

A Weekend to be THANKFUL!

Tournament Reports

So much to be thankful for this past weekend and I'd like to start out by thanking all the folks who supported and played in this past Saturday's **Connor "Peanut" Dzion Memorial Golf Tournament**. The event was a HUGE success story and was filled with "**Magical Moments**" that will last a life time! The event, filled with many spectacular special events and contests was a fun day for all who played. The Raffle and Silent Auction prizes was a Christmas shoppers delight with baskets full of \$100's of dollars in value. Prizes ranged from a gift card package valued at over \$600 to a surf board and luxury suite tickets to local sporting activities valued at \$1000. Although the financial books have not yet been closed, it's estimated that we will have raised more than \$15,000 for "**Peanut**" and the **Dzion Family**. In Short and simply put, **AWESOME STUFF** and show of LOVE!

On Sunday, the TOUR hosted the first of two Adult-Junior Championships to be held this season. This one at the **Omni Amelia Island Plantation's Oak Marsh Course**, **so thanks for sharing you Thanksgiving weekend with us**. The second Adult-Junior will be held on January 28th at the **Hammock Beach, Conservatory Golf Course**. If you didn't make it this time, please do for this one, as it will be pretty special.

The day on Sunday started out a little nippy, but it didn't take long before the players were sheading the outer layer of cloths as the temperature raised to a comfortable 70 degrees. With sunny skies and a light breeze it made for some great golfing weather for sure. Twenty teams hit the links in the Gross and Net Division event. The field included many outstanding family members and friends and even included seven PGA and LPGA Professionals, including two times a World Long Drive Champion Gerry James. Two different formats, Shamble Best Ball and Scramble would be played during the 18-hole competition and Jay Adams looking to be the first return champion would start out with three birdies in a row to get his team jump started right out of the blocks. Adams would birdie four on his opening nine holes while his partner Jim Badenoch would add another to the team score to turn at five under par 31. The duo would add another five birdies in the scramble format to bring it home at ten under par 62 on a very difficult Oak Marsh set up. Team Adams would outscore the Runner up team of Hayden Zitzewitz and five time PGA Player of the Year Gerry

James by six shots. Zitzewitz and James would claim the Runner Up spot in the Gross Division with a score of 68. Rounding out the winners of the Gross Division would be Will See and Brian Kibler with a fine score of two under par 70.

In the Net Division, Belle Thiede may have been a last minute entry, but she and her partner Jody Clark came to play. With the camera's rolling on the par-5 ninth hole Clark would gesture by holding up nine figures that team Thiede was nine under par at the turn. They would go on to win the champions trophy with a net score of 56.75 nipping the Runner up team of Parker and Troy Miller by one stroke at 57.75. Team Hardy consisting of Father and Son John and Jack Hardy would play steady all day. Their outstanding play, never give up attitude and jovial demeanor would earn them the third place spot in the Net Division with score of 60.50. The team was honored last year with the "most honest" award for last place. I'd say that's a comeback!

Once again THANK YOU NFJG Foundation Members and Friends for all your LOVE and SUPPORT for this weekend's events. The awesome reward is that we get to watch all the smiling faces. It's a "**Magical Moment**" for sure!

Next up is the "**Open at the Hills**" at **Hidden Hills Golf Club**. Followed by that, we hit the road down to Plantation Bay to play The Prestwick Club. The for the first time the **Georgia Peach at Laurel Island Links** and then finally to end the year we have the **HOLIDAY TEAM CHAMPIONSHIP at the fun to play Windy Harbor Golf Club on the Naval Base Mayport**. For this event I do need to submit an access list for the player one week in advance. I will need the last four numbers of your social security number, full name and birth date. Juniors (not driving) do not need to provide this information, only adults 18 years of age and over.

See you on the links!

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