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No, Justin Leonard has not become a caddy; but he could be found helping out wherever possible at the second annual Justin Leonard/Deloitte & Touche Junior Team Championship (see page 5).

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AJGA hits the road for summer

Behind every tournament's success is a good intern team

With its busiest season on tap, the AJGA spent the offseason preparing for a summer that will average four tournaments per week.

As a vital part of this preparation, the AJGA armed itself with its best weapon — a sharp crew of summer interns.

Twenty-two college-aged interns have been carefully selected, trained and deployed across the country to man the front lines of each AJGA tournament.

"We couldn't accomplish half of what we do without our summer staff," said Peter Ripa, AJGA assistant executive director. "Our success is reliant on the quality of our interns, and we believe we have found 22 top-quality people who will not only work hard but serve as positive role models for the juniors."

The 22 interns have been divided into four teams and can be seen traversing the country in diesel vans pulling the AJGA's trademark white

trailers, which are packed to the hilt with luggage and golf equipment.

Each intern team this summer will log between 5,600 and 11,000 miles over the course of a summer in which they will each conduct between 11 and 13 tournaments. Of course, driving is the easy part. After six tiresome days, a long drive is the perfect remedy for a group of sleep-deprived, worn-out interns.

"The days were long," says Andy Dawson, a former intern who now works as an AJGA tournament director. "Most of the time, it was dark when we arrived at the course and dark when we left. But the friendships we developed and the successes we were able to witness kept us going. Once we finished a tournament, we couldn't wait to get to the next."

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Wongluekiet twins show poise in debut

If Aree and Naree Wongluekiet were not well known before this summer, it was understandable. The twins turned 13 on May 1, barely in time to begin their first summer of AJGA competition.

They wasted no time making names for themselves. Aree (black hat in photo) won the Lucent



Technologies Girls Junior Championship by three strokes, while Naree tied for fourth. A week later, they were back in action, barely missing victory in a playoff at the Justin Leonard/Deloitte & Touche Junior Team Championship. No doubt, this is a sister act we'll be seeing a lot more of over the next five years.

At the Top of the News

2000 IZZO Cup expands to include four more nations

The IZZO Cup will gain an even greater international flavor in 2000, when four new nations join the biannual match play competition.

Sweden, which lost to the United States in the inaugural IZZO Cup in 1998, will be joined by Denmark, Finland, Iceland and Norway to form Team Scandinavia for the rematch.

Both the U.S. and Scandinavian teams will consist of 16 players (eight boys/eight girls), an increase from the 12-player teams that competed at The Legends at Chateau Elan in Braselton, Ga., in 1998. Next year's IZZO Cup will also move across the Atlantic, where it will be hosted by the Swedish Golf Federation at Ullna Golf Course in Stockholm, June 26-30.

The U.S. Team will be selected using a point-accrual system based on top finishes in 1999 All-America tournaments. The team will be announced by the AJGA in January 2000. Through June 28, the U.S. point standings were as follows:

BOYS

1. Hunter Mahan, McKinney, Texas	.245
2. Rusty Kennedy, Phoenix, Ariz.	.140
3. Michael Barbosa, St. Petersburg, Fla.	.135
3. Ty Tryon, Orlando, Fla.	.135
5. Sean O'Hair, Bradenton, Fla.	.120
6. James Vargas, Miami, Fla.	.110
7. Dustin Bray, Asheboro, N.C.	.100
7. Ryan Hybl, Colbert, Ga.	.100
9. Martin Catalioto, Ramsey, N.J.	.95
10. Jason Harris, Clemmons, N.C.	.85

GIRLS

1. Leigh Anne Hardin, Martinsville, Ind.	.265
2. Whitney Code, Tampa, Fla.	.185
3. Courtney Wood, Brentwood, Tenn.	.155
4. Nancy Abiecunas, Ft. Collins, Colo.	.150
4. Angela Rho, Fullerton, Calif.	.150
6. Sarah Jacobs, Whites Creek, Tenn.	.110
7. Hana Kim, Encino, Calif.	.90
8. Nicole Melton, San Antonio, Texas	.85
9. Ashley Prange, Noblesville, Ind.	.80
9. Diana Ramage, Fayetteville, Ga.	.80



"Life on the road"

