



## **Juniors Giving Back**

The State Cup Series, a series of junior-led fundraising tournaments, is a branch of the AJGA's Leadership Links program, which helps develop young men and women by teaching charitable giving skills and service-oriented practices at an early age. This program gives juniors all the tools necessary to donate their time, talent and resources to local charities and the ACE Grant.

- **Rachel Heck of Memphis, Tennessee**
  - Heck will be playing in the Thunderbird International Junior this weekend but is giving back to golf in another way. She is helping host Tennessee Cup from November 2-3, 2019 at The Golf Club of Tennessee with other AJGA members to raise money for St. Jude Children's Research Hospital & The Snedeker Foundation. Heck is verbally committed to Stanford University and is No. 3 in the Rolex AJGA Rankings. Heck is playing in her fourth consecutive Thunderbird International Junior. She finished T2 at the event in 2018 and was runner-up in 2017.
  
- **Michaela Morard of Huntsville, Ala. & Canon Claycomb of Bowling Green, Ky.**
  - Morard is co-hosting the Mason Cup with Canon Claycomb from August 23-25, 2019 at The Club at Olde Stone, Bowling Green, KY to raise money for The Mason Goodnight Foundation. The Mason Cup, part of the AJGA's State Cup Series, is a two-day Ryder Cup-style tournament featuring 22 participants from around the country. Participants will be divided into two teams in a head-to-head competition with each junior responsible for raising at least \$1,000. Both Morard and Claycomb are participating in the Thunderbird International Junior and have accomplished a lot on the golf course. Morard is a six-time AJGA champion and is verbally committed to the University of Alabama. Claycomb is also verbally committed to the University of Alabama and has one AJGA victory. He is also a three-time Rolex Junior All-American.

- **Jackson Van Paris from Pinehurst, North Carolina**
  - Van Paris will be playing in the Thunderbird International this week but is helping his fellow golfers in another way. He will be helping host the Carolina Cup from October 26-27, 2019 at the Pinehurst Resort (No. 2 and No.9) courses with other AJGA members to help raise money for the Nicklaus Children's Healthcare foundation. The Vanderbilt University verbal commit is currently No. 5 in the Rolex AJGA rankings, and has won once already in 2019 at the AJGA Simplify Boys Championship at Carlton Woods. He was also part of the 2017 AJGA Junior All-Star team.
  
- **Gordon Sargent from Birmingham, Alabama**
  - Sargent is going above and beyond in helping his fellow golfers and will be helping host with the Alabama Cup with other AJGA members. The tournament will be held October 26-27, 2019 at Shoal Creek / The Country Club of Birmingham. The tournament will be helping raise money for the Alzheimer's Foundation & College Golf Fellowship. Sargent is verbally committed to Vanderbilt University and is currently No. 13 in the Rolex AJGA rankings. He has two AJGA victories and was a 2018 Second Team Rolex Junior All-American.

## **Top Players to Watch**

### **Yuki Moriyama, (Japan) Las Vegas, Nevada (2020)**

17-year-old, Yuki Moriyama, from (Japan) Las Vegas, Nevada, will be playing in his sixth AJGA event this weekend at the Thunderbird International Junior. The University of Oregon verbal commit already has two top-10 finishes this year. One of the those being a first-place finish at the Hunter Mahan Junior Championship presented by Baylor Scott & White Sports Performance Center at the Star. He is currently No. 70 in the Rolex AJGA rankings, and has four top-10s in his AJGA career.

### **Karl Vilips, (Australia) Wesley Chapel, Fla. (2020)**

This high school junior from (Australia) Wesley Chapel, Florida, will be participating in the Thunderbird International Junior for the third consecutive year. Vilips has finished in the top-10 the last two years in this event. The Stanford University verbal commit has five wins in his AJGA career and is currently No. 1 in the Rolex AJGA rankings. His most recent win was at the 2018 Wyndham Invitational presented by BB&T.

**William Mouw, Chino, Calif. (2019)**

16-year-old, William Mouw from Chino, California, will be participating in the Thunderbird International Junior for his second consecutive year. He finished last year in solo fifth with a three-day total of 209. Mouw has played in one AJGA event in 2019, and he came out victorious at the PING Heather Farr Classic after shooting a final-round 66. He is currently No. 12 in the Rolex AJGA rankings and has signed a National Letter of Intent with Pepperdine University.

**Rose Zhang, Irvine, Calif. (2021)**

Rose Zhang from Irvine, California, will be participating in the Thunderbird International Junior for her second consecutive year. She finished T10 in this event in 2018. Zhang has five wins in her AJGA career and is currently No. 1 in the Rolex AJGA rankings. She won three events in 2018 with her most current victory being at the 2018 PING Invitational. The high school sophomore is already verbally committed to Stanford University.

**Brooke Seay, Rancho Santa Fe, Calif. (2019)**

Brooke Seay of Rancho Santa Fe, California, will be participating in the Thunderbird International Junior for her third consecutive year. Seay finished tied for ninth in 2017 and tied for second in 2018. She has two wins in her AJGA career, with her last one being at the 2017 ANNIKA Invitational. She is currently No. 17 in the Rolex AJGA rankings, and has signed a National Letter of Intent to Stanford University.

**Brianna Navarro, San Diego, Calif. (2020)**

The high school junior from San Diego, California, will be participating in this event for the second consecutive year. She came away with a T10 finish in 2018. Navarro has two AJGA victories under her belt with latest one being this year at the Buick Shanshan Feng AJGA Girls Invitational. She is currently No. 16 in the Rolex AJGA rankings, and is verbally committed to the University of Southern California.