



BCLGA ANNUAL MEETING

HARLEYFORD GOLF CLUB

Wednesday 25th October 2017

EXECUTIVE OFFICERS' REPORTS - COUNTY JUNIOR ORGANISER (CJO)

Firstly, I would like to thank lots of people:

Sue Lee (our Junior Development Officer) for looking after our Academy Training. This is aimed both at girls who have learnt the basics of the golf swing who are looking to develop their skills and gain their first handicaps as well as girls who have been playing for a while and still enjoy the group lessons. We use Noel Rousseau at Wycombe Heights and David Armor at Abbey Hill who each run 6 half day training sessions for the three groups of girls between March and October. These are great sessions, both fun and instructive. Invitations for the 2018 Academy Training will be going out in December, so if you have girls at your club who would benefit from the Academy Training, please get in contact with Sue Lee or myself. Sue will be leaving us at the end of this year and will be sorely missed. We wish her the best for a well-deserved retirement.

Tony Bowers (our County Coach) runs 4 or 5 'Intermediate Training' sessions for junior and intermediate girls who are not (yet) in our Elite squad. These are full day sessions with lots of skills challenges in the morning and competitive golf in the afternoon.

Katherine Millburn runs our Pre- Handicap competitions. There are competitions once a month on a Sunday morning from March to October. The girls play 9 holes on a par 3 course. We have a badge scheme so that the girls can progress through the Bronze, Silver and Gold badges. Katherine also runs an adult/junior competition – 9-hole greensomes format for an adult and a pre-handicap or high handicap girl.

Delyth Barnett joined our committee this year to run the Junior Competitions. We have 5 junior competitions through the year open to any junior girls with a handicap who are members of a Bucks golf club. In addition, we have the Karchargis Trophy - a greensomes competition for pairs consisting of one lady and one junior girl.

Helen Mines is our Junior Secretary, organises our meeting and looks after the junior area of the web site.

Thanks to Sue Ashworth and Teddy Bevan who come along to our competitions and spend their time acting as starters, giving out prizes and making sure all the girls get around the course safely.

Thanks also to all the golf clubs and their members who have not only made us so welcome this year but have shown such an interest in all the girls and their achievements.

Finally, thanks to all the parents, grandparents and other friends and family who act as taxi drivers and supporters for all the girls.

Now to our junior girls and all their successes this year:

I don't have time to go through all the successes (please have a look at the web site for details), but here are a few highlights:

Thalia Kirby and Daisy Kennedy played for England U16 against Switzerland and Scotland, helping the team to wins in both matches.

Thalia was runner up in the English Girls Open U16 Championships. Daisy won the North of England U16 Championship and the English Schools U16 Championships.

Megan Dennis was 3rd in the English Girls' U18 Open Championships and has now taken up a scholarship at Florida Tech.

Georgina Bowers has been a great Junior Captain playing in all the junior matches. Georgina, Megan, Thalia, Daisy and Deeya Aggarwal were all part of the Bucks team that won at County Match Week.

Ana Pearson won the Daily Telegraph Junior Nett competition with a fantastic 52 points at the Summer Meeting and is off to Portugal in November.

Olivia Lee had a great day at the Junior County Championships, winning all four trophies that were on offer – the main County Championship plus the Nett Cup, U13 Cup and U15 Cup.

Both the Scratch and Handicap teams qualified for the Midlands South Team Finals but both lost out by the narrowest of margins on countback.

We entered two new team competitions this year and were 2nd out of 6 teams in the Midlands South Junior Team Competition and 3rd out of 8 teams in the Alresford Cup.

We present a 'Bucks Junior Team' bag tag to every girl when she first represents Bucks in a match or team competition and I have given out lots of bag tags this year. Well done to all the girls who represented the County.

We also ran Girls Golf Rocks for a second year, an initiative to get new girls into golf:

Tom Blick at Abbey Hill and Martin Heys at Wexham Park ran Taster sessions which were very well attended by lots of girls aged from 5yrs upwards.

The session at Wexham Park was also attended by Annabel Dimmock - a past Bucks junior who now plays on the Ladies European Tour. She kindly came and helped with the Taster session and was then quizzed by the girls about her life as a golf Professional.

And a few numbers:

33 girls with handicaps ranging from plus 1 to 33

30 pre-handicap girls on our database (this does not include those in the Girls Golf Rocks groups)

27 girls who are part of the academy training - 16 with handicaps and 11 pre-handicap

8 girls who gained their first handicaps this year

Other notable handicap cuts since January include:

- Ana Pearson pre-handicap to 20
- Jess Reid pre-handicap to 20
- Rebecca Jennings pre-handicap to 21
- Katie Reid 32 to 17
- Rachel MacKinlay 31 to 18
- Ciara Egan 30 to 17
- Olivia Lee 15 to 9
- Jess Pilgrim 19 to 14
- Rosie Kim 13 to 8
- Hannah Cash 12 to 7
- Daisy Kennedy 4 to scratch
- Thalia Kirby 2 to plus 1

Janet Beal

(BCLGA County Junior Organiser)