

SECOND GENERATION CANADIAN-MALTESE JUNIORS

One of the first hits since the launching of the website of the Malta Golf Association in April 2007, has been made by Jeff Borg father of Ryan and Justin who are second generation Maltese junior golfers living in Canada. Jeff's father was born in Valletta and emigrated to Canada 47 years ago although part of the family still lives in Malta. Jeff has been eagerly telling us about his son's developments in the game and we are more than pleased to share this experience with you. Ryan is 12 years of age and his younger brother is merely 6 years. The boys' progress in the game can be viewed at www.cjga.com.

"Ryan has been playing golf since he was three years old. He was somewhat a natural from the very beginning. Ryan has competed all over Ontario and a handful of States in some large International events. He qualified for the US Kids World Championship as a 7 year old and although he did not finish or factor in the event it was great experience for him participating with other kids from around the world. At 10 years of age Ryan qualified for the Callaway World Juniors in San Diego. He played well but missed the cut by 2 strokes finishing with a triple on the last hole - again a great learning experience.



During the same year, Ryan came second in Canada at the Optimist Nationals and went down last summer to play in the Optimist Internationals at PGA National in Palm Harbour Florida. He has played in Texas, Virginia, North Carolina, Chicago, California, Ohio and all around the Province of Ontario. He has been working with his golf coach Sean Foley, out of Glen Abbey in Oakville Ontario, for three years. Sean works with a few PGA players (Stephen Ames), LPGA players, a few National players and most of the top juniors in Ontario.

Earlier in May this year, Ryan played at a one-day event at Glen Abbey for the Elite junior programme and came second by one stroke after bogeying the last three of five holes and shooting 79. Ryan is proud of his Maltese, Canadian and Irish background and looks forward to visiting the Island and playing with your juniors over there.

