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## Runner-up No Longer, DeChambeau is Second to None in 2013 Trans-Miss Victory

*By Art Stricklin*

FAIRFAX, CA -- All through the spring and summer, Bryson DeChambeau felt his golf game was improving. The Modesto, California native who moved a few hours away to Clovis, had just completed his freshman year at SMU in Dallas, Texas.

DeChambeau arrived in Dallas on the basis of a very successful prep career, but for every college success, he found he still had more to go.

He earned a total of five top-five finishes in his first college year, a runner-up finish in the Conference USA tournament, Freshman of the Year honors, but still no wins.

He returned home to Clovis for the summer, finished second, again, in the California State Amateur, but entered the 2013 Trans-Miss at the historic Meadow Club, a course he had never seen, never played, but one he was determined to finally breakthrough his trend of close, but not close enough performances.

"I've won before, but not since high school, I feel like I'm ready for a breakthrough," he said before his final day performance holding a four-shot lead.



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# Dear Fellow Golfers:



The golf season is well on its way and the Trans have conducted two of our three championships. The Senior Championship at the Gallery in Tucson, Az. was won by Corky Nelson of Dallas with an impressive 54 hole total of 1 over par.

Larry Walsh needed 3 extra holes to win the Super Senior division and Tom Brown of La Jolla, CA won the Legends division. The Gallery was a great host site and provided wonderful playing conditions on a championship course. Next year's Senior Championship will be at Houston Country Club.

The 110th Trans Championship went west to The Meadow Club in San Rafael, CA just north of San Francisco. The Meadow Club is Dr. Alister MacKenzie's first course built in the US and ranks up with some of his other top works. At just less than 6800 yards the Meadow Club's firm fast greens and shot variety proved to be a great test for some of the country's top amateurs. Congratulations to SMU Freshman Bryson DeChambeau who played some stellar golf and held off runner-up finishers Austin Cook and Jeremy Sanders. In close pursuit was California Amateur champion Cory McElyea, Charlie Saxon and Walker Cup team member Max Homa finishing tied for 4th. It was extra special that Meadow Club superintendent was a past Trans Miss Turf Scholar recipient.

(See his interview inside). Overall, it was a great championship with perfect weather, wonderful course conditions and a stellar field. Having Taylor Made as the presenting sponsor and a full staff on site made the event have a tour quality feel and we look forward to expanding our relationship as the years progress. Next year's championship moves to Southern Hills CC in Tulsa, OK host site for several major championships including the U.S. Open and the PGA Championship. I am sure we will have another great field challenging one of the most highly ranked courses in the country.

The upcoming Four Ball Championship will be played at Spanish Oaks Golf Club in Austin, TX. Spanish Oaks is highly regarded championship venue and will provide an enjoyable yet challenging test for all participants. The host club hotel is the Barton Creek Resort and we have a Hampton Inn both located within close proximity to the club. It will be a great event and I hope that you will join us for some good golf and special camaraderie of the Trans Four Ball. This event supports the turf scholarship fund, which provides financial aid for students pursuing a degree in agronomy.

If you have any questions please don't hesitate to contact the Trans offices in Dallas. Look forward to seeing many of you at the Trans Four Ball and as always we appreciate your support of amateur golf and the Turf Scholarship Fund.

Truly,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "John F. Piggy". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

President

Indeed he was, turning a breakthrough into a blowout with final day scores of 67-69, for a five-shot victory in the 110th Trans-Mississippi Championship presented by TaylorMade-Adidas. He finished with a 14-under-par total of 266.

Former Arkansas golfer Austin Cook, who finished third last year, tied for second with Pepperdine's Jeremy Sanders at 271.

Cal NCAA Champion Max Homa and USF golfer Cory McElyea, who beat DeChambeau in the State Amateur earlier this summer, along with OU golfer Charlie Saxton were a shot back at 272.

"I don't know what to say. It's been a long time coming, but this one feels so sweet," DeChambeau said after the short par putt for the win, highlighted by a small wave and large smile.

Homa briefly cut DeChambeau's lead to two shots after nine holes in the afternoon round, but DeChambeau never trailed at any time, leading by seven shots at one time on the final day, and played steady, efficient golf to produce the drama-less and satisfying win.

"It feels great to finally get the win," DeChambeau added. "I played my game, hit greens and took all the drama for the final nine.

He was the second SMU golfer in three years to win the prestigious Trans-Miss amateur title after Kelly Kraft won in 2011, just weeks before he won the U.S. Amateur title.

"I was looking at the trophy on the (first) tee before the final round and thinking how cool it would be to have two Mustangs on the trophy and now I have done it," he said

The historic par 70 Meadow Club was the first design by golf architecture legend Alister MacKenzie

when he arrived in America from Scotland in the early 1920s, but on the sunny first day of Trans-Miss competition, the host of talented amateur players didn't show much respect to the legend's layout.

A total of 42 players bettered par on the MacKenzie gem, but none better than University of Texas senior golfer Johnathan Schnitzer who shot a career low 61 Tuesday, one off the competitive course record at the Meadow Club, to lead after the first round.

University of San Francisco golfer McElyea, from Santa Cruz, playing in one of the last groups of the day, was second at 62.

