

Junior Golf Spotlight – Jack Larkin, Alumni



Name: Jack Larkin
College: UGA Alum
Occupation: Salesman
Residence: Atlanta

Bio:

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- > 1979 United States Junior Amateur Champion
- > Collegiate golfer at University of Georgia
- > Helped lead Bulldogs to back-to-back National Championships (1982-1983)
- > Atlanta Junior Golf board member and former player
- > Three sons (Jack, Connor, Matthew); two currently play Atlanta Junior Golf
- > Favorite Golf Courses: Peachtree Golf Club (Atlanta), Ansley Settindown Creek (Roswell), Muirfield (Scotland), Royal Dornoch (Scotland)
- > Favorite Golfers: Jack Nicklaus and Tiger Woods
- > Hobbies: Biking, running, coaching his sons



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Interview with Jack Larkin:

How did you get started playing golf?

"When I was 10 years old my family moved to Atlanta from Tennessee. I started playing since my dad played and I would caddy for him."

Tell us about your time playing with Atlanta Junior Golf:

"It was fun. When I started playing junior golf wasn't as accessible in Tennessee. It was more accessible here in Atlanta for kids my age. The association helped me with every facet of life from competition to learning basic life lessons."

Do you have a fond memory of playing Atlanta Junior Golf?:

"Yes, I think playing the Grand Championship in 1978. We played the Championship that year at Pinehurst No. 2. We had a bunch of really good guys and some pranksters, but it was so much fun playing there and playing with some of my best friends."

Do you try to play a lot of golf with your kids:

"We are really getting started right now. Jack is 11 and playing nine-hole events and Connor is playing beginner events. The game of golf has a lot more parent involvement since I started playing. I want to give them the opportunity to play and then get out of their way."

What do you hope they will learn from Atlanta Junior Golf?

"I'm grateful for Atlanta Junior Golf and that it offered me a chance to play and now the boys have that opportunity, too. It's a great platform to get started in golf. I hope they will learn basic life lessons like honest, integrity and sportsmanship. I also hope they will learn they can play this great game for the rest of their lives."

Do you play a lot of golf today?

"I'll play in about six or seven tournaments a year. I play some state tournaments, the U.S. Mid-Amateur and some Georgia State Golf Association events."

What's your favorite golf moment?

"I think winning the U.S. Junior Amateur on the last hole. That was fun."

