

Johnson and Knorr Win

2015 Lake Lida Junior Golf Championship

By Dylan Hilber

The twentieth annual Lake Lida Junior Tournament was held on Sunday, August 9th, at Lida Greens Golf Course, located on Lake Lida near Pelican Rapids.

Logan Knorr (17) of Pelican Rapids shot an 80 to take home first place in the boys' championship. For a moment it looked like Joe Stetz (15) of Pelican Rapids, would take home first place after shooting an impressive 38 on the second 9 of the championship competition, but Knorr managed to shoot an even more impressive 37 to win by 1 stroke.

In the girls championship flight it was defending champion, Abby Johnson (16) of Pelican Rapids, who came away with first place after shooting a solid 88, which was also good enough to place her at fourth overall. Following Abby Johnson, in second and third place, was Alex Larson (16) and Sarah Peterson (16), both from Rothsay.

The 13 to 17 age group also featured a nine hole best ball competition with teams of two. First place, with a score of 38, was taken by the team of Henry Hovland (17) of Wilton, Ct and Elliot Hovland (17) of Minneapolis. Second place, with a 40, was taken by Brady Zimmerman (14) of Grand Forks, and Joe Stetz.

Elliot Hovland was also the recipient of the Harold White Medalist Award. The Harold White Medalist award is given to the golfer who shoots the lowest score in the first flight of the tournament, which Elliot did with a 42.



Logan Knorr Receives Champ Trophy from Dave Hilber



Henry and Elliot Hovland with Dave Hilber

The golfers age 12 and younger followed a "scramble" format with teams of two. First place, with a 36, was taken by the duo of Jack Justesen (9) and Cade Peterson (10), both of which hail from Hawley. They were followed closely by the group of Torger and Sander Ohe, of Dinah, who won a playoff for second place after shooting a 39.

The Lake Lida Junior Tournament is an annual event of the Lake Lida Junior Golf Club and is held on the Second Sunday of August each year. This is the 18th year that the Lida Greens Junior Champions have been determined by the tournament. The tournament was founded 20 years ago by Paul Christianson and Carson Solien, 11 years old at the time, who decided that Lake Lida needed a Junior Golf Tournament. This year the two returned to play an Alumni match before the start of the Tournament. Carson came away the victor after shooting an even 30.

CHAMPIONSHIP FLIGHT SCORES

Logan Knorr	80
Joe Stetz	81
Eliot Hovland	85
Brady Zimmerman	90
Logan Petznick	90
Henry Hovland	91

Abby Johnson	88
Alex Larson	103
Sarah Peterson	109



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Jack Justesen (9) and Cade Peterson (10) Won Scramble Team Competition



Logan Knorr launches The Winning Putt