



Hernandez Dominates Boys 6 & Under Division in U.S. Kids Golf Regional Championship

Downey native triumphs at inaugural Monterey Challenge

MONTEREY, Calif. – Bryant Hernandez of Downey, California, took control early and never let it slip. He posted nine-hole rounds of 35 and 36 to earn a nine-stroke victory in the Boys 6 & Under division at 1-under-par 71 for the tournament.

The Monterey Challenge is one of six Regional Championships on the 2011 U.S. Kids Golf calendar. The tournament was held November 4-5, 2011, at Del Monte Golf Course and Monterey Pines Golf Course in Monterey, Calif., and featured 288 players from 20 states and five countries. The Boys 6 & Under age group played two nine-hole rounds on the front nine of Monterey Pines Golf Course from 1,192 yards.

Hernandez got off to a hot start in the first round, recording birdies on Nos. 1, 3 and 5 to quickly reach 3-under-par. He finished that round at 1-under-par 35, and started quickly again on Sunday with two birdies in his first four holes. After a bogey and a double bogey, Hernandez finished with style, recording a closing birdie on No. 9.

The key shot for Hernandez came on No. 3 in the first round. From 76 yards away, he fired a pitching wedge straight at the flag, missing a hole-in-one by inches. He settled for a tap-in birdie, one of six he made in the tournament.

Hernandez finished nine strokes ahead of Jay Leng, Jr., of Rancho Santa Fe, Calif., and Parker Pilotte of San Mateo, Calif., who tied for second place at 8-over-par 80.