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Dakotas-Manitoba-Minnesota District

DMM District Dispatch

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Governor Gorman's Greetings

I'm pleased to report that the DMM District is moving up on the OI standings. As of February 25 we're in 15th place, down 26 members. We have deleted 195 members and add 166 new members. I would like to thank, the members who have brought in a new member/s or started a club. I challenge every member of the district to bring in a new member this year. With the hard work of all the members and leadership of the DMM District we will grow our membership to serve more youth.

Several weeks ago I attended the OI President's mid-year conference in St Louis. The DMM district was recognized as the only district to have started two new clubs so far this year. But … we cannot rest on the success of building two clubs (Roseville and Lakeville). We must continue to work on building new clubs and bringing in new members. I know that additional new clubs are in the works for the DMM. If you have any ideas of where a new club could be built near you please contact Jim Meyers, New Club Building Chairperson.

This year's mid-year conference was quite different from others in the past. The OI trainers acted as facilitators and not instructors. Various topics were introduced to the attendees and then discussed in small groups. The smaller groups

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reported their ideas back to the larger group and further discussion was held in the larger group. There were many spirited discussions and I think all the attendees came away with many ideas on how to improve the organization, clubs and how we can serve our communities.

It's already March, Spring will officially be here in several weeks. The sun is rising earlier and setting later. But old man winter is not quite done with us yet and may throw a couple of punches of snow, rain or cold weather to try to keep us off balance. As Optimists we are reaching the half way point in our Optimist year. We look forward to nicer weather, but more importantly, now is the time that many of our youth and community projects take shape. The Essay, Oratorical and Communications for the Deaf and Hard of Hearing scholarship contests at the club level are in full swing. These competitions are designed to encourage our youth to be creative, develop confidence and organizational skills, and learn how to effectively communicate their ideas to others. I hope your club is participating in these events.

Spring is the time for new growth. Optimist Clubs are not any different—we need new growth in membership and activities to stay healthy. Now is the time for clubs to grow their membership. This can be accomplished in several ways. You can plan and hold a NOW (New Optimist Welcome) event. These programs really do work and will bring in new members to your club. Another successful way to grow your membership is to encourage your members to "Just Ask" a friend or co-workers to attend a club event or two to see what your club is doing to bring out the best in youth, your community and ourselves. The last and most important item of your growth strategy is to ask your guest to join your club. Many times this item is overlooked. People will not join unless they are asked, so please plan on who is going to ask your guest to join. OI has added an incentive for anyone who sponsors a new member — their name will be placed a hat for a $500 drawing.

Optimist International has declared this the year of the Honor Club. The Club Recognition program has been developed by OI in conjunction with healthy and successful clubs around the world. The new OI Recognition Program ICD135 effective October 1, 2016, will be in place for five years so that club leadership will know the requirements as we move forward. The requirements for the Club Recognition Program can be found on page 7.

I hoping to see members from all the clubs at the 3rd Quarter DMM Gathering in St Cloud, MN April 28 & 29. Please register for the meeting and make your room reservations as soon as possible. [Registration Form — page 10.]

Terry Gorman, DMM Governor

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DMM / OI Gatherings

3rd Qtr DMM Gathering
April 28-29, 2017
Marriott Hotel
St Cloud, MN
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99th OI Convention
July 6-8, 2017
Albuquerque, NM

4th Quarter DMM Conv.
August 10-12, 2017
Canad Inn
Winnipeg, MB

Sponsor Clubs Needed:
1st and 3rd Quarter DMM Gatherings for 2017-2018
Please contact:
Incoming Governor
Kevin Hammell
kahammell@charter.net

100th OI Convention
July 7-10, 2018
Ottawa, Ontario

4th Quarter DMM Conv.
August xx-xx, 2018
Rochester, MN

Editor: Curt Sandberg

THANKS to everyone that submitted articles for this newsletter. For those who wish to submit articles for future issues, please email them to me at dmmdispatch@midco.net by the 27th of each month. Thank you!

