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The background of the entire page is a photograph of a golf course. The scene is captured during the 'golden hour' of sunset or sunrise, with a warm, orange glow. A golf cart is visible on the right side of the course. The foreground is filled with tall, dry grass and some low-lying plants. The sky is a mix of orange and yellow, with some clouds visible. The overall mood is peaceful and scenic.

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GENERAL MANAGER'S REPORT

By Shahin Bani-Sadr



Dear Members,

I will keep my part of this magazine short as you hear enough from me throughout the year as it is. Amazingly while being at the club for well over 3 years now, this was my first uninterrupted year and my first time hosting a full season. After a tricky winter, the weather has been kind as a whole and we certainly had a summer we would expect, if not a bit hot! (So British). Though this did come with its difficulties from a golf course point of view.

All competitions have been played for thus far, and we have not needed to put in any frustrating restrictions upstairs... What a blessing! The course has been in a fabulous state throughout the season and it is credit to Kevin and his team, who have gone through the entire season not at full strength.

We said goodbye to Tom earlier in the year who served us tremendously and went on to further his career at Basingstoke. If you asked me at the start of the year if I thought I would be working alongside Janine, I would have thought you were mad! But as the saying goes... 'Everything Happens for a Reason' and that certainly seems the case with Janine coming in. She has done a brilliant job since starting and certainly keeps me on my toes!

The year has not been without its difficulties and staffing throughout the year in all departments has been a challenge. But we try to not stop smiling and battle with anything that comes our way. I am very blessed to have a great team alongside me, as well as great members of course!

We now have the next exciting phase starting with 4 of our holes having refurbishments to the bunkers and green surrounding areas. I am very excited for this work to be completed and begin the journey of getting our bunkers to the level they should be!

Enjoy the read below and as always, you know where I am if you need me!

Many thanks

Shah

General Manager

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE REPORT

By Jim Humphreys, Chair



At my AGM address this year I provided a status of the work we have done on changing our Management Structure and on Strategy development.

As many of you did not attend the meeting and have probably not read the minutes on ClubV1 I thought I would reiterate some of that address here to hopefully a wider audience, so my apologies for some of you who may have already seen some of the words.

The Revised Organisation is based on recommendations stemming from a Strategic review completed in 2016 and also on recommendations from a comprehensive paper produced by The GCMA and other organisations which helped us to draft role descriptions for the key management positions and Terms of reference for our management committees.

It has 5 Prime Objectives

1. To create an Executive Committee and sub-committees that are more strategic and less operational in their discussions and decisions.
2. Reduce the size of the volunteer management group to facilitate more agile decision making
3. Improve continuity across successive administrations by providing documented and clear Processes, Role Description and Terms of Reference.
4. Reduce the burden of responsibility of the Captain and spread workload across

committee members

5. To maximise potential for growth by providing clear direction to the General Manager who has delegated responsibility for all Operational Management

Conceptually the Executive Committee, in a similar manner to a Board is charged with overall Governance of the Club and Strategy Development, whilst having oversight of Operational matters. The day to day Operation is delegated to the Role of 'General Manager' (who is an employee reporting and working with the Executive). He is assisted by three Operational Committees who work with him and other key employees, to ensure member involvement.

Two of the Operational Committees you are familiar with, those of Course and House. A New Committee under Chair of the Captain deals with all Golfing, Social and Membership matters.

A second New Committee has also been established called the Nominations committee, this committee endeavours to find and encourage members who wish join the Management Structure to try and ensure we have a balance of skills, gender and age, plus develop a succession plan for key roles.

As a result of the work carried out over the last three years, for the first time ever we have a documented Governance system which can enable continuity from one administration to another and give changing

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE REPORT (continued)

personnel a head start on being able to contribute.

An Organisation Diagram is now posted on V1 which summarises the responsibilities of each of the committees in the Management Structure.

Reviewing the organisations performance and recommending change is now an integral part of the Executive Management process.

We are developing strategies on a number of topics and so far we have developed strategies for Course and House and have implemented and are implementing elements of both. The Open Forum which I announced at the AGM was well received by those that attended and we are now embarking on the first tranche of the changes identified there.

One other strategic topic is Communication. The Course reports created by our Course Manager Kevin Hensman provides a good insight into the issues and actions taken to ensure our prime asset is maintained at a high level of quality.

This Magazine has been reintroduced as a means of providing information on all the other topics that may be of interest to you as members.

We will also be looking at how we use our Website, ClubV1. Twitter and physical noticeboards to provide a coordinated

dissemination of information that is necessary and sufficient.

