

# Trident Lakes Junior Open

## Trident Lakes Golf Club

### Tournament Story

What a wonderful day at the Trident Lakes Golf Club. If you joined us, thanks for making the trip and sharing your day with us. If you didn't, we certainly understand because it was a very important day in "Mother's Day". I hope you enjoyed the day and had much laughter and love!

This was our first time at the Trident Lakes Golf Club and it was an easy drive up, taking no more than 45 minutes to get there. The golf course was in great shape and the Head Golf Professional Kevin Doetch welcomed us with open arms and assisted us in all our needs.

This week the Foundation Boys kicked things off as we welcomed newcomer Richard Hayden Ruth to the NFJG TOUR. It only took two holes before the birdies were flying in this division. Both Jack Roberts and Phillip Dunham started things off with a birdie at the par-5 second hole. Roberts then birdied again at the par-4 fifth to take a one stroke lead, but Dunham struck back with a birdie at the seventh to tie. Now both players would come to the last hole at even par, a tough par-4 to navigate to determine this week's junior title. Dunham would par while Roberts would bogey to take his 12<sup>th</sup> title of the year. Roberts would finish in the Runner-up spot shooting a nice 37 and Rocket Dekalskyy (41) would birdie the par-3 8<sup>th</sup> to take home the bronze Medal.

Our Foundation Girls had just two players this week event as Tylar Ann Whiting and Alyzabeth Morgan once again squared up. Whiting would par three holes to gain the edge over Morgan to take home the Gold. Morgan would be fitted for the Silver. One thing for sure there's a good friendship being developed her.

Our Boys 10-12 Division would only have three players, but this is where the fireworks was happening. Seven birdies would be recorded in this division and Will McGriff the recent winner at the University of Florida Invitational would claim SIX of those birdies, while Danny Erickson would lay claim to the seventh. Wow! For McGriff it was birdies on holes #2, #4, #8, #12, #15 and #18. At the start it was a birdie/bogey/birdie/bogey/birdie/bogey. Then a two under par stretch coming into the 17<sup>th</sup> which put McGriff at one under par for the day after a bogey at the 10<sup>th</sup>. McGriff's best ever. With a wide open fairway and a swing that seemed to hang on vice rotate, the drive would sail right and right into the junk. An unfortunate error, but McGriff would salvage a double bogey and just for good measures would bounce back to birdie the 18<sup>th</sup> to come in at even par for the day 10 strokes ahead of Runner-up two time champion Danny Erickson who bounced back from a front side 45 with one over par 37 on the back nine. Certainly these guys knew the back side was the harder side, but no Jack Barned who took the Silver Medal also played well on the back shaving eight strokes from the front side. I think they were all feeding off of each other, what do you think?

The Rising Tour Boys 13-15 Division would have a first time winner in Braeden Thomas, who was nothing but smiles as he gave, Mom, Grandma, Grandpa, Dad and the entire family a thrill with his outstanding play. Thomas shot an even par 36 on the front with a birdie-birdie start and another birdie at the seventh hole for good measures.

Eddie Erickson would birdie the 2<sup>nd</sup>, 7<sup>th</sup> and 9<sup>th</sup> holes to climb back in the race turning at two over par to stay in touch with Thomas. The next player would be six strokes back.

On the back side all eight players would find trouble in one way or another, as the difficulty of the course layout with forced carries would make them scratch their heads. Sam Harrell would play the best on the back with a six over 42 to bring it home tied with Tristan Michalich, but Thomas would keep stride with Erickson to nip him by one stroke firing an 81, his lowest score on TOUR and his first NFJG TOUR win. Erickson would take the Silver and Harrell would beat Mihalich in a card play-off to take home the Bronze and a dinner of his choice, thanks to Mom!

In our Girls Division Reni Janscik returned from her trip to Europe where she was competing with the Hungary Girls Golf Team. She not only returned, she came home ready and willing to take on all comers. Taller, tanner and with a beautiful brace-less smile, Janscik would open her front nine with a nice two over par 38 with a birdie at the par-4 third to take a three stroke lead over Taylor Holwell, a five stroke lead over Beatrice Dietz and a seven stroke lead over Elizabeth Fuentes.

Like most the back the difficult back nine would tell all and only one player would make a serious move towards the leader. Fuentes would be the one to make the move getting three strokes closer to at least threaten the lead, but seven strokes was too much to ask to make up in nine holes of play. Janscik would hang on to bring home her first win of the 2015-2016 season. Fuentes would take the Silver and Dietz the Bronze.

See you on the links!

Sincerely,

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