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OI Pres. Kondrasuk's Logo

Club Anniversaries

During March

There are no active clubs within the DMM that chartered in March.

Let's fill this void in the DMM with some New Club Building efforts!

THANKS to Tim Goetz / **MARCO** for printing many of the handouts for our quarterly gatherings. **PLEASE** consider **MARCO** for your technology needs.

Club News

from club bulletins

RICHFIELD — had 200 attend their Salad & Chili Dinner where they SOLD OUT of chili, and have set a goal of 200 flags for their largest fundraiser, the Avenue of Flags. They are also exploring new project options.

BISMARCK — is planning three baseball clinics by teaming up with the Bismarck Larks, and has launched a membership contest featuring $200 and $100 Visa Gift Cards as rewards for 1st and 2nd with 5 member and 3 member qualifiers respectively.

SOUTH WINNIPEG — received a thank you letter from a single mother with a 5 year old son that received a Christmas Hamper loaded with useful items. See Int'l Band Festival report on page 9. They will help with a Jazz Festival on March 1.

PRIOR LAKE-SAVAGE — celebrated the new club in Lakeville, heard from their Essay winner, and are planning to be involved in Feed My Starving Children, Savage Service Day, Fill the Bowl, and is accepting Legacy Scholarship applications from graduating seniors. Anita Drentlaw took the Polar Plunge on Feb 18th for Chase's Warrior Foundation.

WATERTOWN — had four prospective members at their N.O.W. meeting. Twelve members are listed as having February membership anniversaries in their newsletter, and an "End of the Winter Wonderland Season" event is planned for early March. 185 kids belong to the Watertown

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The Optimist Creed

Promise Yourself

To be so strong that nothing can disturb your peace of mind.

To talk health, happiness and prosperity to every person you meet.

To make all your friends feel that there is something in them.

To look at the sunny side of everything and make your optimism come true.

To think only of the best, to work only for the best, and to expect only the best.

To be just as enthusiastic about the success of others as you are about your own.

To forget the mistakes of the past and press on to the greater achievements of the future.

To wear a cheerful countenance at all times and give every living creature you meet a smile.

To give so much time to the improvement of yourself that you have no time to criticize others.

To be too large for worry, too noble for anger, too strong for fear, and too happy to permit the presence of trouble.

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Reminders . . .

Mar		Lt Gov's	Schedule club visits
		Lt Gov's	Plan Zone Oratorical Contests
		CCDHH	
	29	Chair	Submit CCDHH contestant credentials to Ginny Bisek
	29		Last day to reserve 3rd Qtr hotel rooms in St Cloud for DMM prices!
	31	Sec/Treas	Complete roster additions before quarter end
	31		Place Optimist supply order w/Heather for delivery at 3rd Qtr.
Apr	3		Early Bird Rate for 3rd Qtr DMM Registration Deadline

Club News

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Area Swim Club which was the recipient of $600 from the club.

ROCHESTER — had 100 runners and walkers in this year's Frozen Goose event, now in it's 15th year. Proceeds benefit Mayo Childhood Cancer Research and Brighter Tomorrows. Hunter Safety classes were also conducted in February.

WORTHINGTON — donated a combined $2,500 to three local youth projects and sponsored a Tri-Star Basketball event, too.

WEST ST PAUL — had a visit from DMM Gov Terry for the club gathering when they heard from their Essay Winners.

VERMILLION — contributed $100 to support the Southeast CASA Program and $500 to the Vermillion Area Robotics Club. The High School provided them with 4 Essays to judge and they will send the winner on to the 3rd Qtr Conf.

SIOUX VALLEY — netted $3,800 from their Super Bowl fundraiser, sponsored a Bowling Tournament fundraiser and celebrated with kids who had February birthdays at the Children's Home Society. They had a prospective member who found them on Facebook!

