ON THE LOOKOUT

IT’S TIME TO SPRING INTO ACTION!

As we head into spring, The South Florida PGA Junior Tour is starting to ramp up! We have some great events coming up that you won’t want to miss out on! Please find our upcoming tournament schedule below:

- April 7th-8th, 2018 – Championship Tour Event #3 – Lost City Golf Club
- April 14th, 2018 – Prep Tour Event #4 – Pembroke Lakes Country Club
- April 21st-22nd, 2018 – Challenge Tour Event #3 – Weston Hills Country Club
- April 28th-29th, 2018 – Championship Tour Event #4 – Indian Spring Country Club
- May 5th-6th, 2018 – Challenge Tour Event #4 – The Vineyards Country Club
- May 13th, 2018 – Prep Tour Event #5 – Cypress Woods Country Club
- May 19th-20th, 2018 – Championship Tour Event #5 – Banyan Cay Golf & Resort

THE NEW MODERN RULES OF GOLF

As many of you may have seen, The USGA and R&A recently announced the new modernized rules of golf. Many of these rules were designed to update the rules and decisions book while also making the game more fun and enjoyable for everyone. We are extremely excited for the updated rules and look forward to them going into effect in 2019. To read more about the new rules, click here. As a reminder, for the remainder of the 2018 season we will still be playing under the current rules. Although we are excited to implement these new rules, no changes will be made until January of 2019.

SCHOLARSHIP INFORMATION

Beginning this year, the South Florida PGA Foundation will annually provide one local student with a four year, $20,000 scholarship to assist with their college education. The student selected to receive the scholarship will receive it in $5,000 increments over the course of four years. To view the application, click here. If you have additional questions, please contact Michelle Goda at mgoda@pgahq.com.
CHAMPIONSHIP TOUR EVENT
#1

HOWLEY AND MATSUI WIN FIRST CHAMPIONSHIP TOUR OF 2018
FEBRUARY 17TH-18TH
CLUB MED SANDBIPER BAY

The South Florida PGA Junior Championship Tour presented by The Honda Classic held Championship Tour Event #1 was held at Club Med Sandpiper Bay in Port St. Lucie, FL.

The boy’s division featured some heavy hitters! Jeffery Liss of Port St. Lucie, FL won the event in 2017 and was looking to repeat on his home course. Alberto Martinez of Weston, FL signed with Florida State this year and has been a big name in Junior Golf over the last three years. Brendan Hughes of Port St. Lucie, FL opened up round one with a 3-under-par 67 to take the early lead in the boy’s division. Royce Howley of Stuart, FL posted an opening round 1-under-par 69 to put himself in great position heading into the final round. Liss opened up round one with an even-par 70 to give himself a great chance to repeat in 2018. The final round was filled with great golf, especially by Howley who posted a final round 2-under-par 68 to capture the overall boy’s title. This is Howley’s first Championship Tour victory. Liss went on to win the boy’s 16-18 age division, while Chris Lee of Port St. Lucie, FL took home the boy’s 13-15 age division.

Hina Matsui of Port St. Lucie, FL finished strong in 2017 with her first win on the Challenge Tour. Entering the 2018 season, Matsui set out to prove her skills on the Championship Tour. Matsui opened up round one with a 75 to put herself two strokes off the lead set by Pembroke Pines, FL native Jennifer Lilly. 2017 Challenge Tour Player of the Year Skylee Shin fired an opening round 74 to put herself in prime position for the final round. Shin and Matsui battled back and forth with the tournament coming down to the final hole. Shin hit her approach shot on the par-5 9th, her final hole of the day, to 8 feet. Shin would need that putt to fall to force a playoff with Matsui. Despite Shin’s great attempt, the birdie putt would not fall and Matsui claimed her first Championship Tour victory of her young career. Shin took home the girl’s 13-15 age division, while Lauren Davenport of Delray Beach took home the girl’s 16-18 age division.
*Pictured Above* Participants in the Championship Event
The South Florida PGA Junior Championship Tour presented by The Honda Classic held Championship Tour Event #2 at the Country Club of Coral Springs in Coral Springs, FL.

