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## Young guns

Age and success have had no correlation in the AJGA this summer, as evidenced by the number of champions aged 13-15. The following list shows this year's youngest AJGA champions, along with their age when they won their first AJGA event:

Aree Wongluekiet, Bradenton, Fla.  
(13 years, 30 days)  
Lucent Technologies Girls Junior Champ.

Naree Wongluekiet, Bradenton, Fla.  
(13 years, 2 months, 9 days)  
Rolex Tournament of Champions

Whitney Wade, Glasgow, Ky.  
(13 years, 11 months, 15 days)  
ClubCorp Junior Players Championship

Erica Blasberg, Corona, Calif.  
(14 years, 11 months, 10 days)  
Compaq Junior Champ. at Trophy Lake

Ty Tryon, Orlando, Fla.  
(15 years, 1 month, 8 days)  
Justin Leonard/Deloitte & Touche Team

Jeff Bell, Plano, Texas  
(15 years, 11 months, 14 days)  
Abilene Reporter-News Junior

## Mid-summer brings record lows

Scores dipped to record lows for several players in the American Junior Golf Association this summer.

July 15th was a remarkable day that saw the girls' AJGA 54-hole record broken twice.

Naree Wongluekiet was the first to break the three-round record of 206, shared by Cristie Kerr, Kelli Kamimura and Aree Wongluekiet.

Playing at the Ashworth Junior Classic at Windsor Parke in Jacksonville, Fla., Naree tallied a tournament total of 68-69-66—203, although her record wouldn't last long.

While Naree was claiming her trophy, Virada Niraphthongporn was about four hours up the Atlantic coast, making birdie at 15, 16 and 17 to eclipse Naree's new record by three strokes. The flurry of birdies sealed her runaway victory at the PING Myrtle Beach Junior Classic with a three-day score of 66-66-68—200. The 54-hole score equaled Ryuji Imada's boys' record, which he set in 1994.

The next record to be challenged was the Boys Division 72-hole scoring record. Ty Tryon's rounds of 66-65-76-65—

272 at the Lucent Technologies Boys Junior Championship was good enough to tie the 72-hole record held by Phil Mickelson and Robert Floyd.

Rob Beasley became the AJGA's next record-setter at the Ashworth Carolina Junior Classic. When he began the second round at Stonebridge Golf Club with four straight birdies, it seemed that something special was happening.

On the strength of a front-nine 29, Beasley carded a 9-under 63 to tie the Boys Division scoring record shared by Jack Ferguson and Doug McKeever.

"When I was 7-under after the front, I started to think I could shoot a low number," Beasley said after the round. "When I birdied No. 10, I thought maybe 59, 60, or 61. But regardless, the only thing about this score is that it puts me in the position to win the tournament. That's why I came here."

The next day, Beasley did just that, winning his second title of the year.



Virada Niraphthongporn owns the girls' AJGA 54-hole scoring record.



Rob Beasley's 9-under 63 ties the boys' AJGA single-round scoring record.

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# At the Top of the News



## The Junior Match

New Seabury Country Club  
New Seabury, Massachusetts USA

## U.S. Team Selected

The American Junior Golf Association has selected the U.S. Team for The Junior Match, an international match play competition scheduled for Sept. 21-22 at New Seabury Country Club.

The 12-person U.S. squad (six boys, six girls) will square off with a European Team in a two-day series of match play contests. Following the competition, participants will attend the Ryder Cup as guests of the PGA of America.

Team selection was based on the *Golfweek*/Titleist rankings, in accordance with age requirements (eight team members must be 16 or under at year's end).

Headlining the U.S. Team is top-ranked Hunter Mahan of McKinney, Texas, winner of the Polo Golf Junior Classic and U.S. Junior Amateur. Jason Hartwick of Sacramento, Calif., also makes the team following an excellent summer that saw him rise high in the rankings.

The boys' side is rounded out with Ty Tryon of Orlando, Fla., Matthew Rosenfeld of Plano, Texas, James Vargas of Miami, Fla., and Michael Barbosa of St. Petersburg, Fla., all of whom fill the younger age requirement.

The girls' side features Leigh Anne Hardin of Martinsville, Ind., and Angela Rho of Fullerton, Calif., ranked third and fifth, respectively at the time of selection. Hardin has won 13 career AJGA tournaments, including three this year. Rho has won three national tournaments this year, including two AJGA events. The other girls selected to play are Catherine Cartwright of Bonita Springs, Fla., Erica Blasberg of Corona, Calif., Cheryl Hennessy of Bonita, Calif., and Ina Kim of Encino, Calif.

In 1997, the United States narrowly defeated the Europeans, 7-5, in Spain. The inaugural Junior Match was played in 1995, when a European squad led by Sergio Garcia defeated the Americans.

"The Junior Match is being made possible by many sponsors," said AJGA Director of Development Mark Brazil, who will captain the U.S. Team for the second time. "PriceWaterhouseCoopers and Ryder Cup 2005, in particular, have thrown their full support behind this special event."

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## West claims wild, wild Canon Cup!

For the first time since 1992, the West Canon Cup team was able to hoist the Cup high in victory after defeating the East, 25 1/2 to 24 1/2, at Long Cove Club on Hilton Head Island, S.C.

