

# ALL IN THE FAMILY

## THE VOGT STORY



The North Florida Junior Golf Foundation and the NFJG junior tour have been officially in existence since 1990 as a 501c(3). Years before the official establishment the tour was known as the "Titleist Tour" and before that it was the Elks Club members and local pros getting together with juniors for a fun day on the course.

Back in the day, one traditional event that Hyde Park Golf Club owner Chris Blocker started was the "Dr. Gordon Ira Golf Classic" in honor of a member who was dedicated to junior golf. NFJGTour Staff member Gary Murfitt was then the Assistant Golf Professional and as head pro coordinated over 25 Dr. Gordon Ira events. The Hyde Park Men's Golf Association oversaw the event and supporting HPMGA members cooked out and the kids feasted on burgers and hotdogs as the reward.

The inaugural event was conducted in 1991 and the first champion was Rudy Theale who championed before the likes of champions Bubba Dickerson and Julian Suri who have gone on to play professionally. Dickerson was also a US Amateur Champion.

This year a young man named Brock Buhnerkemper added his name to the distinguished list of 42 champions posting scores of 71-69.

Addy Vogt was another 2023 Dr. Gordon Ira Golf Classic participant who played in her first Dr. Gordon Ira event in hopes of becoming the first female champion. Addy finished in sixth place in the girl's division and 17th place in the overall firing rounds of 77-78. The overall girls champion, Taylor Young shot scores of 74-73.

To note, this event is one where the overall champion can come from any division. As Dr. Ira wanted.

Twenty-eight years earlier, Addy's best friend and Mom, Allison McClew from Timuquana Country Club placed 3rd in the 1995 Dr. Gordon Ira Golf Classic. To this day, Allison recalls the positive and memorable experiences of the event. Allison said "All the opportunities that Junior Golf gave me growing up in Jacksonville allowed me to earn a top 5 spot on the Rollins College Women's Golf Team for 4 years. Upon graduating, I landed a job in the Communications Department at the PGA Tour where I worked for 5 Years.

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Addy is currently a sophomore at St. John's Country Day School where she has placed 2nd in state high school regionals as a freshman and sophomore, advancing to States. Addy joined the NFJGTOUR in 2020 and has three wins accompanied by 24 top ten finishes and currently is in second place in the race for Player of the Year. Addy is also the 2022 "Fall Tournament Series" Award Winner.

Addy's Mom, Allison McClow Vogt also advanced to States as an Individual in 1996, prior to signing and playing 4 years at Rollins College. The Mother-Daughter similarities don't begin or end with the Dr. Gordon Ira:

- Mom Allison played on the Titleist Jr. Tour / North Florida PGA Junior Tour.
- Allison competed in the First Coast Women's Amateur hosted at The Ponce De Leon Golf Club in St. Augustine in 1986?
- Addy played in last year's First Coast Women's Amateur at The King & The Bear, 2021
- Allison holds 7 Timuquana Club Championship Titles
- Addy, while competing in the TCC Boys Division, is awaiting her first TCC Title and we all know it's coming soon.

## Family Lineage:

- Addy's Great Grandmother, Pat McClow was an active Member of the Jacksonville Area Women's Golf Association and the Great Jacksonville Open for over 50 years.
- Addy's Grandfather, Marlon Vogt was Captain for the University of Florida Men's Golf Team and holds numerous State and Local Golf Titles.
- Addy's father, Marlon Vogt Jr., is a scratch golfer and NFJG Caddy.
- Addy's brother, Alexander is following "All in the Family" Tradition and is currently competing on the NFJGTOUR in the Foundation Division.

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