"It was just a matter of going low today and then keeping it going. When I made the turn today, I saw there was a 61 on the board, so it was just like, 'let's see if we can keep up,'" McElyea said.

Cal All-American and NCAA Champion Homa highlighted five golfers tied for third at 5-under-par 65 under bright, sunny skies with no wind and perfect scoring conditions.

Schnitzer, who had never seen the Mackenzie layout before Monday's practice round, highlighted his round by chipping in for birdie on the first hole (his 10th of the day) and holing a 50-foot birdie putt on the second hole.

"When things like that happen, you start to think it's going to be your day," he said.

The Houston, Texas resident recorded nine birdies and no bogeys for his best round ever in competition.



"I hit the ball so well off the tee you knew it couldn't be a bad round and the course was just set up perfectly. The greens are just pure."

McElyea recorded eight birdies and no bogeys and finished with birdies on holes 15-17.

Also tied at 65 with Homa was Carlsbad, California's Trevor Simsby along with former University of Arkansas golfer Cook.

DeChambeau, a sophomore at SMU in Dallas, and Cal second-team All America golfer Brandon Hagy, who won a Cal college tournament at the Meadow Club last fall, also shot a 65.

Homa was one of the earlier finishers and accurately predicted his 65 would not lead, but felt good about his early tournament position on his college home course

"I just feel comfortable here, knowing where to hit the ball off the tee and put the ball on the green. I think 4 rounds in the 60s here will put me in good shape."

Starting on the 10th tee, he got off to a very quick start with five birdies on his first eight holes, then cooled off with two bogeys and two birdies the rest of the round.

Defending champion Tyler Raber from Davis shot an opening round 71.

In round two, the Northern California weather continued to be perfect for golf, but the scores were not quite as low.

DeChambeau fired his second straight 65 while the first round leaders struggled to emerge giving DeChambeau a four-shot lead going to the 36-hole final day at The Meadow Club.

He had a 10-under total of 130 under sunny skies and cooler conditions.

"I put myself in a lot of scoreable conditions today," DeChambeau said. "I hit 16 greens and made a couple of putts and it turned out to be a good day."

He had birdies on holes 4-5-7, 10-13-15 with a bogey on the first hole.

Cook, from Jonesboro, Arkansas, tied for second with first round leader Schnitzer at 6-under 134. Cook shot 69 on Wednesday while Schnitzer had a 73 after an opening 61.

"You know what they say about following up a good round with another good round it's certainly true. It was a struggle, but I'm still in good position for tomorrow," Schnitzer said.

Cal NCAA Champion Homa shot a second day 70 after an opening 65 and is one shot back at 135 in third place, five back of the leader

"Five shots is tough, but I know anything can happen on this golf course," Homa said of his college home course. "I didn't putt very good today, but I still have a chance."

Also tied for third at 135 is USF golfer, Santa Cruz's McElyea, who fired a second round 73 after an opening 62.

The low round of the day belonged to Keller, Texas golfer Sean Walsh, who shot a 64 with six bogeys and no birdies.

The course wasn't too tough, at least for one hole, for Wichita, Kansas' Alex Carney, who recorded the first hole in one at the tournament. He aced the par 3 8th



hole using an 6-iron from 175 feet. It was first-ever ace in competition, his second overall.

In the second round, 50-year-old mid-amateur Robert Funk, Canyon, Lake California show the college youngsters he still has some game left with a second round 66, only two off the low score of the day.

He said he's using to playing with guys 20-30 years younger than he is.

"It's the same as it always is. I'm always ready to compete with their guys."

While golfers were free to bring their own caddy or carry their own bags, two players brought some of the most golf knowledgeable dads to help their cause.

Incoming Vanderbilt freshman golfer Clancy Waugh had his father, recently retired Deutsche Bank CEO Seth Waugh on his bag.

"It's been the most fun I've had in golf. I just hope I don't get fired," he joked before Wednesday's third round.

Waugh nurtured the PGA Tour's Deutsche Bank Championship in his hometown of Boston into one of the premier FedEx Cup events and has played with the world's best golfers at some of the world's best clubs, but he said nothing beats caddying for his son at the historic Meadow Club.

The pair combined for an opening round 67 Tuesday with a 71 Wednesday and closing rounds of 65 and 72 for a T12 finish.

It also left his dad, 54, to better understand the pressures of full-time PGA Tour caddies.

"You live and die with every decision," he said. "Yesterday he asked me my advice on a couple of putts and I think I got it wrong and I tossed and turned all night on that."

While he did not have a caddy this week at the Trans-Miss, USC sophomore Daniel Trevino has some high level help as his World Golf Hall of Fame dad Lee walked every hole, watching his son in his first major amateur event as a college student.

"He'll learn a lot from this, being around these players, and then we'll go home and go to work," the elder Trevino said.

The younger Trevino did not play much golf in high school, playing lacrosse instead, and is not playing on



the USC golf team now, but is working hard with his famous father, considered one of the best ball strikers of all time.

"His level has gone way, way up over the last year," Trevino said. "He is hitting it four miles, we just need to work on the swing and the putts. He is playing great."

Daniel Trevino rebounded from an opening 80 to shoot a second round 72 for a 152 total.

Lee Trevino, 73, said he tried to caddy for his son Monday in the practice round, but said it was a physically painful experience.

