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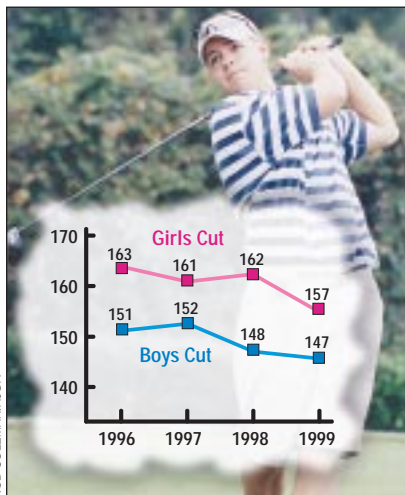
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## Cut down!

If this chart is any indication, the depth of talent in junior golf is on the rise. As scores have improved, it has become more difficult to make the cut for match play at the Polo Golf Junior Classic. Ryan Moore of Puyallup, Wash., (below) led all qualifiers with a score of 139 this year.



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## New All-America season tees off at AJGA's Polo Golf Junior Classic

The top junior golfers of 1999 were recognized at the Polo Golf Junior All-America Banquet on Monday, November 22. Walt Disney World Resort provided the setting as the American Junior Golf Association honored the Polo Golf Junior All-America and Compaq Scholastic All-America teams.

The following day, the AJGA kicked off the new season with the 22nd annual Polo Golf Junior Classic.

Along with a handful of top European players, nearly every All-American who had not departed for college, was on hand for one of junior golf's most challenging events.

Beginning with two days of stroke play, 167 players tackled the Palm and Magnolia courses at Disney World.

Following stroke play, the boys and girls divisions were narrowed to 32 players each. Five rounds over the next three days would determine the champion in each division. It was to be a test of endurance as much as golf skill.

Complete coverage of the awards banquet and tournament are available on pages 3-5.



PHOTO: JASON HOWEY

Candie Kung and Hunter Mahan were presented the Polo Golf Player of the Year awards by John Kirwan of Polo Golf Ralph Lauren.

## The Champions

Nick Dougherty of Lancashire, England, and Naree Song Wongluekiet of Bradenton, Fla., escaped match play unscathed to earn top honors at the Polo Golf Junior Classic.



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# At the Top of the News

## AJGA breaks ground for new headquarters

With more than 5,000 members and a schedule of 59 tournaments, the AJGA continues to reach new heights. Along with the expansion, comes a new home for the AJGA. On Nov. 6, 1999, the AJGA held the groundbreaking ceremonies for its new national headquarters at Chateau Elan, former home of the Sarazen World Open, in Braselton, Ga.

In addition to being a world-class resort, Chateau Elan has 63 holes of championship golf, including The Legends Course, designed by Denis Griffiths with assistance from Gene Sarazen, Sam Snead and Kathy Whitworth. Chateau Elan hosted the inaugural IZZO Cup in 1998, an international match play competition between the top junior golfers from the United States and Sweden.

"The AJGA is excited about moving to Chateau Elan," said Stephen Hamblin, AJGA executive director since 1984. "The growth of the AJGA has exceeded all expectations and the need for more space is vital to our continued ability to build our program and serve our membership. This project is receiving a great deal of support from AJGA friends throughout the country."

The AJGA, founded in 1978, built its current national headquarters in 1982 at Horseshoe Bend Country Club in Roswell, Ga. The new building is expected to be completed in August of 2000. It will be nearly 14,000 square feet, compared to the 6,000 square feet that currently houses the AJGA. Since 1989, the AJGA staff has grown from seven to more than 30 full-time employees.

To help raise monies needed to construct the headquarters, the AJGA has launched a national capital campaign, focusing on supporters of junior golf interested in endowing the future of the AJGA.



AJGA Player Representatives Leigh Anne Hardin and Ryan Hybl lent a hand at the groundbreaking ceremonies.

## 2000 tournament schedule unveiled

As the American Junior Golf Association approaches its 23rd year of competition, the 2000 schedule has been released and is highlighted by 59 tournaments, 31 qualifiers and two preseason events at some of the premier golf courses in the nation.

"These facilities will certainly carry on the traditions of the AJGA's past championships," said AJGA assistant executive director Peter Ripa. "The AJGA and its members are fortunate to have the opportunity to play these golf courses, many that rank among the nation's finest."

The 11th annual Canon Cup moves to Prairie Dunes Country Club in Hutchinson, Kan. Ranked No. 11 among the nation's finest golf courses by *Golfweek*, Prairie Dunes has hosted several USGA Championships, as well as the 1986 Curtis Cup. The Perry and Press Maxwell-designed golf course has also been selected as the site of the 2002 U.S. Women's Open.

The 14th annual Lucent Technologies Boys Junior Championship returns to Dallas Athletic Club in 2000 after a one-year stint at Gleneagles Country Club. Dallas Athletic Club was the site of the 1963 PGA Championship won by Jack Nicklaus.

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The 23rd annual Rolex Tournament of Champions moves to Serrano Country Club in El Dorado Hills, Calif., home of the Senior PGA Tour's Raley's Gold Rush Classic. Opened in the spring of 1996, the AJGA first experienced Serrano at the 1998 Canon Cup.

The biannual IZZO Cup returns and will take place in Stockholm, Sweden. The U.S. Team will be announced by the AJGA in early January.

