



## **Maple Leaf Junior Golf Tour to partner with SRIXON PGA of BC Tour**

**VANCOUVER, B.C. – (March 8, 2013)** - The Boston Pizza-presented Maple Leaf Junior Golf Tour (MJT), Canada's most-played junior tour run exclusively by PGA of Canada Professionals and the 'Road to College Golf', is pleased to announce a partnership with the SRIXON PGA of BC Tour, the competitive tournament circuit for the Lower Mainland PGA of BC Professionals.

"Our program's mandate is to develop champions, in golf and in life, promoting the game from grassroots through to provincial, national, university and professional level," said Murray Poje, PGA Professional and Executive Director of the Maple Leaf Junior Golf Tour. "All of the members of the SRIXON PGA of BC Tour teach or mentor junior golfers, and many of their members are also MJT alumni. In addition, SRIXON is a major national sponsor of the MJT, so there is synergy there. It would be great to build on this initiative with other provincial PGA programs across the country."

The Maple Leaf Junior Golf Tour already has a relationship with the provincial PGA of Canada associations via the MJT-PGA of Canada Zone Junior Championship Series, which were initiated in 2002 and feature a high-level competitive junior tournament in BC, Alberta, Saskatchewan, Manitoba, Ontario and Atlantic Canada.

Ashley Zibrik, Commissioner of the SRIXON PGA of BC Tour and a MJT alumnus herself, said, "The Maple Leaf Junior Golf Tour is a very successful program that has operated for 14 years, developing our next generation of golfers, so we are thrilled to have their sponsorship and support. Our members teach junior golf, they can help provide part-time work experience for young golfers, and they can mentor future Professional Tour players."

The SRIXON PGA of BC Tour's schedule of 12 tournaments, which can be seen online at [www.srixonpgaofbctour.com](http://www.srixonpgaofbctour.com), commences April 8<sup>th</sup> at Marine Drive Golf Club in Vancouver. A national schedule of 60 events on the Maple Leaf Junior Golf Tour tees off this Spring Break March 16<sup>th</sup> through 18<sup>th</sup> on Mayfair Lakes and then Vancouver Golf Club in the lower mainland; details can be found online at [www.maplejt.com](http://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 premier and only national junior tour run exclusively by PGA of Canada 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 7-12 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.

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