





About Golf Ontario

Golf Ontario aims to provide
leadership and support for
all Ontarians to enjoy golf
as a lifelong sport. We
serve more than 90,000
members and 400 member clubs.
We strive to build golf communities across

the province, provide high performance junior player development programs, build the game though grassroots programs and initiatives, and provide our members with fun and engaging programming and experiences.

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

If you are reading this message, you most likely have a love for the game of golf. Although tradition, honour and camaraderie continue to fuel my love for the game, I doubt these are the primary features that will attract new followers. As stewards of golf, what steps can we take to address a more diverse and aging population, new restraints on family and leisure time, all while battling certain predisposed notions about the game? The foundations of the great game of golf are considerable and will assist any evolution going forward.

Golf Ontario is a membership driven organization that also enjoys great support from government, sponsors, other associations and our national sports organization: Golf Canada. It is unlikely that this mix of supporters will continue in the distant future and Golf Ontario will have to identify and cultivate new revenue streams if services and programming can continue at the current levels.

I have commented, more often than I should, that my motivation for volunteering with Golf Ontario was an attempt to repay a debt I felt was incurred with the Ontario Golf Association. As a young competitor the association provided much opportunity for participants of all ages and abilities. In my case, influencing me so dramatically that I have trouble describing the impact. Much has changed over the last three or four decades but the one thing that has remained consistent is the efforts of our volunteers. No event would run, no committee would function, no task completed without the efforts and dedication of our hundreds of volunteers. I am constantly amazed by those willing to give to this association. The hours of travel, the nights away, the phone calls, the rules seminars, the challenging weather....all endured by our volunteers in an effort to serve the game and Golf Ontario. It should be no secret that the most valuable asset Golf Ontario has is its team of volunteers.

As my time with the board nears an end, I have trouble gauging if Golf Ontario is in a better position than when I came on board. Yet again, the association has given me far more than I have given in return, blessing me with a whole new batch of friends and memories. Golf is the greatest sport I know. Golfers are the greatest people I have ever met. My heartfelt gratitude to our volunteers, staff, board members and members for being given the honour of serving this association.

Christian Osborne
President
Golf Ontario



2016
GOLF ONTARIO
BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Front, from left: Carol-Ann Goering, Mark Hayes, Chris Osborne (President), John Gallinger (Vice President), Jim King (Past President), Tony Dunn. Back, from left: Jason Harris, Howard Atkinson, Tim Cain, Peter Zakarow, Kent Trainor, Tom Hossfeld (OVGA Rep.).

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AWARDS & WINNERS



2016
VOLUNTEER
AWARD RECIPIENTS

From left, Jim Arbuckle (Volunteer of the Year), Ralph Franchino (Dick Grimm Distinguished Service Award) and Elaine Jackson (District Volunteer of the Year).

Missing from photo: John Turner (Honorary Life Director) and Colleen French (District Volunteer of the Year).



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GOLF IN ONTARIO COMMUNITIES

Building Golf Communities is not another program....it was, and remains, more than an initiative for Golf Ontario (GO). It's GO telling people about the value of playing golf, giving facilities the tools to do the same and to encourage everyone, customers and consumers, to support the golf industry because doing so helps build a stronger community.

The golf community story represents a bottom up approach whereby we lead and support the growth of the sport, our membership and the golf industry at the local level.

The ah ha moment, as they say, was the realization we were not perceived as a true partner, because partners make decisions together and our role wasn't the doers, we needed to be the supporters. Building golf communities recognizes partnership as a critical element in order to move forward as an organization and industry, and we need to create this relationship on the basis of trust.

This is a change in approach, not a change of direction and builds on the great work of many volunteers, over many years through our Districts. If we want to collectively curb the decline of private club membership and grow our interaction and relationship with the recreational golfer in Ontario, we must do it through the transformed distribution structure or service delivery model, which is the facility. The only way this is possible is if we are working as partners with golf facilities to assist them in the growth of their business...and in turn, grow the sport.

