

Press Release

Junior golfers Mwathi Gicheru, Iliyan Nanji shine at NCBA U.S Kids Golf Tour at Royal Nairobi Golf Club

Nairobi, May 16th 2022: Mwathi Gicheru stole the show at the NCBA-sponsored U.S. Kids Golf tour at the Royal Nairobi Golf Club yesterday.

The 11-year-old performed exceptionally scoring a 69 gross 3 under par playing at his home turf in the par 72 course. Additionally, Iliyan Nanji impressed everyone in attendance after scoring a hole in one on the 17th hole.

Speaking during the event, Iliyan said:

“The tournament was very challenging. I was not expecting to score a hole-in-one. I hear that only 1 in 12, 500 players ever score one. I am privileged to be among the rare few.

“It was kind of a shock because I hadn't thought of the probability of scoring a hole-in-one today. I hit the ball and it sounded good, but I couldn't see where the ball landed. It was incredible and I was grateful. Not many people can do this in their lifetime,” noted Iliyan.

Junior golfer Ivan Kipyegon emerged the winner in the Boys 6 & under category carding 47 point. Zandro Obiero took second place in the same category carding 48 points.

In the 8 years & under girls' category, Irene Asiyo claimed first runner's up, second to Ashley Gachora who carded points of 40.

In the boys' 15-18 years category, Lee Kimathi, once again claimed top position, carding an impressive round of 81 points. In the same age set in the girls' category, Antonia Mbutia carded 102 points.

As a co-sponsor, NCBA continues to provide a platform for young golfers to grow and nurture their talents. Present at the event, NCBA's Group Managing Director and golfer, John Gachora noted:

“We are happy to have partnered with the Junior Golf Foundation to support our young ones nurture their golf skills. We believe that through such opportunities. Its impressive that our young ones are even doing hole-in-one, something that even adults struggle to do. This is a testament

that they have the right skillset that only needs a little push and support. We are here to support them all the way.”

“We began this partnership with the aim to grow and develop future young golfers. In the process, we have come to the realization that golf has had a much bigger impact on these children than what we initially anticipated and we are excited for Kenya's future professional golfers.” Mr. Gachora added.

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.

The next and final leg of the U.S. Kids Local Tour will take place on 29th May 2022 at the Muthaiga Golf Club. The last three tours have taken place at Limuru Country Club, Karen Country Club and Royal Nairobi Golf Club respectively.

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