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**International Junior Golf Tour (IJGT) Presents  
IJGT at Oyster Reef Golf Club  
Hilton Head Island, SC  
Sunday, October 4, 2009**

**WERENSKI FIRES CAREER LOW FOR VICTORY**  
*Park nets ninth career IJGT win*

**Hilton Head Island, SC**— The final round of the IJGT event at Oyster Reef concluded Sunday with winning honors going to familiar faces in some divisions. Oyster Reef Golf Club presented the golfers with a great layout including their signature par 3 No. 6 with the breath-taking ocean view, sprawling throughout the Hilton Head Plantation. While the course challenged competitors with narrow fairways and out of bounds on every hole, the weather was perfect for both days of the tournament, with the temperature topping out in the 80's. Competition was at its finest with 95 golfers in the field, all trying to score low and take home their division.



With several golfers still in contention, the Boys 16-19 Division was still up for grabs going into the final round. Taking top honors was Hank Haney International Junior Golf Academy (HHIJGA) student Michael Werenski of South Hadley, MA, who fired a career low 68 on Sunday to take the crown. Werenski started three shots behind the leader Sunday, but with his stellar final round showing, he was club house leader at 1-under-par with the final four groups to finish. With his red number posted, no other competitor would best his career day. Finishing tied for second were Marco Polanco of the Dominican Republic, and Boomer Malanchuk of Arlington, VA, both finishing at 1-over-par for the tournament. Both Polanco and Malanchuk shot very consistent both days, carding rounds of 73 and 72 respectively. Each competitor should be happy with their performance and being part of the thrilling finish on Sunday.

Werenski was very excited with his victory, "It feels great, and it is even better to shoot my career low for the win." When asked what was working best for him, "My ball striking was great all tournament, but my putts started to fall on Sunday. I would like to thank my coach, Matt Fields also for helping me win this tournament. The key for me was my birdie on the first hole today, it really got me going and I had all the confidence I could come back and win."

The Boys 13-15 Division saw a familiar face take home the title once again. HHIJGA student Matthew Rushton of Johannesburg, South Africa won his division with a tournament total of 146. Rushton shot consecutive 73's, including a 1-under-par 35 to finish the back nine on Sunday giving him his second victory of the 2009-2010 IJGT season. Finishing second was Diego Schiffino of Santo Domingo, Dominican Republic who carded rounds of 76 and 74 for a two round total of 150, finishing at 6-over-par. Rounding out the top three was Luke Malanchuk of Arlington, VA, who shot solid rounds of 79 and 77 to finish at 12-over-par for the tournament.

"I was not satisfied with my game, but I am very excited to already have my second victory of the year." Rushton also talked about his fellow playing competitor, "Once Diego (Schiffino) went birdie, birdie, I knew I had to focus on my game to finish the tournament." Rushton also thanked his coaches and Oyster Reef for having a great facility to play.





Entering the event with two career victories on the IJGT, Noah Edmondson of Davidson, NC took home his third title in the U-12 Division at Oyster Reef. Edmondson carded two great rounds of 76 en route to his 8-over-par finish, crediting his large margin of victory to his work ethic and practice routine. Edmondson practices until sun down Tuesday thru Sunday each week after he gets out of school. This three time winner has great potential in the U-12 Division and with all that practice the sky is the limit. Finishing second was Michael Phan of Newport Coast, CA, who finished Oyster Reef with a tournament total of 178.

Edmondson was excited after the victory stating, "I played very well and I cannot believe this is my third victory already. My iron play was what kept me going this tournament. On hole No. 1 I hit my 5 iron from 145 yards out and stuck it to inches for my tap in birdie Saturday." Edmondson had great approaches all tournament and the results show.

