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-- Gate American Junior Scoring Update

Round Two of Three --

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

(Ponte Vedra Beach, FL) - Windier conditions today caused some drama on the scoreboard of the Gate American Junior golf championships. A two-club breeze blew out of the south bringing windier and cooler than expected conditions to the second round of the 54-hole event. The boys are playing from 6811-yards on Ocean Course at the Ponte Vedra Inn & Club. The girls are playing from 5,825 yards. There were only three rounds under par today, all coming from the boys tournament.

The cool wind did not stop Sweden's Victor Tarnstrom from firing the low score of the day, six under par 66. He climbed to number two on the leaderboard, past World Junior Golf Ranking's number two player, Cody Proveaux. Proveaux dropped to third place with a two-over 74 today. Tarnstrom sits five shots back of WJGR number one player, Poland's Adrian Meronk, who shot an even par 72

today to remain at 8-under for the tournament. Germany's Maximilian Mehles shot a three-under 69 to rise to fourth place, just seven off the pace.

On the girls draw, despite the wind, WJGR number four player, Marina Stuetz of Austria, and Jinjuta Thongtan each shot a one-over-par 73. Stuetz has a one shot lead over Thongtan and a two shot lead over Denmark's Nicole Broch Larson. Only seven shots separate the top ten, so tomorrow's final round sets up for some closing drama. Last year's boys and girls tournaments both went to a playoff.

Local qualifier Jack Comstock, a qualifier from Jacksonville, FL shot an even par 72 to move into the top 10 as the highest ranking local and second highest ranking American behind Proveaux. Meghan Kang of Rockland (MA) is the highest-ranking American girl, shooting a 79 today leaving her tied for 9th. Local female qualifier, Mia Zanghetti, of Ponte Vedra Beach (FL), who just this morning was named First Coast High School Player of the year, battled hard for an 81, spotting her in 18th place. Comstock and Zanghetti both go to The Bolles School in Jacksonville.

Tomorrow's weather is expected to be similar for the third and final round. Tee times begin at 9:00 AM on the first and tenth tees. The leaders are expected to go off at approximately 10:00. Interestingly, the tee times will alternate between boys and girls groups, allowing spectators and media to catch all of the final action in succession. Last year the boys and girls tournaments went to a playoff, so expect some drama.

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. Today's scores and live scoring updates can be found by clicking [here](#).

With many of the world's top ranked juniors are playing, including the top three boys, and the competition will 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.

