

The Worcestershire Junior Section Newsletter - March 2013

After the winter we have had it's great to think that Spring may be on it's way with lighter evenings and the chance to play golf in less than 3 layers of clothing!

Through the winter your Junior Organisers have been busy doing all the administration to enable the Juniors Section to run smoothly.

We have been working to renew our GolfMark accreditation. This is a set of guidelines for best practice when running Junior Sections to ensure that we are providing a safe and comfortable environment for you to learn and play golf.

After several years of being our Club Welfare Officer, Trina Cole has stepped down and is replaced by Pauline Stow. We would like to thank Trina very much for her support of the Section over the years. Our new Officer, Pauline has done a great job in updating our Child Protection Policy, which will shortly be posted on the Junior Notice Board.

As you know, we have introduced a new category of membership called Academy Membership aimed at beginners which costs only £40 per year and allows the use of the practice facilities, attending Thursday evening fun sessions and attending the social events for Juniors such as Bonfire night and Christmas party. We are encouraged by the amount of interest shown in this new membership so far.

Our new Junior Captain is Bill Thomas, who has a handicap of 13 and has been a member of the Club for 11 years. He is looking forward to meeting and playing with as many of you as possible in the next few months.

We have moved to a new Junior League this year due to the long travelling time to get to some of the matches last year. We are in the North Glos League and will be playing Brickhampton (near Churchdown, Gloucester) Monmouth Boys School (playing at Monmouth GC) Sherdons (outside Tewkesbury) and Ross GC. These are home and away fixtures and we will let you know the dates as soon as Dave has finalized them with the clubs.

Despite the bad weather through the winter we know some of you have been practicing hard at your golf. From our Club we have 6 boys in the County Coaching Academy, and one boy in the Boys County Team, as well as one girl in the England Select Training Squad, and playing for the Girls and Ladies County team. Well done to you all and good luck with your progress!

Our Thursday Evening Fun Sessions will commence on 4th April (weather permitting - check with Richard, the Pro!) starting at 5.30pm to 7.30pm. The older juniors may want to play on the main course, whilst beginners meet on the small practice ground to play mini competitions, practice shots or have a little coaching. This is *your* evening so do tell us what you want to do!

Our Fixture List for the season still needs some events adding to it but the first few Competitions are as follows. Meet by the Pro Shop:

Tuesday 9th April at 1pm: 18 hole Stableford

Sunday 21st April at 1pm 12 hole Competition

Sunday 12th May at 1pm 18 hole Stableford

Sunday 26th May at 1pm Medal Competition

We would like to see as many of you as possible gaining a handicap by putting three cards in this year, and these 18 hole Competitions are an ideal way of doing it.

Please watch the Junior Notice Board or Junior Section of the website for more information of future events. We also use "teamer.net" as a website to manage team availability for matches and notify you of events. It notifies juniors of forthcoming matches and allows them to reply by text or email. It will also notify by text any cancellations of Thursday evenings due to bad weather. To register for this facility please email your name, mobile number and email address to Helen Read at helen.read@sky.com

Looking forward to seeing you and good luck with your golf this year!

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