



Japeri Golf News july to september 2014

The new golf course



Work started at the beginning of September on the re-building of our golf course. We already have 6 good holes, and we are now constructing 3 more so that we can return to having an official 9 hole golf course. This would not have been possible without the continued financial support of the R&A, who have always believed in the social as well as sporting importance of our project. We also are very grateful for the generous donation made by DOOSAN, in honor of the lives lost by the Korean young in The Sewol ferryboat accident.

Fabio Silva (Head Agronomist and greenskeeper from Gavea Golf) is in charge of the design and construction of the new holes. Fabio graduated from the Federal Rural University of the state of Rio de Janeiro, did a postgraduate degree at the Federal University of Viçosa, and has many courses and specializations from the USA, as well as 19 years of practical experience on the golf course. Fabio explained that along with the 3 new holes we will have a lake next to the 2nd green for irrigation. The fairways will have a native grass, which is easy to maintain, and the greens will have Tifton 328. We are looking at 90 days of work and hope to inaugurate the new golf course in early 2015.

End of the Trash Dump

August saw the official end of the Japeri Garbage Dump situated very close to Japeri Golf Course. The dump used to receive approximately 130,000 tons of residential and commercial garbage daily, which led to large numbers of flies and vultures as well as bad smells. The environmental secretary of Japeri guarantees that no more garbage will be dumped there, and the area has already been covered by earth.

Good results in the Hills

Some of our young took part in the Petropolis Golf Club Open in the beginning of July, valid for state ranking. The first day did not see very good results but Breno Domingos recovered from a slow start to shoot a 73 on Sunday and come in second place in scratch. Anderson Nunes and Cristian Barcelos also participated.

September saw the Teresópolis Open, at our other 9 hole course up in the hills of Rio, also valid for state ranking. Japeri sent 5 players and all did very well. Cristian Barcelos was the champion, playing a one under par 71 on the last day to recover from 3rd place. Breno finished 4th in the scratch category and 2nd in the handicap category. Matheus Ventura played extremely well in his first ever adult event and came in 1st in his handicap category. The girls also came home with good results: Thuane Oliveira came 3rd in ladies scratch and Vitoria Monteiro 2nd in ladies handicap.



Matheus Ventura
and Tacashi Ishii

Highlights of the trimester



Japeri Golf students took part in several events during the trimester. The first, in July, was the National Junior Tour at Gavea where Thuane won the girls overall and Breno came in 2nd in the boys. In August, Thuane played the Ladies Gavea Open and finished in 3rd scratch, while Cristian was the champion of the state Match Play Tournament played at Itanhangá Golf Club. Over the course of 3 days of 36 holes per day, Cristian did not lose or tie one single match. This is the first time that a player from a club other than Gavea or Itanhangá wins the Match Play.

Three of our players were invited to take part in the Rio Team for the Interstate Match Play Championship, played in Curitiba in September. Breno, Cristian and Thuane had a wonderful time and the Rio teams finished in 2nd place.



Christmas Party: Our traditional Christmas party will be held on Saturday 13th December, and we are accepting donations and toys for this special day. It is always a fun day, with a very large part of the community taking part, so all help is welcome.

Athletic Grants for the girls

Once again some of our students have been awarded athletic grants from the Sports Ministry due to their very good results in 2013. Thuane and Vitoria will be receiving R\$900,00 each per month during 12 months, which should be used for equipment, travel and training. Both started their golfing career in 2007.



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