



BUCKINGHAMSHIRE COUNTY LADIES GOLF ASSOCIATION

County Junior Organisers Report – AGM October 2021

The junior section has grown from strength to strength this year and with the exception of the Par 3 competition in March and the Spring meeting, we have been able to run all of our competitions

A number of the girls have been playing in national competitions throughout the summer, with many of them making the cut in their respective competition.

Rosie Bee Kim and Olivia Lee both finished in the top 5 players of the English Girls Open amateur stroke play championship.

Rosie Bee Kim went on to win U14 English Girls Championship and both Olivia and Rosie were asked to play for the England junior team at the Home Internationals at Woodhall Spa. Rosie has also been part of the G B & I Junior Vagliano team playing in the Netherlands.

We are fortunate that we have a number of girls being considered for the England Thames Valley training squad and were invited along to the selection day..

The junior captains for 2021 were Ciara Egan (Woburn) and Amelia Curtis (Stoke Park) and we are delighted to announce that Georgia Lloyd (Buckingham) will be our junior captain in 2022.

We wouldn't be able to run the competition without support from others and I would like to thank Cecilia Williams (Huntswood), Brenda Byrne (Gerrards Cross) and Wendy Egan (Woburn). They have worked tirelessly to help the section thrive.

Matches

Every year we play in the Midland South junior team events. The region is divided into two divisions and we play our matches against Berkshire and Oxfordshire with the winner going through to regional finals.

Due to the number of low handicaps in the junior section it is not always possible to field a full team for the girls handicap competitions (handicaps 16-36) . We were fortunate to

have some girls quite new to golf prepared to play and they played extremely well but were sadly beaten by Oxfordshire and Berkshire.

The junior girls scratch team beat Berkshire and Oxfordshire in the match play tournament to qualify for the MS Team championship at the end of August. We faced Worcester & Herefordshire at Shirley Golf Club with some very evenly matched teams. All girls played extremely well and we tied 3-3. Both counties had won by the same number of holes and the competition was declared a draw and we share the cup.

MS Championships

It was our turn to host the Midland South Championship this year and we are very grateful to Beaconsfield Golf Club for allowing us to play the 36 hole championship at their course. We had a good day with a number of our girls winning prizes and we won the overall team prize.

BCLGA competitions

We have been able to hold all our competitions throughout the summer. Our county championship was held at The Buckinghamshire and the 2021 champion is Grace Rigby-Walden. The summer meeting was held at Harleyford and the autumn meeting at Buckingham.

Karchargis competition

This is a lady / junior foursomes competition which we hold at the end of the summer holidays at Oakland Park. This is always a great fun day out and it would be great if you could encourage the junior girls at your club to play and play with them.

Training

Training with Tony Bowers (County Coach)

Each year we try to run three or four training sessions with Tony Bowers. These are a mixture of skills practice, on the course and rules and are always great fun. We have been fortunate that we have been able to run three sessions this year in April, May and the final session will be at Oakland Park in October.

Academy training

We have been able to add girls in to the training days at Abbey Hill and Wycombe Heights and currently have 19 girls with a few more interested for next year.

Funding from England Golf

Each year we apply for funding from England Golf (£1,400) to help with training costs and this year I have been putting together a new pathway setting out what the training we offer will cover. The draft has been approved by Gareth Jenkins (Talent Development Officer) from England Golf and it will be rolled out later this year.

Pre handicap and higher handicap Par 3 Fun Days

We relaunched these in July and I am pleased to report that these are going from strength to strength. We have been meeting up each month at either Abbey Hill and Wycombe Heights and have roughly 15 girls currently playing at one or the other centre. We are really grateful to Abbey Hill and Wycombe Heights for all of their support.

We will meet the first of the month and it would be great if clubs could encourage their new girl golfers to come along and join us. It is a great opportunity to practice with the aim of helping girls obtain their handicaps

We are also planning some 9 hole competitions on full courses and Huntswood Golf Club have kindly offered to host us on 24th October.

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