



# NOTTINGHAMSHIRE COUNTY LADIES GOLF ASSOCIATION



## Junior Newsletter – Spring 2015

Hi Everyone

This is the first newsletter for 2015 and, as usually, there is plenty to tell you about for the forthcoming year!

### Diary

Attached is the most up to date diary but I will highlight some dates later in this newsletter. Unfortunately not all fixtures are finalised yet due to some issues in organising the Midlands League over this winter. As soon as they are finalised I will circulate a revised version.

### Tracker form

I've attached the revised Tracker Form for this year. Please return the completed form as soon as possible, even if you have filled one in previously. This information helps us to track progress and plan future development, in addition to ensuring the wellbeing of the girls when they are attending any events we organise.

### Junior & Intermediate championships – Sunday 26<sup>th</sup> April at Hollinwell

Attached is the entry form for this 18 hole competition which is open to all girls with a handicap, and there are both scratch and handicap prizes. There is also a separate intermediate age group for 18-30 years olds and both categories are open to players from outside the county too, so please spread the word!

### Matches & availability forms

The defence of our league title for the Midland North Region League starts on Sunday 29<sup>th</sup> March playing Lincolnshire in our first match at Seacroft GC, Lincs. The second league match is on Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> April at Norwood against Leicestershire.

We also have a friendly match for handicaps 12 upwards against Mapperley Ladies at Mapperley on Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> April.

As alluded to earlier not all the league matches have been finalised yet but as soon as they are I will circulate an availability sheet to all the team players. In the meantime I will email all potential players for their availability for these first three matches.

### Nottinghamshire Golf Competitions – Junior Order Of Merit (JOOM) and Rookies Tour

After trialling this in 2014 we are continuing it for 2015. There will be prizes for the overall best 3 aggregate scores for girls for both gross and nett scores.

- The JOOM has 6 events and is open to anyone under 18 on 1<sup>st</sup> Jan 2015 with a handicap of 36 or less. The events are junior opens run by the host clubs so you have to enter each event separately.
- The Rookies tour has 3 events and is open to those aged 12-18 without handicaps or with club handicaps over 36.

The first event for both tours is on Friday 10<sup>th</sup> April at Ruddington, see the attached diary for the dates of the others.

### Nipper's tour

It is open to boys and girls under 12 years on January 1<sup>st</sup> 2015 and there are 7 events all 9 holes or less depending on age. If a girl would prefer to play in an all girls group, just put this on the application form. The idea is to get out on to a course and have fun. There are prizes at every event, but new this year are prizes for the aggregate winners of the girls in two age groups (under 9 and 9-11).

### **Mixed AMAM – Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> July at Beeston**

The annual event for the girls to raise money for junior funds! Please keep the day free as we need lots of girls to help on the desk, be starters, organise a raffle, a club cleaning service, putting competition etc. The Junior Captain and Vice Captain will be in touch nearer the time to ask for help!

### **Coaching & Bursaries**

The winter coaching programme is well underway for the Nottinghamshire Golf Athlete Development Programme. There are mixed sessions being held across 7 venues in the county and girls only sessions taking place at Rufford and The Nottinghamshire. The girls only programme runs until April so you are still able to join them. Follow this link for further details.

<http://bit.ly/1tOWM2s>

As outlined in the Autumn, part of the new strategy from NCLGA for developing talented girl golfers is to offer coaching bursaries this year. Attached to this email is the application form for these bursaries, which needs to be returned by Monday 20<sup>th</sup> April. The applications will then be reviewed and bursaries awarded in early May.

The bursaries are aimed at developing potential talent so are not purely based on current ability. They also allow for a girl to retain their current coach rather than offering county coaching in a group session which may be with a different coach. It could also be used to address a specific skill gap with a specialist coach such as short game or putting.

As there is a finite amount of money allocated for the bursaries, we anticipate we will be awarding an amount of between £80-100 for each successful applicant. The criteria we will be using to assess the applications are as follows:

- Their handicap and their age
- Progress within the last 12 months
- Commitment to golf
- Accessibility to play and practice
- Recommendation from coaching pros
- How the bursary will help

Once a bursary is granted the player has until the end of September to use it and will be required to fill in a feedback form.

### **Code of Conduct**

We are in the process of developing a Code of Conduct both for the girls and for the NCLGA officials who are involved with junior golf. The Code of Conduct for both will be published on the website in March and I will circulate it to everyone once available.

### **New Helpers**

We also have two new helpers who you will see at many events over the coming year. Some of you may have met Carol Houghton at the presentation evening; she will be attending some of the matches and the Nippers tour. In addition Elaine Mitchell will also be attending the Nippers tour and other events during the season. We'll endeavour to add their photos to the website so you know who they are!

If you have any further queries please do not hesitate to contact me.

Best wishes and enjoy your golf,  
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