

Recipients Announced for 2nd Annual



Only five recipients. One ARIZONA golfer, male or female for the following categories.

***Junior, *Community College, *University, *Amateur, *Professional.**

As Arizona's #1 Golf Network, JOX Sports has been devoted to promoting Arizona golf and golfers at all levels, since 2011. Beginning December 30th 2015 JOX will recognize the individual performances portrayed by Arizona's talented golfers with this Player of the Year honor.

Winners will be chosen for their tournament accomplishments during the current year, and will be named annually on December 30th. In an effort to keep the awards exclusive there will only be five JOX Award recipients, comprising of either a male or female from the 5 categories listed below:

- **Junior** - Ages 18 and under (includes High School)
- **Community College** - Competing for ACCAC Colleges (AZ Community College Athletic Conference)
- **University** - Competing for any Arizona 4-year University
- **Amateur** - Competing in Arizona's most competitive amateur tournaments
- **Professional** - May include professional tours but primarily AZ members of the Southwest PGA

CONGRATULATION TO THE 2016 JOX RECIPIENTS

Junior - Ashley Menne, Xavier Prep

Community College - Justin Warren, SMCC

University - Jon Rahm, ASU

Amateur - Ken Tanigawa

Professional – Michael Hopper

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2016 Recipient Bios

Ashley Menne - Junior Section Recipient

As a freshman at Xavier Prep, Ashley won 12 of the 21 JGAA tournaments she entered, top 6 in the rest. All while leading Xavier Prep to their 35th Arizona State Team Title!

2016 JGAA wins

- Wigwam Invitational
- BMO Invitational
- Tucson Conquistadores Spring Classic
- Spring Stableford
- Charlie Beljan Invitational
- Tucson City Jr. Championship
- Willy Low Invitational
- Thunderbird Jr. Classic
- Thompson Invitational
- State Jr. Championship
- Prescott City Jr. Championship
- Scottsdale City Jr. Championship



Other 2016 wins and awards

*1st Team All-Arizona, *AZ High School DI State Championship Co-Medalist, *AJGA All American Team, *Xavier Prep AZ State Championship Team

Justin Warren - Community College Section (South Mountain CC)

Won Arnold Palmer Award as the medalist at the NJCAA National Championship.

2016 NJCAA individual wins and awards

- 1st Team All-Conference (ACCAC)
- 1st Team All-American
- Led Team to 5th National Title in past 7 years
- NJCAA DII Individual National Champion





Jon Rahm - University Section (Arizona State University)

Jon was an amateur for about half of 2016 however his accomplishments in those 6 months were unmatched and secured his 2nd JOX Award in a row! He won his home tournament, the ASU Thunderbird for a third year in a row!

2016 Individual wins and personal awards

- NCAA Albuquerque Regional Champion
- Pac 12 Champion
- ASU Thunderbird Invitational Champion
- Jack Nicklaus Player of Year Award
- Ben Hogan Award (only 2-time winner)
- Low Amateur, U.S. Open
- #1 Rated Amateur in the World!



Ken Tanigawa - Amateur Section

Last year's JOX Award recipient once again played in few tournaments but he made them count! This past summer he led Arizona to their best finish ever at the USGA State Team Championship! His quality of play in the most competitive local and national events made this an easy choice.

- Won season ending AGA Players Cup by 10 strokes!
- Placed 2nd at Arizona Amateur in defense of his title
- Placed 4th individually/team 2nd at USGA State Team Championship



Michael Hopper - Professional Section

Michael's performance in SW Section events this year was impressive. *19 tournaments, *1 Win, *12 Top 10's!

- National Assistant Pro Championship participant
- Professional National Championship participant
- Southwest Section point leader
- Southwest Section PGA "2016 Player of the Year"
- Champion, Player Series at Alta Mesa

