

County Newsletter October / November 2019

The County Golf Unions across England have largely **rejected** England Golf's proposal to change the format of County Golf to be more like the professional tour. This would mean that only small group of elite players would play 36 or 54 hole stroke play events rather than sustaining the current match play format, much enjoyed and valued by many good quality amateur golfers.

The County golf season has now come to a close with some excellent final results.

THE COUNTY JUNIOR U16 TEAM came an excellent 3rd in the County Cup at Kedleston Park on 20th October.

They were only two shots behind the winners, Derbyshire, out of the 10 Counties competing. Our team was: **Harrison Leaver** (Gaudet Luce) **Hugh Adams** (Hagley) **Sam Rowbottom** (Kings Norton), **James IIsley** (Stourbridge), **Louie Stott** (Bewdley Pines) and **Harvey Jones** (Kings Norton). The boys represented the County superbly on the day.

9 yr old **HAYDEN SARFO** (Worcs G&CC) continues with his great form. He won the UK qualifier for the IMG World 9-10 Finals by 5 shots at South Herts Golf Club. This makes it three years in a row and underlines his growing potential as one of our finest young players.

14 yr old **HUGH ADAMS** (Hagley GC) has now firmly established himself in the England U16 squad, having captained the side against Ireland at Hunstanton as well as producing some fine individual match winning performances. Well done Hugh.

With 100+ appearances for the County 1st Team, **RICHARD SADLER** (Moseley GC) won the rearranged Worcestershire Open with a superb 68 gross at Droitwich GC. Richard not only won the Guy Bigwood Cup for the Worcestershire Open, but also the Gold Medal for leading Amateur, as well as The Secretaries Bowl (for the combined best scores in the Worcestershire Amateur County Championship and Open. Congratulations Richard. The leading professional was **IAN MARTIN** (Kings Norton GC)

Winter junior coaching will begin shortly for our U18 and U16 squads with small group coaching for the U14s. We're very sorry to lose the services of **JAMIE CARNEY** but we wish him every success with his new position as head professional at Robin Hood GC. Good luck Jamie.

Future diary dates

- Boys' prize presentation event Sunday 5th January at KNGC
- County Dinner Friday 17th January at KNGC

Please check our very informative website for all results, entry forms and match reports. <u>www.worcestershiregolf.intelligentgolf.co.uk</u>