

“The Harbor Open”

Tournament Story

Eagle Harbor Golf Club

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It was only a few weeks ago that we played the “**Harbor Challenge**” at Eagle Harbor Golf Club. What a great tournament that was! This past Sunday we again played the course hosting the “**Harbor Open**” with another great field of players.

This week the TOUR welcomed back three outstanding female junior golfers in Tori Mouton, Azzi Pellot and Victoria Greene. On the Boys side of the house we also welcomed back Justin Oritquera and Tyler Mawhinney. Also a warm welcome to Preston Holder from Tulsa, Oklahoma, Jackson Haines and Bryson Gaylord all playing in their first event of the season.

In the **Boys 16-18 Division** It was good to see Ponte Vedra’s Justin Oritquera one of our past NFJG TOUR superstars. Oritquera took home top honors for his outstanding play shooting a three over par 75 which included three birdies, four bogeys and an unfortunately double bogey at the last hole of play. Bent Creeks Ryan Pablacion (79) would be the Silver Medal winner, four strokes back, followed by Hayden Zitzewitz (80) who would claim the Bronze.

The **Girls 13-18 Division** would also result in some outstanding play by all in the field. The highest score in the field would be a very respectable 85, but the low round would be had by Jacksonville’s Lacey Tucker who was just ripping the ball all day. Tucker’s ball control was impeccable as she scratched out a perfect score of 72 to nip an AJGA Champion in Altamonte Springs Izzy Pellot. Pellot would post a four over par 76 to claim the Silver Medal. Young Alyzabeth Morgan would outshine some top quality junior players for the Bronze with a score of 77. Morgan actually shot 76, but recorded a higher score on one of her back nine holes than she really had. By rule she is required to keep the higher score.

In the **Boys 13-15 Division** Andrew Davis was once again creating some great golf history. Quoted as not playing well in recent weeks and feeling unconfident about his game, this win came at a great time. A spark is what it took and Davis is off and running once again. Davis would play steady golf all day with 12 pars, an EAGLE THREE at the par-5 12th hole to shoot his winning score of 74. Zachery Philip of Ponte Vedra Beach would claim the Runner up spot with a fine score of 76 to take home his first NFJG TOUR Medal. Adam Vermut, who recently was elevated to the Elite Tour Boys would finish in the third spot and receive the Bronze medal. This would be Vermut’s ninth top-3 finish this year.

How about the **BOYS 10-12 Division**? These Boys were lighting it up! My first report from the staff was that after six holes of play, three players were under par three were even par and two were just one or two over par. In the end it was still that tight as the low round of the day would be a four under par round of 68, followed by a one under par 71 and a couple 74’s. The 68 fired by Phillip Dunham would include an eagle at the par-5 12th hole and five additional birdies. There would also be a perfect scorecard, which would not be the Champions card. This scorecard belonged to Eagle Harbor’s Tyler Mawhinney. Last time we played Eagle Harbor Gavin Fleming shot 68. This week was Phillip Dunham’s turn. Eight players would exchange “great shot” compliments all day, as that seemed to be the only appropriate thing to say after quality shot after quality shot was struck.

Dunham would take the Gold, Mawhinney the Silver and Gavin Fleming would win a scorecard playoff over Cam Goldknopf. Both would should 74's. Awesome stuff Boys, keep up the good work.

The **Foundation Elite Tour** would find Bryson Hughes from St. Johns, Florida signing for a fabulous round of 79 to claim the Gold Medal. This would be Hughes fourth event of the season and his first win with this lowest round. Jacksonville's Lucas Gimenez would be one stroke back and would earn the Silver Medal while Chase Ricks would win a scorecard playoff over Ryan Houck with a score of 85 to take home the Bronze Medal.

In the **Foundation Rising Tour** St Augustine's Tavi Sport would put in the record books his fourth championship of the year. Sport would led the closely competitive division of players by just one stroke. Sport would fire a very impressive round of 48 to go head to head with Cassius Winch (49). Sport secured his win on the final hole of play. Winch would be presented his first NFJG TOUR Medal by Tournament Coordinator Kevin Glynn. Finishing up the Medal Winners would be Maxwell Morgan from Jacksonville Beach with a fine score of 50.

Once again many thanks to the professional staff at Eagle Harbor for their outstanding support of our junior golf program. As always, a note of thanks to the Head Pro Collin Marshall is always welcome.

Upcoming is the "NFJG TOUR Challenge" at South Hampton followed by "The University of Florida Open".

Don't forget to sign up for the "DONALD ROSS SWING". This will be fun! Cost is \$25. Once it gets started it will be the talk of the season, as strategy will create a BUZZ.

This Saturday, if the final Match Play Champion of the Boys 13-18 Division. The final match will be played a PABLO CREEK Golf Club. Good luck to Andrew Riley and Campbell Kennedy.

See you on the links

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