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Looking back and forward...

Time for reflection as today's issue of *Thompson Tees Off* is my 200th issue!

I'm thrilled to be able to bring you timely content about the golf scene across Alabama each and every week. Thank you for your support in this ongoing journey.

As I look back on 23 years (and counting) of writing about local golf, one day stands out above all others. Wednesday, July 28, 2010 was the day Mobile native Bobby Wyatt shot his historic round of 57 in the second round of the 65th State Junior Championship at the Country Club of Mobile and I was there to witness his stunning display.

Fast forward and Wyatt, who was a high school



Bobby Wyatt holds the scorecard from his record-breaking round of 57 at the 2010 State Junior.

senior headed to the University of Alabama at the time, has achieved a great deal in the game.

He was on back-to-back National Championship winning teams at Alabama in 2013 and '14; he played for his country in both the Walker and Palmer Cups; and is now a member of the PGA Tour.

Through all his success he has remained humble and approachable and I wish him much success in his first full year on the PGA Tour.

Now, let's look forward to the future of the game and a junior golf tour making strides locally.

The Magic City Junior Golf Tour recently concluded it's third series of events.

It is a junior golf tour for children ages 7-14 which was started last fall by Neil Thompson, director of golf instruction at Oxmoor Valley and Ross Bridge.

(In the interest of full disclosure, Neil is my brother and I help him with tour, which has gone from strength to strength.)

The Fall Series featured six events, all on Saturday afternoons, at Pine Tree CC, Riverchase CC, Timberline GC, Hoover CC, Vestavia CC and concluded last Saturday with the Tour Championship at Oxmoor Valley (Short Course). All events were nine holes, except 18 holes for the Tour Championship.

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MAGIC CITY JUNIOR GOLF TOUR

All photos taken with Magic City Junior Golf Tour founder Neil Thompson.



Jack Lowery, 7-9,
Series winner.



Christopher Yeilding, 10-11,
Series winner.



Ethan Hacker, 12-14,
Series winner.

The children were split into three age groups: 7-9, 10-11 and 12-14 and played from age-appropriate tees in a Stableford Points format, with parents allowed to caddie. There were over 85 children who took part in the latest series, the most so far as interest continues to grow and build.

The overall winners of the series were Jack Lowery, for the second series in a row, (7-9); Christopher Yeilding (10-11); and Ethan Hacker (12-14). They each got to design a pair of MyJoy shoes by FootJoy as their overall very cool prize.

A good time was had by all players, family members and friends as Thompson awarded prizes for the top three players in each age group for the final event, as well as most improved awards, top girl, skins and various proximity prizes.

The Tour Championship itself was won by Polly Kate McCrackin (7-9); Chase Kyes (10-11); and Davis Humphrey (12-14).

Thompson wished to thank Puma Golf, FootJoy, Titleist, Mizuno and TaylorMade for their support of Tour, as well as all the host courses.

Click here for the scores and overall points from this series.

The Tour will return Winter/Spring 2017 with another five-event series, from mid-February to mid-March.

And who knows, another Bobby Wyatt or Emma Talley, both former local stars in college golf now playing top-level professional golf, could be in their midst...

For more information, visit www.magiccitygolf.com

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