

Executive Director's Blog
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Women First... And Their Families Will Follow!



70-30... According to recent statistics, this is the proportion of men vs. women who play golf. You think that women are outnumbered? Of course, they are! The more women will be playing golf, the stronger our industry will be.

Offer engaging activities, incite existing golfers to play more often, contribute to increasing the number of golf rounds played every year, these are some of the goals influencing our actions. However, the key to our success resides in the development of a new golfing clientele.

For this purpose, Golf Québec is tirelessly promoting the development of golf, especially towards children. Yet, another clientele also deserves our attention: **WOMEN!**

At Golf Québec, we strongly believe that if women played more golf, their spouse as well as their children would also play more often. As a result, our sport would become a family activity. For many years, Golf Québec has invested considerable effort and energy in making golf more appealing for women, adapting it to their needs and linking it to causes that are worthy of their attention.

The Jocelyne Bourassa Series

In 2010, Golf Québec created this Series named after our own golf legend. Including a recreational flight in this series of three competitive events was a great way to encourage more women to play golf and enjoy real moments of fun and friendship.



Women's Golf Clinics At Le Mirage

For many years now, Golf Québec has been teaming up with Golf Le Mirage to conduct women's golf clinics. Once again, this summer, Debbie Savoy Morel, Jocelyne Bourassa, and other well-known professionals of the LPGA will lead two clinics, in June and in August.

Golf Fore the Cure

Golf Québec is also proud to be associated with the Québec Breast Cancer Foundation and Canadian Cancer Society in a yearly fundraiser initiative that gathers many golfers. In a friendly environment, golfers participate in various activities organized by golf clubs. By doing so, they contribute to collecting funds to support medical research for a cure against cancer as well as promote awareness and understanding of this illness that touches everyone directly or indirectly.

Through these initiatives, Golf Québec contributes to increasing the number of women who play the game of golf. <http://www.rcgagolfforethecure.ca/index.aspx>



On Your Marks, Get Set, Go!!!

Some would say that they waited far too long, but the golf season is finally here and we hope that it will be a long... long summer!



At Golf Québec and in many golf clubs, several activities are already on-going. Numerous initiatives are targeting juniors. Go on... find out about them.

Golf Québec takes its hat off to Club de golf St-Césaire that will open its driving range, for free, to over 1,000 school students of the region. This is such an inspiring example to follow!

Promotional video

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=5ZqwOvKcFqY>

Golf Québec picture: Alexandre Ouellet, Jean-Pierre Beaulieu, Martin Ducharme, Jocelyne Bourassa, and Mayor of St-Césaire, Guy Benjamin.

NEWS FLASH



CN Future Links Leader Training Sessions

On June 8 and 9, Golf Québec will be conducting two training sessions for CN Future Links Leaders in the Québec City and Montréal areas. Become a CN Future Links Leader!! You must be at least 16 years old to attend these workshops, and they are not designed for members of the PGA of Canada. This invitation goes out to those who are interested in junior golf development should.

Link: <http://www.golfquebec.org/index1.asp?id=998>



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Arizona.



Contest: "Enter Your Games!"

Don't forget to enter your games in the Golf Canada Score Center or in GGGolf. You could win a fabulous golf trip for two at the *Lodge at Ventana Canyon*, in Tucson, Arizona.

Link:

<http://www.golfquebec.org/index.asp?id=987>



Competition Tanguay Is Picking Up Where She Left Off!

For a few years now, juniors have been launching the Golf Québec competitive calendar. Considering the results of their first event, get prepared to hear from the same players often in the coming months.



*Valérie Tanguay
and Michelle Murphy*

Valérie Tanguay of the Club de golf St-Hyacinthe started the 2013 golf season on the right foot as she captured the victory at the [Vertdure Junior Spring Open](#) held on April 21 and 22 at the *Shenendoah Golf Club at Turning Stone*, in the State of New York.

Our juniors had to face very windy conditions, with unexpected snow and hail, in this tournament. A first round of 77 (+5), including 6 bogeys and only one birdie, surely had left a bitter taste in the mouth of Valérie Tanguay who made a comeback in the final round with a score of 70 (-2). In the girls' competition, this was the only score under par and it enabled Tanguay to capture the victory with a 3-stroke lead on two Ontario players tied for 2nd.