The West team, down three matches with four to play on the final day, made a miraculous comeback to win its third Cup in the event's 10-year history. Although the win was a total team effort, the West squad needed a dramatic four-foot par putt on 18 from J.C. DeLeon to seal the victory. If DeLeon missed the putt, the teams would have tied for the second consecutive year and the East would have extended its unbeaten streak to seven years.

"This was like a storybook ending,"

James Oh of Fullerton, Calif., said after witnessing DeLeon's heroics on the last hole. "This right here is what it's all about, it's what makes this tournament so exciting."

Heading to the 18th green, J.C. DeLeon of Tulsa, Okla., and James Vargas of Miami, Fla., were all square and the East and West squads were all tied at 24 1/2. DeLeon hit his approach shot over the green, leaving himself with a difficult pitch to get up and down.

"I was in bad shape and my only option was to try and flop one on and get it close," said DeLeon, who was playing in the final AJGA event of his career. "I figured I had nothing to lose and I went right at it."

He did just that, knocking it within four feet. Vargas' approach landed on the front tier of the green, leaving himself with a 50-footer for birdie. The 15-year-old knocked it by and missed his ensuing par putt to put all eyes on DeLeon.

"Never in my life have I been more nervous standing over a putt," DeLeon said.

DeLeon stepped up and knocked it in for a one-point West victory.

"This is my third Canon Cup," he said. "For things to end the way they did today was just unbelievable."

In opening day action, the West squad, for the second straight year, set the tone in the morning, claiming a 7-3 advantage in four-ball matches. In afternoon matches, the West won three of five in mixed foursome matches to take a 10-5 lead after the first day of competition.

The East squad was not about to wilt under the guidance of first-year captain Derek Nelson. The East came out smoking on the second day, capturing seven of the 10 morning four-ball matches to tie the competition at 12 1/2 heading into mixed foursome matches.

### DAY ONE RESULTS

Score: West 10, East 5

Summary: The West jumped to a huge morning lead and built on it in afternoon.

#### MORNING: FOUR-BALL MATCHES — West 7, East 3

Nancy Abiecunas, Fort Collins, Colo., and Kim Kouwabunpat, Upland, Calif. (West) def. Tai Perry, Kennett Square, Pa., and Brittany Straza, Fort Myers, Fla. (East), 3 and 2.  
Jason Hartwick, Sacramento, Calif., and Matthew Rosenfeld, Plano, Texas (West) def. Michael Barbosa, St. Petersburg, Fla., and Bill Haas, Greer, S.C. (East), 1-up.  
Hana Kim, Encino, Calif., and Kim Rowton, San Antonio, Texas (West) def. Jeanne Cho, Bradenton, Fla., and Naree Wonglukiet, Bradenton, Fla. (East), 4 and 3.  
Hunter Mahan, McKinney, Texas, and Rusty Kennedy, Phoenix, Ariz. (West) def. James Vargas, Miami, Fla., and Ty Tryon, Orlando, Fla. (East), 2 and 1.  
Christi Cano, San Antonio, Texas, and Katie Futcher, The Woodlands, Texas (West) def. Kari Damron, Conway, S.C., and Samantha Fox, Whites Creek, Tenn. (East), 1-up.  
Ryan Hybl, Colbert, Ga., and Chan Wonglukiet, Bradenton, Fla. (East) def. David Oh, Cerritos, Calif., and Ron Won, Irvine, Calif. (West), 1-up.  
Whitney Code, Tampa, Fla., and Virada Nirapathpongorn, Bradenton, Fla. (East) def. Jessica Reese, Santa Rosa, Calif., and Anne Lee, Northridge, Calif. (West), 1-up.  
Nico Bollini, Yorba Linda, Calif., and Travis Whisman, Reno, Nev. (West) def. Ramon Bescansa, Bradenton, Fla., and Ken Lewis, South Dennis, Mass (East), 1-up.  
Miriam Nagl, Sarasota, Fla., and Aree Wonglukiet, Bradenton, Fla. (East) def. Angela Rho, Fullerton, Calif., and Erin Simmons, Houston, Texas (West), 3 and 2.  
J.C. DeLeon, Tulsa, Okla., and James Oh, Lakewood, Calif. (West) def. Patrick Norris, Orlando, Fla., and Christo Greyling, Orlando, Fla. (East), 2-up.

#### AFTERNOON: MIXED FOUR-BALL MATCHES — West 3, East 2

Hartwick and Simmons (West) def. Bescansa and Nagl (East), 5 and 3.  
Haas and Damron (East) def. Won and Kim (West), 3 and 2.  
Rosenfeld and Rowton (West) def. Barbosa and Fox (East), 3 and 2.  
Greyling and Nirapathpongorn (East) def. Mahan and Futcher (West), 2 and 1.  
DeLeon and Abiecunas (West) def. Hybl and Perry (East), 4 and 3.





▲ With the East and West tied at 24 1/2 points, J.C. DeLeon had to get up-and-down from this precarious position behind the 18th green.



▲ The West squad stormed the 18th green after J.C. DeLeon followed his remarkable flop shot with a 4-foot putt to win his match and clinch the West's victory.

◀ With the narrowest victory in Canon Cup history, the West Team held the Cup for the first time since 1992.

