Mike Schwert receives All-America golf honors

The Nike Winternationals recently named its ninth annual Nike Junior All-American team.

Thirteen high school boys and girls were awarded All-American status through their tournament results for the nine events. The point system is based on the four top finishes of each individual.

Leading the list of Nike All-Americans was Sutherland sophomore Mike Schwert from Pittsford. He was joined by Leigh Ann Barringer, Rockingham, NC; Kyle Bilodeau, Manchester, Conn.; Corrine Carr, Pinehurst, NC; Stephen Goodridge, Attica, NY; Matt Jones, Lakeland, Fla.; John Justice, Pinehurst, NC; Blair Miller, Southern Pines, NC; Jonathan Pepe, Southern Pines, NC; Joe Poole, Raeford, NC; Morgan Reich, Severna Park, Md.; Jonathan Rusk, Washington Cross, Pa.; and Alex Weber, Grosse Pointe, Mich.

The ninth annual Nike Winternational Junior Series of Golf concluded its season recently at Pinehurst.

The Winternationals, a nine-tournament series with 106 players, has been based at Pinehurst since its inception and conducts championship events in all eight of Pinehurst’s championship layouts.

Competition is held in three separate divisions, Junior/Senior Boys, Freshman/Sophomore Boys, and Girls.

Alex Weber of Grosse Point, Mich., claimed Player of the Year honors in the Junior/Senior Boy’s Division.

In the Freshman/Sophomore Boys Division, Matt Jones of Lakeland, Fla., played at a consistent level of play in all nine events this year finishing no worse than second. The sophomore won six of nine events during the series.

Corrine Carr of Pinehurst, NC captured the girl’s division Player of the Year by winning all five events she competed in.

In the Freshman/Sophomore Boy’s Division weekly finale, Matt Jones of Lakeland, Fla., sat on a one shot overnight lead after a first round 79 on Saturday. Jones solidified his position by shooting even par 72 in his final round. Jones made three birdies to offset three birdies to win by three at 151.

Mike Schwert of Pittsford finished second at 154. In third was Justin Rusk of Washington Cross, Pa., at 158.