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# Newsletter

## **NEXT VCJGA TOURNAMENT**

**May 21-22, 2011**

### TaylorMade Spring Championship



**Soule Park GC  
Ojai, CA**



**Entry Deadline  
May 13, 2011**

## **VCJGA Players Win L.A. City Junior Golf Championships!**

**Congratulations Justin De  
Los Santos of  
Chatsworth (B-Flight) and  
Spencer Soosman  
of Westlake Village (C-  
Flight).**



## **FINAL RESULTS: ANDRI A'S SEAFOOD CLASSIC**

**BUENAVENTURA GOLF  
COURSE – Par 35-35-70**

Thanks to Carl Van Vallier, PGA, Phil Hogarth, Matt Mulvany, GCSAA and their staffs for their kind hospitality of the VCJGA and its players and staff. What a difference a day makes. Saturday conditions were very nice with no wind; then a Sunday storm came in and we reluctantly cancelled the final round. Scheduling conflicts precluded us from rescheduling the final round.

SPECIAL THANKS to Michael Wagner of **ANDRIA'S SEAFOOD (654-0546)** for their many years loyal support of the VCJGA.

## **Championship Boys: GUTHRIE FIRES 66**

Dirk Guthrie (2012) of Ventura posted a round of **66** on a course that he is very familiar with. Going out he made four birdies and shot 31 and coming in he cooled down a bit with two bogies sandwiched by two more birdies to finish on top at -4. Guthrie won in a playoff in heavy rains at Los Robles last season. Tied for second were Johnathan Nicholson (2014) of Newbury Park and David Dworsky (2011) of Los Angeles with solid rounds of **69**. Tied for fourth were

David Stitt (2014) of Simi Valley and Jack Orue (2013) of Westlake Village each posting a 71. Tied for sixth place with 72's were Stephan Moffatt (2013) of Simi Valley and Lane Fuller (2012) of Goleta. Four players shot 73 and tied for eighth place:

Benjamin Molnar (2012) of Calabasas; Kris Hopkins (2013) of Westlake Village; Riley Michaelis (2012) of Simi Valley and Tyler Soosman (2011) of Westlake Village.

## **Championship Girls: MANTHENA WINS AGAIN**

Divya Manthena (2015) of Camarillo shot a solid 76 to win for the second time this season. She turned at even par with a birdie and a bogie; and then struggled on the inward half to earn the one stroke victory. With a birdie on the final hole, JoJo Sottile (2013) of Thousand Oaks finished second. Falcia Anderson (2014) of Oxnard posted a steady 79 to finish third. Breann Fox (2015) of chino posted an 80 and finished in fourth.

## **Boys 12-15: ACE LIFTS KEWALRAMANI**

Brandon kewalramani (2017) of Simi Valley showed perseverance after making a bogie on a short par-5 fourth; but then aced the dangerous 130 yard par-3 fifth. He made three more birdies to post a solid two-under **68** and win by one stroke. This was Kewal's ninth career ace. When asked which one was his favorite, he responded, "my next one". One stroke back was Jack Biwer (2016) of Westlake Village. Biwer birdied the final two holes and posted a one-

under **69** and finished in second. Tied for third were Thomas Weaver (2015) of Westlake Village; Elias Gross (2016) of Calabasas; and Ryan Hicks (2015) of Los Angeles. Each of them made birdie runs on the inward half and posted even-par **70**.

Tied for sixth place were Spencer Soosman (2016) of Westlake Village; and Victor Ponte (2014) of Camarillo shooting one-over par 71's. Tied for eighth with 72's were Bryant Falconello (2015) of Pacific Palisades; and Andrew Spilman (2015) of Simi Valley.

Six players tied for tenth place shooting 73: Sean Crocker (2014); J.J. Ferreira (2014); Peter Griffith (2015) all of Westlake Village; Michael Finney (2014) of La Canada; Lucas Hsiong (2015) of Oak Park; and Joshua Matz (2015) of Agoura Hills.

