

SCHOOL SPORTS AUSTRALIA

17 YEARS & UNDER GOLF CHAMPIONSHIPS

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Last week was quite a week for Kew Country Club's talented junior golfer Pyper Hollis. The 16-year-old who resides at Cundletown but is a member of three clubs (Kew, Harrington and Taree) just missed selection into the six-person NSW girls team for the SSA 17 years & under golf championships, played at Bonville and Coffs Harbour from 26th to 31st August.

However, as fate would have it, the Western Australian team found itself one player short and Pyper was invited to join their team. After rounds of 84 & 83 on the tough Bonville layout, Pyper finished as the leading player for WA and with rounds of 76 & 75 after her 8-shot handicap was deducted, won the girls Schools Sports Australia nett trophy.

A fantastic result but Pyper wasn't finished for the week. After starting in the

2 position for WA in the round robin match play event against every other state, Pyper found herself moved to the 1 position after the first day and having to play against girls with much lower handicaps. Pyper managed to win three of her five matches and was narrowly beaten in the other two. A wonderful effort.

It has actually been quite a year for Pyper with a win in the 16 years and over nett division of the Jack Newton Junior Golf Foundation North Coast Master at her home course of Kew in May, a win in the girls open division at the Singleton Junior Golf Classic in July, and two weeks ago a sweep of the prizes at the CNC Women's Open classic played at Kew over three days last month. Pyper was the overall gross winner, the Champion of Champions winner and was part of the team that won the Beryl Avery team event.

So what's next for this very talented young lady? She has qualified to play in the JNJG Srixon International Junior Classic at Cypress Lakes in October where the best players from every state of Australia and many overseas countries will compete in this prestigious event.

She has an invitation to compete in the NSW pro-am in Sydney in November and the year finishes with the JNJG Championships at Bonville in December.

In between Pyper will continue to compete in local district junior tournaments, Saturday morning competition golf with her girlfriends at Kew and will find time to continue with her schooling. In addition Pyper is a member of the Hunter Academy of Sports which means regular weekend trips to Newcastle for intensive golf and fitness tuition. Pyper's success has been achieved by hard work and dedication to the game of golf and is just another of the long line of successful junior golfers who started their journey by learning to play at Kew Country Club's regular clinics (the Red Swarm) that commence at 8.45am every Sunday.



NETT TITLE: Pyper Hollis, SSA 17 years and under Girl's Nett Golf Champion.