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Canadian records hole-in-one at major tournament for MJT Team Canada in Australia

Vancouver, BC - (October 5, 2018) — Maple Leaf Junior Golf Tour members recently wrapped up MJT Team Canada's 11th consecutive appearance in the Jack Newton International Junior Classic at Cypress Lakes Golf and Country Club in Hunter Valley, NSW, Australia, October 1 to 5, 2018, a tournament billed as the 'largest junior golf event in the Southern Hemisphere' with almost 400 players travelling from around the world to take part.

The four-day competition was highlighted by a hole-in-one by Canada's Kaiden Nicholson, 17, of Edmonton, AB, recorded on the fifth hole during the second round. One of the rarest feats in golf propelled Nicholson to low Canadian honours at the event finishing with rounds of 79, 74, 79, 80 (312), and a t-45 finish. Weather wrecked havoc on the players all week, especially during the third round where the golf course took 12 straight hours of wind and rain. The other Canadian boys in the field were Graem Costigan, 15, of Cambridge, ON, who finished at 316 (78, 74, 82, 82) and Neel Soni, 16, of Winnipeg, MB, who finished at 324 (78, 75, 90, 81).

In the Girls division, the Canadian contingent of Stephanie Chelack, 16, of Calgary, AB, and Bo Brown, 14, of Mississauga, ON, fared well in difficult conditions against some the best golfers south of the equator. Chelack shot rounds of 80, 90, 79, 84 (333), finishing alone in 42nd position, and Brown was 17 shots back of Chelack at 350 (90, 82, 90, 88).

The overall individual winners were Hayden Hopewell of Western Australia (68, 72, 73, 70=283) in the Boys Division, and Kathryn Norris, also of WA, in the Girls Division (71, 69, 71, 71=282).

This international travel opportunity was enhanced by support from MJT Premier partners, **TuGo** and **adidas Canada**. TuGo also supports MJT programs via a partnership where MJT receives 10% back from every <u>travel insurance policy</u> sold.

Final scores and highlights can be seen at http://www.jnjg.com.au/. For more information on the Boston Pizza-presented Maple Leaf Junior Golf Tour, please visit www.maplejt.com.

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About the MJT: The non-profit Maple Leaf Junior Golf Tour presented by Boston Pizza is Canada's number one-played Junior Golf Tour as well as the only national junior tour run exclusively by PGA of Canada Professionals and the 'Road to College Golf' in Canada. The organization is presented nationally by Boston Pizza and supported by valued Premier, Tournament and Product Partners. The MJT hosts more than 70 events across Canada, including free Ford Go Golf Junior Clinics, the MJT Mini Tour for 7-12 year olds, the Collegiate Tour for 19-23 year olds, and multi-day events for competitive players aged 11 to 18 which are also qualifiers for international competitions. The program 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 PGA of Canada 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 on the Maple Leaf Junior Golf Tour, please visit www.maplejt.com

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