



# The San Jose Junior Classic

San Jose Country Club

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It's always nice to return to **San Jose Country Club** for a little taste of Donald Ross. What a phenomenal golf course and club. Many thanks to Head Professional Todd Bork and the Professional Staff for allowing us to invade the course during a period of reconstruction. Bunker work was the topic of the day and with that said, four holes had to be modified to keep everyone safe from stray and errant golf balls as employee's reworked the fairway bunkers. Needing to make the course a little safer for the crew the tournament committee shorten three of the par-5's and one of the par-4's down to par-3's/4's. Par for the course was adjusted to 67. Shortening the course certainly improved the speed of play, as players turn in about one and half hours.

I would have to point out, it's been awhile since I've seen so many smiling faces. More than the normal. Must have been that positive San Jose Mojo. There were even a lot more smiles after the round. Why? Because there is a direct correlation between low numbers on a golf course and personal behavior and attitude.

Many of our fine junior tour players played well regardless of course adjustments. Just ask Jacksonville's Alexander Waller who had seven birdies on the day against just three bogeys to shoot a solid four under par 63 to bag the low round of the day. Waller, a San Jose Country Club member playing in the **Elite Tour Boys 13-15 Division** birdied 2/3/7/10/11/14 and 18. Waller said he hit it solid all day, attacking pins at will and putted superbly. Many said there were some pretty tricky pins out on the greens, so that adds a little validity to all the birdies made.

Five strokes behind the champion Waller was St. Johns Logan Jerrells at one over par 68. Jerrells posted 14 pars and two birdies along with surrendering two strokes on the short par-4 4<sup>th</sup> to earn his Silver Runner up TOUR Medal.

Welcome back Ford Chandler! Ford, good to see you back on TOUR! Chandler snagged four birdies of his own to take home the Bronze Medal. Two of the modified holes defined his score as he posted double bogeys on each. Chandler's two over par 69 could have easily been a round in Red Numbers, but rest assured there are plenty more good rounds out there for this young player.

The **Boys 16-18 Division** had a nice crowd on the course this week with 17 players in the field. Leading the pack with two under par 65's would be St. Augustine's Logan Neel and Green Cove Springs Jacob Godwin. Three back at 68, playing in his first NFJG TOUR event of the season would be Fleming Islands Rjay Gross.

Neel playing well over the past several weeks would also card seven Birdies on the day with a trio of birdies at the 12<sup>th</sup>, 13<sup>th</sup> and 14<sup>th</sup> holes. Godwin would have five birdies and Gross would post four.

A sudden death play-off would take two holes to settle with Neel capturing the crown. This would be Neel's fourth win of the season. Godwin would secure the Silver Medal to take home his first NFJG TOUR Medal of the season. Gross would take the Bronze.

Lacey Tucker was all smiles as she sat patiently awaiting the final results of the **Girls 13-18 division**. Tucker a native of San Jose Country Club would post up a nice round of four over par 71 to fend off hard charging Marissa Cardenas and Ponte Vedra's Genevieve Bushey who each shot a fine round of 73. Cardenas winning in a scorecard playoff would be presented the Silver and Bushey the Bronze.

The **Rising Tour Boys** would have the largest field of the day with 25 players. Christopher Ostrow playing in his 16<sup>th</sup> event of the season would take charge and lead the way in capturing his first GOLD Medal with a superb round of three over par 68. Ostrow too, would sport a huge smile for his outstanding accomplishment. Ostrow threw up a perfect front nine with three birdies at the 4<sup>th</sup>, 6<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> holes to post a score of 30 on the front nine. He would also birdie the par-5 17<sup>th</sup> hole.

Jonathan Greco from Ponte Vedra would play steady golf all day as well. His round of 71 would earn him the Silver medal. Sam Davis and Trevor Humphries would tie at 72. Each would be presented the bronze medal.

Danny Erickson from The Oak Bridge Golf Club would take top honors in the **Boys 10-12 Division**. Erickson would shoot an even round score of 67 to take the Gold Medal. This would be his second victory of the season. Erickson would birdie the 3<sup>rd</sup> and 17<sup>th</sup> holes.

Andrew Davis would take the Silver with a score 69 while Shoeless Davis Chandler would take the Bronze posting a score of 72. Chandler arriving at the course would discover he had forgotten his golf shoes, but thanks to the TEAMWORK of Dad and sister, who navigated the early morning traffic to meet halfway between Atlantic Beach and San Jose, they saved the day. Sam Snead would have been proud, if Davis had played barefoot.

The **Foundation Boys** had eight in the field, including Phillip Dunham who returned after wrist rehabilitation. The youngster continued where he left off when he advanced to the Boys 10-12 Division. Dunham will return to the Boys 10-12 Division when able to compete for 18 holes. Dunham would shoot an even round of 34 to bring home another NFJG TOUR Gold. Matthew French applied pressure all day, including a chip in on the 18<sup>th</sup> green for par, but eight pars and a bogey would leave him one stroke back. French would take the Silver Medal and Keller Gray from Atlantic Beach Country Club would sink two birdies on the day and become the birdie leader. One at the par-3 14<sup>th</sup> hole and another at the modified par-3 16<sup>th</sup> hole.

The **Foundation Girls** had four in the field this week. Alyzabeth Morgan would capture her 13<sup>th</sup> Victory posting a score of 42 slightly edging out Alexa Fallis by one stroke, who shot 43. The Bronze Medal would go to new comer Daisy Adams of Fernandina Beach. Daisy shot a round of 53

Congratulations to all of the players for a fine job. I want to thank all of you for our sportsmanship and representing the NFJG TOUR and Foundation in outstanding fashion. It is because of your outstanding behavior, respect for course and courtesy that we are allowed to play such fine golf courses. Keep up the good work and remember a note of thanks to the club is highly warranted after play. Thanks for doing so.

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Sincerely,

Jack Aschenbach, PGA



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