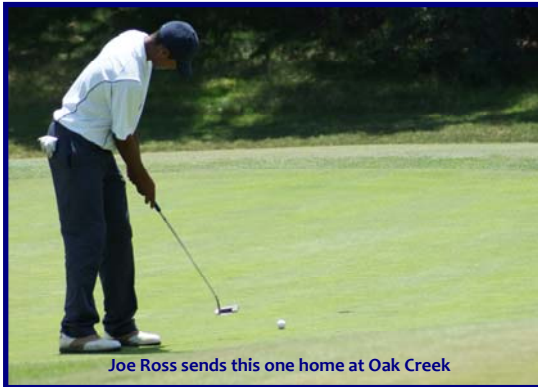


# CBI Juniors Deliver in '09

**Matt Clark Wins Junior Scholarship Competition, Conner Dougherty Cards a 70 in Blue & Gold Cup**

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A record eleven junior golfers participated in the 2009 edition of the Clark Brothers tournament, and they certainly made their presence known – in a big way. From Connor Dougherty's two under par 70 at San Clemente, the lowest round shot since the inception of this event, to Andrew Clark's 78, the CBI juniors served notice that not only can they play the game, but they are serious golfers and they play to win. Dougherty's 70 was good enough for a comfortable 4 and 3 victory over CBI veteran Frank Gleason. Clark on the other hand was only able to scratch out a ½ point against Ed Zurovski's fantastic 80.



Joe Ross sends this one home at Oak Creek

In the CBI the following day, Matt Clark was

a strong contributor to the runner up group led by Richard Hainline, and the same can be said for Joe Ross who helped propel cart mates Jim Retzlaff and Joe Cirincione to an admirable third place finish. Chris Corless found himself in the fifth spot and Andrew Clark's foursome came in sixth. All of the junior players are now considered assets on their respective teams, and in some of the cases, they add serious firepower off the tee. Matt Clark, Joe Ross, Andrew Clark, Kevin Clark, Steve Shandrick and Slater Shaw all hit very nice first hole drives under the spotlight of the gathered CBI veterans.

The Ron Plough Junior Golfer Scholarship was won this year by Matt Clark, who effectively parlayed his solid match play victory on Sunday with his second place CBI finish Monday to give him a two day total of 17 points. The crafty lefthander helped his

cause significantly on Monday, with no example better than his very own ball birdie on the tough par 3 8<sup>th</sup> hole at Oak Creek. As all participants can attest, the par 3's at Oak Creek were some of the toughest ever played in this competition.

Coming in second place with 12 points was Patrick Clark, who utilized his "Civil War on the Links" match play victory margin for the majority of his two day point total. His handiwork against Lee Batson delivered a similar result to the Oregon – Oregon State football game that was played last year in Corvallis.

In third place was first year CBI participant Joe Ross with 11 ½ points. Joe's total was almost completely built on his foursomes strong third place finish in the CBI. Joe's broad shoulders were just large enough to fit Jim Retzlaff on one side and Joe Cirincione on the other. Fourth place belonged to Chris Corless, who relied on his foursomes nice fourth place CBI finish that delivered him 9 points.

Points were awarded to juniors over the course of the two day competition. During the match play event, a junior could win points if he won or tied his match. A win delivered the number of points equal to the amount of holes you are up when the match closes. For example, a 4 and 3 win gives you 4 points. An All Square match gives each participant a ½ point. During the CBI, a junior receives points based on the inverse number of their groups finish. Since we had 13 groups play this year, a junior in the winning foursome would have received



Matt Clark rolling it on 18 at San Clemente with Greg Clark watching



Connor Dougherty shows perfect form at Oak Creek



Joe Ross, Matt Clark and Patrick Clark with their winning prizes

PLAYER	B/G	CBI	TOTAL
Clark, Andrew	1/4	8	8 1/4
Clark, Kevin	1/4	2	2 1/4
Clark, Matt	5	12	17
Clark, Patrick	7	5	12
Corless, Chris	0	9	9
Dille, Mike	3	—	3
Dougherty, Conner	4	2	6
Fugere, Scotter	—	3	3
Ross, Joe	1/2	11	11 1/2
Shandrick, Steve	—	5	5
Shaw, Slater	0	1	1

13 points. A last place finish would deliver 1 point.

Next year we plan to run another Junior Scholarship competition, and we will be looking for ways to make it even better. We will also promote our junior membership more than in the past, as we acknowledge that it is the future of this tournament.

We would like to once again acknowledge and give thanks to the sponsors of our junior competition. First and foremost, a special thanks to **Ron Plough**, whose generous contribution provided the catalyst for this event. Next, we owe a debt of gratitude to **Pete Dille** and the Sony Corporation, for their donation of the PS3. Finally, we also thank special tournament friend **Damian Shine** and Proximo for their generous donation of the very nice golf bags.

Last but not least, special thanks go out to our first year CBI junior golfers – Joe Ross, Scottie Fugere and Steve Shandrick!! We hope all of you enjoyed your first Clark Brothers experience and we look forward to seeing you again next year when we head back up to northern California!