O'Neil captures RDGA junior medal event

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During a round of golf two weeks ago, Conor O'Neil of Pittsford, accompanied by his father and a friend, witnessed a second career hole-in-one by his 79-year old grandfather.

It was an exciting and proud moment for the younger O'Neil, who enjoys playing golf with his grandfather, not only because his grandfather can still shoot his age or better on occasion, but also because he makes junior golfer laugh when they play golf together.

Well, no one could have been more proud or excited than the grandfather when he heard his grandson, age 16, who plays at Oak Hill Country Club, took medalist honors at the RDGA Junior Classic Medal Individual and Team Championship held at Riverton G.C. on Monday, July 22.

O'Neil, a McQuaid Jesuit sophomore and honor student, who also plays basketball for the Knights, fired a 1-under par 71 to take the individual championship by three strokes. His round included three birdies on the second nine, which helped clinch the victory.

Finishing second with a score of 74 was Ryan Minnehan, a fellow McQuaid golfer from Lake Shore. Patrick Smith, a top junior golfer from Caledonia, placed third also shooting a 74.

Fourth place went to JP Kircher, another McQuaid golfer from Monroe Golf Club, who shot 76.

In the sub junior category, Drew Cusimano, CG of Mendon, took first place with a score of 75. Brandon Nunn, Oak Hill, finished second with a 76. In third place was Nathan Minnehan, Lake Shore, shooting a 78. Fourth place went to Robert Sinclair, Caledonia, with an 81.

In the junior team category, Lake Shore finished first with a score of 228 followed by Oak Hill and Webster. The sub junior team winner was Oak Hill with a score of 237, followed by CG of Mendon and Lake Shore.