

2014 Iowa PGA Player of the Year



The Iowa PGA Junior Tour continues to be sponsored by The Principal Charity Classic. This is the 5th year in a row of their generous support. Since 2010, their contributions have allowed our program to grow significantly, offering the most tournament opportunities ever for area juniors. The Player of the Year point totals for 2014 were changed to a “best of” approach; points are earned by a player in the top 16 tournaments that 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 three groups: Ace, Eagle, and Birdie. Ace Point events were worth the most points, then Eagle, then Birdie. There were 15 Ace Point events, 11 Eagle Point events, 22 Birdie Point events, and 13 local qualifiers for 2 of the Ace Point events (qualifiers are non-point events). The 2014 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 21 at Riverside Casino & Golf Resort.

2014 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 12 - Junior Tour Classic, Edmundson GC, Oskaloosa, IA
- June 13 - Junior Tour Kick Off, Pheasant Ridge GC, Cedar Falls, IA
- June 23 - Iowa PGA Junior Tour Classic in Atlantic, Atlantic G & CC, Atlantic, IA
- June 26 - Iowa PGA Cedar Rapids Junior, Gardner GC, Cedar Rapids, IA
- July 7-8 - 39th PGA Junior Iowa Championship, Ames G & CC, Ames, IA
- July 11 - Junior Tour Classic, Indian Creek CC, Nevada, IA
- July 14-15 - Junior Tour Mid-Summer Classic, Otter Creek GC/Briarwood GC, Ankeny, IA
- July 14-15 - Lexus Lujack Jr Championship, Oakwood CC and Pinnacle CC, Quad Cities area
- July 17 - Iowa PGA Junior Championship, Lake Panorama National GC, Panora, IA
- July 21 - Team Junior & Stroke Play Event, Indianola G & CC, Indianola, IA
- July 22 - Western Iowa Junior at Bent Tree GC, Council Bluffs, IA
- July 24 - Eastern Iowa Junior, The Meadows GC, Asbury, IA (Dubuque area)
- July 28 - Southeast Iowa Junior at The Preserve, The Preserve on Rathbun Lake, Moravia, IA
- July 31 - Junior Tour Classic, Mason City CC, Mason City, IA
- August 6-7 - Junior Tour Championship, Copper Creek Golf Course, Pleasant Hill, IA

Eagle Point Events – not administered by The Iowa PGA

- June 9-10 - IGA Boy's Amateur Junior, Coldwater Golf Links, Ames, IA
- June 11 - Jester Park Junior Amateur, Jester Park GC, Granger, IA
- June 19 - Optimist Junior Championship, Elmwood CC/American Legion GC, Marshalltown, IA

June 29 - 6th Annual Lake Panorama Junior & Pee Wee, Lake Panorama National Resort, Panora, IA
July 2-3 - Iowa Junior Girls' Amateur, Coldwater Golf Links, Ames, IA
July 8-9 - Des Moines Junior, Willow Creek GC, W. Des Moines, IA
July 17 - Oelwin Junior Classic, Hickory Grove GC, Oelwin, IA
July 28 - Eagle Junior at Carroll, Carroll CC, Carroll, Iowa
July 29 - Iowa City Junior at Finkbine, Finkbine GC, Iowa City, IA
August 1 - Eagle Junior Classic at The Ridge Golf Club, Sioux Center, IA
August 5 - Quad Cities Junior at Glynns Creek, Long Grove, IA

*Birdie events are available for viewing at www.iowaPGA.com.
Please feel free to call or email with any questions.

2014 Player of the Year Award Winners

Collegiate Boys 18-21

Tyler McAnally of Newton, Iowa, played in six tournaments earning three 1st place finishes. Tyler never finished out of the top 10 in each of the events he participated in. He earned a total of 2,515 points. His three 1st place finishes were at the Woodland Hills Junior, the Southeast Iowa Junior at The Preserve, and the Junior Tour Championship at Copper Creek. Congratulations to Tyler McAnally, the Collegiate Boys Player of the Year.

Boys 16-18

Michael Faiferlick of Fort Dodge, Iowa, earned 4,535 points this season. He played in 13 total events finishing out of the top 10 only twice. He won the Junior Tour Classic in Mason City, and tied for 1st place at the Junior Tour Classic in Oskaloosa at Edmundson GC. His consistent play all summer helped earn this great title, as he competed against some of the best juniors in the state and section. Historically, this division has the most juniors and the best competition at each and every event. Congratulations to the Boys 16-18 Player of the Year, Michael Faiferlick.

