



# Daily Divot

A Newsletter for the Optimist International Junior Golf Championships

July 31, 2010

## Powerful Precision



Boys contestant A.J. Crouch grabs the boys' Long-Drive title, while Regina "Regis" Plasencia puts on quite a show in the girls' category. No doubt their power has helped them more than a little this week, as they head into round 3 at the top of the leaderboard.

With the intimate details of their lives being broadcast over the sound system last night, 12 Optimist golfers stepped up to put on a show at the Palmer Golf Long-Drive Contest Finals.

In the boys 16-18 division, it was leader A.J. Crouch capturing the title with a 297-yard blast down Champion 10. Coming in second just 15 yards shy was David Mills with a 282-yard shot. A respectable 276 yards earned Mariano Malmierca third place. Almost stealing the show from all of them was Daniel Wetterich, younger brother of finalist David Wetterich, who stepped up to the tee barefoot to show these older golfers how it's done.

In the girls 16-18 division, it appeared that no one would be able to surpass Taylor Fagan, who had the lead for most of the evening with a 214-yard shot. That is, until Shabril Brewer took her turn with a shot that measured 226 yards. But that record didn't hold long as Regina Plasencia finished up the girls division with a 232-yard shot.

## Leads are Slim Entering Third Round

A name familiar to the tournament has made his way to the top of the leaderboard at this week's Optimist championships.

Last year's champion, A.J. Crouch of Jacksonville, Florida, shot a 69 on the Champion for the second day in a row to take a 1-stroke lead in the boys 16-18 division. He has a two-day 69-69—138 and is 6 under par. Crouch plays the Palmer course today. Also shooting a 69 for the day and moving into second place

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## Just Missed

As a spectator unrelated to him reported, Agustin Tarigo was "this close" to making a double eagle on Champion 5 yesterday. "This close" actually translates to mere inches. Agustin had a very short putt to make an eagle.

Agustin Tarigo tees off on Champion 5, just a short time before his amazing second shot.



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is Sam Chun of South Korea. He has a two-day 70-69—139 and is just one stroke back.

Ontario's Quinn Vilneff, who led after the first round, shot a 75 on the Champion yesterday and falls to third with 67-75—142.

Joshua Lee of Orange Park, Florida, is in fourth place with 69-74—143.

Rounding out the leaders are Hisyam Majid of Malaysia (71-74—145), Monte Mullen of Farmington, Connecticut (71-74—145), and Agustin Tarigo of Uruguay (73-72—145), all 1 over par and 7 strokes off the pace.

Over on the Haig, it was Nicole Ferre's day as she shot a 68 in the girls 16-18 division to move into a tie for first place. This Venezuelan golfer has a two-day 76-68—144. Now sharing the lead with a 74 for the day was Regina Plasencia of Mexico. Plasencia came into the day in sole possession of the top spot. She has a two-day 70-74—144 and is even for the tournament.

Manuela Carbajo Re of Argentina was 1 under for the day and is now in third place with 74-71—145. Three golfers are sitting three back and tied for fourth place – Somin Lee of Denver, Colorado (78-69—147), Sarinee Thitiratana-korn of Thailand (76-71—147) and Panitta Yusabai of Thailand (73-74—147).

## Glowing Results from the Green

Six junior golfers put their putting talents to good use last night in the "Glow-Ball" Putting Contest. As it got dark last night, the Main Putting Green lit up with some amazing talent. Here are the results:

### Boys 16-18

1. Zach Toste
2. Colin Gunstream
3. Eli Ward

### Girls 16-18

1. Lexie Hall
2. Kate Gallagher
3. Haley King

**What Would You Say ...** if we told you the tournament hasn't aged the golfers? The crowd at the pool yesterday was in town for the Dave Matthews Band concert. PGA National is the base for diehard Dave fans when the band plays in Palm Beach each year.

## Putting College in Sight

Just what does it take to play golf in college? While a number of this week's golfers will be heading to college soon, most are still trying to work their way through the college process. This week's golfers and their parents are about to find out what it takes, thanks to Brandi Jackson of the National Collegiate Scouting Association.

Brandi is a recruiting expert speaker, a Duramed Futures Tour golfer and a former LPGA professional. Don't miss her talk at 7:30 tonight in Bella Lago.

## Get Lost for a While

Depending on how round 3 goes today, some of you may want to get off the course for the evening and trade in *Land of the Lost Golf Ball* for *Land of the Lost*. Dive-In Movie Night starts at 8:30 tonight poolside. Bring your swimming gear, jump in and relax with Will Ferrell and friends!

### 6th Annual Optimist International Tournament of Champions

October 30-31, 2010 • Disney's Palm Golf Course • Walt Disney World, Florida

An invitational event for boys and girls ages 14-18 played on the same course as the PGA TOUR's Children's Miracle Network Classic.



Winners of the 2009 Tournament of Champions (left to right), Nicole Quinn (Girls 14-18), Clancy Waugh (Boys 14-15) and Jason Roets (Boys 16-18).