



Charity Dinner in support of Japeri Golfe



A charity dinner, organized by Anna Whyte, Francisca Bragança and Michael Whyte, was held at Gavea Golf Club on November 17th to raise funds for the Japeri Project. 228 people enjoyed a spectacular dinner prepared by top chef Laura Pederneiras, along with a variety of musical presentations. The evening started with a presentation by the social project ASM (Social Music Association) playing cellos and standup bass and continued with a special performance by top pianist Linda Bustani, accompanied by David Chew (cello), Michael Bessler (violin) and Bernardo Fantini (viola) all top soloists of the Brazilian Symphonic Orchestra. After the musical presentations there was a very lively auction of art and golf pieces, including a caricature of top Brazilian golfer Mario Gonzalez, hand painted crystal glasses by Mercedes Bragança and 4 days of golf in St Andrews. The evening closed with the drawing of the raffle prizes.

Japeri Golfe is extremely thankful for all the help and support given for this event.



VIII Zumbi Trophy

The VIII traditional Zumbi Trophy was played at Japeri on November 20th with golfers from all the clubs in Rio and some from other states, as well as some of our young golfers from Japeri Golfe. Breno Domingos (from Japeri Golfe) with Maria Francisca de Orleans e Bragança (Lady Captain from Gavea Golf) won the first prize with 70 as their Better Ball. All the players received shirts and caps from Azeite 1492 who sponsored the event, and who also offered the prizes and a barbecue lunch. Our thanks to our Head Instructor Jair Medeiros for organizing the event.



Thuane Oliveira guarantees her Government Funding for 2016

The last National Junior Tour for 2015 took place from 20 to 22 November at Graciosa Golf Club in Curitiba. Thuane Oliveira took third place overall and second in 16 to 18 years' category. With this result Thuane finishes the year in 2nd place in Brazilian National Junior Ranking, and was able to guarantee her government funds for 2016.

Japeri at the Itanhangá Open

From 10 to 12 of October our students Breno Domingos, Cristian Barcelos and Matheus Ventura took part in the Itanhangá Open, valid for state, national and world rankings. The champion was Juan Alvarez from Uruguay who has been a Professional golfer and now is back to amateur. Cristian played well and finished in 10th place with scores of 77, 73 and 79, and Breno took the prize of best junior golfer.

Best Golfers of the Year



The Rio de Janeiro Golf Federation held an event for the Best Golfers of the Year, on December 4th, to show support for the best players of the year in state ranking. Our students from Japeri Golfe were awarded 5 prizes in 4 categories: 2nd place in men's ranking (Cristian Barcelos), 1st place in junior ranking (Breno Domingos), 1st place in girls ranking (Thuane Oliveira), 2nd place in ladies ranking (Thuane) and 2nd place in girls' junior ranking (Vitoria Monteiro).

Final Rankings for 2015

State:

- **Cristian Barcelos:** 2nd place in adult category.
- **Breno Domingos:** 1st place in juniors and 3rd in adult.
- **Matheus Ventura:** 4th in the juniors.
- **Tiago Ventura:** 1st in the under 15 year olds.
- **Thuane Oliveira:** 1st in junior and 2nd in ladies' rankings.
- **Vitória Araújo:** 2nd in juniors and 4th in ladies.

National:

- **Thuane Oliveira:** 2nd in juniors and 6th in ladies' rankings.
- **Vitória Araújo:** 3rd in juniors.
- **Breno Domingos:** 13th in men's rankings.
- **Cristian Barcelos:** 13th in juniors.

Christmas Party

Our traditional Christmas party took place last Saturday December 12th, with Santa Claus handing out presents to all the children, fun and games and the usual snack with sandwiches, hotdogs, fruit, ice-cream, popcorn and juice for all. Close to 200 people came to the party and enjoyed the day. Thuane organized a volley ball competition with 6 teams of 4 players and medals were awarded to the winning team. A great day was had by all.

Photos of the Christmas party follow!

Thanks

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Vicky Whyte, AGPJ President

