

Juniors' Report - Dec 2018

My first task was to identify Juniors who were existing members, together with the other group of Juniors attending the coaching sessions at The Academy with Daniel Martinez-Perez, our Head PGA Golf Professional. With the help of Arnie Sheppard and Emma Goddard we identified 20 juniors (mostly teenagers), as existing members. I emailed their parents on two occasions, outlining coaching opportunities, the ability to obtain a handicap and participation in Junior Competitions. I did not receive any replies. We subsequently had twins, with low handicaps, joining the Club when the boys' home club closed.

The Club held a very successful Fun Day at the Premier at the beginning of August. "Taster sessions" were held by Daniel and Corran (from Lymm GC) for the children who attended. Unfortunately, there was little take up at the free coaching sessions held in August by Daniel and Corran.

Daniel's group of sixteen younger juniors, mostly under 13 years old, continue to attend the Sunday morning coaching sessions at the Academy at the Arderne. Our first completion for them is planned for December 23rd. I am encouraging their parents to volunteer and help, and eventually become members of our planned Junior Golf Committee.

We have had discussions and help from Andy Leigh from The Golf Foundation. This is a charity aimed at promoting Junior Golf. Our plans have been approved and we will be receiving funding from the charity, to support Daniel's work in reaching out to recruit, and coach, young players from the local Primary schools and the High school.

Child Welfare and Safeguarding

Daniel and I have held regular meetings with Alison Lysons, from the EGU. We have received their support for our plans to promote junior golf. We have begun to complete the EGU's national accreditation for Golf Safe, the Welfare and Safeguarding module of Golf Mark. Once completed early in the New Year we would move onto the other three modules, with support from the wider management of the Portal Hotel, especially in relation to golf. In the interim I have updated the relevant existing procedures on Safeguarding, reflecting change of personnel. These have been approved by the Captain and Lady Captain.

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