— memoirs of a former summer intern

by Kevin Floyd

AJGA Manager, Tournament Communications and member of 1998 Intern Team 3

After a fast-paced week of training at the National Headquarters in Atlanta, six of us, strangers only days before, headed out in a diesel van ('Joe') and a 10-foot trailer packed with a couple of maps, a few movies, and everything you could possibly need for 11 golf tournaments. Over the next three months, we would travel 5,406 miles along the East Coast and spend every waking moment together. Here is a brief look at some typical days as an AJGA summer intern:

Wednesday, May 27, Day #1 - Atlanta, Ga. - 0 miles traveled

At this point, we had no idea how many hours we would really be spending in 'Joe.' Our training week had flown by and we were pretty fired up to be leaving for our first tournament in Kentucky. After a week inside, we were eager to get on a golf course and start working. I don't think anyone slept at all the entire way, about 8 hours. In fact, I'm not sure we even stopped talking. Quite a few conversations started with, "I wonder if..." There was still a little mystery about the national junior golf tournaments we were about to conduct.

Sunday, June 21, Day #26 - Hilton Head Island, S.C. - 1,557 miles traveled

Our third tournament in four weeks. I got lucky and won the toss for private housing, a luxury not all interns have the chance to enjoy. Hotels were now being judged on three things: did we have an iron, how was the shower pressure and was there a laundry room? Other than that, nothing else mattered, considering the time we spent there. Private housing meant free laundry (done by your host if lucky), the escape from the hotel wake-up call and, most importantly, maybe a few home-cooked meals. Despite getting an average of five hours of sleep in the last week, we decided to get up an hour early at 5:30 and finish course marking and inside work. If we got our work done, we would have time to 'peel it' (AJGA lingo for playing golf). The heat index was 114 that day.



Kevin Floyd (center) and his team of summer interns enjoyed some well-deserved time off in New York City.

Saturday, July 4, Day #39 - Kissimmee, Fla. - 2,140 miles traveled

We had a Junior All-Star Series event in Kissimmee. With no junior-am or qualifier and an 84-player field, it was kind of a relaxing week. I had time to ride the course that afternoon and get away for a while. I remember sitting in one of the fairways and taking a couple of minutes to try and take everything in. We had been going so hard for five weeks that sometimes we forgot how lucky we were. We were in shorts and FootJoys everyday on some of the nicest golf courses in the country. How many internships can offer that? There wasn't anywhere I would have rather been on that 4th of July.

Thursday, July 23, Day #56 - Charlotte, N.C. - 2,971 miles traveled

It didn't take long to get accustomed to our routine. Our days were packed with duties and responsibilities and it took about three weeks before we realized how much we really treasured our travel time. Other than each other, 'Joe' was the

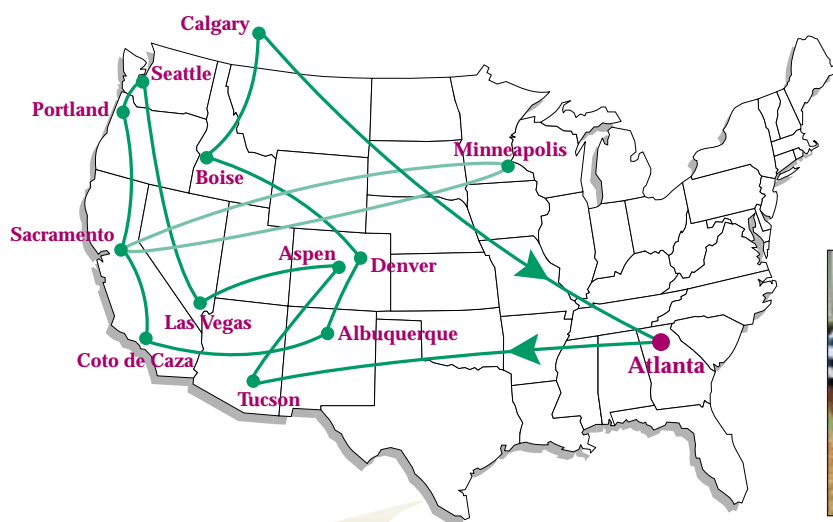
only constant fixture throughout the summer. He was our comfort zone and easily the captain of our team. Relax, kick off the shoes, watch some movies and replay the tournament we had just run. At this point, we were leaving the Ashworth Carolina Junior Classic near Charlotte, where we had witnessed a new course record, a Girls Division three-hole sudden-death playoff and a lip out on No. 18 for eagle that would've sent the Boys Division to a playoff. We must've talked about that final round until we fell asleep during the 21st showing of *Caddyshack*.

