

# Riddle overcomes Dean, dog to win junior stroke play title

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**BROOMFIELD** — Bill Riddle wasn't about to accept the blame for a double bogey on the 10th hole Friday in the state Junior Boys Stroke Play tournament at Eagle Country Club.

The Fort Collins native carded a double-bogey 6 on 303-yard hole, but he blamed it on the dog.

Riddle, who was third in this tournament a year ago, eventually won by three strokes, but he had to overcome a humorous incident. He completed the third round with a 76, giving him 215 for the tournament, while Evergreen's Brett Dean finished second with a 218 total and Chris Johnson of Westminster was third at 219.

**RIDDLE WAS** cruising along with a three-stroke lead over Johnson and a four-shot lead over Dean when disaster nearly befell his championship charge on the par-72, 6,681-yard course.

Just before Riddle launched his second shot toward the 10th green, a dog ran across the top of the sand trap. Riddle's shot landed in a paw print, almost buried, and it took him two shots to blast out of the trap.

"That double-bogey wasn't my fault," said Riddle. "But it was a good thing that I had a few strokes to play with."

Riddle followed with a bogey on No. 11 and one more on No. 13, giving Dean, who had started the day six strokes back and was charging hard, a golden opportunity. But Dean, the Colorado high school and match play champion, couldn't convert and when Riddle regained his form with back-to-back birdies on the 15th and 16th holes, the issue was settled.

**JOHNSON**, meanwhile, also was stymied in his attempt to gain ground.

"Mom's going to have a cardiac arrest when I tell her," said Riddle, who has signed his national letter

of intent to play golf for the University of Colorado. "She freaked out on Wednesday when I told her about my first-round 66."

It was the first major junior tournament win for the 18-year-old, "and my last as well," said Riddle. "I'm history in this class. The 66 on Wednesday gave me a lot of confidence. It was the first good round that I've shot all summer."

"I wasn't worried about Brett (Dean) when we started because he was six back," said Riddle. "But he's a heck of a golfer. I felt more pressure was going to come from Chris."

Johnson, though disappointed with third, was glad to be in contention at the end. "I hacked it up," he said. "But it was fun being in a position to make a run at a title. Bill just came up with the shots he needed at the right time."

There was no gloom in Dean's outlook. The Evergreen junior will be headed for Clarence, N.Y., along with Grand Junction's Brad Broughton, Friday's fifth-place finisher, to compete in the National Junior Stroke Tournament in two weeks. Dean will compete in the Junior World Tournament in San Diego next week.

"**MY PUTTING** was bad throughout the entire tournament," said Dean. "Bill brought it back real good after those two bad holes. I'm looking forward to the Nationals. It'll be my second time there and I hope to do better than a year ago when I failed to make the cut."

Riddle doesn't have time to relax. He'll start play Saturday in the Fort Collins city championship, then go right into the state men's match play on Monday.

Cherry Creek's Greg Bakke, who also has signed with CU and will be Riddle's roommate in the fall, won the 17-18-year-old division by carding a final-round 68 and a tournament total of 222.

Keith Martin, of Twin Peaks Golf Club in Longmont, won the 15-16-year-old division; Bill Wilfley of Valley Country Club won the 13-14 division and Ted Scribner of the Boulder Country Club was the 12-and-under champion.

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## Jr. Stroke Play

**BROOMFIELD** — Results of the Boys Junior Stroke Play golf tournament which concluded Friday at Eagle Country Club.

### CHAMPIONSHIP

Bill Riddle	66-73-76-215
Brett Dean	74-71-73-218
Chris Johnson	69-72-78-219
Mike Glaesel	75-74-71-220
Brad Broughton	70-74-77-221
Monte Montgomery	70-76-75-211
Steve Wallen	75-74-76-225
Casey Pitlock	69-79-77-225
Jay Crawford	75-71-80-226
Mike Potter	75-75-76-226

### 17-18 DIVISION

Greg Bakke, Cherry Hills	77-76-68-221
Steele Sharpe, Dos Rios	80-72-75-227
Kevin Buckles, So. Sub.	74-77-77-228
Kevin O'Brian, Pinery	76-75-78-229
Chris Johnson, Kennedy	75-76-78-229
R. Fishman, Green Gables	77-78-76-231
Kevin Biernal, Pinehurst	74-77-80-231
Duke Sevier, Cherry Hills	72-79-80-231
Scott Soder, Inverness	76-77-79-232
Chris Milne, Pinehurst	75-76-82-233
Alex Sexson	79-77-77-233
Bryan Thomas, Denver CC	73-78-82-233

### 15-16 DIVISION

Keith Martin, Twin Peaks	70-81-73-224
Collis Chandler, Denver CC	75-78-74-227
Robert Keyser, Cherry Hills	74-77-77-228
Tray Shehee, Brookcliff	75-79-75-229
Jeff Gollula, Foothills	78-80-71-229
Pat Kusek, Fox Hill	76-75-79-230
Tony Aguilar, Indian Tree	77-76-77-230
Duke Zwemke, Indian Tree	80-76-76-232
Jeff Jarrell, Hiwan	77-78-77-232
Mike Henrlitz, Perry Park	72-82-78-232
Scott Peterson, Valley	83-75-74-232
Dave McCleave	72-80-80-232

### 13-14 DIVISION

Bill Wimfley, Valley	83-76-76-235
Kevin Hammer, Keystone	75-80-80-235
Chris Brooks, Pueblo CP	78-80-80-238
G. Shakespeare, So. Sub.	82-79-78-239
Jason Hicks, Heather Ridge	80-81-81-242
Jeff Atkinson, High Hills	81-77-87-245
Troy Brown, Lone Tree	84-79-86-249
Lance Maningo, W. Meadows	82-81-87-250
Trey Maples, Rolling Hills	87-86-81-254
Andy Patton, Greely CC	87-86-83-256

### 12 AND UNDER

Ted Scribner, Boulder CC	42-38-86-166
Jason Brandt, Applewood	44-43-85-173
Lance Unrick, Ft. Morgan	43-42-99-184
John Seigelke, Cherry Hills	47-47-92-186
Brandy O'Connor, So. Sub.	47-49-96-192