As it sits, the business of golf is fractured and often operates in silos, Building Golf Communities is about taking responsibility to support all organizations and collectively service the golf industry. The Golf Barrie story (see page 7), demonstrates that commitment works and all stakeholders can support and participate in driving to a common goal in the same direction.

Mike Kelly, **Executive Director**Golf Ontario

2016
GOLF ONTARIO
COMMUNITIES

Through this Golf Barrie initiative, more than 5,400 kids in Simcoe were exposed to the sport of golf through the Golf in Schools program alone! In addition, there were 10 field trips conducted throughout the school year in which students were brought directly to the facilities to have golf a experience on the golf course.



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BUILDING GOLF COMMUNITIES- GOLF BARRIE

In 2016, Golf Ontario embarked on a groundbreaking new strategy to help grow the game of golf from the bottom up. The new approach, called Building Golf Communities, was piloted in the Simcoe region and was branded as Golf Barrie.

The overall objective was to introduce initiatives at the local level to help grow the game and pool of golfers, while engaging the community at large. In order to accomplish this, Golf Barrie aimed to bring together all corners of the industry to have them work together to collectively support the initiatives and each other within the community.

During the early stages of the Golf Barrie pilot, it became apparent that the industry had some deeper-rooted issues that needed to be addressed. Less than half the courses in the area had any type of Learn to Golf programs. Golf course operators struggled to recognize the return on investment on junior and new golfer programming. They faced financial restrictions that prevented them from hiring full-time golf teachers. Even if they were prepared, there was a lack of knowledge on where to start with Learn to Golf programming.

It was clear Golf Ontario could be far more effective and could provide far more support as a facilitator for those golf courses willing to work together for the purpose of growing the game.

Golf Barrie began with an initial stakeholders meeting to establish the state of the local golf industry. It was the first step in establishing a group of facilities in the area willing to grow the pool of golfers together. As momentum grew, so did the collective programming and community partnerships were established to enhance the reach of Golf Barrie beyond golf courses.

In order to support the new sustainable approach to growing the game, the need to have trained golf teachers was essential. As such, 22 new Golf Barrie golf instructors were trained in the NCCP Community Golf Coach Program. Furthermore, eight Golf Barrie facilities added new Learn opportunities at their course to support their connections with kids and families through their Golf in Schools partnership.

The summer was capped off with Golf Barrie Month. A month-long celebration of family golf where kids were able to golf for free at 20 Golf Barrie facilities across Simcoe County. This initiative resulted in more than 350 families taking part in Golf Barrie Month offers and events over the course of the month of August.

While the communities model still has a long way to go in reaching its end goal, the lessons learned from Golf Barrie are a key indicator that the model can be successful in growing the sport of golf from the bottom up.



Through the pilot, the Golf Barrie courses working together sponsored 27 schools in the Golf in Schools program. They also committed to visiting these schools, delivering the program themselves.





GOLF ONTARIO SCHOLARSHIPS

Golf Ontario has been awarding scholarships to promising young golfers since 1996 and has now awarded over \$500,000. The Golf Ontario Scholarship Program is supported by donations from partners including the Estate of Ken McKenzie, Investors Group, the Craig Revell Memorial Award Fund, the Helena Harbridge Award Fund and the Christine Fisher Memorial Student Award Fund. All recipients have maintained at least a 75% academic average, are enrolled in a post secondary institution, are members of Golf Ontario and are actively involved in the game of golf.

SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENTS

Meghan Bennett, Jaret Chipman, Dante Severini, Laura Maria Luna Cabrera, Melany Chong, Anna Foley, Noah Oakes, Ross Love, Jenna Watts, Sam Meek, Jackson Bowery, Noah Harkness









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AWARD

Helena Harbridge Award Craig Revell Award Ken McKenzie Award Christine Fisher Memorial Award Golf Ontario Scholarship Golf Ontario Scholarship





CLUB

Whitevale GC St. Catharines G&CC Sault Ste. Marie GC Summit G&CC











INSTITUTION

Florida Atlantic University Canisius College University of Western Ontario University of Toronto

Appalachian State University DePauw Univesity McMaster University Wilfrid Laurier University University of Guelph Southern Illinois University Western University King University



Meghan Bennett Helena Harbridge Award Whitevale GC Florida Atlantic University

Q&A WITH GOLF ONTARIO SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENT MEGHAN BENNETT

Meghan Bennett, 21, is a redshirt sophomore at Florida Atlantic University studying Communications and Digital Media. Originally from Pickering, Ontario, Meghan is a proud alumni of the Team Ontario (U19) junior program and a past provincial champion (2012 Ontario Junior Girls' Match Play). In 2016 she was awarded the Helena Harbridge Award, part of the Golf Ontario Scholarship Program.