The afternoon mixed foursome play was full of drama as three of the five matches were decided on the 18th hole. It briefly appeared as though the East would head into the final day with a one-point lead and all the momentum. But David Oh of Cerritos, Calif., who was teamed with Angela Rho of Fullerton, Calif., nailed a 20-foot birdie putt on the 18th hole to defeat Brittany Straza of Fort Myers, Fla., and Ty Tryon of Orlando, Fla., 1-up. Oh's putt left the teams tied at 15 at day's end.

"We had regained all of our confidence and the momentum on the second day," said Nelson. "We thought we were going into the final day with a lead. David Oh's putt on 18 was as big a putt as I have seen."

Despite coming out on the losing end, the East squad was highlighted by the play of the Wongluekiet trio and Virada Nirapathpongorn. The siblings combined for a 10-1-1 (Chan 4-0, Aree 4-0, Naree 2-1-1) record on the week and Nirapathpongorn finished at 3-0-1. Jason Hartwick of Sacramento, Calif.,

and Nico Bollini of Yorba Linda, Calif., led the West team, going 3-0-1.

"This finish writes a perfect ending to a decade of great Canon Cup competition," said West captain Brazil. "It was great to see the East and West teams

smiling and having fun when that final putt dropped. I cannot say enough about Long Cove Club and their staff and Canon U.S.A. They provided memories that will last in the minds of these juniors a lifetime."

## DAY TWO RESULTS

Score: West 12 1/2, East 12 1/2

*Summary: The East wastes no time erasing its five-point deficit, winning five of the first six morning matches. The West stopped the bleeding by splitting the afternoon matches to finish the day tied at 12 1/2.*

### MORNING: FOUR-BALL MATCHES — East 7 1/2, West 2 1/2

**N. Wongluekiet and Code (East)** def. Rho and Cano (West), 1-up.  
**Haas and Hybl (East)** vs. Kennedy and Hartwick (West), halved.  
**A. Wongluekiet and Perry (East)** def. Rowton and Kouwabunpat (West), 7 and 6.  
**Vargas and Norris (East)** def. DeLeon and Whisman (West), 1-up.  
**Nagl and Damron (East)** def. Lee and Kim (West), 5 and 4.  
**Barbosa and Bescansa (East)** def. Rosenfeld and Mahan (West), 4 and 3.  
**Reese and Futchner (West)** def. Cho and Staza (East), 2 and 1.  
**Lewis and C. Wongluekiet (East)** def. Won and J. Oh (West), 5 and 3.  
**Fox and Nirapathpongorn (East)** def. Simmons and Abiecunas (West), 2 and 1.  
**Bollini and D. Oh (West)** def. Tryon and Greyling (East), 5 and 4.

### AFTERNOON: MIXED FOURSOME MATCHES — East 2 1/2, West 2 1/2

**Cano and Whisman (West)** def. Code and Norris (East), 4 and 3.  
**Cho and Lewis (East)** def. Reese and Kennedy (West), 4 and 3.  
**Aree and Chan Wongluekiet (East)** def. J. Oh and Kouwabunpat (West), 1-up.  
**Lee and Bollini (West)** vs. N. Wongluekiet and Vargas (East), halved.  
**D. Oh and Rho (West)** def. Straza and Tryon (East), 1-up.

## DAY THREE RESULTS

Score: West 25 1/2, East 24 1/2

*Summary: Down by three with four matches on the course, the West sweeps the final four.*

### MORNING: SINGLES MATCHES

**Rowton (West)** def. Straza, 1-up.  
**Norris (East)** vs. D. Oh, halved.  
**Code (East)** def. Futchner, 2 and 1.  
**Bollini (West)** def. Barbosa, 1-up.  
**Perry (East)** def. Kim, 3 and 2.  
**C. Wongluekiet (East)** def. Rosenfeld, 1-up.  
**Cho (East)** def. Kouwabunpat, 3 and 2.  
**Tryon (East)** def. Kennedy, 3 and 2.  
**Nirapathpongorn (East)** vs. Abiecunas, halved.  
**J. Oh (West)** def. Haas, 6 and 5.  
**Fox (East)** vs. Simmons, halved.  
**Whisman (West)** def. Lewis, 6 and 5.  
**N. Wongluekiet (East)** def. Reese, 4 and 3.  
**Won (West)** def. Bescansa, 6 and 5.  
**Damron (East)** def. Cano, 2 and 1.  
**Hartwick (West)** def. Greyling, 1-up.  
**A. Wongluekiet (East)** def. Lee, 7 and 6.  
**DeLeon (West)** def. Vargas, 1-up.  
**Rho (West)** def. Nagl, 2 and 1.  
**Mahan (West)** def. Hybl, 3 and 2.

