

# BUCKINGHAMSHIRE COUNTY LADIES GOLF ASSOCIATION

CENTENARY YEAR  
1923 - 2023

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Celebrating **100 years** of supporting  
Women and Girls Golf in Buckinghamshire

## County Junior Organisers Report – AGM October 2023

The junior section continues to grow and we have seen a number of girls obtain their first handicap whilst those with current handicaps have all seen their handicaps drop during the year.

As in previous years we are again fortunate that we have a number of girls who have been invited to join England Thames Valley region training squad. Congratulations Rachel Mackinlay , Ellie Lichtenhein, Thillanya Rajapaskha.

The junior captain for 2023 was Rachel Mackinlay and we are very grateful to Rachel for all her support this year and wish her all the very best for the year ahead.

### Junior Funding

It is worth mentioning how the junior section is funded. We have continued to get a grant from England Golf which enables us to subsidise the training and charge a lesser amount. We also charge entry fees for the competitions. The rest of our funds come from the cygnet trophy competition which many of the clubs in Bucks enter and I would like to thank the county ladies who have entered over the years for their very valuable support. This money makes a huge difference.

### 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.

This year we were able to field a full team in the handicap matches and won against Oxfordshire at Haddon Hill in May but sadly, due to a thunder storm, our match with Berkshire had to be abandoned and was halved and Berkshire qualified for the finals based on matches won against Oxfordshire

Oxfordshire did not play in the Scratch competition so it was a straight match between us and Berkshire at Sand Martins and I am pleased to say we won and went on to the Midland South finals at Stourbridge. Our team all played really well but lost to Northamptonshire.

### Midland South Teams Championships

This is held annually and this year it was the turn of Worcester & Herefordshire to host and all six counties in the Midland South entered teams. The format is a stableford competition which each county having a team of 6 players, 2 from handicaps 0-12, two from 12-20 and 2 from 20 and over.

The girls all played well but having won in 2022 we were sadly unable to hold on to the cup for 2023 and Worcester & Herefordshire won.

### BCLGA competitions

We continue to run a Par 3 championship, Spring, Summer and Autumn meetings. Our county championship was held at Burnham Beeches Golf Club and the 2023 champion is Rachel Mackinlay .

Our thanks to Whiteleaf, Wycombe Heights, Gerrards Cross, Burnham Beeches and Buckingham Golf Clubs for hosting us this year,

## **Karchargis competition**

This is a lady / junior foursomes competition which we usually hold at the end of the summer holidays at Oakland Park. This year the date clashed with MS scratch finals at Stourbridge and has had to be postponed until the October half term.

## **Training**

### **Training with Tony Bowers (County Coach)**

Each year we 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 very fortunate that we have been able to run these sessions at Oakland Park and thank the members and the staff at Oakland for this.

### **Academy training**

We have continued to run the academy training programme at Wexham Park GC and Abbey Hill Golf club. These continue to be very popular and we are very grateful to Martin Heys at Wexham and Kevin Jones at Abbey Hill for all their hard work.

### **Funding from England Golf**

Each year we apply for funding from England Golf (roughly £1,400) to help with training costs and as part of this we publish a Pathway. This has been updated for 2024 and is included with this report.

### **Pre handicap and higher handicap Par 3 Fun Days**

We have continued to run these during 2023 and we meet the first of the month at either Abbey Hill, Wycombe Heights or Wexham Park and we are very grateful to these clubs for hosting us.

The fun days allow the girls to practice what they are learning at their own club and start to meet up with other girls in the county. It is a very gentle introduction to the world of county golf and is for any girl of any age who has had a few lessons and is ready to play a par 3 or short course.

There are three levels, bronze, silver and gold and at entry level and no girl is left to struggle.

### **A huge thank you .....**

As you all know the Bucks Ladies Golf Association is run by a team of volunteers and I would like to thank the junior committee for all their hard work in ensuring that this year has been such a success. My thanks to Brenda Byrne (Gerrards Cross), Cecilia Williams (Huntswood) and Wendy Egan (Woburn) .

I must also thank Lynda Hilton and Susanna Mitterer for all their support in supporting the various competitions and matches.

### **And so to 2024**

We will be working on the programme during the winter and it would be great to see as many girls as possible taking part in our events next year. As a county, it is easy to field a “scratch” junior team but harder to field a “handicap “ one with girls with handicap indexes over 10. It is vitally important that we continue to support those girls starting out in golf to get their handicaps and join in. Please continue to encourage your girls to take part.

We have a new development officer joining the team and she will be looking after the fun competitions and liaising with the clubs in Bucks to help girls join in with county events.

### **New County Junior Organiser**

As I type this in early October we are still without any lady volunteering to take over as County Junior organiser. This is a fantastic role and I would be happy to chat to anyone who would be interested in taking over.

## **New Order of merit**

And finally, I am pleased to announce that we have a **new order of Merit** for the girls . The B B & O currently run an order of merit for the boys at 10 open junior competitions run by the clubs across the B B & O region. We have been in touch with Berkshire and Oxfordshire and agreed that the three ladies counties will provide a joint prize for the girls in our region. This provides an excellent opportunity to support clubs in the region and to provide an opportunity for the girls to play in more local competitions.

If you would like to know more about what we do or would like to offer to help then please do not hesitate to contact me.

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