When did you first pick up a set of clubs?

I first started golfing when I was six. I was on vacation, we were vacationing with our neighbors and they had a set of kids clubs. I tried it and loved it. So I asked my parents for my own clubs and lessons. I have loved the game ever since!

What do you like most about the game?

I love that you are always trying to get better and that you can always improve. It is a game that you can play at six or 66 and whenever you do improve it is so rewarding.

What is the most important lesson you have learned from golf? I have learned to be self-disciplined and a hard worker. I have taken that mentality and been able to apply it not only to golf, but also to school and work.

What did earning a Golf Ontario Scholarship mean to you? I was really honoured, especially having been part of the Golf Ontario family. Being a past member of Team Ontario and competing in Provincial Championships, made it very rewarding. I felt I had come full-circle and that my accomplishments had been recognized.

What is something interesting about you that few people would know?

I have had two hole-in-ones. The first was in 2012 during the Can/Am Matches (vs. the South Carolina Junior Golf Association in Myrtle Beach) it was very exciting and naturally I won that hole. The second was in a non-competitive round.

What is your plan after college?

I am thinking of integrating my degree with business and marketing. I am also taking some video production courses so I hope to integrate it all and preferable find something in the golf industry.



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EVENT

Men's Better-Ball Championship

Sr. Women's Champion of Champions
Women's Champion of Champions
IG Junior Boys Spring Classic
IG Juvenile Boys Spring Classic
IG Junior Girls Spring Classic
Senior Men's Champion of Champions
George S. Lyon Team Championship

George S. Lyon Individual Men's Champion of Champions IG Women's SR Championship IG Women's SR Championship (60+) IG Women's Mid-Amateur Champion Men's Match Play Championship IG Men's Mid-Amateur Championship IG Men's Mid-Masters Championship Junior Boys' Match Play Championship IG Junior Girls' Championship IG Ontario Men's Amateur IG Ontario Women's Amateur IG Junior Boys' Championship Peewee Boys' Championship Peewee Girls' Championship IG Bantam Boys' Championship IG Bantam Girls' Championship IG Senior Men's Championship

IG Bantam Girls' Championship
IG Senior Men's Championship
IG Senior Men's Championship
IG Senior Men's Championship (70+ Div)
Ontario Juvenile Boys' Championship
Ontario Juvenile Girls' Championship
Junior Girls' Match Play
Women's Match Play Championship
Baka Public Player Championship
Women's Four-Ball Championship
Senior Men's Better-Ball

CHAMPION

Simon Reyers and
Peter Sauerbrei
Kathy Pilkey
Julia Champion
Peyton Callens
Peyton Callens
Ellie Szeryk
Christopher Kertsos
Sarnia Golf and Curling Club
Brian Reinholt, Heath McCormick,
Eric Pattenaude, Ethan O'Meara
Heath McCormick
Russell Bowie

Russell Bowie
Judith Kyrinis
Teressa deLuis
Kristy McLaughlin
Jake McNulty
Matthew Sim
Ashley Chinner
Abe Holmes
Chloe Currie
Maxwell Sear
Grace St-Germain Golf

Peyton Callens
Justin Matthews
Victoria Zheng
Alek Mauro

Alyssa DiMarcantonio Christopher Kertsos Brian Jeffery Johnny Travale Chloe Currie Hailey McLaughlin Crystina Kertsos James Rim

Debbie Court / Marion Reid Larry Cooper / Lars Melander

HOME CLUB

Brampton GC &
Cataraqui G&CC
Sleepy Hollow CC
Cedar Brae G&CC
Delhi G&CC
Delhi G&CC