The AJGA will add four new tournaments to this year's schedule, as well as two preseason events. The Thunderbirds International Junior will bring Polo Golf Junior All-Americans and international champions to Grayhawk Golf Club for a major junior championship. Twin Lakes Golf Club in Carmel, Ind., will host the AJGA Indiana Junior Classic, while the Compaq/David Leadbetter Junior All-Star Series will add sites at the Eagle Ridge Inn & Resort in Galena, Ill., and Angel Park Golf Club in Las Vegas.

## Preseason events to help more juniors gain experience

In March of 2000, the AJGA will introduce a series of two 36-hole tournaments aimed specifically at players who have tried, but have been unsuccessful in gaining entry into AJGA tournaments in the past. The AJGA has developed this series as an avenue for more members to get playing opportunities at the national level and exposure for college golf scholarships.

The Preseason Junior Series will only be available for 1999 boys members whose renewal is received before January 24 and who either (1) played in at least one qualifier in 1999 and did not qualify or (2) applied, but was never accepted, for an AJGA tournament in 1999. AJGA members who played in a Junior All-Star Series event in 1999 will not be eligible.

Members who meet this criteria will be mailed entry forms on January 25. First-time AJGA members will also be eligible and will be mailed entry forms on January 31. The fields will be filled on a first-come, first-served basis. The entry fee is \$120 and is non-refundable after an entry is accepted.

The Preseason Junior Series events will be 84-player fields and will include a practice round and 36 holes of competition. The events will take place in Georgia and Texas (see tournament schedule on page 7). Each eligible member may play in only one of the two preseason events.

- The winner of each event will be automatically accepted into three AJGA events for which he properly applies.
- The top five finishers and ties will be automatically accepted into two AJGA events for which he properly applies.
- The top 15 finishers and ties will be automatically accepted into one AJGA tournament for which he properly applies.



## Juniors honored by AJGA, Polo Golf

Bringing a close to the 1999 junior golf season, the AJGA and Polo Golf Ralph Lauren honored the outstanding performers of the season at the Polo Golf Junior All-America Banquet.

A total of 110 juniors were honored as Polo Golf Junior All-Americans in recognition of their outstanding success this past season. Sixteen first-team selections were on hand to receive their awards, while the remaining four were at college and unable to attend.

Hunter Mahan and Candie Kung received the highest honors as the Polo Golf Junior Players of the Year and were presented their awards by John S. Kirwan Jr., vice president and executive director at Polo Golf Ralph Lauren. Mahan has one year remaining as a junior, and has signed a letter of intent with the University of Southern California, where Kung is currently experiencing great success as a freshman.

Also, 20 juniors were honored as Compaq Scholastic Junior All-Americans, an honor given to high school juniors and seniors who have excelled both in the classroom and on the course. Highlighting the Compaq Scholastic team was Martin Catalioto of Ramsey, N.J., who won the essay contest. As part of the selection criteria, all candidates submitted essays on the subject: "The Most Important Lesson Golf Has Taught Me." Catalioto's poignant essay, written as a letter to his recently deceased father, was printed in the November issue of *Inside the AJGA*.

The final presentation of the evening was the AJGA Sportsmanship Award, given to Virada Nirapathpongorn of Bangkok, Thailand.



Polo Golf Junior All-America First Teams and Compaq Scholastic Team.



JASON HOWEY

## Nirapathpongorn recognized for exemplary sportsmanship

Virada Nirapathpongorn was presented the annual AJGA Sportsmanship Award at the Polo Golf Junior All-America Banquet for her consistent display of integrity and sportsman-like conduct. Following are excerpts from her speech:

... It was difficult to find a good topic. I thought of some speeches that I've heard in the past in which the winner simply talked about what he or she has done so special to attain such an award. So I asked myself, "What did I do so special?" ... There was nothing special in what I did; I was just being the person that I am being today. I never had to prepare for it, in other words, I never had to practice being the way I am. ...

The wonderful family that I have, and the people that I'm around, are the ones that influence me to be this way. For that, I'm very thankful. They are examples that reflect upon what is good and what is bad.

... Golf has not been my only sport. I've participated in many others like swimming, tennis and running. But among all these sports, I find a common quality that all good athletes do share. And that is, they always display good sportsmanship — and to me they are the true winners. I disagree with those who define "winner" just as one who beats the rest of the field. To me, a true winner is one who knows how to compete at the highest level and, at the same time, be a good sportsman. When we enter the field of competition, yes, I encourage everyone to go ahead, go out there and try to fight the hardest you can to win. But keep in mind that respect, honor, and fairness are the keys. And once you're off that field, all the fierce competition is to be left behind. It's just a game. One is going to win and the other is going to lose. But whether you win or lose, there is no excuse or nothing else to be said but a sincere thank you to your opponents for the competition, a firm handshake, and a congratulation with a smile for their effort.

My dad has taught me that, "When you lose, you have nothing to say. Just accept it; don't ever make excuses. And when you win, you say even less."

I'd like to leave you tonight with a clear definition of sportsman. "A true sportsman is one who accepts defeat gracefully when losing, recognizes victory when winning, and knows to stop when the game is over."