Please send your club's newsletter to dmmdispatch@midco.net

COMMUNICATION CONTEST for the Deaf & Hard of Hearing
OPTIMIST INTERNATIONAL

April 28-29 the DMM will have our 3rd Qtr Conference in St Cloud. If you have identified a student who is thinking about entering the contest, please encourage them to give it a try. They could win a $2500 scholarship. Since we need 3 participants in order to have a contest, I would appreciate a call from your club if you are bringing a CCDHH contestant. I would like to have all the CCDHH registrations sent to me by April 15th.

You will need to send the following items to: Ginny Bisek, 2436 Imperial Drive, St Cloud MN 56301 gbisek@charter.net (320-253-1462)

_____Completed Application for 2016-2017 OI Entry Form with all signatures. Pg 3 of club guide

_____Completed Zone/District Entry Form with all signatures. Pg 12 of club guide

_____Audiogram (or Cochlear Implant Programming Report) conducted within 24 months of the contest date

_____Digital copy of presentation sent to gbisek@charter.net

_____District Entry Fee of $75.00 (Check made out to DMM)

If you are bringing a contestant to St Cloud, remember to reserve a room for your student and their family at the hotel. You will also need to confirm how many guests your student will bring to any of the meals. See district registration form for guest costs.

Club Grant Program deadline is March 10th!

Optimist International Foundation is accepting applications for the 2017 Club Grant Program.

Any Adult Club served by OIF is eligible to apply for a $500 grant to be used for a NEW project of the Club. Applications must be received in the St. Louis office by March 10th.

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Growth / Membership —

February brought us down a bit with a YTD at minus 31, but we are still ahead of last year – let's not slip any more!

While the overall purpose of growth contests is to grow to serve more kids, and to spread Optimism in our communities, there is also that pull of "winning" something – to be rewarded for our recruitment efforts. What it all boils down to is that every sponsor, whether you recruit one or ten members, gets the most important reward – that deep-down satisfaction of knowing you helped touch another kid's life and you introduced that new member into the wonderful world of Optimism. It can't get any better than that!

So let's get growing – and watch those kids sprout! Let's ***SPRING*** into action. Warmer weather is around the corner and the trees are already showing signs of wanting to expand their branches. How will your club do the same?

Please share your **GROWTH** plans.

And just when you thought there were enough rewards … look on page 8 to see what OI is offering as part of **Year of the Honor Club!**

Gita Hendricks – DMM Growth Chair
Together We Can!

Check it out!

http://www.optimist-dmm.org
The DMM website should be your first stop for info on the scholarship contests, the upcoming OIJGC Golf Tourneys, District gatherings, and MORE info to help you stay informed on DMM activities!

DMM Convention 2017

August 10, 11, & 12, 2017

Canad Inns Destination Centre
Club Regent Casino Hotel
1415 Regent Ave. W, Winnipeg, MB

Manitoba
Canada's Heart Beats

$109 CDN	Double Room
$119 CDN	King Room
$199 CDN	Suites

Rates honoured if you extend your stay
Call 1-888-332-2623 or 204-667-5560 (hotel direct)
Quote group 327601 block number for the Optimist Clubs of Winnipeg

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ESSAY CONTEST

I would like to thank the 16 Clubs in the DMM that held an Essay Contest this year. Yes, 16 Essays have been received for the District Contest! The winner will be announced at the Third Quarter Conference in St Cloud.

Thank you to all the Club Essay Chairs for promoting the contest and submitting your club's winner.

Jeri Gorman
DMM Essay Chair

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Growth / Membership — February 2017 Sponsors

