



# "Cromer Rookies" Royal Cromer Juniors



July 2021 Update

After all the stop-starts, it is uplifting to see our Cromer Rookies back to their regular coaching sessions and getting out on the course. As soon as we were able, we started our club competitions. The first to be played was the Terry Howe Cup in May. With some great scores in, it was a fabulous start. Our winner, playing 18 holes for the first time in club competition, was Rory with 45 points! He has not looked back. Having graduated to 18 rather than 9 holes, he then joined our Bass Team for the county Bass competition. Lockdown did not stop us having our Easter Cup. Easter is a `moveable feast` each year. So, we decided to move our Cup. Instead of the original date of 31<sup>st</sup> March, we played it in June and our Rookies enjoyed the Easter Eggs generously given by Rick and Sally Taylor!

In addition to our bespoke junior events, it is a joy to see our Cromer Rookies competing in club days and competitions – Royal Cromer Golf Club Week, Harbord Cup, Ladies Cups, Cricket Day etc. We have a full summer of golf ahead, including 9 and 18 hole competition in all our junior cups, along with other fun Greensomes and Putting days planned for those of our juniors not yet competition ready. In addition, we will have a rearranged Prize-giving and fun Putting Day so that we can celebrate with our 2020 winners (Date TBA).

We seem to have new juniors joining every month and we are building on that with two initiatives over the summer. Girls Golf Rocks, a programme devised by Golf Foundation and England Golf with two 6 week blocks of teaching, is now underway at Royal Cromer for the first time. The next block starts in August, running into September when we also resume Taster Sessions with Cromer Academy. We have had great success there. Both our Captains, Mary Keen and Kalan Barratt, came to us through that initiative! Talking of our Junior Captains, you will note the plural. Kalan was our Junior Captain in 2020 but, like golf Captains across the country, he did not get to embrace that role in 2020. So, his Vice Captain, Mary, asked Kalan to be joint captain with her in 2021. Such a positive, generous and refreshing attitude. Our juniors are a fantastic group of young golfers whose camaraderie, support for one another and great team spirit is a delight to witness. Every single one of our juniors deserves individual mention, but it would be a very long update! Suffice to say, they all contribute to and are a credit to Royal Cromer Golf Club.

Within the County calendar, we have shown great tenacity and resilience in very tough matches in both the Bass and K K Smith competitions. As a result we play our Bass Trophy semi-final at Royal Norwich against Bawburgh on 1<sup>st</sup> August. In K K Smith, we will be defending our title as 2019 champions in the upcoming final against Royal Norwich at Bawburgh on 12<sup>th</sup> August.

Royal Cromer juniors are very much involved in other county competitions including the Young Cup, Carrick Cup, Order of Merit events and County Girls Championship. In the latter, all three ~ Ruby Patterson, Mary Keen and Lucy Lefevre ~ enjoyed great success. Ruby and Mary have also been selected for three days of competition in the Junior County Match Days away in Bedford in August. Not content with just Norfolk golf, two of our players, Max and Rory Storer are playing in the national Robert Rock Junior Tour and Sullivan Goddard has been travelling far and wide in competition golf.

So, a lot going on! Thank you to all our volunteers who, because of the restrictions we have all been under, I have not been able to call on for help. Thank you for standing at the ready. With so much going on, I will be in touch soon!

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## 2021 Dates

Weekly Saturday morning coaching

Girls Golf Rocks	July – August / August - September
Cromer Academy Sessions	September
30 <sup>th</sup> July	Nigel Lee Memorial Trophy
1 <sup>st</sup> August	Bass Semi Final
3 <sup>rd</sup> August	Graham Keeley Cup
12 <sup>th</sup> August	K K Smith Final
13 <sup>th</sup> August	David Seago Trophy
17 <sup>th</sup> August	Junior Championship
30 <sup>th</sup> August	RCGC Junior Open
19 <sup>th</sup> September	Junior TUG Trophy
16 <sup>th</sup> October	Junior Captains v Junior Vice Captain
23 <sup>rd</sup> October	Tim Stanford Trophy
11 <sup>th</sup> December	Christmas Cup and 2021 Prizegiving