

**JGCC Junior, Nicholas Smits wins 14-year boy's category at The Jack Newton International beating Australian top juniors..... By Frank Smits**

OVERALL BOY LEADERS		BOYS 17 YEARS		BOYS 14 YEARS	
NAME	HOLE SCORE	NAME	HOLE SCORE	NAME	HOLE SCORE
L. TIGHE	63   -12	L. TIGHE	63   -12	N. SMITS	72   +7
J. STUCKEY	63   -4	J. STUCKEY	63   -4	R. PEAKE	72   +11
D. NISBETT	69   -4	D. NISBETT	69   -4	A. KEEVERS	72   +14
A. BAE	69   -2	A. BAE	69   -2	K. WALL	72   +22
S. MEANI	69   □	BOYS 16 YEARS		BOYS 13 YEARS	
		NAME	HOLE SCORE	NAME	HOLE SCORE
		S. MEANI		R. KATO	72   +14
		B. DREWITT		HIGGINBOTTOM	72   +15
				TAYLOR	72   +21
				SMITH	72   +34
		BOYS 12 YEARS			
		NAME	HOLE SCORE	NAME	HOLE SCORE
		D. YU		SONDJAJA	72   +31

After finishing 5<sup>th</sup> (out of 75) in the Gary Player Junior Classic at the 'Pacific' course in Queensland, Nicholas played last week the Jack Newton International at 'The Oaks' in Cessnock near Sydney. This 22-year old junior tournament knows illustrious winners such as Aron Baddeley, Karrie Webb and so many others. Since his arrival in Australia in February, we ensured first that Nicholas settled in well with full attention to his new school, coaching and surrounding so this was only his second 4-day tournament in Australia; 'a good test!'

Nicholas started solid in his category with rounds of 75, 74 and 75 placing him runner up for the last final day, being 2 shots behind the leader Ryan Peake from Perth. Day 4: the front nine are tough and were played two over. Birdies on 10, 13 and 15 and six pars brought Nick to a one-under 71 for the victory with a four shots lead over Peake and six shots over local New South-Wales Champion and favorite Aaron Keefers.

A fantastic win in one of the major junior tournaments in Australia and it is great that all parts of the game came together during the last nine holes. Nicholas lives and trains at The Gold Coast and it all starts to be working out well for him thanks to the daily training from Luke Edwin and his father Gary. We hope that upcoming tournaments in the Aron Baddeley Junior at Dragon Lake and the Asia Pacific Amateur at Mission Lake in China will show continuation of his form.