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Ponich Surges from Behind to Victory



Spartanburg, SC- Founded in the summer of 1908, The Country

Club of Spartanburg is defended by narrow fairways, undulating greens and thick rough- continuing to be a challenge for all players. Known as a "shot makers course", a battle of the back nine down to the wire finish was just the special touch needed to conclude the

23rd Annual Bobby Chapman Junior Invitational.

With a final round charge, **Cole Ponich** of Farmington, Utah came from 3 shots behind to take the championship. Ponich came out the gates firing, carding four birdies on the first four holes and only one bogey to turn at three under heading to the back nine with the lead. With late bogies on fifteen and sixteen, Ponich followed with an eagle on seventeen finishing strong to capture the title of the 23rd Annual Bobby Chapman Junior Invitational. Ponich talked about the turning point to his favor, expressing there were two. Ponich said, "With birdies on the first four holes, that gave me the surge needed to stay focused and strong and then a late eagle on seventeen after two bogies was the confirmation that I needed." Ponich, a 2019 graduate was elated for this win, as it couldn't have come at a better time for his confidence leading into the fall season. Ponich joins a list of elite winners and when asked if he would return next year, Ponich said, "Yes- I have the opportunity to defend!"

Will Thomson (Naples, FL) and **Luke Dossey** (Austin, TX) both posted 69, three under par to jump up the list in a tie for second place. Both Thomson and Dossey made a late charge on the back nine to rise to the top of the leaderboard and secure their invitations for the 2018 event.

Conducted by the South Carolina Junior Golf Association, The Bobby Chapman Junior Invitational is held in honor of the late Robert H. Chapman, Jr. Each year the tournament is played, inviting the best of the best to compete at an elite level on a prestigious golf course. The tournament benefits the Spartanburg County Foundation and the South Carolina Junior Golf Foundation and to date has donated \$200,000 to scholarship recipients and \$190,000 to the South Carolina Junior Golf Association.

Final Round Results from the 23rd Bobby Chapman Junior Invitational							
Cole	Ponich	Farmington	UT	2019	68	66	134
Will Luke	Thomson Dossey	Naples Austin	FL TX	2019 2019	69 69	68 68	137 137
Padraic	Sim	Spanish Fort	AL	2018	65	73	138

For more detailed scoring information, go to <u>www.scjga.org</u>.

Austin	Coggin	Vestavia Hills	AL	2019	67	72	139
Nicolas	Cassidy	Johns Creek	GA	2019	68	72	140
Fulton	Smith	Pinehurst	NC	2019	72	68	140
Connor	Johnson	Richmond	VA	2018	69	71	140
Harrison	Corbin	Inman	SC	2018	71	69	140
Christopher	Zhang	Blacksburg	VA	2019	70	70	140
AJ	Beechler	Pinehurst	NC	2018	71	69	140
Peter	Fountain	Raleigh	NC	2020	72	68	140
Cameron	Moore	Glen Allen	VA	2018	71	70	141
Carson	Ownbey	Candler	NC	2018	70	71	141
Preston	Topper	Suwannee	GA	2019	69	72	141