# AJGA Scoreboard

## Junior All-Star Classic at Kingwood Kingwood Country Club — Par 73 July 12-14, 1999

### Boys Division

- 1 Sonny Nimkhum, Cerritos, Calif. . . . .76-73—149
- 2 Michael Birtel, New Orleans, La. . . . .76-74—150

### Girls Division

- 1 Cindy Shin, Coppell, Texas . . . . .76-78—154
- 2 Ashley Rollins, Austin, Texas . . . . .78-78—156

## Ashworth Junior Classic at Windsor Parke Windsor Parke Golf Club — Par 72 July 12-15, 1999

### Boys Division

- 1 Chan Wongluekiet, Bradenton, Fla. . . . .71-69-68—208
- 2 John Limanti, Jacksonville, Fla. . . . .74-75-65—214
- 3 Jordan Code, Tampa, Fla. . . . .72-74-69—215
- T4 Alan Beers, Biloxi, Miss. . . . .73-70-73—216
- Matt Every, Daytona Beach, Fla. . . . .69-73-74—216

### Girls Division

- 1 Naree Wongluekiet, Bradenton, Fla. . . . .68-69-66—203
- 2 Celeste Troche, Asuncion, Paraguay . . . . .72-72-70—214
- 3 Aree Wongluekiet, Bradenton, Fla. . . . .73-71-73—217
- 4 Natalie Rinehart, Jupiter, Fla. . . . .78-70-73—221

## PING Myrtle Beach Junior Classic Myrtlewood Golf Club, PineHills Course — Par 72 July 12-15, 1999

### Boys Division

- 1 Dustin Bray, Asheboro, N.C. . . . .68-68-68—204
- 2 Mike Barbosa, St. Petersburg, Fla. . . . .70-71-65—206
- 3 David Denham, Tifton, Ga. . . . .69-66-73—208
- 4 Chad Wilfong, Thomasville, N.C. . . . .72-67-72—211
- T5 Gregg Jones, Florence, S.C. . . . .71-72-69—212
- Charles Hong, Bethesda, Md. . . . .71-69-72—212
- Peter Karmis, Simonstown, S. Africa . . . . .70-66-76—212

### Girls Division

- 1 Virada Nirapathpongorn, Bangkok, Thailand . . . . .66-66-68—200
- 2 Erin Simmons, Houston, Texas . . . . .74-68-69—211
- 3 Miriam Kraschinski, Wesley Chapel, Fla. . . . .70-73-72—215

## AJGA Albertson's Junior Classic Twelve Bridges Golf Club — Par 72 July 12-15, 1999

### Boys Division

- 1 Michael Lavery, Irvine, Calif. . . . .72-72-68—212
- T2 Ricky Barnes, Stockton, Calif. . . . .72-71-70—213
- Tom Johnson, Fair Oaks, Calif. . . . .74-64-75—213
- Troy McKinley, Danville, Calif. . . . .70-71-72—213

### Girls Division

- 1 Bridget Bieth, Sacramento, Calif. . . . .75-78-79—232
- 2 Jordan Auten, Las Vegas, Nev. . . . .76-81-77—234

## Abilene Reporter-News Junior Abilene Country Club — Par 71 July 19-22, 1999

### Boys Division

- 1 \* Jeff Bell, Plano, Texas . . . . .72-66-72—210
- 2 Parker Briley, Abilene, Texas . . . . .69-68-73—210
- T3 Cam Heathcott, Conroe, Texas . . . . .75-69-70—214
- Tyler Leon, Dallas, Texas . . . . .72-70-72—214
- \* won on first hole of sudden-death playoff

### Girls Division

- 1 Nicole Melton, San Antonio, Texas . . . . .70-70-74—214
- 2 Maiko Senda, Dallas, Texas . . . . .72-71-74—217
- 3 Leslie Hawley, El Paso, Texas . . . . .75-73-77—225

## Ashworth/Golf Design Junior Championship Coto de Caza Golf & Racquet Club, North Course — Par 72 July 19-22, 1999

### Boys Division

- 1 Jason Hartwick, Sacramento, Calif. . . . .69-72-70—211
- 2 Ron Won, Irvine, Calif. . . . .72-67-75—214
- 3 Jim Seki Jr., Honolulu, Hawaii . . . . .75-68-73—216
- T4 James Oh, Lakewood, Calif. . . . .69-83-67—219
- Edward Turner III, Los Angeles, Calif. . . . .74-71-74—219
- Matthew Cohn, La Jolla, Calif. . . . .74-71-74—219

### Girls Division

- 1 Erica Blasberg, Corona, Calif. . . . .74-78-72—224
- 2 Anna Lee, Hacienda Heights, Calif. . . . .79-73-77—229
- 3 Blair O'Neal, Tempe, Ariz. . . . .78-79-76—233

## Cho shines at McDonald's Betsy Rawls

Yunny Cho placed her name alongside some of the greatest junior and amateur golfing names of the decade on July 29.

Kelley Booth, Grace Park, Cristie Kerr and Beth Bauer highlight a list of past champions at the McDonald's Betsy Rawls Girls National Championship. Over their careers, the foursome accounted for 59 AJGA victories and seven AJGA Player of the Year accolades.

"This tournament is really special because of all the great winners in the past," Cho said just after claiming the championship. "And having Betsy Rawls here makes it even more special."

When nearly 100 players ascended on DuPont Country Club for the 11th annual event, the scouting report boasted 18 Polo Golf Junior All-Americans and a handful of Player of the Year candidates, including a pair of 13-year-old phenoms, who were each looking for their second AJGA major of the season.

Although not among those labeled as favorites entering the week, Cho, of Diamond Bar, Calif., has become a consistent competitor in her two years with the AJGA. After finishing in the top 10 in each of her four AJGA events in 1998, the 16-year-old won the Scottsdale Junior Classic to kick off her 1999 summer. She followed that victory with three more AJGA top-10s before preparing for the National Championship in Wilmington, Delaware, also home of the McDonald's LPGA Championship.

