

## COUNTY JUNIOR ORGANISER REPORT

**Beginners Young nomination for U14's & registering players**-Please don't forget to send through any Juniors with potential to take part in Beginners Young programme. Also, can clubs ensure they register all junior players at WHS this is how we can monitor progress even if they have no Handicap index initially. We can then see all potential players if they are registered.

**Training**-It's very much been a time of changes over the Winter for our programme. We have continued with training for all groups with Lysa Jones at The Oaks, Gary Brown at Ganton or Malton & Norton and Luke Allen at Rotherham. However, after 20 years Gary Brown decided it was time to go and he completed his final session on 23<sup>rd</sup> January. The junior section organised a special presentation as a surprise. Many County players and parents turned up for cake and drinks and Alison Tracey presented him with a specially engraved hip flask to mark his 20 years of service. He also received a number of other personal gifts including a specially made photo collage to share some happy memories with him. We wish him well. So began our search for a new coach

**Appointment of New County Coaches**-With two very strong candidates and a very much larger group of Intermediates than usual we have appointed two candidates and we have will the Intermediate group into two more manageable sizes. Our two new coaches are Gareth Davies who will coach the Northern group at Malton & Norton and James Freeman who will coach the Southern group at Rotherham. This was an easy solution and both candidates were happy to job share this cause no extra cost to the County and will be reviewed next January. They both began their training this Spring at our two new hubs and the reduced travelling has proved popular with parents. With all the new changes it meant coaches contracts needed to be fully reviewed and I am pleased to say that for Lysa our Head Coach (now in the top 50 coaches in UK) we have now secured a 3-year contract for her to continue her good work. All other coach's contracts were also updated and reissued.

**Strengthening and Conditioning coaching** We are holding this for our Elite Junior Squad that train with Lysa Jones as Strengthening & Conditioning is becoming an important part of playing golf for the elite golfers. Dr Jack Wells who is based at The Belfry will be delivering 2 Sessions to our Elite followed up with some Nutritional advice via zoom

**Appointment of Beginners Young Coach for Leeds area**-Following the resignation of Oliver Hunt. I am pleased to announce that ex Yorkshire player and Ladies Champion from 2012 Eleanor (Ellie) Robinson from Wike Ridge(Leeds Golf centre) has been appointed so it's nice to see one of our own coming full circle.

**New Assistant CJO**-I am pleased to welcome Adrienne Palmer of Hull GC as my very able assistant CJO Adrienne comes from a teaching background and I am sure she will settle in well and be an asset to the team.

**Matches**- Once again we have a full complement of Inter County matches against Lancashire, Cheshire, Durham & Cumbria alongside a warm-up match versus Yorkshire boys and an additional fixture playing in Foursomes to help prepare the girls for County Representation in both 2<sup>nd</sup> and 1<sup>st</sup> teams

**Regional competitions & Golf Genius Registration**-Registration opened in January for the Junior Events which are due to take place at

Wike Ridge April 3<sup>rd</sup>      Shipley July 3<sup>rd</sup>      Drifffield Sept 4<sup>th</sup>

Junior Championships July 17<sup>th</sup> at Cleckheaton & Autumn meeting at Woodsome hall October 2<sup>nd</sup>

Please encourage any juniors to register on Golf Genius and take part they do not have to be in our programme to do so. We often manage to spot new players through this. The registration for the 2022 events opened on January 4<sup>th</sup>. This includes a new event of Foursomes taking place at Whitby as a trial event on April 30<sup>th</sup>. All event registration closes a week prior to the date of the event.

Many thanks again to all venues and clubs who have supported juniors through hosting or encouraging the girls they are our future after all.

**Karen Fellows**

**CJO March 2022**