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A Newsletter for the Optimist International Junior Golf Championships

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All-Scholastic All Stars

What does it take to be a part of the Hugh Cranford All-Scholastic Team? Read on to discover the caliber of golfers who make up this year's team. Congratulations to all of them!

Nicole Agnello of Longwood, Florida, just graduated from Lake Mary High School, where she was ranked fifth in a class of 573 students. In addition to a 4.48 GPA, she received exceptional scores on the ACT and SAT. Outside of class, Nicole has always been a well-rounded student, involved in not only golf, but piano, weight training and a lot of community service as well. Nicole is no stranger to the Optimist. She finished in sixth place in 2008. Nicole will play golf for the University of Virginia when she enters the university this fall.

David Catt of Shawnee, Kansas, is entering his senior year at Shawnee Mission Northwest High School. David maintains a 4.71 GPA, is ranked second in his class of 403 students and should be extremely happy with his SATs. David plays varsity golf, is involved in a number of student organizations and will be co-editor-in-chief of his school's newspaper this coming year. He has been involved with Optimist golf for a number of years, taking first place in the Kansas District qualifier in 2005 and 2007, placing third at the District level in 2008 and competing in the Optimist International Championships in 2005 and 2007.

Kaitlyn Hutcherson of Greeneville, Tennessee, just graduated from Greeneville High School, where she shared the top spot in her class of 200 students. Kaitlyn received high scores on the SAT and ACT and maintained a perfect 4.0 GPA throughout high school. Kaitlyn was her high school's golf team captain for three years, served on student council for four years, performed in music and theater and dedicated a lot of time to volunteering. Kaitlyn is quite familiar with the Optimist, competing in 2004, 2005 and 2007. She is headed to the College of William and Mary in the fall and will play golf for them.

Brandon Jobe of Fayetteville, North Carolina, just graduated from Jack Britt High School with a 4.72 GPA. Brandon was ranked 10th



Top row from left:
Nicole Agnello, Patrick Cansfield and David Catt
Bottom row: Kaitlyn Hutcherson and Brandon Jobe

out of a class of 421 students and had impressive results on the SAT and ACT. While juggling a challenging course load, he was on varsity golf, in Key Club International and a number of other student organizations and participated in leadership conferences. Brandon competed in the 2006 Optimist Championships and is heading to the University of North Carolina in the fall.

The Optimist organization loves service work and was impressed with the application of Patrick Cansfield, presenting him with the "Bringing Out the Best in Kids" Community Service Award. This golfer from Port Huron, Michigan, is entering his senior year at Port Huron Northern High School. In addition to his high academic performance and extracurricular activities, he has dedicated a significant amount of time to community service. Patrick has served on a Youth Advisory Council for several years, taken on youth leadership roles through his church, spent several years as a fun fitness advisor for his school district, dedicated time as an advisor for the Port Huron Youth Tennis League and volunteered at a local soup kitchen and at the Port Huron Museum. Patrick knows Optimist golf well, placing first in the Michigan District qualifier in 2008, competing in the 2007 and 2008 Optimist Championships and finishing tied for 10th in the 2007 Tournament of Champions.

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Oh, Those Girls!

Anna Hancock of Lakeland, Florida, is off to a great start at the tournament this year. For the first time EVER, she was able to keep her eyes open when she got her picture taken during registration. It must be a good sign for her performance on the Haig this week!



Open eyes on the first try!

Also on a roll is **Kelsey Gibson** of Thonotosassa, Florida. Her name tag and lunch vouchers have not been turned in to the lost and found even once so far. She claimed that she would have to pin everything to her so she wouldn't lose track of her stuff. It must have worked!

Calling All District Winners

Tonight is the District Winner Banquet presented by The GolfRing, a special event for golfers who won their District qualifier this year. The banquet begins at 7 p.m.

Come and listen to Matt Denzer of the David Leadbetter Academy at PGA, who will give the keynote speech.

No special attire is required. Dinner will be served and District winners will receive special gifts as they enter the door.

Adults Take Their Turn on the Course

The parents and guests had their chance on the Palmer on Wednesday morning during the Optimist Adult Tournament before stepping aside to let the junior golfers show them how it's really done.

And you know what? The parents actually learned something on the course. Paul Thompson of the second-place team attributed his foursome's success to their ability to work well together as a group. Teamwork pays off! Congratulations to the following groups that played so well together:

1st Place

Rob MacGregor
Frank Mingione
Conrad Klotz
Joe French

2nd Place

David Hicks
Orton Hicks
Grant Cynor
Paul Thompson

3rd Place

William Clifton
Linda Clifton
William Postillion
Kerry Postillion

Get Ready for the Big Show

Congratulations to the following golfers. You've made it to the Palmer Golf Long-Drive Contest Finals. Bring your best stuff to the big event at 7 p.m. tomorrow night on Champion #10. And don't forget to fill out the questionnaire beforehand. Consider this fair warning: If you don't make a good (and appropriate) request for "your song," the tournament staff will select one for you!

Boys 16-18

Alex Belmont
Eduardo Castiello
Evan Cowan
Taylor Haws
Hunter McCarroll

Girls 16-18

Mary Clare Connolly
Chihiro Ikeda
Ally McDonald
Maria Piccio
Heather Petronis

Sweet-talking Baby Lizards

If you notice that nothing is being printed in color today in the tournament office, there is a good reason for it.

A baby lizard has decided to take up residence on the inside of the color printer. If anyone has experience coaxing lizards out of printers, by all means stop by and help the staff out!

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Optimist Junior Golf announces a fun new event for two-player teams consisting of a junior golfer and his or her parent, grandparent, aunt or uncle. Visit www.optimist.org or e-mail golf@optimist.org.

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