



BURY ST EDMUNDS GOLF CLUB
JUNIOR SECTION
HANDBOOK
2017



CHARLES WILKENS – JUNIOR CAPTAIN 2017

My name is Charles Wilkens and I am honoured to be the captain of the junior team here at Bury St Edmunds Golf club for 2017.

I am 17 years old and currently studying for my A Levels at Mildenhall College and plan to go to university next year to study for a degree in maths and finance.

I take over from Ben Aves who was a great ambassador for the juniors and I hope to carry out my duties with the same level of commitment and enthusiasm.

I have been playing golf here for about 7 years and have thoroughly enjoyed it. We are fortunate to have an exceptional course and great facilities which are regularly being developed to ensure that we continue to have one of the bests club in the area. Along with our Vice Captain, Jack Lancaster, I am looking forward to another year with a great junior team which already has so much talent and am also very excited by the talents and potential within the Junior Development programme.

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Introduction

Welcome to Bury St Edmunds Golf Club's Junior Section where we strive to achieve the mission statement: -

"Dedicated to promoting golf at all levels, in a fun and safe environment"

Bury St Edmunds has two golf courses, an 18 hole and 9 hole course, an excellent clubhouse, coaching and practice facilities.

There is a range of junior competitions to enter for all ability levels, some you do not even need an official handicap for! Competitions are run throughout the year, obviously there are more available during the summer months.

We hope that you enjoy your time at Bury St Edmunds, if not let us know.

Website

www.burystedmundsgolfclub.co.uk

The juniors have their own section within Bury St Edmunds Golf Club's website, where you will find accessible and up to date information:-

- Newsletters
- Calendar of events
- Adult/Junior Open information
- Contacts
- Information – How to join, membership fees

Golf Club Contacts

Golf Club Secretary	-	Mike Verhelst	01284 755979
		e-mail	secretary@burygolf.co.uk
Assistant Secretary	-	Sandra Stannard	01284 755979
Pro Shop			01284 755978
		e-mail	proshop@burygolf.co.uk
Senior Golf Professional			Matt Alderton
Assistant Golf Professional			Simon Byford
Child Protection Officer & Junior Organiser			Molly Smith 01359 232034

Junior Committee

Junior Organiser	Molly Smith
Junior Development Programme (JDP)	Molly Smith
Child Protection Officer	Molly Smith
Deputy Child Protection Officer	Judy Hamshere
Golf Club Professional	Matt Alderton
Junior Captain	Charles Wilkens
Junior Vice Captain	Jack Lankester

To contact members of the Junior Committee you may contact the General Manager or Pro Shop for details.

Competitions

Junior competitions are open to all boys and girls who are members of the junior section. Competitions are listed on the website, the Calendar informs you when they are being held, and results are posted on the website. To enter a competition please sign up on the entry sheet on the junior notice board. There is a small entry fee.

Adult Competitions Ladies – are open to girl juniors
 Mens – are open to boy juniors with handicap of less than 12

For Trophy Competitions, Juniors must have played 3 qualifying events within the previous calendar year to be eligible to win prizes. (ie: home club competitions)

Calvert Cup **	18 holes stableford	Full handicap
Jubilee Shield & Plate **	18 holes medal 9 hole event	Full handicap
Daily Telegraph	18 holes medal 9 hole event	Full handicap
Snazell Cup **	18 holes medal 9 hole event	Full handicap
Bone Trophy Junior Championship **	36 holes scratch medal	
Junior Fun Day	Texas Scramble	Full handicap
Michaelmas Bowl	18 holes Foursomes Stableford	Half combined
Adult/Junior Social Golf	10 holes – various formats	
Adult/Junior Open	18 holes 4BBB Stableford	
Presidents Prize **	18 holes Stableford	Full handicap
Junior Club Challenge (Pepper Shield & Nichols Trophy)	Medal & Stableford	
Junior Matches	Friendlies/Scratch League/ Handicap Cup medals/stablefor	
Junior Golfer of the Year	Most improved handicap player using formula from Golf Foundt	
Christmas Competition	Texas Scramble	Full handicap
Junior Matchplay Shield	18 holes singles matchplay	Full handicap
Junior Sunday Stableford	18 holes stableford	Full handicap
Jun – Ads/JDP Club Night	10 holes Main crse/ 9 hole crse	Full handicap
Pro Shop Order of Merit	5 Major Individual Competitions **	

Handicaps

Golf is a unique sport in that players can compete on a level playing field, whatever their ability, thanks to the golf handicap system.