After a day-one 69 and share of the lead with Erin Simmons of Houston, Cho gained some valuable breathing room with her second-round 68, good enough for a three-stroke lead over Simmons. The final threesome of the day would also include Naree Wongluekiet of

Bradenton, Fla., who, at age 13, had just recently become the youngest player to win the Rolex Tournament of Champions.

Cho remained in control throughout the final round and after Wongluekiet's birdie on No. 18 fell, Cho calmly rolled in a par putt to erase any possibility of a playoff. Her final-round 74 gave her a one-stroke victory with a tournament total of 2-under-par 211 and one of the most coveted titles in junior golf.

The victory will forever link Cho with her well-known predecessors and catapult her into the upper echelon of junior golf.

## McDonald's Betsy Rawls Girls Nat'l Championship DuPont Country Club, DuPont Course — Par 71 July 26-29, 1999

- 1 Yunny Cho, Diamond Bar, Calif., . . . . .69-68-74—211
- 2 Naree Wongluekiet, Bradenton, Fla. . . . .72-69-71—212
- T3 Celeste Troche, Asuncion, Paraguay . . . . .70-72-71—213
- Erin Simmons, Houston, Texas . . . . .69-71-73—213
- T5 Candie Kung, Fountain Valley, Calif. . . . .76-71-68—215
- Aree Wongluekiet, Bradenton, Fla. . . . .73-72-70—215
- Virada Nirapathpongorn, Bangkok, Thailand . . . . .74-70-71—215
- Leigh Anne Hardin, Martinsville, Ind. . . . .71-72-72—215
- T9 Nancy Abiecunas, Fort Collins, Colo. . . . .74-73-72—219
- Hana Kim, Encino, Calif. . . . .73-71-75—219
- T11 Diana Ramage, Fayetteville, Ga. . . . .74-73-73—220
- Morgan Hapney, Glasgow, Ky. . . . .74-72-74—220
- T13 Angela Rho, Fullerton, Calif. . . . .72-73-76—221
- Hwanhee Lee, Cerritos, Calif. . . . .70-75-76—221



Yunny Cho established herself as a major player by winning the McDonald's Betsy Rawls Girls National Championship, her second victory of the season.



Lucent Eastern Canada  
Horseshoe Resort, Valley Course — Par 71  
July 20-23, 1999

Boys Division

1 Calvin Kupeyan, Tecumseh, Ontario	.71-66-74—211
2 Matt McQuillan, Kingston, Ontario	.74-71-68—213
3 Andrew Nicholls, Oshawa, Ontario	.71-71-72—214
T4 Derek Abel, Plano, Texas	.78-70-71—219
Dave Nichols, Rochester Hills, Mich.	.73-74-72—219

Girls Division

1 Aree Wongluekiet, Bradenton, Fla.	.77-72-70—219
2 Meghan Adams, Dover, Del.	.79-71-81—231
3 Lauren Grzebien, Saunderton, R.I.	.75-80-80—235

ClubCorp Junior Players Championship  
The Homestead Resort, Lower Cascades Course — Par 72  
July 26-29, 1999

Boys Division

1 Rob Beasley, Greensboro, N.C.	.75-76-67—218
2 Kyle Morris, Charlottesville, Va.	.73-74-73—220
3 Brandon Aydtlett, Monroe, La.	.78-73-70—221

Girls Division

1 Whitney Wade, Glasgow, Ky.	.82-75-79—236
2 Jessica Lewis, Bethesda, Md.	.84-79-78—241
3 Mandy Tedder, Watkinsville, Ga.	.81-79-82—242

DIRECTV® Junior Classic  
Turnberry Isle  
Aug. 2-5, 1999

Boys Division

1 # Will Lloyd, Orlando, Fla.	.70-75-68—213
2 Jordan Dempsey, Jacksonville, Fla.	.71-72-70—213
3 Tyler Duncan, Austin, Texas	.72-70-72—214
4 Joel Gibbons, Ocala, Fla.	.71-71-73—215
# won on first hole of sudden-death playoff	

Girls Division

1 Amanda Dick, Clearwater, Fla.	.73-74-75—222
2 Erin Simmons, Houston, Texas	.76-72-76—224
3 Tina Miller, Miami, Fla.	.74-72-81—227

Southwestern Junior Classic  
The Championship Golf Course at UNM — Par 72  
Aug. 2-5, 1999

Boys Division

1 Bryan Holub, Higley, Ariz.	.72-71-69—212
2 Steve Conway, Irvine, Calif.	.71-69-73—213
3 Brad Gibson, Andrews, Texas	.73-71-70—214
T4 Sean Laubert, Farmington, N.M.	.74-71-70—215
Greg Hunt, St. George, Utah	.71-72-72—215

Girls Division

1 Shannon Barr, China Spring, Texas	.80-72-70—222
2 Sarah Heffel, Mesa, Ariz.	.77-79-72—228
3 Amanda Krane, Wantagh, N.Y.	.78-82-70—230

Junior All-Star Classic at Fieldstone  
Fieldstone Golf Club — Par 71  
Aug. 9-11, 1999

Boys Division

1 Seiji Hirai, Hagerstown, Md.	.75-69—144
2 Sonny Nimkhum, Cerritos, Calif.	.70-75—145
3 Jin Park, San Marino, Calif.	.77-69—146