JASON HOWEY

Virada Nirapathpongorn with AJGA Executive Director Stephen Hamblin

# AJGA Scoreboard

Polo Golf Junior Classic  
Walt Disney World Resort — Magnolia and Palm Courses  
Match Play Results, Nov. 25-27, 1999

## BOYS DIVISION

### Match Play—First Round (Magnolia Course)

Ryan Moore, (139), def. Jordan Dempsey, (147), 7 and 6  
Jason Harris, (145), def. Nicholas Colsaerts, (145), 3 and 2  
Nico Bollini, (142), def. Ken Lewis, (147), 4 and 2  
Steven Surry, (143), def. Joel Gibbons, (147), 1-up  
Andy Connell, (147), def. Travis Whisman, (140), 19 Holes  
Ben Hayes, (145), def. Jason Hartwick, (145), 1-up  
Nick Dougherty, (142), def. Ty Tryon, (147), 2 and 1  
Mike Barbosa, (143), def. James Vargas, (147), 3 and 1  
Ryan Baca, (147), def. Brent Delahoussaye, (141), 1-up  
Bill Haas, (146), def. Chris Nallen, (144), 2-up  
Heath West, (147), def. James Oh, (141), 2 and 1  
Chris Stroud, (144), def. John Limanti, (145), 5 and 4  
Jeff Bell, (141), def. Logan Goettsch, (147), 5 and 4  
Chan Song Wongluekiet, (146), def. Hunter Mahan, (144), 1-up  
Nicholas Thompson, (147), def. Brian O'Flaherty, (141), 1-up  
Casey Wittenberg, (143), def. Tyler Leon, (146), 3 and 2

### Second Round (Magnolia Course)

Moore def. Harris, 2 and 1  
Bollini def. Surry, 1-up  
Hayes def. Connell, 19 holes  
Dougherty def. Barbosa, 23 Holes  
West def. Stroud, 3 and 2  
Thompson def. Wittenberg, 22 Holes  
Haas def. Baca, 2 and 1  
Bell def. C. Song Wongluekiet, 2-up

### Quarterfinal Matches (Magnolia Course)

Bollini def. Moore, 5 and 3  
Haas def. Bell, 3 and 2  
Dougherty def. Hayes, 2 and 1  
Thompson def. West, 2 and 1

### Semifinal Matches (Magnolia Course)

Haas def. Bollini, 4 and 3  
Dougherty def. Thompson, 5 and 3

### Championship Match (Magnolia Course)

Dougherty def. Haas, 3 and 2

## GIRLS DIVISION

### First Round (Palm Course)

Naree Song Wongluekiet (141), def. Karyn Stordahl (157), 2 and 1  
Walailak Satarak (151), def. Kim Kouwabunpat (152), 19 Holes  
Leigh Anne Hardin (143), def. Whitney Code (157), 4 and 3  
Aimee Cho (151), def. Brooke Tull (152), 1-up  
Courtney Wood (149), def. Yvonne Choe (155), 4 and 2  
Hana Kim (155), def. Janice Olivencia (149), 8 and 6  
Martina Eberl (146), def. Ina Kim (155), 20 Holes  
Allison Martin (154), def. Erin Tone (149), 4 and 3  
Aree Song Wongluekiet (146), def. Mary Ellen Grzebień (156), 4 and 3  
Nicole Hage (153), def. Anna Lee (150), 3 and 2  
Catherine Cartwright (145), def. Kristi Larsen (156), 2 and 1  
Ingrid Rickers (153), def. Hwanhee Lee (151), 3 and 2  
Virada Nirapathpongorn (146), def. Diana Ramage (156), 3 and 2  
Lorena Ochoa, (146) def. Amanda Dick (156), 5 and 4  
Erica Blasberg (150), def. Tiffany Catafygiotu (154), 2-up  
Angela Rho (150), def. Cindy Shin (154), 2 and 1

### Second Round (Magnolia Course)

N. Song Wongluekiet def. Satarak, 4 and 2  
Kim def. Wood, 1-up  
A. Song Wongluekiet def. Hage, 6 and 4  
Nirapathpongorn def. Blasberg, 2 and 1  
Hardin def. Cho, 3 and 2  
Martin def. Eberl, 1-up  
Cartwright def. Rickers, 4 and 2  
Ochoa, def. Rho, 6 and 4

### Quarterfinal Matches (Magnolia Course)

N. Song Wongluekiet def. H Kim, 4 and 3  
Nirapathpongorn def. A. Song Wongluekiet, 2 and 1  
Hardin def. Martin, 2 and 1  
Cartwright def. Ochoa, 1-up