Golf Ontario Public Player York Downs G&CC

Sarnia Golf & Curling Club

Sarnia G&CC Brampton GC The Thornhill Club Brockville CC Mad River GC

Golf Ontario Public Player Mississaugua G&CC Coppinwood GC

Barrie CC

Mississaugua G&CC York Downs G&CC Ontario Public Player

Delhi G&CC Lindsay G&CC Station Creek GC

Golf Ontario Public Player

Station Creek GC
York Downs G&CC
Batteaux Creek GC
Hamilton G&CC
Mississaugua G&CC
Cedar Brae G&CC
York Downs G&CC

Ajax

Toronto GC & Islington GC Mississaugua G&CC

Hidden Lake GC



Investors Group Ontario Women's Senior Championship Judith Kyrinis The Thornhill Club

PROFILE OF A CHAMPION: JUDITH KYRINIS

For Thornhill's Judith Kyrinis, 2016 was a banner season. The 52-year-old found success on the provincial level capturing her first singles, stroke-play title at the Investors Group Ontario Senior Women's Championship, June 7-9 at the Briars Golf Club in Sutton West. She then went on to defend her 2015 North & South Senior Women's Championship at Pinehurst in North Carolina and captured the Canadian Women's Mid-Amateur, Mid-Masters and Senior Championships. However, for all of the success that she enjoyed in 2016, there were many years of hard work that went into creating the champion of today.

"I began golfing when I was about 12 or 13. I grew up in St. Catharines and was very sports minded. I played a lot of sports like hockey, softball, basketball, volleyball and threw javelin. The first time I hit a golf ball I enjoyed it," remembers Kyrinis.

Her first experience on the golf course wasn't even as a player. Kyrinis started out at the St. Catharines Golf & Country Club as a caddie for two years before she began playing. "No one in my family golfed, but being a well-rounded athlete, I saw it as something new to conquer," added Kyrinis.

Kyrinis didn't do much competing in the sport as a junior. However, after she finished nursing school, she gave up other sports and began to focus on golf. In her early 20s, she met her first coach, Bruce McCarrol who helped develop her swing. Kyrinis continued to improve her game until she decided to see where she stacked up with the best players in the province.

"I think one of my first competitions was the Ontario Ladies Amateur in the mid 1980s. The inner athlete in me was pushing me towards competing because it was something I always enjoyed. I remember seeing all of the girls at that tournament and it just made me realize I wanted to be like them. I wanted to get to their level and be one of the best," said Kyrinis.

After becoming a mother, competing in events took a back seat for Kyrinis. However, it would only be a matter of time before she returned to it. In 1996 she captured her first of two Ontario Ladies Four-Ball Championships, the second coming in 2009. In 1998 she gained her first singles title as the Ontario Women's Match Play Champion, capturing the crown at her home club of Thornhill. She defeated good friend and Canadian, Ontario and Quebec Golf Hall of Famer Mary Ann Hayward in the final match.

"Mary Ann and I have had some great battles over the years. I am very respectful of what she has done. She is one of the best in Canada and competing against her has made me better," said Kyrinis.

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PROFILE OF A CHAMPION CONT... JUDITH KYRINIS

However, Kyrinis would come out on the bottom end of most of those battles. Yet it did not deter her as she continued to work on her game. "I knew if I put the work in, it would happen," added Kyrinis.

After a runner up finish at the 2014 USGA Senior Women's Amateur, Kyrinis' hard work did pay off when she won the 2015 North & South Senior Women's Championship at Pinehurst. It was a huge confidence boost, which she carried into the 2016 season. Then, at the 2016 Ontario Senior Women's Championship, she captured her singles, stroke-play title. "It was a monkey off my back and a big relief," said Kyrinis. "I was very proud. After all of the work I put in, I finally saw success."

That success snowballed as Kyrinis later returned to Pinehurst to successfully defend her title at the North & South. She captured national success with her win at the Canadian Women's Mid-Amateur and Senior. Before being the Medalist at the 2016 USGA Women's Senior Amateur Championship.

