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Pinetree to Host Elite Field for Babygrande Atlanta Classic

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Kennesaw's Pinetree Country Club will be welcoming top junior players for a tournament in honor of Gene Siller, the club's late PGA director of golf.

The Babygrande Atlanta Classic, honoring Gene Siller, will take place this upcoming Sunday through Wednesday at Pinetree Country Club in Kennesaw.

The event will feature 78 of the world's top male and female junior golfers from ages 12-19 in a 54-hole stroke play format.

The tournament is open to the public to watch the tournament or the junior-am fundraising event.

Pre-registrants include eight players ranked in the top 200 in the American Junior Golf Association, including No. 48 Sahish Reddy of Duluth and No. 100 AJ Salierno of Newnan.

The newly established event will serve as a memorial for Siller, the PGA director of golf at Pinetree who was killed July 3, 2021. Siller was fatally shot by Bryan Rhoden as he investigated a truck driven by Rhoden onto the course.

According to Pinetree, Siller had a passion for the game, especially junior golf, and the membership wanted to carry on Siller's legacy by hosting one of the best junior fields in the country.

An award ceremony for the top five boys and top three girls will take place at the completion of play Wednesday.