



## A strong start to the year in national Junior Tournaments

Japeri Golf has sent players to the first three National Junior Tour events of 2014. The opening event of the year was in Curitiba in January and six representatives from Japeri took part, with a strong finish from Victoria Monteiro in 4th place in the under 15 year's category and Anderson Nunes who placed 10th overall. Twelve golfers from Japeri went to the second event, in Rio. This was the largest group from any club in Brazil. Despite the tremendous heat we had some good results: Breno Domingos finished in 4th overall only one stroke back from the triple tie between Homero Toledo, Pedro Nagayama and Antonio Douat. Yago Lopes, a beginner in the 12 to 13 years category played well and finished in 7th place, Rafaela Martins came in 2nd in the 12 to 13 girls in the first time she has ever left Japeri, and Thuane Oliveira and Vitoria Monteiro both finished in 5th in their categories. Breno, Anderson, Vitória and Thuane went to the third event of the year in Porto Alegre, where Anderson came in 6th place overall.



## Golf For Life

Our Head Pro, Tiago Silva, is also a coach in the R&A sponsored "Golfe for Life" project. He coaches Physical Education Instructors to learn to teach golf to the young at public and municipal schools. Our 3 R&A funded coaches all passed the course and are now fully qualified to teach golf to juniors.

## Good Results in the Summer Open

The Summer Open was held in Teresópolis in February, valid for state rankings, and Japeri took part with 6 players, with some very good results.

Boys: Anderson Nunes finished in 2nd place overall and in 1st among the juniors, while Cristian Barcelos and Breno Domingos finished in 4th and 5th respectively in the scratch category.

Girls: Vitoria finished in 5th in women's scratch and in 2nd amongst the juniors and in the handicap category while Isabella Sales took first place in the handicap category. Kely Simone, an ex-student of ours, also took part and came in 3rd place in the handicap category.



## Japeri in the Rio state Gold Team

Cristian Barcelos, Anderson Nunes and Breno Domingos from Japeri have been invited to take part in the new "The Future of Golf" project developed by the Rio State Federation. The project offers the infrastructure and conditions for the best 12 amateur golfers of the state to take part in a multi-disciplinary project, which includes a psychologist, a nutritionist, physiotherapy, gymnastics, as well as golf lessons with Rafael Navarro, one of Brazil's best teaching pros. Congratulations.



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## National and State Rankings

The 2014 season has just started and The Japeri Project is already showing good results: Nine of our students are well placed on national and state rankings: Anderson Nunes, Cristian Barcelos, Breno Domingos, Thuane Oliveira, Vitória Monteiro, Rafaela Martins, Yago Lopes, Matheus Ventura and José Silva.



## Cristian Barcelos plays for Brazil in Chile

Cristian Barcelos was invited by the CBG to represent Brazil in two tournaments in Chile, both valid for world amateur ranking, along with Daniel Ishii sponsored by the Brazilian Olympic Committee. They travelled to Chile on January 12th to play in the XXII Campeonato Abierto Internacional de Marbella and then went on to the 62nd Abierto Internacional de Rocas de Santo Domingo. They both came back with good results and moved upwards on the world amateur rankings.

## Tiago Silva's work is recognized by the CBG

Our Head Pro, Tiago Silva, who is responsible for the coaching of the juniors, was invited by the Confederação Brasileira de Golfe (CBG) to be Regional Coach for the state of Rio de Janeiro within the Golf For Life project sponsored by the R&A. Tiago will be in charge of lessons and clinics for the top athletes, clinics for beginners, identifying and working with new talents as well as accompanying the players during tournaments outside of Rio. Tiago will not abandon Japeri, he will continue to work with the top ranked players twice a week.



## In The News

The press results for 2013 were quite impressive. We had a total of 149 articles, of which 16 in newspapers and magazines and 11 in radio or TV programs, with the highlight of the interview with the President of Japeri Golf published in a full page in O Globo, a prominent national newspaper. In 2014 the project has already been in the news: so far 20 articles, as well as appearances in Globo TV, SportTV and TV Brasil.

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