"Monday night, I was so stiff, it took me 15 minutes to change the channel on the remote control," Trevino said with his trademark laugh.

On another bright and sunny championship Thursday, DeChambeau had the early edge and proved he was not interested in letting it go.

After leading by as many as seven, his lead after three round was three over McElyea and four over Cook, five better than Homa.

After nine holes in the afternoon his lead was down to two shots to Homa, but he bogeyed No. 11, the lead was back up to three shots and DeChambeau lead by five after 15 holes and enjoyed a drama-free back nine stroll.

Vaughan McCall certainly got the longest distance award, having traveled from Gore, New Zealand thousands of miles to compete in this year's tournament. He made sure the long trip didn't go to waste with a T20 finish with opening and closing round of 68 and 69 bookended two scores of 71 and 70.

The 21-year-old has already won the New Zealand Amateur stroke play and match play titles in his homeland before coming to America to play top amateur competition in hopes of turning pro later this year.

DeChambeau's good friend and Trans-Miss caddy Blake Jones summed up the winning week by saying he has played hundreds of round with his talented friend but had never seen anything like this.

"We play golf all the time, but never like the Trans-Miss, this is the best tournament we have ever won."

Second to none after years of trying, DeChambeau can finally enjoy the view from the top.

# Don't Mess with Texas: Super Senior Nelson wins first Trans-Miss National Title

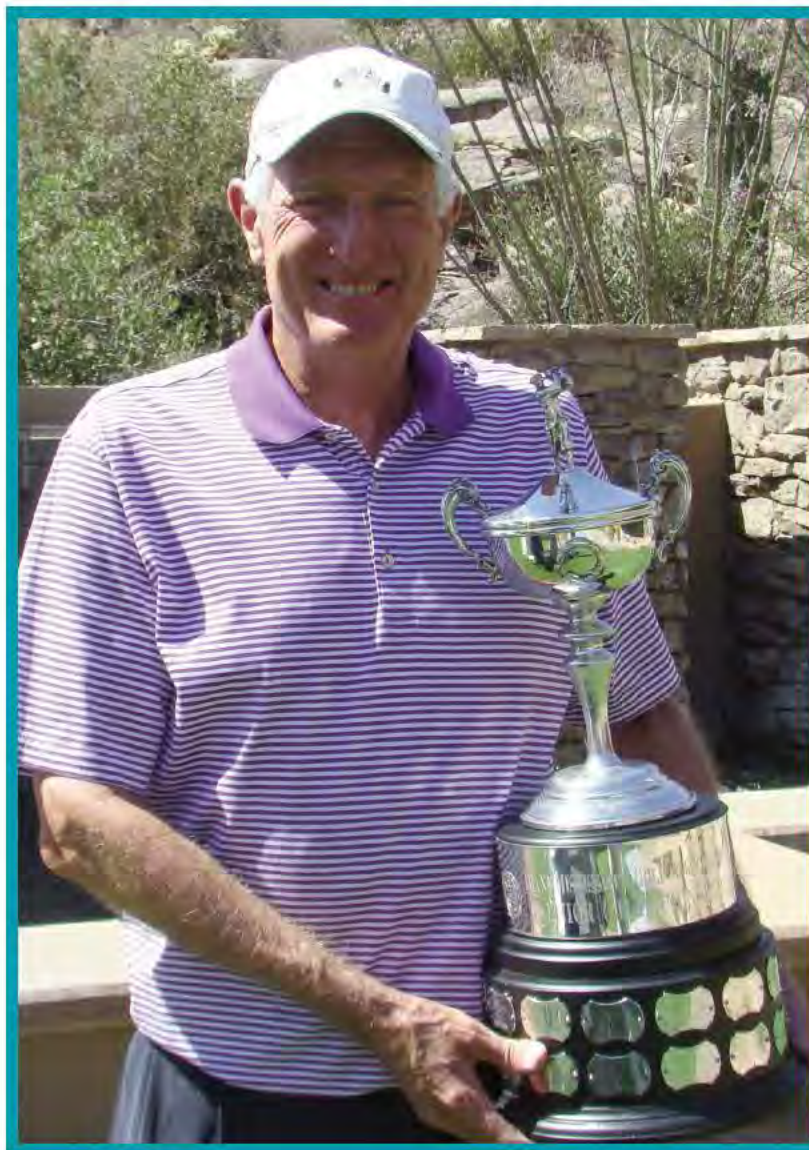
MARANA, Ariz. -- After a successful and sometimes stressful business career, Corky Nelson was looking forward to retiring in Dallas and playing lots of golf. Lots and lots of senior golf.

He wasn't playing for just trophies, medals and awards, but for quality time with his friends, his favorite sport and a few fun tournaments. But when it came to the 2013 Trans-Mississippi Senior, at The Gallery Golf Club outside of Tucson, Arizona, all of that changed.

"It was my first trip to the Gallery Golf Club and my first to Tucson, I think. But sometimes, it just meets your eye. The first time you see the North Course, it was beautiful and spectacular playing it."

For the 68 year-old senior player, it did more than meet his eye, it met his now ever-growing trophy case, as Nelson collected a one-shot victory on the North Course with a one-over-par 217 total and his first-ever Trans-Miss national victory.

