



NOTTINGHAMSHIRE COUNTY LADIES GOLF ASSOCIATION



Junior Girls Newsletter – February 2017

Hi Everyone

Welcome to the 2017 season for girls golf within the county. We have lots lined up and this newsletter will outline the main events for all ages and abilities.

First of all the diary of dates will be uploaded to the Junior section of the NCLGA website so please review them and pop in your diary for those of you planning this season. We have labelled up which events are suitable for which age and ability but if you have any questions around the competitions then please just ask. Here are a few key ones to add to your diary now:

- **Mixed AMAM Fundraiser – Sunday 23rd April at Springwater**

This is an annual event that the girls run to raise money for junior funds. The Junior Captain and Vice-Captain will be in touch nearer the time to ask for help from the girls on the day for manning the desk, acting as starter, selling raffle tickets, providing a club cleaning service and running the putting competition

- **NCLGA Girls Championships – Sunday 2nd July at Norwood**

We want to see all girls there to play on the day, as there is an 18 hole competition for those with handicaps and a 9 hole championship for those without handicaps.

- **Midland North Girls Championship – Monday 28th August at Ruddington**

This is a regional competition that we are hosting this year so anyone with a CONGU handicap can play. There a 36 hole competition for the lower handicaps and an 18 hole competition for everyone else. There are also team prizes so let's get the trophies back to Notts this year!

Matches in 2017

The format of the Midland North Region League will continue this year in line with the changes in 2016, however there is one minor change. The scratch team will be reduced from 6 players to 5 and the handicap team will increase from 4 players to 5.

There are also two friendly matches in the diary again this year – these are for higher handicap girls to introduce them to county golf matches and provide some match play experience.

Match availability sheets will be emailed to the relevant girls in March.

Nipper's tour

This is open to boys and girls under 12 years on January 1st 2016 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.

We're pleased to report that a handicap system has been introduced this year for all participants. For those who have a club handicap that will be used, for those who don't, a Nipper's tour handicap will be allocated.

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

These competitions will be run again in 2017

- The JOOM has 6 events and is open to anyone under 18 on 1st Jan 2017 with a handicap of 36 or less.
- There are prizes for the overall best 3 aggregate scores for girls, in both gross and nett categories.

The Rookies tour is run in conjunction with the JOOM and has 4 events. It is open to those aged 12 on 1st Jan 2017 who do not have a handicap or have one which is 37+

Girls Get Together Days

We will continue the girls get together this year with two dates provisionally in the diary, and we hope to have a third one later in the season.

On each day we will have the team squads come together in the morning for skills coaching and they will play 18 holes in the afternoon. The less experienced girls will then arrive after lunch and have a coaching session in the afternoon followed by a 9 hole challenge.

Coaching Bursaries

The coaching bursaries will run again this year. For those unaware, any junior girls under 18 on 1st Jan 2017 can apply for a bursary which could be up to £100 for individual coaching. The applications must be submitted by Sunday 23rd April and will be awarded based on a combination of potential ability, progress and commitment to developing their golf. Successful applications will see the bursaries issued in early May and they should be used by the end of September.

Girls Golf Rocks

This new initiative within Nottinghamshire launched last year and saw over 50 girls try golf within the county, around 30 of them carried on with coaching and 10 of them attended NCLGA par 3 events since then.

The project will run again this year with taster days in April /May for any girls who are new to golf at Coxmoor, Stanton, Beeston and Norwood. Each taster session is then followed by a subsidised coaching programme and culminates in a par 3 competition at Norwood in June.

We have 7 of the county girls acting as ambassadors to help with this project so you might see them on the posters advertising the events. However, we need help from all of you to advertise the programme, maybe within your schools, other sports clubs, guides or brownies? This is an excellent opportunity to help build girls golf in Nottinghamshire so I will circulate the posters as soon as I have them.

Tracker form

I've attached the Tracker Form for this year. For anyone who has not completed one of these please return the completed form prior to the start of the season, as we need the information/consent to ensure the safety of girls at any events we run.

If you have filled one in previously there is no need to return it again unless any details have changed (especially contact details or medical issues).

New Helpers on the Junior Committee

As we are growing the numbers of girls and arranging more events we have also expanded our junior committee with the addition of an Assistant Junior Coordinator, who we will announce shortly.

In the meantime please bear with me if I don't manage to respond to your communications straightway, my day job does get in the way sometimes!

Wishing you all happy golfing for 2017.

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