

# Jacksonville Junior Open

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# Pete Dye's Valley Open

June 25<sup>th</sup> and June 27<sup>th</sup>, 2018

Jacksonville Golf and Country Club and TPC at Sawgrass

When you're "hot your hot!"

That would be the story of the week on the NFJG TOUR. Both of the play of our outstanding junior tour players and of the weather. Cold or hot? Hot or Cold? You know we can't win. When it's cold we want the heat and when it's hot we want the cold. That's kind of like golf, up and down, although we never want the down side. Speaking of up's and down's. Remember the "*circle of golf*" I explained the circle in previous messages where sometimes you're on top of the circle and everything is going great with your game and then all of a sudden the game falls apart and you roll toward the bottom of the circle. Well, when you start rolling you have to rebound by working hard on the missing link(s) in the game to get back on top of the circle. Expect it, as the circle of golf is part of this great game we all strive to master. Remember the words of our TOUR Ambassador, PGATOUR Player Russell Knox, "*Nothing is better than tournament golf. Love the nerves, love the challenge and love the journey. Wake up every day excited to become a better player.*" And around and around we all will go on the circle of golf.

This week several of our players are at the top of the circle of golf with some outstanding play at both the "**Jacksonville Junior Open**" and the "**Pete Dye's Valley Open**".

St. Augustine's Logan Underwood took home two Gold Medals this week along with Brody Stevenson. Underwood playing in the **Boys 16-18 Division** shot a two under par 70 at Jacksonville Golf and Country Club and then turned around and shot a three under par 69 at TPC at Sawgrass Pete Dye's Valley Course. Underwood posted up 10 birdies and an eagle to shoot those fantastic scores on two very tough golf courses.

Both of Stevenson's **Elite Tour** rounds included a three over par 75 on lightning fast greens at JGCC and an even par round of 72 on the difficult Pete Dye's Valley Course. Stevenson posted up six birdies in his two steady rounds of golf. Also in the **Elite Tour Boys 13-15 Division** Andrew Riley fought to the end in both events to come up a few strokes short of victory in each. Riley would take the Silver Medal in both events as he continued his outstanding play. To close out the Boys 16-18 highlights Garrett Hull took home his second Medal in just two events. Hull was the Runner Up at TPC with a score of 80 and finished third at JAX with a very nice three over par 75.

In the **Boys 10-12 Division** Henry Robards tried to join Underwood and Stevenson with back-to-back wins but came up a few strokes short. Robards would win at JGCC with a score of 79 and take the Silver

Medal at TPC with a 76, three strokes behind Phillip Dunham who shot 73 to capture his 10<sup>th</sup> title during the 2017/2018 Tournament Season.

In the ***Rising Tour Boys 13-15 Division*** at the Jacksonville Junior Open John Minotas took on Thomas Cush in a playoff and won with a birdie at the first playoff hole to take home his first NFJG TOUR Gold. Both players shot a solid round of 80. William Schuler would take the Bronze Medal with a score of 82. On Dye's Valley Jameson Adams was back on the awards podium, but this time it would be for his first Gold Medal on tour. He would be the top dog in a 21 player fight to the top taking on some pretty heavy hitters. Colton Swartz would be the Silver Medalist and Cody Tucker would win a scorecard playoff over Hill Flanagan for the Bronze.

Our ***Girls Divisions*** had some of our newest members bowing their heads to receive their victory medals. First off in the Elite Girls Julia Butler would be another player who earned her first Gold Medal with some stellar play at JGCC. Butler tied with newcomer Annabelle Mozingo with a score of 81 and the two would duel it out in a sudden death playoff with Butler the victor. Also one of our newest members Anika Richards from Alaska would sneak in to capture the Bronze for her third medal in just four events.

At Pete Dye's Valley Alexandra Gazzoli would take home her first Gold by outshining Tylar Ann Whiting by two strokes. Gazzoli's shot a fine score of 79. Whiting would wear the Silver and guess who? Anika Richards would take the Bronze.

The ***Rising Tour Girls*** also had some pretty good play going on. Apryl Parker won for the first time with a score of 88 at Jacksonville Golf and Country Club and then came back with an outstanding score of 82 at Pete Dye's Valley Course to take home a Silver Medal. Also at JAX Tylar Paige would be presented the Silver Medal for her Runner-up finish with a score of 91. Paige would earn the Bronze at TPC with a score of 87.

At the Pete Dye's Valley Open Thanya Arasu would be the one going to the top of the award podium with a gold medal performance with an outstanding score of 80. This would be her second win on tour and her eighth top five finish.

This week the ***Foundation Rising Tour Division*** also had a multiple winner in Maxwell Morgan. Morgan capture both Gold Medals by shooting scores of 48 at JGCC three strokes ahead of Sofia Davila and at Pete Dye's Valley Course Morgan would tie Danielle Dailey with a score of 45 a three ball chip-off would determine Morgan the Dye's Valley Champion. Laila McNair would be the Bronze Medal Winner in both events with scores of 58 and 47.

Many thanks to the Professional Staff's at both clubs for their outstanding support. Both golf courses were in impeccable condition and a true joy to play. If you would, be a good AMBASSADOR and send a note of thanks to Head Professionals Ray Barr and Jacksonville Golf and Country Club and Brian Riddle of TPC at Sawgrass.

Next up is the San Jose Classic followed by the Great Jacksonville Junior Championship. This is the "CITY CHAMPIONSHIP" sponsored by "JAGA" and you may like your reward.

See you on the links!

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