

2011 Iowa PGA Junior Tour Presented by The Principal Charity Classic Player of the Year Awards



The Player of the Year Point totals are derived by adding the top 6 of the 9 Major Point Events totals administered by the Iowa PGA and the top 5 highest point finishes in all other Junior Tour events played for each junior throughout the summer.. Anyone who is competing for the Player of the Year award must be a Junior Tour Member. At the end of the season the juniors with the most points in Boys 10-11, 12-13, 14-15, 16-18, 18-21 and Girls 13 & Under, 14-15, 16-18, 18-21 age divisions are awarded this title. There are 11 Major Point events, 8 Super Point events, over 25 Standard Point events and 13 local qualifiers for 2 of the Majors (qualifiers are non-point events). The Iowa PGA would like to thank The Principal Charity Classic for their support for the second year in a row as Title Sponsor. Special thanks as well to Jay Horton, PGA Professional and owner of Collegiate Prep Golf Academy as they were Presenting Sponsor of the 2011 Junior Tour.

Kelsey Faiferlick (Fort Dodge, IA) captured the Collegiate Girls 18-21 Player of the Year title with 1492.5 points. This age division was created in 2010 to give juniors in this age bracket more opportunities to compete. Kelsey competed in 5 Major Point events. She won three of them – the Junior Tour Kick Off at Pheasant Ridge GC in Cedar Falls, the Junior Tour Classic at Oskaloosa Golf Course and the Junior Tour Classic at Fort Dodge CC. She also placed 2nd at the Iowa PGA Junior Championship at Lake Panorama National GC and 3rd at the Junior Tour Championship at The Preserve on Rathbun Lake. She played in 5 other events over the summer winning 3 of those. A great performance from Kelsey this summer and a well deserved Player of the Year title. Congratulations to Kelsey Faiferlick the 2011 Collegiate Girls 18-21 Junior Tour Player of the Year.

Payton Minear (Clive, IA) captured the Girls 16-18 Player of the Year title by only 50 points with total of 1505. This division has grown leaps and bounds over the years with more girls participating and competing in golf than ever before. The top 5 girls in this division were less than 500 points apart in the standings. This age division was exciting to watch over the summer as the girls battled it out every time they teed it up. Payton competed in 6 Majors never finishing out of 6th place with her best finish a 2nd at the Mid Summer Classic held at Des Moines G & CC and Briarwood Club of Ankeny. Payton also won four other events on the 2011 Junior Tour Schedule – 3 Super Point Events (Iowa Games, Optimist Junior and Des Moines Junior) and 1 Standard Point Event, The Legacy Junior. Congratulations to Payton for her hard work this summer and for earning this top honor on the Junior Tour. The 2011 Iowa PGA Junior Tour Player of the Year in the Girls 16-18 division is Payton Minear.

Meg Joerger (Charles City, IA) kept victory in sight and played hard all summer long. This Player of the Year Point Race was also close, very close. The champion was crowned by just 5 points! Meg was able to capture the title at the season ending Junior Tour Championship where she placed first. She won this division with 1400 points. Meg compiled 7 other 1st place Major Point victories from this summer; The Junior Tour Kick Off at Pheasant Ridge GC in Cedar Falls, the Iowa PGA Cedar Rapids Junior at Gardner GC and Ellis Park GC, the 36th PGA Junior Iowa Championship held at Hunters Ridge GC in Marion, the Team Junior Event & Stroke Play held at Tournament Club of Iowa in Polk City, the Iowa PGA Junior Championship held at Lake Panorama National GC, the Junior Tour Classic held at Fort Dodge CC and the Iowa Women's Golf Association Girls Junior held at Lake Panorama National GC. Her other two Major finishes were for 3rd place. This young woman is definitely one to watch in future years and has proved she is one of the top up-and-coming golfers in Iowa! The 2011 Girls 14-15 Junior Tour Player of the Year is Meg Joerger.

Karli Kerrigan (Ankeny, IA) captured the Girls 13 & Under Player of the Year title with 1477.5 points. Karli played well all summer long earning eight 1st place titles. Of those 8, three were Majors; The Mid Summer Classic at Des Moines G & CC and Briarwood Club of Ankeny, the Iowa PGA Junior Championship held at Lake Panorama National GC in Panora and the Junior Tour Classic held at Fort Dodge CC. Her other finishes included a tie for 1st at the Junior Tour Kick Off at Pheasant Ridge GC in Cedar Falls and 2nd place at the Junior Tour Championship held at The Preserve on Rathbun Lake in Moravia. Karli is a new comer to the Iowa Junior Tour but definitely comes to play when she tees it up. A great summer with great accomplishments for the Girls 13 & under Junior Tour Player of Year Karli Kerrigan.

Mitchell Jacobi (Belle Plaine, IA) took the title of Player of the Year for the Collegiate Boys 18-21 with 830 points. Mitchell won 3 events this summer, the Finkbine Junior in Iowa City, the Pheasant Ridge Junior in Cedar Falls and the Airport National Junior in Cedar Rapids. He also finished 2nd at the Iowa PGA Junior Championship at Lake Panorama National GC in Panora and finished 3rd at the Cedar Rapids Junior held at Gardner GC in Marion and Ellis Park GC in Cedar Rapids. He never finished out of the top three when he teed it up. Congratulations to Mitchell Jacobi on his Player of the Year honor in the Collegiate Boys 18-21 division.

