

April 21, 2010

It was a great venue to host the 2010 NJCAA Region XXII & District IV Championship at the RTJ Course in Greenville, AL at Cambrian Ridge. Of the 3 nine-holes at Cambrian Ridge, we played Loblolly & Canyon. These 2 sides have very few similarities. Canyon was a real test with it's huge up and down walks on the holes and from green to tee.

The CACC Golfers won from wire to wire, shooting rounds of -2, +1 & -3 as a team (282, 285 & 281). The team had been working very hard and had been focused on this event for the past 2 weeks. They are presently enjoying the fruits of the labor but won't have a great deal of time to cherish it as we begin to prepare for the National Championship in Huntsville May 18-21.

Lewis Gruber, CACC Sophomore, won the tournament individually shooting 67, 70 & 68. Lewis has just committed to Georgia Southern University where I am certain he will quickly become a leader of their squad as well. Zach Primavera, who had just won the Meridian Spring Tournament, tied for 4th shooting 1 under par for the tournament. Filling out our field was Nick Ward who had a great comeback on the final day shooting 1 over par after being +6 after 10 holes. Barrett Milam played well and Chaz Fairbrother was our #5 man. In our District Championship, CACC won by 12 shots and in our Region, won by over 50 shots. It was a great tournament for the Trojans.

Teams qualifying for Nationals through this District Championship were:

CACC,

Meridian C.C.

Brevard C.C.

Walters State C.C.

Wake Tech

Cape Fear C.C.

Wallace State earns an exemption for joining CACC as the co-host of the National Championship.

Also this week, the PING All-Region Team & Coach Awards were announced. Zach, Lewis and Barrett were selected as PING All-Region Players of the Year and I, Coach Dave Jennings, was selected Coach of the Year.

Another huge announcement: This year, NJCAA players were in consideration for the Palmer Cup. Zach Primavera of CACC made the top-24 in considerations for that event. When Zach moves to Ole' Miss and after a big summer of heavy individual competition, I'm sure he will again be in the Palmer Cup's sights for this prestigious event.

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