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A Newsletter for the Optimist International Junior Golf Championships

Sunday, July 22, 2012

Six Countries Represented on the Leaderboard

It was a day of close rounds across the board with a strong showing from international golfers during round one at the Optimist International Junior Golf Championships at PGA National Resort and Spa in Palm Beach Gardens, Florida.

Competition is close in the boys 14-15 division. Tied for the lead after the first round are Julian Fedele from Argentina and Jackson Lang from Lexington, Massachusetts. They each shot a 70 for the day. In a four-way tie for third are Mike Graboyes from Watchung, New Jersey, Taisei Negishi from Hilo, Hawaii, Caleb Small from Walnut Cove, North Carolina, and Kyle Suppa from Honolulu, Hawaii, with a first-round score of 72.

In the girls 13-14 division, Colombia's Cynthia Diaz shot 72 in the first round and has a one-stroke lead over Kesaree Rojanapeansathith of Thailand, who was 1-over for the day with 73. Maria Merchan Nunez from Weston, Florida ended the day in third place with a first-round 74.

Mexico's Andrew Sanchez leads the way in the boys 12-13 division. He enters round two three under par. Tied for second after 18 holes are Ryan Grider of Lewisville, Texas, and Eric Wowor from South Africa, who both shot 70 for the day.

In the girls 10-12 division Ela Belen Anacona of Argentina went 1-under for the day. Even for the first round and in a tie for second place are Than yawarat Temyord and Nicha Vorrasanpisut, both from Thailand.

China's Guangshi Chen shot a 2-over 70 to take a five-stroke lead after the first round in the boys 10-11 division. Robin Williams from the United Kingdom ended the day in second place with 75. In third place, Brian Garrett of San Antonio, Texas, shot 77 for the day.

Round two begins today, with the third and final round tomorrow. Scores, photos, news stories and tee times will be updated daily. Results will be available under the tournament's information at www.optimist.org/golf. Stories will also be included on the Optimist Junior Golf Facebook page at www.facebook.com/optimist.golf and on Twitter [@OptimistGolf](https://twitter.com/OptimistGolf).

Look for the Glow

It's time for the Glow-Ball Putting Contest! Since everyone wants to try their hand at this event, it's been divided into two parts. Older golfers (Boys ages 14-15; Girls ages 13-14) get to play first. The younger golfers (Boys ages 10-13; Girls ages 10-12) will have their chance tomorrow night.

The fun gets started at 8 p.m. Don't forget your putter and your night vision!

Enjoying time with friends



A Little Bit of Magic at the District Winner Banquet

District winners were recognized for their achievements in a special banquet last night. Golfers and their families enjoyed good food, the opportunity to meet other District winners and a special performance by Marti the Magician.

Marti left the District winners and their families with a laugh at the end of his show. After borrowing a \$100 bill from one of the Optimist golfers, Mitch made the money disappear, leaving that golfer a little nervous. Luckily, Mitch used his magic to bring back the money!

Thank you to Golfsmith for sponsoring this year’s District Winner Banquet, and congratulations to the District winners.

Attend the Long-Drive Finals

Join the other golfers tonight at 7 on the Champion #10 Tee as some power golfers compete in the Palmer Golf Long-Drive Contest Finals.

Beware of the Bear Trap

This year, competitors in the Boys 14-15 division can be rewarded for surviving the Bear Trap—the challenging holes 15, 16 and 17 on the Champion course.



All golfers in the division are automatically entered into the competition. PGA National is keeping track of results for these three tough holes.

Golfers with the lowest scores on these three holes over the course of their three rounds will win prizes for surviving the “Battle at the Bear Trap.” If necessary, tie-breakers will be determined by a drawing. Prizes for first, second and third place will be distributed during the awards ceremony on July 23.

Health Tip of the Day

Blisters are the number one cause of a trip to AMR (your friendly neighborhood medics). Wear socks out on the course and make sure they are dry.

Showcasing Optimistic Sportsmanship

During the Opening Ceremonies, Will Davenport, the 2011 Optimist champion discussed the importance of being an Optimist and playing graciously. While players should remain competitive, they should also be respectful of their fellow teammates, Optimist volunteers and the resort.

During Round 1 of the tournament, Gilbert Paul Lanoue from Belle River, ON displayed a winning attitude after a particularly bad experience at one of the holes on the Champion course. Gilbert shot 1 over par until he reached hole 15.

On that hole, he shot a 12. Rather than get upset or frustrated, he picked himself up and still managed to provide encouragement to others in his foursome.

Thanks to Gilbert for displaying his winning attitude!



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