

Executive Director's Blog
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The Tradition Goes On!



In the past few years, Golf Québec chose to focus on the future of our sport and development of new golfers. Nonetheless, we should not forget our history of almost 100 years old and the finest moments that have marked it.

The main events of the amateur golf season in Québec include the men's and women's Triple Crowns. The pinnacle of the men's competitive tour is composed of three events: the Alexander of Tunis, Duke of Kent, and Provincial Amateur Championship. Many golfers have engraved their names more than once on these trophies. This series of competitions, which has marked the history of men's amateur golf in Québec, has begun a very long time ago. It is filled with precious moments raising our awareness that very good players have marked their era with their performances.



Shawn Langlois, winner of the prestigious 2012 Alexander of Tunis

Without a doubt, with 13 titles acquired over time, Graham Cooke is dominating the Triple Crown records. Also, Robbie Jackson of the Royal Montreal Golf Club certainly attracts attention with 7 titles condensed between 1973 and 1976. In 2012, André Gagné, a member of our host club, celebrated his 50th participation in the Duke of

Kent presented at Royal Québec. A sign of the times, Julien Goulet and Alexis Gemme Piacente, two junior players, have captured the victory of the Provincial Amateur Championship between 2008 and 2010.

Women's Triple Crown

In 2010, Golf Québec created a women's Triple Crown. The Jocelyne Bourassa Series is composed of the Women's Players' Cup, Debbie Savoy Morel Cup, and Women's Provincial Amateur and Senior Championship. This initiative aims to promoting women's participation in tournaments while honouring two of our own Québec golf legends, Jocelyne Bourassa and Debbie Savoy Morel.

The Tradition Goes On In 2013

I'm inviting you to come and follow our golfers in this year's competitions. This season should be thrilling and could bring many surprises. A new page of Golf Québec's tradition will be written in 2013.



On Your Marks, Get Set, Go!!!

*La Providence and Chicoutimi Are the **First JGDC in Québec***



Junior Golf Development Centers

The establishment of a network of Junior Golf Development Centres (JGDC) across Canada, providing interested youth with the opportunity to access comprehensive age appropriate golf programs and services, delivered at a national standard, providing the skills and experiences to the participants and their families that will keep them involved with golf for life.

The JGDC initiative provides a clear golf developmental pathway with comprehensive coaching support for golfers between the ages of 5 – 18. These centres will create a systematic approach to developing junior golfers which benefits players, families, coaches and golf facilities. The end result is a system which can provide support to players demonstrating a desire and high level of competency while fostering the life-long passion for golf as a basic underpinning to the entire programming.

In 2013, the La Providence and Chicoutimi golf clubs are the first establishments to be recognized as Junior Golf Development Centres.

NEWS FLASH

Anne-Catherine Tanguay – 65th in the world

According to the most recent ranking published by Golf Canada, Anne-Catherine Tanguay, who is playing for the University of Oklahoma Sooners, is placing 65th amongst amateurs players in the world.

Link: <http://www.golfcanada.ca/professional-tours/golf-news/?articleId=535072>



In addition, as a result of her outstanding golf performances this season, Tanguay was nominated All-Americans by the Women's Golf Coaches Association. Considering her hard work of the past ten years, there is no doubt that she fully deserved this honour.



Diane Barabé, a passionate Rules Official

At the NIVO Women's Players' Cup, Diane Barabé, a long-time volunteer, was honored for her passion that she shares through teaching the rules of golf, contributing to preserving the traditions of our game and its integrity. Her remarkable dedication places her amongst the legends who have built the

Golf Québec Rules Committee.

2013 Golf Fore the Cure

Golf Fore the Cure was created by Golf Canada to drive and promote women's participation in the game of golf. By partnering with the Québec Breast Cancer Foundation and Canadian Cancer Society, we have also added awareness and fundraising components to support the fight against breast cancer.

Here is the list of scheduled activities for the month of June:

- June 18 - Le Drummond St-Majorique
- June 22 - Como Golf
- June 28 - Club de golf Saguenay Arvida

BENEFIT GOLF TOURNAMENT
7th Edition, Thursday, October 3, 2013
Club de golf Le Mirage



2013 Honorary President
Mr. René Noël
General Manager of Golf Le Mirage

Contribute to develop golf participation through our programs





Competition The Men's Triple Crown Visits **Royal** Courses!

