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IJGA DIRECTOR OF GOLF JONATHAN YARWOOD NAMED TO GOLF MAGAZINE'S TOP 100 TEACHERS



It takes blood, sweat and tees to become a Top 100 Teacher, one of the most coveted titles in golf instruction. Per GOLF Magazine, "Each of these slice-busting, swing-fixing pros have the right stuff."

The International Junior Golf Academy (IJGA), the oldest, independent junior golf academy in the nation, is proud to announce **Director of Golf & Instruction, Jonathan Yarwood**, has been named to **GOLF Magazine's Top 100 Teachers in America**, the longest-running list of elite teachers (25 years and counting.)

Yarwood is one of 16 new members on the elite list this year. Since its inception in 1991, GOLF Magazine's Top Teachers in America ranking has become the industry standard for teaching excellence. Four different committees comprised of peer review, World Golf Teacher Hall of Fame members, established Top 100 teachers and alumni and GOLF Magazine, judge candidates on 15 baseline criteria.

Yarwood, a British PGA Master Professional, has a long-standing career that speaks for itself. He has trained a U.S. Open winner, two U.S. Amateur winners, two U.S. Girls' winners, three AJGA Players of the Year, four #1 juniors, a collegiate #1 and winners on the PGA, LPGA,

European, Challenge, Asian and Australasian tours. He has been recognized for his contribution to the game by being the youngest person to be made a British PGA Master Professional in 2011. He was also voted a "Top 20 Teacher under 40" by Golf Digest, and "Best Teachers in State Rankings" for over a decade. He has trained student-athletes of 11 years of age until they ultimately reached the tour. He is proud to be a part of the world-class team at IJGA and to bring his experience to a new generation of junior players.

"I have never really converted titles nor acknowledgement in my career, preferring to get my head down in the trenches and make a contribution that satisfied my curiosity," said Yarwood. "Having said that, it is always a nice feeling to know that your work has been noted and appreciated by a peer group whom I highly respect. I'm both humbled and honored to receive this award and will continue to strive to improve and make a difference in the lives of others through the coaching skills I've developed."

"Jonathan is perhaps the most accomplished golf coach in junior golf, with a decade coaching the elite group of players at IMG, followed by many years on the professional tour with players such as Michael Campbell, who went head to head with Tiger Woods at his peak to win the 2007 US

Open, and now five years with our International Junior Golf Academy ("IJGA") and partner Bishops Gate Golf Academy ("BGGA)," said Andrew Summers, IJGA and BGGA CEO. "Since taking on the challenge of restoring the IJGA brand as the leading junior golf academy, Jonathan has done an immense job in building a disciplined golf program, with a mixture of artistry and use of the most modern technical aids, and it is inspiring to see the pride with which his

students perform in practice and in tournaments. Jonathan is quite rightly recognized as a Top 100 Instructor and we are fortunate at IJGA to have him lead our golf program."

With Yarwood at the helm, for our student-athletes, success in golf and life is just a school year (or two) away!



TOP FINISHES

IJGT Faldo Series Georgia Championship, The Club at Savannah Harbor, Feb. 23-24

Congrats to 13 IJGA student-athletes on finishing in the top 10!

Boys U19 Division

2nd - Erik Fogel: 68 + 74--142

T5 - Brad Riley: 76 + 69--145

T8 - Tristin Galant: 73 + 73--146



Boys U16 Division

1st - Jantai Malataev: 69 + 73--142

2nd - Jeongjoo Kim: 70 + 75--145

3rd - Patrick Sun: 73 + 74--147

8th - Muhamad Zaini: 78 + 75--153



Girls U19 Division

4th - Sae Saito: 77 + 83--160

Girls U16 Division

2nd - One Kashima: 77 + 77--154

3rd - Emma Kim: 76 + 82--158

4th - Vasundhara Singh Thiara:
75 + 84--159

T8 - Pamas Abhiteachapan:
93 + 103--196

T8 - Noe Hirota: 96 + 100--196



Navyug Rungta Shares Personal Best Score after Faldo Series event

IJGA student-athlete Navyug Rungta of India shares his story of picking up golf two years ago, joining IJGA and shooting his personal best score of 77 in the IJGT Faldo Series Georgia Championship at The Club at Savannah Harbor.