Wednesday, July 29, Day #64 - Hot Springs, Va. - 3,308 miles traveled
Week #9, tournament #8. We left The Homestead Resort at 6 a.m. Our 7:30 tee times were bumped back to 9:30 after a fog delay. Luckily, we had 'Squirrel' and 'Rabbit,' a pair of Homestead golf staffers who must have worked there a combined 60 years, to keep us and the juniors entertained. After a long day at the course and dinner with the tournament committee, final-round tee time calls, laundry, and packing for early check-out were our next priorities. After that, we heard that some of the juniors were at the indoor bowling alley and wanted to avenge a Great Golf Ball race loss to the staff. No chance we were missing that. Work hard, play hard. I figured I could get some extra sleep on the ride to New York the next day.

August 5, Day #71 - New York City, N.Y. - 4,085 miles traveled
Finally, a week off. Even better, a week off in New York City. Although our unanimous first priority was sleep, we ventured into the city to see the Empire State Building, Central Park, and the Statue of Liberty. We even managed tickets to *The Late Show with David Letterman*.

Thursday, Sept. 3, Day #98 - Cape Cod, Mass. - 4,294 miles traveled
Back in the grind for a couple weeks after our break, I was downing about four Mountain Dews before 8 a.m. to stay awake at this point. It had been 14 weeks since we first set out on our travels. It didn't seem possible that we had run 11 tournaments, not to mention a visit to Fenway Park, Madison Square Garden and Martha's Vineyard. It was over too fast. They all seemed like day-dreams now.

Saturday, Sept. 5, Day #100 - 5,406 total miles traveled
Our final destination was Atlanta — 1,112 miles from the Cape. We unloaded 'Joe' and the trailer for the last time, left our copy of *Caddyshack* and took with us a ton of great memories. I realized then what had made every eight-hour drive and 5 o'clock morning bearable; each day had promised new experiences, new friendships and great golf. There wasn't a day that disappointed.



Meet the 1999 Summer Staff

Team 1 earns the "Frequent Driver Award" with a schedule that has them zigzagging all over the western U.S. and into Canada. At the end of the summer they will have chalked up more than 11,000 miles on their van, not to mention a flight from Sacramento to Minneapolis along the way.



(L to R) Kelly Constable, Craig Wilson Gabe Ottolini, Ivy Culberson, Seth Silverstein



(L to R) Josh Hellmann, David Balcer, Deborah Eareckson, Tiley Smith, Abi Miller, Chris Beeman

(L to R) Sarah Hendryx, Laura Larson, Brian Henry, Chris Reinheimer, David Reiter



Team 3



Team 2

(L to R) Cynthia Chapman, Seth Anderson, Megan Cummings, Michael Camacho, Steve Bailey, Todd Corum

AJGA Scoreboard

ClubCorp Junior Championship Daufuskie Island Club & Resort — Par 72 May 28-31, 1999

Boys Division

- 1 Sean O'Hair, Bradenton, Fla.71-68-70—209
- 2 Ramon Bescansa, Santiago, Spain73-68-69—210
- T3 Patrick Norris, Orlando, Fla.70-73-70—213
- Chan Wongluekiet, Bradenton, Fla. . . .70-69-74—213
- 5 Ron Won, Irvine, Calif.71-72-71—214
- 6 Ty Tryon, Orlando, Fla.75-70-70—215

Lucent Technologies Girls Junior Championship Randolph Park, North Course — Par 73 May 28-31, 1999

Girls Division

- 1 Aree Wongluekiet, Bradenton, Fla. . . .69-67-70—206
- 2 Miriam Nagl, Berlin, Germany72-68-69—209
- 3 Virada Nirapathpongorn, Bangkok, Thailand .73-68-71—212
- T4 Naree Wongluekiet, Bradenton, Fla. . . .70-71-73—214
- Candie Kung, Fountain Valley, Calif. . . .70-70-74—214
- 6 Kim Kouwabunpat, Upland, Calif.73-70-72—215