In most cases, you will need to join a recognised club or official handicapping scheme in order to get an official golf handicap so you can play in competitions.

In the UK, the maximum handicap for men is 28 and the maximum for women is 36.

Juniors, at the discretion of the club, may have a club handicap of 29 and over [boys), 37 and over [girls].

At Bury St Edmunds, juniors have the opportunity to obtain a handicap. Play 3 rounds, complete a scorecard, get it signed, and hand it to the junior organiser or club secretary and a handicap will be worked out. If the handicap is 29 and over (boys) 37 and over [girls] this will be adjusted as your golfing skills improve. Juniors with a handicap of 28 [36 girls] or less shall have their handicap adjusted in accordance with the CONGU@ handicapping system.

For further information see the junior website - Handicaps

The summer competitions, Junads, are ideal for those without a handicap, where you can experience playing in a 9 hole competition. This can give you an opportunity to gain a handicap.

Information

Club Etiquette

Please do observe the dress code in the clubhouse - no tracksuits, collared shirts.

Follow the Junior Code of Conduct at all times.

Juniors aged under 16 years are not permitted in the Snooker Room. There are no other restricted areas in the clubhouse for juniors.

Golf Course

Carry a pitch mark repair tool and use it.

Keep up with play - that is with those in front of you.

Golfing attire on the course - collared shirts, trousers/tailored shorts, golf shoes, although to start with trainers are acceptable. [Beginners dress code is relaxed, but remember you are on the golf course.]

Follow the Junior Code of Conduct at all times.

Tee Times

Please note:

The following restrictions apply to Juniors playing on the 18-hole course :-

Handicap Boys 29 and over, Girls 37 and over

- weekdays no restriction
- weekend play must be after 12:00 noon with an adult

Handicap Boys 13 – 28, Girls 18 – 36

- weekdays no restrictions
- Saturday – play permitted after 12:00 noon, unless accompanied by an adult or at the discretion of the Professional

Sunday – play permitted after 10:00am

Handicap Boys 12 or less, Girls 18 or less

weekdays & weekends – no restrictions

There is open play on the 9 hole course, for all players. Please note – players 12 years or below, must be accompanied by an older person (min. of 16 years), for the entire time they are at the golf club.

Buddy System

When you are new to the club, if you wish, we will introduce you to an existing member who will help show you around and introduce you to the junior section, and take you onto the course. If you want someone to play golf with at weekends or in the holidays - we can help out - contact the Junior Captain or Pro Shop

First Aid Facilities

They can be found at the pro shop, and the entrance to the club house. First Aiders are available in the Secretary's Office.

JDP Club Night & Juniors

During the Summer months, JDP members usually meet one evening a week, between 6:00pm – 7:00pm. Members receive 1 hours coaching from one of our Professionals during this time. This starts in May and goes through to the early part of September.

During the Summer School holidays, Juniors as well as JDP members, meet one evening a week, usually from 4:00pm – 6:00pm. (Juniads) The idea is to play 9 holes of fun/competitive golf with a senior junior/adult golfer, and thus provide an opportunity for JDP players to put into practice skills they have acquired through their coaching. Juniads is open to all juniors and JDP members, and a shortened course (blue tees) for those without a handicap.

Saturday Academy with Simon Byford

9-10am Group 1 (18 hole handicap players & JDP)

10 – 11am Group 2 (Beginners & Learners)

Further details contact Simon in the Pro Shop

Tel: 01284 755979

Email: Proshop@burygolf.co.uk

Code of Conduct

This code of conduct has been written to make sure that all young golfers at Bury St Edmunds Golf Club know the standards of behaviour that are expected of them when playing golf or attending coaching. This will help the volunteers, coaches and staff at the club look after you and make sure that every young person is able to enjoy their time at the club.

