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Fremont's Dull, Baumann, Schwartz best in divisions

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The Lake Erie Junior Golf Association finished its tour Monday with the Fremont Country Club Invitational.

Fremont golfers won three out of five divisions in the invitational which featured the top 72 golfers based on points and how many rounds they played on the tour this year.

In the boy's 17-19 division, Fremont's Jordan Frank won his second tournament of the year with a 74 out of 15 golfers. Behind Frank in second was Bryan Yeo, of Litchfield, with a 75 and Josh Driscoll, of Clyde, finished in third with a 79.

Frank, who will play at Lake Erie College in Cleveland, won with the help of two birdies -- on a 179-yard par-3 and a 387-yard par-4.

"I birdied No. 8 and No. 9 and came back to shoot a 37 on that side, so it was a good comeback after being four over," Frank said. "So I was proud of that."

Fremont's Alex Chudzinski claimed a close playoff by one stroke on the first hole -- a 380-yard par-4 to win the boy's 14-16 age division on his home course. Chudzinski was forced into the playoff with Keith Brooks of Ashland after they tied with a 74.

Chudzinski took the advantage when he hit his tee shot 270 yards just left of the fairway and followed with a 9-iron onto the green. Chudzinski won when he 2-putted for par.

Brooks finished one over.

Fremont's Connor Dudley finished in third, one stroke behind Chudzinski and Brooks with a 75.

"It feels pretty good, because I've only won one (other) tournament and this is the last invitational and a big tournament," Chudzinski said. "I'm glad I won it."

The third Fremont golfer to win the invitational was Victoria Aseltine, 19. Aseltine, who will be a sophomore at Cleveland State University, picked up her fourth win of the year in the girl's 15-19 age division with an 83.

"I had 30 putts," she said. "So I putted very well (Monday). I think I even had like two-3 putts. The rest were one or 2-putts. I hit my driver all right. My iron was pretty good but none of the shots were sticking. A lot of the shots were over the greens."

Stephanie Templeman, of Willard, and Taylor Jones, of Shelby, tied for second with an 89 behind Aseltine.

Makayla Dull, 12, of Fremont, played with the girl's 15-19 age division which plays 18 holes. Dull throughout the year has competed in the girl's 10-14 age division, which only plays nine holes.

Dull finished with a 110 and said she didn't really play her best due to being a little nervous playing

with the older girls.

"It was challenging and it was pretty hard," Dull said. "I liked playing with the older girls. It was competition (rather than) not playing with anyone."

In the boy's 12-13 age division, Joshua Brooks, 13, of Ashland, picked up his third consecutive win of the year with a 79. Albert Baumann, of Fremont, finished in second with an 85 after winning the past two tournaments he competed in.

Baumann, playing on his home course, was not satisfied with an 85 after he finished with an 80 on June 22.

"I didn't play very good today at all," he said. "My irons weren't very good. I shanked a couple of them, which I haven't done that all year."

Despite a tough round, Baumann birdied hole No. 5 -- a 130-yard par 3.

"I hit my first shot really good," Baumann said. "Then I made a long putt and it was a really good shot, too."

Collin Crooks, of Sandusky, won his third tournament of the year in the boy's 10-11 age division with a 46. Nicholas Kinzel, of Sandusky, finished in second one stroke behind Crooks with a 47.

Anthony Paradiso, 10, of Port Clinton, finished with a 60 and Ian Hilliker, 9, of Clyde, finished with a 62. The boy's 10-11 age division only played nine holes.

Player of the year honors were awarded to golfers in each division during a dinner after the golfers competed in a skills challenge.

Preston Robinette, of Berlin Heights, received player of the year for the boy's 17-19 age division and the boy's overall player of the year honor with a total of 236.50 points.

Clay Schwartz, of Fremont, received player of the year for the boy's 14-16 age division with a total of 256.00 points. Schwartz won four tournaments on the tour and said it means a lot to win the award.

"I've been playing good," Schwartz said. "I worked on my swing a lot and fixed it."

Baumann received player of the year for the boy's 12-13 age division with a total of 67.00 points. Baumann also won four LEJGA tournaments this year.

"This year was good compared to last year," he said. "Last year I couldn't shoot in the 70s. This year I shot in the 70s most of the time."

Dull received player of the year for the girl's 10-14 age division with 16.50 points. Dull won seven consecutive tournaments on the tour.

Kinzel received player of the year in the boy's 10-11 age division with 45.50 points while Taylor Jones received player of the year in the girl's 15-19 age division and the girl's overall player of the year honor with a total of 90.50 points.



Albert Baumann, of Fremont, lines up his shot on the eleventh hole during the Lake Erie Junior Golf Association's Fremont invite at the Fremont Country Club on Monday.



Clay Schwartz, of Fremont, chips onto the green during the Lake Erie Junior Golf Association's Fremont invite at the Fremont Country Club on Monday. (Jonathon Bird | News-Messenger)



Lake Erie Junior Golf Association's Fremont Invite at the Fremont Country Club on Monday, July 27, 2009.