

Local golfer qualifies for National Championship



Aurora's Angelina Chang smashed the MJT Girls 8U qualifier at Sawmill Golf Course on July 3, receiving an invitation to the MJT Mini Tour National Championship in Tsawwassen Springs, B.C. in August.

Chang, only eight years of age, shot a 75 in her qualifier, good for three-over-par. Her score was 24 strokes fewer than runner-up Cassandra Smith (99) of Brampton.

Burlington native Matea Boras finished in third with a score of 102.

"I am so happy about winning, I had some really good chips," Chang said in a statement.

"I am 8. I don't really feel any pressure."

The 8U age group cleared 3,000 yards of golf on the day. Across the board, the girls were given a par 72, while the boys dealt with a par 71 across each age group.

The 8U boys saw Maple-native Derek Zhao also shoot 75 on the day, beating out Scarborough's native Harrison Doucet by two strokes.

"I feel very happy, this is amazing! The highlight was when I putted two birdies. When the game wasn't going as planned, I just took deep breaths and tried to remember what my coach told me," said Zhao.

The Girls 9-10 division, with 4,405 yards of play, saw Burlington resident Mirela Boras shoot 89 to take home first spot, edging out Amanda Zhang by one stroke.

The Boys 9-10 division saw Markham's Bruce Wang take home first spot with a 79.

In the final age range, the Girls 11-12 saw Oakville-native Kaprice Park shoot 73, good for one-over-par. Park achieved the best score of the day out of all contestants.

She beat-out Nobelle Park ? her twin sister ? by two strokes.

In the boys division, Bryce Burrige of London, ON, beat out Justin Chu of North York by two strokes, finishing the day with a 75.

As per MJT, registrations are ongoing, for the MJT Mini Tour Summer Series at Turnberry Golf Club in Brampton. The tournament will take place July 28.

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