Gallery member Cyrus Whitney, from nearby Oro Valley, was seeing the course for about the 1,000 time



as he was a charter member when the 36-hole layout opened a decade ago. He used his vast local knowledge to finish a shot back with an even par final day 72 and 218 total, while Chris Maletis from Portland was a shot further back at 219 for third place

While Nelson, a member and club champion at prestigious Dallas (Texas) National GC, had played in several Trans-Miss Mid-Ams before, along with various amateur events around the country, he arrived at The Gallery with low, or maybe no, expectations.

Maybe it was never seeing the course before, maybe being a decade older than most of the top competitors or just maybe trying to sneak up on his competition.

Yet, he used his deep and longtime love for Trans-Miss events to propel him onward.

"Trans-Miss are always fun events to play in. I knew some of the original founders in Wichita, Kansas, so these are always important tournaments for me to play in. I've had conflicts the last couple of years, but I always like playing in these."

I had won a few tournaments before, but never anything like this. I didn't have great expectations. I thought I would just let it develop."

Whitney thought the same thing as he readied for another golfing appointment with his home course. He described the course as fairly open and up front with plenty of subtle breaks in the green, where the direction of the Tortolita Mountains can dictate the movement of many putts.

"The (par 72) course is pretty generous off the tee, but if you hit it into the desert you can get into a lot of trouble and make a big number in a hurry," he said.

After day one, both Nelson, Whitney and every other player was looking up to Rich Tolly of Laguna Hills, Calif., who led the 14th Trans-Miss Senior Championship after an opening round 2-under 70, the only sub-par score of the day.

Playing in calm winds and perfect scoring conditions, Tolly had a two-stroke lead over Maletis of Portland. Wes Mohr of Houston led the Super Senior division at even-par 72 while Tom Brown of La Jolla, Calif. shot a 79, the only player in his flight to break 80 in the Legends division.

Nelson was only three shots behind with an even-par 73 on the first day as was Whitney, who also shot a 73.

"Even though I got off to a slow start, I knew where the birdies were on the course and felt I could catch up. I have been in enough of these tournaments to know you can't win it on the first day, but you can certainly mess up and lose it," Whitney said.

As day two opened at The Gallery, the winds began to pick up and day one leader Tolly fell behind with his first round score going up 12 shots in tougher conditions.

The major players all surged to the top including Whitney, who had turned age 55 and shot a second round 73 as did Nelson. A pair of Texans, Bob Kearney from Houston and Midland's Mac McGee, shot a 69 to form a four-way tie at the top at two-over par 146. Maletis, a four-time Trans-Miss senior champion, carded a 74 to stand a shot back at 147.

Midway through the second round, Nelson said he stopped thinking about his age and his first time to see the course and began to develop a rhythm that carried him through the week.

"I had it under par both days in the opening rounds and let it get away at the end, but I knew I was playing



well," Nelson said. "In three days I think I only missed one fairway and never hit it in the desert. Bad things can happen when you do that."

Because of the number of people tied at the top, not all of the leaders could play in the final threesome, meaning Nelson and Maletis were in the next to the last group for the final round to try to set a score others could match.

The winds kicked up on the final day, leading to the toughest conditions of the week. It was something Whitney had seen in his many times on the course, but not often in tournament conditions.

"They put the pins in some really aggressive conditions and made the greens tough. I really thought even par would be a good score on the final day."

The leading foursome jockeyed for position during most of the front nine as gusting winds and tough conditions made every mistake a possible fatal one. With few scoreboards on the course, it was hard to tell who was in the lead.

All Nelson and Whitney could figure out was that each was leading in their respective threesomes, Nelson over Maletis, Whitney over McGee and Kearney.

"I had played very consistent golf all day long, hitting fairways and greens, but you never know how well you are going to do or how any of the other players are going to do," Nelson said.

Playing in the next to the last group, Nelson three-putted the short par 3 15th hole for a bogey, barely missed a birdie putt on the par 5 16th hole, but then recorded a birdie on the par 4 17th.

After another short birdie miss on the par 4 18th to wrap up a one-under 71 and 217 total, all Nelson could do was wait for the final group to come in to see if his hard work had been enough.

"I really didn't know how I stood," he said. "I didn't know how Cyprus' group had done. I just knew I had a pretty good finish and just went to the scoreboard, turned in my scorecard and waited."

Whitney didn't know how he was doing as well, but had a good feeling about his final round chances.

"I kept it around par all day long, so I felt pretty good. I got a little wrapped out about winning my group and not winning the tournament, but without a big scoreboard that's all you can do.

"I don't know what I would have done different, if I had known all the scores. I really thought even par in these conditions would be enough. I thought I had it wrapped up.

He surrendered a double bogey 7 on the par 5 16th hole, but balanced with birdies on 15 and 17 and came to the 18th hole where he missed a birdie putt as well.

That was enough to hand Nelson his first Trans-Miss victory and crowded his cell phone inbox with well wishers.

"I had a number of calls and texts and a lot of my friends and fellow members at Dallas National called me. It was certainly fun and enjoyable to finally win a big one like that, but the next day you start all over. That's the way it is in tournament golf."

But with the late finish of the tournament, he was unable to get a flight back to Dallas until the next day, leaving him a chance to have a nice dinner and celebrate his victory with friends.

