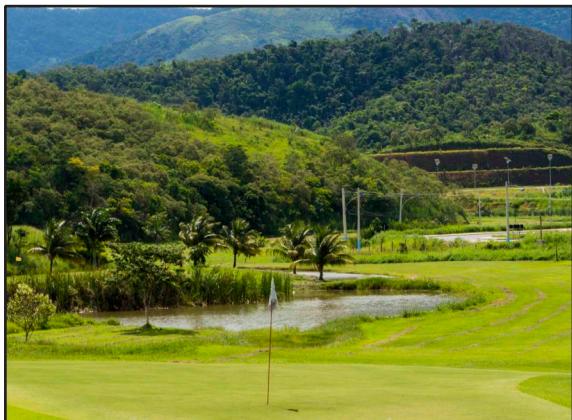




New Golf Course Inaugurated



Saturday June 13th saw the inauguration of our new holes with an 18 hole fun tournament where our young golfers mixed in with golfers from all the clubs in Rio. This was a very important day for everyone involved in the Japeri project. We have been trying to get back to a 9 hole facility since 2011, when we lost 5 holes to the federal highway, and have finally succeeded, due to the help of our many sponsors and especially the R&A. The President of the Rio de Janeiro Golf Federation, Luis Henrique Leão Teixeira, hit the first drive. Japeri Golf was successful to the end with Vitoria Araujo winning the women's category with 78 gross and Breno Domingos beating Leo Kitahara in a play-off after shooting a 73.

Official Course Rating

Nigel Wynn Jones, official course rater for the CBG (Brazilian Golf Confederation) spent a very long day at Japeri in April, and with the help of Colin Foulkes and Ray Tseng measured and rated the Japeri Golf Course. We now are registered in the CBG slope system and all cards can be computed for handicap purposes.



Golf at Maracanã Stadium



15 of our students went to Maracanã Stadium in May for the inauguration of the Rio Street-Golf 2016 project. After a good lunch and a tour of the stadium they were divided into 3 teams and participated in several different fun types of golf in various sections of the stadium, including the stands and soccer pitch. Two of our older students, Cristian and Breno, also participated as Instructors during the events.

Japeri on the Gold Team again

The Future of Golf Program restarted in April, run by the Rio Federation. The best young golfers from each club are selected to participate in weekly workouts and lessons given by Rafael Navarro. Last year 3 of our golfers took part, and this time 6 received the invitations. Breno, Cristian, Thuane, Vitoria, Matheus Ventura and Tiago Ventura are 6 of the 12 representatives of the Rio Federations Future of Golf team. Congratulations.

Cristian Barcelos – champion in Cuiabá



Cristian Barcelos was the champion of the 1st Cuiabá Open which was held at the Terras Selvagens Golf Club in May, valid for national and world rankings. Cristian shot 216 (73/70/73) to beat Sandro Gonçalves by one shot. In 3rd place was Roberto Gomez, fifth in national ranking at that moment. Cristian also won the handicap category.

Futgolf in Japeri

The first official Brazilian Futgolf Tournament was held at Japeri at the end of June, organized by Antão Santor and Japeri Golfe, with the help of the President of the Argentinian Futgolf Association. Over 40 athletes played 18 holes competing in various categories by age, and the champion was Miguel Allou of the senior category with a score of 79. Japeri Golfe will now be open for the practice of Futgolf on Mondays, Saturdays, Sundays and holidays after 12pm. The prices will be very reasonable and the balls may be rented.

Success at the Rio Open

June saw the Rio State Open at Buzios Golf Club, valid for national and world rankings. Breno Domingos, Cristian Barcelos, Thuane Oliveira and Vitoria Araujo participated and returned with good results. 7 of the 10 top ranked players were there, as well as representatives from several other countries. Thuane finished in 3rd place in ladies scratch, which is her best result so far and she won the handicap category also. Vitoria took 7th in ladies scratch and 2nd in handicap. Breno finished in 11th place in men's scratch, which is very good considering the strong field.



State Ranking

Half way through the golfing year and Japeri is doing very well in the rankings:

Breno Domingos: 1st in junior ranking and 3rd in men's adult.

Matheus Ventura: 8th in junior ranking.

Cristian Barcelos: 2nd in men's adult ranking.

Thuane Oliveira: 1st in girls and 2nd in women's adult rankings.

Vitoria Araujo: 2nd in girls and 7th in women's state rankings.

Highlights of the trimester

Several of our students are reaping the benefits of their positions in state rankings, representing the Rio Federation in away tournaments. Breno, Cristian and Thuane went to the Brasilia Open in April, Cristian went to the Paraná Open also in April and Breno, Vitoria and Thuane participated in the Faldo Series South America Final in May.

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