- Treat all other golfers, whether adult or junior with the same respect and fairness you would like them to show you
- All golfers should be able to participate in golf without fear of ridicule, harassment or restriction. Uphold this value in all that you do.
- Demonstrate fair play on and off the course. Respect differences in gender, disability, culture, race, ethnicity and religious beliefs between yourself and others
- Challenge discrimination and prejudice.
- Look out for yourself and the welfare of others
- Do not engage in any irresponsible, abusive, inappropriate or illegal behaviour
- Challenge behaviour that falls below the expected standards of the club
- Speak out if you are concerned about anything, your own needs or the needs of others
- Be organised and on time
- Do not leave the club following a coaching session, match or competition without the knowledge and permission of the Junior Organiser or person in charge
- Follow the club rules and dress codes
- Listen to the junior organiser and other representatives of the club and comply with their requests. They have your best interests and those of the whole group in mind.
- Demonstrate the highest standards of behaviour at all times
- Advise the junior organiser or coach of any medical conditions which may affect your standard of play
- You must not:
 - Consume alcohol or illegal and performance enhancing drugs
 - Smoke
 - Use foul language
 - Engage in sexual behaviour
 - Gamble (e.g. on gaming machines)

I agree to abide by the above code of conduct while in the care of, or representing Bury St Edmunds Golf Club.

Signature of Junior Member:

Name (printed):

Date:

I understand and agree that my child must abide by the above code of conduct.

Signature of Parent/ Guardian:

Guidance for Parents

Bury St Edmunds Golf Club recognises its responsibility to safeguard the welfare of children participating in club activities, and therefore has child protection policies and comprehensive child protection procedures to contribute towards the aim of ensuring that all children at Bury St Edmunds Golf Club have an enjoyable and safe experience of golf. We wish to work in partnership with parents and therefore would ask that they assist Bury St Edmunds Golf Club by considering the following points:

- Take an interest in your child's activity and progress and be supportive
- Praise the effort as well as the results of your child's participation
- Introduce yourself to the Junior Organiser, coaches and Child Welfare Officer
- Find out what the club has to offer in terms of coaching and junior competitions, and become familiar with the rules of the club, including any playing restrictions for children
- Become familiar with Bury St Edmunds Golf Club's Child Protection Policy and Procedures
- Read the Junior code of conduct and discuss this with your child
- Be punctual when dropping off and picking up your children for/ from coaching and competitions- volunteers cannot leave your child alone at the venue and must stay at the club until the last child leaves. If you are likely to be late, please contact the Junior organiser via the Pro Shop to discuss what to do
- Take an interest in who your son/ daughter is playing with, introduce yourself if it is an adult you do not know
- If leaving your son/ daughter at the club please make sure they have some spending money, appropriate clothing (e.g. a hat and sun protection cream to protect them from the sun or waterproofs), a drink to take in their bag, dehydration occurs even if it is not that warm. A change of shoes to enter the Club House.
- Complete the Parent consent form promptly, and notify the club of any amendments so that we may care for your child as efficiently as possible
- Discuss any particular requirements your child has that may affect the ability of your child to enjoy the sessions or the ability of coaches and volunteers to meet their needs effectively
- Have clear lines of communication to keep up with your child's progress

- Ensure that the club has an emergency contact number for you when you are away from the club, a mobile would be preferable and that you leave your mobile switched on so that you can be contacted in an emergency
- Raise any concerns you have about the coaching, club procedures, or care that your child receives with the Child Welfare Officer or the Junior Organiser so that we may address them appropriately and promptly
- Make sure that your child knows what time they will be collected, where they are being met, and by whom
- Check your household insurance policy to ensure that your child has adequate and appropriate cover, particularly public liability insurance