Girls Division

1 Allison Martin, Bakersfield, Calif.	.74-72—146
2 Jenny Suh, Fairfax, Va.	.80-73—153

Ashworth Carolina Junior Classic  
Stonebridge Golf Club — Par 72  
Aug. 9-12, 1999

Boys Division

1 Rob Beasley, Greensboro, N.C.	.75-63-69—207
2 Buddy Davis, Orlando, Fla.	.69-68-71—208
T3 Zack Amole, Denver, Pa.	.68-74-68—210
Brent Delahoussaye, Greer, S.C.	.69-72-69—210

Girls Division

1 Allison Hanna, Portland, Ore.	.74-70-73—217
2 Tiffany Catalygiotu, Greer, S.C.	.75-72-76—223

IZZO Colorado Junior Roundup  
Legacy Ridge Golf Course — Par 72  
Aug. 10-13, 1999

Boys Division

1 Jayme Berkowitz, Weaverville, Calif.	.72-75-66—213
T2 Andy Connell, Denver, Colo.	.72-75-67—214
Brett Tobyne, Lakewood, Colo.	.70-70-74—214
4 Corey Prugh, Spokane, Wash.	.74-69-72—215

Girls Division

1 # Christine Anast, Littleton, Colo.	.75-76-78—229
2 Nicole Melton, San Antonio, Texas	.79-78-72—229

## Tryon triumphs at Lucent Technologies

It is said that everything is bigger in Texas, but Ty Tryon of Orlando, Fla., proved the adage wrong in capturing the Lucent Technologies Boys Junior Championship at Gleneagles Country Club in suburban Dallas.

Standing at a mere 5-foot-7, the 15-year-old Tryon stood atop a field of 144 of the world's top junior golfers representing 27 states and two foreign countries. In the process, he tied the AJGA's 72-hole record of 272 en route to his first individual AJGA Boys 13-18 Division title. With the victory, Tryon joins the likes of past winners such as Tiger Woods (1992), David Duval (1989) and Jim Furyk (1987).

"It's an honor to be included with these past champions," Tryon said. "I had a solid week of golf and made very few mistakes, a huge key to my game. I'm not as old or as big as some of these players, but it's not necessarily how far you hit it, but where you hit it."

Following the second round, it looked as though Tryon would run away with the title after rounds of 66-65 for an 11-under-par total. However, Tryon ballooned to a third-round 76 and saw himself looking up at leader Matt McQuillan of Kingston, Ontario. McQuillan had quietly put together rounds of 70-68-66 and entered the final round with a three-shot lead over Tryon, Ron Won of Irvine, Calif., and Chan Wongluekiet of Bradenton, Fla.

Despite the miscues during the third round, Tryon left the scoring tent with a positive tone.

"These kinds of rounds happen. I still feel good and ready for the final round."

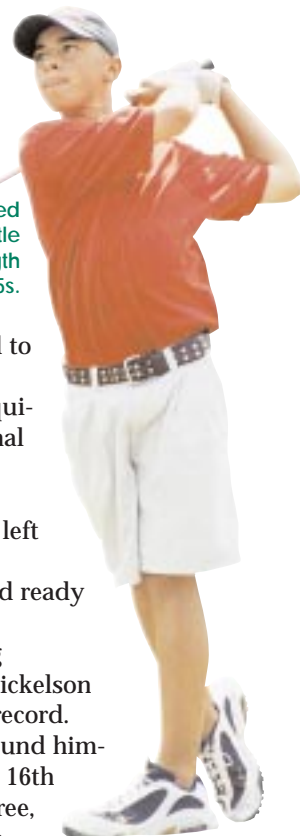
On the final day, Tryon returned to form, blistering Gleneagles to the tune of a 6-under-par 65 to tie Phil Mickelson (1986) and Robert Floyd (1994) for the AJGA's 72-hole record.

The victory didn't come easy, however, as Tryon found himself in a four-way tie at 10-under-par coming down the 16th fairway. When his second shot found its way under a tree, Tryon was forced to hit a low runner towards the green. That 9-iron punch-out became the shot of the day, rolling to within five feet of the hole, giving him a chance for birdie and his first outright lead since early on Thursday.

Tryon converted his birdie on 16 and added another at No. 17 to take a two-shot cushion into the 72nd and final hole where he secured victory at one of junior golf's most prominent events.

Tied for second behind Tryon were local favorite Matthew Rosenfeld of Plano and Wongluekiet at 274. Rosenfeld entered the day five shots off the lead and looked for a career day on his home course. The second-team Polo Golf Junior All-American fired a 6-under-par 65, his career best at Gleneagles Country Club.

Ty Tryon propelled himself to the title on the strength of a pair of 65s.



