

The National Adult-Junior Championship

Amelia National Golf and Country Club

Tournament Story

Well the National Adult-Junior Championship is in the books. What an awesome day to get our Junior TOUR Players together with their Parents, Grandparents, Brothers, Sisters and Friends for some fun and serious golf. We even had seven local PGA Professionals from the Georgia and North Florida Section in this event including our own NFJG Staffer Jody Clark who hit it around a little.

It was great to return to Amelia National. Working there for nearly six years was certainly a highlight of my PGA career. The course was in fine form and as you will see by the photos it certainly looked beautiful and played awesome from what I heard, so if you get a chance to go up and play it, jump on the opportunity, because it's a treat to play.

Many thanks to Head Golf Professional Todd McDonald and his staff for their warm welcome, treating us as members. In the field of players was one of our Foundation Partners, Mr. Bill Straub, from Capital Inventory and a member at Amelia National. In case you didn't know, Mr. Straub is 85 years old and plays golf 4-5 times a week. Eighteen holes in less than two and a half hours. Yup that's right! Also in the field was one of our web.com representatives Mr. Dan Glod. Dan is a one handicapper with a pretty darn good game. Just to give you a heads up, Dan and I along with folks from the web.com TOUR are putting together a special program for the web.com TOUR Championship coming up in October. We'll keep you all posted on the progress as soon as all the details are worked out.

OK, we kicked things off with a 9:00 am shotgun and four and half hours later we had some champions to crown. In the Gross Division it was Team Terry and Jason Duff who put together two great pair of nines with 33's, three under par on each side. Terry was the man on the front side birdieing the 4th, 7th and 9th holes while son Jason birdied two of the toughest holes on the course in holes 12 and 18 to outscore team Carson and Clayton Brewer by two stroke. Team Brewer would tag team all the par fives, posting birdies on each. Finishing up in the third spot would be team Harper. Nolan and Dad Walt would have to defeat three other teams (Team Glod, Wallace and Holwell) in a scorecard play-off to take home the trophy. The deciding factor would be an EAGLE on the par-4 16th, as Team Harper nipped the other teams by one stroke.

On the net side of the house, Adults used their established USGA handicaps while the juniors were given a handicap based off of their scoring average for the season. Taking top honors in the Net Division was team Kaitlyn Byrd and Mary Lyons of Jacksonville Beach Golf Club. Byrd would post her lowest round ever with a 38 on the front side and 43 on the back for total 81.

Not playing in NFJG TOUR events since mid-March Byrd admitted she has been working hard on her game posting a score 20 strokes better than her TOUR scoring average. That is simply AWESOME! With the amazing play of Byrd the team posted a winning net score of 45 to take home top honors. In the Runner-up spot posting a score of 52 as Taylor Holwell and Benny Alvarez. Holwell would lead the girls with a personal score of 78 Alvarez would fire a nice round of 71 tying Terry Duff in the adult individual score. One stroke back would be Dan Glod, Hal Weathers and Clayton Brewer with an even par score of 72. Finishing up in the third spot after a scorecard playoff with Team Hannah and Chris Stevens would be team Wallace. Julia and Dad Jamey Wallace posting a fine score of 54.

The top three spots received the NFJG TOUR Adult-Junior Trophies each team had a shot at winning six rounds of golf for four at various golf clubs, plus \$50 gift certificates in the Amelia National Pro-shop. Titleist, a great friend to the NFJG TOUR also sported 12 dozen Prov1's and Tour NXT's.

Thanks again for playing and if you missed us this time, make sure you reserved the date when the 2016-2017 schedule comes out, as this event will only get BIGGER and BETTER as we move forward.

See you on the LINKS!

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