Junior All-Star Classic at Maumee Bay Maumee Bay Resort — Par 72 May 29-31, 1999

Boys Division

- 1 Will Armstrong, Austin, Texas72-75—147
- T2 Alex Hagmeyer, Naperville, Ill.75-75—150
- Zack Miller, San Rafael, Calif.73-77—150
- Sonny Nimkhum, Cerritos, Calif.71-79—150
- Casey Wittenberg, Memphis, Tenn.71-79—150

Girls Division

- 1 # Christy Larrimore, Glen Burnie, Md. . . .80-78—158
 - 2 Erica Battle, Columbia, S.C.78-80—158
 - 3 Anna Grzebień, Saunderton, R.I.76-85—161
- # won on second hole of sudden-death playoff

Classic Foundation Junior at English Turn English Turn Golf & Country Club — Par 72 June 1-4, 1999

Boys Division

- 1 Christo Greyling, Orlando, Fla.73-66-75—214
- 2 Hunter Mahan, McKinney, Texas71-74-71—216
- T3 Ty Tryon, Orlando, Fla.70-74-73—217
- Patrick Norris, Orlando, Fla.73-68-76—217
- T5 Stephen Reed, Houston, Texas76-71-71—218
- Matt Lindholm, Georgetown, Texas74-71-73—218

Girls Division

- 1 Sarah Jacobs, Whites Creek, Tenn. . . .74-74-79—227
- 2 Courtney Wood, Brentwood, Tenn. . . .80-77-75—232
- 3 Katie Futcher, The Woodlands, Texas . .79-75-82—236

Aspen Junior Classic Aspen Golf Course — Par 72 June 7-10, 1999

Boys Division

- 1 # Jesse Mueller, Mesa, Ariz.72-69-72—213
 - 2 Brett Tobyn, Lakewood, Colo.73-70-70—213
 - T3 James Kurtenbach, Englewood, Colo. . .73-70-71—214
 - Dustin White, Pueblo West, Colo.71-70-73—214
- # won on seventh hole of sudden-death playoff

Girls Division

- 1 Christine Anast, Littleton, Colo.76-72-79—227
- 2 Lindsay Hulwick, Littleton, Colo. . . .79-74-75—228
- 3 Nicole Cutler, Englewood, Colo.77-80-72—229

IZZO Junior Championship at Sand Barrens Sand Barrens Golf Club — Par 72 June 7-10, 1999

Boys Division

- 1 Chris Nallen, Hackettstown, N.J. . . .72-72-71—215
- T2 Martin Catalioto, Ramsey, N.J.73-74-73—220
- Anders Hofvander, Perstorp, Sweden . . .74-71-75—220
- 4 Brandon Knaub, Seven Valleys, Pa. . . .72-74-75—221

Girls Division

- 1 Lauren George, Uniontown, Pa.78-80-76—234
- 2 Cimmie Shahan, Spring Grove, Pa. . . .81-78-77—236

O'Hair kicks off summer with "major" win

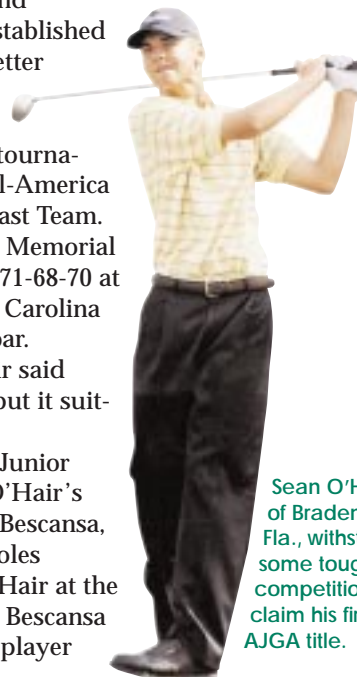
If the AJGA has four "majors" on its boys' schedule, it would include the Polo Golf Junior Classic, Rolex Tournament of Champions, Lucent Technologies Boys Junior Championship, and ClubCorp Junior Championship. Having established that, Sean O'Hair couldn't have picked a better time to earn his first AJGA victory.

The first-team Polo Golf Junior All-American had won four previous national tournaments, which had earned him first-team All-America status and a spot on the 1998 Canon Cup East Team. But his first AJGA victory eluded him until Memorial Day, where the 16-year-old fired rounds of 71-68-70 at Daufuskie Island Club and Resort in South Carolina to eke out a one-stroke victory at 7-under-par.

