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KLUVER, HILLARY AND JUNG PUNCH TICKETS TO U.S. JUNIOR CHAMPIONSHIPS

Columbus – Norfolk’s Luke Kluver posted the round of the day and claimed the lone qualifying spot by two strokes at Sectional Qualifying for the 2017 U.S. Junior Amateur Championship on Monday at Elks Country Club in Columbus. Charlotte Hillary of Englewood, Colorado and Rina Jung of Briarcliff Manor, New York took the two spots up for grabs in the 2017 U.S. Girls’ Junior Championship.

Kluver was nearly flawless in shooting a round of 68 (-4), hitting all 18 greens in regulation and rolling in four birdies during his bogey-free round. The Husker commit and soon-to-be junior at Norfolk High School also advanced out of U.S. Open Local Qualifying in May. He took the lone spot amongst 42 boys competing for the chance to play at Flint Hills National Golf Club in Andover, Kansas for the 2017 U.S. Junior Amateur Championship. Grand Island’s Cade McCallum was the only other player under-par, shooting a 70 (-2) to get the first alternate spot, while Lincoln’s Nate Vontz will be the second alternate after a 73 (+1).

Hillary displayed her short game on the way to taking medalist honors with a round of 73 (+1). She said after the round that she hit just five of 18 greens, but made nearly every up-and-down chance for par that she had. Hillary also made three birdies and earned medalist honors by one stroke. Jung and Roshannah Gaur of Hinsdale, Illinois both recorded rounds of 74 (+2) and went into a play-off for the final qualifying spot. After tying on the first three holes, Jung stepped up to the par-3 4th hole with Gaur already safely on the green, and hit a laser right at the hole. Her ball rolled into the flagstick and bounced to a couple feet away. She tapped in for birdie to take the spot. Gaur is the first alternate, while Ames, Iowa’s Britta Snyder is the second alternate after a round of 75 (+3).

Hillary and Jung will next play in the 2017 U.S. Girls’ Junior Championship at Boone Valley Golf Club in Augusta, Missouri on July 25-29. Link here for more on the championship: <http://www.usga.org/content/usga/home-page/championships/2017/u-s--girls--junior.html>

Kluver will play at Flint Hills on July 17-22. Link here for more on the U.S. Junior Amateur Championship: <http://www.usga.org/content/usga/home-page/championships/2017/u-s--junior-amateur.html>

For full results from today’s qualifier, visit the NGA website here: http://nebgolf.org/competitions_2017usgaqualifiers.htm

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