

## 2016 Iowa PGA Junior Tour Player of the Year



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The Iowa PGA Junior Tour Player of the Year point totals continued for 2016 in a “best of” approach; points are earned by a player in the top 15 tournaments that he or she participated. Anyone who competed for Player of the Year was required to be an Iowa Junior Tour member. At the conclusion of the season, the player with the most points acquired in their division is awarded this title. The age divisions included are: Boys 11 & Under, Boys 12-13, Boys 14-15, Boys 16-18, Girls 13 & Under, Girls 14-15, Girls 16-18.

Events are categorized in four groups: Major, Ace, Eagle, and Birdie. Major Point events are worth the most amount of points, then Ace, Eagle, then Birdie. There were 5 Majors, 11 Aces, 8 Eagles, 20 Birdies, and 7 local qualifiers for 41<sup>st</sup> PGA Junior Championship (qualifiers are non-point events). The 2016 Iowa PGA Junior Tour Player of the Year award recipients will be honored at the All Star Pro Golf Awards Luncheon that will be held on Tuesday, October 25 at Riverside Casino & Golf Resort.

### 2016 Iowa Junior Tour Schedule

Listed below is a partial listing, please log on to [www.iowaPGA.com](http://www.iowaPGA.com) for complete schedule and results. You may also contact Tess Goudy ([tgoudy@pgahq.com](mailto:tgoudy@pgahq.com)) or Brett Shaeffer ([bshaeffer@pgahq.com](mailto:bshaeffer@pgahq.com)) at the Iowa PGA Section Office for more details and photos, 319-648-0026.

#### **Major Point Events – administered by The Iowa PGA**

June 6, Junior Tour Kick Off held at Pheasant Ridge GC in Cedar Falls, IA  
June 13-14, John Deere Classic Junior Open held at TPC Deere Run in Silvis, IL  
July 5-6, 41<sup>st</sup> PGA Junior Iowa Championship held at Ames G & CC in Ames, IA  
July 18-19, Junior Tour Mid-Summer Classic held at Tournament Club of Iowa and Otter Creek GC  
August 8-9, Junior Tour Championship held at Copper Creek GC in Pleasant Hill, IA

#### **Ace Point Events – administered by The Iowa PGA**

June 16, 4-Person Team Junior & Stroke Play held at Edmundson GC in Oskaloosa, IA  
June 27, Junior Tour Corridor Classic held at Hunters Ridge GC in Marion, IA  
July 8, Junior Tour Classic held at Indian Creek CC in Nevada, IA  
July 11, Team Junior & Stroke Play Event held at Briarwood Club of Ankeny in Ankeny, IA  
July 11-12, Lexus Lujack Jr Championship held at Springbrook G & CC in DeWitt, IA  
July 13, Iowa PGA Cedar Rapids Junior held at Jones Park GC in Cedar Rapids, IA  
July 21, Iowa PGA Junior Championship held at Lake Panorama National GC in Panora, IA  
July 23, Southeast Iowa Junior held at The Preserve on Rathbun Lake in Moravia, IA  
July 28, Junior Tour Metro Classic held at AH Blank GC in Des Moines, IA  
June 12, Junior Tour Kick Off, Pheasant Ridge GC, Cedar Falls, IA  
August 1, Junior Tour Classic held at Wildcat GC in Shellsburg, IA  
August 4, Eastern Iowa Junior held at The Meadows GC in Asbury, IA (Dubuque area)

## **Eagle Point Events – not administered by The Iowa PGA**

June 8, Jester Park Junior Amateur held at Jester Park GC in Granger, IA

June 9, Optimist Junior Championship held at Elmwood CC/American Legion GC, Marshalltown, IA

June 22-23, IGA Boy's Amateur Junior held at Ellis Park GC in Cedar Rapids, IA

June 25-26, Iowa Junior Girls' Amateur held at Ellis Park GC in Cedar Rapids, IA

June 26, 8th Annual Lake Panorama Junior Open held at Lake Panorama National Resort, Panora, IA

July 12-13, Des Moines Junior held at Willow Creek GC in W. Des Moines, IA

July 20, Eagle Junior held at Carroll CC in Carroll, IA

July 26, Iowa City Junior held at Finkbine GC in Iowa City, IA

August 2, Quad Cities Junior held at Glynn's Creek GC in Long Grove, IA

***\*Birdie events are available for viewing at [www.iowaPGA.com](http://www.iowaPGA.com).***

***Please feel free to call or email with any questions.***

## **2016 Junior Tour Player of the Year Award Winners**

### **Boys 16-18**



Sterling McIlravy of Solon, Iowa played in 15 events this summer, earning his Player of the Year title with 3,997.5 points. He won the Junior Tour Classic at Wildcat GC, had 3 second place victories, 2 third place victories and 6 top 15<sup>th</sup> finishes in a very competitive and heavily participated division. Congratulations Sterling on your Player of the Year honor and best of luck in your senior year and in future golfing endeavors.