"All I can say is it's about time," O'Hair said after his round. "This was a tough course, but it suited me well."

In an 84-player field with 14 Polo Golf Junior All-Americans and other top junior boys, O'Hair's most difficult challenge came from Ramon Bescansa, who played even with O'Hair until three holes remained in the final round. A birdie by O'Hair at the par-3 16th hole proved to be the difference. Bescansa could only make par on the hole, and each player parred their way home.

With a 6-under total, Bescansa fell one stroke shy and settled for second place. Tied for third were Patrick Norris and Chan Wongluekiet at 3-under.



Sean O'Hair of Bradenton, Fla., withstood some tough competition to claim his first AJGA title.

Aree Wongluekiet takes down defending champ at Lucent Technologies Girls Junior Championship

She had barely turned 13. It was her first AJGA event. Eight of the top 10 girls in the Golfweek/Titleist rankings were there, making it one of the premier fields of the year.

Even so, Aree Wongluekiet was not intimidated. With nerves seemingly made of steel, the AJGA rookie shot 13-under-par over three rounds to win the Lucent Technologies Girls Junior Championship by three strokes over defending champion Miriam Nagl of Berlin, Germany.

Aree and her twin sister Naree live in Bradenton, Fla., with their family, where they attend the David Leadbetter Golf Academy. Two years ago, they immigrated to the United States from Thailand, their mother's home country. Their father is of South Korean origin, and their 16-year-old brother Chan has also found success in the AJGA and other national junior events.

Both Aree and Naree caught everyone's attention after firing opening rounds of 69 and 70.

"They are way ahead of other 13-year-olds, they play like 20-year-olds," said Nagl, who attends the Leadbetter Academy with them. "They're very technical and their swing is awesome. You would think that being so young they would make some mistakes, but they don't."

On the second day, Aree claimed the lead from first-round leader Cheryl Hennesy of Bonita, Calif., by shooting a 6-under-par 67. Naree stayed close with a 71. But Nagl and Candie Kung of Fountain Valley, Calif., were the closest competitors, four shots back.

Aree showed she would not slip on the final day. Playing her second straight bogey-free round, she shot a 3-under-par 70 to seal the win.

Justin Leonard takes week off Tour to revisit AJGA

Sometimes in sports, its not just about how you finish, but how much you enjoy getting to the finish line. The Justin Leonard/Deloitte & Touche Junior Team Championship is an example of that.

PGA TOUR sensation Justin Leonard returned to his roots in June, where he once excelled in the AJGA, and made sure that every player in attendance came away with fond memories, regardless of their finish. Leonard, who was on hand at the Northwood Club in Dallas all week, provided inspiration, encouragement, humor, and countless autographs to everyone in attendance.

The competition consisted of four-ball, alternate shot, and total stroke format for each two-person team.

Emerging with victory were Christo Greyling and Ty Tryon among the boys, and Angela Rho and Kim Rowton among the girls.

Greyling and Tryon edged out the team of Patrick Norris and James Vargas by three strokes, thanks to a remarkable 3-under 68 during the sec-

ond-round alternate shot format.

Rowton and Rho outdueled 13-year-old twin sensations Aree and Naree Wongluekiet in a playoff. Rowton and Rho held a small lead throughout the tournament, but when they recorded a bogey and double bogey at the 18th hole during the final round, they left the door open for the Wongluekiet.

Rowton and Rho recovered in the



Justin Leonard (center) capped off a wonderful week by crowning the winning teams (from left to right): Kim Rowton and Angela Rho; and Christo Greyling and Ty Tryon.

playoff, as each parred the first playoff hole, while the twins made a par and bogey. For Rowton, it marked the successful defense of the title she had won a year ago with Randi Meadows.

