

Henry wins junior tourney

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Nicki Henry of Chagrin Falls and Brynn FitzGerald of Pepper Pike continued their friendly rivalry on the links this past week as Henry edged FitzGerald in the Northern Ohio Junior PGA Championship at Hawthorne Valley Country Club in Solon.

Henry won their age group (13-15) by shooting a 168 over two rounds, which was three strokes lower than FitzGerald's score.

"It was fun," Henry said. "I just played my best and tried my hardest."

FitzGerald wasn't happy to come up a little short, but the two girls still maintain their friendship.

"I felt pretty good out there," FitzGerald said. "I did better on the second day.

"It's a tough course. It's so beautiful. I'd still like to win, but I'm happy for her."

Henry will be a sophomore at Kenston this fall while FitzGerald will be a freshman at Orange. Henry plays on the Kenston golf team while FitzGerald will go out for the team this year.

"We always like playing against each other," Henry said. "Overall, I'm pretty pleased."

FitzGerald agreed with Henry.

"We push each other," FitzGerald said.

Carly Arison of Copley won a playoff with Katie Jenior of Rootstown and Ariel Witmer of North Lima to win the overall competition. Arison, along with the others, played in the 16-18 age group as they all shot a 157.

Caroline King of Pepper Pike was seventh in the 16-18 age group as she shot a 167.

Both golfers have been working on their games all summer.

"I have more experience playing in different events this year," Henry said. "I think that experience has really helped me.

"I've been working on my chipping and my short game around the green. I think my practice is starting to come along."

FitzGerald has been working on different parts of her game.

"I've been working on my recovery shots," FitzGerald said. "I want to be able to get that second shot on the pin even if I don't make it on the fairway off the tee..."