Ryan	Hall	Knoxville	TN	2018	72	69	141
Trey	Bosco	Austin	TX	2010	69	72	141
Connor	Creasy	Abingdon	VA	2019	67	75	142
Chris	Kim	Cary	NC	2019	72	70	142
Brandon	Cho	Suwanee	GA	2020	69	73	142
Jack	Massei	Cary	NC	2018	72	70	142
Fred	Biondi	Port St. Lucie	FL	2019	74	69	143
Sebastian	Iqbal	San Jose	CA	2019	70	73	143
Јр	Cave	Mobile	AL	2020	72	71	143
Simms	Abney	Madison	MS	2019	70	74	144
Zachary	Reuland	Rock Hill	SC	2020	75	69	144
William	Wann	Birmingham	AL	2019	74	70	144
Levi	Moody	Greenville	SC	2018	69	75	144
Во	Peng	Lake Mary	FL	2019	72	73	145
Ethan	Hagood	Birmingham	AL	2018	72	73	145
Jeewon	Park	Lake Mary	FL	2021	77	68	145
Ryan	Smith	Carlsbad	CA	2020	67	78	145
Owen	Burden	Atlanta	GA	2018	72	73	145
Trenton	Johnson	Brentwood	TN	2019	69	77	146
John	Driscoll III	Lake Mary	FL	2019	70	76	146
Gordon	Sargent	Birmingham	AL	2021	73	73	146
Beck	Burnette	Blairsville	GA	2019	73	74	147
Connor	Golembeski	Redmond	WA	2018	71	76	147
Christopher	Chomyn	Irvine	CA	2018	77	70	147
Stephen	Sul	Old bridge	NJ	2019	74	74	148
Dylan	Menante	Carlsbad	CA	2019	74	74	148
Ross	Steelman	Columbia	MO	2019	72	76	148
Isaiah	Zaccheo	Beckley	WV	2018	74	74	148
Crosby	Guercio	Frisco	TX	2019	72	76	148
Lansdon	Robbins	Davidson	NC	2018	78	71	149
Walker	Jones	Sumter	SC	2018	74	75	149
Brady	Hinkle	Lancaster	SC	2018	70	79	149
Nicholas	Arcement	Thibodaux	LA	2020	71	78	149
Ben	Carr	Columbus	GA	2018	75	74	149
Ryan	Goldfarb	Palm Beach	FL	2018	73	77	150
Seth	Taylor	Gaffney	SC	2019	75	75	150
Holden	Grigg	Myrtle Beach	SC	2019	75	75	150
Jack	Vajda	Canton	GA	2019	76	74	150
Grant	Herrenbruck	Salina	KS	2018	79	72	151
Ian	Faulconer	Simpsonville	SC	2019	77	74	151
Adam	Xiao	Manhasset	NY	2019	79	72	151
Jack	Wall	Brielle	NJ	2019	74	77	151
Sam	Lape	Atlanta	GA	2019	72	80	152
Matthew	Giesler	Marietta	GA	2021	79	73	152
Zack	Gordon	Gaffney	SC	2018	72	80	152

Hal	Dove	Dothan	AL	2019	71	81	152
Austin	Vukovits	Fishers	IN	2018	73	79	152
Jake	Calamaro	Johns Creek	GA	2019	76	77	153
Quinn	Riley	Raleigh	NC	2019	77	76	153
Cade	Russell	Knoxville	TN	2019	79	75	154
Harry	Reynolds	Greenville	SC	2018	75	79	154
Robert	Ghirardini	Atlanta	GA	2019	74	81	155
Zach	Phillips	Inman	SC	2021	77	78	155
Ryan	Lee	Norwood	NJ	2018	76	80	156
Kevin	Wahle	Wildwood	MO	2018	75	81	156
Daniel	Azallion	Hilton Head	SC	2019	74	83	157
Drayton	Stewart	Charleston	SC	2019	76	82	158
Alex	Hall	Spartanburg	SC	2018	80	81	161
Isaac	Samples	Loganville	GA	2018	79	82	161
Danny	Dougherty	Wilmington	DE	2018	82	79	161
Will	Wilson	Darien	СТ	2018	80	84	164

Full Results from the 23rd Annual Bobby Chapman Invitational

The purpose of the South Carolina Junior Golf Association is to perpetuate the history and traditions of the ancient game of golf through its members, and with an active outreach to the youth of our state. Established in 1990 by community leaders with a love for the game and a commitment to passing on golf's heritage to the youth of South Carolina, the SCJGA is committed to meeting the needs of all young people in the state and providing playing opportunities to boys and girls that might not otherwise have the chance to experience golf and its many benefits. In 2008, the SCJGA was named the top regional junior golf association in the country by Golf Digest magazine.

> 23rd Bobby Chapman Junior Invitational Conducted by the: South Carolina Junior Golf Association Tournament Chairman: Doug Smith Tournament Director: Justin Fleming P.O. Box 286 Irmo, SC 29063

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