### Semifinal Matches (Magnolia Course)

N. Song Wongluekiet def. Nirapathpongorn, 4 and 3  
Cartwright def. Hardin, 1-up

### Championship Match (Magnolia Course)

N. Song Wongluekiet def. Cartwright, 1-up

## Polo Golf Junior Classic

# Dougherty, Wongluekiet win titles

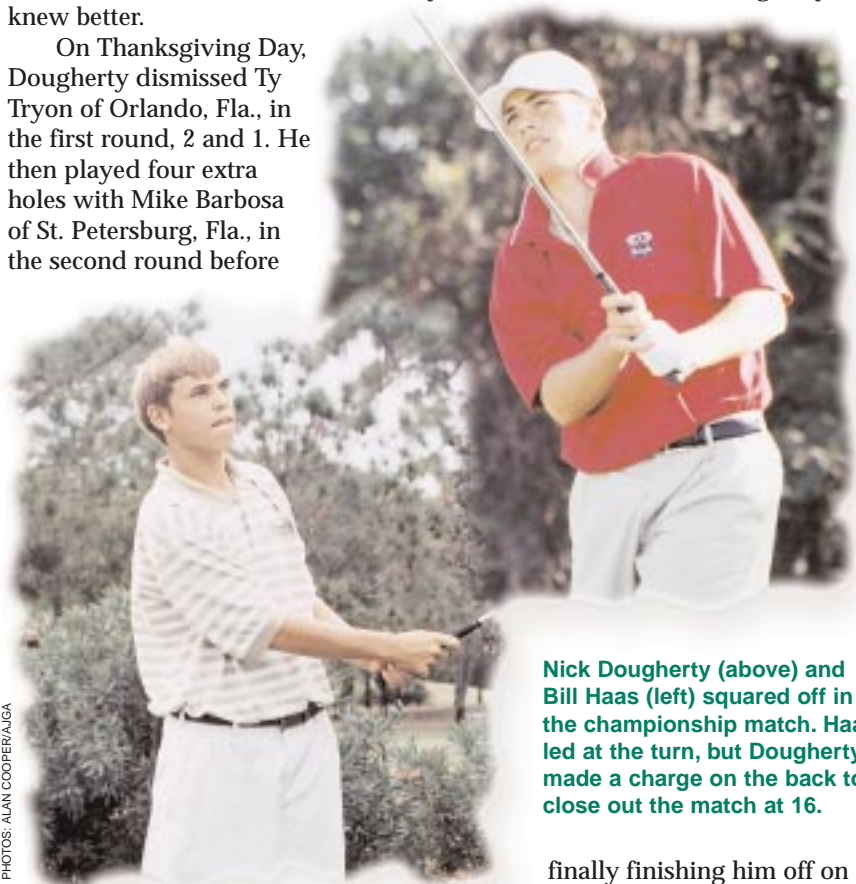
## ENGLAND'S TOP JUNIOR CLAIMS BOYS DIVISION

Surprises were abundant among the boys, as the top-ranked U.S. players fell early in match play. In the end, a player that is new to the AJGA (but a household name among British junior golf circles) won the title.

Nick Dougherty of Lancashire, England, is widely recognized as the best junior in Britain, however, no formal ranking system exists. So when the 17-year-old arrived at the Polo Golf Junior Classic, he was something of an unknown quantity.

After qualifying with a 2-under-par 142 and claiming the seventh seed, he was forced to play a pair of first-team Polo Golf Junior All-Americans in his first two matches. While some may have counted him out, Dougherty knew better.

On Thanksgiving Day, Dougherty dismissed Ty Tryon of Orlando, Fla., in the first round, 2 and 1. He then played four extra holes with Mike Barbosa of St. Petersburg, Fla., in the second round before



PHOTOS: ALAN COOPER/AJGA

Nick Dougherty (above) and Bill Haas (left) squared off in the championship match. Haas led at the turn, but Dougherty made a charge on the back to close out the match at 16.

finally finishing him off on the 22nd hole.

Dougherty had everyone's attention as he entered his quarterfinal match the next day with Ben Hayes of Paradise Valley, Ariz. Hayes, himself, had defeated a first-teamer, Jason Hartwick of Sacramento, Calif., in the first round, setting up a match between giant-killers. Dougherty edged Hayes, 2 and 1, then skipped past Nicholas Thompson of Coral Springs, Fla., 5 and 3, in the semifinals.

Bill Haas of Greer, S.C., awaited Dougherty in the championship match. Haas had played remarkable golf to reach the final, defeating fellow Polo Golf Junior All-Americans Chris Nallen of Hackettstown, N.J., Jeff Bell of Plano, Texas, and Nico Bollini of Yorba Linda, Calif., along the way.

Dougherty and Haas fought a seesaw battle throughout much of the championship match, and Haas carried a 1-up lead into the back nine. But Dougherty won three of the next four holes to reclaim the lead at 2-up. He then won the 16th hole to seal a 3-and-2 victory.



"I came here wanting to win," Dougherty said. "I didn't play well on the first day of stroke play qualifying, but I found my game on the second. In match play, I had a tough draw and had to beat some good players."

Although Dougherty is the top junior in England, he was hoping to show that he could also be among the best in the United States, as well.

"It's good to compare myself to the standard over here, and see that I'm up to it," he said, although playing in the States is nothing new to him.

Each year, when harsh winter weather causes many British golf courses to close, Dougherty packs his bags and heads to Florida so he can continue practicing.

Dougherty may be playing on U.S. courses much more next year. Depending on how his game progresses, he may attend college or jump straight into the professional ranks. Either way, this is a young man that will be heard from in the future.

#### **NAREE SONG WONGLUEKIET WINS ANOTHER MAJOR**

The girls' bracket was played out with few upsets and, ultimately, a first-team Polo Golf Junior All-American captured the championship.

Despite turning 13 years old in May, Naree Song Wongluekiet of Bradenton, Fla., added a second major championship to her growing list of victories, after winning the Polo Golf Junior Classic in dramatic fashion. A tight match with Catherine Cartwright of Bonita Springs, Fla. was won on the 18th hole when Wongluekiet drained a 20-foot breaking birdie putt for a 1-up victory.

