

2012 Macedon Ranges Junior Tournament Report

The 3rd Macedon Ranges junior Tournament attracted junior golfers from Woodend, Romsey, Lancefield, Bundoora, Kilmore, Hidden Valley, Victoria, Northern, Southern, Yarrambat, Sandhurst and Medway Golf Clubs. Well over 50% of the players were off 10 or less with one player, Ryan Ruffles (Victoria) off +4.

After registration at 11.00 am players sat down for lunch and to make new friendships or renew old ones. Macedon Ranges Shire councillor Henryka Benson opened the tournament congratulating the players on their interest in golf and their obvious hard work to lower their handicaps. Councillor Benson also congratulated the three clubs for their ability to work together to run the event which brought the region's youth together and which also attracted new people to both the three golf courses and to the region in general. Organising committee members

Anthony Lakey (Romsey) and David Muller (Lancefield) welcomed the players and their families thanking the event's sponsors; The Shire of Macedon Ranges, The Victorian Golf Foundation, Australian Industry Group Training Services & Drummonds Golf. Woodend Captain, Paul Whelan also spoke welcoming everyone to the course.

Councillor Henryka Benson with 2012 MRJT Champions Kono Matsumoto & Daniel Wright



The 1st round at Woodend (Par 66). Players, in handicap based group, hit off in cool, overcast conditions. The course was in great condition and some good scoring was expected. As usual the par 3 11th surprised new players and proved a wonderful challenge for the whole field. The rounds of the day came from Hugh Parks (Lfield) and Callan Stone (Hidden Valley) with 71, Nathan Callaghan (Bundoora) carded a 72 and Kono Matsumoto (Victoria) was the leading girl with 82

[Results Rd 1 - Woodend Golf Club.](#)

14&U Boys' Stroke - Callan Stone (HValley) 71, Handicap - Kieran Vogles (Sandhurst) 81/16/65

16&U Boys' Stroke - Hugh Parks (Lfield) 71, H/cap - Seamus Whelan (Woodend) 73/5/68

18&U Boys' Stroke - Nathan Callaghan (Bundoora) 72, H/cap - Jarrad White (Kilmore) 75/10/65

18&U Girls' Stroke - Kono Matsumoto (Victoria) 82, H/cap - Tylah Hodgson (HValley) 84/14/70

The 2nd round at Romsey (Par 72). Players again enjoyed a hearty lunch before they hit-off, in age and handicap based groups. The recent rains had freshened-up the course and the still, warm conditions were perfect for golf. The smaller greens proved challenging to all players however they did hold and were quite true. The round of the day came from Jack Walsh with a 76, other players did not take advantage of the conditions to post a really good score. At the end of the 2nd round clubhouse leaders were; Boys - Callan Stone – 150, Hugh Parks – 152 & Seamus Whelan – 154, Girls – Kono Matsumoto – 165 & Tylah Hodgson – 184. This round was also the 6th Gary Watts Shield, the Romsey Golf Club junior Tournament.



**2012 Gary Watts Shield winners,
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Results Rd 3 - Lancefield Golf Club. Par 72

14&U Boys Stroke – Ryan Ruffles, 76, H/cap – Jordan Smith – 91/20/71

16&U Boys Stroke – Seamus Whelan 80, H/cap Jack Walsh 85/8/77

18&U Boys Stroke – Daniel Wright 74, H/cap Dean vanDenHeuvel 88/17/71

18&U Girls Stroke – Kono Matsumoto 87, Georgia Nankivell 96/21/75

Macedon Ranges Junior Champions (Presented by Macedon Shire Councillor Henryka Benson) – Daniel Wright 229 & Kono Matsumoto 252

Chris Gaunt Cup (Handicap) winners (Presented by Lancefield GC President David Muller)- Kieran Vogels 208 & Georgia Nankivell 228.

David and Anthony closed the event by thanking the event's sponsors, the three golf clubs for allowing the event to be run on their courses, all the kitchen and bar staff who had looked after refreshments, the many volunteers at the clubs who had worked so hard to get the courses into top condition, the parents and friends who had driven the players and finally the players themselves for their hard work, their positive attitudes and efforts on the course and their camaraderie in the clubrooms.

The 2013 MRJT will again be held over the Labour Day long weekend Sat 9th, Sun 10th & Mon March 11th.

Results Rd 2 - Romsey Golf Club.

14&U Boys' Stroke - Callan Stone 79, H/cap - Kieran Vogels 86/16/70

16&U Boys' Stroke - Jack Walsh (HValley) 76, H/cap - Seamus Whelan 81/5/76

18&U Boys' Stroke - Daniel Wright (Romsey) 82, H/cap Dean vanDenHeuvel (Romsey) 96/17/79

18&U Girls' Stroke - Kono Matsumoto 83, Georgia Nankivell (Medway) 99/21/78

Gary Watts Shield Winners - Jack Walsh & Kono Matsumoto

The 3rd round at Lancefield (Par 72) An early start saw players in jumpers and jackets however the day soon warmed up and conditions were again perfect for golf. Groups were score based, tournament leaders, Hugh Parks, Seamus Whelan & Callan Stone had a rough front 9 turning the corner 4 to 6 over however Daniel Wright (155) had played the

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