



BCLGA ANNUAL MEETING

HARLEYFORD GOLF CLUB

Wednesday 26th October 2016

COUNTY COACHING / TRAINING REPORT

With effect from last October the role of County Training Officer was combined with that of County Coach. Tony Bowers took on the new role and he has been instrumental in setting up new training sessions and helping with team selection for both the juniors and the first team. Tony gives regular reports to the Executive and is in regular contact with the Elite players.

Tony delivered five training sessions to the Elite squad (ladies and juniors, handicap 12 or less) through the winter months. Particular focus was given to being part of a team, and to foursomes' play, the success of which has been evident in the marked improvement in the foursomes' results at County Week and the County Finals Week.

Tony has introduced the Advanced Level coaching to those who have left the Academy coaching but have not yet reached Elite status (broadly handicaps 15-30). Another new initiative is the introduction of coaching clinics to ladies groups immediately prior to the two County Delegates' Meetings in the summer months.

Both the Elite & Advanced coaching sessions have been held at various locations across the county – we feel it is important to spread the venues from the north to the south of Bucks and not favour one particular area of the County or one specific club. This training is offered in addition to any individual coaching that the players receive, concentrating on training drills, not individual's swing analysis.

For each of the Elite level, Advanced Coaching and Delegates' sessions that Tony has delivered this year we have received nothing but praise from the players. Tony has been extremely helpful to me in my County Captain's role and I have valued his professional input throughout the year with critical decisions such as team selection. Tony was at Temple GC for the whole of County Week and also at Waterlooville GC for the County Finals Week in September.

The Academy coaching for those juniors who are selected from the 'pre-handicap' group has continued as per last year at 2 centres in Bucks, one in the north and one in the south. David Armour at Abbey Hill and Noel Rousseau at Wycombe Heights have continued in their role as lead coaches for this Academy Coaching.

Phillipa Cook
(BCLGA County Captain)