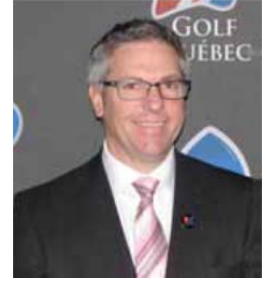




Executive Director's Blog, Jean-Pierre Beaulieu



Thank You!

On behalf of Golf Québec, I would like to thank everyone who has contributed to the success of this great 2013 golf season.

At the end of the season, we always take the opportunity to thank the numerous persons who have made it possible for Golf Québec to pursue its golf development mission.

may repeat myself if you already read my previous blog, but I feel that it is important to remind everyone of our team's achievements.

It is quite a mission actually, a unique feat, for a sports federation to conduct so many initiatives aiming for the development of sporting activities. Altogether, 42 tournaments represented 81 days of competition, over 50 visits were made in schools and golf clubs, women's golf clinics were presented, approximately thirty events composing the new Introduction to Competition Tour (ICT) were held, as well as benefit-tournaments and many others. This is what we do. I



(Photo: Organizing committee of the Alexander of Tunis, by Sandrine Bigras, Golf Québec)



I really want to salute the outstanding contribution of our dedicated volunteers, everywhere in the province, who are not counting their time to provide our clients with first-class programs, services, and events that enable them to appreciate golf furthermore.

I should not forget the precious collaboration of our host clubs. Many of them are regular partners in the presentation of our events and some of them also take this opportunity to celebrate anniversaries in which we are proud to cooperate.

Many thanks also go to the leaders of the numerous associations composing our industry. They are working together more than ever. Together, we will bring the golf industry back on the right track.

Finally, I would like to commend the small team of Golf Québec employees who are working tirelessly to deliver all of our activities. They all deserve heartfelt congratulations.

We are already working to prepare the next golf season. Our main objective is to develop sporting activities at all levels of the game through innovative and exciting initiatives.

Have a great indoors golf season or enjoy the courses of our Southern neighbours, as you prefer!

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Fundraiser *Supporting Junior Development, a Priority*

Close to \$77,000 collected to Support the Golf in School and CN Future Links Programs.

A great celebration of golf was held on October 3 at Golf Le Mirage. Stakeholders of the industry and businessmen were invited to take part in the 7th edition of the Québec Golf Federation's Benefit Tournament. Mr. René Noël, General Manager of our host club, was Honorary President of this key event.

(Photo: René Noël, Honorary President of the event, and members of the Team Québec delegations by Sandrine Bigras, Golf Québec)

With the generous contribution of faithful participants and donors, close to \$77,000 was collected this year to support the integration of the Golf in Schools program and its continuation,

CN Future Links, in golf clubs. Within the seven editions of our fundraiser, over \$412,000 was collected.

A fundraiser benefiting the Golf in Schools

Once again, Golf Québec is taking this opportunity to promote the Golf in Schools program in which over 420 elementary schools and





40 high schools are participating and to create links with the golf clubs offering CN Future Links. In Canada, 2,000 schools are presenting golf activities within their Phys. Ed. classes, and Québec is one of the most dynamic provinces in this initiative.

c "The future of our sport lies with the children. The earlier we can introduce them to the fundamentals of golf, the better our chances are to transmit to them our passion for this sport. I am convinced that this is the best heritage we can give to the next generation who will have a sport to play for life," mentioned Jean-Pierre Beaulieu, Executive Director of Golf Québec.

Children in Action

Following a well-established tradition, Golf Québec presented a golf clinic to students attending an elementary school located in the same neighbourhood as our host club. As a result, approximately forty children coming from École Vision of Terrebonne took part in workshops conducted by Debbie Savoy Morel and her team of Le

Mirage in collaboration with the Golf Québec employees.

A Well Deserved Homage

Golf Québec also took this opportunity to celebrate the outstanding achievements of our Honorary President, René Noël, and his tireless efforts to make golf more accessible to children. Gilles Bourassa, Debbie Savoy Morel and Rémi Bouchard shared cherished memories with our guests.

Golf Québec would like to thank all its partners and donors, including Location Park Avenue, Golf Le Mirage, Golf Canada, Les Productions Feeling inc., Groupe Beaudet, as well as all other contributors who have adopted a school or donated prizes for our silent auction Golf Québec.





