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Junior Tour Edition



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Dear Junior Golfers & Parents
New changes for 2012!!

A weird Wisconsin winter allowed us to play golf into January. I hope all of you took advantage of these warm winter days as the snow starts to set in. Thank you to all participants of our junior tournaments, clinics and camps. We could not have had these great venues to play at without the support of PGA Professionals, golf course owners, superintendents and facility managers who support junior golf.

In 2012, you will see some changes to the non-member price for events and schedule. We are also going to allow college students to participate on our Players Tour. They will have their own division in the event and play for gift certificates to host facility golf shop.

The junior membership will have added benefits. Juniors will receive a ball marker (\$15 value), personalized metal bag tag, Culver's coupon (\$5 value) and discounts at the Kalahari Resort in WI Dells (\$50-\$100 value).

We had such a great response with the Adult/Junior event in 2011 we are going to expand it to another event in 2012. South Hills Country Club & Brown Deer GC will host these events. This event will allow juniors and an adult/parent to play together in this fun format. It will be an afternoon shotgun with lunch before the event. More details will be available online in February.

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online

New user friendly
Website Changes
In January

Look for junior
membership application in
February

Junior Golf Camp at
SentryWorld
Application online



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Junior Tour News

We will continue to run member only events in 2012. These events will be for Junior Members **ONLY** and will have limited field sizes. Applications for membership will be mailed out and available online in early February. We look forward to a great 2012 golf season.

Here are some 2012 important dates

June 10 - Adult/Junior event at South Hills CC in Fond Du Lac

June 12 - Junior Best-Ball at The Bull at Pinehurst Farms

June 19 - Whistling Straits (Irish Course) Junior Tour event (members only event) 2 p.m. start

June 26-27 - Junior Championship at Yahara Hills G.C.

July 11-12 - Journal Sentinel at Currie Park

July 23 - SentryWorld Girls Only event

July 27 - Junior Best-Ball at Windwood of Watertown

August 1-2 - Lake Arrowhead Invitational (Boys & Girls)

August 6-8 - WSGA State Junior at Mequon CC

Top 15 Boys 2011 POY points

- 1 Jack McKinney (Big Bend) - 1,122
- 2 Gene Kiela III (Plymouth) - 986
- 3 Henry Klongland (Stoughton) - 844
- 4 Josh Smith (Hazel Green) - 836
- 5 Mitch Johnson (Middleton) - 702
- 6 Devin Terry (LaCrosse) - 687
- 7 Ben Skogen (Onalaska) - 663
- 8 Derek Fiestadt (Kaukauna) - 661
- 9 Tyler Reinecke (Verona) - 629
- 10 Henry Mulvey (Neenah) - 629
- 11 Ryan Dickson (Brookfield) - 622
- 12 Andrew Morrison (Edgerton) - 575
- 13 Will Wittmann (Combined Locks) - 567
- 14 Drew Schroeder (Holmen) - 533
- 15 Jakob Garstecki (Germantown) - 533

Top 15 Girls 2011 POY points

- 1 Rebecca Klongland (Stoughton) - 1,293
- 2 Audrey Ackley (Brookfield) - 1,050
- 3 Sienna Chapman (Racine) - 964
- 4 Gabby Curtis (Eau Claire) - 922
- 5 Emily Joers (Waukesha) - 921
- 6 Brittany McNett-Emmerich (Fitchburg) - 817
- 7 Lexi Greytak (Sun Prairie) - 717
- 8 Anika Hitt (Mequon) - 715
- 9 Olivia Lindsley (Green Bay) - 630
- 10 Alexandra Douglas (Madison) - 627
- 11 Stephanie Gerber (Sheboygan) - 605
- 12 Sierah Gurske (Wauwatosa) - 532
- 13 Abby Chase (Beaver Dam) - 528
- 14 Rachel Morris (Mequon) - 508
- 15 Nicole Isaacson (Racine) - 481

6th straight not to be for Team Wisconsin

The 2011 MN-WI PGA Junior Cup Match took place at The Jewel on June 19-20. This is the second time The Jewel in Lake City, MN has hosted this event. The first day of four-ball match play concluded with Team Wisconsin leading after the first round 6.5-5.5

Day 2 of the Cup Matches saw Team Minnesota dominate by winning 18 singles matches to Wisconsin's 6. The cup returned back to Minnesota with a 23 ½ to 12 ½ win. This ends Wisconsin's 5 year winning streak. Team Wisconsin leads the overall series 9-5.

We would like to thank The Jewel GC for hosting this years event. The Junior Foundation would also like to thank the sales reps that donated tee gifts to each player. Thanks to Ted Robbins, Tom Cranwell, Michael Chase, Matt Flaten, Rob Hurab and Gary Rodin. The team consists of the top 12 boys and 12 girls in our great state of Wisconsin.

2011 participants included McKenzie Parks, Lauren Klubertanz, Rebecca Klongland, Isabella Lambert, Alexandra Douglas, Jenna Peters, Brittany McNett-Emmerich, Tatum Snyder, Ashton Stair, Sydney Tokach, Emily Joersm, Casey Danielson, Tom Boockmeier, Ben Skogen, RJ Budd, Derek Fiestadt, Zach Gaugert, Mitchell Johnson, Nathan Kannenberg, Gene Kiela, Henry Klongland, Sean Sanguan-sap, Trevor Thomas and Nate Webb. The team captain is Junior Tour Director Andy Landenberger.

Wisconsin will host the 2012 Cup Matches on June 17-18. The host course will be Lake Arrowhead GC. The 2012 team will be announced in February with letters sent out to those who qualify for the team.

