

2013 Iowa PGA Player of the Year



The Iowa PGA Junior Tour continues to be sponsored by The Principal Charity Classic. This is the 4th year in a row for their generous support. Their contributions have allowed our program to grow greatly, offering the most tournament opportunities ever for area juniors. The Player of the Year point totals are cumulative; points are earned by a player in every tournament he or she participated. Anyone who competed for Player of the Year was required to be an Iowa Junior Tour member. At the conclusion of the season, the player with the most points acquired in their division is awarded this title. The age divisions included are: Boys 11 & Under, Boys 12-13, Boys 14-15, Boys 16-18, Collegiate Boys 18-21, Girls 13 & Under, Girls 14-15, Girls 16-18, Collegiate Girls 18-21.

Events continued to be categorized in four groups: Ace, Eagle, Birdie and Par. Ace Point events were worth the most points, then Eagle, then Birdie, then Par. There were 10 Ace Point events, 18 Eagle Point events, 18 Birdie Point events, 10 Par Point events, and 13 local qualifiers for 2 of the Ace Point events (qualifiers are non-point events). The 2013 Iowa PGA Junior Tour Player of the Year award recipients will be honored at the All Star Pro Golf Awards Luncheon that will be held on Tuesday, October 22 at Riverside Casino & Golf Resort.

2013 Iowa Junior Tour Schedule

(Partial listing, please log on to www.iowaPGA.com for complete schedule and results)

Ace Point Events – administered by The Iowa PGA

June 3-Western Iowa Junior at Bent Tree GC, Council Bluffs, IA
June 7-Junior Tour Kick Off, Pheasant Ridge GC, Cedar Falls, IA
June 13-Iowa PGA Cedar Rapids Junior, Gardner GC, Cedar Rapids, IA
June 27-Junior Tour Classic, Oskaloosa Golf/Edmundson GC, Oskaloosa, IA
July 1-Team Junior & Stroke Play Event, Indianola G & CC, Indianola, IA
July 8-9, 38th PGA Junior Iowa Championship, Ames G & CC, Ames, IA
July 15-16, Junior Tour Mid-Summer Classic, Otter Creek GC/Briarwood GC, Ankeny, IA
July 18-Iowa PGA Junior Championship, Lake Panorama National GC, Panora, IA
July 22-Junior Tour Classic in Fort Dodge, Fort Dodge CC, Fort Dodge, IA
August 7-8, Junior Tour Championship, Copper Creek Golf Course,

Eagle Point Events – administered by The Iowa PGA

June 20, Eagle Junior Kick Off at Mason City, Mason City CC, Mason City, IA
June 21, Oelwin Classic, Edgewater GC and Hickory Grove GC, Oelwin, IA
July 12 Eagle Junior Mid-Summer Classic, Indian Creek CC, Nevada, IA
July 19, Eagle Junior at Crestmoor, Crestmoor CC, Creston, IA
July 25, Eastern Iowa Junior, Timberline GC, Peosta, IA
July 29, Southeast Iowa Junior at The Preserve, The Preserve on Rathbun Lake, Moravia, IA
July 31-August 1, Lexus Lujack Jr Championship, Emeis GC in Davenport and Pinnacle CC in Milan, IL
August 1, Eagle Junior Classic at Carroll, Carroll Country Club, Carroll, IA

Eagle Point Events – not administered by The Iowa PGA

June 10-11, Iowa Golf Association Boy's Amateur Junior, Ottumwa CC, Ottumwa, IA
June 10-11, Iowa Women's Golf Association Girl's Amateur Junior, Ottumwa CC, Ottumwa, IA
June 12, Jester Park Junior Amateur, Jester Park GC, Granger, IA
June 14, Eagle Junior Classic at The Ridge Golf Club, Sioux Center, IA
June 17, Eagle Junior Classic at Landsmeer Golf Club, Orange City, IA
June 20, Optimist Junior Championship, Elmwood CC/American Legion GC, Marshalltown, IA
Sunday, June 23, 5th Annual Lake Panorama Junior, Lake Panorama National Resort, Panora, IA
July 8-9, Des Moines Junior, Willow Creek GC/W. Des Moines, IA
August 5-6, Quad Cities Junior at Glynn's Creek, Long Grove, IA

*Birdie events are available for viewing at www.iowaPGA.com.

Please feel free to call or email with any questions.

2013 Player of the Year Award Winners

Collegiate Boys 18-21

Matthew Stiegel of Clive, Iowa, played in ten tournaments earning four 1st finishes. He never finished out of the top 10 when he played. He earned a total of 3290 points. His four 1st place finishes were at the Junior Tour Classic in Oskaloosa, the Eagle Junior Mid-Summer, the Lake Panorama Junior and the Eagle Classic in Carroll. Congratulations to Matthew Stiegel, the Collegiate Boys Player of the Year.

Boys 16-18

Jared Rowe of Mason City, Iowa, earned 3,142.50 points this season. He played in 13 total events finishing out of the top 10 only twice. He won the Junior Tour Kick Off, the Junior Tour Classic in Fort Dodge and the Cedar Ridge Junior. He consistently shot near or around par all summer which helped earn this great title as he competed against some of the best juniors in the state and section. This division by far always has the most juniors and the best completion each and every event. Congratulations to the Boys 16-18 Player of the Year, Jared Rowe.