Adopt a School

The number of elementary and high schools offering the Golf in Schools program is constantly increasing. The number of golf clubs offering junior activities is also in progression. In every region, the new Introduction to Competition Tour (ICT) was a success in 2013. These statistics demonstrate that the work accomplished by Golf Québec and its partners is bearing fruit and that the golf industry is on the right path.



However, we should not slow down and must pursue our hard work.

We are challenging the business and golf industry leaders to help us maintain Québec's status as the most active province in terms of adopted schools in the Golf in Schools program.

Since the induction of this program in May of 2009, numerous individuals and companies have shown their support by adopting a school in their region. Could it be your turn? By making a \$500-donation to Golf Québec, you could provide your former school (or the one attended by your children) with a complete golf teaching kit adapted to school requirements as well as pertinent teaching material. Donators will also receive an official tax receipt.

Adopt a school, visit the program's official website:

<https://register.bluegolf.com/secure/quebec13/charity/do>



Sport Development *2013: The Best Have Stood Up!*

Skills levels are very high in Golf Québec's competitions; there is no doubt about it. This year, we often had opportunities to witness confrontations between high caliber athletes; a proof that our Player Development Program is on the right track.

The Jocelyne Bourassa Series was the stage for spectacular performances.

Elyse Archambault of St-Jean, Josée Doyon of Beauce, and Anne-Catherine Tanguay of Québec City have, once again this season, captured everyone's attention.

Archambault with one victory and a second place, Doyon with 2 second places, and Tanguay with a provincial title have dominated the women's tournament schedule.

Anne-Catherine Tanguay's caught up in an amazing way at the NIVO Women's Provincial Amateur Championship held at the Carleton

Golf & Yacht Club. With five strokes behind the leader and only three holes left to play, Tanguay made a birdie on the last hole while Doyon collapsed with two bogeys and a double bogey on her last holes. The level of experience acquired by each player surely made a huge difference in this outcome.

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JOCELYNE BOURASSA SERIES



Also on the women's competitive scene, we should highlight the victory of the Université de Montréal Carabins' women's team at the Canadian University and College Championship. Sabrina



Sapone of Le Blainvillier had her fair share in this historic victory as she captured the individual title with a 6-stroke lead. Caroline Ciot ranked 6th.



(Photo: Women's Team of the Université de Montréal Carabins with Coach Daniel Langevin)

Clash of Titans

Traditionally, the events composing the men's Triple Crown provide for high levels of performances. The 2013 golf season was not an exception to this rule, and fans were enthused to follow clash of

titans. Raoul Ménard, many times champion in his amateur career, added a new title to his extensive collection as he won the Alexander of Tunis. The junior golfer and member of the Golf Canada Development Squad, Hugo Bernard, did his best to swipe the title from under his feet, but finished one stroke behind him.

Spectators who were following the last round of the Duke of Kent at Club de golf Royal Québec were privileged witnesses of an extraordinary performance by Mathieu Perron. The Laval-sur-le-Lac golfer registered a spectacular score of 64 in the final round (-8), ending the tournament with a score of -7 on the last six holes. Once again, Hugo Bernard ranked 2nd with 6 strokes behind Perron whose performance could simply not be tied.

Finally, it's in the Provincial Amateur Championship that Bernard ceased the opportunity to take the lead from... Mathieu



Perron!! This victory, combined with his two 2nd places in amateur events, is excellent results for Bernard who was still in his last year as a junior.

As a matter of fact, he concluded his U19 career with a beautiful victory in a sudden-death playoff against Étienne Papineau of Royal Bromont at the Graham Cooke Junior Invitational presented at Club de golf St-Césaire.

Don't forget the name of Étienne Papineau, as he will be a very worthy follower of Bernard on the junior scene. At barely 17 years old, he already cumulates four provincial victories this past season. His 2nd place amongst juveniles and 8th overall at the Canadian Junior Boys' Championship led him to be mandated on the Team Canada Development Squad for 2014.

Valérie Tanguay of St-Hyacinthe will also be one of his teammates on the national team. Her

performance of this season enabled her to maintain her place on the Golf Canada team for a second year. At 17 years old, she is the provincial champion for a second consecutive year. Tanguay will pursue her development during the school year as she will be part of the Lions of CÉGEP Champlain St-Lawrence.



