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## **Eight countries and over 370 competitors in major tournament for MJT Team Canada down under**

**Vancouver, BC – October 11, 2017** – The Maple Leaf Junior Tour sent a team of juniors to represent Canada in the **Jack Newton International Junior Classic** at Cypress Lakes Golf and Country Club in Hunter Valley, NSW, Australia, October 2 to 6, 2017, a tournament billed as the ‘largest junior golf event in the Southern Hemisphere’ with competitors from several countries taking part.

The Canadian team members, sponsored by MJT Official International Events Partner, TuGo, qualified across the country on the Maple Leaf Junior Golf Tour this season, and included **Ranen Oomen-Danckert**, (Mono, ON) **Jacob Kydd**, (Regina, SK), **Josh Nagy**, (Saskatoon, SK), **Sydney Scraba**, (Calgary, AB) and **Sukriti Harjai**, (Niagara Falls, ON). They were led by non-playing captain **Jeff Chambers**, of Swift Current, SK, a former PGA of Canada Junior Leader of the Year.

Chambers, who was on his fourth trip to Australia for this particular tournament, commented, “The team I took were truly one to be proud of as their actions on and off the golf course were second to none. They worked hard, followed rules, and spent their time as a team and I couldn’t have asked for more. The different grasses greenside presented the biggest issue for players as up-and-downs were difficult and until you experience it and learn to chip differently, it’s a tough transition and can break the players down mentally. It’s not easy representing your Country and I’m confident the players have grown enormously from this experience. They all were amazing to work and travel with!”

The event featured over 370 juniors participating; Sydney Scraba was the top-placed Canadian in 50<sup>th</sup> spot and Sukriti Harjai placing a tie for 51<sup>st</sup>. The overall winners were Grace Kim of NSW with a four round total 68-67-70-72 (277) for the Girls Division and Louis Dobbelaar of Queensland for the Boys Division with scores of 72-68-69-74 (283).

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This is the tenth consecutive appearance for MJT Team Canada in the event which also had competitors from New Zealand, Japan, Malaysia, New Caledonia, South Africa, the USA, and all across Australia including Tasmania, taking part. Final scores and highlights can be seen at <http://www.jnig.com.au/>. For more information on the Boston Pizza-presented Maple Leaf Junior Golf Tour, please visit [www.maplejt.com](http://www.maplejt.com).

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