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Twin Creeks Jr. Golf All Star Team represents Texas in the 2016 PGA Jr. League National Championship

Team Texas Competing in 2016 PGA Junior League Golf National Championship at Grayhawk Golf Club in Scottsdale, Arizona, Nov. 19-21

Team of junior golfers from the Cedar Park area one of eight teams vying for national title

CEDAR PARK, Texas – An All-Star team of junior golfers from the Cedar Park area will compete in the 2016 PGA Junior League Golf National Championship at Grayhawk Golf Club in Scottsdale, Arizona, Nov. 19-21.

Team Texas captured the PGA Junior League Golf Southwest Regional Oct. 1-2 to advance to the National Championship, where they will compete against teams from Connecticut, California, Georgia, Ohio, Illinois, New Jersey and Alabama. During the regular season, Team Texas participants played with Twin Creeks Country Club, and they are captained by PGA Apprentice Jeff Ronquillo.



Their road to the national tournament included some very tough opponents. In the first post-season match they played the Austin All Stars which included players from UT Club, Barton Creek Academy, Spanish Oaks, The Hills, First Tee and Balcones. After defeating their Austin opponents, they travelled to Spring, Texas to play San Antonio and North Houston. North Houston proved to be their toughest match, having two US Kids World Champions on their team. With the win over San Antonio and North Houston, they advanced to the Southwest Regional Championship in Las Cruces, New Mexico where they faced off in round robin completion against North Texas, New Mexico and Colorado. In the round robin point system they had a decisive victory over the other teams by scoring 30 out of 36 points in 27 holes.



This year 37,000 kids participated in PGA Jr. League Golf across the U.S. In the PGA Jr. League National Championship, Twin Creeks will represent Texas and face off against Connecticut, California, Alabama, Ohio, Georgia, New Jersey, and Illinois.

The championship will be held in Scottsdale, AZ at Gray Hawk on the infamous Raptor Course November 17th-21st.

“We’re very excited to wrap up another successful 2016 PGA Junior League Golf season with the National Championship at Gray Hawk Golf Club this year,” said PGA President Derek Sprague. “It’s going to

be a fun weekend and a great opportunity to showcase the incredible talent of these boys and girls. Congratulations to Team Texas on their accomplishment!”

At the National Championship, teams compete in East vs. West matches, and utilize a two-person-scramble format. Coaches can substitute players every three holes, so that all team members have the opportunity to participate.

Through PGA Junior League Golf, boys and girls ages 13 and under learn and enjoy the game with instruction and direction from PGA and LPGA Professionals. The kids wear numbered jerseys and play on teams with their friends, as they compete in the popular scramble format that reinforces the team concept and creates a nurturing environment for learning the game. Following the regular season, the 10-player All-Star teams were assembled based on their performance and moved through a series of sub-regional competitions in their areas, with the winners earning a spot at the eight regional competitions.

PGA Junior League Golf has cemented its status as one of the PGA of America’s fastest growing programs, with teams in all 41 PGA Sections and 47 states this year. The program has seen a 300 percent increase in participants over the past three years, expanding from 9,000 kids on 740 teams in 2013 to 36,000 kids on 2,700 teams in 2016.

Superstars Rory McIlroy, Michelle Wie, Rickie Fowler and Lexi Thompson are Official Ambassadors for PGA Junior League Golf.

The Twin Creeks All Stars Team Members:

Charlie Calabretta age 13

David Cates age 12

Johnathan Kim age 11

Morgan Miller age 12

Trent Meirl age 11

Trevor Meirl age 13

Ethan Parker age 12

Clayton Smith age 13

Andrew Tann age 12

Keaton Vo age 12

Coach Jeff Ronquillo