Justin Leonard AJGA Team Championship Northwood Club — Par 71 June 7-10, 1999

Boys Division

- 1 Christo Greyling, Orlando, Fla. and Ty Tryon, Orlando, Fla.66-68-(70-70--140)—274
- 2 Patrick Norris, Orlando, Fla. and James Vargas, Miami, Fla.64-73-(72-68--140)—277
- 3 Matthew Rosenfeld, Plano, Texas and Hunter Mahan, McKinney, Texas65-76-(70-73--143)—284
- 4 Scott Abbott, Dallas, Texas and Ben McCaslin, Dallas, Texas70-74-(69-72--141)—285
- 5 Brandon Lunke, San Antonio, Texas and Ash Serur, San Marcos, Texas64-73-(74-78--152)—289

Girls Division

- 1 # Angela Rho, Fullerton, Calif. and Kim Rowton, San Antonio, Texas68-74-(71-75--146)—288
- 2 Aree Wongluekiet, Bradenton, Fla. and Naree Wongluekiet, Bradenton, Fla.70-78-(69-71--140)—288
- 3 Samantha Fox, Whites Creek Tenn. and Erin Simmons, The Woodlands, Texas69-76-(69-78--147)—292

won on first hole of sudden-death playoff

Tournament Notes May 28-June 10

PAIR OF ACES

Cheryl Hennesy of Bonita, Calif., and Katy Heffel of Mesa, Ariz., each recorded a hole-in-one on the 15th hole at Randolph Park, North Course, during the first round of the Lucent Technologies Girls Junior Championship.

PAIR OF WINS

Christo Greyling of Orlando, Fla., picked up consecutive victories at the Classic Foundation Junior at English Turn and the Justin Leonard/Deloitte & Touche Junior Team Championship. Coupled with his win at the Taylor Made Pinelsle Junior Classic earlier this year, Greyling has positioned himself as one of the early frontrunners for Polo Golf Player of the Year honors.

FIRST-TIMERS

A running theme this summer has been first-time victors at AJGA events. Scan down the list of champions on the left side of page four and you will find that nine of the 10 champions had never won an AJGA title before.

MARATHON MEN

Jesse Mueller of Mesa, Ariz., and Brett Tobyne of Lakewood, Colo., played the longest AJGA playoff in the past decade. The overtime ended on the seventh extra hole when Mueller sank a



JESSE MUELLER

25-foot birdie putt for victory. The longest playoff in AJGA history was played in 1988 when Dana Arnold defeated Brandie Burton on the ninth extra hole at The Woodlands.

QUICK LEARNER

Although she learned to play golf just two years ago, Christy Larrimore of Glen Burnie, Md., captured the Junior All-Star Classic at Maumee Bay, a David Leadbetter Series event for 13- and 14-year-olds. She clinched the win on the second hole of sudden death, edging out Erica Battle of Columbia, S.C. A week later, Larrimore placed third at the IZZO Junior Championship at Sand Barrens.



CHRISTY LARRIMORE

ONE UNDER

Chris Nallen of Hackettstown, N.J., was the only player in either division to finish below par at Sand Barrens Golf Club. Nallen's final round of 1-under 71 pushed him in the red by a stroke after two previous rounds of even-par 72.

The Voice Box

In a survey to AJGA members, *Inside the AJGA* asked what type of hobbies they have outside of golf. The following list includes some of the more unique hobbies.

Mountain climbing

Brad Escue, 18, Houston, Texas

Tap dancing

Harold Villere III, 15, New Orleans, La.

Playing with pet duck George

Gina Umeck, 17, Redlands, Calif.

Competitive figure skating

Daniela Kessler, 18, Southern Pines, N.C.

Future Farmers of America

Brian Sharp, 18, Spring Branch, Texas

Collecting fish

Benjamin Lopez, 17, Dayton, Ohio

Ceramics

Chris Nallen, 17, Hackettstown, N.J.

Hana Kim, 16, Encino, Calif.

Karate black belt

Jillian Burt, 16, West Boylston, Mass.

Writing poetry

Ofelia Lopez, 17, San Antonio, Texas

Laura Dolan, 17, Abington, Pa.

Habitat for Humanity

Danny Schochor, 17, Lutherville, Md.

Squash (ranked No. 2 in country)

Timmy Porter, 13, Wilmington, Del.

Writing music

Brandon Huxhold, 16, Chicago, Ill.

Japanese animation

Amber Weller, 18, Exeter, R.I.

Editor of school newspaper

David Dupny, 18, Salina, Kan.

Collecting World War II memorabilia

Michael Himebaugh, 15, Palm City, Fla.

Modeling

Amanda Harter, 15, Hixson, Tenn.

Calligraphy

Mary Jan Fernandez, 17, Henderson, Nev.

Visiting art museums

Jacqueline Ey, 17, San Antonio, Texas

Kickboxing

Holly Cantwell, 14, Morristown, Tenn.