Nelson retired from his job as an executive CFO at age 63 and has spent the last five years playing tournament golf.

He has competed in the British Amateur, made the U.S. Senior Amateur match play and won other events, but never anything as prestigious as the Trans-Miss Senior.

"It means a lot to me to play a tournament with these guys. That's what keeps me going."

Larry Walsh, 67, of Mountain City, Texas went

extra holes to win the Super Senior division on the third playoff hole. Walsh and Michael Mahoney, La Jolla, Calif., finished regulation tied at 222. Walsh shot a final found 76 while Mahoney came back with a 71. The playoff started on the par 4 18th hole with both players making birdie. They went back to hole 18 a second time where both made par. The playoff then moved to the par 4 10th hole. Walsh hit his approach shot close and converted the birdie opportunity to clinch the overtime victory.

"I was really lucky to win with the way I played the final day," Walsh said. "Still, it's very exciting to win the Trans-Miss. That means a lot of me and my senior career."

Brown, also of La Jolla, won the Legends division for players 75 and over. Brown, 78, fired rounds of 79-81-82 to win by 18 shots.

Now in its third year as a stand-alone event, the Trans-Miss Senior Championship attracts some of the top senior golfers west of the Mississippi River. Past champions include Maletis, Chip Lutz and Billy Clagett. The 2014 Trans-Miss Senior Championship is scheduled for May 20-22 at Houston CC in Houston, Texas.

"Oh, I will definitely be back for Houston. I'm already looking forward to it," Whitney said.

"The Trans-Miss runs a class event, I'm, looking forward to playing in many more."

The new, unexpected Trans Miss Senior Champion Nelson can say the same thing.







# The Trans-Miss ties that bind, Turf Scholarship Recipient Tully Host 2013 Championship



FAIRFAX — Sean Tully was just a young man in love with the game of golf, but unsure what his place in it would be when he arrived at Colorado State University in the early 1990s.

He loved the golf history, loved the golf land and loved how nature was so much a part of the sport, but until a kindly professor told him about the Trans-Miss Turf Scholarship Fund, it lifted him into a fulfilling area of caring for the game and all of its natural surroundings.

That's why at the 110th Trans-Mississippi, July 9-11, SMU golfer Bryson DeChambeau may have won the tournament, but Tully, the course superintendent at the host Meadow Club, received the biggest reward.

"I've always felt connected to the Trans-Miss championship because at Colorado State, when I got the scholarship, that's when I hit my stride," he said.

"I helped me get to where I am today. It moved me forward."

This is Tully's 13th year, as first an assistant and now head superintendent, at the historic course in Fairfax, 40 miles north of San Francisco, the first American layout by architecture master Alister MacKenzie. The Scottish transplant did several courses in the area, including Cypress Point and Pastiempo, but Tully said he feels honored to be a steward of his first gem.

"As superintendent, we are more inclined to be a land manager of our property. To make sure we have the right amount of water and the correct native trees here," he said.

Tully was thrilled when he heard that the Trans-Miss organization, the group which helped start his architecture career, was coming to his home course.

While the par 70 layout had hosted an annual college tournament in the fall along with the 2008 Pac-10 Championship in the spring, it had never hosted a national amateur tournament like that, especially in the summer time.

"I know the history of the Trans-Miss and the great players who won this like Johnny Goodman, the last Amateur to U.S. Open. I've very pleased with the way it turned out with the possible heat we could have had. It all went well for our first major event in July."

Another reason Tully, 41, was pleased was that it gave him a chance to showcase the Tillinghast restorations produced by Michigan architect Mike DeVries and now overseen by Tully and his crew.

When he was hired in 2000 from a course in Colorado, the restoration work had just begun, attempting to reshape a few greens and bunkers at a time. DeVries did his major work from 2000-2005, which feed into Tully's love of golf history and the original MacKenzie layout.

"I just came down here to visit my brother, who was working at Spyglass Hill in Pebble Beach at the time. I had always wanted to do a restoration and with MacKenzie courses there aren't just not many of them available. I jumped at the chance."

Over the last decade, Tully has become a leading MacKenzie expert, searching hundreds of photos and information from the original layout the Scotsman did in the early 20th Century and has consulted with fellow MacKenzie experts from as far away as Australia, South America and all over the U.S.

"We have made huge progress on the restoration, trying to be truthful to his original design. That's why it's so special to have a big tournament like the Trans-Miss here," Tully said.

"We can't cut down every tree on the course, because that's what it looked like when he started, but we are cutting down trees which don't belong and adding native trees which do."

The successful restoration and the way the course has stood up to the top amateur players has inspired Tully to find further ways to bring the course back to the way it was when designed by golf's architectural master.

"I'm working on some bamboo flag sticks for the golf course. You can have metal or fiberglass or some wooden sticks, but nobody has ever tried bamboo. We want to make sure we always have the bunkers

right and the greens set up to bring it back as close as possible."

Tully has 28 employees on his current staff and is always looking to help kids like he was help.

"I try to help these kids like I was helped. The Trans-Miss scholarship meant a lot to me and it can for others too."

## Hill Country Home Cooking Spurs Spanish Oaks Twosome to Trans-Miss Four-Ball Win



Given the home course advantage in the 33rd Annual Trans-Mississippi Four-Ball Championship, Josh Swanson and Joe Bendetti were quick to take advantage on the final day and cruised to a three-shot victory at Spanish Oaks Golf Club.

