

# Inside the Ropes: 2010 Championship schedule

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With another season in the bag, the Louisiana Golf Association is pleased to announce its 2010 Championships Schedule. The LGA will again host nine Championships starting with the Club Team Championship in late April and finishing with the Senior Four-Ball Championship in mid-September.

The season will be headlined by the 91st Amateur Championship held at Koasati Pines at Coushatta in Kinder. Located about 30 miles northeast of Lake Charles, it will offer a true test to the state's best amateurs. Koasati Pines has been listed in the top 10 courses in Louisiana by Golf Digest over the last number of years.

Shreveport's Southern Trace Country Club will be ready to challenge the best 25 years of age and older players in the 2010 Mid-Amateur Championship. After renovations in early 2009 and recently hosting the LGA Senior Four-Ball Championship, this course is primed to be another wonderful venue. The year will kick off in late-April with the Club Team Championship at the Links Course at Pelican Point Golf Club in Gonzales. This Ryder Cup event will pit six-man LGA member clubs against each other over two days. Saturday will consist of Four-Ball play concluding with individual stroke play on Sunday.

In May, we will head to Baton Rouge's Santa Maria Golf Club for the Net Amateur and Net Club Team Championships. Santa Maria will host this event for the third consecutive year.

After the Amateur at Koasati Pines, we head down South to Houma for the Junior Amateur at Ellendale Country Club in early-July. Later that month, we trek east for the Four-Ball Championship at English Turn Golf and Country Club, site of the LGA's 2009 Amateur Championship.

After the Mid-Amateur in early-August, we conclude the month with the best seniors in the state taking on the same course the pros do during the PGA Tour's Zurich Classic. TPC Louisiana will be a venerable test as it hosts the Senior Amateur. The season concludes in mid-September with the Senior Four-Ball Championship, hosted by OakWing Golf Club in Alexandria.

Qualifiers will again be held for the Amateur and Mid-Amateur Championships. Eight sites around the state will be conducting sectional qualifiers for these championships for those who are not exempt. Please consult the LGA's website and/or application forms for more information. All LGA Championships are open to members of LGA member clubs.

## RECEIVE DISCOUNTED RATE AT LAFAYETTE'S MARRIOTT COURTYARD WITH LGA MEMBERSHIP

The LGA is pleased to announce a new benefit to LGA members. The Lafayette Marriott Courtyard Hotel is offering a discounted rate of \$79 per night to any LGA member. If you are staying overnight in the Lafayette area for either business or

pleasure, please take advantage of your LGA membership at this esteemed facility, winner of the Marriott Gold Award for Guest Satisfaction.

In order to access the discount, please contact the LGA at (337) 265-3938 or by email at [lgagolf@lgagolf.org](mailto:lgagolf@lgagolf.org) to receive the discount code. After receiving the code, please visit the Marriott website at [www.marriott.com](http://www.marriott.com), search for the Lafayette Marriott Courtyard and enter the code under the corporate/promotional field. If you are an LGA member, please take advantage of this wonderful offer as the LGA continues to find additional benefits to create more value for your membership.

## LOUISIANA GOLF ASSOCIATION ANNOUNCES NEW PARTNERSHIP WITH AFLAC

The Louisiana Golf Association is also excited to announce a newly formed partnership with Aflac. Many of you have probably seen the duck, but do you know what the company actually delivers? Aflac is a supplemental insurance company that pays you cash for those extra costs that your normal insurance company does not cover. With this partnership, the LGA is able to offer an additional member benefit of 30 percent off your policy with Aflac.

We anticipate that sign-up for this program will be available at [LGA.org](http://LGA.org) sometime before Dec. 1. Once online sign-up is up and running, you can sign up for this wonderful service by going directly to our website ([www.LGA.org](http://www.LGA.org)) and clicking on the Aflac logo or by going to our corporate partner's page. You will be asked to register and provide your eight digit association number to receive the discount.

Aflac will offer three distinct plans to our membership: accidental, cancer, and dental. Each policy helps you cover out of pocket expenses that you might incur if you only have a primary insurance policy in place (i.e. deductibles, co-pays, etc.). We advise you to take a close look at each policy as they are clearly explained and detailed.

The best part of Aflac is it allows you to seek any help at any time. After you have seen a doctor or had a procedure, you simply file your claim directly with Aflac and they will mail you a check.

We encourage you to take advantage of this wonderful opportunity. The LGA is always looking to increase the value of your membership by finding quality companies to partner with that share the same values as our organization. We look forward to working with Aflac over the coming months.

We will see you next time, Inside the Ropes!

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