I do not intend to expand any further here on our strategic intentions however it is our intent to post a summary of them on the Website or ClubV1 later this year and provide you with an opportunity to participate in the future development of the Club.

We are financially in a strong position however as you are all aware the future looks challenging. I do believe however that we have a management structure that as it matures will provide a strong basis for decision making and a set of strategies that will inform us in the difficult decisions and priorities we may need to make as we head into next year.

In the meantime, enjoy your golf, enjoy the clubhouse and may it only rain at night.

Jim Humphreys.

Club President

CAPTAIN'S REPORT

By Pete Farrier



Captain's Report- the year so far...

Well, as I write this the British weather is certainly back to it's wet best, with the sun and drought a distant memory.

What a six months it has been since my captain's drive in, when I hit a high, solid strike... that went right! Congratulations and thanks to section captains Diana, Alan and Jamie, all of whom hit better shots than me!

The year so far has been one that I have thoroughly enjoyed, and below are a few of my personal highlights, with hopefully many more to come over the next six months.



Dupree Open:

What a fantastic event, all three days were truly memorable, and the atmosphere in our newly refurbished bar area really was a joy to be part of. Congratulations to all who qualified (even the club captain snuck in...), but it pains me to say a huge well done to a very popular winner in Jamie Turnbull. If you see him, do ask him whether he has won the club championship as well... The course was in amazing condition, Kev H and his green staff did a phenomenal job in tough dry conditions. In the bar, Kev C and his team were as busy as I think they have ever been, and they helped make the three days go so well, and I had so many visiting players compliment them and all other facets of the club.



Captain's weekend:

I was looking forward to having the opportunity to meet many more of the members over the weekend, and so it was that I got to the course bright an early (for me) to prepare the "bar" for members to enjoy some halfway fuel.



It was great to meet so many of the early bird golfers, who have normally finished well before I crawl on to the golf course. However, my best laid plans about taking it easy and being sensible throughout the day went slightly astray when say roughly 9.30am a former captain who I will not name (Mr D Pounder) took up my offer of an alcoholic beverage. Being the polite soul that I am, I had to join him in in a drink, and that was the slippery slope for the rest of my day. I thoroughly enjoyed meeting and talking with so many of the members on the day, and hope everyone enjoyed my game improving concoctions.

Onto the Sunday, I may have been slightly late to see the first group of mixed American Greensomes off, let's blame jet lag! Again, it was fantastic to talk to so many different members on the first tee, and then to meet them again at halfway for various combinations from juice to cocktails! The prize giving and meal afterwards were well supported, I truly hope everyone had a great couple of days, and congratulations to all the winners over the weekend.

A huge thank you to Jimmy and his team from the Pro Shop for their unwavering support throughout the weekend, no matter how demanding or late I was!

CAPTAIN'S REPORT (continued)

Club Championship:

It is always a highlight of my year to see the quality that Rowland Castle has at its disposal when it comes to the Club Championship (gross), and this year again almost like a script from a movie, going down to the last putt on the last hole. Well played to both Colin and Darren, but what a final hole from Darren to seal victory, phenomenal golf. Much to many people's disappointment, your captain ground out a boring couple of rounds to snatch the net prize, which made at least one member happy!

Bognor Regis Invitational:

This is a 6 man team event, with best 4 scores counting. In what can only be described as sheer daylight robbery. Team Rowlands turned up and won the team event, James Crawley won the best gross having never played the course before, and Nick Clansey won the net. I believe there may have been a nearest to the pin and possibly even a partridge in a pear tree as well!! Well done to Glynn, Keiron Baxter, Alex Ware, Nick Clansey and, of course, James Crawley in combining for a fantastic team effort. It does not need to be mentioned that the club captain's score was not good enough to be included in the best 4 scores, there is no I in Team!!



Summer Party:

This was a huge success, and I want to thank everyone who assisted in the organisation of this, from the social committee to my helpers behind the "Gin Bar" and of course the bar team who were again fantastic. It was great to see so many members back for a social event, and let's hope there are many more to come.

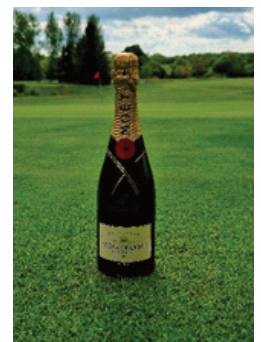
Finally:

I would like to take this opportunity to thank all the team captains who ensure that our club competes in all sections of the golfing calendar, and I know there were many great successes across every section of the club this year. Congratulations to everyone, and let's have another great season next year.