The two Austin friends and Spanish Oaks members, who had won the Texas state four-ball earlier in the summer in a playoff, trailed going into the final round, but rallied to win in the familiar setting.

"The hardest thing is the putting surfaces out here, but we could probably read the greens better than anybody because we've played here more than anybody," Swanson said. "I felt good all day about this."

"We're good enough to win this tournament," Bendetti added. "I felt we had a pretty good chance."

Their final round team 64, seven-under-par, was good enough for a 15-under-par 198 winner total. First-round co-leaders Ed Sanchez from San Antonio and Trevor Hyde of Kerrville finished tied for second at 201 along with first round co-leader Ben Blundell and Jordan Cook of Oklahoma City.

The Houston twosome of Hunter Nelson and Jimmy Burke won the Senior division, 55-and-up, by a single shot with a final round, bogey-free 65

for a 204 total.

In the 65-and-over Super Senior division, Hamilton and Rick Rogers of Corpus Christi overcame a four shot deficit to capture a two-shot victory at 210.

Swanson and Bendetti began the sunny and steamy final round in the next to last group at the par 71 Bobby Weed designed Spanish Oaks course. They were two shots behind the co-leaders, but didn't wait long to move toward the front, with birdies on the first three holes.

"After that I knew anything was possible to be able to put up a number," said Bendetti, 48. "It was just a matter of playing the way I knew we could play."

While there were no scoreboards on the scenic Hill Country course, Swanson was able to get a few scoring updates from talking with various groups and knew the twosome was in the lead, but also knew it could change at any minute.

"We play a lot of golf together, but I didn't want to say anything to Joe. When he rolled in the eight-foot par putt on the last hole, I told him we had it," said Swanson, 37.

To overcome the final-round deficit and keep the four-ball momentum going, they relied on a very simple formula.

"Two balls in the fairways, two balls on the green, two chances for birdie," Bendetti explained.

After their opening trio of birdies, they added birdies on holes six and eight along with 14 and 15 to win.

Part of the reason for their simple plan was they knew better than most how hard the course could be for those who strayed off the fairway and how good their national competition was.

"I was excited to play a strong national field," admitted Swanson. "We had played a lot of the Texas guys in the state four-ball, but this was a national group, so I was pumped up."

"This can be as hard as you want to make, so we had to be ready," Bendetti added.

Sanchez said he felt his twosome hit the ball as well as anybody in the championship, mid-amateur field, but as usual in these events, it all came down to putting.

"The course is great, as good as it was when I played here 10 years ago, but we didn't make a putt all day. That was the story for us."

Two very interested spectators to Swanson and Bendetti's win was course architect Weed and owner Daniel Porter, who competed as a team in the two-day competition and got an up close and personal view at what the top flite players saw at Spanish Oaks.

"I think the golf course fits in well for what we designed it for, but to be on site for all these fine competitors is really good for us," Weed said. "I've been taking notes on every hole."

Weed, a former college golfer, said it's rare he gets to play in tournaments on a course he designed, but enjoyed the experience.

"I try to be as hands on as possible with all my designs, but this is like being back with one of my children."

Porter, who has been involved at Spanish Oaks since he first began getting land together nearly a decade ago, said he was pleased with what he saw from his partner and the players who played in the first national golf championship at Spanish Oaks.

"The course stood the test of good competition," Porter said. "We were honored to have the Trans-Miss here."

"This is a new phase for Spanish Oaks and we're pleased to host a showcase event."

In the Senior division, Nelson and Burke had to rally as well for the win, but there was a bit more drama as they birdied holes 17 and 18, including a 20-footer by Burke on the final hole to pull out the victory.



"I knew we were a couple behind on the back nine and we had to do something," Nelson said. "I've been on the Trans-Miss board for several years and it's a great honor to win this."

It was only the second national amateur competition tournament they had played in together. Burke is related to Houston's Champions Golf Club co-founder Jack Burke, Jr., who buried plenty of clutch putts in his career. He said he was happy with the win and was sure his good news would get back to his famous sibling.

"I'm sure he will hear about it."

The Corpus Christi Rogers brother combination not only had to overcome a talented Super Senior field, but also an injury to Hamilton early in the match.

Hamilton stepped off a curb on the fourth hole and twisted his left ankle, causing it to swell and limiting him the rest of the match.

"It really took my mind off the golf, just getting through this, as I was just concentrating on getting the win," Hamilton said.

"He played well all day long," Rick said of his older brother. "He drove it past me all day."

A birdie on first hole and some late trouble by their closest competition lifted them to the win.

It was also a special connection for the brothers at Spanish Oaks. Porter's father, a Corpus Christi native, founded the law firm in Corpus where the brothers currently work.

"We've both played here a lot over the years and it's special to win here," Rick said.

A newcomer to the Trans-Miss Championship course roster, Spanish Oaks proved to be a worthy host with a home course advantage for some, a rallying spot for others and injury trouble for a few. Nothing that good times and better golf can't overcome.