Astronomy

Brad Arnn, 17, Hayden Lake, Idaho

Spelunking

Kyle Burns, 17, Signal Mountain, Tenn.

Breakdancing

Stefanie Ansen, 18, Woodbury, Conn.

Curling

Tyler McDannold, 16, Ancaster, Ontario

Editor's Column

Learn from others — avoid these pitfalls

by Rob Coleman, Editor, *Inside the AJGA*

Disqualifying a player is one of the saddest things a rules official can do at a golf tournament.

Unfortunately, it does happen at AJGA events. On the positive side, players who have been DQ'd will probably not make the same mistake again. My hope in writing this short column is to help others avoid these same pitfalls.

If you've checked results from AJGA tournaments, you may have noticed the terms "DQ (Rule 6-3a)" or "DQ (Rule 6-6d)." These forms of disqualification appear more than any other.

Rule 6 outlines a player's basic responsibilities and should be at the top of any golfer's reading list.

Quite simply, showing up late to the tee is a no-no and risks disqualification. The AJGA allows a five-minute grace period with a two-stroke penalty. But be cautious!!! Other tournaments may not allow this. In fact, unless they specifically adopt the five-minute

grace period, Rule 6-3 demands that a player — even one minute late — must be DQ'd.

Rule 6-6 covers the other end of the round. In a nutshell, it says "Turn in your scorecard!" It says other things, too, but I'll leave that for you to read later. A common problem at AJGA qualifiers is the failure to turn in a scorecard. Think about it — if we don't have an actual score to post, we have no choice but to post a DQ. We'd rather have a score, no matter how high (and so will you next time you're applying for an AJGA tournament).

Most other DQs occur on the course. My advice? Don't take chances. If you're not exactly sure how to proceed in a situation, don't risk a guess. Don't ask a fellow competitor or spectator, who may know less than you. If you cannot locate a rules official, invoke Rule 3-3 and play a second ball. If you're not familiar with Rule 3-3, you've got some homework for the summer.

Teeing off

What have you learned about yourself by playing golf?



Reiss Bright, 14
Paducah, Ky.

I have learned to have a good attitude . . . to not think negatively, always think positively.



Mayumi Motoyama, 16
Littleton, Colo.

The value of friendship — I've developed the greatest friendships from the game of golf.



Kevin Hall, 16
Cincinnati, Ohio

I learned that I can be at the top, no matter if I'm deaf. I also learned that the more I practice, the better I get.

ClubCorp making AJGA feel "at home"

The American Junior Golf Association prides itself on conducting its tournaments at some of the nation's finest facilities. ClubCorp, the world leader in delivering golf, private club and resort experiences, has played a vital part in the success and growth of the AJGA over the last 21 years.

Founded in 1957 and headquartered in Dallas, ClubCorp owns more than 230 private clubs and golf resorts on five continents, ranging from premier country clubs and world-class resort destinations to outstanding business and sports clubs, and exceptional semi-private golf courses. Perhaps the best-known facility is Pinehurst, the world's largest golf resort and site of this year's U.S. Open. ClubCorp facilities serve more than 500,000 members and 250,000 guests each year.

"ClubCorp is an industry leader in golf course management," said Gerry Smith, executive vice president of marketing and communications for ClubCorp. "ClubCorp sees a direct benefit in showcasing our facilities to AJGA players, because they are our club members and club professionals of the future. Most importantly, however, is the assistance we give the AJGA in passing on the values of the game of golf."

The AJGA will conduct championships at a number of ClubCorp facilities in 1999, including The Homestead in Hot Springs, Va., Mission Hills

Country Club in Rancho Mirage, Calif., Gleneagles Country Club in Plano, Texas, Coto de Caza Golf & Racquet Club in Coto de Caza, Calif., and Daufuskie Island Club & Resort and Indigo Run Golf Club, both in Hilton Head Island, S.C.

"The support the AJGA has received from ClubCorp through the years has been tremendous," said AJGA Director of Development Mark Brazil. "Each and every ClubCorp property is second-to-none in its facilities and staff. The AJGA will certainly look for continued support from ClubCorp as our tournament schedule expands across the United States and Canada."

In addition to its support of the AJGA through the use of its facilities, ClubCorp serves as title sponsor for two AJGA events.

