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ABOYNE JUNIORS NEWSLETTER

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Tuesday Night Medal



Great to see the continued level of support for our Tuesday Medal despite the poor weather in the past few weeks. We are always delighted to welcome new young players to the club so keep spreading the word that Aboyne is a great place to learn how to play golf.

A big 'THANK YOU' to the Mums and Dads who bring their children along and sit patiently whilst they play their game. We are always pleased to welcome you upstairs and strive hard to integrate everyone in to the club. Thank you too for supporting our caterer Gill. If you have not already noticed our bar prices are considerably less than other venues. You may also not be aware that we offer 'Social' membership of Aboyne GC for non-players so if any of your friends or family would like to join the club and use our facilities then please let us know. We also can lease out our clubhouse for parties, celebrations or other private functions are very competitive rates – ask our Managing Secretary Allan Taylor for more details.

Junior Champions



Congratulations to Carmen Griffiths for winning the 2017 Club Junior 'Scratch' Championship with two rounds of 78 & 75 for an overall gross of 153.

Carmen is having a great season at national level so cannot always compete on Tuesday nights.



Congratulations also go to Rhys Sim for winning the 2017 Club Junior Handicap Champion with two rounds of 68 & 60 for an overall 'Net' score of 128.

Rhys has played steady regular golf and been a key member of our Junior Pennant team over the past two seasons.

FREE Junior Coaching – Take Your Game to The Next Level!!



Good to see that certain of our 18-hole and 9-hole juniors took advantage of the offer of **FREE** coaching with our PGA Professional Steve Moir.

It looks like this is starting to be reflected in the scores so well done to all and remember to keep up the practice.



We are working on dates for our Summer Camp aimed at giving primary and secondary school pupils new to golf a week full of fun as they learn about all aspects of our game under the careful tuition of our PGA Pro and volunteer helpers.

We hope to finalise arrangements in the next couple of weeks.



We will also be holding the one-hour free introduction to golf with HSBC to coincide with first day of 'The Open' on 20th July.

Junior Knockout Competitions



Quick reminder that the draws for the Singles, Doubles and Adult/Junior Knockout have been made. We are up against a tight timeline to get the rounds played before the summer holidays start.

We won't be able to grant extensions so check the board and see who you have drawn. Remember the name of the top is responsible for contacting the opposition to arrange the match.

Juniors Sweepstake



The US Open at Erin Hills, Wisconsin is now being contested. Sadly, Rory McIlroy, Jason Day and Dustin Johnston failed to make the 'cut' overnight.

Parents can see on the club website who you drew and their progress as to whether they made the 'cut'. Click on this link [US Open Erin Hills 15-18 June](#)



Our attention now turns to 'The Open' as our next fundraiser. Parents are invited to buy £2 tickets for the sweepstake which helps fund the juniors. They can be bought from Teda and Charlie behind the bar. It is only £2 to enter with a chance of scoping a percentage of the £156 pot if your player wins The Open.

ScottishGolf Junior Scottish Open – Sunday 2nd July



We are delighted to report that the ScottishGolf (SG) Regional Qualifier on Sunday 2nd July is nearly sold out. We will have 18 teams of juniors from right across North East Scotland competing to represent the region in the finals at Troon on Tuesday 11th July.

As hosts, Aboyne will be entering a team of three juniors for the 2nd July competition. If we qualify the team will go down to Ayrshire the following week.

The SG rules stipulate that juniors under the age of 16 on 11th July 2017 are eligible to play. Juniors must have either a current CONGU Handicap (ideally 10-28 for boys / 10-36 for girls) or a Club Handicap.



The Junior Committee has met and agreed our selection criteria for this tournament. We therefore initially invite those paid-up juniors aged between 12 to 15 who did not represent the club at the Fortrose & Rosemarkie event last year to apply. If there are more than three applicants then a draw will be made.

Any juniors who attended last year are invited to apply but must understand that for fairness first-refusal will go to those juniors who did not play last year.

When applying, it is important to understand that juniors need to be able to travel to Ayrshire from 10th to 14th July to take part in the national finals **if** we qualify. The trip will also include complimentary entry to the Scottish Open at Dundonald as guests of SG where the professionals are competing. The cost of the three nights' accommodation and entry has been met from the juniors fundraising efforts. A token contribution from parents / guardians to cover travel and food costs will be levied.

Please note: Aboyne GC is committed to supporting this annual event so our younger junior members will get their turn to represent the club in subsequent years.

Further details about the event this year can be found at the SG Press Release [Here](#)

Consent Forms

A further reminder. Can parents / guardians please ensure Consent Forms are signed and returned to the club so we can demonstrate to ScottishGolf that we are compliant and adhering to their guidelines on the protection of children.

See you all next Tuesday night for another bumper turnout.

Remember to book online so we can organise the tee times. Happy golfing

Aboyne Golf Club Junior Committee