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WELCOME TO IJGA



International Junior Golf Academy is the oldest, independent junior golf academy in the nation with over 20 years of tradition, boasting one of the finest golf training facilities of any junior golf academy in the United States. Situated within the world-renowned community of Hilton Head Island / Bluffton on the East Coast of South Carolina, the intimate campus setting of IJGA provides student-athletes with easy access to state-of-the-art indoor and outdoor training facilities, top-quality instruction led by a world-class coaching team, and in partnership with quality schools who support student-athletes in their pursuit to achieve personal, collegiate and professional goals. Tutoring sessions, ESL classes, character & leadership program, mental training,

strength & conditioning training, college planning + placement – round out the whole person, providing today’s student-athletes with the resources, tools and peer group to be successful, not only in golf, but in life.

With over \$52 million awarded in college scholarships to the nation’s top universities to play at the collegiate level and 20+ student-athletes who have advanced through the ranks to play on the world’s stage including 2 major championship wins, the Academy has over 1,000 alumni ambassadors around the world who are proud to call IJGA home ...

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IJGA SPRING 2019 COMMUNITY KICK-OFF



Our number one goal for each semester is to make progress from start to finish and provide the absolute best environment for IJGA student-athletes to develop. In order to do this, we have grown to understand the importance in setting the tone and bringing the entire IJGA community together, focusing the combined energy for the new semester into an opportunity

which provides fun, perspective and reinforces commitments to goals and affirmations.

As we kicked off the 2019 spring semester on Martin Luther King, Jr. Day, we started with a basic challenge and asked students to take actions they would be proud of and believe that at the end of the event, those who acted with the future in mind would have the opportunity to break into that potential with

actions that reflected the gold inside. We then reflected on the workings of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. and his ability to see past the violence in his face — to the golden opportunity on the other side of taking actions which stood to provide opportunity for all. This was followed by a “Habitudes” lesson which highlighted the importance of identifying one’s inner gold and how, in being a leader, knowing how to perform one’s strengths helps to have more success and even influence others.



The IJGA community then took part in a team activity which challenged each group to see into the future and write a headline for a newspaper published 20 years from now which highlighted things that started during their time at IJGA and the semester to come. Events that they would be proud of and would continue to be celebrated. These headlines were then voted on and as the tallies added up, student-athletes completed individualized goals and aspirations sheets. These worksheets reflected their mission and ultimate aspirations, but also helped to clarify benchmark goals for the semester and a key part of the IJGA experience.

The results from the vote reflected that IJGA was most proud of their actions to come in their service to community. As a result, this group of students had the opportunity to either focus on the surface where we are now **(look at an egg and only see the shell) or (be excited by the potential inside the egg and...)** commit to taking committed action by breaking eggs on the head of our Director of Mental Performance and Character/Leadership Skylar Jewell. Can you guess which one they chose? Find out by committing to take actions for the future with us and check out our video.

Follow us on social media for more exciting and inspiring actions to come.



HERITAGE ACADEMY HAPPENINGS

Bonfire & BBQ

Heritage Academy students, staff and guests were all fired up for the Back To School Bonfire and BBQ held in Wexford Plantation, Hilton Head Island. Special thanks to the Sewell family for their generous hospitality and hosting the event.



Open House

Heritage Academy recently hosted an Open House, inviting the local community to find out what the Academy has to offer local students. Heritage Academy students shared with visitors their passions, what they love most about the school and why it is such a good fit for them personally.

To schedule a school tour, contact Heritage Academy Director of Admissions Tina Sprouse, 843-842-8600, ext. 3. Experience the difference at Heritage Academy.

IJGA ESL Club

IJGA held their first ESL club meeting last week. The club's goal is to continue to engage students in learning and being accepting of other cultures as they transition through their experience in learning English while attending the Academy. The club will meet every Sunday and Wednesday evening during their study session.



DOWN THE STRETCH WITH STEVEN CHALMERS



Q & A with Steven Chalmers ...