The ClubCorp Junior Championship, considered the Boys Division "major" of the early season, moved to Daufuskie Island Club & Resort this year after seven years at Firestone Country Club in Akron, Ohio. Past champions of the event include Stanford University All-American Joel Kribel and former UNLV All-American Ted Oh.

"This Jack Nicklaus signature course has its three finishing holes right on the Atlantic Ocean," Smith said. "I believe Daufuskie will be a great new home for the ClubCorp Junior Championship."

The ClubCorp Junior Players Championship features the nation's most talented up-and-comers at The Homestead, home of PGA TOUR legend Sam Snead. Past champions at the Virginia event include collegiate standouts Nick Cassini of the University of Georgia and Laura Blessey of the University of Texas.

Smith pointed out that excellence at ClubCorp starts at the top with Robert H. Dedman, founder and chairman of the Board. Known as the "Henry Ford of the club management business," Dedman, and his son, Bob, president and CEO of ClubCorp, are passionate about golf and the traditions of the game.



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*ClubCorp facilities hosting
1999 AJGA tournaments:*

- The Homestead Resort
- Mission Hills Country Club
- Gleneagles Country Club
- Daufuskie Island Club & Resort
- Indigo Run Golf Club
- Coto de Caza Golf & Racquet Club

News & Notes

DRESS CODE UPDATE

The AJGA has updated its Dress Code regarding its shorts policy. Please note that all shorts worn at AJGA competition must comply with the following "5-or-5" Rule: Shorts must either fall no more than 5 inches above the knee - OR - they must measure at least 5 inches in the inseam. Any player deemed by AJGA staff to be in non-compliance with this rule at an AJGA event will not be allowed to tee off until they are appropriately dressed.

JCPENNEY FORMAT CHANGE

The AJGA is changing the format of the JCPenney Junior Classic to 54-hole individual stroke play. The entry deadline has also been moved back to July 21. The event will be played on the Island Course at Westin Innisbrook Resort in Tarpon Springs, Fla.

NEW COMPUTER GURU COMES ABOARD

Jeff Witkowski of New Castle, Pa., has joined the AJGA staff as the Manager of Information Services. The 21-year-old Witkowski comes to the AJGA from Westminster College in New Wilmington, Pa., where he recently earned his bachelor's degree in computer information systems.

GCSAA MAKES DONATION TO AJGA

The Golf Course Superintendents Association of America has donated \$10,000 to the AJGA to offset the cost of course-marking paint. The donation will also benefit many of the AJGA's host facilities, as leftover paint at each tournament will be given to the course superintendent.

"This creates a win-win situation for the AJGA and the golf course superintendents at each of our host facilities," said AJGA Executive Director Stephen Hamblin.

The GCSAA is headquartered in Lawrence, Kan., and provides education, information and representation to more than 19,000 members from more than 65 countries.



UNITED AIRLINES FREE TICKET GIVEAWAY

Once again, United Airlines, the Official Airline of the AJGA, is offering AJGA members a chance to win free airline tickets. Any time you or a family member flies United, just save the receipt, boarding pass or some other form of proof of purchase. It doesn't matter whether the flight was for a tournament, vacation or business trip. All members are eligible to win.

To enter the drawing, send your proof of purchase to:

*AJGA/United Airlines Drawing
2415 Steeplechase Lane
Roswell, Ga. 30076*

AJGA: On Location

Coto de Caza Golf & Racquet Club
— North Course
Coto de Caza, Calif.
Par 72
Yardage: Boys 7,022; Girls 6,062

Coto de Caza Golf & Racquet Club, a ClubCorp facility designed by Robert Trent Jones Jr., proved to be the perfect host for the 1998 Rolex Tournament of Champions. The tournament was the start of a great relationship, as the AJGA quickly made plans to return to the prestigious North Course for the 1999 Ashworth/Golf Design Junior Championship. The landmark club tower, pictured at right, can be seen from almost anywhere inside the Coto community gates.

John Land Lecoq/Rodan Paolucci



The AJGA left its mark on Coto de Caza at the 1998 Rolex Tournament of Champions. After four days of heated competition, the men's and women's course records had fallen on both the North and South courses. The names John Ray Leary, John Lepak, Julia Kraschinski and Anne Lee will not soon be forgotten at Coto de Caza, and their record scores will be something for this year's juniors to shoot for.

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