



8th South Carolina Junior Girls' **Furman University Golf Club** **Greenville, SC** **July 10-13, 2007** **Champion: Austin Ernst** **Seneca**

Austin Ernst is just carrying on a family tradition. Ernst, from Seneca, defeated Cayci Ruppe of Gaffney 4 and 3 to capture the SC Junior Girls' Match Play Championship at Furman University Golf Club. Ernst is the third member of her family to win a South Carolina junior championship. Her father, Mark won the boys championship in 1981 and her older brother, Drew won the boys championship in 2005. Ernst, a 15-year old sophomore, displayed her ball

striking ability winning her first Carolinas Golf Association championship. Ruppe, a 17-year old high school senior, played tough and determined golf, but in the end Ernst's consistency was just too much to overcome. "It's great to get my name on the trophy with my dad watching today," said Ernst. "It's also pretty cool to win the same tournament my dad and my brother had won in the boys championship."

First Round

(DC) Rachel Uremovich, Hilton Head Island, SC def. BYE
 (86) Morgan Webber, Moore, SC def. (87) Tracy Cobb, Blythewood, SC, 2 up
 (81) Anna Martin, Piedmont, SC def. BYE
 (83) Collins Bradshaw, Columbia, SC def. BYE
 (78) Danielle Dunnagan, Lexington, SC def. BYE
 (85) Leah Stephens, Greer, SC def. (94) Lauren Johns, Greer, SC, 6 & 5
 (78) Austin Ernst, Seneca, SC def. BYE
 (84) Alex Freeman, Anderson, SC def. (95) Kaitlin Matheson, Easley, SC, 5 & 4
 (74) Haley Stephens, Greer, SC def. BYE
 (88) Alex Rankin, Anderson, SC def. (85) Katelyn Bensch, Greenville, SC, 5 & 4
 (79) Elizabeth Freeman, Anderson, SC def. BYE
 (83) Elizabeth Thompson, Charleston, SC def. BYE
 (76) Taylor Weaver, Spartanburg, SC def. BYE
 (84) Louise Oxner, Greenville, SC def. (85) Torey Johnson, Moore, SC, 19 holes
 (79) Cayci Ruppe, Gaffney, SC def. BYE
 (83) Maureen Dunnagan, Lexington, SC def. BYE

Round of 16

Uremovich def. Webber, 5 & 3
 Martin def. Bradshaw, 1 up
 Stephens def. Dunnagan, 2 & 1
 Ernst def. Freeman, 9 & 8
 Stephens def. Rankin, 1 up
 Freeman def. Thompson, 8 & 6
 Weaver def. Oxner, 4 & 3
 Ruppe def. Dunnagan, 2 & 1

Quarterfinals

Martin def. Uremovich, 3 & 2
 Ernst def. Stephens, 7 & 5
 Freeman def. Stephens, 19 holes
 Ruppe def. Weaver, 2 & 1

Semifinals

Ernst def. Martin, 3 & 1
 Ruppe def. Freeman, 4 & 3

Final

Ernst def. Ruppe, 4 & 3

South Carolina Junior Girls' Champions

Date	Winner, Runner-up, Medalist	Score	Site
2000	Whitney Sylvan, Columbia d. Jordan Daniel, Charleston 73-Sylvan	8 & 6	Lake Marion GC Santee
2001	Laura Crawford, Lancaster d. Dinah Plyler, Chapin 74-Conner Atkinson, Charleston	3 & 1	Rock Hill CC Rock Hill
2002	Dinah Plyler, Chapin d. Laura Crawford, Lancaster 75-Plyler	3 & 2	Midland Valley CC Aiken
2003	Mallory Hetzel, Summerville d. Sarah Sturm, Spartanburg 76-Hetzel	6 & 4	Green Valley CC Greenville
2004	Mallory Hetzel, Summerville d. Lauren Hunt, Little River 78-Elizabeth Freeman, Anderson	1 Up	Palmetto Hall (Cupp) Hilton Head
2005	Emily Rapp, Simpsonville d. Lauren Tomlinson, Greeleyville 72-Rapp	5 & 4	Wyboo GC Manning
2006	Rachel Uremovich, Hilton Head d. Maureen Dunnagan, Lexington 69-Casey Kennedy, Lexington	6 & 4	CC of Orangeburg Orangeburg
2007	Austin Ernst, Seneca d. Cayci Ruppe, Gaffney 74-Haley Stephens, Greer	4 & 3	Furman University GC Greenville

Photo Gallery: South Carolina Junior Girls'



Anna Martin (L) of Piedmont and Elizabeth Freeman (C) of Anderson made it into the semifinal round. Right: Cayci Ruppe of Gaffney opposed good friend Austin Ernst in the finals.



Austin Ernst takes a moment with her father Mark who won the SC Junior Boys Championship in 1981.