

Troyer 5-shot winner in state junior tourney

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Boulder's Mike Troyer did his best to take all the suspense out of Wednesday's final round of the State Junior Stroke Play.

The University of Colorado golfer turned the tournament into a rout by closing with a 2-over-par 72 at Lake Valley. After holding a lead as large as seven strokes, he settled for a five-shot victory.

Troyer finished the 54-hole tournament with a 3-over-par 213 total. Pat Fry of Fort Collins played his last 10 holes in 3 under par to shoot 73 and grab second place at 218. John Segelke of Englewood (69 Wednesday) and Jason Allen of Pueblo (70) tied for third at 219.

The win makes Troyer just the second player in Colorado history to win the boys' state junior stroke and junior match play tournaments in the same year. Rick Cramer previously turned the trick, in 1977.

"This is something I'll remember," said Troyer, who won the State Junior Match Play last month. "I think I've played better before, but this is probably my biggest win because of the name of the tournament, the state junior championship."

Troyer and fellow Boulder Country Club golfer Ted Scribner have now won the state's last three major junior events. Scribner, who's headed for CU, won the 1990 Junior Match Play, and Troyer pulled off the sweep this summer.

In the U.S. Junior Amateur qualifying held Tuesday and Wednesday in conjunction with the state tournament, Segelke, Tom Stacey of Durango and Fry advanced to the nationals, which will be held July 23-27 in Orlando. Segelke was the qualifying medalist at even-par 140, while Stacey had a 71 Wednesday to finish at 146. Fry (148) sank a 15-

STATE JUNIOR STROKE PLAY

Results after Wednesday's final round of the State Junior Stroke Play and the U.S. Junior Amateur Qualifying, held at the par-70 Lake Valley Golf Course in Boulder. Wednesday was the third round of the state event, but the second round of the qualifying for the nationals, which will be held July 23-27 in Orlando, Fla. Some players were entered in one event and not another, mainly because of a difference in age requirements (18 and under for state, 17 and under for nationals). x-indicates won sudden-death playoff.

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Mike Troyer, Boulder CC	72-69-72-213
Pat Fry, Collindale GC	70-75-73-218
John Segelke, Cherry Hills CC	79-71-69-219
Jason Allen, Pueblo City Park	72-77-70-219
Jeff Fujimoto, Indian Tree GC	76-70-74-220
Doug Markle, Willow Springs GC	72-75-74-221
Brian Guetz, Columbine CC	73-71-78-222
Marty Zulkoski, Fort Morgan GC	76-73-75-224
Robert Scheffel, Applewood GC	79-73-73-225
Danny Mourino, Twin Peaks GC	76-75-75-226
Jeff Lawson, Collindale GC	77-82-68-227
Jason Odette, Indian Tree GC	78-79-70-227
Marc Biagiotti, Meridian GC	76-77-74-227
John Wickliff, Cherry Hills CC	76-75-76-227
Jonathan Donnel, Boulder CC	75-77-76-228
Paul English, Boulder CC	77-73-78-228
Chad Buckridge, Pueblo West	77-73-78-228
Mark Hellman, Glenmoor CC	76-73-79-228
Chris Finn, Shadow Hills GC	74-73-81-228
Scott Thomas, Columbine CC	78-80-71-229
Andy Zuendel, CC of Colorado	77-77-75-229
John Day, Sterling GC	76-77-76-229
Cam Osler, Southridge GC	77-78-75-230
Mark Troyer, Boulder CC	77-78-75-230
B.J. Brady, Valley Hi GC	79-72-79-230
Barney Sutley, Eisenhower GC	76-82-73-231
Jason Hartman, Englewood	75-75-81-231
Ken Moore, Valley CC	79-79-74-232
Danny Liurette, Meadow Hills GC	82-77-73-232
Matt Bryant, Indian Tree GC	82-74-76-232
Scott Steven, Eagle CC	82-73-77-232
Craig Waldrop, Valley CC	74-78-80-232

Other Boulder County Scores

Ryan Shaffer, Boulder CC	80-76-77-233
Bryce Tani, Eagle CC	80-81-78-239
Jeremy Uhlenbrock, Flatirons GC	76-82-83-241
Kyle Kusek, Fox Hill CC	82-80-80-242
Ben English, Boulder CC	87-80-79-246
Dave Stefanski, Twin Peaks GC	85-90-88-263
Brian Frantum, Flatirons GC	86-91-87-264
Jon Morrow, Flatirons GC	93-91-90-274

U.S. JUNIOR AMATEUR QUALIFIERS

John Segelke, Cherry Hills CC	71-69-140
Tom Stacey, Durango	75-71-146
x-Pat Fry, Collindale GC	75-73-148

Alternates

Marty Zulkoski, Fort Morgan GC	73-75-148
Doug Markle, Willow Springs GC	75-74-149
Brian Guetz, Columbine CC	71-78-149

foot birdie on the third playoff hole to edge out Fort Morgan's Marty Zulkoski for the final qualifying berth.

Troyer, who will turn 19 years old on Saturday, wasn't eligible for the national tournament, which is limited to players 17 and under.

Troyer left little doubt Wednesday that he would win the final junior tournament of his career. He came into the day

leading by three shots, and had that cut to two when he bogeyed the par-3 fifth hole. But when his closest pursuer, Brian Guetz of Littleton, bogeyed each of the next five holes, it seemed just a matter of time before Troyer was handed the championship trophy.

After 12 holes Wednesday, Troyer had extended his lead to seven. At that point, though, he proceeded to 4-putt the next green for a double bogey, then hit his drive on No. 14 left into 3-foot-deep weeds. But Troyer gathered himself, chipped back out into the rough, knocked his third shot 10 feet short of the flag and sank the putt. Easy par.

"I probably would have sweated if we hadn't found the ball (in the weeds)," Troyer said. "As it was, the other players in the (lead) group weren't playing that well."

Troyer played his last five holes in 1 under par to assure the big margin of victory. For the day, he had two birdies, two bogeys and a double bogey.

"I knew Mike was steady; he wasn't going to give (the win) to anyone," said Fry, whose rally fell well short despite coming ever so close to a double eagle on the par-5 ninth hole. After his second shot hit the cup there, he 2-putted from 15 feet for a birdie.

Asked if he was surprised by his winning margin, Troyer said, "I don't want to sound cocky, but no, not really. I was really relaxed out there today. I wasn't worried about anything."

Ironically, one of the keys to Troyer's play this week was his accurate driving, for which he owes some thanks to fellow competitor Jeff Fujimoto of Arvada, who finished fifth in the tournament. Troyer borrowed a driver from Fujimoto about a week ago and has been hitting it so well that he bought it from him after Wednesday's round.