

The Hall of Fame Invitational

World Golf Village - Slammer and Squire

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The **World Golf Hall of Fame** comes through in the clutch again, as hall of famers usually do, and produced two straight days of awesome weather at **The Slammer & Squire Golf Course** for the 2017 **"HALL of FAME INVITATIONAL."** Even though the days started early, the great weather helped create some amazing scores and rounds of golf! While most players remained consistent in their play from one day to the next, there were such good, scorable conditions, it helped one player finish with a two-day score of even par, and two players finished their two-day total scores under par! WOW!

Not only were the players winners of just this event, four players (Jay Adams, Ford Chandler, Katherine Jakeway and Kaitlyn Schroeder each earned a fully paid exemption into the **"American Junior"**. In addition, because of their outstanding play both Jay Adams and Peyton Billings will receive a fully paid entry into this year's **"Junior Azalea"** as well as receiving a Florida Junior Tour (FJT) exemption and follow on consideration for AJGA PBE Stars!

Now let's take a look at how each division played out.

Boy's 16-18/13-18 Overall: Jay Adams took the title (and his first win of the season) by playing consistent golf with a two-day total at even par (72-72-144). He tore up the front nine playing to four-under (-4) par combined for both days! After day one it didn't look like it was going to be very easy to carry over his lead with four players (Ludvig Eriksson-74, Tian Mattiace-74, Hayden Zitzewitz-75, & Logan Flores-75) all within three strokes of Adams. There were even seven more players within seven strokes after day one too! This was a very competitive field all the way through. Eriksson barely edged out Mattiace by one stroke, 148 to 149, to take home second place, while Mattiace took home third. It was a tight race all the way to the end. While both players made par on the eighteenth hole each day, it was the seventeenth (and seemingly Mattiace's kryptonite which he double bogeyed and bogeyed respectively) that made the difference on the final day for the final one stroke difference. As mentioned, this was a competitive division that produced FOURTEEN players with TWENTY or more pars or better over the two-day event! Jay Adams and Reed Lotter had very impressive streaks of fourteen straight holes of bogey free golf!

Girls 13-18: Katherine Jakeway ran away from the division in this event with a very impressive, and consistent, two-day score of two-under par (-2) total (71-71-142). While finishing under par in a two-day event is an achievement in itself, the more astonishing fact is that she won by a whopping FOURTEEN strokes over second place Reni Jancsik (75-81-156), and fifteen ahead of third place Olivia Whitten (79-78-157) who are both very good players, but just couldn't seem to keep up with the fervent pace set, and held, by Jakeway. This course seemed to play a little tougher than others for the ladies with only five rounds in the 70s this event, all shot by the 1st, 2nd, and 3rd place finishers. While it did play a little tougher overall, nearly 80% of the field carded at least 15 pars or better, with 33 of those holes being birdies from

TEN different players. Jakeway would have six birdies during her opening round and eight total. Way to go ladies!

Elite Tour Boys 13-15: Playoff?! Playoff?! Are we really talking about a playoff?! Why yes, yes we are! In which, Alexander Waller (77-77-154) comes through on the second playoff hole to narrowly edge Logan “Mr. Stars & Stripes Shorts” Flores (75-79-154) for the title. Flores was trying to go back-to-back in the two World Golf Village events, but was edged out by Waller in the second. Reed Lotter (81-74-155) playing in his first ever boys 13-15 event charged hard on the second day but ran out of steam and went three over on the last two holes and finished a close third. He narrowly missed being a third participant in the playoff by one lonesome stroke. Waller and Flores tied with Eddie Erickson (82-82-164) and Charles Kurtz (79-87-166) for the most birdies of the division with four each. This division was very impressive in respects to pars or better with EVERYONE in the division who completed both days of play carding at least FIFTEEN of them! Lotter had a very impressive streak of fourteen bogey free holes, which was more than DOUBLE the next closest streak of six!

Rising Tour Boys 13-15: Campbell Kennedy, coming fresh off a second place finish in the last event, once again proved that consistency was the name of the game to take home a title in this event by going 78-79-157 for a ten-stroke victory over Adam Vermut (85-82-167) and John Bennett (78-89-167) who tied for second. ALL PLAYERS in this division carded at least 25% of their holes played as pars or better, with Kennedy carding a tremendous 25 of his 36 holes played this way! Kennedy also had a streak of nine bogey free holes! Chad Taylor led the way in the division for the most birdies with 3.

Boys 10-12: This division’s champion was crowned of epic proportions. After day one it was a tight race with four players all within two measly strokes making it anyone’s title to claim. Or at least so they thought... It was close until Phillip Dunham (76-66-142) flipped the nitrous switch on the engine and left the division in his birdie-riddled rear-view mirror! He carded NINE birdies on his second round. And that was only through his first twelve holes! Yowzers! The other three players, Gavin Fleming (77-76-153), Nolan Harper (78-76-154), and Jackson Klauk (78-77-155) who were on Dunham’s heels after day one, played consistently again finishing in second, third and fourth respectively with only two strokes separating second and fourth. Eight of the nine players in this division carded at least twelve pars or better for the event, with Klauk dropping in seven birdies, just behind Dunham’s nine. Dunham had a very impressive bogey free streak of NINETEEN holes. That’s more than one entire round! Fleming also had an impressive bogey free streak of ten straight holes!

Foundation Elite: This division is great because it blends genders and allows players of equal skill levels to compete against one another regardless of gender, which is what makes this game the best! This division proved that by the results of the competition with Cole Taylor (105-94-199) who won by only five strokes over two-days, narrowly edging out a hard charging McKelvey Dietz (119-105-224) who improved on her first round by FOURTEEN strokes!

Foundation Rising: In the 9-hole Foundation division, it was another close competition for first and second place with Lucas Gimenez (44-46-90) squeaking by Tavi Sport (49-45-94) who improved his first round score by nearly ten percent, and even carded his first ever birdie at the par-3 seventh hole! Sport was looking for the back-to-back victories and a sweep of the WGV tournaments, but Gimenez played consistently and held onto his lead for the title.

Next on the schedule of events is the ***“Cimarrone Open”*** on Saturday, Nov 18th, and right back at the Slammer & Squire is on Saturday, November 25th is the ***Connor “Peanut” Dzion Memorial***, followed by the ***“ADULT-JUNIOR”*** on November 26th at Omni Amelia Island Plantation. Proceeds from this event will be donated to the Dzion family in memory of Connor. Come out and play to show your support and memories for your fellow-competitor and friend, Connor, and his family!

We look forward to seeing everybody soon!