

Press Report—BRJGT Dr. Rob Jones Junior Challenge
Site: Fincastle on the Mountain Bluefield, Virginia
Date: Monday July 8, 2019

The Blue Ridge Junior Golf Tour returned to the site of its roots on Monday July 8 when 73 young golfers took to the links at Fincastle on the Mountain in Bluefield, Virginia. Designed by noted golf architect Dick Wilson, the 18 hole lay-out proved to be challenging but fair. “It’s always a pleasure to return to Fincastle on the Mountain. The site has been greatly instrumental to golf in the two Virginias and especially the Blue Ridge Junior Golf Tour. We have been able to play an event every year of our existence here and are really fortunate to have the kids experience such a fine course.” (Comments from Dewayne Belcher, Director of Tour Operations) The Blue Ridge Junior Tour started in 1999 at the initiative of some members of Fincastle Country Club and then head professional Vic Sorrell.

Here is a summary of the results:

16-18 Age Group Par 70 6579 Yards

Channing Blevins of Wytheville, VA had the round of the day with a 2 under par 68. Blevins, the reigning Class A Virginia State champion, made five straight 3 on holes 4-8 which included three birdies. He made another birdie on hole 11 and cruised to a seven shot victory over high school teammate Daniel Goode of Wytheville, VA. Blevins said “I played smart knowing where I could be aggressive and where I had to be patient. Also, I was able to make many putts inside of 10 feet. I just tried to have fun.” Goode shot 75 to finish 2nd. Ethan Bradford of Saulsville, WV was third in the age group with a score of 78.

14-15 Age Group Par 70 6167 Yards

Jake Albert of Riner, VA won in a play-off over Caleb Leonard of Bristol, VA. Albert was able to make par on the first play-off hole to secure the victory when Leonard’s par attempt skirted the edge of the hole. Both players shot 79 to enter the play-off. Benson Blevins of Wytheville, VA shot 81 to finish 3rd in the age group. McKenzie Weddle of Floyd, VA and Graham Minarik of Radford, VA tied for 4th with scores of 82.

12-13 Age Group Par 70 5878 Yards

Tanner Vest of Shady Springs, WV shot 82 and won the age group by 8 shots. Vest recorded 5 pars and 2 birdies on his way to the win. Jonah Willson of Daniels, WV finished 2nd in the age group with a score of 90. Talan Gentry of Hillsville, VA was third with a score of 94.

10-12 Age Group Par 35 2421 Yards

Grant McCall of Richlands, VA continued his winning ways with a score of 40. McCall has won four consecutive tournaments and each victory has been close, this one by the narrowest of margins, one stroke over Jack Skinner of Blacksburg, VA. Major Ewing of Blacksburg, VA shot 44 to finish 3rd in the age group.

9 and Under Age Group Par 35 1997 Yards

Hudson Hurt of Radford, VA shot 45 and won the age group. Young Hurt always wears a smile and makes the game look surprisingly easy at age 9. Campbell Sayers of Marion, VA was 2nd in the age group with a score of 49. Nolan Hurt of Radford, VA was third with a score of 59.

The Tour returns to action on Monday July 15 at the Great Oaks Country Club in Floyd, VA.