Boys 14-15

Bron Bjerke from Ottumwa, Iowa captured this year's 14-15 division by posting 5,172.50 points across 15 tournaments. His two first place victories were at the IHCC/Cedar Creek Junior in Ottumwa and the Western Iowa Junior at Bent Tree in Council Bluffs. Bron also had three 2nd place finishes at the Junior Tour Classic in Atlantic, the Iowa PGA Cedar Rapids Junior, and the Iowa City Junior at Brown Deer. He finished in the top 5 nine different times this season, which was key to earning the Player of the Year title. Congratulations Bron Bjerke on achieving the Player of the Year title in the Boys 14-15 age division.

Boys 12-13

Nick Pittman of Urbandale, Iowa has earned the Iowa Junior Tour Player of the Year title for 4 consecutive years. This summer he earned his 2nd straight title in the boy's 12-13 division. He was also the 2011 and 2012 Player of the Year in the Boys 11 & under division. In 2014, he competed in 20 Iowa Junior Tour tournaments, and with his top 16 events, he acquired 8,355 points. Nick had 19 first place finishes and was second in the event he did not win! A few of the bigger major wins included the Junior

Tour Kick Off at Pheasant Ridge GC in Cedar Falls, the Junior Tour Classic in Nevada at Indian Creek CC, the Junior Tour Mid-Summer Classic held at Briarwood Club of Ankeny and Otter Creek GC, the Junior Tour Championship at Copper Creek and the Iowa PGA Junior Championship held at Lake Panorama GC in Panora. Congratulations to Nick Pittman on his continued outstanding performance and on again earning the Boys 12-13 Player of the Year title.

Boys 11 & Under

Matt Briggs of Burlington, Iowa, attained 8,250 points playing in 19 tournaments this season (of which his top 16 counted towards the Player of the Year). A truly great competitor, Matt never finished outside of the top two, and earned 18 1st place finishes! A few of his first place tournament wins include the Junior Tour Kick Off held at Pheasant Ridge GC in Cedar Falls, the Jester Park Junior Amateur, the Lexus Lujack Junior Championship held at Oakwood CC and Pinnacle CC the Western Illinois Junior held at the Harry Mussatto GC, the Iowa PGA Junior Championship held at Lake Panorama GC in Panora, and the Junior Tour Championship at Copper Creek. Congratulations to the Boys 11 & Under Player of the Year, Matt Briggs.

Collegiate Girls 18-21

Anna Cullinan of Bettendorf, Iowa, earned 5,830 points in 13 tournaments and captured 12 first place titles. Anna placed 1st in all of the tournaments she participated in except for one, in which she placed second. She consistently shot in the 70's from courses played at around 6000 yards, which played a major role in her achieving this title. A few of her victories occurred at the Iowa PGA Cedar Rapids Junior held at Gardner GC, the Lexus Lujack Junior Championship held at Oakwood CC and Pinnacle CC, the Collegiate Tour Championship held at Finkbine GC in Iowa City, and the Junior Tour Championship at Copper Creek. Congratulations to Anna Cullinan on earning the Collegiate Girls Player of the Year title!

Girls 16-18

Mikaela Livengood of Eagle Grove, Iowa, accumulated 6,675 points playing in 16 tournaments. She played hard all season long and committed to a heavy schedule to secure her 2nd straight Girls 16-18 title. Some of the highlights for Mikaela included seven 1st place finishes and never placing out of the top 8 in her 16 events! Her bigger wins came at the Junior Tour Classic at Edmundson GC in Oskaloosa, the Junior Tour Classic in Atlantic, the Des Moines Junior, and the Southeast Iowa Junior at The Preserve. She even continued to find time for family golf and played in a few parent junior events with her dad. Congratulations, Mikaela Livengood, Girls 16-18 Player of the Year.

Girls 14-15

Sarah Nacos of Washington, Iowa, earned her second Player of the Year title with 3,635 points in 9 events! She had four 1st place victories and placed within the top five every event. Sarah's wins include the Iowa PGA Cedar Rapids Junior at Gardner GC, the Iowa City Junior at Brown Deer GC, the Lexus Lujack Junior Championship held at Oakwood CC and Pinnacle CC, and the Quad Cities Junior at Glynn's Creek. Sarah is another great player that is no stranger to the winner circle and the Player of the Year points race. She also won the Girls 13 & Under title in 2013. Congratulations to the Girls 14-15 Player of the Year, Sarah Nacos.

Girls 13 & Under

Paige Hoffman of West Des Moines, Iowa, accrued 7,260 points in the 14 tournaments she participated in. Yet another fantastic player on the Iowa Junior Tour, Paige accumulated 11 first place wins in 2014! Her other finishes included two 2nd places and one third! Outstanding! Some of her major wins were in the Junior Tour Kickoff held at Pheasant Ridge GC in Cedar Falls, the Junior Tour Mid-Summer Classic held at Briarwood Club of Ankeny and Otter Creek GC, the Lake Panorama Junior, and the Jester Park Junior Amateur. Congratulations Girls 13 & Under Player of the Year, Paige Hoffman.