"Golf teaches you so many lessons," said Kyrinis. "Doing things the right way, how you project yourself respectfully when you win or lose. I am very respectful of my competitors and conscious of my behavior on the course."

Kyrinis' passion for the game continues to grow. Currently, she continues to work with her current coach, Dave Woods, to improve her game. "I really just want to now focus on all aspects of my game. I want to get fit, think better on the course and improve on the technical aspects. I am a big believer that if you follow the process, the results will come."

Building on her 2016 season is another important goal for Kyrinis, however she also takes a long-term approach to the game. "The beauty of golf is that you can play well even into your 80s. I regularly play with Marlene Stewart Streit and seeing her hit a great ball at 82 is inspirational. I would like to compete as long as possible."

While the core of Kyrinis' goals revolve around her own inner growth, she does have her eyes set on competing in the Irish and British Senior Women's Championships and hopes to find more success in the USGA Women's Senior. "I feel like you can always get better and I have a strong internal drive to best myself," added Kyrinis.





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2016
TEAM
ONTARIO

Front, from left: Hailey McLaughlin, Alexandra Naumovski, Isabella Portokalis, Monet Chun, Alyssa DiMarcantonio.

Back, from left: Andrew Hoerman, Reggie Millage, Peyton Callens, Ty Celone, Jackson Bowery, Sam Meek, Jake Bryson, Lachlan O'Hara, Mary Ann Hayward, Nick Martichenko.



