

Press Release

Junior golfer Lee Kimathi shines at U.S Kids tournament at Karen

Nairobi, April 13th, 2022: Junior golfer Lee Kimathi today bagged the overall top position at the fourth leg of the U.S. Kids golf local tour tournament at the Karen Country Club.

Lee carded 75 points in the 15-18 year old boys' category, followed closely by Kevin Anyien who took runners up position carding 81 points.

In the girls' 8-years and under category, Ashley Gachora took the lead carding an impressive round of 41 points after scoring a birdie on the first playoff hole. **Zianna Khoda came in second with 41 points. In the girls' 13-14 years category,** Sanjana Sharma claimed top position with 83 points followed by Bianca Ngecu who carded 84 points.

James Tino stunned in the Boys under 6-years category carding an impressive 51 points followed closely by Mohamed Mtsumi with 54 points. In the 7-years-old boys' category, Jeff Kibe claimed top position, carding a round of 48 points.

The U.S Kids Golf tour has plugged 7 events in this year's Junior Golf Foundation (JGF) tour with a championship tournament in May 2022. The remaining three are scheduled to take place on 14th May 2022 – Karen Country Club, 15th May – Royal Nairobi Golf Club and the finale on 29th May 2022 – Muthaiga Golf Club.

As a sponsor, NCBA continues to provide a platform for young golfers to grow and nurture their talents. The international qualifiers in partnership with JGF will provide an opportunity for junior golfers to participate in global golf circuits including the U.S. Kids World Junior Championship in Pinehurst, North Carolina. NCBA sponsored the entry of the tournament last year and this year and continues to commit to improve local talent and promote junior golf development with other like-minded partners.

According to John Gachora, Group Managing Director, NCBA Group noted: "We continue to show our purpose in growing the game by supporting junior tournaments across the country and in the region. It is a great achievement to see the juniors continuously grow their skill both in physical activity and in character development of

the future generation. This strong presence by Kenyan junior golfers in world-class events underscores our efforts in developing the future stars of the sport, not just locally but globally.”

On her part, Rachel Chebukati, a trustee at Junior Golf Foundation remarked, “Today we were playing at Karen Golf Club where 120 juniors turned up to participate in the tournament. We want to thank NCBA for their partnership and supporting the juniors.”

The next U.S Kids Golf tournament is set to take place at the Royal Nairobi Golf Club on the 13th of April. All focus leads to the NCBA Serena Junior Championship to be held at Lake Victoria Serena in Uganda on 15th to 17th April 2022. A field of 100 junior is set to take to the course with an international representation of over 6 nationalities of which 33 Kenyan junior golfers are representing their country.

NCBA is currently running its 2022 edition of the series, after the inaugural launch last year. This year, the NCBA Golf Series extended its reach to Uganda and Tanzania, drawing participation from both junior and adult golfers

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