Meanwhile, our defending champion in the boys' category, Hugo Bernard of La Vallée du Richelieu and a member of the Team Canada Development Squad, tied for third... behind two Ontario players.

Entrevue avec Valérie Tanguay

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=P6ljfCg7EZ8&feature=share&list=UUEZI5aT-J8I1fBKyhIRvVow>



Beginning of the NIVO Women's Tour

Women are now starting their competitive season at the Royal Bromont where the first event of 2013 will gather the best amateur golfers. [Josée Doyon](#), who recently came back from Kent State University where she played with the Golf Flashes, will try to defend her 2012 title as champion of the NIVO Women's Players' Cup. She had also been crowned at the 2012 NIVO Debbie Savoy Morel Cup.



Vidéo promotionnelle de la Série

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=iTgzE4mrWEc&list=UUEZI5aT-J8I1fBKyhIRvV0w&index=9>

An Annual Confrontation

On the Men's Tour, the Spring Open held at the Beaconsfield Golf Club traditionally launches the competition season. This event gathers the best amateur players and golf professionals. In 2012, Jérôme Blais and Julien Marchand were respectively crowned amongst professional and amateur participants.

All results:

<http://quebec.bluegolf.com/bluegolf/quebec13/event/quebec1312/contest/7/leaderboard.htm>

Registrations are still open for many competitions:

<http://quebec.bluegolf.com/bluegolf/quebec13/menu.htm?location=nonmember&menu=1>



Where Are They Now? Simon Cantin

Graduated from the golf-études AGP program where he trained as a student/athlete from 2000 to 2005, Simon Cantin was a very active golfer in Golf Québec's junior competitions. Nowadays, he is embracing a new passion: coaching.



After completing a promising academic/athletic training, Simon Cantin went off on a tangent to pursue a snowboarding competitive career in Canada and the United States. He had the opportunity to grow as an athlete and maintain his good work habit acquired through golf.

Following a severe accident, Simon came back to his first love: golf. Very motivated and determined to get to the bottom of things, he is now a coach. A member of the PGA of Canada since 2011, Simon started his new career as a golf instructor at La Prairie, he collaborated to the Montréal-Centre golf-études structure, and moved on to provide support to the golf team of Université de Montréal. He is now in charge of the South-Shore golf-études AGP structure and Regional Coach of the Golf Québec Montréal-South region.



In the summer, Simon supervises a group of competitive athletes. He is very involved in events of the regional and provincial tours as well as in the Québec Games. He also introduces to competition a group of young golfers aged between 7 and 13 years old who are willing to develop their athletic potential and adopt work ethics to perform better. Our young coach is also working with elementary schools, inciting them to participate in club events and promoting the game of golf towards children.

Simon Cantin's participation in the Golf Québec network of programs and activities surely had an impact on his passion for golf, work ethics, and desire to teach young golfers. He is a great example to follow.

Read the full interview <http://www.golfquebec.org/index.asp?id=999>

Profile:

- Member of the PGA of Canada
- Regional Coach of Montréal-South
- Coach of the South-Shore region at the Québec Games
- Assistant Coach at the South-Shore structure of golf-études AGP
- Collaborator of the Carabins golf team of Université de Montréal

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Sport Development Director's Blog
Patrice Clément
CN Future Links, the First Tee



You child wants to play golf but you don't know where to start? Golf Québec is promoting introduction and development programs for young golfers. The first one is the Golf in Schools program through which elementary and high school students can learn the fundamentals of golf in their Phys. Ed. classes. The next step would be to register and participate in the various events of the CN Future Links program.



Basically, the CN Future Links mandate is to provide first class junior golf programs that are accessible to all. The CN Future Links program is a joint initiative of Golf Canada and the PGA of Canada, in collaboration with Sport Canada and the Coaching Association of Canada.

This program includes many flights including Learn to Play, Junior Skills Challenge, and Girls' Club. Its official website also features new elements such as scorecards, progress reports, event calendars, etc. As a result, the whole program is interactive, accessible, and interesting for young golfers and their parents.