The putt capped a remarkable run by Wongluekiet, who earned the No. 1 seed in stroke play qualifying.

Having survived Thanksgiving Day challenges from Karyn Stordahl of Owatonna, Minn., and Walailak Satarak of Paramount, Calif., there was much work left to be done, as her next two opponents would be Polo Golf Junior All-Americans. In the quarterfinals, Hana Kim of Encino, Calif., played her tough on the front, but Wongluekiet slipped away on the back to claim the match, 4 and 3.

Wongluekiet almost had the chance to play her twin sister, Aree, in the semifinals, but Aree was defeated by Virada Nirapathpongporn of Bangkok, Thailand, in the quarters. Nirapathpongporn was unable to take down two Wongluekiets in a row, however, as Naree earned a trip to the

championship match with a 2-and-1 victory.

In the other semifinal, Cartwright, who was playing in pain after sustaining a 10 percent tear in the MCL in her right knee, defeated No. 2 seed Leigh Anne Hardin, 1-up, to set the stage for the final match.

Cartwright charged to an early lead against Wongluekiet. When she made her third birdie of the day on the 11th hole, she claimed a 2-up lead and seemed to be in control. But Wongluekiet drained a long birdie putt at the 13th hole to cut the difference to one as they came down the home stretch.

When both players made birdie at No. 16, Cartwright maintained her 1-up lead. But a costly bogey at No. 17 allowed Wongluekiet to square the match.

At the 18th, Wongluekiet completed her comeback by draining her 20-footer for birdie. She had not held the lead during the first 17 holes, but claimed it just in time to win the title.

"I didn't start off great," said Wongluekiet, who admitted feeling a little discouraged during the match. "One side of me was saying, 'You're too tired.' The other side was saying, 'You can't give up now.'"

"Catherine was playing well and I thought maybe it was her day. But then I thought maybe not and I tried harder. The putt at No. 13 gave me confidence."

Wongluekiet is the first stroke play medalist since Grace Park (1996) to go undefeated in match play. Wongluekiet is also the first player since Park (1996) to win both the Rolex Tournament of Champions and the Polo Golf Junior Classic in the same calendar year.

She is the youngest player to win the Polo Golf Junior Classic in its 22-year history. In fact, only one player can compare with Naree when it comes to winning major tournaments at age 13. That, of course, is her twin sister, Aree, who won the Lucent Technologies Girls Junior Championship and U.S. Girls Junior this summer. The twins turned 13 on May 1, making them eligible for the AJGA.

"Our goal at the start was to get into the AJGA," Naree said. "We accomplished that quickly, so we set some higher goals — winning tournaments and winning majors."

With those higher goals achieved, what's next?

"I'm going to try and get my ranking higher and win some majors again next year."



PHOTOS: STEVE BAILEY/AJGA

**When Catherine Cartwright (left) suffered a slight tear to her MCL in the second round of stroke play, her playing status was in jeopardy. Despite the injury, she gave Naree Song Wongluekiet (above) all she could handle in the championship match.**

# Faces of the AJGA

## Letters to the AJGA

*Each year, the AJGA receives many wonderful letters from juniors, parents, volunteers, and others who have benefited from the "AJGA experience." The following excerpts have been taken from two of those letters.*

I had the pleasure this month (September) to serve as a volunteer at your recent tournaments in Mobile. I worked with the 13 and 14 year old boys and girls on the 6th, 16th and 17th holes at Magnolia Grove.

I have rarely been so impressed with the mannerisms of those young people. They were friendly, well-presented and professional in every way. That is why I said I was honored to work with them. For the past twenty years, I have been doing volunteer work with PGA events in Orlando (Bay Hill and Disney) and Pensacola (Moors Emerald Coast Classic). But I believe that I enjoyed this recent experience at Magnolia Grove most of all.

Sincerely,  
Viv (Bibbie) Bru

The ClubCorp in May was my very first AJGA tournament. It was quite a revelation for me to see the caliber of the players at the tournament. It made me appreciate the difficulty of selecting the field.

Thanks to your policy of having qualifiers, I was able to shoot my way into ClubCorp and Windsor Parke. From there, my AJGA career was launched. The confidence that I have from my rounds in these AJGA tournaments will be a foundation of my future competitive golf career.

Sincerely,  
Will Lloyd

## Coming Soon: AJGA Parents Seminar

The AJGA is currently planning a seminar for parents of its junior members. This seminar will not only be a chance for parents to ask questions and offer input, but there will be sessions designed to educate parents on issues such as college recruiting and providing a support system for children. The seminar will be attended by AJGA staff, college coaches and other featured speakers.

This special event will be during the spring in Dallas, and information will be sent to all parents in the new year.

## Alumni Profile

### Police officer heralded for brave rescue

After saving the life of a young girl trapped in a burning car, a former AJGA member serving as a policeman in Edmond, Okla., has been honored as the state's Officer of the Year.

In February, Acey Hopper responded to an auto accident where a teenage girl's car had run into a utility pole and burst into flames.

The injured driver was pulled from the wreckage, but the passenger, a teenage girl was trapped inside with her feet pinned up against the firewall as the flames were slowly working their way toward her.

