

Mississippi Booming!

Discover Gulfport ... Gateway to the Gulf



Did you know the State of Mississippi has more churches per capita than any other state in the nation? I bet you didn't know that the oldest *Holiday Inn* is in Clarksdale. Or, did you know that the Vicksburg National

Cemetery is the second oldest in the U.S.?

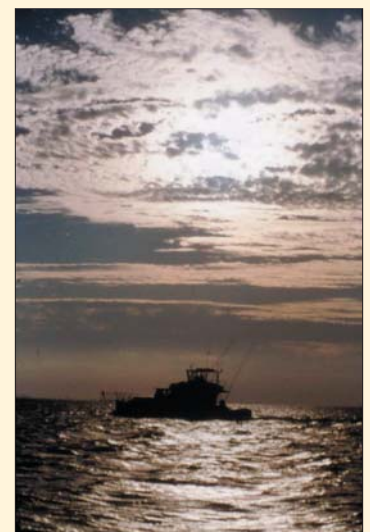
Everybody knows Elvis was born in Tupelo, and people are now beginning to notice that the Magnolia State is a great place to play Super Series Baseball tournaments!

Since Rodney Shows and his company, Competitive

Sports Management, got involved in hosting Super Series events three years ago, the number of tournaments held in Mississippi has almost tripled!

In 2004 Shows and his staff will host 11 events including the Mississippi State Championships and then, the 9U American and Minors Divisions as well as the 12U National and Minors Divisions Summer National Championships!

"There is just so much to do in this area for teams and



More than 70 charter boats are available to escort anglers to the best sweet spots for fishing along the Gulf of Mexico. Anglers can try their hand at reeling in grouper, snapper, mackerel and much more.



With more than 200 varieties of fish at home in the Gulf of Mexico, Mississippi's Gulf Coast is regarded as one of the world's top twenty saltwater fishing destinations.



Outdoor recreation is at its best on the Mississippi Gulf Coast. The Gulf of Mexico provides the perfect setting for volleyball, jetskiing, windsurfing, parasailing, sailing, bodysurfing or simply lounging by the surf.



One of two schooners historically replicated after the great "white winged" boats that once harvested the world's seafood supply along Mississippi's Gulf Coast.



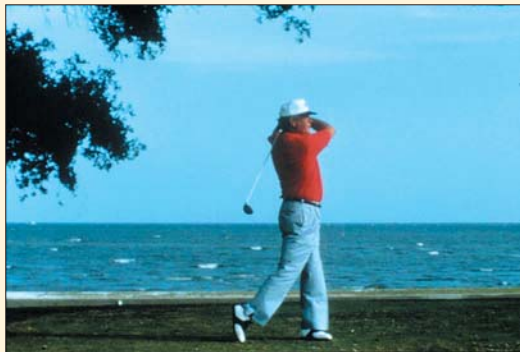
Come explore the fascinating world of the bottlenose dolphin, loggerhead turtle and the California sea lion at the Marine Life Oceanarium featuring exciting sea life from the Gulf of Mexico



The Prime Outlets feature more than 80 brand name shops but it's just one of many great shopping destinations. Visit Crossroads Mall, Edgewater Mall, or one of the many specialty boutiques along the Coast.



The Mississippi Gulf Coast is now the third largest pleasure destination with gaming in the United States. Whether you're visiting the casino scene for a pull at the slots or to see a special show, the surroundings will amaze you. From foot stompin' fun to glamour and glitz, the Coast casinos are here to entertain you.



From handicap-shredding championship layouts to shorter tree-lined beauties, golf courses on the Mississippi Gulf Coast can accommodate everyone, and there's no waiting for a tee time

families," says Shows when explaining the growth of Super Series Baseball in his home state.

"Plus, Mark Mathew and Super Series Baseball of America® does a super job. With their website, they make it easy for teams to register. It starts at the top, and we get great support as hosts," he emphasized.

The fact that teams also play in outstanding facilities doesn't hurt either.

"I do believe the complexes in our state have a big impact on teams coming here to play...and returning again and again," Shows says proudly.

In Hattiesburg, teams play at the Timberton Complex. The complex was built in the late 50's and early 60's and features a total of six fields.

"It's really a unique old ballpark. There is lots of shaded area; in fact the batting cage is really shaded. We have an area with four fields and you can walk along the sidewalk and go over a creek to two other fields right next



Since 1848 the Biloxi Lighthouse has guided seafarers and fisherman to safe harbor. Now located in the middle of a four-lane highway, the lighthouse remains lit and is open for tours daily.

door. It's really a nice facility," Shows related.

The other facility used for Super Series events is the 250-acre Sportsplex in Gulfport!

It has nine terraced ball fields with scoring towers, along with four international sized soccer fields. The Gulfport Sportsplex also features a brand new 16-acre, \$8 million water park inside the complex – which will open this summer!

Future plans for the Sportsplex include a tennis complex, four more soccer fields, and four replica baseball fields that will give kids a chance to play in parks that look like Wrigley Field, Fenway Park, Yankee Stadium and Camden Yards!

In the summer and fall, teams and families flock to Mississippi to play and enjoy baseball!

The city of New Orleans is only about an hour away; the panhandle of Florida is only about two-hours.

"Plus, we have great beaches, people can go deep sea fishing and we have plenty of casinos. There is a propensity of nearby attractions," Shows explained.

So you can see why Super Series tournament baseball is growing in Mississippi. Great facilities, in a great area, with an outstanding host!

And, I'll bet you didn't know that Joseph A. Biedenharn founded Coca-Cola in Vicksburg?

Yes, 'ole Miss has a lot of interesting history. And, Rodney Shows and Super Series are *making* history with the phenomenal growth of baseball at it's best, in Mississippi!



The Tull House



Part of Gulf Islands National Seashore, Ship Island features crystal clear gulf water, secluded stretches of natural beach and Ft. Massachusetts, a pre-civil war fort once used as a P.O.W. camp during the civil war.