2016 ORDER OF MERIT WINNERS

JUVENILE GIRLS

Monet Chun

JUNIOR BOYS

Sam Meek

MEN'S AMATEUR

Garrett Rank

MEN'S MID-AM

Garrett Rank

MEN'S SENIOR

Christopher Kertsos

JUVENILE BOYS

Peyton Callens

JUNIOR GIRLS

Grace St-Germain

WOMEN'S AMATEUR

Grace St-Germain

WOMEN'S MID-AM

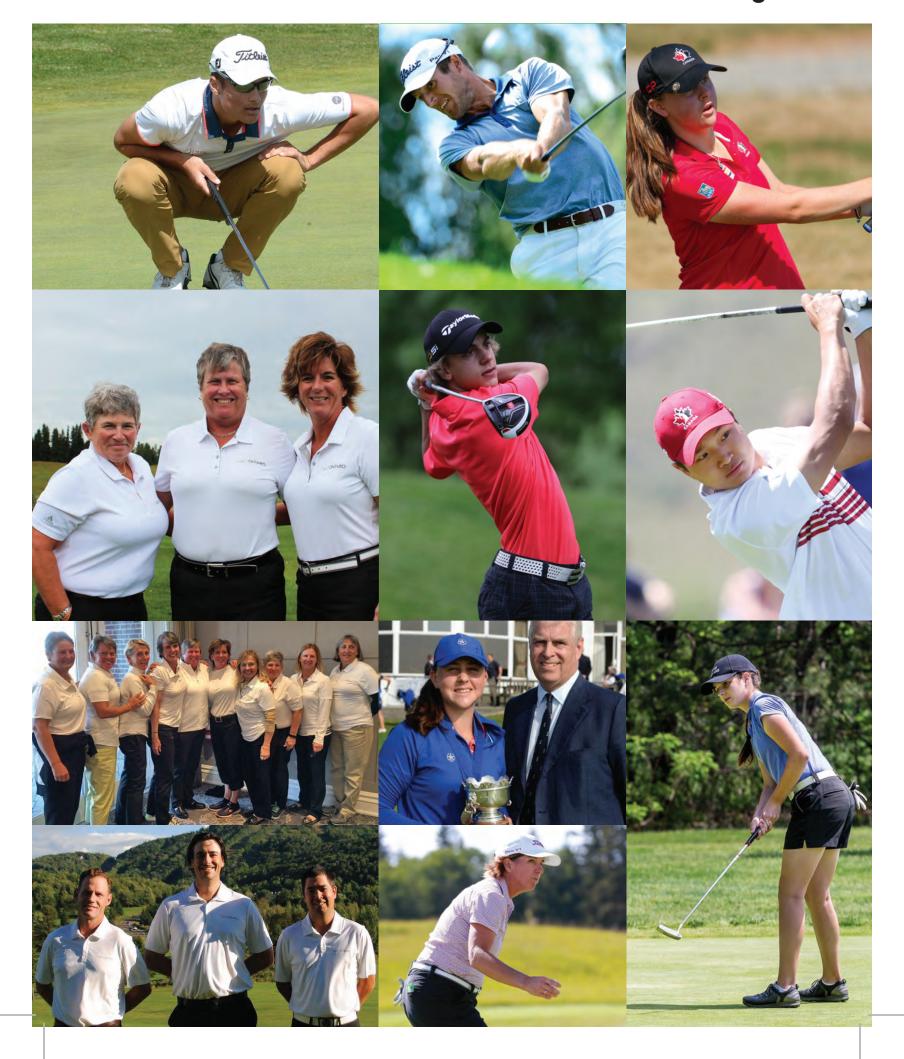
Judith Kyrinis

WOMEN'S SENIOR

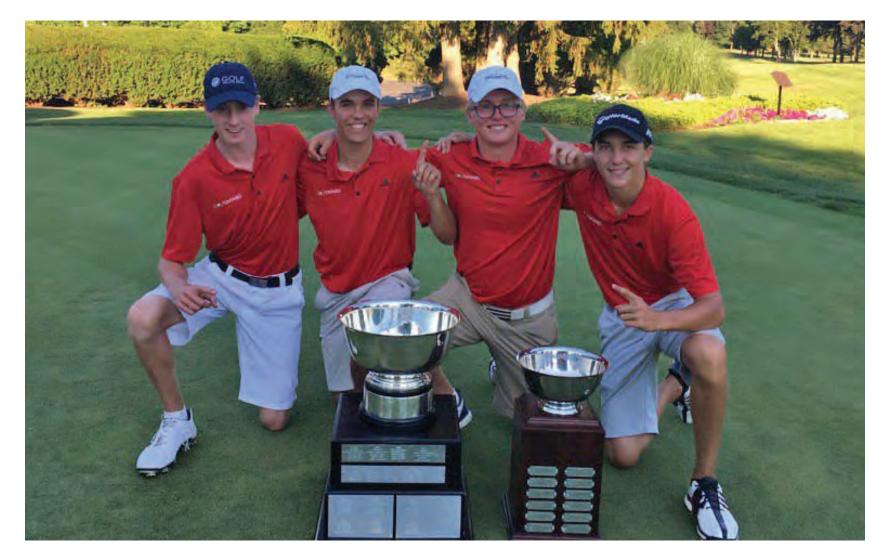
Judith Kyrinis



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NATIONAL & INTERNATIONAL SUCCESS

Tony Gil CN Future Links Pacific Isabella Portokalis CN Future Links Ontario Peyton Callens CN Future Links Prarie

Sam Meek
Canadian Jr. Boys Championship
Chloe Currie
Canadian Juvenile Girls Championship
Garrett Rank
Canadian Men's Mid-Amateur Championship
Judith Kyrinis
Canadian Senior Women's Championship
Judith Kyrinis
Canadian Women's Mid-Amateur/Mid-Master

Chloe Currie Duke of York Young Champions Trophy

Team Ontario Men's Mid-Amateur

Inter-Provincial Champions Ryan Kings, Charles Fitzsimmons, Matthew Sim

Team Ontario Women's Senior

Inter-Provincial Champions Ivy Steinberg, Mary Ann Hayward, Judith Kyrinis

Williamson Cup Robbie Latter, Thomas Giroux, Cougar Collins, Ty Celone

Ada Mackenzie Matches Gail Pimm, Marion Reid, Jane Hedges MacKinnon, Allyson Harrison, Mary Ann

Hayward, Judith Kyrinis, Kelly Koselek, Ivy Steinberg, Debbie Court,

Sarah-Anne Smurlick



SHINING ON THE INTERNATIONAL STAGE CHLOE CURRIE'S SUCCESS

Despite only being 17-years-old, Chloe Currie is making a name for herself on the international golf stage. This past year was a particularly impressive one for the Port Credit resident, as she did something that no other Canadian has done, win the Duke of York Young Champions Trophy. However, the win was just the icing on what has already been an impressive career.

