

Kyle Martin and Isabella DiLisio

Win Montgomery County Junior Championships

The field for the Junior Boy's title in the Montgomery County Amateur Championship was filled with outstanding talent – talent that will soon be playing golf on the college level. But when the dust settled at Plymouth CC, it was the underclassmen who stole the spotlight.

While pre-tournament favorites Mike Amole (2009 County champ and highly regarded Temple recruit), defending champion and St. Joseph's University recruit John Leighton and recent Plymouth CC Junior Champion Zach Melnick (72 in club tournament) all fired solid rounds at Plymouth, none of them were involved in the title-deciding playoff.

That stage went to Commonwealth National's Kyle Martin and Talamore's Jalen Griffin. Martin, a senior-to-be at Christopher Dock High and Griffin, a sophomore-to-be at Wissahickon, each fired a round of even-par 72 to lead the talented field after 18 holes.

The two of them then marched down the first fairway in a sudden death playoff. Death came quickly, after perfect drives, as Martin stuck his approach shot nine feet from the pin and Griffin pushed his approach in the right greenside bunker. Griffin was unable to get up and down to save par and Martin two-putted for the victory.

Girl's Division

Isabella DiLisio, the 14-year-old phenom from Hatfield and Talamore CC, showed why she is already garnering national attention by shooting an even-par round of 74 to take the Girl's Junior Championship.

DiLisio defeated runnerup Jen Kim, a Wissahickon High grad who will be playing golf at Mt. St. Mary's University, by six shots. Finishing third was 2009 Girl's Junior Champion Nicole Cavalcante.