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**International Junior Golf Tour (IJGT) Presents
The IJGT Event at Eagle's Pointe Golf Club
Bluffton, SC
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BENALCAZAR IMPRESSIVE IN VICTORY

SAKURAGI TRIUMPHS AGAIN

Bluffton, SC —This week the International Junior Golf Tour (IJGT) returned to Eagle's Pointe Golf Club for another thrilling event. Best known for its uniquely designed putting surfaces, Eagle's Pointe served as the perfect host for some of the area's best junior golfers. With each separate hole featuring pines, oaks, and native wetlands, the Davis Love III signature course proved to be a formidable challenge for all of this week's players. Players were lucky enough to enjoy picture perfect golf conditions as sunny skies brought temperatures in the mid 80s for both rounds. With the weather cooperating and the course set up for the taking, the strong field of IJGT competitors put their competitive skills on display with hopes of taking home the ultimate prize.



In the Boys 16-19 Division, Felipe Benalcazar of Quito, Ecuador put a strangle hold on the field early and closed in spectacular fashion to take home first place honors. After firing a fantastic 4-under-par 67 in his opening round, Benalcazar was able to keep his mental focus during the final round. Taking his momentum into Sunday, Benalcazar closed strong with a 73 to finish the tournament under par with a total score of 140. Coming in second place was Hank Haney International Junior Golf Academy (HHIJGA) student Antonio Ferrer of Porto Cristo, Spain. Ferrer carded an amazing 69 on Saturday and followed with a 75 on Sunday. Ferrer finished 2-over-par with a score of 144. In a highly competitive division, it was fitting that there was a tie for third place. Jordan Botelho (HHIGA) of Mattapoisett, MA and Mariano Rossi (HHIJGA) of Buenos Aries, Argentina both finished with a score of 146 to take home the honors.

After igniting the galleries with his scintillating play, the charismatic Benalcazar sat down with us to talk about his tournament. "I was fortunate enough to play great yesterday and establish an

early lead. I putted incredibly well and was able to make 7 birdies. Today, my putter cooled down a little bit but my ball striking really picked up.” Crediting his brother for inspiring him to play well, Benalcazar also talked about the psychological side of the game. “I tried to focus this week on my psychological and I want to thank my coaches for pushing me in the right direction.”

Coming all the way down to the 36th hole, Chang Ju Lee (HHIJGA) of Seoul, South Korea held off the rest of the field to capture the crown in the Boys 13-15 Division. Lee posted rounds of 77 and 83 to finish with a score of 160. Coming in a close second was J.J. Qualkenbush (HHIJGA) of La Quinta, CA. Qualkenbush fired rounds of 80 and 81 to finish 1-stroke short of the title with a total of 161. Taking home third place honors was Matthew Moucharafieh (HHIJGA) of Beirut, Lebanon. Moucharafieh finished with a respectable score of 164.



Happy to get his first victory on the IJGT, Lee took a minute to talk about the experience. “It was so awesome to win this week. It was perfect. I have been working on my swing and it was great to see my work pay off.” After ending his day Sunday with a 20 foot birdie putt, the humble Lee had plenty of thanks to go around. “I just want to thank my coaches and the IJGT staff for putting on such a great event.”



Coming off multiple top 3 finishes in previous weeks, Derrick Villarreal (HHIJGA) of Hartland, WI broke through the wall this week to take home first place honors in the Boys U-12 Division. Villarreal fired consecutive rounds of 71 and 73 and would not be denied the victory. Villarreal finished with a 2-over-par score of 144. Making it interesting down the stretch was IJGT familiar face Noah Edmondson of Davidson, NC. Edmondson carded rounds of 74 and 73 to finish 3-strokes off the lead with a 147 tournament total. Winning the prize for best dressed golfer of the weekend, Kevin Ying (HHIJGA) of Shanghai, China finished with a score of 172 to take home third place honors.

No stranger to the winner’s circle, Villarreal sat down with us talk about what went well for him over the weekend. “I thought my approach shots into the greens were the strongest part of my game this weekend. I was able to put myself in a good position to make some putts.” Admitting that the course fit his playing style, Villarreal took the time to thank his playing competitors and family for coming out and supporting him.