Interestingly enough, Currie's first experience with a golf club took place on international soil. It was on a trip to Florida where she was first introduced to the game. "I started playing when I was just three," remembers Currie. "I was in Florida with my mom and grandmother riding along in a cart as they played. My grandmother bought me a few clubs and I started hitting off a tee. I just loved it, I loved being outside and seeing the wildlife, it was fun to me."

It wouldn't be long before Currie started to harness her gift for the sport and entered competitions. "I think when I was about six my dad started looking for other kids who played so I could make golf friends. I remember being put in a Canadian Junior Golf Association event that turned out to be a qualifier for another event in San Diego. I qualified, so my family took our vacation there."

Currie continued to progress each year. She routinely competed in the Pinehurst Kids World Golf Championship where she met many friends from abroad but also fellow Ontarians who were vacationing in the south.

By the time she was 10, Currie began participating in Provincial Championships. She remembers what it was like to tee it up in the Junior Girls' Championship at such a young age. "It was a very competitive field. I remember seeing the girls on the range and it just motivated me to get to their level."

In 2014, Currie captured her first provincial title with the Bantam Girls Championship. "The Bantam was probably my most memorable win because it was my first. When I transitioned from kids' events to the older category, there was an adjustment to playing with older players. It was amazing to get that first win on the larger stage."

Since then Currie has captured the Ontario Junior Girls' Championship (2015, 2016), the Ontario Juvenile Girls' Championship (2016) and the Canadian Juvenile Girls' Championship (2016).

After winning the Bantam, Currie would be named to Team Ontario. It was another first for her, as she has never train in a group setting with others at the same level. "I was in grade 10 when I was on Team Ontario. Seeing the older players gave me a big push. That was my first training camp experience and now I have been to 17."

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SHINING ON THE INTERNATIONAL STAGE CHLOE CURRIE'S SUCCESS CONT.

The experience on Team Ontario opened another door for Currie who made the jump to Golf Canada's National Development Squad the following year. As she advanced, she continued to participate in more international events such as the Duke of York Young Champions, Women's Porter Cup, USGA Junior Girls, Dixie Amateur and the Junior Orange Bowl.

When Currie traveled to England to play in the Duke of York Young Champions in September 2016, she didn't know what to expect. She had heard the stories about weather and conditions but it wasn't until she actually played her practice round that she was able to create a plan. That plan worked, as by the end of the three-day event she was the first Canadian to capture the Trophy. "It was pretty special. I was fortunate enough to play well that week. It made me feel like I belong and can compete on a broad scale."

Perhaps one of the more interesting international events Currie had the chance to participate in was the 2016 World Junior Girls Championship, hosted by her home club of Mississaugua, just weeks after the Duke of York Young Champions. "That was quite a week," said Currie. "It wasn't my best performance but the competition was great. It was amazing to meet the girls from all over the world. I even saw some that I played with in earlier tournaments."

For some, the pressure of playing at their home course could have been tough to overcome. However, Currie says that it actually put her at ease. "I felt at home during the World Junior Girls. My entire club is very supportive. It was a unique experience to represent where I am from. I just wanted to make everyone proud because without them I wouldn't be where I am today."

Currie continues to rely on that support system. Her inspirations remain her mother and grandmother but she also credits her very first coach, Gar Hamilton, along with her current coach Nick Starchuk for her success.

Despite her age, Currie has had a wealth of experience and through golf has learned numerous lessons. "I think golf has taught me to be patient with myself. I have learned to make an uncomfortable situation comfortable and to trust in myself."

For now, Currie will look to build on her successes with another solid provincial and national season. She has committed to the College of Charleston, South Carolina, for 2017 and hopes to transition her success to the NCAA.

"Golf is a part of who I am. A day doesn't go by where I am not doing something golf related. I don't know where I would be without the sport and I am fortunate to have been successful," added Currie.