Lucent Technologies Boys Junior Championship  
Gleneagles Country Club, Queen's Course — Par 71  
Aug. 2-6, 1999

1 Ty Tryon, Orlando, Fla.	.66-65-76-65—272
T2 Matthew Rosenfeld, Plano, Texas	.70-69-70-65—274
Chan Wongluekiet, Bradenton, Fla.	.71-67-69-67—274
T4 Chez Reavie, Mesa, Ariz.	.70-74-66-66—276
Matt McQuillan, Kingston, Ontario	.70-68-66-72—276
T6 James Vargas, Miami, Fla.	.67-70-71-70—278
Ron Won, Irvine, Calif.	.68-71-68-71—278
T8 David French, Columbus, Ohio	.66-74-71-70—281
Brent Delahoussaye, Greer, S.C.	.70-71-69-71—281
Jason Harris, Clemmons, N.C.	.66-68-74-73—281
T11 Reid Hatley, Spokane, Wash.	.72-69-73-69—283
Andrew Nicholls, Oshawa, Ontario	.69-72-70-72—283
Christo Greyling, Orlando, Fla.	.71-70-68-74—283
T14 Mike Barbosa, St. Petersburg, Fla.	.74-74-71-65—284
Dustin Bray, Asheboro, N.C.	.74-73-69-68—284
John Robertson, Olympia, Wash.	.74-67-70-73—284

# Faces of the AJGA

## The Old Family Album

It is not unusual to see siblings playing at the same AJGA tournament, but it was an eye-catcher to see three sets of them finish in the top 10 at the Ashworth Junior Classic at Windsor Parke in mid-July.

The Beers family of Biloxi, Miss., the Codes of Tampa, Fla., and the Wongluekiets of Bradenton, Fla., fared well in the Jacksonville event, as Chan and Naree Wongluekiet swept the boys and girls titles, while Jordan Code, Alan Beers and Aree Wongluekiet earned top-five finishes.



PICTURED: Alan and Jackie Beers (top); Naree, Chan and Aree Wongluekiet (middle); and Mallory, Jordan and Whitney Code (bottom) all brought their family acts to the tournament in Jacksonville, Fla.

## Historical Perspective

### Sibling success nothing new to AJGA

When Chan and Naree Wongluekiet captured both division titles at the Ashworth Junior Classic at Windsor Parke, it wasn't the first time that a brother/sister combination had accomplished such a feat.

Nicky and Vicki Goetze are the only other pair to do it, winning the 1987 Savannah Junior Classic. In fact, the Goetzes are the most prolific winning family in AJGA history, having won 21 titles between them in the mid-to-late '80s.

Many other families have made a mark on the AJGA, as well.

The Kuehne family (Trip, Hank and Kelli) is perhaps the most famous. All three were Junior All-Americans — Kelli was a five-time first-teamer. Since their AJGA days,

Hank has won the U.S. Amateur, and Kelli has found success on the LPGA Tour after winning two U.S. Women's Amateurs herself.

Heather and Missy Farr teamed for six victories in the early years of the AJGA and shared All-America honors in 1983.

When the Wongluekiets are named Polo Golf Junior All-Americans this fall, it will be the first time ever for three siblings in the same year. The last time two family members made All-America the same year was 1996, when Jeff and John Klauk and Jeremy and Katy Wilkinson received the honors.

At the rate they're going, watch for the Wongluekiets to climb rapidly toward the top of the chart below.

### FAMILY TRADITION

FAMILY	CAREER AJGA WINS	ALL-AMERICA HONORS
Goetze (Nicky and Vicki)	21	10
Kuehne (Trip, Hank and Kelli)	16	10
Farr (Heather and Missy)	6	6
Wongluekiets (Chan, Aree and Naree)	6	1
Moore (Rita and Adele)	5	6
Little (Tracy and Kim)	5	4
Roof (Justin and Brent)	4	4

## Teeing off

If you could meet one person in the world, who would it be?



**Marcus Lopez, 17**  
Post, Texas

Lee Trevino. I enjoy success stories; he comes from a similar background and seems to have a good time, even when he's not playing well.



**Diana Ramage, 17**  
Fayetteville, Ga.

I would love to meet Nancy Lopez and talk about her life as a golfer.



**Mollie Fankhauser, 18**  
Dublin, Ohio

Ben or Jerry, because I have some good ideas for ice cream.



**Ryan Hybl, 18**  
Colbert, Ga.

Dennis Rodman, just so I could tell him he couldn't handle me on the boards.



## Tournament Notes

July 12 - Aug. 13

### A PLAYER TO WATCH

The golf world took notice when **Sonny Nimkhum** of Cerritos, Calif., was the stroke play medalist at the U.S. Junior Amateur. However, the 14-year-old had already made a name for himself by winning the Junior All-Star Classic at Kingwood in mid-July. Nimkhum's success continued at the Junior All-Star Classic at Fieldstone, where he placed second, losing by just one stroke to **Seiji Hirai** of Hagerstown, Md.

### COURSE RECORDS FALL

**Tom Johnson** of Fair Oaks, Calif., fired a course-record 64 at Twelve Bridges Golf Club in the second round of the Albertson's Junior Classic.

Windsor Parke yielded new men's and women's course records in the final round of the Ashworth Junior Classic.



JOHN LIMANTI

**John Limanti** of Jacksonville, Fla., shot a 7-under 65, while **Naree Wongluekiet** of Bradenton, Fla., carded a 6-under 66.

The Valley Course at Horseshoe Resort also witnessed a pair of new course records when the AJGA came to town.

**Calvin Kupeyan** of Tecumseh, Ontario, fired a 5-under 66 in the second round of the Lucent Eastern Canadian Junior to set the new men's standard, while **Aree Wongluekiet** carded the women's low with a final-round 70.

