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# Jamal one to watch at Coast season opener

Lady Captain's Prize tourney tees off tomorrow at par 71 course with 12-year old youngster Alysia Jamal expected to impress

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**N**yali Golf and Country Club's Alysia Jamal will no doubt be the star attraction at tomorrow's Lady Captain's (Pauline Gachihi) prize as the 2019 Coast golfing season kicks off at the par 71 course on the mainland, north of Mombasa.

The 12 year old junior golfer, Jamal, has been playing well lately in both junior and senior events. She will be taking on some of Nyali's leading lady golfers who include past lady captain Joyce Masai, vice lady captain Susan Stokes, Terry Odo, Mary Kandu, Alice Wahome, Mombasa Golf Club lady chairman Jane Githere and former Nyali chairman Christine Ockotch.

The event which marks the end of lady captain Gachihi's successful year 2018 which saw the ladies participate fully in the monthly medals

and Match Play competitions has attracted a huge field of 170 players that include 12 visiting ladies from as far away as Nairobi's Golf Park, Karen Country Club, Muthaiga and Vet Lab.

Some of the lady golfers travelling from Nairobi, and who will also be vying for the special prizes reserved for guests, include Aisha Duba, Margaret Thande, Mercy Wambugu, Tina Kerubo, Valentine Schoener, Bees Jones and Susan Ndolo.

Also drawn is a strong team of golfers from Machakos Golf Club led by former club captain Leonard Munyao Kamba.

The event, which is open to both ladies and men, will see some of club's top amateurs battle it out for the top prizes.

They include George Munyao, Jimmy Kingori, William Kaguta, South Africa based Mathew Wahome, and Kenya Amateur Match



Play champion Daniel Nduva.

Youngster Andrew Wahome who joined the single figure handicap golfers recently, and who has been in great form over the past two months, will also be among those players to watch.

In Nairobi, Ruiru Sports Club will host the ICEA Lion Group sponsored tournament which has attracted a field of 250 as it is the first major event of the season at the club.

Ruiru's top amateur trio of Ben Omondi, Frank Munyua and Chris Andrea, fresh from a number of recent wins, are expected to lead the charge for the top prizes.

Ruiru captain Peter Mwaura thanked sponsors ICEA Lion for

their support of the event. "It's a great way to start the year and we have made good arrangements to allow an easy flow of the game with the big numbers," said Mwaura who said the event was the first of a series of big corporate sponsorships lined up at the Club this year.

At Muthaiga Golf Club, the Safari Tour Pro-Am, a curtain-raiser for the fifth leg of the Safari Tour series, has also attracted a huge field with some of the pros playing alongside amateurs drawn from neighbouring Uganda and Tanzania.

It will be the final tune up for the pros before they embark on Sunday's opening round of the 72-hole event where at stake for the pros who will have made the cut, will be three million shillings.

Because of the big field, teeing off at Muthaiga will start at 7am for those drawn in the morning and 11.32am for the afternoon draw.

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Nyali Golf Club's Alysia Jamal in past action. The 12-year old will be one of the players to watch this weekend.

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