(Photo: Girls' and boys' Québec delegation at the Canada Summer Games with Coach Daniel Langevin and Team Manager Élise Paiement)

A Shower of Medal for Québec Players at the Canada Games

The Québec boys' and girls' teams were both very successful at the Club de golf Milby where the Canada Summer Games where



held in Sherbrooke. Québec representatives Valérie Tanguay, 17(St-Hyacinthe), Catherine Rousseau, 16(Québec City), and Annie Lacombe, 16 (Laval), capture a silver medal with a cumulative score of 610, +26 (153-154-154-149).

The boys' team composed of Étienne Papineau, 16 (Bromont), Hugo Bernard, 18 (Mont St-Hilaire), and Raphaël Lapierre-Messier, 16 (St-Jean-sur-Richelieu, won the bronze with an overall score of 588, +4 (142-152-145-149).

Étienne Papineau and Valérie Tanguay also won silver medals in individual competitions. Papineau captured his medal as he defeated Matt Williams, 17(Calgary, Alb.), after one hole of sudden-death playoff.

British Columbia won all four gold medals in the various categories of the competition.

Complete results are available online.

<http://golfcanada.bluegolf.com/bluegolf/rcga13/event/rcga1324/content/1/leaderboard.htm>



News Flash

Three Québec Players Mandated on Team Canada

The 2013 golf season is already finished, but this does not mean that we are on vacation; we are already working on planning the next season.

Activities of the University Tour just finished. A few weeks of work will be necessary to successfully complete all of the 2013 projects before we can start planning for another exciting golf season in 2014. Already, some pertinent news could be of interest for golf fans.

Team Canada

In 2014, well known Québec players will be seen on Team Canada. A member of the 2013 Development Squad, Valérie Tanguay of St-Hyacinthe will pursue her development with the Golf Canada team of coaches.

Following his recent performances at the provincial and national levels as well as at the Canada Games, Étienne Papineau of Royal Bromont amazed many and caught the attention of the Golf Canada stakeholders. He will also be part of the Development Squad.

Star golfer of the University of Oklahoma Sooners, Anne-Catherine Tanguay of St-Georges will be back on the national team. Provincial amateur champion of the past two seasons and Canadian amateur vice-champion, she has already been a member of the national development program in 2009 and 2010.

Complete text:

http://www.golfquebec.org/english/nouvelles_voir.asp?CodeN=900

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https://www.facebook.com/golfquebec/photos_albums

View our interviews and reports on YouTube

<http://www.youtube.com/user/GolfQuebecMedias>.



Changes in Junior Categories

In 2014, changes will be seen in the age categories of our junior competitions and more information should be published in the coming months. Altogether, a “Bantam” category will be added to the sport development path of our young golfers. Categories will be divided as follows:

U19	17 and 18 years old	Junior
U17	15 and 16 years old	Juvenile
U15	13 and 14 years old	Bantam
U13	11 and 12 years old	Pee-wee
U11	9 and 10 years old	Mosquito
U9	7 and 8 years old	Novice

These changes align with the new orientations of Golf Canada, followed by all provinces, and aiming, among others, to standardize the golf development structure in the country.

Tournament Calendar

The Golf Québec tournament team, led by Éric Couture, is currently finalizing the competitive schedule of next season. Our main events composing the men’s and women’s triple crowns will be back as well as our Junior Tour which is,

by the way, the most important one in the country. Our 2014 schedule should be published before the holidays.

Last Homage of 2013

The Pierre-Nadon Prize presented to Jocelyne Bourassa

Many athletes chose to prolong their careers by becoming coaches or managers. Jocelyne Bourassa was successful at both. Now that she has explored all aspects of her professional life, the golf icon is now getting involved as a volunteer with the same degree of intensity as always.

In fact, her generous involvement and absolute dedication are the reasons why Jocelyne Bourassa



was presented with the Pierre-Nadon Prize. Pierre Nadon was notorious in the golf industry. More



specifically, he was a reporter at La Patrie, Montréal-Matin and La Presse, editor of the Golf Canada magazine, collector, and great golf supporter.