



BCLGA Junior Newsletter

Spring 2017

Bucks Junior Organiser

It seems as if winter is a distant memory with the new season already well under way.

The junior committee has one new member, Delyth Barnett (Eleanor's mum), who has taken on running the junior competitions. Sue Lee is looking after the Junior Academy training, Katherine Millburn is organising all the pre handicap competitions and Tony Bowers is our training officer. Behind the scenes we are supported by Helen Mines who is our secretary and also manages the junior section of the website and Gill Goddard who looks after the money.

I took on the role as CJO with some trepidation, as Sue Ashworth has done such a great job in the role, but I know that our new County Captain will be there to support the junior committee.

Last, but by no means least welcome to Georgina Bowers, our new Junior Captain. Georgina is a great role model for the juniors and I'm sure she will enjoy her year as captain.

Janet

Match vs Woburn Boys

The first event of the season was our match against the Woburn boys, which was held on Tuesday 14th February.

The girls team was Megan & Amelia, Georgina & Hannah, Daisy & Eleanor and Jess H & Freya C. We played on the Duchess Course at Woburn and it was a very close fought match going down to the last hole of the final match, but the boys won 2½ to 1½. Well done to the boys, but wait for next year....



Our first Intermediate Training was held at Burnham Beeches on Wednesday 15th April. We run four sessions a year and include the intermediate girls (up to 21 years old). The day included short game and putting skills challenges, with Sue and Janet keeping track of the scores.



top scorer on the day.

Par 3 Championship

This was held at Wycombe Heights on Sunday 5th March. The day started out with heavy rain, but by the time we teed off the rain had passed and we played in the dry. We had a great turn out, with 25 girls in total and the golf was of a very high standard. Congratulations to Rosie, who retained the Par 3 Shield, to Rachel M who won the handicap competition and to Rachel H who won the 9 hole pre handicap competition.



Intermediate Training



The morning session ended with the synchronised putting challenge—two teams of 5 trying to hole putts at the same time into the same hole.

After a lunch break, and then the girls played 9 holes in Tony's own modified stableford scoring system. Well done to Olivia Lee who came out as the overall

Foreign Travel

Amelia Curtis won a place in the European Junior Open, held in Spain in November and finished a great 3rd in the U13 championships and 29th in the U18 championships.



Erin Bailey won the Nett prize in the Daily Telegraph Girls Order of Merit and went off to Portugal in November where she was treated to some golf tuition with Paul McGinley, the Ryder Cup captain.



Dates for Your Diary

We have almost finalised dates for the competitions this year. All the latest dates, entry forms and results can be found under Junior Fixtures on the BCLGA web site:

www.bclga.org.uk

Competition Dates

11th April—BB&O Championships—Badgemore Park

13th April—Spring Meeting—Whiteleaf

9th July—Summer Meeting—Aylesbury Park

21st August—County Championships—The Buckinghamshire

29th August—Karchargis Trophy—Oakland Park

Autumn Meeting—tbc

Pre Handicap Competitions

April 9th—Abbey Hill

May 21st—Wycombe Heights

June 11th—tbc

July 2nd—tbc

Sept 24th—Abbey Hill

Oct 22nd—tbc

Academy Competitions

In conjunction with Berkshire and Oxfordshire, there are three competitions for girls who are part of the Bucks, Berks and Oxon academies:

30th April—Wexham Park

23rd July—Kirtlington

24th August—Hennerton

Any Old Golf Gear??

Rupert Pilgrim has offered to run an 'equipment exchange and mart' so that the girls can sell or donate old golf equipment and buy or obtain new (to them) golf equipment. I'm sure many of you have old clubs that you have grown out of just sitting in the garage—well here is a chance to give them a new home.

For details, please contact Rupert directly:

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Girls Golf Rocks (GGR)

I am pleased to announce that Buckinghamshire is once again running the Girls Golf Rocks scheme, supported by England Golf, the Golf Foundation and LEAP (Bucks & MK Sport and Activity Partnership).

GGR encourages girls aged from 5 to 18 to learn and play golf in a fun and social way and offers free taster sessions and group coaching courses.

If you know of any girls who might be interested in seeing what golf is all about, why not suggest they go along to one of the taster days. At the taster days, as well as the golf, the new girls will be able to talk to a couple of our Bucks Girls who will be there to help and also to share their enthusiasm for the game.

Taster days are:

22nd April at Huntswood and Abbey Hill

6th May at Wexham Park

13th May at Harewood Downs

Posters and flyers with more details are available from the venues or from Janet or Sue Ashworth.