As the winter months draw in, I will likely see more of you in the bar than in the rough, but keep an eye out for a special Captain/ Pro competition with Stuart Fallow. Hopefully, there will be a few fun social events along the way as well. Before anyone asks, there will be no more pink ball Texas scramble events under my reign, as I still look for the ball that I lost on the 12th, to cost my team victory, every time I walk past that bush. The soon to be lady captain knows exactly what I mean!

May I also thank all members for their support so far, and for helping when they can in assisting fund raising for my Captain's Charity, the National Autistic Society, which as some of you know is a charity very close to my heart. The nearest to pins have been well supported and there have been some great tee shots on the 14th.

Cheers
Pete Farrier
RCGC Captain



LADIES CAPTAIN REPORT

By Diana Littler



Where do I begin.... It sometimes seems ages since I took over from Louise as Ladies Captain but on other occasions only like yesterday!



As always, the Ladies Section has had a busy year with various competitions and matches both at county and national level and of course at home.

During the dark, cold winter months, we took the opportunity to play in several drawn competitions which endeavoured to get everybody back to playing together after such a long time with many restrictions. We started our Christmas celebrations with our long-awaited lunch which was attended by many and raised a great amount for my charity – Cancer Research UK.

The Captains Drive-In was a great day..... If I remember correctly, we all drove from the White Tees, & I'm sure I was the only one on the fairway!!!! Sadly our score didn't reflect our keenness and we 'had a lovely day' as the saying goes!!



When the sun finally came it was a great relief, preferred lies & winter mats were a thing of the past and of course, the new 14th hole was back in play! I think this is a great asset to the club & I am certainly looking forward to all the new changes that are soon to happen on the 1st, 4th, 6th & 8th holes.

Our main fundraising events have all taken place. We had a very successful Coffee Morning in March with the traditional Fashion Show, Jimmy & Angela Moody



certainly know how to run this event. This was followed by the popular Ladies and Mixed Opens both in May, where the sun continued to shine and again all players commented on the fantastic course and the excellent catering – thanks to all involved.



One of the highlights, that I think goes unnoticed by most of the members, is our 'OVER BLOOMIN' EIGHTIES' competition, which, as the name suggests is for those Ladies over eighty! We also had a winner for the "Over 90's" which I think is amazing! I'm sure there are not many clubs that would be over 20 ladies entering this competition – there were also some fabulous scores!!



LADIES CAPTAIN REPORT (continued)

The Club Championships were a success and I must congratulate **Debbie Tapply** on winning along with Susan Mundy, who won the Nett prize..... 36 holes in one day is a real challenge, not many golfers attempt this so well done to all who played in this!



As the temperatures ramped up so did the competitions but for me the best day of my year so far has been my Ladies Captains Day.... I chose a theme of Red, White & Blue which, as you can see, the ladies took to heart with some fantastic attire..... Luckily it wasn't too hot but a perfect sunny, breezy day. When the Queen & her corgis turned up, I knew we were in for a fantastic day..... Prizes for guessing who they are



Thank you to everyone who came and made it such fun! As always, the meal afterwards was very well-attended, and EVERYONE loved the food!!



The Ladies Invitation again was back on track with many ladies visiting here for the first time in a couple of years. I certainly enjoyed myself and as you can see there were familiar faces in the prizes!! Welcome back Liz & Jan!

Immediately after the Dupree (well-done Jamie!) we held our Closed Meeting, an 18-hole scratch Medal competition followed by a 12 hole Greensomes. It was a great day with the Division 1 winner as myself & our Assistant General Manager, Janine winning the Division 2 scratch prize.....



The Jackie Cushion Invitation took place at the end of the drought, in torrential rain!! But the Ladies carried on and thoroughly enjoyed themselves once they had dried out!!



As I write this, we are preparing for the Ladies AGM in October, where I will be hanging up my Captains uniform and very sadly losing my parking space . It has been a very busy year as the photos etc show and enjoyable I'd also like to give an enormous thank you to my hard-working committee.... You know who you are!!

Diana x

SPECIAL PROJECTS COMMITTEE

By Jim Humphreys



Over the years a little-known Committee called the 'The Special Projects Committee' has run events to raise funds and identify and manage 'Projects' that were not part of our mainstream budgets.

The pandemic saw the curtailing of many of the fundraising events and the most recent committee members have decided that they wish to 'retire' from the committee. As a result, the Committee has ceased to operate.