Hopper tried to fight the flames with his fire extinguisher, but was unsuccessful. He then directed road crews to keep dirt on the fire to slow its progress toward the girl.

Meanwhile, as the flames became more threatening, he laid his body across the victim to shield her from them. As firefighters arrived and worked to extinguish the fire, he continued to shield her from flying debris.

"I stayed there with her and tried to assure her that everything would be O.K.," Hopper told the Edmond Sun newspaper after the event.

Hopper has been recognized as a community hero since the courageous rescue. This autumn, the Oklahoma Association of Chiefs of Police honored him with the Officer of the Year award, given to one officer each year. A few weeks after the incident, the Edmond City Council awarded him with a medal of valor.

Hopper played in AJGA tournaments in the mid-eighties before attending the University of Central Oklahoma on a full golf scholarship in 1987.

After earning his bachelor's degree in business administration, Hopper joined the Edmond Police Department nine years ago.

He is now married with a 4-year-old daughter Kyla.

*Information for this article was obtained from various Edmond Sun articles, written by Tom Chaney and Michelle Peller.*

## Teeing off

What are your goals after high school?



**Michael Berg, 16**  
Belden, Miss.

I plan to go to college and major in chemical engineering.



**Marci Robinson, 17**  
Columbia, S.C.

I plan to attend a major university and become a member of their golf team, and later be a leading player in the LPGA.



**Rhonda Renee Buraski, 17**  
Sherman, Ill.

I am hoping to be a music education teacher and the golf coach at that school.



**Marty Leatherwood, 15**  
Trophy Club, Texas

I would like to get a college scholarship, and then go on the PGA Tour. I also want to win the majors.



# 2000 AJGA Tournament Schedule

The following schedule is updated through Dec. 15 and is subject to change. As the AJGA works to complete its 2000 tournament schedule, updates will be posted on the AJGA Web site ([www.ajga.org](http://www.ajga.org)). A final schedule will be sent to all members in their membership packets.

