



## Japeri on Tour



During these 3 months our young golfers played in several major events: The Búzios Open, The Brasília Open and The Paraná Open. The results were good and the experiences were very worthwhile. Breno Domingos finished 2nd in the Búzios Open in April, playing well and shooting rounds of 76 and 79. Also in Búzios Matheus Ventura took 1st place in the handicap category with two under par rounds and was able to confirm his position as first in the state junior rankings. Cristian Barcelos finished in 2nd place in Brasília, and Thuane Oliveira finished 5th at the Paraná Open.

## The Faldo South America Series Final

4 of our players took part in the Faldo Series South America Final which was played at the Santa Paziienza Golf Club in São Paulo. The last day of play was cancelled due to bad weather so the results for 36 holes were valid. Breno won a silver medal due to his 2nd place in the boys 19 to 21 years' category and finished 5th place over-all. Thuane took 3rd place in the girls 17 to 21 years and Vitória tied in 4th place in the same category. Matheus did not pass the cut. The overall champion was Herik Machado from Rio Grande do Sul.



**In the rankings:** Thuane Oliveria is currently in 4th place in the national women's rankings due to her recent excellent results.

## The R&A visit Japeri



Kevin Barker and Shona McRae visited Japeri Golfe at the end of April while in Rio for the R&A Rules School. To the delight of all pupils, Instructors and Directors present they brought with them the famous Claret Jug, trophy handed to the champion at The Open. This was the first time that the Claret Jug was brought to Brazil and Japeri Golfe was very honored to be the first club to receive it. Lots of photographs were taken. Kevin and Shona walked the 9 hole course and handed out the medals to the winners of the 9 hole event played by some of our students.

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## Competitions at Japeri



Japeri Golfe has hosted 2 major events so far this year: the VII Japeri Open and the Junior Tour State Championship. Cristian Barcelos was the men's champion at Japeri Open in April while Thuane Oliveira and Francisca Braganza tied for first in the women's. After a one-hole play-off Francisca was declared champion. In June we hosted the Junior Tour State Championship, a 36-hole event valid for state and national junior ranking. The winners were Matheus Ventura from Japeri and Rachel Ventriglia from Itanhangá. Matheus tied with Jack Loughride from Itanhangá and was declared champion after winning the play-off.

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## The Director of the IOC at Japeri

Christophe Dubi, executive secretary of the International Olympic Committee, came to visit Japeri Golf in early June. Christophe played with Michael Whyte and Luis Henrique Leão Teixeira, both Directors of Japeri Golfe, as well as with Cristian Barcelos our ex-pupil who is currently in 2nd place in men's state ranking and 7th in national ranking. Christophe also was able to watch our golfers taking a lesson. Christophe greatly enjoyed his round at Japeri and a fun day was had by all.



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## Thuane and Vitória at the Ladies Gavea Open



The Ladies Gavea Open was played in June over 54 holes, valid for national and world rankings for the first time. Thuane and Vitória alternated leading the championship over the first two days, however at the end Giulia Mallmann from Itanhangá was declared winner. Thuane came in 2nd place and Vitória in 4th. Congratulations to our girls.



**In the News:** the first documentary about Japeri Golfe's golf course and the social project directed by Sergio Horovitz from Proview is now ready. Proview made this documentary "pro-bono" in order to help our project. Japeri Golfe was in the news many times during these 3 months: golf.com, CNN, BBC, Eurosport and G1 from O Globo included Japeri as one of the options for leisure open to the public during Rio 2016. All these and many more can be seen on our YouTube Japeri Golfe or on our new site which will be launched in mid-July at [www.japerigolfe.com.br](http://www.japerigolfe.com.br)

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