The boy’s division featured a thriller at the Country Club of Coral Springs. Weston native Alberto Martinez opened up round one with a 3-under-par 68 to take a one stroke lead in the boy’s division. Pembroke Pines native Justin Lilly posted a 2-under-par 69 to keep within striking distance of Martinez. Lilly and Martinez would go on to have an exciting battle during the final round. Martinez fired a 1-under 35 to take a two stroke lead over Lilly. Martinez and Lilly entered the daunting par-3 18th hole with Martinez holding a two stroke lead. Lilly managed to make birdie, while Martinez made bogey to force a sudden death playoff. The first playoff hole featured a drivable par-4. Martinez had the honor and managed to drive the green and put the pressure on Lilly. Lilly managed to drive the green as well, but ultimately ended up making par to leave Martinez with a chance to make birdie. Martinez drained the birdie putt to capture the Overall Boys Title. Lilly took home the boy’s 16-18 age division, while Lake Worth native Nicolas Estrada took home the boy’s 13-15 age division.

The girl’s division featured some outstanding play! Loxahatchee native Haylie Turnquest opened up round one with a 4-over-par 75 to put herself one off the lead held by Port St. Lucie resident Valentine Savioz. Turnquest put together a strong final round 1-over-par 72 to capture the Overall Girls Title by six strokes. Plantation resident Amelie Alcantara took home the girl’s 13-15 age division, while Miramar native Madyson Gold took home the girl’s 16-18 age division.
Pictured Above: Participants in the Championship Event
The South Florida PGA Junior Challenge Tour presented by The Honda Classic held Challenge Event #1 at Club Med Sandpiper Bay in Port St. Lucie, FL. This event was the first Challenge Tour Event of 2018.

This was Leif Sinclair’s first South Florida PGA Junior Tour event of his career. After two days of rainy and windy conditions, Sinclair managed to capture a victory in his first tournament. Sinclair entered the final round tied for the lead with Port St. Lucie, FL resident Callen Hoskins. Hoskins had the advantage as Club Med Sandpiper Bay is his home course, but this was Hoskins’ first time playing in the final group during the final round. Both juniors battled through nerves all day, but in the end Sinclair was able to edge out the victory with rounds of 71-73. John Marshall of Miami, FL took home the boy’s 13-15 age division, while Miami Beach, FL resident Yoshi Petersson took home the boy’s 16-18 age division.

Ana Maria Lopez of Weston, FL opened up round one with a 7-over-par 77 to put herself on top of the girl’s division after day one. Valentine Savioz of Port St. Lucie, FL found herself four strokes off the lead after the first round. Savioz, who plays out of the Club Med Golf Academy, remained confident that she could bounce back in round two. Savioz managed to grind out a final round 77 to edge out Lopez by one stroke and take home her first Challenge Tour victory. Angelica Holman of Fort Pierce, FL took home the girl’s 13-15 age division, while Lopez took home the girl’s 16-18 age division.

Jackson Langer of Coral Gables, FL started off the year with a win with rounds of 74-78 in the boy’s 11-12 age division. Kathrine Schaefer of Southwest Ranches, FL captured the girl’s 11-12 age division after rounds of 77-86.
The South Florida PGA Junior Prep Tour presented by The Honda Classic held the first Prep Tour Event of the 2018 season at The Country Club of Coral Springs featuring a full field of 72 players aging from 9-18 years old.

Jessy Huebner of Port St Lucie captured the boys 9-10 age division with a 2-over par 73. Boca Raton native Oscar Crowe took home the runner-up spot in the boys 9-10 age division with a 3-over par 74. Matthew Golovanov of Boca Raton captured the boys 11-12 age division with a 2-over par 73. Boca Raton native Corbin Scott took home the runner-up spot in the boys 11-12 age division with a 4-over par 75. Ethan Fan of Davie captured the boys 13-18 age division with a 2-under par 69. Naples native Kody Horton took home the runner-up spot in the boys 13-18 age division with a 5-over par 76.

Ariana Silva of Fort Lauderdale captured the girls 9-10 age division with a 6-over par 77. Miami native Sophia Corronel took home the runner-up spot in the girls 9-10 age division with a 94. Kayla Bryant of Boca Raton captured the girls 11-12 age division with a 7-over par 78. Miami native Remi Bacardi took home runner-up spot in the girls 11-12 age division with a 9-over par 80. Maria Colella of Weston captured the girls 13-18 age division with a 5-over par 76. Coral Springs native Madison Lenard took home the runner-up spot in the girls 13-18 age division in a scorecard playoff with a 91.
The South Florida PGA Junior Prep Tour presented by The Honda Classic held the second Prep Tour Event of the 2018 season at Weston Hills Country Club on the Players Course. This event featured a full field of 72 players aging from 9-18 years old.