<b>PRESEASON JUNIOR AT KINGWOOD</b> Kingwood Country Club, Kingwood, Texas	<b>MARCH 3-5</b>	<b>ABILENE REPORTER-NEWS JUNIOR ★</b> Abilene Country Club, Abilene, Texas	<b>JULY 17-20</b>
<b>PRESEASON JUNIOR AT JEKYLL ISLAND</b> Jekyll Island Resort, Oleander Course, Jekyll Island, Ga.	<b>MARCH 31-APRIL 2</b>	<b>CLUBCORP JUNIOR CHAMPIONSHIP</b> Daufuskie Island Club & Resort, Daufuskie Island, S.C.	<b>JULY 17-20</b>
<b>AJGA ARIZONA JUNIOR CLASSIC ★</b> The Raven GC at South Mountain/Legacy GC, Phoenix, Ariz.	<b>APRIL 21-23</b>	<b>COMPAQ JUNIOR CHAMPIONSHIP AT TROPHY LAKE</b> Trophy Lake Golf & Casting, Seattle, Wash.	<b>JULY 17-20</b>
<b>TAYLOR MADE-ADIDAS GOLF PINEISLE JR. CLASSIC ★</b> Renaissance Pinelsie Resort, Lake Lanier Islands, Ga.	<b>APRIL 21-23</b>	<b>AJGA EASTERN CANADIAN JUNIOR ★</b> Deer Creek Golf & Country Estates, Ajax, Ontario, Canada	<b>JULY 18-21</b>
<b>TAYLOR MADE-ADIDAS GOLF TEXAS JR. CLASSIC ★</b> Columbia Lakes Resort, West Columbia, Texas	<b>APRIL 21-23</b>	<b>COMPAQ JR. ALL-STAR CLASSIC AT EAGLE RIDGE</b> Eagle Ridge Inn & Resort, North Course, Galena, Ill.	<b>JULY 24-26</b>
<b>THUNDERBIRDS INTERNATIONAL JUNIOR</b> Grayhawk Golf Club, Raptor Course, Scottsdale, Ariz.	<b>MAY 26-29</b>	<b>HENRY-GRIFFITTS JUNIOR AT STONEBRIDGE ★</b> Stonebridge Golf Club, Monroe, N.C.	<b>JULY 24-27</b>
<b>COMPAQ JR. ALL-STAR CLASSIC AT MAUMEE BAY</b> Maumee Bay Resort, Oregon, Ohio	<b>MAY 27-29</b>	<b>MCDONALD'S BETSY RAWLS GIRLS NAT'L CHAMP.</b> DuPont Country Club, DuPont GC, Wilmington, Del.	<b>JULY 24-27</b>
<b>COMPAQ JR. CLASSIC AT ENGLISH TURN ★</b> English Turn Golf & Country Club, New Orleans, La.	<b>MAY 30-JUNE 2</b>	<b>LUCENT TECHNOLOGIES BOYS JUNIOR CHAMP. ★</b> Dallas Athletic Club, Gold Course, Dallas, Texas	<b>JULY 24-28</b>
<b>AJGA BOISE JUNIOR CLASSIC</b> Warm Springs Golf Club/Hillcrest Country Club, Boise, Idaho	<b>JUNE 4-7</b>	<b>COMPAQ JR. ALL-STAR CLASSIC AT FIELDSTONE</b> Fieldstone Golf Club, Greenville, Del.	<b>JULY 31-AUG. 2</b>
<b>AJGA ASPEN JUNIOR CLASSIC</b> Aspen Golf Course, Aspen, Colo.	<b>JUNE 5-8</b>	<b>GOLF DESIGN JUNIOR CLASSIC ★</b> (California) Site TBA	<b>JULY 31-AUG. 3</b>
<b>IZZO JUNIOR CHAMPIONSHIP AT SAND BARRENS ★</b> Sand Barrens Golf Club, Atlantic City, N.J.	<b>JUNE 5-8</b>	<b>TURNBERRY ISLE JUNIOR CLASSIC ★</b> Turnberry Isle Resort & Club, Aventura, Fla.	<b>JULY 31-AUG. 3</b>
<b>JUSTIN LEONARD/DELOITTE &amp; TOUCHE JR. TEAM CHAMP.</b> Northwood Club, Dallas, Texas	<b>JUNE 5-8</b>	<b>IZZO COLORADO JUNIOR ROUNDUP ★</b> Legacy Ridge Golf Course, Westminster, Colo.	<b>AUG. 1-4</b>
<b>GREATER GREENSBORO CHRYSLER JUNIOR ★</b> The Cardinal Golf Club, Greensboro, N.C.	<b>JUNE 12-15</b>	<b>AJGA TAMPA BAY JUNIOR CLASSIC</b> Westin Innisbrook Resort, Tarpon Springs, Fla.	<b>AUG. 6-9</b>
<b>LAS VEGAS FOUNDERS' LEGACY JUNIOR ★</b> The Legacy Golf Club, Henderson, Nev.	<b>JUNE 12-15</b>	<b>COMPAQ JR. ALL-STAR CLASSIC AT ANGEL PARK</b> Angel Park Golf Club, Las Vegas, Nev.	<b>AUG. 7-9</b>
<b>TEXACE SAN ANTONIO SHOOTOUT ★</b> The Club at Sonterra, San Antonio, Texas	<b>JUNE 12-15</b>	<b>CANON CUP</b> Prairie Dunes Country Club, Hutchinson, Kan.	<b>AUG. 7-10</b>
<b>GOLF WEEK CHICAGO JUNIOR ★</b> Winnetka Golf Club, Winnetka, Ill.	<b>JUNE 13-16</b>	<b>MARSH KANSAS CITY JUNIOR ★</b> Kansas City Country Club, Mission Hills, Kan.	<b>AUG. 7-10</b>
<b>LESSING'S INC. AJGA CLASSIC ★</b> Aspetuck Valley Country Club, Weston, Conn.	<b>JUNE 19-22</b>	<b>AJGA SACRAMENTO JUNIOR CLASSIC ★</b> Twelve Bridges Golf Club, Lincoln, Calif.	<b>AUG. 14-17</b>
<b>LUCENT TECHNOLOGIES GIRLS JR. CHAMPIONSHIP</b> Site TBA	<b>JUNE 19-22</b>	<b>AJGA SOUTHWESTERN JUNIOR CLASSIC</b> The Championship Golf Course at UNM, Albuquerque, N.M.	<b>AUG. 14-17</b>
<b>PING MYRTLE BEACH JUNIOR CLASSIC ★</b> Myrtlewood Golf Club, PineHills Course, Myrtle Beach, S.C.	<b>JUNE 19-22</b>	<b>HENRY-GRIFFITTS ROME JUNIOR CLASSIC ★</b> Coosa Country Club, Rome, Ga.	<b>AUG. 14-17</b>
<b>AJGA BLUEGRASS JUNIOR INVITATIONAL ★</b> Bellefonte Country Club, Ashland, Ky.	<b>JUNE 20-23</b>	<b>MARSH JUNIOR AT ROCKAWAY HUNTING CLUB ★</b> Rockaway Hunting Club, Lawrence, N.Y.	<b>AUG. 14-17</b>
<b>COMPAQ JR. ALL-STAR CLASSIC AT KINGWOOD</b> Kingwood Country Club, Kingwood, Texas	<b>JUNE 26-28</b>	<b>AJGA WESTERN CANADIAN JUNIOR</b> Calgary, Alberta, Canada (Site TBA)	<b>AUG. 21-24</b>
<b>AJGA OKLAHOMA JUNIOR CLASSIC ★</b> Oak Tree Country Club, East Course, Edmond, Okla.	<b>JUNE 26-29</b>	<b>CLUBCORP JUNIOR PLAYERS CHAMPIONSHIP</b> The Homestead Resort, Hot Springs, Va.	<b>AUG. 21-24</b>
<b>PING LANGDON FARMS JUNIOR CLASSIC ★</b> Langdon Farms Golf Club, Portland, Ore.	<b>JUNE 26-29</b>	<b>GREATER HARTFORD JAYCEES JUNIOR CLASSIC ★</b> (Connecticut) Site TBA	<b>AUG. 21-24</b>
<b>IZZO CUP</b> Ullna Golf Course, Stockholm, Sweden	<b>JUNE 26-30</b>	<b>IZZO/COMPAQ JUNIOR CHAMPIONSHIP</b> Grand View Resort, Preserve Course, Nisswa, Minn.	<b>AUG. 22-25</b>
<b>HARGRAY JUNIOR CLASSIC AT INDIGO RUN ★</b> Golden Bear Golf Club at Indigo Run, Hilton Head Isl., S.C.	<b>JUNE 27-30</b>	<b>PING PHOENIX JUNIOR CHAMPIONSHIP ★</b> Karsten Golf Course at ASU, Tempe, Ariz.	<b>AUG. 24-27</b>
<b>AJGA JACKSONVILLE JUNIOR CLASSIC ★</b> (Florida) Site TBA	<b>JULY 3-6</b>	<b>AJGA TUCKER ANTHONY JUNIOR</b> New Seabury Country Club, New Seabury, Mass.	<b>AUG. 28-31</b>
<b>BUICK JUNIOR OPEN ★</b> Partridge Creek Golf Club, The Hawk, Clinton Township, Mich.	<b>JULY 3-6</b>	<b>ROBERT TRENT JONES GOLF TRAIL JUNIOR CLASSIC ★</b> Magnolia Grove Golf Club, Mobile, Ala.	<b>SEPT. 1-4</b>
<b>NABISCO MISSION HILLS DESERT JUNIOR ★</b> Mission Hills CC, Palmer Course, Rancho Mirage, Calif.	<b>JULY 3-6</b>	<b>POLO GOLF JUNIOR CLASSIC</b> Walt Disney World Resort, Lake Buena Vista, Fla.	<b>NOV. 20-25</b>
<b>JOS. A. BANK JUNIOR ALL-STAR CLASSIC</b> Kissimmee Bay Country Club, Kissimmee, Fla.	<b>JULY 10-12</b>		
<b>AJGA INDIANA JUNIOR CLASSIC</b> Twin Lakes Golf Club, Carmel, Ind.	<b>JULY 10-13</b>		
<b>ROLEX TOURNAMENT OF CHAMPIONS</b> Serrano Country Club, El Dorado Hills, Calif.	<b>JULY 10-14</b>		

