



Congratulations on a great season!

Only one event left and that's the Annual Awards Banquet. A night for great celebration and I hope everyone can make it to this event. Wednesday, August 17th at TPC Sawgrass, upstairs in the Ponte Vedra Banquet Room.

When it's all said and done, we can say we had another very successful season and it's all thanks to great Junior Members, Parents, Staff, supporting PGA Professionals and Club Members who enjoy and dedicate themselves to playing in and supporting junior golf. I know we have room for improvement, as nothing can be perfect, but I am very pleased with how this season turned out and I hope you feel the same way. Each year we get better and better and it's an AWESOME feeling to see our junior players grow. The NFJG Foundation and TOUR has raised the bar for other organizations to follow, creating better opportunity for our players to expand their horizons while still playing on the NFJG TOUR. As we continue to grow our future efforts will bigger and better opportunities.

This year 130 Florida Junior Tour Exemptions were available for our players along with more than 30 American Junior Golf Association (AJGA) Performance Entry Based (PBE) Stars allowing our junior members better opportunities to play on state and nationally run tournament circuits. Our players earned fully paid exemptions into the TOUR Championship, Greater Jacksonville Junior Championship and North Florida Section PGA Championship, attempting to qualify for the National Junior Championship.

In all we tee'd it up 34 times at 29 fabulous golf courses throughout North Florida, including one event in Georgia which gave us great diversity and outstanding challenges. We traveled west to Lake City and Gainesville, south to Daytona and North to the Kings Bay Submarine Base. We set some amazing records competing in our-13 Web.com Junior Players Tour (2-day) events accompanied by 21 single day events. Our active membership of 307 junior tour members enjoyed over 2780 rounds of golf on the junior tour, including two Adult-Junior Championships and our annual Pro-Junior. The NFJG TOUR events were witnessed by countless parents, grandparents, uncles, aunts, brothers and sisters and friends of all kind.

High School and college coaches marched up and down the fairways prospecting for future players to be on their teams and we met our local college coaches in our "What the Coaches Are You Thinking" seminar held at the University of North Florida. Our tour sports psychologist Dr. Dan Vosgerichian enlightened us in our "Meet Dr. Dan Seminar at the Deerwood Park Library.

Many of our events had the highest attendance in NFJG TOUR history. The "Titleist Invitational" earned the highest attended two day event ever, while the Timuquana Encounter had the most players of a single day event this year, close behind was Cimarrone, Slammer and Squire, Jacksonville Golf and Country Club and The Golf Club at South Hampton.

A couple of our divisions had record breaking attendance. Our Boys 16-18 Division and our Girls 13-18 grew to the highest levels ever in NFJG TOUR history. Our girls 13-18 Division nearly raised to double the prior years with 63 junior player and another seven in our Foundation Girls. The Boys 16-18 grew to 72 players. Our 13-15 Division Boys 13-15 kept the great pace as the largest division of years gone by.

Several of our events set record attendance and our caliber of play reached higher competitive levels. Many of our players posted under par rounds and two of our players tied for the low round of the year with 66. Lucas Park at the St. Johns Golf Club during the "Titleist Invitational" and Harrison Presta – 66 at Hyde Park Golf Club during the "Dr. Gordon Ira Golf Classic", stringing six birdies in a row. Our TOUR Players completed 2780 rounds of golf and we had two HOLE-IN-ONES. Eric Poehlman and Jacob Saarela. Thirteen Players recorded "EAGLES" and joined the coveted NFJG TOUR Eagle Club.

This year we partnered with the Web.com TOUR Championship and on Sunday, October 2nd eight of our junior tour players will play alongside four of the top Web.com TOUR players in a SHOOTOUT at Atlantic Beach Country Club. Our entire Foundation and tour players are invited to attend a FREE clinic on the range, enjoy some food together, mingle with some TOUR Players and watch the shootouts final holes as they come down stretch. Those eight players will be treated like TOUR PLAYERS from the parking lot to the course and beyond.

Our Player Development Programs also had another banner year. Our Middle School Golf Program invited 12 Duval County Middle Schools to our 2 ½ month long program where we taught the basics in golf, planned and organized intra-school competition. Lynne Kirkpatrick the program coordinator involved more than 120 interested middle school enthusiasts to pursue the game. Several of our NFJG TOUR players, like Will and Sam Davis, Sam Harrell and Julia Wallace played for their respective schools and were mentors to those just learning the game. Coaches from each school, plus PGA and LPGA Professionals guided them along the way to end in a series of golf contests that would lead to an overall championship.

The NFJG TEEITUP Program held five very successful junior camps at the University of North Florida. Fifty-two up and comers learn golf skills, rules and teamwork during the week long 7-hours a day junior camps who will eventually filter onto the NFJG TOUR.

Together we raised \$34,500 this year in our "Chip in for Youth" Program. We added a new Foundation Partner in Hackney and Associates. Once again Titleist and Footjoy was our premier tournament partners along with Cutter and Buck.

As I pointed out in the opening paragraph, we had a very successful year, but we can do better. So tell me how we can do better. Let me know what you liked and what you didn't like by writing a short summary of your own. Then email it to me. Thanks for doing so.

We'll see you on the links!

Sincerely,

Jack Aschenbach, PGA