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## **FOUR LOCALS AMONG SIX QUALIFIERS FOR GATE AMERICAN JUNIOR**

**-- BEST OF AMERICAN AND EUROPE TEEING IT UP IN  
PONTE VEDRA BEACH (FL) STARTING DECEMBER 20 --**

(Ponte Vedra Beach, FL) - We are pleased to announce the results of the qualifying tournament for the 2011 Gate American Junior. There are six qualifying spots in the event: three for boys 15-19, one for boys 13-15 and two for girls. While the majority of the players were from Florida, the qualifying tournament was attended by 60 kids from four different states and seven countries. During yesterday's first round, players were treated to a Chamber of Commerce-like 75-degree mostly-sunny day. While the skies stayed clear and blue today, day two saw windy, cold conditions that completely changed the leaderboard from 24 hours ago.



Ponte Vedra's (FL) Kevin Slayden won the boys 15-19 flight by a single shot over three boys, Bradenton's (FL) Philip Knowles and Ponte Vedra's Anthony Scolapio and Phillip Loeb. The three second-place players then went to a playoff, with Knowles and Scolapio moving on. Jack Comstock of Jacksonville (FL) was the wire-to-wire winner in the younger boys flight, beating Ponte Vedra's Grey Kent by seven shots. In the girl's final round Ponte Vedra's Mia Zanghetti rose from third place after the first round to take the second spot. No one could compete with

Germany's Isabell Gabsa, who moved from second to first by posting the only round under par for the entire weekend with a 69.

These players move on to play against some of the best players in the world -- including the three top-ranked boys in the world, Cody Proveaux of the USA, Maximillian Rutliff of Germany and Adrian Meronck of Poland -- as Ponte Vedra Inn & Club hosts the Gate American Junior golf championships (please click [here](#) for complete tournament information). The Gate American Junior starts at 9:00 AM on Tuesday, December 20 on the Ocean Course. There is a practice round tomorrow with tee times starting as early as 7:30 AM. The international junior tournament, which features players from 18 countries -- and now four local players -- will kick off with a VIP Opening Ceremony on Monday night. Spectators are welcome to watch the golf action. There is no admission for spectators.

The final qualifiers are below. For complete results, please click [here](#).

**In the boys 15-19 division, from which three will qualify:**

*(ponte vedra Lagoon course, 6021 yards, par 70)*

1. Kevin Slayden, Ponte Vedra Beach, FL 72-73 = 145
2. Philip Knowles, Bradenton, FL 75-71 = 146
3. Anthony Scolapio, Ponte Vedra Beach 75-71 = 146

**In the boys 13-14 division, from which one will qualify:**

*(PVIC Lagoon course, 5874 yards, par 70)*

1. Jack Comstock, Ponte Vedra 74-74 = 148

**In the girls division, from which two will qualify:**

*(PVIC Lagoon Course, 5401 yards, par 70)*

1. Isabell Gabsa, Germany 74 - 69 = 143
2. Mia Zanghetti, Ponte Vedra 76 - 74 = 150

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The World Junior Golf Series allows junior golfers the opportunity to compete to be the top male and female Junior Golfer in the world. A series of international tournaments will be held around the world in an endeavor to establish the first World Junior Ranking system and to enhance the competition for prestige play among Junior Golfers.

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