

## **The History of the Penn-York Junior Golf League**

The Penn-York Junior Golf League was founded in 1970 by the late Dr. Robert Davis a former Olean resident and Bartlett Country Club member. His vision was to give young golfers the opportunity to participate in a competitive tournament atmosphere at an affordable price. That cost was \$10 and remains \$10 today. In 1975 Ed Forrest became director and ran the program for 31 years through 2006 at which time he handed the reins to his son Kevin. In 2009 John & Danae Forrest assumed leadership. Over the last 36 years an estimated 4,000 junior golfers have walked the fairways competing for divisional trophies and bragging rights.

The Penn-York is comprised of four divisions for boys and 3 divisions for girls based on age. The breakdown for boys is as follows: Division I 16-18 years old, Division II 14 to 15 years, Division III 12 to 13 years, and Division IV (modified) 8 to 11 years. The girls Divisions are Division I 14 – 18 years old, Division III 12 to 13 years, Division IV (modified) 8 – 11 years. Divisions I and II will play 18 holes from the men's white tees. Division III will play 9 holes from the women's red tees and Division IV will play 9 holes from modified tees.

Trophies are awarded for first and second place finishes in each category for both boys and girls. The Davis Memorial Trophy is given to the player with the low 18-hole stroke average. The top 10 low-stroke averages receive an invitation to compete in the SWNY-NWPA Men's Amateur and the low 16 will be invited to the Betty Bergreen. Both events are match play and held at Bartlett CC.

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