

LAKE LIDA JUNIOR GOLF TOURNAMENT NEWS

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PETZNICK WINS SECOND LAKE LIDA JUNIOR GOLF TOURNAMENT

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The 23rd Annual Lake Lida Junior Golf Tournament was held August 12th at Lida Greens Golf Course, located on Lake Lida east of Pelican Rapids. This year's event featured the return of last years champions in both age groups along with increased competition – eighteen entrants in the 12 and under flight and fourteen in the 13-17 year-old flight. Following the new format begun last year, flight one players play 9 holes on the front nine, and finish with the 9 holes on the championship course – 5 holes on the front nine, and 4 holes on the back five.

In the first flight, boys 13-17 year old group, Logan Petznick (16) of Pelican Rapids successfully defended his title with an 18-hole score of 78 – 4 off of last year's 74. McHale Korf (15), also of Pelican Rapids, repeated as runner up with an 18-hole score of 79 – bettering last year's score by 2 strokes. Trevor Swonger (14) of Dalton, led after the first round with a score of 36, earning him the Harold White Medalist Award. Trevor finished just 2 strokes of the lead with an 80. There were no 13-17 year-old girls competing this year.

First flight prizes were also awarded for a team Best Ball score over the first 9 holes. Trevor Swonger and Cannan Kugler (16 – Erhard), won the Best Ball with a team score of 35, beating runners-up Logan Petznick and McHale Korf by one stroke. Petznick and Korf tied at 36 with Karter Kopacek (17) of Lake Park and Jack Ford (17) of Hawley, but took second place in a one hole playoff.

In the second flight, 12 and under boys and girls played a team 9-hole scramble. Charlie Solberg (12) and Zach Skarperud (12), both from Fargo, scored a 31 to beat 2016 champs Torger and Sander Ohe (12 and 11, Edina) by 1 stroke. Solberg, with a different teammate, was also last years champion with a score of 31. Charlie's sister, Rose (10), and Josie Brantner (11 – West Fargo) led the girls in flight 2 with a team score of 42.

The Lake Lida Junior Tournament is an annual event of the Lake Lida Junior Golf Club and is held at Lida Greens Golf Course the second Sunday of August each year.

Results: Championship Flight

1	Logan Petznick – Pelican Rapids	78 (38, 40)
2	McHale Korf – Pelican Rapids	79 (38, 41)
3	Trevor Swonger – Dalton	80 (36, 44)
4	Cannan Kugler – Erhard	84 (41, 43)
5	Jack Ford – Hawley	85 (41, 44)
6	Karter Kopacek - Lake Park	92 (41, 51)
7	Noah Kapenga – Detroit Lakes	97 (42, 55)
8	Sam Burkel – Hawley	107 (42, 59)