Watch Nav's video!



Jantai Malataev Wins IJGT Faldo Series Georgia Championship, U16

IJGA student-athlete Jantai Malataev of Kyrgyzstan recently took home the trophy for winning the U16 Boys Division during the IJGT Faldo Series Georgia Championship held at The Club at Savannah Harbor. Malataev shot a 69-73, with 12 birdies over the two-day event. This was Malataev's first IJGT win.

Watch Jantai's video and listen to his story.

HJGT Elite Series at Bear Creek Golf Club, Hilton Head Island, SC, March 9 - 10

Boys 16 - 18 Division

T7 - Chase Philips: 78 + 76--154

T10 - Jay Sachdev: 76 + 81--157

Boys 14 - 15 Division

1st - Patrick Sun: 87 + 82--169. CONGRATS!

Girls 14 - 18 Division

3rd - Emma Kim: 83 + 83--166

5th - Vasundhara

Thiara: 86 + 82--168

7th - Noe Hirota: 108 + 115--223



PLAYING AROUND THE GLOBE



Faldo Series Asia Grand Final at Laguna Golf Lang Co in Da Nang, Vietnam. The course sculpted by Sir Nick Faldo, recently underwent a few changes with the addition of new tees, changes in elevation, tightened fairways and firmer greens. IJSA CEO Lee-Anne Misseldine chaperoned the players during the trip and tournament play.

Faldo Series Major Champions Invitational

IJGA student-athlete Merlin Dohm recently participated in the Faldo Series Major Champions Invitational held at Bella Collina, Monteverde, Florida.



Major Champions Invitational is a junior golf tournament like no other. Over the course of four days, juniors experienced first-class treatment, as they would receive at a professional golf tournament, and enjoyed unique, once-in-a-lifetime activities after each round — including a golf clinic with Sir Nick Faldo and Q & A's with major champions.

Created by World Golf Hall of Fame member and six-time major champion Sir Nick Faldo, the Major Champions Invitational strives to provide opportunities to young people through golf and help identify the next generation of champions. The invitational was supported by 18 major champions, each represented by a team of four top-tier junior golfers.

RACE TO SCOTLAND

IJGA student-athletes Sae Saito, One Kashima, Aaron Pha and Jantai Malataev had the distinct honor and privilege to play some of the world's greatest, top-ranked golf courses as part of the IJGT's Race to Scotland over spring break. Tournament top finishes and a point system earn students the opportunity to be considered for the trip abroad. Students played Archerfield Link's Fidra and Dirlton, Gullane, North Berwick and The New Course at Saint Andrews. The foursome was chaperoned by IJGA's Assistant Mental Performance Coach Cory Cottrell and had an incredible experience.



Faldo Series Asia Grand Final, Laguna Golf Lang Co., March 20 - 22

Student-athletes representing IJGA Vasundhara Thiara and Kotara Murato recently participated in the 13th



STUDENTS TAKE TIME TO ENJOY SPRING BREAK



WHO WILL WIN THE



As we're gearing up for the Masters, we asked the students and staff who their favorite pro is playing in the Masters and who will take home the Masters Trophy and don the green jacket? Here are the responses:

