

SOUTH CAROLINA JUNIOR GOLF ASSOCIATION

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Event: SCJGA Beth Daniel Player of the Year Award

Location: Wild Dunes- Links Course

McKenzie Talbert takes Beth Daniel Player of the Year Award

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LPGA Hall of Fame Member Beth Daniel has an award in her honor that recognizes the top female player for the SCJGA. McKenzie Talbert has won this prestigious award for the 2009 SCJGA season. The award dates back to 1997 when eventual Solhiem Cup Team Member, Kristi McPherson won the inaugural title. Kristi's Captain for the 2009 matches was Beth Daniel, quite an accomplishment for South Carolina's best

The December 1st issue of the Heritage Classic Foundation Rankings is the final issue of the year and the top spot at season's end is the SCJGA Player of the Year. The Heritage Classic Foundation Rankings are based on overall finishes in tournaments across South Carolina and nationwide. Points are compiled from over 100 events conducted over the past twelve months. The Heritage Classic Foundation, general sponsor of *The Verizon Heritage*, is a not-for-profit 501 (c) (3) organization. Dedicated to improving the community and the lives of others, the Heritage Classic Foundation annually donates monies raised from the tournament. Founded in 1987, The Heritage Classic Foundation has generated close to 20 million dollars in charitable donations.

The battle for Player of The Year was a tight competition between three talented players. Katie Rose Higgins of Charleston, Columbia's Collins Bradshaw, and McKenzie Talbert. Talbert finished the final three SCJGA events of the year where she needed to; as champion. Victories in the Tradition Four Ball, Fall Challenge, and Players Championship over the final two months

gave Talbert the cushion she needed over her challengers. Talbert plays out of the Mount Vintage Golf Club in North Augusta and claimed her title by 73 points over Collins Bradshaw. McKenzie is also the youngest to win this honor at the age of 14.

McKenzie Talbert will be honored at a press conference on December 22 at the Wild Dunes Resort. The Links Course will be hosting the final day of the Ford Picard Christmas Classis and the presentation will take place immediately following the golf tournament presentations. The projected time is 1:30 pm and all media, junior golf supporters, and spectators are welcome as Beth Daniel, McKenzie Talbert, family members, and officials of the SCJGA will be present for these awards.

2009 Player History:

SCJGA Players- CHAMPION
Ballantyne Jr Open- CHAMPION
SCJGA Four Ball- CHAMPION
Joe Cheves Junior Invitational- CHAMPION
Beth Daniel JR Azalea- Runner-Up
SCJGA Jimmy Self- Runner-up
Vicki DiSantis – Runner up

SCJGA Fall Challenge- CHAMPION
Anderson Sunshine- CHAMPION
3-A High School-CHAMPION
WSCGA JR Girls- Runner-up
SCJGA Blade- Runner-up
AJGA Chateau Elan- 3rd
CPGA Charles Tilghman- Runner-Up

HONORS

#1 on Heritage Classic Foundation Rankings with 1368 points

2009 3A SC High School All State (3rd Time)

2008, 2007 MVP Strom Thurmond High School