I thought that it was appropriate therefore to take this moment to recognise the efforts of the various members and their achievements. As you will see over the years the committee has consisted of many Past Captains, Ladies Captains and Presidents and the projects and funds raised not trivial. With the help of Tony Cose, Geoff Witte, Brian French and Keith Fisher, below is a brief history.

In 1993 the Club set up a Centenary Fundraising Committee under the Chair, Steve Hoar, and consisting of Stevie Denby, Ken Watherston and Brian Kilby. They were set the task of raising funds for the upcoming Club Centenary in 2002.

During the next decade almost £120,000 was raised from a variety of events including three "open" golfing events for men, ladies and mixed teams, a 200 Club, business golf days, opens, quizzes, Nostalgia nights, and various raffles. In 2002 there was a £5,000 donation from the Club.

In 1997 a Centenary Steering Committee was set up to determine what projects and events would be carried out in the Centenary year. Following a questionnaire to the members the following events were funded: New entrance gates and lights, the water feature on the 18th, one of 2 'Swilkin' bridges (the second bridge was paid for by Tony Leach), and new "centenary" trophies. One project in which Sheila Reeves was heavily involved was the Centenary Dinner and Ball, held in a marquee on the side of the 10th fairway and attended by almost 500 members.

Following the 2002 celebrations there was a small amount of money un-spent and the Captain Peter Harrison decided to continue, with the now 'Special Projects' Committee to spend the remaining funds and to raise funds for future projects. The committee's mandate was

to raise funds but only from outside sources and identify suitable projects. It was accordingly agreed to continue with the three fund raising "open" golfing events.

In 2008 the Special Projects Committee terms of reference were re-established by myself with a specific project brief being, to extend the previously small balcony.

For the past 20 years, since 2002, a considerable amount of money has been raised and spent on a variety of projects under the successive chairmanships of Tony Cose, Jim Grieve and Nigel Jurd.

Projects that have been successfully completed include the aforementioned balcony extension, new honours boards, on course toilets, trophy cabinet and the improved practice ground facilities.

The other members who, over the years, were instrumental in running the highly successful golfing events and/or implementing the projects include Geoff Witte, Brian French, Ken Watherston, Jim Thatcher, Alan Roff, Val Webb, Pat Meech and Jim Humphreys.

The running of each open event required much support on the day particularly 'signing in' and in the latter years teams including Di Cose, Betty Deal, Linda Grennan, Liz Humphreys, Pat Toothill and Penny Witte carried out this task.

There are many other members who volunteer their time to the Club in other ways, however I thought as this particular Committee had reached the end of its existence, it was a way of drawing to members attention the importance of such activities for the life and development of the Club.

Jim Humphreys

Club President and Special Projects committee member.

CHAIR OF HOUSE REPORT

By Pat Meech



It was a great honour to be re-elected to the Committee, Chair of House, and the Executive committee.

2022 so far has still been challenging. Covid still remains in all our minds, and understandably some members are still cautious to visit our wonderful club house.

I hope i can reassure them that our excellent House Manager and bar staff team have endeavored to make the facilities as safe as possible.

As most of our members would have seen, this year, the vast changes to the Clubhouse.

This has come about with money available since 2019, covid help from the Government.

Some of the changes/updates were suggested by the membership in the 5-year Strategic plan.

With the help of my great House Team and the GM, over the past couple of years, most of the improvements have been implemented.

The new Bar, the opening up of the snug area, new furniture, repositioning of the Trophy cabinet, Sky tv. The disabled toilet, the additional bi- folding doors.

In PROGRESS at the moment, new overhead Lighting* in the Clubhouse. Also, the Clubhouse entrance foyer is now being addressed to make it look a bit more welcoming. (*Now installed, see 'before & after' below)



Our biggest task now is the car park. Long overdue for improvements. There is a House, and GM task force already in action.

House has a 2–5-year ongoing Strategic plan, so new projects will be looked at, and considered.

Personally, I would like to thank my House team, past and present for their continued support to me, in giving their time, attending many meetings, to implement the changes so far.

Hope our great members will enjoy the changes/improvements already implemented.

Pat Meech

Chair of House

SENIORS CAPTAIN'S REPORT

By Alan Frew



As I write this in the 2nd week September, my year as Seniors Captain is entering its last quarter. Back at the start of my year in December we saw Covid retreating from the news headlines, and thoughts were on a 2022 which would get us back to some form of normality. Fast forward nine months and we are now entrenched in a new crisis, with fuel, energy and general cost of living increases reaching scary heights, not to mention the horrors in Ukraine. In the last few days, we have seen a change of Prime Minister, and most significant of all, the devastating news of the passing of our Queen. While we all knew this time would come, it still came as a shock when the news announced her passing. Life of course will go on, but surely the end of an era, never to be seen again.

