

## **DUKE CAPTURES MEN'S AND WOMEN'S ACC TOURNAMENTS**

***As a result of North Carolina's controversial House Bill 2 (HB2), this year's Atlantic Coast Conference (ACC) Golf Championships were moved from a pair of McConnell Golf-owned courses in the Tar Heel state across the border to a pair of McConnell Golf clubs in South Carolina.***

This year, the ACC contested its Men's Golf Championship at Musgrove Mill Golf Club in Clinton, S.C., following 15 consecutive years at McConnell Golf's Old North State Club in New London, N.C. Meanwhile, the ACC Women's Golf Championship was played at The Reserve Golf Club in Pawley's Island, S.C., following a nine-year run at McConnell Golf's Sedgfield Country Club Ross in Greensboro, N.C.

At both new venues, Duke University emerged on top of the leaderboard.

Duke's men's golf team won the Atlantic Coast Conference Tournament for its first league title since 2013.

The Blue Devils won for the eighth time overall, managing a 14-under-par score of 850 at Musgrove Mill. Duke finished with a 12-shot advantage on runner-up Clemson. Sophomore Alex Smalley led Duke with a 4-under 212 for a fifth-place tie. Teammate Jake Shuman tied for eighth place at 214. Matt Oshrine and Alexander Matlari tied for 10th at 215.

Wake Forest placed third at 3-over, followed by Florida State (4-over), North Carolina State (9-over), Virginia (10-over), Georgia Tech and North Carolina (both 19-over), Virginia Tech (29-over), Notre Dame (36-over), Louisville (41-over) and Boston College (57-over).

The individual champion was Jimmy Stanger of Virginia at 5-under 211, winning a playoff with North Carolina's Ben Griffin, Wake Forest's Paul McBride and Clemson's Bryson Nimmer. Wake Forest's Will Zalatoris and N.C. State's Stephen Franken tied with Smalley for fifth at 4-under.

On the women's side at The Reserve, Duke won its 20th ACC title — but the first conference crown for the Blue Devils since 2014.

Duke's 5-under 859 total for 54 holes was the best mark, nine strokes better than Florida State. Miami was third at 874, followed by North Carolina at 876, Clemson at 877 and N.C. State at 888. Wake Forest was last in the 12-team field at 931. The Lady Blue Devils entered the final round leading by nine strokes.

Duke junior Leona Maguire, who is ranked first in both the Golfstat collegiate rankings and Women's World Amateur Golf Ranking, was the individual winner for the second time in three years. Maguire posted a 6-under 210 to edge out Wake Forest's Jennifer Kupcho (212) and Miami's Delfina Acosta (213) for the title.

The Blue Devils earned their 19th ACC title under veteran coach Dan Brooks. It was the 16th time that Duke won the team title and had the medalist.