Winning for the second time in as many weeks, Momo Sakuragi (HHIJGA) of Tokyo, Japan continued her recent stellar play to capture the first place crown in the Girls 15-19 Division. Sakuragi fired back-to-back



rounds of 72 to set herself apart from the rest of the field. Sakuragi finished with a 2-over-par score of 144. Second place honors went to Ann Kathrin Wuensch (HHIJGA) of Herrenburg, Germany. Wuensch tallied up two impressive rounds firing a 72 on Saturday and following it up with a 76 on Sunday. Wuensch finished with a 148 tournament total. Coming in third place was Madison Alexander (HHIJGA) of Jonesborough, TN. Alexander finished with a score of 158.

Ecstatic with her recent play, we caught up with Sakuragi to talk about her winning streak. “It feels great to win 2 weeks in a row. I am very pleased with the way I have been playing.” Thanking her parents and coaches for the win, Sakuragi discussed what aspects of her golf game she has been focusing on. “I have been trying to key in on my lag putts and improving my overall short game. I also have been working on my full swing and keeping it consistent.”

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The IJGT was founded in 1995 for junior golfers ages 10-19. 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 65 open events and 6 invitational events at some of the finest courses in the U. S. as well as tournaments in Mexico, Canada, and Scotland.

Nearly 2000 junior golfers compete on the IJGT representing 43 states and 28 countries. These young men and women will have the opportunity to participate in the national junior ranking system sponsored by Golfweek and Junior Golf Scoreboard.

BLUFFTON, SC —Final round results of the IJGT at Eagles Pointe Golf Club conducted by the International Junior Golf Tour (IJGT) on the Eagle’s Pointe Course played Sunday, May 2, 2010. Boys 16-19 Division: Blue Tees – 6667 yards, par 71, (72.4/133). Boys 13-15 Division: Blue Tees – 6667 yards, par 71, (72.4/133). Boys U-12 & Girls U-19 Divisions: White Tees – 5710 yards, Par 71 (Boys: 68/124; Girls: 71/125)

Weather:

