

The Palencia Adult Junior

Palencia Golf Club

St. Augustine, Florida

January 12, 2020

The North Florida Junior Golf Foundation hosted the second of three Adult-Junior Championship at the Palencia Golf Club on Sunday, January 12, 2020. The field, full with 60 players battled it out in breezy conditions, but with the temperatures in the 80's, in January? Who's complaining? The course was in excellent condition and the professional staff presented their club in a manner second to none. Simply put, it was an AWESOME day!

The format for this event was a two person scramble with a TWIST. Players would start the day on their respective tee according to their age and gender. From there, if they birdied a hole they would move back one tee box and move back two if they eagled a hole. The balancing adjustment was if the team parred or bogeyed a hole they were allowed to move up a tee box and two tee boxes if they double-bogeyed a hole. In the end, it really does work out when you review the scores. Is there strategy? Sure a little. Kind of like a chess move. Sacrifice a hole to gain a stroke here or there. A chance for sure, but an option.

Nineteen of the thirty team field would shoot under par led by Steve and Jacob Carter who fired an impressive -10 under par round to capture the gross division title. The Carter duo birdied nine holes, eagled the par-5 13th and bogeyed the tough first hole which was dead into the wind. The team of Walt and Nolan Harper took the Runner-up spot firing a 64 tying with four other teams, but winning a score card playoff. Team Jeff and Jackson Klauk also shooting an impressive eight under par 64 would take Third Place for their outstanding in an effort to capture the title at their home course.

On the net side of the house. The Peoria System was once again adopted since many of the adult players (enjoying the day with their juniors) did not have USGA Handicaps. The holes picked this go-around was holes 4,5,7,2,16, and 18 which led to very little handicaps as most all teams played these selected holes very well. It was the luck of the draw.

In the end, it was a gross/net 63 that would take the top prize and those tied with the gross/net 64 that would take home the Runner-up and third place net prizes. Brett Maloy, a great young Georgia representative would team up with NFJG TOUR Staffer Charles Collings to take the title while Yuriy Dekalskyy teamed up with Gary Murfitt for the Runner-up spot. For the second Adult-Junior in a row Alexander Lymus would guide the old guy around the course as he and Executive Director Jack Aschenbach would take pride in the Third Place Award.

One more Adult Junior remains until the Series Championship were all winners will face off to determine the overall champion. Next up is the two day, Black Diamond Rancho road trip planned for May 23rd and

24th, 2020. We hope you can make the trip. Now's the time to plan. Cost is \$280.00 per team for the two days. This is a huge savings to play this course.

Let me know if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

Jack Aschenbach, PGA