



***Maple Leaf Junior Golf Tour awards over \$50,000 to Junior Golfers in 2012;
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For Immediate Release - Vancouver, BC - (November 8, 2012) - 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', is pleased to announce that over \$50,000 has been distributed to young golfers in scholarships and international event funding in 2012, and that the program is now the biggest junior tour in Canada with the largest field sizes for competitive multi-day tournaments in the country.

Players on the program who are to benefit from scholarships, funding and awards this month alone include Brianna Carrels of Lethbridge, AB, who is the winner of a \$1,500 **MJT Cleveland Golf Canada Scholarship** based on her outstanding achievements in academics and well-rounded resume in golf and a variety of other sports together with extra-curricular undertakings. Carrels, who would like to pursue a degree in biomedical engineering, wishes to pursue her goal of receiving a great education while playing on a Division 1 golf team.

Joint runner-up scholarships of \$1,000 each go to three other excellent candidates: **Scott McNichol** of Calgary, AB, **Matt Williams**, also of Calgary, and **Jared du Toit** of Kimberley, BC. Many scholarships of \$500 and \$400 are assisting the following players: Truman Tai of Markham, ON, Haley Kruse of Victoria, BC, Carolyn Lee of Calgary, Stefanie Lasuik of Warren, MB, Brayden Brown of Calgary, Matt Chiasson of Cambridge, ON, Chris Crisologo of Richmond, BC, Geoff Fry of Calgary, Madison Kapchinsky of Kelowna, BC, Jesse Teron of Red Deer, AB, Dana Todd of Winnipeg, MB, Matt Clark of Edmonton, AB, and Jonathon Collins of Fergus, ON.

The MJT is also distributing \$10,000 among MJT Cleveland Golf Order of Merit winners representing their respective provinces in the interprovincial team competition at the MJT Boston Pizza National Tour Championship in Phoenix, Arizona, on November 16-18, 2012. The recipients in British Columbia are Mitchell Thiessen of Chilliwack, Marcus Brown of Surrey, Victor Baptiste of Oliver, and Alisha Lau of Richmond. In Alberta, the recipients are Michael Valk of Medicine Hat, Derek Roach of Calgary, Brayden Brown of Calgary, and Gina Kowalchuk of Lethbridge. Saskatchewan recipients are Noah

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Kozack of Regina, Kade Johnson of Yorkton, Leighton Bearchell of Saskatoon, and Erykah Pool of Swift Current. Manitoba recipients are Brendan Kesterke of Headingley, Travis Fredborg of Selkirk, Brett Zdebiak of Gimli, and Veronica Vetesnik of Winnipeg. In Ontario the winners are Tyler Nagano of Toronto, Joel Albany of Georgetown, Rhys Davies of Waterloo, and Madison Easterbrook of Burlington.

International event funding has been allocated to dozens of players this year who qualified via MJT tournaments to compete in various high-level events including the Callaway Junior World Championships in San Diego, CA, and the Srixon International Junior Classic in NSW, Australia. The MJT also provided \$5,000 for 2012 PGA Tour School to alumnus Nick Taylor of Abbotsford, BC.

Regarding the **2012 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 Player of the Year is Jae Wook Lee (72.3) of Langley, BC, a junior member at Redwoods Golf Club. Boys 14-16 MJT Player of the Year is Travis Fredborg (72.4) of Selkirk, MB, who has enjoyed a stellar year of junior golf on the MJT. Jared du Toit (70.5) of Kimberley, BC, who represented Canada and the MJT at the Callaway Junior World Championship this past July, is the Player of the Year for Boys 17-19 across Canada. The national Girls Player of the Year title goes to Keanna Mason (76.7) of Maple Ridge, BC, 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.

Last week, the MJT also announced the 2012 recipient of the Maple Leaf Junior Golf Tour's Play Collegiate Golf Award, who is Brooke Hill, a Grade 11 student at Leboldus High School in Regina, Saskatchewan, who receives \$1,500 in consulting services for golf scholarship procurement.

The MJT offers 60 events across Canada, including free introductory clinics, high-level single and multi-day tournaments, international qualifiers and more. Premier Sponsors of the MJT include Boston Pizza, Cleveland Golf, Srixon, Mr. Lube, Golf Town, Ford and Travel Underwriters; the program is also supported by many valued Tournament and Product Sponsors, and 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 please visit www.maplejt.com.

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