Jacob Bermel (Cedar Falls, IA) took the title of Player of the Year for the Boys 16-18 with 1101 points. This age division is always competitive and has the most juniors competing for the top spots. Jacob played in 6 of the 9 Major Point Events administered by the Iowa PGA winning the Team Junior & Stroke Play event at Tournament Club of Iowa in Polk City and also the 36th PGA Junior Iowa Championship held at Hunters Ridge GC in Marion. Jacob represented Iowa earlier this summer at the National 36th PGA Junior Championship in Indiana. He never finished out of the top 10 at the Majors and attacked this season with consistent and strong performances. Some additional highlights include a 1st place tie at the Iowa PGA Junior Championship at Lake Panorama National GC in Panora, a 2nd place finish at the Mid Summer Classic held at Des Moines G & CC and Briarwood Club of Ankeny and an 8th place finish at the Junior Tour Kick Off held at Pheasant Ridge GC in Cedar Falls. Jacob definitely has game and will be another one to watch in the future as he continues his golf endeavors. Congratulations to Jacob Bermel the Boys 16-18 Player of the Year.

Carson Whittington (Creston, IA) captured the Boys 14-15 division with 1840 points for the second year in a row. Carson played in all by 2 Major Point Events winning 6 times! His victories were at the Junior Tour Kick Off at Pheasant Ridge GC in Cedar Falls, the Iowa PGA Cedar Rapids Junior held at Gardner GC in Marion and Ellis Park GC in Cedar Rapids, the 36th PGA Junior Iowa Championship held at Hunters Ridge GC in Marion, the Iowa PGA Junior Championship and also the IGA Boys Junior Amateur, both held at Lake Panorama National GC in Panora and the Junior Tour Classic held in Oskaloosa. He also won his division in the Big I Trusted Choice Iowa Qualifier held at Blue Top Ridge in Riverside. If he didn't finish 1st, he finished 2nd! He is always ready to compete and obviously has some impressive skills as he has captured this title in this division now for the second time. Another great competitor that will be fun to continue to watch get better and better! Congratulations Carson on a great summer and on your Player of the Year Title in the Boys 14-15 division.

Tripp Kinney (West Des Moines, IA) knew what he wanted this summer and went after it, playing hard all summer long to earn the Player of the Year point race for the Boys 12-13 division. He held off many competitors including the 2010 Player of the Year turning it on strong near the end to win with 1890 points. Tripp competed in every Major but 1 earning 4 first place titles. His victories were at the Junior Tour Classic in Oskaloosa, the Iowa PGA Junior Championship and the IGA Boy Junior Amateur both held at Lake Panorama National GC in Panora and the Junior Tour Classic at Fort Dodge. When he teed it up this summer on the Junior Tour, Tripp never finished out the top 5 and he played in 14 events. He also won every Super Point Event he participated. They were, the Des Moines Junior at Willow Creek GC, the Lexus Lujack Junior held at Palmer Hills GC and the Iowa Games Junior played at Veenker Memorial GC. Tripp is a true competitor with many great golf years ahead of him where he will almost certainly continue to succeed. Congratulations to Tripp Kinney the 2011 Boys 12-13 Junior Tour Player of the Year.

Nick Pittman (Urbandale, IA) out right won 11 events on the 2011 Junior Tour Schedule – very impressive! Of those 11, five were Major Point Events! They were the Junior Tour Kick Off held at Pheasant Ridge GC in Cedar Falls, the Mid Summer Classic held at Des Moines G & CC and Briarwood Club of Ankeny, the Junior Tour Classic at Fort Dodge CC, the Junior Tour Championship held at The Preserves on Rathbun Lake and the IGA Boys Junior held at Lake Panorama National GC. He could almost even add one more to the list as he also earned a tie for 1st place at the Junior Tour Classic in Oskaloosa. Nick earned his title with 1697.5 points. Time and time again this age division continues to show great talent and wonderful sportsmanship. Another great summer for a very dedicated young golfer – congratulations to Nick Pittman the Boys 11 & under Junior Tour Player of Year!

Congratulations to the winners of the Player-of -the-Year award,all winners and participants on the 2011 Iowa Junior Tour. The Iowa PGA Section would like to thank all of our tournament sites and PGA Professionals for their support of junior golf. Also, a special thanks to all the parents, volunteers and high school golf coaches who give so much of their time to this great game. For a complete listed of all 2011 Junior Tour Results and the entire list of Player of the Year participants, please log on and visit our web site www.iowapga.com.

Major Point Events

Iowa PGA Junior Tour Kickoff Tournament, Pheasant Ridge GC (Cedar Falls, IA)
IWGA Girls Junior Amateur Championship, Lake Panorama National GC (Panora, IA)
IGA Boys Junior Amateur Championship, Lake Panorama National GC (Panora, IA)
Iowa PGA Cedar Rapids Junior, Gardner GC/Ellis Park GC (Marion/Cedar Rapids, IA)
36th PGA Junior Iowa Section Championship, Hunters Ridge GC (Marion, IA)
Iowa PGA Junior Tour Classic at Fort Dodge CC (Fort Dodge, IA)
Iowa PGA Junior Tour Mid Summer Classic, Des Moines G & CC / Briarwood Club of Ankeny
Iowa PGA Junior Championship, Lake Panorama National GC (Panora, IA)
Iowa PGA Classic in Oskaloosa (Harvest Point GC, Edmundson GC and Oskaloosa Golf)
Junior Tour Championship, The Preserve on Rathbun Lake (Moravia, IA)

Super Point Events

PGA Junior Series, Blue Top Ridge (Riverside, IA)
Optimist Junior, Elmwood CC (Marshalltown, IA)
Iowa Games, Veenker Memorial GC/Homewood GC (Ames, IA)
Des Moines Junior, Willow Creek GC (Des Moines, IA)
Waterloo Junior, South Hills GC, (Waterloo, IA)
Quad Cities Junior at Glynns Creek (Long Grove, IA)
Lujack Lexus Junior, Palmer Hills GC (Bettendorf, IA)