#together GROWING THE GAME

2016
GOLF IN SCHOOLS
NUMBERS

86 schools visited 10,000 students reached





The national Golf in Schools program is offered in the province by Golf Ontario in partnership with Golf Canada, PGA of Canada, and Physical and Health Education Canada (PHE Canada).

The goal of Golf in Schools is to introduce students and teachers to the game of golf in a fun and exciting environment, and to link them to local golf facilities where they can transition into the sport.

Golf in Schools includes equipment and programming that can be delivered by school teachers, community golf coaches, and local golf professionals at schools or golf facilities.

In 2016, our mobile unit visited 86 schools and interacted with more than 10,000 students. The number of Schools actively participating in Golf in Schools continues to grow!





A GOLF IN SCHOOLS EXPERIENCE

My favorite Golf in Schools (GIS) story actually happened at a public library in Barrie while using the Golf in Schools equipment. It changed my outlook and approach as to how I teach and interact with children at schools.

During this visit, I met a young girl who had never tried golf before. We chatted a little about the things she liked to do and then got to it. We talked about the club face and its purpose and why there are two clubs, left and right. I never explain using those terms because once kids hear right, they think because they write with their right hand, that is the club they should use.

Then it was time to get up and hit. The young girl needed to make the club face hit the ball toward the net, which she did beautifully! However, the ball kept rolling on the ground so I asked her to try and hit it in the air. This is where my world changed. She picked up the ball, threw it in the air and swung at it like a baseball bat. She tried to actually hit it in the air! It was amazing! She did exactly as I had asked, I just asked the wrong question.

It made me realize right then, that we have this great opportunity to set kids up to be successful. It could have been very easy for me to say "no, that was not what I meant, you did it wrong." But she didn't do it wrong I just explained it wrong. So we got excited about her attempt to hit it in the air.

I set the ball in my hand as if my hand was the ground and made the club move toward the ball and asked her "if you want to make the golf ball go in the air what part of the ball do you have to hit?" She thought about it for a second, which sometimes seems like a lifetime when waiting for an answer, but the waiting is important because they need to get there on their own.

"Bottom!" she said with excitement! I stepped back and said "Okay so now what part of the ball are you going to hit to get it in the air?"

"Bottom," she responded again. I stepped back and she hit the bottom and made the ball go in the air. It was a pretty cool moment!

That little girl left with the confidence that she could hit a golf ball and be successful at a given task. The whole time she was cheering and getting excited when she did it. I tend to jump and clap a lot and this was no exception! It was a great experience for everyone involved!

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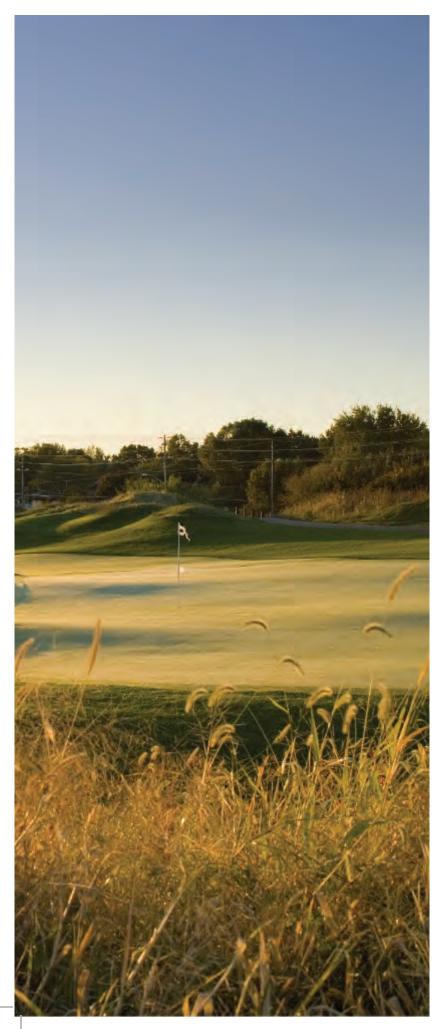
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