Mateo Desmond of Pompano Beach captured the boy’s 9-10 age division after shooting a round of one-over par 73. Desmond’s round started with a birdie on #1 and #6, leading to a five stroke victory over Tristan Wieland of Jupiter. Matthew Golovanov of Boca Raton took home the boy’s 11-12 age division after a round of one-over par 73. Matthew Golovanov of Boca Raton took home the boy’s 11-12 age division after a round of one-over par 73. Roberto Mariella of Doral finished runner-up in the boy’s 11-12 age division after a round of four-over par 76. Kristian Urbaitis of Lake Worth and Weston native Diego Arguello each fired rounds of 79 to tie for the boy’s 13-18 title, sending the division to a scorecard playoff. Urbaitis would take home the title after winning the scorecard playoff with a closing 9 hole score of 37.

Kayla Bryant of Boca Raton took home her second straight victory in the girl’s 11-12 age division after a round 80 today. Naples native Sara Vitasek finished runner-up in the girl’s 11-12 age division after a round of 84. Taylor Oberparleiter of Jupiter took home the girl’s 13-18 age division with a round of 84. Weston native Maria Colella finished runner-up in the girl's 13-18 age division after a round of 87.
The South Florida PGA and SACSN Team Up!

We are excited to announce a new partnership with the Student Athlete Community Service Network! The Student Athlete Community Service Network Inc. (SACSN - pronounced SAX-SEN) is a 501 (c) (3) organization based in Palm Beach County, Florida. SACSN is a national network of high school student athletes that provides volunteer services to charities, government agencies, and community programs in need of reliable volunteers. Additionally, SACSN organizes multiple national programs annually. By organizing monthly community service projects and events, SACSN is dedicated to providing member athletes with a platform to “stand out” and “give back” through sports and community service.

By participating in SACSN programs, projects and events, athletes build documented volunteer hours which can be used toward school requirements, National Honor Society, and merit based scholarship programs such as Florida Bright Futures. For more information visit, www.sacsn.org

As many of you know, SACSN host an annual golf event in Palm Beach County. This year, the 2018 Florida Charity Invitational Championship will be held on June 2nd at Trump National Golf Club in Jupiter, FL.

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Hours earned go toward school requirements, National Honor Society, and merit scholarship programs such as Florida Bright Futures.
On Sunday, April 1st, two south Florida junior golfers will compete in the 2018 Drive, Chip and Putt Championship at Augusta National. Jens Krampel of Naples will compete in the Girls 7-9 age division in her first DCP Championship finals. Gloria Nip of Port St. Lucie will compete in the Girls 10-11 age division. This will be Gloria’s second DCP Championship final. Good luck to Jens and Gloria!

Registration for the 2019 Drive, Chip and Putt Championship is now open!

The Drive, Chip and Putt Championship is a FREE youth golf development initiative for boys and girls ages 7-15. Participants will compete in three skill challenges: driving, chipping and putting. Participants will be broken up based on the following age divisions: 7-9, 10-11, 12-13, 14-15. Please note age divisions are determined based on the participant’s age as of the championship final on April 7, 2019.

Click here to register now!

PGA Jr. League

PGA Junior League is a fun, social and inclusive opportunity for boys and girls to learn and enjoy the game of golf. Each team is captained by a PGA or LPGA Professional who serves as the captain. Registration is now open, visit www.pgajrleague.com today to find a team near you!
The South Florida PGA Junior Tour is happy to announce 27 South Florida PGA Juniors have signed to play collegiate golf in 2018. These juniors have worked their way through The Journey and are now on their way to continue their successes. We congratulate all of these junior golfers and wish them the best of luck in their college careers. These juniors include:

Austin Aliff – Lipscomb University
Garrett Barber – Louisiana State University
Cassidy Blair – Waldorf University
Gina Carvelli – Marymount University
Mackenzie Dieter – University of Delaware
Sophia Dieter – University of Delaware
Luke Farmer – Florida Gulf Coast University
Brianna Farrell – Florida Atlantic University
Sabrina Fonda – Winthrop University
Amadeo Figus – University of South Florida
Luke Gifford – University of South Florida
Sarah Kahn – Highpoint University
Stephanie Luma – Jefferson State College
Sophia Mancuso – Elon University
Alberto Martinez – Florida State University
Trey Meadows – McNeese State University
Anthony Muttillo – University of South Florida
David Morgan – University of Virginia
Daisuke Nakano – Washington State University
Logan Othmer – George Washington University
Valaria Pacheco – Texas Christian University
Lily Rinker – University of Cincinnati
Alexa Rivas – Boston College
Hannah Rizzolo – Florida Southern College
Drew Steiner – Lafayette College
Troy Stribling – Greensboro College
Bryan Wiyang Teoh – University of California Los Angeles

Congratulations!

