#### **Introduction to Player Progression Flow Charts**

As youth players advance from elementary school through middle school into high school with an eye and heart on collegiate golf, the IRGF recommends a pattern of progression from one phase to the next. You are encouraged to endorse and follow this plan. This is illustrated within the following FLOW CHARTS for each phase of Player Development.

#### **Scholarships - IRGF Entry Level & Advancing Players**

Entry Fee scholarships are available on an as-need basis for any player participating in IRGF events. All that is required is a telephone call, text or e-mail message of inquiry and expressing need. Following this discussion, the IRGF will determine the amount of the scholarship.

In all IRGF events, siblings pay ½ of the regular price of the activity.

#### Scholarships – Higher Level Tournaments Beyond the IRGF

Entry Fee and Travel Expense scholarships are available for players participating in high level tournaments beyond the IRGF. These amount up to \$600 per year and paid in increments up to \$200 per tournament. See the following for details.

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#### **LPGA\*USGA Girls Golf – Treasure Coast Chapter**

LPGA Professional Melanie Mark - Site Director

The LPGA\*USGA – Treasure Coast Chapter is operated under the umbrella of the Indian River Golf Foundation and conducts 6 events per year. The following is a sample of these events:

September Challenge the Pro/Putt for Dough Golf Skills Experience

....then GO PLAY 9 or 6 holes

November Turkey Trot Golf Tournament – in conjunction with the Atlantic

Junior Golf Tour – Turkey Shoot

18 – 9 – 6 Hole Divisions

January Annual Alma Lee Loy TEAM Challenge

Adult Tournament serving as a fundraiser for Girls Golf

Golf Shot Exhibition for Girl Golfers

March Introduction to DRIVE – CHIP – PUTT

Preparing for Local Qualifying Advancing to National Competition

June Introduction to U.S. Women's Open Theme

Players experience on-course situations made famous

July Annual LPGA\*USGA Girls Golf TEAM Challenge

18 - 9 - 6 Hole Divisions

Note: Follow the IRGF Calendar of Events for other golf tournaments available.

The Indian River Golf Foundation (IRGF Player's Club) partners with the **Treasure Coast Junior Golf Tour** to conduct two annual tournament programs.

**Spring TEAM Scramble Series** – Register individually (boys and girls) paired in 9 Hole TEAM SCRAMBLE competitions conducted on Saturdays in April & May. These are designed to provide tournament experience to those still new to the game. See IRGF Calendar of Events for dates and times. Registration through Sandridge Golf Club.

**Summer INDIVIDUAL Stroke Play Series** – Register individually and play as an individual in one of three divisions all played in July.

18 Hole – 9 Hole – 6 Hole Boys & Girls Divisions

These tournaments are designed to provide tournament experiences for advancing players including those with aspirations of playing on Middle School – High School – Collegiate Golf teams. See IRGF Calendar of Events for dates. Registration through Sandridge Golf Club.

#### IRGF Offers Introduction to DRIVE – CHIP – PUTT

Each year the PGA of America conducts Local & Regional qualifying for the National DRIVE – CHIP – PUTT Championship conducted at Augusta National Golf Club (Home of the Masters Golf Tournament).

In preparation for Local qualifying, the IRGF conducts an Introduction to DRIVE – CHIP – PUTT at area golf facilities. See the IRGF Calendar of Events for dates, times and host golf facility).

Beginnings Poem (see next page)

# Beginning by Warren Hanson

This is the Beginning...
This is where it all will start,
on the Wings of some new Spirit with the Beat of some new Heart.
Every morning brings a Promise,
Every day has Gifts to give,
But Today...right now...This Minute....
is when I begin to Live.

And the air that I am breathing is the breeze of what could be, as I stand here looking out on all the things that could be Me. And the road that goes before me, leading somewhere out of sight, is a brand new Opportunity for me to get it Right.

This is the Beginning.

This is Once Upon a Time....

There are dragons to be vanquished! There are castle walls to climb!

But this story isn't written yet.

I'm only at page One.
The Adventure that's awaiting me has only just Begun.
There are Mysteries and Treasurers.
There are daring deeds to do!

And if I speak the secret word, then all my Wishes will come true.

That Magic Word has powers that can make the heavens spin.

But it really is not Secret that the password is......"Begin!"

Oh the possibilities is this Beginning I have made!

I am Ready!.... but reluctant.

I am Excited!.... but afraid.

Afraid that starting something New leaves something Old behind.

Afraid that what I seek is something I may Never find.

Or, if I Find it, that it won't be what I want at all.

That what I've left Behind is what I needed after all.

Beginning can be bittersweet, and hard to comprehend. It can mean that some sweet, precious part of life is at an End. And the Heart can feel so Hollow when it has to say Good-bye that the thought of starting Over is too Hard to even try. But when I reach the End, when all my days are nearly through, I will Not want to look back on all the things I Didn't do. Nor regret the Joys and Passions of the me that Might have been, if only I had found the simple Courage to Begin.

So......This is the Beginning....

My Beginning.

My Rebirth.

I Awaken to the Wonder of what I am Really worth.

It is a Springtime for the Spirit, and it's Giving me a Choice.

So I choose to Use this season as a reason to Rejoice!

I lift my voice in Sweet thanksgiving, singing Loud....and not alone.

A host of Harmonies accompanies my song of the unknown.

Loving Friends and willing Strangers, with their voices joining in, create a chorus of Encouragement that begs me to Begin.

And the end?.....

It's out there, Somewhere, farther than the heart can see.

And the Power that will take me there is Here, inside of me.

Though there is no way I can know how many trials I'll endure,
nor the Joys that I may find,
there is One thing I know for sure.....

This is the Beginning......

**Introduction: Symetra Pro-Am** 

## A Special Invitation to A Unique Golf Experience Annual Symetra Pro-Am

We are excited to announce the continued growth of the Symetra Pro-Am. This notice serves as your invitation. The Format of Play has been so well received we are offering it again.

**The Pro-Am** features 24 teams of **3 amateurs** playing 9 holes with a **Symetra/LPGA Tour professional** and 9 holes with a local PGA Club Professional. Professional's scores count towards the team score. Activities begin with a Buffet Luncheon at 11:30 p.m. followed by a **1:00 p.m. shotgun start**. Finger food, cocktail and an informal Awards Ceremony will follow.

Please acknowledge your interest in playing at rogervandykeirgf@gmail.com

This annual tournament benefits the **Indian River Golf Foundation**, a 501(c) (3) entity. The IRGF has made great progress launching and supporting programs designed to satisfy the needs of the golf community. The goals of the IRGF are to bring new players to the game, to promote excellence in player development, and to honor the traditions of the game while teaching life skills and good citizenship.

We sincerely hope you will be able to join us for this unique and fun competition. Please let us know of your interest in participating.

Sincerely,

Jim DiMarzo, Pro-Am Chairman Indian River Golf Foundation jim@dimarzo.com (772)713-9898 Roger Van Dyke, President Indian River Golf Foundation rogervandykeirgf@gmail.com (772) 713-9593



### **Annual Symetra Pro-Am**

### **TEAM of 3 AMATEURS – REGISTRATION FORM**

or register individually & Committee with match.

		<b>Golf Facility</b>	HDCP Index
Player			
E-Mail Address		Telephone	
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Entry Fee: \$295 per amateur			
Please find \$	enclosed for	amateur players.	
Mail entry fee payable	to		
Indian River Golf Foundation			
P. O. Box 1361			
Vero Beach, FL 32966			

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