### **VOLUNTEERS:**

It takes many volunteers to run a tournament of this size. THANK YOU to the many volunteers that gave their time to help make the VCJGA experience fun for everyone! **Randal Stitt, John Davis, Kelly Doyle, Rick & Cyndi Nicholson, Mike Michaelis, Michael Moffatt, Annette Kessler, Joe Ferreira and Charlie Simpson.** We also appreciate our guest Rules Official and VCJGA alumni, **Zack King** We appreciate your hours of help to support the junior players and the VCJGA.

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## **NEXT VCJGA Mini Tour**

**May 14, 2011**

### **Mountain View Open**

**Mountain View golf  
Course, Santa Paula  
CA**



## **Entry Deadline May 07, 2011**

## **FINAL RESULTS - Mini-Tour: Simi Spring Tournament**

**Simi Hills Golf Course - Simi  
Valley - Par 35**

Thank you to Brian Reed, PGA; Jackie Cochran and staff for their kind support of the VCJGA. The weather was perfect with moderate temperatures with soft breezes! The course was in good condition.

**Boys 10-11:  
DRAPER BACK IN THE SWING**

After a time away from tournament golf, William Draper of Oak Park posted a solid round of 41 to win his first outing of 2011. Shooting a steady 43 and finishing in a personal best second place was Danny Rettinger of Westlake Village. Steen Zeman of Oxnard opened his round with a birdie on the first hole; and then cooled off to finish in third place with a round of 44.

**Boys & Girls 8-9:  
GOYETTE GETS ONE**

Cooper Goyette of Newbury Park playing in just his second tournament earned the gold medal posting a consistent round of 39. His five pars and only four bogies gave him a three-shot victory. Justin Biver of Westlake Village finished in second place with an up-and-down round of 42. In third place was three time winner, Austin Liu of Oak Park with a round of 44. Celina You of Thousand Oaks finished in fourth place.

**Q-SCHOOL:  
CHARLESTON/DAVIS EARN  
POINT**

Six players set out to earn VCJGA Tour status and Shane Charleston (2014) of Calabasas earned his first point; and Ryan Davis (2015) of Westlake Village earned his second point. Players in Q-School need to shoot the target score (or better) three (3) times to earn their status on the VCJGA Tour.

**VOLUNTEERS:**

**Thank you** to those that volunteered their time to help make the VCJGA experience fun! **Sammy Rettinger, David Bright, Craig Zeman, Dan Draper and Sthephan Goyette.** We

**appreciate your time, energy and efforts.**

**iPhone and Android Apps for the VCJGA will soon be available!**

We are pleased to announce that VCJGA iPhone and Android Apps for our members has been approved and should be available soon. The branded App is ready for members and fans to download!

The iPhone App can be downloaded by searching for Ventura County Junior Golf Association or VCJGA directly from the iPhone in the App Store or from iTunes on a PC. The Android Ap, by searching for Ventura County Junior Golf Association or VCJGA directly from a smart phone or the Android Market. You will soon have the ability to easily view tournaments, results, tee times, detailed statistics and VCJGA news. Later in the year, we will also have a Blackberry App!

**Quote of the  
Month**

**"The way to succeed is to double your failure rate."**

**— Thomas Watson,  
Founder of IBM (1874-1956)**

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**Character Counts**

In the beginning of his golf career, Bobby Jones was in the final playoff of the United States Open. He swung and hit the ball and it ended up in the rough just off the fairway. As he set up his next shot his iron caused a slight move of the ball.

Jones got noticeably angry. He turned to the marshals and surprisingly called a foul on himself. The marshals talked

among themselves and then asked people in the gallery if anyone had seen the foul.

No one, including them, did. So they left the final decision up to Jones.

Bobby Jones called the foul on himself anyway. He ended up losing the match by one stroke.

"Do you commend a bank robber for not robbing a bank? No you don't. This is how the game of golf should be played at all times," he said.

Beyond his silky smooth swing no one had ever seen that level of integrity on a golf course. That's the way Jones played the game. He redefined sportsmanship.

Sometimes it seemed like the guy just dropped out of the sky. He never had any formal golf lessons and when he was nine-years-old, he won the Atlanta Athletic Club junior title by beating a 16-year-old.