Student / Staff

Chrisope Abhiteachapan
Eugene Kang
Frank Jin
Patrick Sun
Kevin Li
Akira Sharai
Kiet Trieu
Pamas Abhiteachapan
Jennifer Wang
Sahana Mantha
Lindsey Mehring
Patrick O'Toole
Vaibhav Kaila
Gautam Potdukhe
Muhammad Zaini
Shawn Mehring
Tristin Galant
Olvin Arce
Brittney Anderson
Skylar Jewell
Justin Perry
Caitlin Mehring
JJ N'Ganga
Merlin Dohm
Emma Kim
Jonathan Yarwood
Dan Jackson
Beth Patton
Alex Lamarca
Steven Strasheim
Jay Sachdev
Shuya Hagiwara
Cory Cottrell
Zau Lahpai
Jantai Malataev
Kazuki Yamauchi
Navyug Rungta
Erik Fogel
James Doxey
Vee Thiara
Aaron Pha

Favorite Player

Dustin Johnson
Rory McIlroy
Tiger Woods
Rickie Fowler
Tommy Fleetwood
Rory McIlroy
Jordan Spieth
Patrick Reed
Tiger Woods
Jordan Spieth
Jordan Spieth
Phil Mickelson
Rory McIlroy
Jordan Spieth
Cameron Champ
Brooks Kepka
Tiger Woods
Dustin Johnson
Tiger Woods
Bubba Watson
Francesco Molinari
Tiger Woods
Martin Kaymer
Rory McIlroy
Tiger Woods
Fred Couples
Adam Scott
Francesco Molinari
Brooks Koepka/Tiger Woods
Rory McIlroy
Hideki Matsuyama
Rory McIlroy
Tiger Woods
Rickie Fowler
Adam Scott
Dustin Johnson
Tiger Woods
Dustin Johnson
Tiger Woods
Tiger Woods
Tiger Woods

Winner

Justin Rose
Rory McIlroy
Rory McIlroy
Rory McIlroy
Tommy Fleetwood
Rory McIlroy
Jordan Spieth
Jon Rahm
Dustin Johnson
Rory McIlroy
Rory McIlroy
Dustin Johnson
Rory McIlroy
Jordan Spieth
Cameron Champ
Jordan Spieth
Tiger Woods
Rory McIlroy
Rory McIlroy
Dustin Johnson
Rory McIlroy
Matthew Fitzpatrick
Tiger Woods
Martin Kaymer
Rory McIlroy
Justin Rose
Rory McIlroy
Dustin Johnson
Francesco Molinari
Bryson DeChambeau
Rory McIlroy
Rory McIlroy
Tommy Fleetwood
Tiger Woods
Rickie Fowler
Rickie Fowler
Rory McIlroy
Tiger Woods
Dustin Johnson
Rory McIlroy
Tommy Fleetwood

Putting Tips with IJGA Coach Dwight Nevil

Putting Drills

Learn how to line-up your putt properly with Coach Dwight Nevil's putting tips utilizing a chalk line, tees and practicing a "gate drill."

WATCH THE VIDEO!



Practice Lag Putting

Eliminate 3-putting by practicing lag putting. Coach Dwight Nevil shares advice of making a game of it and practice putting from varying distances. All you need is an alignment stick, circles and several cones or markers.



WATCH THE VIDEO!

PLANNING, DEDICATION AND PERSEVERANCE YIELDS COLLEGE ACCEPTANCE RESULTS

By Darcie Patrick, IJSA Director of Education + Development

During my first months as a member of the IJGA/BGGA team, it has been a privilege to meet our fabulous, student-athletes from around the globe. These young men and women have come to pursue their road to U.S. College and for that, we are honored to have been entrusted to help prepare their path.

I have been involved in the American system of education for over two decades and have visited hundreds of college campuses. There are over 3000 colleges and universities in America. For our male student-athletes -

1289 of the 3000 colleges have golf teams (Division I, Division II, Division III, NAIA or NJCAA). Our female student-athletes have 939 colleges to consider that have a golf team. So, it is important to note that roughly half of all of the U.S. colleges and universities have men's golf teams and roughly one-third have women's golf teams.



copious notes, studying for tests, proper sleep, attending study hall and hiring private tutors, when necessary.

