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# FALDO U.S. SERIES GRAND FINAL



the best players in the world. Through this partnership, IJGT and the Faldo Series are giving North American junior golfers the opportunity to put themselves on the map with the best players in the world.

Winners of the Faldo Series U.S. Grand Final are now invited to participate in the Faldo Series Asia Grand Final in March of 2019 at another Sir Nick Faldo design, Laguna Lang Co.

IJGA student-athletes made a strong showing with nine top 10 finishes in following age divisions:

The Faldo U.S. Series Grand Final in partnership with International Junior Golf Tournament (IJGT) was held November 29 – December 2, 2018. The second-annual Faldo Series U.S. Grand Final concluded in fantastic fashion at Bella Collina Golf Club in sunny Central Florida. The Sir Nick Faldo design course was the perfect destination for some of the game's best junior golfers, with players representing 22 different countries and 15 different American states.

The Faldo Series hosts 35 annual tournaments in 30 countries worldwide, and has set the stage for junior golfers internationally to compete in high stakes competition against





Kotaro Murata - 2nd place: 68-69-69 Steven Stasheim - 4th place: 66-69-75 Aaron Pha - 5th place: 69-70-73

#### Boys U16

Jantai Malataev - 3rd place: 75-72-73 Gautam Potdukhe - 7th place: 73-79-75 Zaid Khan - T8: 78-77-76

### Girls U19

Sae Saito - 10th place: 84-84-84

#### Girls U16

One Kashima - 3rd place: 73-78-75 Vasundhara Thiara - 4th place: 75-76-85





# IJGA STUDENTS LEARN FROM

# SIR NICK FALDO

#### LPGA's Madelene Sagstrom and Dr. Dale Richardson also hold a clinic for IJGA students



IJGA students were in the presence of golf royalty at the Faldo Series U.S. Grand Final when Sir Nick Faldo was in attendance to give a clinic on the driving range and speak at the opening welcome dinner.

Six-time Major-winner and record Ryder Cup points-scorer Sir Nick Faldo revealed secrets of a long and short-game that made him a World No. 1.

Faldo's tales from when he played competitively kept the students on their toes and wanting more. After the clinic, the tournament participants attended a welcome dinner to kick off the event. Faldo spoke about how he grew up playing the game, giving the junior golfers wisdom about their own paths to come.

Sweden's Madelene Sagstrom spent time with IJGA's female students. Madelene was selected as one of Annika Sorenstam's captain's picks for Team Europe at the Solheim Cup.

IJGA was also honored to have Dr. Dale Richardson participate in the clinic. Dr. Richardson has an impressive array of professional golfers under his care and implements a holistic approach in developing his "player performance package".

Sir Nick Faldo's global junior development effort, the Faldo Series, which hosts events in Europe, Asia, Australia, New Zealand and South America, partnered with IJGT in 2017 to bring opportunities for junior golfers in the United States to compete in the Faldo Series.

## Words of Wisdom from Sir Nick Faldo, heard on the driving range ...

"Hit the shots you know you can hit. Go for it."

"Throw in the word, 'Today', because it eases it ... The shot that I know that I can hit today."

"Ghost your favorite swing player. Mimic their shot. Mimic their swing."

"Ladies - Work on your arm strength."

"Practice one-handed."

"Practice shots out of the rough."

"Muscle strength."

"Things to remember ... Alignment, good posture, get distance from the ground. Balance."

"Practice your clock-face swing and know your distances for 9 o'clock-9 o'clock, 10 o'clock-10 o'clock, etc., keep your distances in the back of your yardage book."

"Note the different types of grass and weather conditions along with your distances, use a sliding scale in the back of your yardage book."

"Calibrate yourself."

"Be factual." Start with the facts. Keep track of your yardages."



IJGA STUDENTATHLETE VASUNDHARA
THIARA CHALLENGES
SIR NICK FALDO TO
CLOSEST TO THE PIN:





# GLOBAL JUNIOR GOLF AMERICAN TOURNAMENT SWING

#### Hilton Head Invitational • Savannah Harbor Junior Shootout • GJG Grand Final



Global Junior Golf (GJG) in partnership with International Junior Golf Tournament (IJGT) and powered by International Junior Golf Academy (IJGA) hosted the Hilton Head Invitational held at Crescent Pointe Golf Club, an Arnold Palmer Signature Course, December 6 – 9. Players representing 17 countries participated in the three-day tournament which was shortened to two, due to a rain cancellation of the final round.

The Academy hosted the Players' Welcome Dinner December 6, following the official practice round with welcoming remarks by IJSA CEO Lee-Anne Misseldine, IJGA Director of Golf Jonathan Yarwood and IJSA Director of Education. Players and their family toured the facility, tested out the Swing Catalyst 3D Motion Plate & Studio, hitting bays, short game area and recreation center.



Congratulations to IJGA student-athlete Alessandro Lamarca for placing 3rd in the Boys Division with a 69 -76 = +3, Beng Keat Lim placed 4th with 72-74 = +4, Brad Riley tied for 7th with a 71-77 = +6 and Vasundhar "Vee" Thiara tied 5th with a 84-86 in the Girls Division.

Eight players from around the world participated in IJGA's "Stay and Train Program", played in all three events and trained at IJGA's facilities while in the United States with IJGA, IJGT and IJSA playing host to the group.

**The Hilton Head Invitational** was the first event in the series of three tournaments. The second, **Savannah Harbor Junior Shootout,** was played at The Club at Savannah Harbor, December 13 - 16. Players stayed at The Westin



Savannah Harbor Golf Resort & Spa, where the Players' Welcome Dinner was held December 13. Although the first-round was rained out, the field took full advantage of touring beautiful downtown Savannah, enjoying a boat ride on the Savannah River, visiting an Escape Room, shopping and dining downtown.

The final tournament of the three-event series, GJG Grand Final was held at Mission Inn Resort and Golf Club, Las Colinas Championship Course, December 19 - 22, located outside of Orlando in the town of Howey-in-the-Hills, Florida where Bishops Gate Golf Academy (BGGA) played host to the final event.



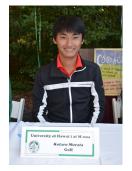


# COLLEGE SIGNING DAY AT HERITAGE ACADEMY





Felix van Kleef University of Las Vegas, Nevada, Men's Golf Team, (DI)



Kotaro Murata University of Hawaii, Men's Golf Team, (DI)



Chase Phillips
George Mason
University,
Men's Golf Team,
(DI)



Hoshi Yadav Holy Names University, Men's Golf Team, (DII)





## **ALUMNI**

IJGA Alumni Stephanie Meadow

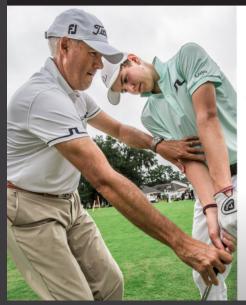
Congratulations to IJGA alumni
Stephanie Meadow and LPGA
Tour Player on her recent success,
recipient of the 2018 Irish Golf
Writers Professional of the Year
Award. Meadows is the first female
to win the award!



# THE ROAD TO U.S. COLLEGE GOLF

- SPEAKERS

PATRICK O'TOOLE, IJGA AND LAUREN HARLING, INDIANA UNIVERSITY WOMEN'S GOLF COACH



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## Sunday, January 13th

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