By 1930 Jones became the only golfer ever to win the U.S. Amateur, British Amateur, British Open and U.S. Open in the same year, in fact, the only golfer to win all four in a career. Before Jones the word Grand Slam applied only to baseball. He changed all that.

Jones won 13 of the 27 major championships he entered and then retired at the age of 28 to practice law and spend more time with his family.

What makes his story so unbelievable is he played no more than most weekend golfers. and dominated the sport from 1923 to 1930.

Bobby Jones was Tiger Woods before Tiger Woods--with one exception. Woods was a professional and Jones never turned pro.

Jones was born to play golf although it took some polish early on. The angry, cussing, club-throwing tantrums of youth gave way to the smooth, skilled, calm golfer of his adulthood.

"I was full of pie, ice cream and inexperience. To me, golf was just a game to beat someone. I didn't know that someone was me," he said.

Jones learned to play best when he was under the most pressure. In the end, he played in only 52 events as a golfer and won 23.

## Know the Rules

### 'Rhodes Rules School'

#### No.11 Interference from Sprinklers



**Question 1:** A player's ball lies on a sprinkler head. May they take relief from it without penalty?

Answer: Yes, The sprinkler head is an immovable obstruction and the player may drop their ball within one club-length of the nearest point of relief, without penalty, Rule 24-2b(i)

Note that the nearest point of relief for a right-handed player in the photo above is a just off the right hand side of

the sprinkler head, even though the player's stance would be behind it. In other words, they would be standing over the sprinkler head to make their stroke. Once this nearest point has been decided the player may then drop the ball within one club-length of this point, not nearer the hole. This means that the ball could then be dropped on either side of the sprinkler head. If the ball comes to rest in a position in which there is still interference from the sprinkler head, or nearer the hole, then it must be re-dropped.



**Question 2:** A right-handed player's ball lies in a place where they would have to stand on the flat sprinkler head in order to play their stroke. May they take relief from the sprinkler head without penalty?

Answer: Yes, a player may take relief without penalty from an immovable obstruction when it interferes with their stance or area of their intended swing, Rule 24-2a.

**Question 3:** A left-handed player's ball lies in a place where they say there is

mental interference from a flat sprinkler head (as in the second photo above), which is affecting the way that they would like to play their stroke. May they take relief from the sprinkler head without penalty?

Answer: No, there is no relief without penalty for mental interference from an immovable obstruction.



**Question 4:** A player's ball lies on the apron of the putting green and there is a sprinkler head on their intended line of putt. May they take relief from the sprinkler head?

Answer: No, Rule 24-2 states that, except on the putting green, intervention on the **line of play** is not, of itself, interference under this Rule.

Note however, that it is common for Committees to introduce a Local Rule when there are sprinkler heads close to the putting green.

This is the specimen Local Rule provided in Appendix I of the Rules book;

"Relief from interference by an immovable obstruction may be taken under Rule 24-

2. In addition, if a ball lies off the putting green but not in a hazard and an immovable obstruction on or within two club-lengths of the putting green and within two club-lengths of the ball intervenes on the line of play between the ball and the hole, the player may take relief as follows:

The ball must be lifted and dropped at the nearest point to where the ball lay that (a) is not nearer the hole, (b) avoids intervention and (c) is not in a hazard or on a putting green. The ball may be cleaned when lifted."

## VOLUNTEER



WE NEED YOU!

The VCJGA is a volunteer based organization.

In order to produce organized, high quality golf tournaments, we need the help of parents.

VCJGA Tour and Mini-Tour events require a minimum number of volunteers to provide the players with a memberable experience. No golf knowledge is necessary and you will be shown exactly what to do.

All interested in volunteering for a specific event need to e-mail:

**[tourinfo@vcjga.org](mailto:tourinfo@vcjga.org)**

Thanks for your help and continued support of the VCJGA!



### What is Golf Fitness?

There is a lot of variance in the world of golf fitness right now due to the fact that it is a fairly new concept and because of this it can receive a bad reputation. At X2PI, we pride ourselves on knowing the game of golf so we can better address your concerns, goals, and overall game. All exercises we do have a reason behind them. We are not your typical trainer! You will be in specific golf postures that will encourage functional golf improvement.

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