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A Newsletter for the Optimist International Junior Golf Championships

Friday, July 20, 2012

Welcome and Congratulations from the Tournament Chair



Lois Philbrick, Chairman

Dear Junior Golfer:

Welcome to sunny Florida and this terrific junior golf event. You are already a winner because you qualified to be here with us and share junior golf at its best. As an Optimist member and volunteer, I

can promise you a memorable experience here at PGA National Resort and Spa.

Our motto is "Bringing Out the Best in Kids," and I believe that kids like you bring out the best in us – the volunteers who work behind the scenes to make sure everything is in place for this tournament and the staff members who help us get ready for you. Be sure to say thanks when you see one of the volunteers or an Optimist staff person on the course, in the office, or just relaxing for a minute in the lobby.

As you walk down the fairways of PGA National's world-class courses, you are following in the footsteps of many outstanding men and women golfers who are currently playing on the NCAA, LPGA, PGA and Nationwide Tour circuits. We hope this experience will be another significant step in your successful golfing career.

Lois Philbrick

Know the Rules

Now is the time to brush up on some of those rules. The USGA is here to help! USGA certified rules officials will be on the Main Putting Green at 6 p.m. today for a "Rules of Golf Clinic." Officials will go over some common situations you may encounter on the golf course this week. The information you learn could save you an important penalty stroke down the road. Everyone is welcome to attend, and the clinic will be finished before the Player Orientation begins.

An Important Hour

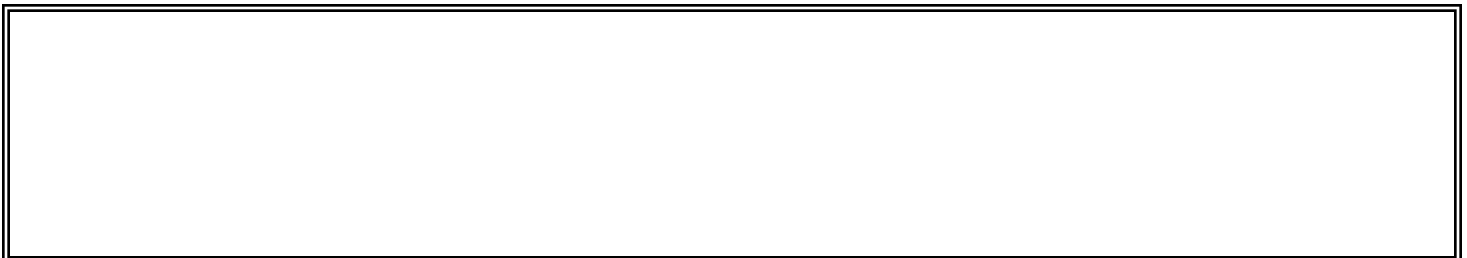
The mandatory Player Orientation and Opening Ceremony begins at 8:00 p.m. tonight in the PGA Grand Ballroom. Don't miss out on coverage of the local course rules, as well as the do's and don'ts of the tournament. The flags that represent the different countries of the participants will be carried in during the ceremony.

The event runs for only one hour, with plenty of time afterward to relax before the start of Round 1.

Look at That Drive!

Are you feeling strong today? The Palmer Golf Long-Drive Contest Preliminaries will take place on the course all day today, so bring your "A" game and your strength with you to the designated holes on the Champion, Palmer and Squire. Signage can be found near the tee box. The top performers in each age division will be announced at tonight's Opening Ceremony.

The finalists will show off their stuff in front of the crowd at 7 p.m. Sunday on Champion #10. Don't miss the show!



Optimist Golf Parent-Child Classic

Under the hot Florida sun, 52 families competed in the second annual Optimist Golf Parent-Child Classic yesterday. The Parent-Child Classic was open to two-player teams consisting of a junior golfer and his/her parent, step-parent, grandparent or aunt/uncle. The event was an 18-hole best ball tournament held on the Champion course.

The top teams were:

Boys 10-11 and Parent

1	John & John Klus	Madison, WI	71*
2	David & Joshua Perna	Sarasota, FL	71
T3	Shawn & Sion Audrain	Garden City, KS	73
T3	John & Robb Kinder	Quinton, VA	73

* won scorecard playoff



Boys 12-13 and Parent

1	Greg & Ryan Grider	Lewisville, TX	68
2	Nicholas & Ryan Chadwick	Keele, UK	70
3	Robert & Grant Leppek	Rocklin, CA	71



Boys 14-15 and Parent

1	David & Jeremy Perna	Sarasota, FL	68
T2	Tony & Andrew Beckler	Topeka, KS	69
T2	Pete & Ryan Flick	Beavercreek, OH	69



Girls and Parent

1	Mike & Micheala Williams	Athens, AL	69
2	Jay & Karli Kerrigan	Ankeny, IA	77
3	Michael & Grace Aromando	Lake St Louis, MO	96



Full event results are available at www.optimist.org/pcc

If you were not a part of this great event, make sure to add it to your calendar for next year!



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