Junior Tour Players of the Year - 2011



The 2011 WPGA Junior Foundation Player of the Year Awards



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Girls Player of the Year: **Rebecca Klongland**

The WPGA Junior Foundation is pleased to announce Rebecca Klongland as the Junior Girls Player of the Year for 2011. Her consistency on the tour was clearly visible by her winning 6 times and 11 top 10 finishes. At the Meadows of Six Mile creek she fired a season low 68. She wrapped up her Player of the Year award at the final few points events. Her runner up finish at the Lake Arrowhead invite and third place finish at the WIAA girls state was enough to beat out Audrey Ackley in the end. Rebecca is 15 and from Stoughton.

Boys Player of the Year: **Jack McKinney**

The WPGA Junior Foundation is pleased to announce Jack McKinney as the Junior Boys Player of the Year for 2011. Jack is an 18 year-old from Big Bend. Though he only played in 4 points events in 2011, he made them all count. He finished second at WIAA boys state, second at the WPGA Jr Championship, runner up at the Junior Masters and won the WSGA State Junior. With his win at the WSGA State Junior in August Jack passed up current point leader Gene Kiela to win his first Player of the Year award. He is now a freshman at Maryville University.

Future Tour Players of the Year—2011



Future Tour Girls Player of the Year: **Hallie Kent**

The WPGA Junior Foundation is pleased to announce Hallie Kent as the Future Tour Girls Player of the Year for 2011. Speedy as she is often called won all eight Future Tour events she played in. She also competes in Junior Tour events and finished her year with a low round 86 at Washington County GC. Hallie is 11 and lives in Mequon.

Future Tour Boys Player of the Year: **Christopher Colla**

The WPGA Junior Foundation is pleased to announce Christopher Colla as the Future Tour Boys Player of the Year for 2011. He won five of six Future Tour events he participated in. The Player of the Year award came down to the last Future tour event as he ended up edging out Jonathan Duggan who finished behind Chris by 35 player points. Chris is 14 years old and lives in Fond du Lac.

Where are they now?



Dan Woltman

How many years did you play in junior events growing up?

I remember my first event at Tripoli GC in the 11 and under age division at age 10 and I continued playing in junior events until I went to college.

Favorite memory of junior tournaments?

My favorite memory was definitely waking up early in the morning to travel to junior events with my mom. She sacrificed a lot of time to travel around the state and the country with me. I am forever grateful to her for her time and dedication to helping me gain experience and have some fun along the way.

What were your biggest accomplishments in junior golf?

Winning the Westfield Junior Qualifier at Yahara Hills gave me the opportunity to play in the national event. I went on to win the national event and Junior Player of the Year that season. It was a great year and one I won't forget.

You played college golf at UW, How was your transition to college athletics?

The transition to playing in college golf tournaments went very smoothly and I was very prepared for it after traveling and playing in so many junior events. The harder transition was learning to manage my time away from golf course with school and a social life. Traveling and playing junior events all summer was easy because you just had golf to focus on and nothing else at the time. In college, things were very different with classes, workouts, and a social life that take up a lot of time as well. When you learn to balance them properly, you will have success in each area.

How was your experience playing on the Nationwide Tour?

Playing on the Nationwide Tour in 2011 was a great experience. Being around some of the best players in the world was a great learning experience and I feel I am a better player now because of it. It also showed me some weaknesses I have in my golf game and I am spending this offseason improving the holes in my game. I look forward to the next opportunity to play on the Nationwide Tour as it is a great place to improve your game and get to the next level.

What kind of professional events are you planning on playing in this year?

I am planning on playing the eGolf Tour this year along with some Nationwide Tour Monday qualifiers. You are always one good week away from changing your year around so I am working hard to get the right break and play my way into some Nationwide Tour status this year.

Do you have any advice for current junior tour players?

The number one thing I can say is have fun playing golf. At the end of the day it is a game and you should have fun with it. With the many levels of tournaments at the amateur and professional level, you can continue to play in competitively for your whole life. Enjoy the game and enjoy the spirit of competition.



Lindsay Koth

How many years did you play in junior events growing up?

I started playing golf the summer before 8th grade. I went to the junior golf camp/clinic put on by Middleton High School at Pleasant View GC. I started playing in WI PGA Jr. Events once I was in high school.

Favorite memory of junior tournaments?

My favorite memory of junior golf is definitely the friends that I made. I enjoyed traveling and seeing my golf friends all summer as we went around the state/midwest to different events. Almost 10 years later, I still see and stay in contact with a group that I grew up playing junior golf with. The golf world seems so small :)

What were your biggest accomplishments in junior golf?

I would say the success of our Edgewood HS team winning state my junior and senior year would probably top the list. I also enjoyed playing in the Arrowhead Invitational and the Boarder War with Minnesota with my friends.

You played college golf at Colorado, How was your transition to college athletics?

I think it was a huge honor to be able to be a collegiate athlete. As I went 1,000 miles away to school, I definitely grew as a person. As a college athlete you are adopted into a family in your team and the athletic department, which is an amazing experience to be a part of. In golf I was pushed by my teammates who were from all over the west coast and Canada. Depending on which region you go to school, get ready for a lot of 36 hole days.

You are now the assistant golf coach and recruiting coordinator at Florida State University, what is your favorite part of this job?

My favorite part about my job is that I get to work with the Men's and Women's teams. We are one of the few schools in the country that has a combined program. It has been so much fun to work with these young college players and share my wisdom and passion for the game. I love the opportunity to travel around the world watching top junior golfers and promote them to experience collegiate golf at FSU.

I am not a desk person, and my job enables me to be outside on the course with the players for the majority of my day!

Do you have any advice for current junior tour players?

Spend the majority of your time practicing your short game - it will help you immensely. Become comfortable shooting under par. Don't be afraid to ask advice/questions to players you respect/admire. Play against people who are better than you as it will push you to become a better golfer.

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