

# King and Bear Open

## Tournament Story

World Golf Village – King and Bear  
October 28 & 29, 2017

Beautiful conditions on day one at the **World Golf Village** for “**KING and BEAR OPEN**” led to some pretty spectacular scores. However day two had some less than ideal conditions as the temperature took a sharp dive & the winds began to howl pretty unforgivingly as a cold front approached. Despite these weather conditions, the course, although fairly wet, was in pretty good shape and allowed for the posting of some pretty decent scores for the second and final round, including a couple 75's and a couple 76's. One would have bet that given the declining weather conditions that scores would have gone up, but the players focused hard and many improved their scores.

**Boy's 16–18/Over All 13–18:** In round one Peyton Billings fired a one under par 71 for the low round of the tournament & also took a two shot lead over Ryan Williams (73), and a three shot lead over Ford Chandler (74). In the second round with a cold front approaching, Billings fired a 76 in blustery conditions to hold off both Chandler and Williams by five and six strokes respectively for his first win of the season. Billings had eight birdies during his 36-hole excursion and was also the tournament Overall Winner with a total score of 147 earning him a fully paid exemption into the “**Junior Azalea**”. Chandler (152) finished the tournament in the Runner-up spot carding an Eagle at the par-5 fifth hole and bagging five birdies of his own. Williams would finish third at 153. Hayden Zitziwitz (154) would show force with six birdies of his own and yet another Eagle at the par-5 thirteenth hole pitching it in from the deep front bunker with the pin tucked back on the green. Only the spectators and competing players would witness the ball falling in the hole.

**Girls 13–18:** Kaitlyn Schroeder, daughter of UNF golf coach Scott Schroeder, took the lead after day one with a nice round of 77 with many competitors on her heels. After round one there were four players within three strokes of the lead, including Nathalie Borg from Sweden and Elizabeth Kondal who posted a score of 78. Lisa Colee and Alexandra (*I'm going to Augusta*) Gazzoli posted scores of 80. In the final round Schroeder fired another solid score and the low round of the day with 75, to preserve her lead and win by an impressive seven strokes over second-place Colee and third place Borg (who came all the way from Sweden to participate). Thanks for being here and playing on the NFJG TOUR!

**Elite Tour Boys 13–15:** Logan Flores shot 74 for a two stroke lead over Andrew Davis and Charles Kurtz who both shot 76 and who tied for second after day one. Flores and Davis duked it out all the way to the very end with Flores holding on for a one-shot lead over Davis (158) and two shots over Carter Lewis (159) to capture the victory with a total score of 157. Lewis made a hard charge by shooting 79 in the howling winds for his third place finish.

**Rising Tour Boys 13–15:** Adam Vermut coming off his first win on the NFJG TOUR at the recent Junior Member-Guest would shoot 82 that would give him a three stroke lead over Campbell Kennedy (85), and a five shot lead over Thomas Cush (87). Vermut shot a second round score of 86 to hold on for a four

stroke victory over Cush. Chad Taylor (85) would improve his play during round two and would nip Kennedy (89) by one stroke to take the 3<sup>rd</sup> place award.

**Boys 10-12:** The battles continue. During day one Philip Dunham shot an impressive 73 which earned him a four shot lead over fellow competitors Nolan Harper and Davis Chandler who both posted scores of 77. Dunham followed up his strong opening around with a very impressive round of 75 which tied for the tournaments low score of the day. These two low scores provided Dunham with a seven shot win over Nolan Harper, who was consistent with a 77 and 78 respectively, followed in third place by Chandler who carded 77/82.

In the **Foundation Elite Division**, 11 year old Alyzabeth Morgan was in the lead shooting 93 for 18 holes after day one. She followed that score up with an 89 including a birdie on the par 4- 15<sup>th</sup>. This is her second win in as many events!

In the **Foundation Rising Division**: After round one Tavi Sport had a slim lead of two strokes over a Cole Taylor with an impressive round of 47. Sport continued his great playing during round two by shooting the low round of the group again with a 49 expanding his lead and giving him a five shot win over second place Taylor. Newcomer Maddie Rathjen from St. Augustine and Greyson Meeker would both improve their round one scores. Rathjen by seven strokes and Meeker by six.

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The "**Hall of Fame Invitational**" at the **World Golf Village - Slammer and Squire** is next up on the docket and is going to have a great field with the "**American Junior**" Exemptions on the line.

For this event we will be restricted to 72 players, so sign up soon to ensure you get in!

Deadline is Tuesday, October 31, 2017.

Weekend weather looks to be nice and in the 80"s. Tee times will start around 8:00 am on Saturday and 7:30 am on Sunday.

We look forward to seeing you on the Links for this great event.

See you on the Links!

Jack Aschenbach, PGA