Having fun a key part of a successful golf game

By Cory Gentes Special to The IFP

18. 12. 2. Lydia Ko is 18 years old. She has won 12 LPGA tour events, including her 2nd major this past weekend at the ANA Inspiration by one stroke over Charley Hull and In Gee Chun.

The best thing I read about her on Monday morning though wasn t how good of a golfer she is but how she was being compared to Arnold Palmer by one golf scribe.

She is funny, smart, charismatic, genuine, humble and oh yeah, she has also figured out how to win early and often in her career.

Amazing really!

Another event that was happening on Sunday morning this weekend was the Drive, Chip and Putt finals from Augusta National Golf Club, which now officially kicks off Masters Week.

The competition brings together boys and girls ages 7-15 from local qualifiers all over the U.S. and Canada. Canada had three young ladies finish in the top ten in three of the four age groups. What struck me most watching was that the kids were

having fun. Sure they were competithey didn t get to that level without having a fire in their belbut they were having FUN!



From the Ground



Junior golf is a great way to introduce your child to an individual sport that you can have fun with your friends and enjoy the outdoors. Those who choose to compete will find the right level at the right time

Juniors, if you are thinking of getting started in golf, get some instruction on the basics and get out there and play.

The game is one you can play for life and learn some valuable life lessons like respect, fairness and sportspersonship. Most importantly you can have FUN playing at whatever level vou choose. Get started!

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TEAM OF THE WEEK: After a tough 3-2 loss in their opening game against the Waterloo Ravens, North Haltons nov ice C Twisters bounced back to win their next three to earn gold medals at the Brampton Canadettes Tournament. In what's considered the largest girls hockey tournament in the world, the Twisters defeated Timmins 3-1 and Owen Sound 5-0 to place first in their round-robin pool before skating past a more-experienced Timmins squad 3-2 in the championship game. Next up for the North Halton novice Cs is the Ontario Womens Hockey Association championships April 8-10 in Brampton. Team members, front, from left, are: Alannah McIntyre, Violet Salmon, Carly Smith, Allison Sinclair, Maria Herback, Olivia Shamblaw. Middle row: Brooke Faria, Ava Lounsbury, Olivia Van Sickle, Kaleigh Benoit, Sienna Doherty, Taya Robinson, Adeline Coish-Ricci, Maliya Holder, Keelin Song, Sophie Smith. Back row: Assistant coaches James Ricci, Damon Smith, Pete Faria, Kiara Jefferies, head coach Kevin Salmon, trainers Maria Robinson, Jenn Coish-Ricci. Submitted photo

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