Jennings Girls Champ

Huntington Wins CGA State Title

James Huntington knew his first shot in playoff for the 1979 Colorado Golf Association Junior Stroke Play championship was into the trees, but he had confidence. The ball sailed into the trees that line the left side of the fairway on the final hole at Sterling Country Club. But he thought it would clear the trees.

Clear the trees it did, and Huntington punched his third set to win the playoff and the 1979 title, defeating Mark Armintstead of Broomfield.

Huntington, Denver, who plays at the Denver City Park Course, and attends Denver Manual High School, won the state title in his first appearance in the tournament. Going into the final 18 holes Wednesday, he held a two-stroke lead over Armintstead, but the Broomfielder rallied to tie the round with Huntington.

In the playoff, while Huntington’s tee shot went to the left, Armintstead sent his initial shot down the middle, but missed the green on his second, while Huntington recovered and put his approach shot within 20 feet of the flag. Huntington just missed a birdie putt, with the ball slipping past the lip, while Armintstead missed the pin by at least two feet, then needed two more puts to hole out, settling for a birdie.

In the girls’ play, Dana Jennings of Denver, who will be a student at Ramah High School, dominated the field and won the title with a 236, far outdistancing Sarah Zweinartz of Avada, who shot a 279.

The tournament was played in Sterling for the first time and Colorado Golf Association officials said they were more than pleased with not only the caliber of play, but their reception in Sterling.

This marked the first year that the CGA and the Colorado Women’s Golf Association combined for championship play. The field featured 111 entered in boys play, and eight girls.

Play began Monday and featured 18 holes and a day for the three days of competition. One Sterling entry, Barry O’Neal, was the fourth flight winner, shooting 248. Other flight winners in the boys’ play were Scott Madsen, Denver, first flight; Curt Nordin, Aurora, secondary flight; Troy Pateck, Greeley, third flight, and Jeff Gomez, Arvada, fifth flight.

In the girls’ play, play was limited to only championship and first flight play due to the low number of entries. Kris Hoss of Boulder won the first flight, Miss Jennings said she enjoyed playing in Sterling and said the course was a good one. She especially commented on the rough, noting that players had problems when their shots strayed out of the fairway.

She added that she also enjoyed playing with the boys but was a bit disappointed in her play Monday, despite the fact she won the title by 24 strokes.

Boys’ flight results:

Championship — James Huntington 218, Mark Armintstead 221; Terry Byrnes 234, Mike Zuyipolous 238; Steve Closs 232; Mike Phillips 234; Mike Leonard 234; Bob Kostack 232; Jon Snel 232; Matt Potter 232; Roger Duke 232; Jon Heen 237; Rick Price 238; Tom Smith 238.

First Flight — Scott Madsen 226; Paul Trumbly 227; Luke Mares 228; Randy White 229; Zane Zweinartz 232; Weston Hahn 234; Kevin Franklin 236; Doug Wilson 237; Kevin Brunner 241; Tom Morgan 241; Jeff Tiley 240; Paul Di Lorenzo 240; Second Flight — Curt Nordin 234; Winston Howe 234; Tim Tiner 234; Mike May 236; Scott Johnson 237; Mark Zeman 238; Randy Clark 239; Marty Foster 240; Paul Nordmark 250; Jeff Christen 255; Craig Gregory 256; Dave Baker 256; Mitch Bennett 260; Eric Arenholdt 260. Third Flight — Troy Pateck 246; Rick Price 246; Doug Babke 246; Jim Murphy 248; Gary Welch 250; Scott Trotter 251; Ron Spiker 251; Craig Nelson 252; Vince Albert 252; Tom Krause 252; John Colubdo 254; Casey Pitcock 256; Doug Pilling 256; Tom Mathies 256.

Fourth Flight — Barry O’Neal 260; Daryl Johnson 264; Jim West 262; Mike Williams 266; Ron Sibley 269; Stan Bower 267; Shale Clark 269; Ed Givens 270; Pat McQueen 271; Kevin Hjella 271; Lee Nelson 277; Chris Wunderley 277; Eric Jenson 278; Chris Joseph 282; Scott Holm 292.

Fifth Flight — Jeff Gomez 273; Ron Parish 274; Jim Moore 281; Jim Morgan 285; Pat Mackrill 289; Brad Miller 297; Brian Tyson 300; Shannon Letcher 300; Bill Pierson 304; Brad Kill_size 305; Jeff Landquist 307; Craig Moore 309; Jon Moore 309; Paul Machmiller 311.

Girls’ flight results:

Championship — Dana Jennings 236; Sarah Zweinartz 270; Maureen Lynch 277; Susan Allen 280.

First Flight — Kris Hoss 291; Jackie Spindler 300; Lauren Blakley 319; Chris Spader 311.

FLIGHT WINNERS — Winners of the five flights and championship play Wednesday of the Colorado Golf Association Junior state tournament, display their plaques. From left are Jeff Gomez, fifth flight; Barry O’Neal, fourth flight; Troy Pitock, third flight; Cory Nordin, second flight; Scott Madsen, first flight; Dana Jennings, girls championship; and James Huntington, boys championship. — J.A. Photo by Gordon R. Tulsin.