Earning a SAT and/or ACT score that is reflective of a student's ability will take hours of preparation. Effective for the 2019-20 school year, each student will be given a set of test prep books for the TOEFL (if applicable), PSAT/ACT Plan and SAT/ACT. These books will be used throughout the year to study for the age-appropriate tests. There are also free, test-prep resources that we share with our students and are available online.

Additionally, we have created a partnership with Method Test Prep (MTP) – the gold standard in strategy-based test prep. Each student/family will be introduced to Elliot Bock, the Director of Online Education at MTP. To achieve a goal SAT/ACT score, private test prep is an excellent additional investment. A goal score can help a student gain admission to their #1 choice college/university, but it can also

help them qualify for a Merit Scholarship.

As a student prepares for college, the two most important areas of focus that will dictate the outcome, include:

- Strive for the lowest average golf score
- Strive for the highest GPA and SAT/ACT score

To achieve the lowest golf score, the student-athletes will work hand-in-hand with their golf coaching team, including: Director of Golf, their lead coach, strength and conditioning coach, mental performance coach and custom club fitter. Together, with their Junior Golf Scoreboard ranking, the students will naturally fit into a college/university team's scoring average.

To achieve the highest GPA, a student will work closely with their school's guidance counselor and their academy's educational coordinator. A's & B's come with hard work, including attending class regularly, taking

Although this is a data driven process, it is our goal to help our student-athletes find a RIGHT fit college match, meeting their social, emotional, physical, spiritual and intellectual needs...including a financial fit to meet a family's budget. Going forward, the college conversation will be frequent and the IJGA + BGGA college preparation will be robust; starting in the 9th grade.

In the fall of 2019, every student will have a designated software page in our College Planner Pro (CPP) software. We are excited to announce that each family will also have access to the CPP college page, available and translated in their native language. This will allow the parents to have insight into their child's college planning. In turn, it will allow the parents to support, encourage and occasionally nudge their children so we are all on the same page to help support these remarkable student-athletes achieve their goals.

COMMUNITY SERVICE - MAKING A DIFFERENCE



Leaving a Legacy - Clearing Trails at OC

It's about leaving a legacy that drives students to clear trails on a Saturday at IJGA's Old Carolina campus, making the grounds cleaner and more visually appealing for students and the Old Carolina community to enjoy. The ongoing service project enables students to give back while improving their surroundings and making the campus a better place to live. The Trails project is part of the Character Development program overseen by IJGA Director of Mental Performance Skylar Jewell. Video created by IJGA student-athlete Vasundhara Thiara.

WATCH THE VIDEO!



Heritage Academy's Community Service Project

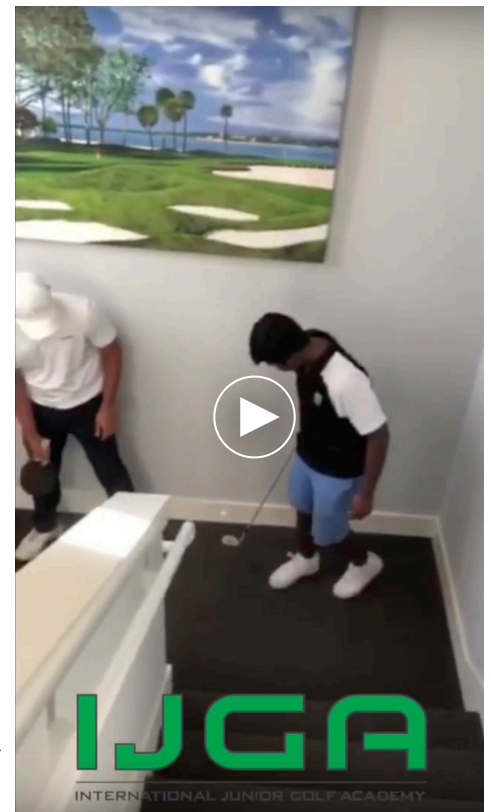
A shout out to Heritage Academy students and staff for their latest community service endeavor, collecting personal hygiene kits and delivering them to The Deep Well Project on Hilton Head Island to share with their clients. Congrats to

the following IJGA students for their efforts and organizing the collection; Tristin Gallant, James Doxey, Shuya Hagiwara, Kazuki Yamauchi, Pamas Abhiteachapan and Vee Thiara.

