



Japeri's First Graduate



Breno Domingos, 18 years old, a resident of Japeri and a participant in our golf school since 2007, was accepted into a private university in Rio de Janeiro where he will study Civil Engineering. Breno has taken part in the Rio Federation's Future of Golf program due to his excellent results in state and national tournaments, and through this program he was awarded a full scholarship at Estacio de Sá University. He is the first graduate from Japeri Golf to go to university.

"It is exciting to think that I am the first to go to university. I want to be an example for the younger ones here. It will not be easy because I will need to fit in studies as well as practice into my days, but I will certainly do my best. I am very grateful for this amazing opportunity and I will not let my instructors or my family down," says Breno.

New Year = New Golf Course

Work on our 3 new holes, which started in September, has finally been completed, and Japeri Golfe now has a 9 hole golf course once again.

Continued sponsorship from the R&A as well as help from the city of Japeri, which lent us the machinery, made this all possible. The opening event will be held in the near future with a fun tournament open to all.

Photos of the new holes shown here.



Excellent results in the local Junior Tour

10 of our best young players took part in the Rio State Junior Tour at Itanhangá in January and 6 of them went home with trophies. Vitoria Araujo Monteiro was the girls champion – this was the first time that Vitoria won a national ranking event. Thuane Oliveira came in 2nd in girls while Rafaela Martins and Rayssa Gomes took 1st and 2nd in the under 15s. Breno took 2nd in boys while our new young player Tiago Ventura won the under 13s.

Japeri in the National Junior Tour



The first months of the year saw a lot of activity for our juniors who participated in the first three national junior events. Breno, Vitoria, Thuane, Matheus Ventura and Tiago Ventura all went to the first tournament at Arujá in São Paulo. Tiago, 12 years old, played away from home for the first time and showed very positive results, while Matheus who broke his arm in September showed that he is completely recovered. Breno came in 7th in boys under 18s while Vitoria took 3rd and Thuane 5th in girls under 18s.

Breno, Thuane and Vitoria all went to Curitiba in Paraná for the second event and to Porto Alegre for the third event of the year. Thuane came in 2nd and Vitoria in 5th in the under 18s while Breno took 10th in boys in Paraná. In Porto Alegre Thuane came in 3rd and Vitoria in 4th in girls under 18s while Breno came in 13th in boys.

With these results, Thuane is in 7th place in girls national ranking, Vitoria in 9th and Breno in 10th in boys.

Japeri needs your help



Japeri Golf's project for fiscal incentives under the Ministry of Sports has been approved for the seventh consecutive time, however due to problems in Brasilia our approval came in late so we did not have the necessary time needed to capture the finances for 2015.

Closing our doors is simply not an option for us. We will continue with our activities but we need your help. The dream of transforming lives through golf remains alive. We are certain that we are on the right track.

The Summer Open

Four of our golfers took part in the Summer Open in February at Teresopolis Golf Club, with some excellent results. Cristian Barcelos placed 2nd in the scratch category and Breno Domingos 4th. With these results, both young men guarantee their 2nd and 3rd places in state adult ranking and Breno continues in 1st in junior ranking. Vitoria Monteiro took 3rd place in ladies scratch and 1st in the handicap category while Thuane Oliveira came in 4th.



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