In July, our competitive golfers will be spoiled by Golf Québec's main events. They will have the opportunity to play on historic courses of very high caliber.



On July 7 and 8, the Royal Ottawa Golf Club will be host to the Alexander of Tunis which launches the series of events composing the men's Triple Crown. Then, the Duke of Kent will take place at Royal Québec for the 72nd time while André Gagné will compete in the event for the 51st time. Finally, the prestigious Royal Montreal Golf Club will present the Men's Provincial Amateur Championship.

A fourth Royal course will be host to a major event, at the Canadian level, when the Club de golf Royal Estrie located in Asbestos will receive the Québec CN Future Links Championship.



Jocelyne Bourassa Series

Women will also be privileged as the NIVO Women's Provincial Amateur and Senior Championship will conclude the Jocelyne Bourassa Series at the splendid Carleton Golf and & Yacht Club, in the Ottawa region. Unless another golfer swipes the victory from under their noses, this final leg of the women's Triple Crown will lead to crowning Josée Doyon, Élyse Archambault or Anne-Catherine Tanguay as Québec Amateur Champion.

Highlights of competitions held in May and June

Men's Provincial Match Play Championship - Summerlea

Corey Eccles of Royal Montreal and Michel Labelle of Whitlock are the amateur and senior champions of the Men's Provincial Match Play Championship held from June 7 to 9 at the Summerlea Golf and Country Club. Corey Eccles captured his first amateur title against Mathieu Perron. At 19 years old, this was only his second participation on the amateur tour. In the senior competition, Whitlock members battled for the title. Michel Labelle finally defeated Greg Wilson with a score of 3-1.

NIVO Women's Players' Cup - Élyse Archambault wins in an NCAA dual - Élyse Archambault, of Penn State University and Pinegrove Golf Club, combined a score of 69 to her previous score of 72 to cumulate -3 overall and win the NIVO Women's Players' Cup at Royal Bromont. She had a four-stroke lead on the 2012 champion, Josée Doyon, of Kent University and Club de golf Beauceville.



Vertdure PJT at Milby - Étienne Papineau could be a very strong representative for the province of Québec at the Canada Games to be held next August in Sherbrooke. With his first victory of the season at the Vertdure Junior Classic 1 held at Milby on June 18 and 19, the Royal Bromont representative is also leading the boys' Order of Merit for the Games.

With two identical rounds of 71 for a cumulative score of -4, Étienne Papineau proved himself to be very constant on the fairways and even more on Milby's greens that are well-known for their high level of difficulty. The young 16-year old made an impressive total of 14 birdies compensating for 8 bogeys and one double bogey. As a result, he captured his first victory on Golf Québec's Vertdure Provincial Junior Tour.

Hugo Bernard, of Team Canada, defeated in sudden-death playoff - Hugo Bernard, of La Vallée du Richelieu, a Team Canada Development Squad member, ranked second at the CN Future Links Ontario Championship after two holes of play-off against Carter Simon, 16, of Sutton, Ontario. In the girls' competition, Valérie Tanguay finished third.

18 juniors to represent Golf Québec in Florida - The 6th Optimist/Desjardins Junior Golf Classic was held on June 1 and 2 at the Club de Golf Glendale in St-Augustin. This competition was used as a qualifying round for the 19th edition of the North-American Optimist International Junior Golf Championship.



A total of 186 players aged 10 to 18 years old took part in this event, a registration record, and attempted to get an exemption for the international championship that will take place at the PGA National Resort & Spa in Palm Beach Gardens, Florida. Altogether 18 young golfers were able to secure one of the 19 places that were available through this Classic. Their scores had to respect the minimum standards of the international championship.