Getting Tricky!

In part two of a three part Mental Performance series, the IJGA students explored Imagery and Creativity by being tasked to create a trick shot. Here is what Director of Mental Performance, Skylar Jewell had to say, "While trick shots are fun, doing them with purpose allows you to exercise creativity and problem solving. Similar to being on the course, finding ways to creatively get the ball into the hole, on demand, is a necessity to reach the next level.

We provided the students with a creative problem to solve and they did so. Solving problems with creative solutions extends even beyond golf and at that we are subtly preparing students for wherever their passions may lead."



Keep checking in for more information

for your game and

reach out for more information on how to bring creative thinking into your process. Contact IJGA Director of Mental Performance Skylar Jewell, skylar.jewell@ijga.com

WATCH THE VIDEO!

IJGT'S SPRING SCHEDULE - REGISTER TODAY!

March 30-31

Faldo Series Philadelphia Championship - White Manor Country Club, Malvern, PA

April 6-7

Faldo Series Florida Championship - Falcon's Fire Golf Club, Kissimmee, FL

April 13-14

Faldo Series South Carolina Championship - Dolphin Head Golf Club, Hilton Head Island, SC

April 20-21

The Galloping Hill Classic - Galloping Hill Golf Club, Kenilworth, NJ

May 11-12

Faldo Series Pennsylvania Championship - Hershey Country Club (East Course), Hershey, PA

May 18-19 Faldo Series New Jersey Championship - The Architects Club, Phillipsburg, NJ

May 25-27

Bridgestone Golf Tournament of Champions - Grand Cypress Resort (The New Course), Lake Buena Vista, FL

REGISTER TODAY

Sir Nick Faldo Golf Clinic

April 22, 10 a.m.

Location To Be Determined

Driving Range

Former World Number 1 ranked player for 98 weeks by the Official World Golf Rankings and six-time Major Champion **Sir Nick Faldo** will host a special golf clinic on Monday, April 22 at 10 a.m., location to be determined, in conjunction with International Junior Golf Academy (IJGA) and International Junior Golf Tour (IJGT).

The three-time Masters champion, three-time British Open champion, RBC Heritage title winner, CBS and Golf Channel Announcer will demonstrate a variety of distance shots and short-game techniques which helped him achieve legendary success throughout his victorious career. Faldo will share his life-time experience on a variety of topics such as technical tips, course management and strategy. The clinic is open to the public and free to attend.



ALUMNI



Congratulations to IJGA alumni **Laura Restrepo** (Class of 2011) on winning the National Women's Golf Association (NWGA) Dubsdread Golf Course of Orlando, Florida, February 25 - 27, shooting seven under to finish 70-65-68 for the three-day tournament.



IJGA alumni **Jasmine Chee** (Class of 2016) who attends Western Michigan and plays for the women's golf team, recently took first-place after a playoff during the Low Country Invitational held at Crescent Pointe Golf Club in Bluffton, SC. The Broncos golf team successfully defended their title with Chee celebrating her first collegiate victory by making five birdies and 21 pars over the two rounds.



We love when IJGA alumni come back to train and visit with us! Welcome back **Lino Galdin**, playing for Mercer University and **Melany Chong**, playing for Appalachian State University.

MMUN

Director of Education + Development Darcie Patrick recently attended the Montessori Model United Nations (MMUN) expo in New York promoting IJGA's and BGGGA's Lifestyle Program and Summer Camp opportunities to 1,700 global 6th, 7th and 8th grade students.



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