Boys 14-15

Caleb Peters from Johnston, Iowa earned his 4th Player of the Year title by capturing the Boys 14-15 title this year. He earned this prestige title in 2009 and 2010 in the Boys 11 & Under division and was the Boys 12-13 Player of the Year in 2012. He has been able to earn this great title in every age division so far that he has been eligible. Caleb earned 4,125 points and played in 14 events. Although his only first place victory was at the Junior Tour Classic in Oskaloosa there was never a blemish on his scorecard and he earned multiple trips to the trophy photo stand. In fact he had five 2nd place finishes and two 3rd place finishes. He never finished out of the top ten which is key to earning the Player of the Year title. Congratulations to Caleb Peters on his Player of the Year title in the Boys 14-15 age division

Boys 12-13

Nick Pittman of Urbandale, Iowa, earned his title this summer, playing in 23 Iowa Junior Tour tournaments and acquiring 7,117.5 points. He had 13 first place finishes! A few of the bigger major wins included the Junior Tour Kick Off, the Iowa Golf Association Boys Junior, the Eagle Junior Mid-Summer, the Eagle Junior at Crestmoor, the Junior Tour Championship and the Optimist International Junior. He also was one of several juniors who represented Iowa at the National Optimist Junior Championship and finished 23 in his division against some of the best juniors in the country. He only finished out of the top 3 spots in the remaining 10 events he played over the summer and that once finish was a tie for 4th. Nick is also no stranger to the Player of the Year title, he has also earned the Boys 11 & Under title in 2010 and 2011. Congratulations on an outstanding performance and becoming the Boys 12-13 Player of the Year, Nick Pittman.

Boys 11 & Under

Kolby Shackelford of Panora, Iowa, attained 6237.50 points playing in 20 tournaments this season. A truly great competitor, Kolby never finished outside of the top four, and earned 13 titles! A few of his first place tournament wins include the Junior Tour Kick Off, the Jester Park Junior Amateur, the Lake Panorama National Junior, the Beaver Creek Junior, the Southeast Iowa Junior at The Preserve and the Eagle Junior Classic in Carroll. One of the highlights of this young man's season was recording an ACE at the Southeast Iowa Junior – his first! Congratulations to the Boys 11 & Under Player of the Year, Kolby Shackelford.

Collegiate Girls 18-21

Laurel Enstrom of Rock Island, Illinois, earned 4,412.50 points in 14 tournaments and captured 7 first place titles. Laurel placed 1st, 2nd or 3rd in all events she participated in with a few of her victories occurring at the Jester Park Junior, the Macomb Junior, the Junior Tour Team Event & Stroke Play, the Amana Colonies Junior, the Junior Tour Classic in Fort Dodge and the Collegiate Tour Championship at Finkbine GC. Congratulations to Laurel Enstrom on earning the Collegiate Girls Player of the Year title and we hope she is doing well at St. Cloud State University!

Girls 16-18

Mikaela Livengood of Eagle Groove Iowa, accumulated 3437.50 points playing in 15 tournaments. She played hard all season long and committed to a heavy schedule to secure the Girls 16-18 title. Some of the highlights for Mikaela included second place finishes at the Quad Cities Junior at Palmer Hills and the Pheasant Ridge Junior. She also had a 3rd place finish at the Veenker Junior Am and several 4th place finishes including at the Iowa PGA Cedar Rapids Junior, Junior Tour Classic in Fort Dodge and the Junior Tour Championship. She even found a little time to play in a few parent junior events with her dad. Congratulations, Mikaela Livengood, Girls 16-18 Player of the Year.

Girls 14-15

Karli Kerrigan of Ankeny, Iowa, successfully defended her Player of the Year title in the Girls 14-15 division with 4,650 points. She played in 11 tournaments, winning or tying for the win in all of them except one and there she placed 2nd! A few of her victories include the Junior Tour Kick Off, the Iowa PGA Cedar Rapids Junior, the Optimist International Junior Golf Qualifier in Marshalltown, Iowa, the Eagle Junior Mid-Summer Classic, the Iowa PGA Junior Championship and the 38th PGA Junior Iowa Championship. Karli is another great player no stranger to the winner circle and the Player of the Year points race. She also won the Girls 13 & Under title in 2011. Congratulations to the Girls 14-15 Player of the Year, Karli Kerrigan.

Girls 13 & Under

Sarah Nacos of Washington, Iowa, accrued 7,397.50 points in the 23 tournaments she participated in. Another unbelievable good player, Sarah accumulated 15 first place wins in 2013! Her other finishes included six 2nd places and one third! Outstanding! To top this great season off, Sarah also earned her first ACE at the Eagle Junior Classic in Carroll. A few of the highlights for Sarah include wins at the Eagle Junior Kick Off in Mason City, the Iowa PGA Cedar Rapids Junior, the Junior Tour Classic in Oskaloosa, the Junior Tour Mid Summer Classic, the Eagle Junior at Carroll and the Junior Tour Championship. Congratulations Girls 13 & Under Player of the Year, Sarah Nacos.