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# Championship Results

1	Bryson DeChambeau	Clovis, Calif.	F	-14	65	65	67	69	266
T2	Jeremy Sanders	Chatsworth, Calif.	F	-9	68	69	66	68	271
T2	Austin Cook	Jonesboro, Ark.	F	-9	65	69	67	70	271
T4	Charlie Saxon	Tulsa, Okla.	F	-8	71	69	66	66	272
T4	Max Homa	Valencia, Calif.	F	-8	65	70	67	70	272
T4	Cory McElyea	Santa Cruz, Calif.	F	-8	62	73	65	72	272
7	Andrew Buchanan	Los Altos Hills, Calif.	F	-7	69	71	66	67	273
T8	Brandon Hagy	Westlake Village, Calif.	F	-6	65	71	69	69	274
T8	Wyndham Clark	Greenwood Village, Colo.	F	-6	70	70	65	69	274
T8	Alex Franklin	San Rafael, Calif.	F	-6	69	68	68	69	274
T8	Paul Smith	Turlock, Calif.	F	-6	68	69	67	70	274
T12	Trevor Simsbly	Carlsbad, Calif.	F	-5	65	71	70	69	275
T12	Finley Ewing IV	Dallas, Texas	F	-5	69	67	69	70	275
T12	Curtis Reed	Castroville, Texas	F	-5	66	71	68	70	275
T12	Clancy Waugh	North Palm Beach, Fla.	F	-5	67	71	65	72	275
T16	Jonathan Sanders	Chatsworth, Calif.	F	-4	70	70	69	67	276
T16	Brian Campbell	Irvine, Calif.	F	-4	67	72	68	69	276
T18	Tyler Raber	El Macero, Calif.	F	-3	71	71	69	66	277
T18	Chris Worrell	Enid, Okla.	F	-3	66	72	69	70	277
T20	Vaughan McCall	Gore, New Zealand	F	-2	68	70	71	69	278
T20	Ryan Burgess	Rancho Santa Fe, Calif.	F	-2	70	70	64	74	278
T22	Jim Liu	Smithtown, N.Y.	F	-1	71	70	68	70	279
T22	Cameron Jones	Auckland, New Zealand	F	-1	71	71	67	70	279
T22	Sam Smith	Turlock, Calif.	F	-1	68	72	68	71	279
T25	Andrew Lister	Katy, Texas	F	Even	72	67	73	68	280
T25	Steven Kearney	Carlsbad, Calif.	F	Even	68	73	70	69	280
T25	Ben Geyer	Arbuckle, Calif.	F	Even	69	70	72	69	280
T25	Johnathan Schnitzer	Houston, Texas	F	Even	61	73	75	71	280
T25	Miguel Delgado	Novato, Calif.	F	Even	69	69	71	71	280
T30	Ryan Han	Hollister, Calif.	F	+1	72	68	73	68	281
T30	Matt Mabrey	Little Rock, Ark.	F	+1	71	69	73	68	281
T30	Logan McCracken	Oklahoma City, Okla.	F	+1	67	73	71	70	281
T30	Brian Jung	Corvallis, Ore.	F	+1	68	72	70	71	281
T30	Christian Cichan	Charlotte, N.C.	F	+1	72	67	71	71	281
T35	Eric Sugimoto	San Diego, Calif.	F	+2	70	71	72	69	282
T35	Santiago Gavino	Austin, Texas	F	+2	67	75	67	73	282
T37	Cody McManus	Phoenix, Ariz.	F	+3	72	70	71	70	283
T37	Sean Walsh	Keller, Texas	F	+3	73	64	75	71	283
T37	Wesley McClain	Diboll, Texas	F	+3	66	73	72	72	283
T40	Kevin Dougherty	Murrieta, Calif.	F	+4	71	71	71	71	284
T40	Michael Garretson	Acworth, Ga.	F	+4	72	69	70	73	284
T40	Rak Cho	Eugene, Ore.	F	+4	66	71	74	73	284
T40	Jack Mulroy	Fresno, Calif.	F	+4	70	69	72	73	284
T40	Rufie Fessler	Bakersfield, Calif.	F	+4	70	71	69	74	284
T45	Max McGreevy	Edmond, Okla.	F	+5	67	72	75	71	285
T45	Matt Pinizzotto	Salinas, Calif.	F	+5	68	73	73	71	285
T45	Lorens Chan	Honolulu, Hawaii	F	+5	66	71	74	74	285
T48	Austin Smotherman	Loomis, Calif.	F	+6	66	74	76	70	286
T48	Mitchell McLeroy	Mansfield, Texas	F	+6	70	72	70	74	286
T50	Patrick Grimes	Palo Alto, Calif.	F	+7	71	69	75	72	287
T50	Walker Huddy	Studio City, Calif.	F	+7	73	67	71	76	287
52	David Kim	Redondo Beach, Calif.	F	+8	68	73	74	73	288
53	Brian Knoll	El Dorado Hills, Calif.	F	+9	69	73	73	74	289
T54	Andrew Morgan	Long Beach, Calif.	F	+10	69	69	80	72	290
T54	Robert Funk	Canyon Lake, Calif.	F	+10	72	66	79	73	290

