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Golfers chip in for charity

Palmetto Electric Cooperative's eighth Annual Touchstone Energy® Million Dollar Hole-in-One Shootout raised over \$9,000 in support of the Bright Ideas teacher grant program, which provides funding for innovative classroom projects in our local schools.

The 3-day event (May 20 – May 22) took place at Old South Golf Links where over 400 Lowcountry golfers took more than 20,000 shots at qualifying for the million dollar final round. In the end, twenty-eight finalists took their shot at winning \$1 million, but it was Seth Martin of Sylacauga, AL who was the closest with a shot that landed just 6 feet 1 inch from the winning hole. Martin didn't walk away empty handed though. His shot won him \$1,000 in cash and a spot in the Pro-Am @ Las Vegas, November 7 - 11, 2010 valued at \$2,295.

The overall winner of the putting contest was J.R. Evans of Okatie, SC. He won \$100, a foursome at Haig Point and a Callaway Diablo Driver.

This is the eighth year Palmetto Electric has held the Shootout. "As a Touchstone Energy Cooperative, commitment to community is one of the core values of our cooperative," said G. Thomas Upshaw, Palmetto Electric's president and CEO. "We are excited about this year's event since proceeds are going to support Bright Ideas. What Bright Ideas does for the teachers and children of the Lowcountry is simply amazing and I think the golfers who support the event must agree. I would also like to thank all of our corporate sponsors who generously donated the prizes for the Shootout," said Upshaw.

"Congratulations to all of our Shootout winners, but I think we all know that the real winners are the children of the Lowcountry who benefit from having the Bright Ideas Program in their schools," said Upshaw.

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