Thanks to these members for sharing their Optimism this month	# Children reached/mo	YTD
Club: **35014 - BISMARCK, ND (Zone: 3)**		
Jerry Haas	35	
Tom Miller	35	70
35160 - VALLEY CITY, ND (Zone: 4)		
David W Carlsrud	70	
35116 - NOON-BLACK HILLS, SD (Zone: 5)		
Malcom Chapman	35	
Donald R Stover	35	105
35166 - WATERTOWN, SD (Zone: 6)		
Jodi Loehrer	35	
Kara Damgaard	35	
35115 - YANKTON-MORNING, SD (Zone: 7)		
	35	
	35	
	35	
35229 - MINNESOTA VALLEY, MN (Zone: 8)		
Tracy Ball	35	
35005 - NORTH SUBURBAN, MN (Zone: 9)		
FOO	35	
35131 - ST CLOUD, MN (Zone: 9)		
James M Gasperlin	35	
35140 - ST PAUL, MN (Zone: 11)		
Gary Havir	35	
35232 - ROSEVILLE AREA, MN (Zone: 11)		
Donald Salverda	35	
February Total # of Youth Served	**560**	

Gita Hendricks – DMM Growth Chair
Together We Can!

Purse Swap

The Women's Philanthropy Council of Optimist International Foundation will once again be holding a purse swap at the Optimist International Convention in Albuquerque, NM in July. Anyone in the DMM that would like to donate some gently used handbags, wallets, backpacks or brief cases can do so by bringing your items to the third quarter meeting is St Cloud in April. Not attending the third quarter? You can send you donations to Jeri Gorman, 1745 Lincoln Ave, St Paul, MN 55105.

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2016-17 International Recognition Program ICD-135

CLUB RECOGNITION

1. **"Bringing Out the Best" Club** (Banner Patch the year bar thereafter)
   a. Complete two or more service projects each year
   b. Complete the President's Pride Report
   c. Be Current on District & and OI dues
   d. Add two or more members
   e. Conduct a Membership Recruitment Drive (i.e. NOW Program)
   f. Recognize a Club member or local community individual

2. **Honor Club** (Banner patch, year bar with Club President's name and year; thereafter a year bar with Club President's name)
   a. Complete three or more service projects each year
   b. Complete the President's Pride Report and Club Officer-Elect Form
   c. Recognize a Club member or local community individual
   d. Grow Club by Net of +3 in membership
   e. Appoint a Club Foundation Representative and make a non-restricted contribution to the OIF or CCOF
   f. Conduct a Membership Recruitment/Drive (i.e. NOW) Program
   g. Club President, Club President-Elect (or two Designees) attend District Convention (or two other District meetings/conferences)
   h. Be current on District and OI Dues and Fees

3. **Distinguished Club** (Watch for Club President and Secretary and/or Treasurer, a banner patch with the Club President's name; thereafter a year bar with Club President's name and watch)
   a. Meet Honor Club Criteria plus one of the following:
   b. Add Net + 15 in membership *OR*
      Increase by Net + 8 and build two or more JOOI Clubs

Optimist Supplies

It's time to think about the Optimist Supplies (Essay, Oratorical, CCDHH, speaker gifts, awards, etc) you may want to purchase at the DMM 3rd Quarter Conference in St Cloud April 28-29

- You can save the shipping & handling by ordering through the DMM Boutique.
- Your order will be waiting for you at the DMM Conference in St Cloud

How does in work? Visit www.optimistsupply.ca to view some of what they offer. Call 1-800-565-7062 and ask for Gillian. Tell her you are in the DMM & would like your order shipped with the DMM consignment order. The prices on the web site are listed in Canadian dollars so ND, SD & MN members should ask for the price in US currency. If you don't see what you need, ask her if they carry it.

This is NOT a fundraiser for the DMM. We offer this service for you to save on shipping & handling charges. Ansells Awards is an authorized Optimist International distributor and have provided excellent service to the DMM. For more information, please contact Heather Hawley at zackh@mts.net

If interested in having specific items available at the Convention please let me know by April 1
Please note the pricing of items at the boutique will be in US funds and US dollars are required for payment.

Thanks, *Heather Hawley*

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Year of the Honor Club

This is the "Year of the Honor Club." It is a designation denoting excellence for the operation and projects presented by an Optimist Club. I would like to challenge you and your Club to achieve Honor Club status. As an Honor Club, more young people in your community can benefit from the service provided by your local Club. The lifeblood of our over 2,400 Optimist Clubs is our Members and each one of you can make a difference this year.