★ Denotes AJGA Qualifier will be conducted prior to tournament.

Tournaments in blue are part of the Compaq/David Leadbetter Junior All-Star Series, designated for juniors aged 13-15.

## News & Notes

### AJGA STAFF UPDATE

Many faces have changed at AJGA headquarters since the end of summer.

Among those departing are Kevin Floyd of the communications department; Chad Bozarth and Carolyn Israel of the administration department; and Elizabeth Gilley of the operations department.

Several staff members have taken new positions within the AJGA, and eight former summer interns have been hired full time. The following list gives a complete rundown on the new staff members and those who have changed positions.

#### STAFF MEMBERS WITH NEW POSITIONS

<b>Ryan Carter</b>	<b>Annual Fund Director</b> (Former position — Tournament Director)
<b>Jason Etzen</b>	<b>Director of Corporate Relations</b> (Manager, Education)
<b>Todd Garten</b>	<b>Director of Site Development</b> (Tournament Director)
<b>Gus Montano</b>	<b>Director of Education</b> (Tournament Director)
<b>Linda Payne</b>	<b>Development Coordinator</b> (Membership Information Coordinator)

#### NEW STAFF MEMBERS

<b>Steve Bailey</b>	<b>Manager, Tournament Communications</b>
<b>Todd Corum</b>	<b>Tournament Director</b>
<b>Matt Cuccaro</b>	<b>Tournament Director</b>
<b>Ivy Culbertson</b>	<b>Manager of Tournament Administration</b>
<b>Megan Cummings</b>	<b>Manager of Membership Services</b>
<b>Doug Gross</b>	<b>Tournament Director</b>
<b>Josh Hellman</b>	<b>Tournament Director</b>
<b>Melanie Holsapple</b>	<b>Membership Information Coordinator</b>
<b>Jason Ross</b>	<b>Tournament Director</b>

### TOUR Q-SCHOOL COMPLETE

Many AJGA alumni will be regulars on the PGA and LPGA Tours next season after successfully competing at the Tours' respective Qualifying Schools.

If Q-School is any indication, Kellee Booth will have a major impact on the LPGA next year. Although no one else shot better than 1-under-par, Booth cruised through the final stage at 8-under to attain her tour card.

Others gaining fully-exempt status include Jean Zedlitz, Debbie Koyama, Jennifer Rosales, Jennifer Hanna, Stephanie Sparks and Ashli Price-Bunch.

Among AJGA alumni earning PGA TOUR cards for the year 2000 are Sean Murphy, Robin Freeman, Brian Gay, Michael Clark, Bob May, Pete Jordan, Rick Fehr, Mike Springer, and Jason Buha.

Congratulations to each player from the AJGA and best of luck in the new year.



Prairie Dunes Country Club in Kansas is the site of the 2000 Canon Cup.

## AJGA: On Location

Ground was broken in November for the new AJGA National Headquarters at Chateau Elan and construction has already begun. When the building is finished in August 2000, the AJGA will more than double its current office space. (See complete story on page 2.)

Pictured at right is an artist's rendition of what the new headquarters will look like upon completion.

"This marks a tremendous milestone in the growth of the Association," said J.R.

"Digger" Smith, AJGA Chairman of the Board and 1995 *Golfweek* Father of the Year. "With this we are creating a commitment for the future and look forward to the continued growth of the AJGA."

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### *AJGA National Headquarters*