The 2013 champions of each category are:

- Boys – 16 to 18 years old: Raphaël Lapierre-Messier, Pinegrove – 70 (-2)
- Boys – 14 and 15 years old: Félix Normand, Beloeil – 74 (+2)
- Boys – 12 and 13 years old: Olivier Ménard, Valleyfield – 76 (+4) * 4th play-off hole
- Boys – 9 to 11 years old: Christopher Vandette, Summerlea G & CC – 76 (+4)
- Girls – 15 to 18 years old: Emilie Tyndall, Royal Montréal GC – 80 (+8)
- Girls – 13 and 14 years old: Isabella Petosa, Le Versant, 83 (+11)
- Girls – 9 to 12 years old: Céleste Dao, Summerlea G&CC – 89 (+17)



Université de Montréal (women) and UBC (men) crowned Canadian champions - Ugo Coussaud (Laval) and Sabrina Sapone (UdM) dominate the individual ranking at the Canadian University/College Championship.

The Université de Montréal Carabins lead the women's competition after four rounds at the Canadian University/College Championship. Held at Club Val-des-Lacs in Ste-Sophie, in the North of Montréal, this tournament is one of Golf Canada's national championships.

In the men's competition, UBC Thunderbirds captured the title from defending champions, Université Laval Rouge et Or.

Leaders after 54 holes, the UdeM women's team cumulated 230 on Friday to end the tournament at 903 (+51), eight strokes ahead of the University of Victoria Vikes, who posted a 21-over 234 on Friday to finish in solo second. As the defending champions, the UBC Thunderbirds fired a 12-over 225 final round to finish in solo third at 67-over 919.

Cornellier defeats professional players at Beloeil

With a cumulative score of -4 (68-70), Cornellier won the Acura Classic with a one-stroke lead on golf professional Yvan Beauchemin of La Tempête. The Captain of the Université de Montréal Carabins made four birdies and only one bogey. His teammate, Mathieu Perron, tied for 3rd.

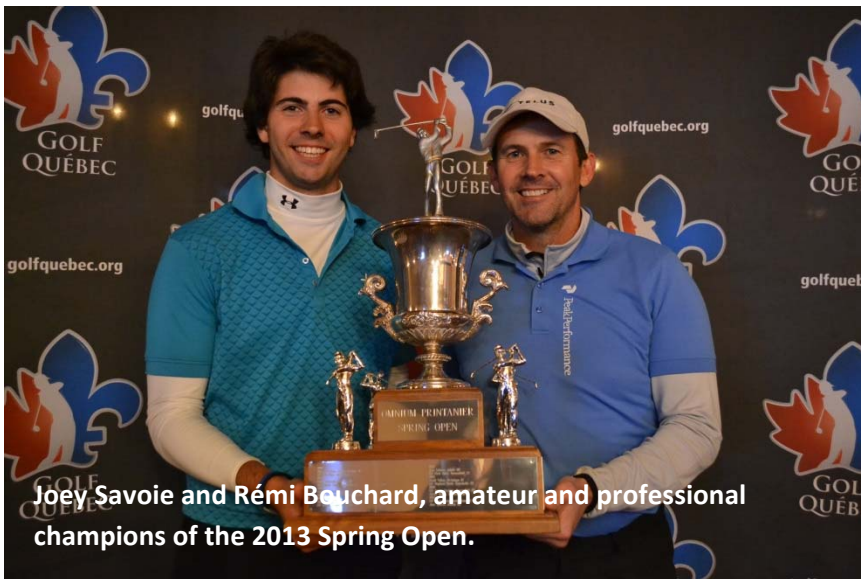


Rising Stars A Turning Point In Joey Savoie's Life

Guest editorial written by Raphaël Guillemette

Identified as one of Québec's rising stars, Joey Savoie will play for the last year on the Junior Tour as he will turn 19 in mid-August.

With an impressive track record, the Pinegrove golfer is very mature on the course and doesn't have any difficulties to take his place among leaders. Joey is hoping to make the transition fairly easily between the two categories. As a matter of fact, he has already stepped in the amateur class with his recent victory at the 84th edition of the Spring Open held at the Beaconsfield Golf Club where he played 70 (-1).



"I see it as the beginning of a new challenge, an increased skills level. This is an opportunity to measure up to the best players and find out what I am worth, but, most of all, this is golf", he said. Altogether, Joey will be on familiar grounds when he will compete fulltime against more seasoned

golfers.



