

The 2016 Macedon Ranges Junior Golf Tournament

Round 1, Sunday March 13th –
 Mount Macedon Golf Club
 M; 67/67 S - 115W; 70/71 S - 118

The seventh Macedon Ranges Junior Golf Tournament got underway on a cool, misty morning at Mt Macedon Golf Course. As the field finished lunch the mist lifted, the sun shone through and there was barely any breeze, so conditions were good. Competitors came from Midlands, Riversdale, Medway, Romsey, Mt Macedon, Huntingdale, Long Island National, Woodend, Gisborne, Kyneton, Riverside, Commonwealth, Neangar Park and Patterson River Golf Clubs. Mt Macedon captain Bruce Fraser went over the local rules and answered any questions before the field hit-off.

2016 Chris Gaunt Cup winners Jordan Ward & Bettina Grimaud with Dean Jones.



Gary Watts Shield Winners Jordan Ward & Jeneath Wong with Dean Jones



The Mount's fairways are lined with majestic old trees and, whilst beautiful to look at, they proved quite a trap for the unwary causing some players a deal of pain on the scorecard. Others kept their ball on the fairway and took advantage of the high quality greens to return excellent scores. The day flowed quite well and all groups were back in the rooms by ~4.15 pm to enjoy afternoon tea and a chat while cards were checked

The day's leaders were;

Girls - Jeneath Wong (Huntingdale) - 76/6/70 and **Boys** - Jordan Ward (Long Island National) 71/5/66. Other good rounds came from Bettina Grimaud (Medway) 82/18/64 and Jonah Harris

(Kyneton) 78/11/66. 1st round winners were;

Stroke

Boys U19 Jordan Ward 71
Boys U15 Harry Weaver (Riverside) 84
Girls U14 Jeneath Wong 76

Handicap

Jonah Harris 78/11/66
 James Yorke (Midlands) 103/33/70
 Bettina Grimaud 82/18/64

Before presentations MMGC president, Glenn Moore thanked both parents and players for attending the event and all who had worked on the course and in the rooms to make the day a success

Round 2, Monday March 14th – Romsey Golf Club

M; 72/71 S – 124

W; 71/73 S - 121

The 2nd round dawned cool and overcast with a gusting southerly to south-easterly wind. Some players had dropped out, however there were a few new faces in the field as everyone sat down to lunch, to listen to the local rules and to ask any questions about the round. As the leaders teed off there was only six shots between the top girls and seven shots between the top boys. A bad hole here and there and it would be a very tight contest.

MRJGT Winners (Jordan Ward/Jeneath Wong) and Runners Up (Bettina Grimaud/Jonah Harris) with Dean Jones



The tight fairways and smaller greens demanded great accuracy however the cold air and the softer fairways saw many players well short of their intended landing zone calling for longer iron approach shots. The receptive, if a little slow, greens and good surrounds meant players could shoot directly at the flag knowing their ball would hold. In the end the two leaders were able to play good golf and come home with strong victories.

On behalf of the organising committee Anthony Lakey (RGC), thanked the members and committees of both clubs who had worked on course and in the rooms to make the two day tournament a success also tournament sponsors, Mary-Anne Thomas, Doonies Diner, Niddrie Drummond Golf and NewEarth Constructions. Without this support the event would not be able to be held. Anthony also thanked the parents and players, all junior events depend upon the support of family and friends.

Retired Australian test and one day cricketer & RGC member, Dean Jones addressed the players and parents stressing the importance of defensive golf, the ability to get back on course after a bad shot or difficult lie noting that every round called for many of these skills. Dean then presented the day's and tournament winners

	Stroke	Handicap	
Boys U19	Jordan Ward 73	Ned Sullivan (Woodend)	83/13/70
Boys U15	Patrick Doyle (Mt Macedon) 84	Harry Zang (Riversdale)	103/33/70
Girls U14	Jeneath Wong 76	Bettina Grimaud	82/18/64
MRJGT Champions	– Jordan Ward 144 &	Jeneath Wong 159	
MRJGT Runners-up	– Jonah Harris 164 &	Bettina Grimaud 173	
Chris Gaunt Cup	– Jordan Ward 144/11/133 &	Bettina Grimaud 173/36/137	
Gary Watts Shield	– Jordan Ward 73 &	Jeneath Wong 83	