An IJGT veteran won her ninth career tournament Sunday in the Girls 15-19 Division. HHIJGA student Ri Hyang Park of Fujieda-Shi-Shizouka, Japan fired a career low 69 on Sunday to take home the crown. Park finished even for the tournament after carding an opening round of 75. Park's back nine on Sunday highlighted an impressive 33 to help seal the victory. Finishing second was HHIJGA student Anna Young from Saskatoon, Canada, carding solid rounds of 77 and 74 for a tournament total of 151. Rounding out the top three and the HHIJGA sweep of the division was Yuri Otsuka of Chiba, Japan, who was the first round leader after posting an excellent round of 74, finishing 8-over-par for the tournament.

Park was very thankful after her round, "It was a great tournament, and I would like to thank my fellow competitors, the IJGT staff, Oyster Reef, and my friends for coming out to cheer me on." About her career round she said, "This is the first time I shot in the 60's so it was great, my 150 yard shots were great all tournament and I putted very well Sunday. I struggled with my putts Saturday, so I put in extra work after my round and it really paid off."



Entering Sunday's final-round, players were looking to finish strong and to receive the coveted IJGT Low Final Round Belt Buckle. This week's winners were: Michael Werenski in the Boys 16-19 Division with a round of 68, Matthew Rushton in the Boys 13-15 Division with a low round of 73, and Noah Edmondson in the Boys U-12 Division with a round of 76. In the Girls 15-19 Division, Rika Park walked away with the belt buckle after carding a low final round of 69.

Want to see more pictures from the Oyster Reef tournament? Please visit [www.photobucket.com/ijgt](http://www.photobucket.com/ijgt)

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The IJGT was founded in 1995 for junior golfers ages 11-19. Its purpose is to provide aspiring collegiate players the opportunity to compete in a series of events against the highest quality U.S. and international competition.

This year's schedule features 60 events at some of the finest courses in the U. S. as well as tournaments in Mexico, Columbia, Canada, and Scotland.

Nearly 2000 junior golfers compete on the IJGT representing 24 states and as many countries. These young men and women will have the opportunity to participate in the national junior ranking system sponsored by Golfweek.

**Hilton Head Island, SC** —Final round results of the IJGT at Oyster Reef Golf Club conducted by the International Junior Golf Tour (IJGT) at the Oyster Reef Golf Club Course played Sunday, October 4, 2009. Boys 16-19 Division: Gold Tees- 677 yards, par 72, 73.6/134. Boys 13-15 Division: Blue Tees – 6418 yards, par 72, 72.5/124. Boys U-12 & Girls U-19 Divisions: White Tees – 5900 yards, Par 72 (Boys: 70/119; Girls: 70.2/119)

