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PRESS RELEASE

Windham Mountain Resort Junior All-Star Named 2016 Event of the Year

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On Wednesday, February 1st, the AJGA announced Windham Mountain Resort was recognized as the 2016 Junior All-Star event of the Year by the American Junior Golf Association.

Each year, the AJGA presents awards to the tournaments with the best individual hospitality, Junior-Am Fundraising Tournament, charitable giving and volunteer base. The Windham Mountain Resort Junior All-Star was chosen out of 15 tournaments in the ACDS Junior All-Star series in 2016.

“Windham is all about family,” said Kristen Garraghan, director of club operations. “It’s where kids are learning to swing a club, learning to mountain bike or throwing on skis for the first time. It’s all about the experience and making memories. We are truly honored to receive this award from the AJGA.”

The late owner of Windham Mountain Resort, Randy MacDonald, envisioned adding the AJGA to Windham Mountain Resort to enhance the resort’s golf capabilities. MacDonald achieved that goal with the inaugural event in 2016 before passing away three months later. MacDonald led a distinguished career as a human resources executive until his retirement in 2011 when he purchased majority ownership of Windham Mountain Partners.

“Bringing the AJGA to Windham was something that Randy believed would open an entirely new door for Windham Mountain Resort and the community,” Garraghan said. “The game of golf plays a huge role in the future of our children by teaching what dedication, determination, integrity and character can do in all facets of their lives.”

The first year of the tournament exceeded expectations with tremendous involvement from the community, staff and players. The community joined together to assist with local sponsorship as well as volunteers. A chipping contest – attended by more than half of the field – saw players chip off the patio and onto the practice putting green. To top it off, members of the committee assisted in providing up meals and housing for the AJGA staff during the week.

“When the AJGA rolled into town last June, we were blown away by the pure talent of these young men and women,” Garraghan said. “These players are walking examples of what’s good in the world. We are thrilled to be welcoming them back again in 2017.”

The AJGA Junior All-Star event will return to Windham Country Club in Windham, New York, for the second consecutive year on June 27-30, 2017.

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