



To move with the times the Junior section has started What's App groups for many of the training Squads (contact through the parents) and these are proving very successful. We have also make regular updates on Instagram and Facebook so if you are interested in Junior Girls' Golf start following!

What does the Junior Section Actually do?

Lets begin with **Coaching Photo 1**

Where does you Club, and indeed where does your stand, in your feelings about Junior Golf?

- Are all of your Juniors registered with WHS EVEN IF THEY DO NOT INITIALLY HAVE A HANDICAP. This is really important as it is how we monitor both involvement and progress
- If you have any Juniors showing potential please let us know so that we can invite them along to our Beginners Young programme run by Victoria Holden. These Juniors need to be U14.
- Over 40 youngsters attended these sessions which are for girls with no handicap or in the handicap range 36 - 54 and are designed to supplement any training provided by clubs
- Those girls showing potential are invited to an assessment day at Malton Norton and from this some will have been invited to join the Yorkshire training programme
- The first step on their pathway is the Promising Young groups coached by Luke Allan at Malton & Norton in the North and Hickleton in the South

This year the four Centres for the Beginners Young Sessions are:

- Abbeydale, Gareth Davies
- Huddersfield, Alex Keighley
- Leeds, Wike Ridge Ellie Robinson
- Pike Hills, taking girls from North Yorkshire,, Mark Robson

Our Lead Coach Lysa Jones has spent a great deal of time reviewing the County Talent Pathway and Coaching Opportunities and details of this and of the pathway opportunities can already be found on the website in the Junior Section

As Yorkshire is such a large County we have tried, wherever possible, to have a North and South Hub for training to reduce the time spent travelling.

Our Promising Young, coached by Luke Allen **Photos 2 -5** have Hubs at Malton and Norton and Hickleton We have players as young as 7 attending these half day sessions, some with no handicap and some who have reduced their handicap to high 20's.

Our Intermediates groups are taught by Gareth Davies **Photos 6-9** and James Freeman **photos 10-12** and have hubs at Malton and Norton and Rotherham. At Intermediate level both coaches coach full days, working on skills and technical aspects in the morning and applying skills learnt on the course in the afternoon.

Our Elite group, taught by Lysa Jones, **photos 13-14** the Lead County Coach is taught at the Oaks. They spend a lot of work doing technical recording and stats to enable them to develop the consistency needed to compete at the highest level

These girls have eight full days of coaching and form the basis of the second team representing Yorkshire in Fixtures against other Counties

Some of the better girls in the County make the decision to apply for England Regional coaching. At the moment a new coach is being sourced for this but Lysa jones has been a temporary replacement

These girls still play for Yorkshire Juniors whenever they are able and for the second and first team.

Applications for Training

This is new this year even those girls who are already in our system have been asked to reapply for coaching which acts as a review of their season and makes great reading. This application is also open to those just starting out or not as yet in training maybe new to your club. This year we have had 48 applications.

Competitions

Throughout the summer the Junior Section run a series of Competitions all but one of which form The Race to Woodsome Hall, the venue of our final event of the summer

All of the Junior Regional Events are part of 'The race to Woodsome', Players in each league (based on handicap) gain points depending on where they finish in each of the regional events

The more events they enter the more chance they have of gaining a good score so participation is encouraged Lots of prizes are awarded at this event and it is quite exciting. A superb venue with a lovely atmosphere and nothing decided 'for sure' until the completion of this very last event

To introduce them to one of the formats used in matches a Foursomes competition was introduced. This year we held this at Hull..... the girls have found it great fun

Winners were sisters Poppy & Jessie Lane [Photo 15](#)

So far this year our first Regional event which should have been held at Pannal had to be cancelled due to a waterlogged course but thankfully the weather improved for

Halifax West end in July

Winners here were [Photos 16-18](#)

Division 1- Olivia Brodie (Cookridge Hall) Division 2- Jessie lane (waterfront) 9 hole- poppy Lane (Waterfront)

Rotherham held last weekend

Division 1 - Emma Brannon(Rotherham) Division 2 – Jessie lane (Waterfront) 9 Hole -Poppy Lane(Waterfront)

[Photos 19a, 19b & 19c](#)

The Junior Championships were held at Middlesbrough on July 16th [Photos 19d-20](#)

Main Competition 36 Holes & Junior Champion Amy Staveley(Ganton) with an even par two rounds 146

36 hole Nett Competition Winner -Emily Garbutt (Middlesbrough) with Nett 146

18 hole Stableford winner Jessie Lane (Waterfront) 36pts

All the coaches attend the Junior Championship to help encourage the players in their groups and assess their progress.

Autumn Meeting at Woodsome hall still to come which concludes our Order of merit competition for the season

Playing in Regional Competitions:

Please encourage ANY Juniors with or without a handicap to come and play in our Regional Competitions. They do NOT have to be in our training squads or have a low handicap; we have competitions for all, they simply have to be a member of a Yorkshire Golf Club.

Entrance is via the Website, a CDH number is helpful but not essential

We often manage to spot new players this way

Closing Date for registration in the Competitions is one week prior to the date of the event,

Our thanks go to all those clubs who have allowed us to use their facilities and provided us with willing volunteers to help us run our events.

We then offer chances to Play in Matches:

Jo Pease is our team manager who organizes the fixtures superbly, supporters are always welcome

Results of Matches:

V Yorkshire boys won 3-1 [Photo 21](#)

V Durham playing a mixture of singles and doubles saw a loss 4 ½ to 2 ½ [Photo 22](#)

V Cheshire was cancelled

V Lancashire played just Yesterday at the prestigious Lytham St Annes, which was a fantastic opportunity for the girls

Getting youngsters started in matchesthe **Junior Jamboree: Photo 23**

In turn the Northern Counties: Yorkshire, Lancashire, Cumbria, Cheshire, Northumberland & Durham host a two day competition for inexperienced players drawn from within their County training structure.

For us this means predominantly players, often quite young, from Luke's Promising Beginners Group

The first day is an individual Stableford. As well as the points going towards the team score it determines who they will play against in the matchplay the following day. Many of the girls have not played matchplay and this introduction gives them the opportunity to learn in a really supportive way, the atmosphere is wonderful

This year we travelled with a great team to Bromsborough GC on The Wirral, the team gelled well together and produced some great golf. Coming a creditable joint 2nd place the future looks promising. Beatrice Pickles mercer was a real superstar and won the overall best individual over the two days of play **Photo 24**

Junior Ambassador Photo 25

I would like to introduce to you our Junior ambassador this year Alysia Rigg (Moortown) Alysia was invited onto the Junior committee after she turned 18 last Autumn. She has proved an invaluable asset to the team giving us a different perspective on topics discussed. She spent a great deal of her time being very pro active writing exemplars for the new application system and also visiting two clubs that requested help with Junior sections having no peers to look up to. She also helped out at the Junior Championships. She will be succeeded by our new junior Champion Amy Staveley who turns 18 this autumn who hopes to carry on her good work.

So as you can see we do lots to help and promote Junior golf in Yorkshire

Four questions to finish with:

Are there any girls in your club you could encourage?

Are there any girls in your club who should be playing in the Ladies' competitions (and how welcome would they be made to feel)?

Are any of you playing at clubs that would enjoy hosting a Junior event in the future?

Are there any of you who would be prepared to give up a day to supervise a training session – its amazing how much you can learn!

For more information about the YLCGA and to keep up to date with what we are doing, why not follow us on social media