On the path towards NCAA

The Pinegrove representative is not a stranger to success as he captured titles in the past four years. As he mentioned when we called him, even if there is no guarantee, he is hoping that his hard work and efforts will pay off and that he will be able to fit amongst the best golfers.

Moreover, Joey is very aware that this coming golf season is extremely important for him. He must actually maintain his pace and keep on performing if he wants to attend an American university next year.

“This year is a great opportunity to be in the spotlights. My goal is to eventually play in the United States, and I will have to make my decision depending on offers that will be presented to me”, explained the young man who was already contacted by some university coaches.

Important victories:

- 2010 – Provincial Juvenile Champion
- 2011 - Provincial Juvenile and Junior Champion
- 2012 - Champion of the International Junior Masters
- 2013 – Amateur champion of the Spring Open



Regional Development Giving Back to the Next Generation

Guest editorial written by Raphaël Guillemette

For the third consecutive year, Club de Golf Royal Estrie is presenting its Junior Golf Camp. Supervised by Head Professional, Josée Pérusse, this program aims to inciting children who were introduced to golf to have a better appreciation of the game and learn to respect its rules.



For Josée Pérusse, a seasoned golfer, this is a great opportunity to give back to the next generation. “We’re trying to spark interest amongst new players”, she explains. “Groups are made depending on age groups and the skill level of each participant. Our objective is to provide those who already have some golfing experience with a better

understanding of golf’s etiquette. This enables us to work more specifically on their individual learning development” mentions Mrs. Pérusse.

Participants, whether they are new comers or more experienced golfers, can attend various conferences, training sessions, as well as workshops conducted by renowned and talented individuals. They can also learn new golf notions and apply them to their game.



Besides her involvement as a golf professional, Josée Pérusse really cares about helping children. “Most parents don’t have time to dedicate to their children’s training. Most of them only get to visit the driving range. The program of our Junior Golf Camp provides children with an opportunity to practice, play, and learn proper golf etiquette. This should ease the task of many parents and, as a result, they might start playing more often”, believes the accomplished golf professional.



Our camp enables young participants to develop and refine their golf aptitudes. During their stay, they will benefit from the expertise of our industry specialists. Many aspects of the game will be covered such as how golf clubs are designed: holes, tees, markers, water hazards, sand traps, greens, green conditions, and parts of the course that are more fragile.

At the end of this camp, they will have the opportunity to put their newly acquired skills to the test in a mini-tournament with their parents. Very often, this is the first experience that they have on a golf course.

This camp is open to children aged between 7 and 17 years old and will take place on June 25, 26 and 27.

Royal Estrie website:

http://www.royalestrie.com/index.php?option=com_content&view=article&id=14&Itemid=115



Sport Development First Drive Promotes Playing Frequency

Introducing children to the game of golf is important. Enabling them to actually play on real courses is even more important. The First Drive program is a solution aiming to facilitate golf course access to children.

Answering parents' requests, the ATGQ launched the First Drive program four years ago to help them find golf clubs that are accessible to junior players.



The First Drive program objective is to help parents and their children identify courses that are adapted to juniors in order to promote learning and having fun playing the game. On these courses, you will find shorter junior tees with that are age appropriate for children of 11 and under in order to help them pursue their introduction to the game, learn to love it and play more frequently.

With First Drive, young developing golfers can tee-off from tees especially designed for their needs with shorter distances of approximately 100 yards on par 3, 200 yards on par 4, and 250 yards on par 5. As a result, they have a better appreciation of the game while registering scores that will encourage them to keep on playing.

Participating clubs welcome children of 7 to 11 years old with members of their family. Children can play FOR FREE beginning at 4:00 pm if they are with a paying adult.



After three rounds, some of the participating clubs will also give a golf visor to celebrate the child's perseverance and fidelity for playing at least three times a year.

First Drive is a logical continuation of the Golf in Schools and CN Future Links programs that are sanctioned by Golf Québec and enable us to introduce a large number of children to the game of golf.

Children can also print their scorecards online:

<http://penegalab.com/fichier/atgq/Premier%20D%C3%A9part%20carte%20pointage.pdf>

First Drive Facebook page: <https://www.facebook.com/Premierdepart>.