

Sunday, April 12th, 2020

Dear Parent,

What an amazing weekend at IJGA Bishops Gate. Starting with “Good Friday”, when we kicked-off our first IJGT Invitational, with 44 highly motivated students excited to play in a strong field. I stood at the first tee with Gary Gilchrist and we were in awe of the quality of the students, recognizing that we had at least five golfers with the ability to play on the LPGA or PGA tour – now, or in the near future. Then, in keeping with the day, we witnessed two hole-in-ones which was exciting, capping off a great week and adding to the hole-in-one carded on the 325-yard par four 14th hole earlier in the week (by six days later our tournament winner Tristan Galant – a great week for him). Our winners, with solid performances in gusty conditions, were:

Boys: Tristan Galant (Even), Ian Davis (+2), Christian Munoz (+5)

Girls: HyoJoon Jang (+1), Carla Alvarez (+3), Anne Yu (+5)

In the afternoon we held another tournament for those that didn't get to play in the invitational. We encouraged students to get out of their houses with an opportunity to test their training from the past week. Next weekend, we are hosting a Ryder Cup event with four teams competing against each other and then on the first weekend in May, another IJGT tournament, hopefully with AJGA stars.

We take the COVID-19 virus seriously and our precautions to date have been successful. Now into our fifth week of “lock-down” our students are all in good health, as are our golf coaches who travel in each day. They continue to wear masks and gloves and keep their distance from each other as well as from our students. As a further precaution, in addition to us taking our students' temperatures daily we brought in a nurse to examine our staff and students, principally through questioning but also by taking temperatures, and she found all in good health. Although Florida has almost 20,000 cases, half are in the Miami / West Palm Beach area, 1,000 in the Orlando area and 150 in our Lake County, which is rural and remote. With the measures taken by the state of Florida locking-down the county on April 1st, we are hopeful that next week will be the apex and the risks will become reduced. However, we will continue to be vigilant.

Whilst our students' safety is of paramount importance, we are also mindful of their mental wellbeing, which is why their participation in the tournaments and other activities is so important. We have been truly inspired by the spirit of the students who are doing so well to remain positive and engaged, with the consolidation of the South Carolina students into Bishops Gate turning out to be a big positive, introducing an increased scope for new friendships for both

student bodies. Some are challenged by the remote education but our Educator RIs are monitoring their performance and ensuring that they stay on top of their assignments. Next week we will be meeting with all students both individually and in small groups to gauge their state of mind. Please advise us of any issues that your child may be dealing with that we may not know about.

As mentioned in our letter earlier this month, our Program Advisors are looking to determine the level of interest in our summer program, which will now be designed more around our current students than summer campers. It will be essentially a continuation of their current program with a greater concentration of golf as they won't have academic studies. I heard from a couple of students how their golf games have improved over the last few weeks, with more focus on their golf as school was less intensive. Wonderful that they could make these improvements when so many others are confined to their homes without access to golf, or friendships.

As always, special appreciation to our wonderfully committed Golf Coaches, Residential Instructors, Catering Team and Housekeeping Team, who have never flinched in their commitment to serve our students. Thanks also to you, our parents, for your trust and support.

Best regards,

Andrew Summers (CEO)