Saturday – Sunny with temperatures in the high 80’s

Sunday – Sunny with temperatures in the mid 80's

IJGT at Eagle's Point Golf Club

Bluffton, SC

April 30-May2, 2010

Finish	Boys 16-19 Division (Blue Tees)	Grad	RD 1	RD 2	Total	To Par
1	Felipe Benalcazar - Quito, Ecuador	2011	67	73	140	-2
2	Antonio Ferrer - Porto Cristo, Spain (HHIJGA)	2009	69	75	144	2
3	Jordan Botelho - Mattapoisett, MA (HHIJGA)	2009	72	74	146	4
3	Mariano Rossi - Buenos Aries, Argentina	2011	71	75	146	4
5	Dung Nguyen - Ha Noi, Viet Nam (HHIJGA)	2011	76	71	147	5
6	Fredric Nordhoff - Issaquah, WA (HHIJGA)	2009	75	73	148	6
6	Skyler Mednick - Calabasas, CA (HHIJGA)	2011	72	76	148	6
8	Jose Armenteros - Santo Domingo, Dominican Republic (HHIJGA)	2010	80	71	151	9
8	Andrew Humber - Wake Forest, NC (HHIJGA)	2012	76	75	151	9
8	Matthew Smith - Wantagh, NY	2011	75	76	151	9
11	Matthew Adams - Walnut Creek, CA (HHIJGA)	2011	78	75	153	11
11	Oliver White - Lower Gwynedd, PA (HHIJGA)	2010	79	74	153	11
11	Pablo Gerboles - Leon, Spain (HHIJGA)	2011	73	80	153	11
14	Joe Noller - Lawrence, KS (HHIJGA)	2009	77	77	154	12
14	Cole Adams - Connerville, IN (HHIJGA)	2011	75	79	154	12
16	Charlie Durman - Margaretting, United Kingdom (HHIJGA)	2011	76	79	155	13
16	Kyle King - Freeport, Bahamas (HHIJGA)	2009	76	79	155	13
18	Drew Ferguson - Belgrade, MT (HHIJGA)	2011	82	74	156	14
18	Jimmy Bilsky - Jacksonville, FL	2011	78	78	156	14
20	Cody Robertson - Rochester, NY (HHIJGA)	2009	82	75	157	15
20	Arjan Dugal - New Delhi, India (HHIJGA)	2010	81	76	157	15
20	Phil Loewe - Charlottenlund, Denmark (HHIJGA)	2010	76	81	157	15
20	Brian Goff - Webster, NY (HHIJGA)	2009	75	82	157	15
24	Thomas Strandemo - Fargo, ND (HHIJGA)	2012	79	80	159	17
24	David Kirk - Heathrow, FL (HHIJGA)	2010	78	81	159	17
26	Greg Simonds - Ringoes, NJ	2011	78	82	160	18
26	Eric Egui - Avila, Venezuela (HHIJGA)	2010	76	84	160	18
28	Alexandru Mihai - Bucharest, Romania (HHIJGA)	2011	79	83	162	20
29	Dak Spivey - Llyold Harbor, NY (HHIJGA)	2011	84	80	164	22
30	Ryan Roberts - Hamilton, Bermuda (HHIJGA)	2011	84	82	166	24
30	Kuan-Heng Lin - Taipei, Taiwan (HHIJGA)	2012	80	86	166	24
32	Patrick Halim - Victoria, Canada (HHIJGA)	2011	84	83	167	25
33	Younghwa Jung - Seoul, South Korea	2011	89	81	170	28
34	Joseph Fioramonti - Bloomfield, CT (HHIJGA)	2009	88	83	171	29
35	Shengfu Zhao - Shen Zhen, China (HHIJGA)	2010	89	83	172	30
35	Cole Chachko - Little Silver, NJ (HHIJGA)	2009	88	84	172	30
37	Davis Keough - Cole Harbour, Nova Scotia, Canada (HHIJGA)	2011	88	90	178	36
38	Phillip Jinwoo Kim - Seoul, South Korea (HHIJGA)	2011	103	85	188	46
	Ivan Wong - Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia (HHIJGA)	2010	79	DQ Rule 6-8a		

Finish	Boys 13-15 Division (Blue Tees)	Grad	RD 1	RD 2	Total	Finish
1	Chang Ju Lee - Seoul, South Korea (HHIJGA)	2013	77	83	160	18
2	JJ Qualkenbush - La Quinta, CA (HHIJGA)	2014	80	81	161	19
3	Matthew Moucharafieh - Beirut, Lebanon (HHIJGA)	2012	81	83	164	22

4	Keanu Hasmana - Jakarta - Pusat, Indonesia (HHIJGA)	2012	88	90	178	36
5	Young Joon Lee - Seol, South Korea (HHIJGA)	2013	98	97	195	53
6	Henry Morgan - Mount Pleasant, SC (HHIJGA)	2013	122	121	243	101
Finish	Boys U-12 Division (White Tees)	Grad	RD 1	RD 2	Total	To Par
1	Derrick Villarreal - Hartland, WI (HHIJGA)	2015	71	73	144	2
2	Noah Edmondson - Davidson, NC	2015	74	73	147	5
3	Kevin Ying - Shanghai, China (HHIJGA)	2016	89	83	172	30
Finish	Girls U-19 Division (White Tees)	Grad	RD 1	RD 2	Total	To Par
1	Momo Sakuragi - Tokyo, Japan (HHIJGA)	2012	72	72	144	2
2	Ann Kathrin Wuensch - Herrenberg, Germany (HHIJGA)	2012	72	76	148	6
3	Madison Alexander - Jonesborough, TN (HHIJGA)	2011	79	79	158	16
4	Olivia Landino - Hermitage, PA (HHIJGA)	2012	77	83	160	18
5	Marianna Zanghetti - Ponte Vedra Beach, FL	2013	82	79	161	19
6	Ashley Anderson - Garden City Beach, SC	2015	81	82	163	21
6	Tracey Marshall - Newfields, NH (HHIJGA)	2010	77	86	163	21
8	Casey Hahn - Barrington, IL (HHIJGA)	2011	82	84	166	24
9	Caroline Dula - Salisbury, NC (HHIJGA)	2011	84	83	167	25
10	Krystin Schwarze - Chealsea, MI (HHIJGA)	2009	80	89	169	27