

**OPTIMIST JUNIOR GOLF TOUR**  
**GREEN VALLEY RANCH GOLF CLUB**  
**OCTOBER 17 – 18, 2020**

A total of 120 junior golfers from seven States teed it up at the 5<sup>th</sup> Annual Optimist Junior Golf Tour event held at the highly regarded, frequently awarded Green Valley Ranch Golf Club (home of the Colorado Opens) in Denver CO. From almost anywhere on the course, you could see the spectacular Rocky Mountains to the west.

Saturday's round was played under perfect Colorado bluebird skies with temperatures in the low 70's.

We woke up to play Sunday's round under totally different conditions with cloudy skies and the windchill in the low 30's. However, by late afternoon, the sun had come out and the temperature near 50...balmy compared to the early morning.

With the large number of golfers and Denver's COVID-19 restrictions in place, we used a double tee start (players starting on # 1 and # 10) at 9 am.

From then until late Sunday afternoon when the final putt was holed, boys and girls in five age divisions played their hearts out, vying for individual trophies and 20 exemptions into the 2021 Optimist International Junior Golf Championships (commonly referred to as THE OPTIMIST) to be played at Trump National Doral Resort in Miami FL.

Cheered on by their parents, grandparents, other family members, friends, and Optimist volunteers, the juniors played some great golf for 36 holes.

The age group winners were:

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|---------------|---------------------|
| Boys 16 – 18  | Kyle Leydon         |
| Boys 14 – 15  | Caleb Michaels      |
| Boys 11 – 13  | Gavin Amella        |
| Girls 14 – 18 | Mallorie Luitwieler |
| Girls 11 – 13 | Kaitlyn Grommeck    |

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