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Special to Toronto Golf & Travel Show Program

With the cold weather on its way out, and spring conditions right around the corner, the Canadian Junior Golf Association (CJGA), with national headquarters in Markham, Ontario is gearing up for an exciting 18th season. It's only fitting that with golf on the minds of many Ontario residents, the CJGA once again makes its presence known at the Toronto Golf & Travel Show.

This year, the CJGA will provide juniors golfers across the country unmatched local, regional, provincial, national and international opportunities, conducting over 80 events through its six-stage development program through both the Junior Linkster Tour (ages 5-13), and the Junior Tour (ages 11-19).

The CJGA Junior Linkster Tour is an introductory program that gets juniors involved in a competitive golf tournament format, but in an informal atmosphere. This allows junior golfers to learn the game, and to learn the basic rules and etiquette of the game. The courses are set up for the specific age divisions, and caddies are permitted to assist with the growth of their young golfers.

The CJGA Junior Tour offers competitive multi-day events for junior golfers of all skill levels and aged 11-19. Often, junior golfers of the highest skill level use CJGA events as an avenue to attaining a college golf scholarship and/or gaining the necessary physical and mental skills to pursue golf opportunities at the college level, as well as on professional tours around the world.

The CJGA once again has Stephen Ames, Canadian PGA Tour Professional, as National Spokesperson. Ames' involvement, which began back in 2005, goes beyond just the endorsement of the CJGA and its programs. In fact, Ames is very involved through the Stephen Ames Foundation, and takes a week out of his tour schedule to mentor junior golfers from both Canada and his native Trinidad & Tobago, as they compete in a Ryder Cup format event at the Stephen Ames Cup.

Juniors have the opportunity to qualify for the Stephen Ames Cup, including an all expenses paid trip to Trinidad & Tobago, when this summer they compete at 12 Nike Golf Junior Series events.

The Toronto Golf & Travel Show is proud of its role in educating youngsters about the game of golf. Likewise, this year's show is again excited about including the CJGA and its numerous competitive yet fun opportunities for junior golfers.

The CJGA offers opportunities for juniors of all skill levels. Whether a junior is a beginner golfer with a passion for the game, or a skilled golfer looking to gain valuable experience, the CJGA fills an all-important role. Registration for CJGA tournaments is now open and filling up quickly. Don't miss out on this opportunity of a lifetime: register your junior golfer today.

For more information, please contact the CJGA Head Office directly at 1-877-508-1069, info@cjga.com or on the web at www.cjga.com.