It is my pleasure to announce a special drawing during each of the three remaining quarters of the 2016-2017 Optimist Year. Each individual Member and Club can benefit by increasing the number of people who call themselves Optimists. The details are as follows:

It is truly an honor to serve as your International President during the "Year of the Honor Club." As Optimists, take advantage of these opportunities to make our Clubs, our communities and ourselves stronger while making the lives of children in our area better.

This is the "Year of the Honor Club" - Together We Can! Together We Will!

Yours in Optimism,

Jim Kondrasuk
2016-17 Optimist International President

All clubs should now know whether they are going to have an Oratorical Contest this year or not.

Please send a communication to your Lt Gov and copy Dave Nichols at nicholsedina@aol.com whether you are or are not going to have a contest this year so the District is able to make plans accordingly.

Lieutenant Governors please let Dave Nichols know whether you will have a Zone Contest or whether you are sending one or two contestants directly to the District Contest.

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Optimist International Band Festival – Feb 21-24

The 42nd Annual Optimist International Band Festival, where over 9,600 bands and 500,000 students have participated to date from schools all over North America.

A "Friend of Youth", the Optimist Clubs work through this festival to help the next generation develop the skills of teamwork, discipline and persistence. These skills will served them well throughout their lives and help them to become strong, capable members of society.

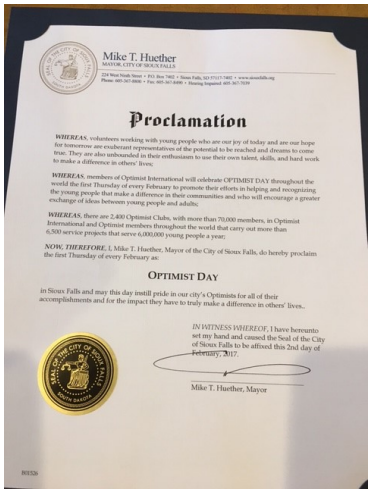
Participants put in many joyous and sometimes painstaking hours preparing for the festival in the hope that they can give to you a performance that is moving and meaningful.

Manitoba is abundant in culture and the arts. Wonderful music, art, dance, and drama makes Manitoba a rich and rewarding place to live. The Optimist Clubs of Winnipeg are proud to contribute in helping to make the city and province a place to call home.

A special thanks to all the Optimist Clubs of Winnipeg (River East, Seven Oaks, Transcona, South Winnipeg, St. Boniface and St. James) for their devoted time to such a great event.

Fred Urso

Photos clockwise from top left: event program, Evelyn Waldera (South Winnipeg) & Betty Carson (Seven Oaks), Joan Ferris (South Winnipeg) & Sandy Garn (Seven Oaks), Jo-Anne Pelzer (South Winnipeg), Donna Suggitt (Seven Oaks).


Mike T. Huether
MAYOR, CITY OF SIOUX FALLS

Proclamation

WHEREAS, volunteers working with young people who are our joy of today and are our hope for tomorrow are exuberant representatives of the potential to be reached and dreams to come true. They are also unbounded in their enthusiasm to use their own talent, skills, and hard work to make a difference in others' lives;

WHEREAS, members of Optimist International will celebrate OPTIMIST DAY throughout the world the first Thursday of every February to promote their efforts in helping and recognizing the young people that make a difference in their communities and who will encourage a greater exchange of ideas between young people and adults;

WHEREAS, there are 2,400 Optimist Clubs, with more than 70,000 members, in Optimist International and Optimist members throughout the world that carry out more than 6,500 service projects that serve 6,000,000 young people a year;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Mike T. Huether, Mayor of the City of Sioux Falls, do hereby proclaim the first Thursday of every February as:

Optimist Day

in Sioux Falls and may this day instill pride in our city's Optimists for all of their accomplishments and for the impact they have to truly make a difference in others' lives..

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Seal of the City of Sioux Falls to be affixed this 2nd day of February, 2017.

