

**Press Release** 

## "2009 HJGT South Florida Golf Swing Begins"

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Riviera Beach (USA), August 26, 2009: The Hurricane Junior Golf Tour will hit The Links at Madison Green, Royal Palm Beach, FL for its Palm Beach Junior Classic on September 19-20, 2009. The Hurricane Junior Golf Tour was founded with the intention of providing junior golfers between the ages of 10-19 an opportunity to play exceptional courses in a competitive environment. Their vision is to provide superb hospitality and make every event a memorable one.

The Hurricane Junior Golf Tour has set up a point's race which runs throughout the year. Each and every tournament the HJGT conducts, there



will be points awarded for the top ten finishers in each division. At the end of the year, the HJGT conducts its year end tour championship. The tour championship is invitational for those who have won a tour event and those who have accumulated the most points. The HJGT awards champion points in each age division with a trophy presentation prior to the tour championship. The Hurricane Junior Golf Tour conducts a total of three major championships throughout 2009. Major championships are worth 1.5 times the normal point structure.

"The Links is at first glance a typical South Florida design; however, rest assured in knowing it is anything but that. Madison Green plays a demanding 7,051 yards, with protected greens and water that comes into play on almost every hole. Precision iron shots and a hot putter are imperative if you plan on scoring well at the links", said HJGT Executive Director, Mario Conte.

During the Palm Beach Junior Classic, juniors will compete over 36-holes of stroke play, in one of five age divisions: Boys 16-19, Boys 13-15, Boys 10-12, Girls 15-19, or Girls 10-14. This event, along with all HJGT tournaments is ranked by the National Junior Golf Scoreboard (NJGS).

South Florida Regional Tournament Director, Clewis Wright, Jr. hopes for a good turnout in response to his hard work. Said Wright, "While the economy has drastically affected youth sports entries among other things, I look forward to increased HJGT participation as the schools with golf teams and local golf programs get to know more about the competitive spirit of its young golfers from all over the country."

Inner City Youth Golfers', Inc. is the "benefitting charity" the HJGT. ICYG will host its own "International Youth Golf Challenge" at Bear Lakes Country Club, West Palm Beach, FL on September 12, 2009. As an added bonus from Conte, "two (2) exemptions will be given for the overall boy and girl champions (low gross) from the ICYG Championship into the HJGT event the following week." "The two exemptions will be 100% paid for by the HJGT in an effort to support the ICYG" stated Conte. The registration deadline is September 9, 2009. For more information regarding the Palm Beach Junior Classic, please visit www.hjgt.org or email info@hjgt.org. You may also contact Mr. Wright at (561) 684-8892 or cwrightj@comcast.net or call the Hurricane Junior Golf Tour headquarters at (904) 379-2697.

I encourage all of our readers from Broward First Tee; Miami Golf Connection; Fairview Golf Club; Broward Ebony Golf Club; Dade, Broward and Palm Beach County Schools who have young aspiring golfers to get them in tournament competition.

Photo by: Esmeralda H. Knowles; Cutline: ICYG Champion Nick Welter (Royal Palm High School Golf Team Member) prepares to challenge at the HJGT Palm Beach Junior Classic.