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-- Gate American Junior Scoring Update
Round One of Three --

**-- WORLD'S BEST JUNIORS TEEING IT UP IN
PONTE VEDRA BEACH (FL) FOR 54 HOLES TODAY THRU THURSDAY --**

(Ponte Vedra Beach, FL) -- An all-star trio comprised of the top three boys in the world launched the 2011 Gate American Junior golf champions this morning. And they didn't disappoint. World Junior Golf Ranking's number one player, Poland's Adrian Meronk, posted an 8-under par 64 on the 6811-yard Ocean Course at the Ponte Vedra Inn & Club. Meronk was trailed closely by the WJGS number two player, American, Cody Proveaux, who posted a four under 68. Those two are first and second in the event. Rounding out the first pairing was Germany's Maximillian Rutliff, the third-ranked WJGS player, who shot a 74, landing him T15 after the first round.

On the girls draw, Nicole Broch Larsen of Denmark and Antonia von Wnuck are tied at 1-over par 73. There are five girls tied for second at two-over 74 and three at three-over 75.

It was a beautiful day at the Ponte Vedra Inn & Club with temperatures an unseasonably warm mid-70's and a very light wind. Tomorrow's weather is expected to be similar for round two. Tee times begin at 9:00 AM on the first and tenth tees. The Gate American Junior features 78 of the top junior players in the world from 18 countries. The course is open for spectators and there is no charge for admission. Live scoring updates



can be found at www.WJGS.org.

With many of the world's top ranked juniors playing, including the top three boys, the competition is certainly be intense. As important to the WJGS, a non-profit, 501(c)(3) corporation, is its charitable mission: Changing the World Through Junior Golf. The WJGS is dedicated to creating a competitive international arena for talented junior golfers through a series of international competitive golf events. The WJGS goal is to promote not only continuous development of talented athletes, but also citizenship, scholarship, benevolence, competitive spirit and outstanding ethical conduct. Unique to WJGS events is off-course programming that focuses on business, leadership, professional or cultural education for the players.

The WJGS is also responsible for the World Junior Golf Ranking system. Established in July of this year, the World Junior Golf Ranking is the only ranking system known to coordinate all of the world's significant events to help establish a unified portrayal of global performance. The overall mission of the World Junior Golf Ranking is to improve the quality of how all junior golf events are run.

Ponte Vedra Beach hosted the event in 2010 at TPC Sawgrass and in 2009 at the Inn & Club. This year's event represents a bigger, stronger field and a more critical event. The World Junior Golf Series is quickly becoming recognized as a key worldwide junior tour. During the Gate American Junior, a WJGS event, boys and girls born in 1992 or later will be competing for 54 holes of championship golf on an historic course. The tour hosts three other events, including tournaments in South Africa, Germany and Poland.

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About the World Junior Golf Series (www.wjgs.org) The World Junior Golf Series is a 501(c)(3) non-profit corporation dedicated to creating a competitive international arena for youth that will promote good citizenship, scholarship, benevolence, competitive spirit and outstanding ethical conduct through a variety of competitive golf-related activities and other organized learning experiences.

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. Every tournament will be structured and operated as a major tour event utilizing premiere courses and accommodations enhanced by experienced and caring staff and advisors. The challenging play, competitive spirit, and international camaraderie will culminate in competition to help decide the best junior player in the world.