Mike T. Huether, Mayor

Optimist Day in Sioux Falls

The Sioux Falls Morning and Sioux Valley Noon Optimist Clubs were presented with a Proclamation on February 2nd, officially making it Optimist Day in the City of Sioux Falls. Receiving the Proclamation was Club Vice President Keith Carlson and the Proclamation was presented by City Commissioner, Rex Rolfing.

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DMM 3rd QUARTER DISTRICT CONFERENCE

District Oratorical & CCDHH Contests

April 28 & 29, 2017

granitecountry.com

Optimist Member and Guest Registration Information

Meeting Hotel

Newly Remodeled **Courtyard by Marriott**

404 W. St. Germain Street, St. Cloud, MN 56301

Room Reservation – 320-654-1661

Room Rate: $129.00 per night plus tax (Kings & Suites) – ask for Optimist Rate

Alternate Hotel (1 block Away): Best Western Plus – Kelly Inn

Room Reservation – 320-253-0606

100 – 4th Avenue South, St. Cloud, MN 56301

Room Rate: $94.00 per night plus tax (singles or doubles) – ask for DMM District Rate

Reserve Your Room Now - Cut Off Date: March 29, 2017

_____$*55* (US Funds) Early Bird District Registration
*Registration and Payment Postmarked by April 3, 2017

_____$*65* (US Funds) District Registration
*Registration and Payment Postmarked after April 3, 2017

If unable to attend the entire conference, register for individual events below:

Friday: Pizza Party $*15* ☐ **Saturday: Breakfast Buffet $*20*** ☐ **Lunch $*25*** ☐

HOSTED BY THE OPTIMIST CLUB OF ST. CLOUD

With In-kind, Technical, and Financial support from the SC Convention & Visitor's Bureau!

Make Checks Payable in US FUNDS to: DMM District

Mail Registration Forms and Payment to:
Jim Bisek,
2436 Imperial Drive,
St. Cloud, MN 56301-5009

Questions? Please contact:
Jim Bisek: (H) 320-253-1462
(C) 320-260-4000
E-mail: jimb@BlueChipInsuranceServices.com

MEMBER and GUEST Registration (One registration form per member or guest)

Name _____ Club_____#35-_____

Address_____ City _____State_____ ZIP _____

Evening Phone ( ) _____ E-Mail:_____

Current Office Held: i.e. Club and/or District: Special Dietary Needs:

_____

Is this your 1st or 2nd DMM District Conference? (Yes) _____ which one? (circle) 1st 2nd (No) _____

Check #:	**Amount enclosed:**	**Will pay in St. Cloud:**

THE OPTIMIST International Junior Golf Championships

Be Seen!

Be Recruited!

Be Competitive!

Be an International Champion!

Nationally ranked by the Junior Golf Scoreboard and Golfweek and included in the AJGA Performance Based Entry Process

Junior Golf SCOREBOARD RANKED TOURNAMENT

AJGA Performance Based Entry

GOLFWEEK

OPTIMIST GOLF

The Optimist International Junior Golf Championships provide a unique opportunity for junior golfers from around the globe.

In More than 50 qualifying tournaments, Optimists reach out into their own communities to involve young adults in the game of golf.

The Top 600 junior golfers advance to the Optimist International Junior Golf Championships each summer.

Past winners of the Optimist International Junior Golf Championship include:

Nick Price, Corey Pavin, Phil Mickelson, David Toms, Ernie Els, Tiger Woods, Notah Begay III, Jennifer Rosales, Brittany Lincicome, Jason Day , Lexi Thompson and many, many more.

Do you have what it takes to be on this list?

Register for the District Qualifier in Bismarck, North Dakota on June 16, 2017 today! The registration fee is $50.00 and includes driving range and putting green time. Lunch will be provided.

Why should golfers attend?

- One of the top International Junior Golf Tournaments in the World
- Ranked by JuniorGolf Scoreboard, Golfweek, Amateur Golf World Ranking and included in the AJGA “Performance Based Entry Process”
- Many college coaches attend and recruit
- Compete against golfers from all over the world.

