date: _____