

BrianQuackenbush.com Newsletter

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Recap

It's been about a month since the last Newsletter and much has happened. In late March, I returned from West Palm Beach, FL. I was there for just over 3 months with my girlfriend, Shawna Harding. She is a world-class Equestrian in the Dressage discipline and was showing her horses during the winter season in Florida. So, I tagged along to help where I could and also to get in some off-season work in a warm climate. The weekend before we returned, Shawna won a major international event. That made the 10-hour drive back to Aiken much easier. Take a look at Shawna's website, www.shawnaharding.com.

The off-season work paid off with a few good finishes in **Tarheel Tour** events and a near miss in a **Nationwide Tour** Monday qualifier. I got to the second round in the Tarheel Tour's Match Play event and finished 13th and 20th in two other stroke play events. On April 9th, I almost made it through what will probably be the most challenging Nationwide Tour Monday qualifier of the year, posting a 67 and missing by a shot at Glen Arven CC. It's been a good start to the season.

The ebay auction didn't work out as planned. Ebay unexpectedly pulled the auction after 5 days, citing the fact that I wasn't selling a product or service. This was a surprise since I walked through the auction with an ebay customer service representative for about 20 minutes and was advised by them how to list it. All was not lost as I got some good coverage in Golf World and even was approached by a new sponsor as a result.

I received a few hats and shirts from Capital Hospice and have started to put them into play at my events. Donations from my tournament earnings are going well. I expect to make another one next week for \$584 bringing total donations to almost \$5,500.

I am still open to sponsors for the year. If you're interested, please contact me or visit the [sponsorship](#) page on my website.

Results

These are the results for the events since the last newsletter. Complete results can be seen on the [results](#) page of my website.

Tour	Date	Course	Score	Pos	Earnings
Nationwide	4/9/07	Glen Arven CC (Thomasville, GA)	67 (-5)	8 th	\$0.00
Tarheel	4/3/07	River Run CC (Huntersville, NC)	73-68-76 (+1)	20 th	\$1,450.00
Tarheel	3/27/07	Oldfield GC (Hilton Head, SC)	72-68-72 (-4)	13 th	\$1,625.00
Other	3/19/07	PGA National - Estates (West Palm Beach, FL)	76-75 (+7)	10 th	\$187.50

Other	3/15/07	Atlantis CC (Atlantis, FL)	71 (-1)	8 th	\$180.00
Other	2/27/07	Links at Madison Green (Royal Palm Beach, FL)	73-77 (+6)	MC	\$0.00

Recent News

These are excerpts from news articles on the website since the last newsletter. Click the title to see the complete article.

Nationwide Qualifier - Near Miss

April 10th, 2007

I shot 67 yesterday at the Nationwide Tour Monday qualifier at Glen Arven CC in Thomasville, GA. Unfortunately, this missed qualifying by one shot. It was a field of about 160 players playing for 7 spots on a good golf course. I had an afternoon time and went off on the back nine. I started off...

River Run Recap

April 10th, 2007

Round 3 in the **Tarheel Tour** event at River Run was a challenge. It was very cold and windy which made the course play about 3.5 shots harder than the first two rounds. I really didn't have my best stuff. I got off to a rough start and never really recovered, shooting a round of 76. This, however...

Round Two Rollercoaster

April 4th, 2007

Round two at the **Tarheel Tour** event at River Run was exciting. I hit my drive on the first tee out of bounds and then made bogey. From then on I made 7 birdies and an eagle including a stretch of 4 holes where I was 5 under par. I also made four more bogies in high winds to finish at 4 under...

Tarheel Tour River Run Round 1

April 4th, 2007

I'm on an amazing streak. In my last 4 rounds I have had 5 players withdraw and 2 get disqualified in either my group or the one immediately in front of or behind me. Last week, I played the first round as a twosome because our third didn't show. In the second round, the group in front of us...

Tarheel River Run - The Big Break

April 2nd, 2007

I'm playing the **Tarheel Tour** event at River Run Country Club this week. It's a really good layout, but the greens aren't the best. There is a lot of poa annua and some patchy bent. The tour is doing their best to work with the course to get it ready for us tomorrow...

Tarheel Oldfield

March 31st, 2007

I finished 13th this week in the **Tarheel Tour's** event at Oldfield Golf Club in Bluffton, SC. It was a decent week, but just didn't have much spark. I hit it and putted it well but had trouble getting on a roll. I felt like it could have been much better. I'm very encouraged by how my game is...

Final Florida Event

March 20th, 2007

I played my final "off-season" event in Florida this week at PGA National Estates course in West Palm Beach. This was a two-day "major" on the **Minor League Golf Tour**. As I mentioned in previous emails, these guys do a great job for a small mini tour. They "get" the fact that mini...

Early Season Statistics

March 16th, 2007

I have been happy with several aspects of my golf game early in the 2007 season. The statistics I've maintained since I turned professional are sometimes useful in quantifying what I feel. So, I took a look at a few stats after my first 5 events and was encouraged by what I found...

One-Day Event at Atlantis

March 16th, 2007

I finished 8th, 2 shots off the winning score, in the Minor League Golf Tour event at Atlantis Country Club yesterday. I have to hand it to the guys running these events. They do a very good job with only two people. It reminds me a bit of the old days of the Tarheel Tour when they were only...

Ebay Auction

March 15th, 2007

Unfortunately ebay removed my sponsorship auction benefitting the Capital Hospice after it was posted for about 4 days. I was very disappointed because it had generated quite a bit of interest including a mention in the March 9th issue of Golf World...

Great Practice Session

March 10th, 2007

Yesterday was perhaps the best practice session I have had in years. I really started to feel and trust the positions that I'm working on. Specifically, I'm trusting the club opening more on the backswing, and this is allowing my left arm and body to move more correctly. The images below...

Tarheel Tour Match Play Round 2

March 9th, 2007

I was beaten yesterday in the second round of the Tarheel Tour Match Play Championship. I played a mediocre round and was 2 under through 16 holes when the match ended. Against many players, this would have been adequate. But, I was playing a very good player, Frank Adams, who had a...

Tarheel Tour Match Play Round 1

March 7th, 2007

I made it through the first round of the **Tarheel Tour's** Match Play event today with a 5 and 3 victory over Matt Bettencourt. This was a difficult draw for a first round match since Matt is an accomplished player. I played well - 5 under through 15 holes. I've played with Matt before...

Match Play Qualifying Round

March 7th, 2007

I shot 69 yesterday in the qualifying round for the **Tarheel Tour** Match Play Championship at Old South Golf Links. I finished tied for second, one shot off the low round. Since the top 16 seeds came directly from the money list, I ended up seeded 20th...

Lesson With Jack

March 6th, 2007

I stopped off at Sea Island on Monday for a lesson with Jack Lumpkin. A few days earlier, I had taken some video and self-diagnosed a bit. I was seeing a clubface that was too shut on the backswing causing my club to swing more upright than normal. He agreed that we needed to...