What are your top five/six favorite golf courses that you've ever played?

Carnoustie - Scotland
St. Andrews Old Course - Scotland
Prestwick - Scotland
Kiawah Island Ocean Course - South Carolina
TPC Sawgrass Stadium Course - Florida
Congaree Golf Course - South Carolina

Which courses are on your bucket list?

Augusta National and Pebble Beach.

How did you first get into the game of golf?

My family encouraged me to play lots of sports and golf was one of them.

How many "hole-in-ones" have you had?

I have had three hole-in-ones ... Notable courses include Banchory Golf Club, Scotland and Ballater Golf Club, Scotland.

Outside of golf, what do you like to do during your "down" time?

I love traveling, weekend adventures sightseeing, kayaking and snowboarding — if I can find snow!

Favorite place you've ever visited?

I love Europe and the Mid-West region of America, no particular reason just always fun hanging out there.

List three things your co-workers probably don't know about you ...

1. I love rock music
2. Singing in the shower
3. My favorite movie is the Rock

Name any golf awards or career accolades you've received or earned:

I was awarded a PGA Advanced Professional status by the United Kingdom PGA for my work in the field of coaching

golf. Recently, I have become a PGA of America Member which I am extremely proud of. The daily improvement of my students is my biggest personal reward. Nothing beats seeing them improve and develop.



Community Service Beach Clean-Up

IJGA student-athletes and staff spent the day volunteering and assisting Palmetto Ocean Conservancy's beach clean-up efforts of Hilton Head Island's beautiful beaches.

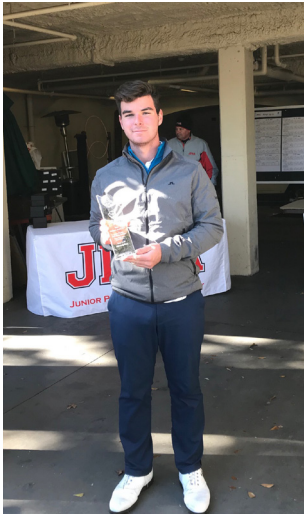


Mark Your Calendar ~ Standard-Bearers Wanted! RBC Heritage, April 15 - 21, 2019 Harbour Town Golf Links, Hilton Head Island



IJGA is seeking middle and high school students who are interested in walking inside the ropes with the PGA tour players, representing IJGA and participating as a standard-bearer. For more information and to reserve your space, contact IJGA Director of Mental Performance and Character/Leadership Mentor Skylar Jewell, skylar.jewell@ijga.com.

CONGRATS ALL-AROUND!



Congrats to Alex Lamarca Winner of the Optimist Junior Qualifier at Wexford Plantation!

IJGA student-athlete Alex Lamarca battled windy and rainy conditions recently to win the Optimist Junior Golf tournament, 2019 Junior Players Golf Academy Open at Wexford Plantation Golf Course of Hilton Head Island, January 19 & 20, shooting a 76-75 for a combined score of 151, winning by two strokes. "I knew going into the tournament the conditions were

going to be tough. The only thing I told myself was, play smart, don't make bad decisions," said Larmarca.

As a qualifying event, Lamarca will advance to the Optimist International Junior Golf Championship held at the Trump National Doral Resort & Spa Tournament held in Miami, Florida in late July.



Congrats to Shuya Hagiwara Hole-in-one

Congrats to Shuya Hagiwara on his hole-in-one at Chechessee Golf Club, 13th hole. Shiyu was playing with CEO of IJGA Andrew Summers and used his 6 iron to make his perfect shot.

Alumni

Congrats to Poom Pattorpong

IJGA alumni Poom Pattarpong (Class of 2013) of Thailand and former member of the James Madison men's golf team, finished fifth in the final stage of 2019 Asian Tour Qualifying School recently earning his Asian Tour card with a five-round score of 19-under 336.