### **Boys 14-15**



Brock Sobaski of Brighton, Iowa is the boys 14-15 division Player of the Year honoree with 5,332.5 points. Brock competed in 16 events and had 12 top 10 finishes. His consistent and constant play throughout the entire season helped him secure the Player of the Year Honor. Some of Brock's highlights include 2<sup>nd</sup> place finishes at the 4 Person Team and Stroke Play at Edmundson GC and at the Southeast Iowa Junior at The Preserve on Rathbun Lake. Congratulations to Brock Sobaski on earning the Boys 14-15 Player of the Year title for 2016.

### **Boys 12-13**



Matthew Briggs is the boys 12-13 Player of the Year with 7,037.5 points. He is no stranger to the Player of the Year winner's circle as he also achieved this honor in the boys 11 & under division in 2014. Matt played in 12 events and only finished out of the top 5 one time, where he finished 6<sup>th</sup>. He had eight 1<sup>st</sup> place finishes and his scoring average was 76.8 which is very good when you considered this division regularly play at 6000 yards or longer. A few of his 1<sup>st</sup> place victories were at the Junior Tour Mid-Summer Classic held at TCI and Otter Creek, the Iowa PGA Cedar Rapids Junior held at Jones Park GC, the Southeast Iowa Junior held at The Preserve on Rathbun Lake and the Junior Tour

Championship held at Copper Creek GC. Congratulations to Matt on his well-deserved Boys 12-13 Player of the Year honor.

### **Boys 11 & Under**



Evan Smith of Knoxville, Iowa earned 7,757.5 points playing in 17 tournaments this season with his top 15 finishes counting towards his overall total. Evan never finished out of the top 5 when he played this summer and had twelve 1<sup>st</sup> place finishes. A few of his first place tournament wins included the Junior Tour Classic at Indian Creek CC, the Iowa PGA Junior Championship held at Lake Panorama GC, the Eastern Iowa Junior held at The Meadows GC and the Team Junior and Stroke Play held at Briarwood Club of Ankeny. Congratulations to a junior golf rising star and the Boys 11 & Under Player of the Year, Evan Smith.

### **Girls 16-18**



Shannyn Vogler of Moline, IL is a repeat honoree in the Girls 16-18 Player of the year category as she was also the Player of the Year in this division in 2015 and is only 12! She accumulated 7,035 points and played in 17 tournaments. Shannyn is another dedicated player who committed to a tough schedule and played hard all season long. She had 10 first place finishes and never placed out of the top 10. Some of her bigger wins came at the Junior Tour Metro Classic at AH Blank GC, the Pheasant Ridge Junior, the Iowa City Junior at Finkbine GC and the Quad Cities Junior at Glynn's Creek GC. She definitely has game and a very bright golfing future ahead of her. Congratulations Shannyn on your Girls 16-18 Player of the Year honor.

### **Girls 14-15**



Paige Hoffman of West Des Moines, Iowa has earned another Player of the Year honor, this time in a new category. She won the girls 14-15 Player of the Year honor with 8,675 points and played in 15 events. She never finished outside of the top 3 and had twelve 1<sup>st</sup> place titles. Paige is a great competitor and had another fantastic season. Some of her victories were at the Junior Tour Kick Off at Pheasant Ridge GC, the 33<sup>rd</sup> Jester Park Junior Amateur, the Optimist Junior held at Elmwood CC, the John Deere Classic Junior Open held at TPC Deere Run and the 41<sup>st</sup> PGA Junior Iowa Championship held at Ames G & CC. Paige will also be invited back to help lead the Iowa PGA Junior Tour team in the annual Cup Matches held against the Gateway PGA Junior Tour next summer. She has a pretty good record in these events too, winning all but one of her six matches in the last two years. Congratulations Paige on another great season and Player of the Year title again in 2016.

### **Girls 13 & Under**



Anna Nacos of Washington, Iowa is the Girls 13 & under Player of the Year honoree and earned 8,732.5 points. She played in 19 events with 15 counting towards her total. Anna never finished out of the top 5 and had thirteen 1<sup>st</sup> place finishes which is a great accomplishment considering how large the fields were this year in this division. Some of Anna's highlights include victories at the Iowa City Junior at Pleasant Valley GC, the Junior Tour Corridor Classic at Hunters Ridge GC, the Junior Tour Metro Classic at AH Blank GC and the season ending Junior Tour Championship at Copper Creek GC. Congratulations Anna on a great season and on your Girls 13 & Under Player of the Year honor.