### TWO-IN-A-ROW

**Erica Blasberg** of Corona, Calif., won her second consecutive AJGA tournament at the Ashworth/Golf Design Junior Championship on July 22. Blasberg also won her previous AJGA event at the Compaq Junior Championship at Trophy Lake on June 24.

### WHY CARRY ANYTHING ELSE?

One can't help but wonder if **Naree Wongluekiet** couldn't break par with just her 4-iron. At the McDonald's Betsy Rawls Girls National Championship, she aced a par 3 with her 4-iron in the first round. The next day, she eagled the 18th hole by holing out from the fairway with the same club.

### CLUTCH PUTTING

#### Michael

**Lavery** of Irvine, Calif., rolled in a 20-foot birdie putt at the 18th hole to win the Albertson's Junior Classic by one stroke over three other players. Lavery's 4-under 68 was the low final round, which enabled to come back from a six-stroke deficit.



MICHAEL LAVERY

**Jeff Bell** of Plano, Texas, put a quick end to his playoff with **Parker Briley** of Abilene, Texas, at the Abilene Reporter-News Junior. Bell drained a 30-foot eagle putt on the first playoff hole to claim the title.

**Will Lloyd** of Orlando, Fla., won the DIRECTV Junior Classic in similar fashion, sinking a 15-footer for birdie on the first playoff hole to edge past **Jordan Dempsey** of Jacksonville, Fla.

#### Christine Anast of Littleton,

Colo., won her second AJGA title of the summer by sinking a long putt on the second playoff hole at the IZZO Colorado Junior Roundup. With a 30-foot birdie putt, she outlasted San Antonio's **Nicole Melton**.



CHRISTINE ANAST

### FIRST TIME'S A CHARM

Never mind that **Whitney Wade** of Glasgow, Ky., was competing in her first AJGA tournament. The 13-year-old still managed to win the ClubCorp Junior Players Championship by five strokes.

## News & Notes

### CONGRATULATIONS TO USGA CHAMPIONS

Two AJGA members captured the titles at the U.S. Junior Amateur and U.S. Girls Junior.

In late July, Hunter Mahan of McKinney, Texas, proved his match play skills once again by defeating Camilio Villegas of Colombia, 4 and 2, in the finals of the U.S. Junior Amateur. Matthew Rosenfeld of Plano, Texas, and Jason Hartwick of Sacramento, Calif., were the other two semifinalists. Mahan won the Polo Golf Junior Classic, the AJGA's premier match play tournament, in November.

Aree Wongluekiet of Bradenton, Fla., flexed her muscles in early August and topped the field at the U.S. Girls Junior. She met her toughest matches in her last two matches, defeating Lindsay Morgan of Walla Walla, Wash., 1-up, in the semifinals and Nancy Abiecunas of Fort Collins, Colo., 2-up, in the finals. Earlier in the summer, Wongluekiet captured her first major victory at the Lucent Technologies Girls Junior Championship.

### ESPN SERIES TO FEATURE AJGA

Scholastic Sports America will once again feature an AJGA tournament on ESPN. A camera crew filmed the 1999 Canon Cup and is currently working on a half-hour feature. Broadcast times have not yet been scheduled, but the AJGA Web site will announce them as soon as they are determined.

Last year, Scholastic Sports America created three features relating to the AJGA. Erik Compton, 1998 Polo Golf Junior Player of the Year, was featured in April 1998; the Lucent Technologies Boys Junior Championship was the subject of an August show; and the Polo Golf Junior Classic in November was also featured.

### GRACE PARK EARNS 2000 LPGA TOUR CARD

Two-time AJGA Player of the Year Grace Park stormed through the Futures Tour this summer, winning five tournaments in nine starts to top the 1999 money list. The top three players on the money list gain exempt status on the LPGA Tour.

Park announced she was turning pro following a short, but successful college career. During her two years at Arizona State, Park won the NCAA Championship and U.S. Women's Amateur.

### WWW.AJGA.ORG

Recent visitors to the AJGA Web site may have noticed that *Inside the AJGA* is now available online. The newsletter is published on the Web site at the same time it goes to press, making it available online 10-14 days before it is mailed to members.

# AJGA: On Location

Trophy Lake Golf & Casting  
Port Orchard, Wash.  
Par 72  
Yardage: Boys 6,773; Girls 5,850

Not just your average golf club, the newly created Trophy Lake Golf & Casting is a favorite destination for both golfers and fishermen. This OB Sports facility provides a resort-style theme with a spectacular Pacific Northwest flavor. Serene lakes, grand forests and snow-capped mountains make the Trophy Lake experience one to remember. Thanks to OB Sports' continuing dedication to junior golf, the American Junior Golf Association was privileged to conduct the inaugural Compaq Junior Championship at Trophy Lake in June.

## *Trophy Lake Golf & Casting*



Courtesy OB Sports

Trophy Lake Golf & Casting provided an ample test for competitors at the AJGA's inaugural Compaq Junior Championship at Trophy Lake in June. Although no players were able to finish 54 holes under par, the champions proved they could get the better of the course for at least a day. Reid Hatley of Spokane, Wash., carded a tournament-best, 3-under-par 69 in the first round en route to the boys' title. Erica Blasberg of Corona, Calif., opened with a 1-under 71, the only girl to break par at the event.

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