**Weather: Saturday: Sunny with temperatures in the Mid-80's**  
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<b>Finish</b>	<b>Boys 16-19 Division (Gold Tees)</b>	<b>Grad</b>	<b>RD 1</b>	<b>RD 2</b>	<b>Total</b>	<b>To Par</b>
1	Michael Werenski - South Hadley, MA (HHIJGA)	2013	75	68	143	-1
2	Marco Polanco – Dominican Republic	2009	73	72	145	1
2	Boomer Malanchuk - Arlington, VA	2011	73	72	145	1
4	Tim Godshalk - Bluffton, SC	2011	72	75	147	3
5	Michael Antona - Kenilworth, United Kingdom	2010	76	72	148	4
6	Blake Biggs - Dunlap, IL (HHIJGA)	2008	75	74	149	5
7	Ryan Roberts - Hamilton, Bermuda (HHIJGA)	2011	80	70	150	6
7	Jordan Botelho - Mattapoisett, MA (HHIJGA)	2009	77	73	150	6
7	Drew Ferguson - Belgrade, MT (HHIJGA)	2011	72	78	150	6
10	Michael Hirthler - Wilkes Barre, PA (HHIJGA)	2009	79	73	152	8
10	Ross Kronberg - New Canaan, CT	2010	75	77	152	8
10	Yifan Liu - Guangzhou, China (HHIJGA)	2011	73	79	152	8
13	Michael Balzer - Bismarck, ND (HHIJGA)	2010	81	72	153	9
13	Tobias Baertsch - Serneus, Switzerland	2009	80	73	153	9
13	Skyler Mednick - Calabasas, CA (HHIJGA)	2011	78	75	153	9
16	Yu-Te Kao - Taipei, Taiwan (HHIJGA)	2010	73	81	154	10
17	Tim Carey - Plymouth, MA	2009	78	77	155	11
17	Duane Hewlett - Laguna Beach, CA	2009	72	83	155	11
19	Ahmed Al Mazrui - Abu Dhabi, United Arab Emirates (HHIJGA)	2010	80	76	156	12
19	Emilio Ramirez - Xalapa, Mexico (HHIJGA)	2010	79	77	156	12
21	Kyle King - Freeport, Bahamas (HHIJGA)	2009	78	79	157	13
22	Charlie Durman - Margaretting, United Kingdom (HHIJGA)	2011	83	75	158	14
22	Tommy Conway - Brighton, MI	2011	79	79	158	14
24	Cole Adams - Connerville, IN (HHIJGA)	2011	85	74	159	15
24	Fraser O'Connor - Aberdeen, United Kingdom	2009	82	77	159	15
24	Andy Jimenez - Orlando, FL (HHIJGA)	2010	77	82	159	15
27	Dak Spivey - Llyold Harbor, NY (HHIJGA)	2011	82	78	160	16
28	Peter White - Weston, MA (HHIJGA)	2009	84	77	161	17
28	John Steven Thomson - Cresco, IA (HHIJGA)	2011	83	78	161	17
28	Colin Hendrickson - Loveland, CO	2010	81	80	161	17
28	Robin Brinckmann - Hamburg, Germany (HHIJGA)	2012	79	82	161	17
28	Cody Robertson - Rochester, NY (HHIJGA)	2009	77	84	161	17
33	Taylor Stewart - Cashiers, NC (HHIJGA)	2010	83	79	162	18
33	Alonso Orozco - Aguascalientes, Mexico (HHIJGA)	2010	81	81	162	18
33	Matthew Adams - Walnut Creek, CA (HHIJGA)	2011	79	83	162	18
36	Kevin Richmond - Savannah, GA	2011	88	75	163	19
36	Alex Angelone - Irwin, PA (HHIJGA)	2009	80	83	163	19
36	Hank Hanegraaff - Waxhaw, NC	2009	79	84	163	19
39	Nathan Kamps - Freeland, WA (HHIJGA)	2008	86	78	164	20
39	Felipe S. Benalcazar - Quito, Ecuador	2011	83	81	164	20
39	Roelof Rijnhout - Hilton Head Island, SC	2009	80	84	164	20
42	Paul Drinkwater - Manchester, United Kingdom (HHIJGA)	2010	87	78	165	21
42	Andrew Humber - Wake Forest, NC (HHIJGA)	2011	79	86	165	21
44	Alton Simokaitis - Falmouth, ME (HHIJGA)	2009	82	84	166	22
44	Fredric Nordhoff - Issaquah, WA (HHIJGA)	2009	86	80	166	22
44	Jeff Tremblay - Granby, MA (HHIJGA)	2011	83	83	166	22
44	Zachary Boe - Bluffton, SC	2012	81	85	166	22