In the scheme of things then, golf seems to be of little significance. However, I will say that being part of the Rowlands Castle Seniors Section, playing matches, competitions, roll-ups, or even just a friendly four ball remains an important and very welcome retreat from the outside world. The companionship, banter and mutual enjoyment of our sport is hard to beat in my mind.

As a Section then, our year began in February/March with a couple of friendly matches with Waterloooville and Corhampton which always take place prior to the onset of the interclub schedule.

In April, we held a Ladies Night dining evening where good food, good company and basically just a good evening was well received by those attending.

April is also the main start of the section's trophy competitions, stableford's and Inter club matches. We have some 42 matches in the year, around 15 trophies to be played for and numerous qualifying rounds between April and October.



May saw the annual Jolly Boys trip to Dorset, full details can be found in May's Newsletter.

On a sunny day in June, I held my Captains Day. At the request of some of our more senior Seniors I held a separate 9-hole competition for them, as well as the normal 18 hole Texas Scramble, thus enabling everyone to take part who wanted to. The day went well and a generous contribution to my charity (Prostate Cancer) through donations and the raffle were most welcome.



The following week saw the first round of the Seniors Championship, followed by the second round on the Clubs Finals Sunday. Graham Griffiths retained the Handicap trophy, while Shaun Moore took the Scratch trophy (Bowers Cup). Well done both. July saw another successful Seniors Open at Rowlands Castle, thanks to the continued hard work of Phil Sparshatt. The event was well attended, and a good day had by all. We often get very good feedback from this event, which is well organised, and in no small part due to ball spotters, starters and other helpers who volunteer their time. I was also pleased that the charity fund was boosted yet again.

SENIORS CAPTAIN'S REPORT (continued)



August saw the return of the Triangle Match with the Ladies and the Juniors. As always, the Juniors ran away with it, with the Seniors coming in a well-earned 3rd place. Feedback from our team was very positive, and we look forward to taking another beating next year.

August also saw the annual Past and Present Committee members 12-hole match and lunch. We had a decent attendance for this fun game, and it was great to see both Cyril Bowers and Brian Porter make it for the lunch.

September saw the return of the Fowley Cup between the Ladies and the Seniors. With the Seniors having secured the trophy from 2012- 2019 it was down to me to redress the situation which I did admirably, with the Ladies taking a well-deserved victory by some 5 points. The Ladies did rub it in a bit with their team photos, while the Seniors quietly sloped off to lick their wounds. This I fear, is my legacy . . .

On the 16th September we have a team of 14 taking to the high seas with an overnight stay on the IOW playing matches against Osborne and then Shanklin and Sandown, another first for the section.

September also sees the new Seniors Team Open take place at the end of the month, with around 23 teams (92 players) signed up, so hoping for a great day for all those visiting Rowlands Castle GC. Another great event organised start to finish by Phil.

The Seniors Invitation Day was scheduled for the 19th September, but of course this is now the date for the Queens funeral, with the club house to be closed and any such events cancelled as a mark of respect. It is hoped to move it to October, but as I write this, it is still work in progress. I hope the event does go ahead as it's a great opportunity for Senior's members to bring a guest to sample what Rowlands Castle has to offer.

Notable other achievements by section members includes Ian Barrowcliffe and Steve Lapage winning the Hampshire Seniors Foursomes for the 3rd time, a great achievement.

Also, a big shout out to Chris Jenkins for winning the Littlehampton Seniors Open with 43 points. Well done Chris, a good win, especially since the min age for this event is 55, rather than 60 as many of the Seniors Opens.

Apologies to any other notable achievements that have slipped me by.



It goes without saying, a big thankyou to all the section members who sign up for our inter-club matches. It's been a difficult year with the rising cost of fuel etc, and even though the matches are very good value, golf is not always at the top of the list when such decisions have to be made.

Finally, a big thankyou to this year's committee for all their hard work and support, it's been great working with you all.

In just under 3 months' time, I will hand the reins over to my Vice Captain, Phil Sparshatt, whom I wish the very best in his year.

Alan Frew
Seniors Captain 2022

JUNIOR SECTION UPDATE

By Gill Lynas - Junior Coordinator



The Junior Section has had a busy, productive and very successful summer. This year we have welcomed 22 new members who are starting to play in our competitions and work on their handicaps. We have also had some fun !!!