The transporting of children to and from the club for matches, competitions, and coaching is the responsibility of parents. The club will only become involved in these arrangements in exceptional circumstances. Parents are welcome to contact the parents of other junior members and make private arrangements to share transport, but this does not fall within the responsibility of the club

Parents/Spectators' Code when watching Junior Competitive Golf

- Make sure any mobile phone is switched off
- Do not walk or talk with players
- Keep to the sides of fairways, away from any ball in play and 50yds. from players
- Do not stand within the 'eye-line' of players when they are putting or teeing off.
- Avoid trampling long grass when helping to search for a ball
- If a found ball might be the player's, do not touch it
- Do not carry or handle a player's clubs or offer advice
- Do not offer information about the Local Rules. Those for the event may be different from those of the club
- Keep still and quiet and do not use cameras while a ball is being played
- Golf courses can be dangerous for young children – please keep them safe.
- No dogs allowed.

Parents/Spectators' Code when walking with Juniors in Social Golf

- Check in the Pro Shop before going out that the course is open for play.
- Be appropriately dressed for walking on the golf course. The same dress code applies to golfers and parents/carers/spectators.
- Do not use your mobile phone except in an emergency.
- Be aware of other groups of golfers who may be playing in a competition. They should have priority.
- No dogs allowed
- Do not take young children on the courses as spectators.
- Golf courses can be dangerous places so listen and watch for balls coming from other players.

Events for Parents and Juniors

There are various events throughout the year for parents and juniors to enjoy golf and the facilities at Bury St Edmunds.

These include:-

- BBQ on the Terrace
- Adult / Junior Open
Adult + Junior 4BBB. Usually played in October. Play with your son or daughter and become winners of the many prizes on offer!
- New Members
A welcome meeting to introduce members of the junior committee, to explain the functions of the junior section and give you a tour of the club.

For dates and times of these events please check the website:

www.burystedmundsgolfclub.co.uk

Child Protection

Bury St Edmunds Junior Section realises the importance of safeguarding and child protection procedures, and seeks advice from the English Golf Union.

If you have any concerns regarding child protection please contact:-
Child Protection Officer – Molly Smith – 01359 232034

The Child Protection Policy is reviewed yearly and is available to golfers and parents:

- On the junior notice board
- On the Golf Club's website - www.burystedmundsgolfclub.co.uk
- Ask the junior organiser or Golf Club Secretary for a copy

We ask that all juniors and parents complete these forms:

- Junior Code of Conduct
- Photographic consent form
- Player Profile

This must be renewed and updated yearly. This information is held in confidence but is important for the safety and wellbeing of the junior golfer.

These forms are available from the Club Secretary or Junior Organiser

Membership

Junior membership is open to all boys and girls from the age of 8 years.

Membership costs are:-

Aged 8> – 12yrs £70 (* Plus affiliation fee)

Aged 13> – 17yrs £100 (*Plus affiliation fee)

***Affiliation fees 2017:** Men £16.00 / Ladies £17.25 per annum

JDP (Junior Development Programme) - £50

1. Members under 13 years. Tuesday night sessions include putting, short game, swing, on the course, prepare for golf, fit for golf and skills for life, unlimited use of the 9 hole course.
2. Members 13 and over - 2 individual lessons and unlimited use of the 9 hole course.

Membership Card

Club Evening ~ Tuesdays (Under 13)

Coaching/Club evening fixture card

Access to organised events

A handicap system

Application forms and further details can be obtained from the Golf Secretary

01284 755979. E-mail secretary@burygolfclub.co.uk

JDP application forms and further details can be obtained from the Pro Shop

01284 755978 E-mail proshop@burygolf.co.uk

Junior membership includes coaching, competitions, club and county matches, social interaction fun and enjoyment

‘HOME’ MEMBERS

Free coaching

Matches

County Competitions

Texas Scrambles

Fun Day

Social events

Individual Player Profile

Trophy Competitions

Captain’s Charity Day

Christmas Party - prizes

‘AWAY’ MEMBERS

Paid coaching

Limited competitions

Social events

Texas Scrambles

Fun Day