48	Ruben Van Uden- Netherlands	2009	84	83	167	23
49	Joe Noller - Lawrence, KS (HHIJGA)	2009	86	82	168	24
49	Jose Armenteros - Santo Domingo, Dominican Republic (HHIJGA)	2010	83	85	168	24
51	Justin-Marc Jagroop - Trinidad, Trinidad and Tobago (HHIJGA)	2010	85	84	169	25
51	Robert Zieser - Myrtle Beach, SC	2011	85	84	169	25
53	Oliver White - Lower Gwynedd, PA (HHIJGA)	2010	86	84	170	26
54	William Murray - Lynd, MN (HHIJGA)	2009	82	90	172	28
55	William Burnett - Vicksburg, MS (HHIJGA)	2011	84	89	173	29
55	Will Bryant - Forest, VA	2010	85	88	173	29
55	Nick Gelso - Truckee, CA	2011	82	91	173	29
58	Austin Boyd - Thousand Oaks, CA (HHIJGA)	2010	90	84	174	30
59	Dung Nguyen - Ha Noi, Viet Nam (HHIJGA)	2011	85	90	175	31
60	Zachary Verses - Great Falls, VA (HHIJGA)	2008	92	84	176	32
61	Jared Dodge - Merrill, WI (HHIJGA)	2008	92	88	180	36
62	Phil Loewe - Charlottenlund, Denmark (HHIJGA)	2010	88	93	181	37
63	Christopher J. Kim - San Diego, CA (HHIJGA)	2011	94	88	182	38
63	Teddy Golden - Evanston, IL (HHIJGA)	2009	99	83	182	38
65	Shengfu Zhao - Shen Zhen, China (HHIJGA)	2010	89	95	184	40
66	Patrick Halim - Victoria, Canada (HHIJGA)	2011	99	88	187	43
	Robert Gilmour - Charlotte, NC	2012	85	WD - Justified		
	Joseph Fioramonti - Bloomfield, CT (HHIJGA)	2009	WD - Unjustified			

#### Boys 13-15 Division (Blue Tees)

1	Matthew Rushton - Johannesburg, South Africa (HHIJGA)	2013	73	73	146	2
2	Diego Schiffino - Santo Domingo, Dominican Republic	2013	76	74	150	6
3	Luke Malanchuk - Arlington, VA	2013	79	77	156	12
4	Andrea Bacchi - Milan, Italy (HHIJGA)	2013	79	81	160	16
5	Raimondo Franchi - Milano, Italy (HHIJGA)	2012	84	82	166	22
6	JJ Qualkenbush - La Quinta, CA (HHIJGA)	2014	85	83	168	24
7	Joshua Hopwood - Hamilton, Bermuda (HHIJGA)	2011	88	87	175	31
8	Jack Lupori - Steamboat Springs, CO (HHIJGA)	2013	100	92	192	48
	Jae Sung Hur - Victoria, Canada (HHIJGA)	2011	DQ Rule 6-8A			

#### Boys U-12 Division (White Tees)

1	Noah Edmondson - Davidson, NC	2015	76	76	152	8
2	Michael Phan - Newport Coast, CA	2015	95	83	178	34

#### Girls U-19 Division (White Tees)

1	Ri Hyang Park - Fujieda-Shi-Shizuoka, Japan (HHIJGA)	2011	75	69	144	E
2	Anna Young - Saskatoon, Canada (HHIJGA)	2011	77	74	151	7
3	Yuri Otsuka - Chiba, Japan (HHIJGA)	2011	74	78	152	8
4	Ann Kathrin Wuensch - Herrenlerg, Germany (HHIJGA)	2012	78	77	155	11
4	Noriko Inoue - Tokyo, Japan (HHIJGA)	2010	77	78	155	11
6	Stephanie Eybers - Haymarket, VA (HHIJGA)	2010	80	76	156	12
7	Courtney Boe - Bluffton, SC	2010	85	73	158	14
8	Minami Levonowich - Hilton Head Island, SC	2011	79	81	160	16
9	Kelly Miller - Llanrhystud, United Kingdom (HHIJGA)	2010	82	79	161	17
10	Momo Sakuragi - Tokyo, Japan (HHIJGA)	2012	80	86	166	22
11	Kate Alty - Kingston, Ontario, Canada (HHIJGA)	2011	92	85	177	33
12	Tracey Marshall - Newfields, NH (HHIJGA)	2010	92	88	180	36
13	Toniann Bergamini - Fairfield, NJ (HHIJGA)	2010	97	87	184	40
14	Danielle Bucsek - Newtown, PA	2011	96	98	194	50
	Caroline Dula - Salisbury, NC (HHIJGA)	2011	WD-Justified			