



***Maple Leaf Junior Golf Tour awards additional \$4,000 in scholarships;  
MJT Cleveland Golf Players of the Year announced***

**For Immediate Release - Vancouver, BC - (November 2, 2011)** - The Boston Pizza-presented Maple Leaf Junior Golf Tour (MJT), Canada's only national junior tour run exclusively by PGA of Canada Professionals and the 'Road to College Golf' for aspiring young players, is pleased to announce that several young golfers on the program are to benefit from additional scholarships and awards over and above the \$12,000 distributed this year so far.

The annual \$1000 MJT Cleveland Golf Canada Scholarship goes to **Jehremy Ryde, 18, of Eston, Saskatchewan**, a junior member at Elmwood Golf Club in Swift Current. Ryde, who is currently studying commerce at the University of Saskatchewan's Edwards School of Business, is a top candidate for the award with well-rounded accomplishments in golf, academics, the community and farm work. "I have enjoyed being a MJT member for the last six years, which has provided me with great friends and memories," he said.

Joint runner-up scholarships were awarded to **Jessica Claggett, 16, of Kelowna**, and **Matt Williams, 15, of Calgary**. Claggett, who is a junior member of Two Eagles Golf Course, commented, "I am honored to be a joint runner-up of the Cleveland Golf Canada Scholarship. All my life I have imagined playing golf at the university level. Now, because of the generosity of this scholarship and the opportunities it will provide, my dreams of pursuing golf are one step closer to becoming a reality. I am so, so thankful!" Williams, who plays out of Pinebrook Golf and Country Club, said, "Thank you for the great news - I am honored to have been selected as a joint runner-up for the MJT Cleveland Golf Canada Scholarship. I appreciate the efforts of the MJT to assist me in achieving my college golf ambitions. I am looking forward to the 2012 season and all the opportunities that MJT offers to qualify for international events."

The MJT also recognized several other applicants, including Jared du Toit, 16, of Kimberly, BC, David French, 16, of Camlachie, Ontario, Scott Mazur, 18, of Winnipeg, Manitoba, Connor O'Reilly, 19, of Edmonton, Alberta, Jesse Teron, 17, of Red Deer, Alberta, Colin Wang, 16, of Vancouver, BC, and Matthew Douglas, 13, of Regina, Saskatchewan, who will

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each receive funds courtesy of the Wyndham Hotel Group, official host hotels of the Maple Leaf Junior Golf Tour, via a percentage of proceeds from members' hotel stays.

Regarding the **2011 MJT Cleveland Golf Players of the Year**, four juniors were recognized based on their scoring averages in a required minimum number of MJT tournaments in their respective age group across the country.

The Boys 13 and under MJT Cleveland Golf Player of the Year is **Roy Kang** of North Vancouver, British Columbia, a junior member at Pitt Meadows Golf Club. Boys 14-16 MJT Cleveland Golf Player of the Year is **Matt Williams** of Calgary, Alberta, who has enjoyed a stellar year of junior golf on the MJT. **Jerry Christiansen** of Saskatoon, Saskatchewan, a MJT veteran and top performer, is the MJT Cleveland Golf Player of the Year for Boys 17-19 across Canada. Christiansen is currently attempting to qualify for the Canadian Tour at the Desert Dunes Classic in Palm Springs, CA, USA. The national Girls Player of the Year title goes to **Alix Kong** of Pitt Meadows, British Columbia, who has competed on the MJT for the past seven years. Each player receives equipment from Cleveland Golf, one of the founding sponsors of the MJT.

The MJT is proud to play a role in developing Canadian champions – in golf and in life – and offers 60 events across Canada, including free introductory clinics, high-level single and multi-day tournaments, international qualifiers and more. For more information on the MJT, which is now entering its 14<sup>th</sup> season, please visit [www.maplejt.com](http://www.maplejt.com). For more information on Cleveland Golf please visit [www.clevelandgolf.com](http://www.clevelandgolf.com).

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#### **About the MJT:**

The non-profit Maple Leaf Junior Golf Tour presented by Boston Pizza is Canada's premier and only national junior tour run exclusively by Canadian PGA Professionals and the 'Road to College Golf' for aspiring young players. The organization hosts more than 60 events across Canada, including free Ford Go Golf Junior Clinics, the MJT Mini Tour for 7-13 year olds, and multi-day events for competitive players which also qualify juniors for international competitions. The MJT offers annual awards, scholarships, and frequent player incentives to help reward player's performance and participation throughout each season. MJT alumni include many Professional Tour players and Canadian PGA Professionals, as well as Canadian Amateur, National and Provincial Junior Champions. The MJT aims to develop champions, in golf and in life, promoting the game from grassroots through to provincial, national, university and professional level. For more information please visit [www.maplejt.com](http://www.maplejt.com).

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