European Junior Solheim Captain Lauds Oak Ridge

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Chances are you still remember when you first played golf on a truly outstanding course that offered comfortable tee boxes, trim fairways and firm, fast greens.

Chances are the 24 young golfers who participated in the Ping Junior Solheim Cup at Oak Ridge Country Club also took home fond memories.

This September competition drew rave reviews from players, spectators, sponsors and tournament staff, but perhaps the most touching remarks came from European Captain Marta Figuera-Dotti: "Many of our players had

never putted on greens this smooth and fast. Oak Ridge was an outstanding treat for our players."

Tournament officials said that Oak Ridge Superintendent Keith Scott and his crew "prepared perfect tournament conditions for an event of his magnitude. The fairways were cut and groomed so well that you almost felt guilty taking a divot."

They also said the greens were "firm and fast, holding the well-struck ball but deflecting any mis-hits players threw their way."

The girls played the course at 6,147 yards using a combination of members' tees. It played to a par 70.



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THE JR. SOLHEIM CUP GIRLS

Solheim Cup Was Created in 1990 By Karsten and Louise Solheim

In 1990 Karsten and Louise Solheim's goal of creating an international competition for women was realized with the inaugural match of The Solheim Cup.

Played biennially, the Solheim features the top Europeanborn players from the Ladies European Tour (LET) and the top U.S.-born players from the Ladies Professional Golf Association (LOPGA) competing in a format similar to the Ryder Cup.

Now the premier event in women's golf, players on both sides of the Atlantic compete for points in their respective Tour events to earn a spot on the team.

In 2000 at Loch Lomond the European team won by the close score of $14 \frac{1}{2}$ to $11 \frac{1}{2}$.

After winning at Interlachen in September, the U.S. now leads the series five matches to two.



KEITH SCOTT, CGCSHost Superintendent

2003 Solheim Cup Scheduled Sept. 12-14 in Malmo, Sweden

The 2003 Solheim Cup will be played from September 12-14 at Barseback Golf and Country Club in Malmo, Sweden.



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THE JR. SOLHEIM GIRLS marveled at the fast, smooth greens at Oak Ridge Country Club for the Jr. Solheim Cup which took place prior to the Solheim Cup at Interlachen.



