



Sarasota & Her Islands Welcomes The Florida Junior Tour

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Sarasota, Fla. – The Sarasota Convention and Visitors Bureau is proud to announce that boys and girls, ages 16-18, will compete at the Venetian Golf and River Club in North Venice on January 5-6. Tee-times begin at 10:30 am on Saturday, January 5th.

Conducted by the Florida State Golf Association, the Florida Junior Tour (FJT) is a junior golf tour offering highly competitive and affordable competitions for juniors in Florida. The 2007-2008 season consists of 21 events for juniors, male and female, ages 13-18, with championship rounds starting in July. Beginning September and running through May, the FJT schedule will play at some of the state's top courses including the Venetian and Lake Jovita. The FJT's focus is on quality, affordability and integrity. Tournaments consist of 36 holes conducted over 2 days, typically weekends, with an entry fee of \$95 or \$115. Scholarship entry is available to junior golfers unable to afford the entry fee.

Working closely with the American Junior Golf Association (AJGA), FJT top competitors will receive exemptions and performance points towards AJGA events. The FJT is the only Florida tour to participate in the AJGA's Performance Based Process. In addition, FJT events will be ranked by Golfweek/Titleist and Junior Golf Scoreboard. The FJT will maintain a points list to assist in determining Junior Player-of-the-Year and invitations to other tournaments.

To view complete pairings, tee times, and results, please see www.floridajuniortour.org.

The FJT is conducted by the Florida State Golf Association which conducts 22 State Championships and more than 40 qualifying tournaments for USGA National Championships. The FSGA also maintains the USGA Handicap System, performs course ratings throughout Florida and assists in junior programs and scholarships.



The Sarasota Convention & Visitors Bureau (SCVB) leads and supports the tourism industry in Sarasota County by providing the highest quality, and most innovative, marketing programs and promotions to ensure the continued growth of tourism and travel from visitors around the world. The Sports Division of the SCVB is tasked with bringing quality sporting events to Sarasota County to create economic impact. For more information, contact Jason Puckett at (941) 955-0991, ext. 105, or jpuckett@sarasotafl.org.