Contact Andrew S Engelman, DMM Chair, for Local Qualifier Information or visit us on Facebook at www.facebook.com/DMMGOLF

Phone Number: 701-400-6006 or email: Andrew@thetitleteam.com. Register Online: https://sites.google.com/site/dmmusaoptimistgolf/tournament-information

Dakota's & Minnesota Official District Qualifying Tournament for the 2017 Optimist International Junior Golf Championships Official Entry Form

TOURNAMENT INFORMATION

District Qualifier for: (DMM) Dakota's and Minnesota / https://sites.google.com/site/dmmusoptimistgolf/home
Date & Time: **Friday, JUNE 16, 2016** (Tee Time Start) check- in no later than 30 minutes prior to assigned start time
Location: **Riverwood Golf Course, Bismarck, North Dakota**
Divisions Offered: (Boys ages; 10-11, 12-13, 14-15, 16-18 & Girls ages; 10-12, 13-14, 15-18)
Entry Fee: $50 - By Mail: (Checks Only) *see mailing registration address info below:*

***Winners and *Qualifiers advance to the Optimist International Junior Golf Championships (Over 36 Countries Represented) at "PGA National Resort and Spa in Palm Beach Gardens", FL from July 18-23 (Boys 10-11, 12-13 & Girls 10-12), July 23-28 (Boys 14-15 & Girls 13-14) & July 28 – August 2, 2016 (Boys 16-18 & Girls 15-18).**

*Qualifying Information:
A limited number of golfers in each division will advance to the International Championships provided they shoot the minimum qualifying score. If a golfer who lives outside of the District qualifies, his/her participation will not eliminate a District resident from qualifying. Optimist Districts/Clubs provide financial support for winners advancing to the international championships. There is no guarantee that financial support will be provided to golfers who travel outside of their home District. Please note that the following divisions will may not be provided financial support, but are eligible to qualify for the International Championships: Boys 10-11 & Girls 10-12. Please contact District Chair, Andrew S. Engelman, via email (see below) for details.

Eligibility Information:
In order to be eligible, a golfer must not turn 19 on or before August 4, 2016. Golfers must be enrolled in high school or a 2017 high school graduate to be eligible. ***Any golfer who has attended college is no longer considered a "junior golfer" and is not eligible to participate.***

ENTRY APPLICATION: Entry Deadline June 9, 2017 with limited entries (late entries will be assigned to standby list)

Name: _____Date of Birth _____

Address: _____City/State Zip _____

Average 18-hole score_____ Email: _____ Parents Name_____

(Registration confirmation and additional tournament information (Practice rounds, course info, directions and lodging information etc) will be sent to all entrants after registration is completed)

____ **Boys 10-11 (Doesn't turn 12 on or before July 24)**
____ **Boys 12-13 (Doesn't turn 14 on or before July 24)**
____ **Boys 14-15 (Doesn't turn 16 on or before July 29)**
____ **Boys 16-18 (Doesn't turn 19 on or before Aug. 4)**
___ **Girls 10-12 (Doesn't turn 13 on or before July 24)**
___ **Girls 13-14 (Doesn't turn 15 on or before July 29)**
___ **Girls 15-18 (Doesn't turn 19 on or before Aug 4)**

I certify I am an amateur player according to the rules of the USGA and the information is true to the best of my knowledge.
Signature of Player _____

In consideration of the privilege of my child's participation in the Optimist Junior Golf Championships, I hereby release the sponsors from any liabilities which might occur.

Signature of Parent _____ Phone(_____)_____Night(_____)_____

If Payments ($50.00) are made by Mail, make Checks Payable to: "OPTIMIST CLUB OF BISMARCK" and mail to:

Andrew S Engelman,
Optimist Jr. Golf
201 4th Avenue NW
Mandan, ND 58554

For further information please contact or visit:
Andrew S. Engelman, andrew@thetitleteam.com

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