# Senior Championship Results

1	Corliss J Nelson	Dallas, Texas	-1	F	+1	73	73	71	217
2	Cyrus Whitney	Oro Valley, Ariz.	Even	F	+2	73	73	72	218
3	Chris Maletis	Portland, Ore.	Even	F	+3	72	75	72	219
4	Bob Kearney	Houston, Texas	+2	F	+4	74	72	74	220
T5	Dennis Dachtler	Folsom, Calif.	Even	F	+7	76	75	72	223
T5	Dave Mooty	Eden Prairie, Minn.	+3	F	+7	75	73	75	223
T7	Lee Sandlin	Dallas, Texas	Even	F	+9	74	79	72	225
T7	Bill Jackson	Oklahoma City, Okla.	+2	F	+9	75	76	74	225
T7	Les Devitt	Scottsdale, Ariz.	+2	F	+9	79	72	74	225
T7	Mac McGee	Midland, Texas	+7	F	+9	77	69	79	225
11	Dan Phillips	Olympia, Wash.	-3	F	+10	79	78	69	226
T12	Doug Pool	Las Vegas, Nev.	+1	F	+11	78	76	73	227
T12	David Delich	Colorado Springs, Colo.	+5	F	+11	75	75	77	227
T14	Tom Phillips	Scottsdale, Ariz.	+4	F	+12	75	77	76	228
T14	Bob Burton	Scottsdale, Ariz.	+4	F	+12	79	73	76	228
T16	John Hull	Clayton, Mo.	+4	F	+13	77	76	76	229
T16	Gary Hardin	Fort Worth, Texas	+7	F	+13	73	77	79	229
18	Peter Hagen	Addison, Texas	+6	F	+15	75	78	78	231
T19	Gary Kirwan	McKinney, Texas	+2	F	+16	78	80	74	232
T19	Marshall Morgan	Odessa, Texas	+10	F	+16	76	74	82	232
T21	Jarratt Jones	Boerne, Texas	+1	F	+17	81	79	73	233
T21	Jimmy Burke	Houston, Texas	+4	F	+17	80	77	76	233
T21	Rich Tolly	Laguna Hills, Calif.	+9	F	+17	70	82	81	233
T24	Bill Brammer	Rancho Santa Fe, Calif.	+4	F	+18	82	76	76	234
T24	Daniel Cook	The Woodlands, Texas	+5	F	+18	83	74	77	234
T24	Larry Nunez	Austin, Texas	+9	F	+18	76	77	81	234
27	Tim Andersen	Chaska, Minn.	+9	F	+20	77	78	81	236
T28	Randy Vautravvers	Andover, Kan.	+3	F	+21	81	81	75	237
T28	Bill Huckin	Dallas, Texas	+6	F	+21	74	85	78	237
T30	John Pigg	Bee Cave, Texas	+4	F	+22	79	83	76	238
T30	Gregory J Hetzer S	an Pedro, Calif.	+6	F	+22	80	80	78	238
T32	Robert McDonald III	Austin, Texas	+6	F	+23	84	77	78	239
T32	Herb Fisher	The Woodlands, Texas	+11	F	+23	77	79	83	239
T34	William D Cvengros	San Juan Capistrano, Calif.	+8	F	+24	81	79	80	240
T34	Dale White Jr.	Ft. Worth, Texas	+11	F	+24	82	75	83	240
36	Doug Baker	Austin, Texas	+9	F	+25	80	80	81	241
37	Greg Lynn	Edmond, Okla.	+11	F	+26	75	84	83	242
38	Chuck Vuytowecz	Pauma Valley, Calif.	+7	F	+28	80	85	79	244
T39	Ed Turner	Richardson, Texas	+11	F	+29	80	82	83	245
T39	Tom Melcher	Mansfield, Texas	+11	F	+29	81	81	83	245
41	Bob Neal	Arlington, Texas	+10	F	+30	83	81	82	246
T42	Russell McCarty	Ridgeland, Miss.	+10	F	+31	84	81	82	247
T42	Carl Horsch Jr.	Eden Prairie, Minn.	+15	F	+31	79	81	87	247
T44	Robert J Hedley	Long Beach, Calif.	+6	F	+32	82	88	78	248
T44	Phil White	Dallas, Texas	+11	F	+32	78	87	83	248
46	Richard Coon	Amarillo, Texas	+15	F	+38	86	81	87	254
T47	Craig Campbell	Midland, Texas	+14	F	+39	79	90	86	255
T47	Scott Davies	Wichita, Kan.	+17	F	+39	81	85	89	255
49	Tony Caiazzo	Henderson, Nev.	+12	F	+42	86	88	84	258
50	Daniel Kras	San Diego, Calif.	+17	F	+49	92	84	89	265

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## For Immediate Release

Effective January 1, 2013 the Trans Miss Golf Association has agreed to have the Texas Golf Association become the managing agent for the association. "We are excited to have joined forces with the TGA and their staff to take the Trans to a new level with our championships and our support for young men and women interested in pursuing a career in agronomy" stated Tran's President John Pigg. The changing of our Championship to allow college players to participate several years ago required that we team up with an organization that had additional resources to enhance the experience of our players. The TGA and their staff provided not only the resources but have the reputation within the golf community of running first class events and we wanted to tap into that experience. The TGA Executive Director Rob Addington along with Dave Prinz from their championship department will lead the effort for the Trans. Addington stated that "our affiliation with the Trans and what it stands for was a good match for both organizations and we look forward to working with some of the top facilities around the country to administrate the Trans three events.