Junior Senior and Ladies Triangular

What a fun day we all had.

It was lovely to see all three sections chatting before the match, exchanging cards and getting to know one another.

The Juniors played their socks off and won the overall competition with 220 points. Ladies team 200 points and the Seniors 165. There was also a prize for the winning team which was won by Jack, Katie and Dave



Centenary Trophy

We had a full tee sheet for this competition which was really encouraging.

The results were extremely close with Jack Turnbull taking first prize and Jamie Lambert (Junior Captain) a very close second.

The Juniors winners are recorded on the Centenary Board in the Club House and Jack now joins his brother Jacob and Dad Jamie in gold letters !!

County Junior Championships

Two of our members entered this competition played at Lee on Solent Golf Club.

Jayden Pay (U13, U12, U10 category) came second overall on nett score and won.



James Plater (U18, U16, U14) came second in his age group with some extremely stiff competition with all top 3 players having scratch handicaps.

Championship U18, U16 & U14's 36 Hole

Wednesday 31st August 2022, Tees, Lee-on-the-Solent

(95% Handicap allowance)

View Statistics for this Competition

	Gross	Net	Total	Par	
1st	Ollie Chedhomme Rugby Castle (2)	69	72	141	+3
2nd	James Plater Rugby Castle (1)	70	72	142	+4
3rd	Harrison Price Storeham (1)	70	72	142	+4
4th	Thomas Conquest Sheffield College	72	75	147	+9

James is now playing off -0.1. Another potential player from the Junior section for the Scratch team.

JUNIOR SECTION UPDATE (continued)

Harvey Trophy

The Juniors played a well fought competition with some very close scores. Jack Turnbull won with a Nett 65 and Jayden Pay with a Gross 105.

Junior Committee

I am really thrilled to report that we have formed a new Junior Section Committee.

Our aim is to drive momentum within the section, initiate new activities and develop more young golfers. The Committee members are:

Jamie Turnbull – Golf Expert. Jamie's wide experience and knowledge of the game will help build on our existing competitions and introduce more game formats.

We also want to reintroduce inter club competitions and Junior participation in Club competition events.

Stuart Fallow – Stuart's excellent teaching skills and coaching will be a huge asset to the section.

We will be investing in Coaching days for members who participate in club events and County competitions.

Pete Lynas – Treasurer.

Jamie Lambert – Junior Captain. Jamie has been a fantastic ambassador for RCGC and the game of Golf.

Gill Lynas – Section Co-ordinator.

Our first meeting is on the 19th October so will update you in the next newsletter

Junior Members Coaching day:

We will be holding our first coaching day on the 25th October (half term week) which is open to all Junior Members. The areas that we will be focusing on are:

- How do I fill in my card and what do all the numbers mean !!
- Key golf rules and etiquette.
- Coaching with Stuart
- 9 hole competition to try out what we have learned.

The cost for the day is £5 that will include a drink and snack. Juniors will need to bring all appropriate clothing and a packed lunch.

All booking enquiries to me gillylnas@outlook.com or the Office

JUNIOR SECTION UPDATE (continued)

Seniors Donation

I was so thrilled to receive an email from the Senior section stating that due to a very successful Seniors Open day they would be donating £250 to the Junior Section. This is incredibly kind and also very supportive of the Juniors and I would like to acknowledge this most generous gift.

Junior Coaching

Stuart continues to provide coaching to Juniors on a Saturday at 1.30pm for 45 minutes. The Juniors do not have to be members – quite the opposite as we would love to encourage more young players to the game.

Due to family budgets getting tighter and tighter he has reduced the cost to £5 for the session. These session can be booked via the Pro Shop.

Competitions

Our next competition is the Autumn Cup on the 9th October teeing off at 11.30. If you have members who are family or friend, the competitions are all on Club V1 to book or just contact me or the office.

What Next.....

There are a number of initiatives that we will be focusing on over the coming months to bring the section up to the standard that we would like to achieve at RCGC. A few examples are:

- Improving the “on boarding” process for all new Junior members.
- Reinstating friendlies and matches against other clubs for next season.
- Focus on Girls Golf with the possibility of engaging with England Golfs initiative “Girls Golf Rocks”.
- Preparing for next years calendar including some fun competitions which we hope may include family members and past Juniors.

Just to finish on.



A lovely picture sent to me by Jack's mum Pippa Turnbull of an early putting lesson.



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