If you have signed to play college golf for 2018/2019, please contact Caitlin Huiting at chuiting@pgahq.com.
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2018 SOUTH FLORIDA JUNIOR PGA CHAMPIONSHIP
The Old Course at Broken Sound
June 12th -13th, 2018

The South Florida Junior PGA Championship is one of South Florida’s Junior Majors. This 36 hole stroke play event is designed to highlight South Florida’s top male and female junior golfer. In order to participate in the South Florida Junior PGA Championship, all players must first qualify through one of three local qualifiers. Successful qualifiers will pay no additional fee to participate in the South Florida Junior PGA Championship. Players will receive a premium tee gift at the tournament as well as lunch following play after each round. The overall boy and girl winner, as well as the runner up boy and girl will advance on to the National Junior PGA Championship which will take place July 9th-12th at Kearney Hill Golf Links (Girls Championship) and July 31st-August 3rd at Valhalla Golf Club (Boys Championship). The National Junior PGA Championship is one of the premier junior events in the United States. This event is administered by the same team administers the PGA Championship and the Ryder Cup.

How To Qualify
In order to participate for the 2018 South Florida Junior PGA Championship, players must first successfully qualify through one of our three regional qualifiers. Players may only participate in one qualifier. The number of spots given at each regional qualifier will be determined after the registration deadline on May 21st, 2018.

Boys & Girls 9-12 Age Division
The boys and girls 9-12 division will only play 18 holes on Tuesday, June 12th. The winner of the 9-12 division will be eligible to win awards but not eligible to move on to the National Junior PGA Championship. Any boy or girl under the age of 12 who would like to attempt to qualify for the national tournament must play in the 13-18 age division during the qualifier.

Qualifier Locations
Players must participate in one of the following 18 hole stroke play qualifiers.
Exempt players will not need to participate in a qualifier.
1. May 26th - Wycliffe Golf & Country Club - Boynton Beach, FL
2. June 3rd - Vineyards CC - Naples
3. June 3rd – Trump National Doral (Red Tiger) - Doral, FL

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TEAM GOLF

The Team Golf Program will kick off the spring season in just a few short weeks! Team Golf is a fun, social and less stressful approach to tournament play for beginner-level golfers. Teams are coached by PGA/LPGA Professionals throughout south Florida. Participants will practice with their team during the week and compete in Team Golf tournaments on the weekends. To find a facility near you and to check out this spring’s schedule, click here.

LET’S WELCOME OUR JUNIOR GOLF SUMMER INTERNS!

We are excited to announce our two summer interns who will be joining us in 2018. Both interns are alumni of the South Florida PGA Junior Tour and they are ready to give back to the game that has given so much to them!

Phillip Manceri currently attends the University of Mary Washington in Virginia. Manceri is a member of the Men’s Golf Team at UMW. Phillip is currently majoring in Business Administration with a minor in Sports Management. Manceri attended high school at American Heritage and played on the South Florida PGA Junior Tour throughout his junior career.

Reagan Jahn currently attends Lehigh University in Pennsylvania and is a member of their Women’s Golf Team. Jahn was an intern with the South Florida PGA Junior Golf Department in 2017 as well. Jahn grew up playing in South Florida PGA Junior Tour events and has enjoyed the transition over to the administrative side.

JOIN US IS WISHING TORI GOODBYE!

It is with great sadness, we announce the upcoming departure of long time South Florida PGA Staff member Tori Stock. Tori will be leaving the section in May and moving to Philadelphia. Tori has been working in the Junior Golf Department with the South Florida PGA for over 4 years and has played an instrumental in running top-notch Drive, Chip & Putt Qualifiers as well as our Team Golf Program. Please join us in wishing Tori all the best!

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