



**Newsletter of the Japeri Public Golf Association – april to june 2011**

**Japeri golfers and the LPGA Brasil Cup**



3 Japeri juniors took part in a clinic and photo session alongside Suzann Pettersen and Christie Kerr, 2 of the highest ranked players on the LPGA, on Botafogo Beach with the Sugar Loaf Mountain as background. The photos were shown all over the world as a promotion for the LPGA Brasil Cup which was held at the end of May in Rio. The following day Matt Fields, from the Hank Haney Academy, offered a clinic to several of the Japeri players on stance, short game and the importance of positive attitudes, and on the last day of the event 4 of the juniors worked as volunteers helping with crowd control

**Rio State Doubles =>** Elivelton dos Santos and Breno Domingos took 3rd place in the Rio State Doubles Championship, which was played in Petropolis. Cristian Barcelos also took part along with Conrado de Vicenzi from Gavea, and took 5th place.

**LPGA at Japeri**

Victoria Alimonda Lovelady, a Professional on the Futures Tour, took advantage of her stay in Rio during the LPGA Brasil Cup to visit Japeri and get to know the program. Victoria gave a 3 hour clinic on the driving range, with individual attention for each junior, as well as leading an animated discussion with the kids. "I loved this afternoon and I definitely intend to return. The golf school is very impressive and well organized, and seems to be better structured than similar projects in the USA where golf is a popular sport" said Vicky of Japeri.



**Rio de Janeiro Federation Open Championship**

Japeri sent representatives to the Rio Federation Championship in Buzios Golf Club & Resort, valid for national adult ranking. Anderson Nunes finished in 15th place in the scratch category earning ranking points for the second time in an adult event. The 3 boys from Japeri all placed within the top ten in the handicap category.

**Monthly Medal =>** The traditional monthly medal competitions were held again in April, May and June, with close to 100 young taking part in several categories: 18 holes, 9 holes, 3 holes, putting green and approach. Hotdogs, fruit and juice were enjoyed by the kids and their families after the golf.

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**Press Reports =>** Japeri Golf was mentioned in 28 articles in the newspapers and internet sites during this trimester. The most important were Kely Simone for the O Globo newspaper (the largest circulation in Brazil) and the article about the golf course which appeared in the Associated Press and was circulated world-wide. Brazilian newspapers The Folha de São Paulo, O Globo and O Dia have also been talking about the disappropriation of part of the golf course for the construction of the highway.

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### **Anderson invited to represent the Rio Federation in Brasilia**

Anderson Nunes, not yet 15 years old and already appearing in the national adult ranking, was invited to represent the FGERJ in the Brasilia Open Championship.



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**Junior National Ranking =>** Kely Simone is currently in 1st place in the 16 to 18 girls, Thuane Oliveira holds 3rd in the 14 to 15 girls and Victoria Monteiro is 3rd in the under 13 year girls. The boys are also doing well with Anderson Nunes is in 3rd place in the 14 to 15 year boys, Cristian Barcelos is in 12th place overall in the under 18 boys and Patrick Menezes is in 5th in the under 13 boys.

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### **Tiago Silva finishes the CBG Pro Tour in 6<sup>th</sup>**

Tiago Silva, Head Pro of Japeri Golf, finished the first event of the new Brazilian Golf Circuit for Pros in 6th place, after having led his team to victory in the Pro-Am. Tiago had the best result of all of the Rio pros.

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**National Junior Tour =>** Cristian Barcelos shone in the second leg of the Brazilian National Junior Golf Tour, played in Porto Alegre, coming in with a 3rd place in the boys general category.

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### **Positive News for the golf course**

Japeri Golf has 7 playable holes at this point, having lost 2 holes due to the construction of the federal highway. After long moments of uncertainty we can see a light at the end of the tunnel and we believe that our problem will be resolved positively. For this we thank the Governor of the state of Rio de Janeiro as well as those in charge of the new federal highway. Japeri is also being helped by the Olympic team and we have received international help with the design and new layout for the golf course. We expect to be a while with less than 9 holes but we will have a considerably better golf course at the end.

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Cordialmente,  
Victoria Whyte, President AGPJ