Congrats to Michael Katsman Recipient of the 2018 GOLFTEC National Order of Merit presented by TaylorMade (Junior Boys Division)

The Canadian Junior Golf Association (CJGA) recently announced the winners of the 2018 GOLFTEC National Order of Merit, presented

by TaylorMade. The GOLFTEC National Order of Merit, presented by TaylorMade is a ranking system that awards points based on a player's position at each CJGA event. Events are tiered based on the size and strength of the field.

IJGA student-athlete Micheal Katsman (Richmond Hill, Ont.) played in six events collecting 2,563 points during the 2018 season. Posting top five finishing in both the CJGA PING Canadian Junior Match Play Championship and CJGA Mizuno National Junior Golf Championship, Katsman never finished outside the top five at an event. He captured the CJGA Humber College Invitational at Diamondback and finished runner-up at the DeLaet Cup Qualifier presented by Georgian College at National Pines.



Welcome to Darcie Patrick!

Darcie Patrick has taken on a new role as Director of Education + Development for International Junior Golf Academy and Bishops Gate Golf Academy. As a Professional Member of Independent Education Consultant Association (IECA) and National Association for College Admission Counseling (NACAC), her educational experience and passion

for helping students find the RIGHT fit school to meet their social, emotional, physical, spiritual and intellectual needs will lead our student-athletes to the RIGHT college/university to prepare them for their encore career after golf.

Patrick has worked in private school admissions/administration on Hilton Head Island, South Carolina since 2005. In 2012, she retired as Head of School from Sea Pines Montessori Academy. Since then, she has been working as a College Admission Strategist with CollegeHHL.

IJGT SPRING SCHEDULE - REGISTER TODAY!

February 9-10 Metrowest Classic - Metrowest Golf Club, Orlando, FL

February 23-24 Faldo Series Georgia Championship - The Club at Savannah Harbor, Savannah, GA

March 23-24 IJGT South Carolina Open - Crescent Pointe Golf Club, Bluffton, SC

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



IJGT's Race to Scotland

Congratulations to the following IJGA student-athletes Sae Saito, One Kashima, Aaron Pha and Jantai Malatev on earning the honor to attend the IJGT Race to Scotland and playing some of the greatest courses in the world. Last year players had the privilege to play Archerfield, Gullane, North Berwick, and Saint Andrews - The Old Course. The group will be escorted by IJGA Assistant Mental Performance Coach Cory Cottrell and BGGGA coach Drake Edmond, March 16 - 23, 2019.

Watch last year's video of IJGA student-athletes and IJGT players' reflections of the Race to Scotland sharing their own personal experiences, their favorite courses and reliving their most memorable holes.

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CAPTAINS' LEADERSHIP TRIP TO THE PGA SHOW



As a leader and a captain, very often the contributions made into the greater good are unseen and unthanked. At IJGA we have a very unique opportunity where students can volunteer into captains' positions and serve in a council to work to make an even greater experience for the IJGA students to come. This allows students to gain leadership experience by serving their peers but also learning how to interact with others to make things happen.

As a small thanks to this group of students, IJGA supported the opportunity to attend the 2019 PGA Merchandise Show in Orlando, Florida, where they were able to interact with college PGM programs, see the state of the practice technology, demo next years equipment and better understand the world of golf. This team bonding opportunity also included a trip to TopGolf, Andretti Go Carts and Entertainment, and a visit and educational experience at the Jacksonville Zoo. We are proud of our IJGA Captains and are very thankful and appreciative for all they do to further a great experience at IJGA.



Spotted at the PGA Show

IJGA Director of Golf Jonathan Yarwood shared a selfie with Scotty Cameron.

After School Junior Golf Program

Join us for the IJGA After School Junior Golf Program on Mondays and Thursday, 4:30 - 6:30 p.m. Work with IJGA golf coaches in one of the premier golf academies in the country with state-of-the-art facilities, indoor hitting bays and short game area, outdoor Challenge Course, Himalayas and putting green. Weekly, monthly and annual packages are available. Contact Patrick O'Toole for more information, patrick.otoole@ijga.com.

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