Learn to Play

The CN Future Links Learn to Play Program is an exciting 7-level instructional program that gives children the chance to learn to play golf and have fun.



Like all CN Future Links programs, Learn to Play is for everyone, from first time to experienced junior golfers. Learn to Play is made up of seven age-appropriate golf development levels. The instructor teaches and guides participants through them. In each level, many topics are covered including golf skills and techniques, as well as leadership, sportsmanship and etiquette.

Once a level is completed, participants receive a report card and a congratulatory letter from CN Future Links sent to their residence with an official Learn to Play bag tag (for levels 1 to 4) or ball marker (for levels 5 to 7). An online confidential report card is also available online.



Junior Skills Challenge

This initiative is focusing on developing key golf skills such as putting, chipping, playing with iron clubs, and driving.

Participants are divided by age categories: 8 years old and under, 9 to 11 years old, 12 to 14 years old, and 15 to 18 years old.

The program features an online leaderboard through which participants can monitor their ranking. The scores of official groups are used as qualifying data for the National Challenge that takes place at the end of the golf season.

Throughout the province, Golf Québec member-clubs are registered as official groups of the CN Future Links Junior Skills Challenge.



Girls' Club
"let's go golfing"™

Girls' Club

The CN Future Links Girls' Club is a developmental golf program essentially designed for girls 7-18 years of age. Young girls will develop the skills, attitudes and positive images of themselves as athletes on the golf course, encouraging both self-esteem and a life-long love of the game.

The Girls' Club was developed to address the huge discrepancy between the numbers of young girls playing golf compared to the number of young boys. It aims not merely to attract girls to the game but also to help retain them longer.

CN Future Links in Québec

For the 2013 season, over a hundred golf clubs and schools will be ready to accommodate children and provide them with a quality environment featuring the values of the CN Future Links program.

List of clubs offering the CN Future Links program:

<http://www.golfquebec.org/english/index.asp?id=177>

Visit the official CN Future Links website: <http://www.cnfuturelinks.com/>

CN Future Links video clip, The Plan: <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=8fOCu2cUrK8>

CN Future Links at Bell Bay: <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=LuX4P8RI6v>



Regional Development An Outstanding Academy in St-Hyacinthe

With its magnificent course and upscale restaurant, the Club de golf La Providence was already a destination of choice in St-Hyacinthe. With its new amazing academy, it has now become a must-see establishment.



The Club Owner, Pierre Deslandes, is a visionary. In the past few years, he has improved his course, developed the real estate business in the club's surroundings, and opened a high-end restaurant. His new creation: a golf academy.

New Facilities Accessible to Juniors

The Académie de golf La Providence, established in the month of March, will enable the enterprise to pursue its efforts in providing its clientele with high-quality products and services. The new facilities are really impressive. The two-tier structure features numerous driving stalls. The academy building was fully renovated and equipped with a new swing analysis system.



To bring his new academy to life, the owner was well surrounded. He hired Luc Deschamps, an experienced golf professional (CPGA), well-known for his work at Intergolf. This Granby training facility is very accessible, focussed on junior golf development, and features some of the programs promoted by Golf Québec.

The new Head Professional of the Academy knows far well that the success of golf development depends on providing a large variety of services and activities to children. For this purpose, his first action when he started working at the Academy was to integrate the provincial reference in golf development: the CN Future Links program. Featured activities are original, dynamic, and fun. Children can learn at their own rhythm in a 7-level instruction program... and everything is available online!

What is CN Future Links? <http://www.golfquebec.org/english/index.asp?id=3>



Golf Québec visited the Académie de golf La Providence. View our interview with golf professional, Luc Deschamps: <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=JKa1ytwKCgQ>



In the past few years, La Providence was already offering INIGOLF. This is a well-established junior program in which young golfers are introduced to training and competition. Both programs complement each other perfectly.

Junior programs: <http://golflaprovidence.com/index.php/golf/programme-inigolf>

There is no doubt that programs and services all come under one roof in St-Hyacinthe. From introduction to competition, the Académie de golf La Providence reaches all the clientele. This is a must-visit academy.

Official website of Académie de golf La Providence: www.golflaprovidence.com



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<https://twitter.com/GolfProvidence>



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