

Youth

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Though Widgi Creek has had a relatively small demographic of junior golfers in the past, numbers are on the rise, Giacomini added. The two Operation 36 classes this spring are four juniors ages 6 to 10 and 11 to 13. An additional series of summer classes will start in July.

Junior golf is also on the rise at Juniper Golf Course in Redmond, which has hired a new teaching professional, Hayden Stratton, who will be running PGA Junior League, coaching nights during the week, and facilitating three different themed junior camps this season.

For years, the Central Oregon Junior Golf Association (COJGA) has provided juniors a chance to compete at some of the area's finest courses for an affordable price. Area PGA professional and founder of the Modern Golf Club, Nate Kitt, has stepped in to enhance the COJGA experience in 2021.



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