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LOCAL GOLFER AIMING FOR PRO STATUS IN UNITED STATES

A local McLeod Country Golf Club golfer, Ben Pisani, has been undertaking a stringent golfing scholarship at the University of Minnesota in Minneapolis, United States, with the goal of graduating and becoming a professional golfer.

According to his mother, Di Pisani, her son was awarded one of only a few coveted scholarships to the University a few years after he was “spotted” by the University’s head coach, Brad James, playing in the Greg Norman Junior Masters at the age of 15.

“Apparently, Brad had been following Ben’s progress over a few years and only really made himself known at the Junior Masters in Coolangatta,” she said.

Mr James and Pisani kept in contact over the proceeding years, and Pisani progressed from the Junior State Team to the Open State Team, and before long was selected to the National Squad.

When Pisani graduated from high school, he was offered a full scholarship to the University and is currently majoring in Sports Psychology and Sports Management, as well as sign language for his compulsory language component.

“The course is very strenuous. All students must keep their grades up, and their day starts at 6.30am and sometimes finishes at midnight, to fit in the classes and golfing practise,” Mrs Pisani said.

Twenty-two-year-old Pisani has been playing golf since he was in nappies, according to Mrs Pisani.

“He has always been good at sport, but took to golf particularly because his dad was an avid golfer and still is. When we moved to Middle Park from Adelaide when Ben was 13, and we joined McLeod Country Golf Club, this was when Ben really started to concentrate on his golf,” she said.

The whole Pisani family, apart from Ben’s sister, play golf socially, including his 16-year-old brother and both of his parents.

McLeod Country Golf Club has recently celebrated its 40th anniversary, and remains the first and only golf club fully administered by women in Australia for the enjoyment of all its players.

Today women, men and children make up the 1000-plus membership, enjoying the strong camaraderie and fellowship as well as a challenging game of golf on the 18-hole course.

McLeod Country Gold Club hosts several prestigious events each year from Pro-Ams to two day corporate events. The club fields pennants teams in both male and female competitions, with beginner and junior groups strongly supported with special clinics scheduled weekly to cater for all levels of ability.

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