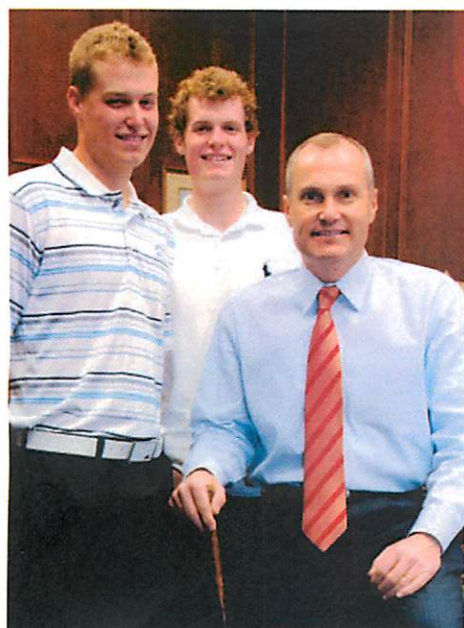


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A FATHER AND HIS SONS

Our more politically minded readers will recognize the name of Georgia's first Republican Lieutenant Governor, **Lowell S. "Casey" Cagle**, but his inclusion in The Tee Sheet stems solely from his role as a father of three sons, **Jared**, **Grant** and **Carter**, and especially as it relates to the golf he plays with his two eldest sons. Jared, 20, is a junior at Georgia State University on a golf scholarship and Grant, 17, is a senior at Johnson High School who has already accepted a golf scholarship to GSU. In sharing his love of the game with his boys, Cagle truly reveals his most human side.

"Playing a round of golf with Dad is never a dull moment," says Jared. "He really shows his emotions out there, especially

when he celebrates a good shot." Grant tells of one of his Dad's more predictable celebrations. "If he makes a long putt on the green, he goes into this dance he does while shouting about it," he says. This may not sound very gubernatorial, but his kids love it, and so does Casey. "I'm an emotional guy. I like great shots and I like to celebrate," he admits.

For all the fun they have with him on the course, the boys also recognize some of the invaluable training he has given them. "Dad will really joke around between shots, especially if he's winning," says Grant, "but when it's time for his shot he's all business. When he plays us, he REALLY wants to win. Playing with him always reminds me to bring that kind of focus to my shots." Jared has taken his own lesson from playing golf with his father. "One thing about Dad, he never gets down on himself," says Jared, "and that has taught me a lot about the right attitude and the importance of self-confidence."

It is no surprise that Cagle is a good father. Having been raised by a single mother, it was the highest of priorities to him. He admits however that the 18-hour days put into running for his political position and then filling it took time away from the golf course. Then, in April of 2009, he had what he describes as "a wake-up call." Degenerative spine surgery put his political aspirations on hold, and his priorities under scrutiny. "I was reminded of the importance of family and fitness, and once again put them first."

This former college football player has always loved sports and competition, and claims this passion reflects the key to success. Grant Cagle would agree. "You know,

he doesn't work on his game as much as we do," he says, "but he seems to will the ball into the hole. He always seems to hit what he needs to beat us. He really only loses when he beats himself." Pretty high praise from this budding golf scholar, even if it is for his Dad.

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He didn't pick up the game until he was 63 years old. He has never had a lesson. The golf clubs in his bag are an unmatched mix that are either old, given, bargain or refurbished. And yet, 20 years later, he routinely scores under his age, outdrives his senior tee playing partners from the men's tees and intimidates golfers of any age. **Julian Branche** is every golf club professional's nightmare.

His friend, **Ken Pearce** of Bainbridge can describe how Julian does it better than Julian can. "Every drive he hits has this sweet slight draw to it," says Pearce. "You

