

JUNIOR GOLF



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Our Progress so far...

- There has been no junior section at the club since 2018, therefore since the end of last season a lot of groundwork has been laid to ensure a successful re-introduction of junior golf to the club!
- **Child Wellbeing & Protection**
 - The club are currently working towards Scottish Golf's Safe Golf accreditation.
 - Fraser has completed his Child Protection Officer training and now holds the position of Safeguarding Officer.
 - All 5 of our Junior Section Volunteers now have PVG Checks in place through Disclosure Scotland and will have completed Sport Scotland's Child Wellbeing & Protection in Sport Training by the start of the season.
 - All policies and procedures have been updated within the club and posters produced to ensure Child Wellbeing & Protection is at the heart of all that we do.
- **Volunteer Training**
 - Fraser has completed the full Community Golf Instructor course through Scottish Golf, and David has completed the online modules of this course, with an in person session to follow before he becomes a Community Golf Instructor.
 - All Junior Section Volunteers are seeking to complete Scottish Golf's Activator training course which will equip them to run coaching sessions to ensure our juniors have fun whilst developing the key skills needed to succeed at the game.
 - An Activator training course is planned at the club on Tuesday 23rd April to which all members and parents will be made welcome. Find out more & sign-up via this link: [Activator Award Coaching Course \(Oldmeldrum Golf Club\) Registration, Tue 23 Apr 2024 at 18:30 | Eventbrite](#)
- **October Holiday Open Day**
 - During the October break, around 25 juniors attended an open day where they took part in various challenges on the Driving Range, Putting Green & Course. Zack B. was our eventual winner scoring highly in all challenges. All juniors did themselves proud and developed their skills through the various tasks.
- **Winter Range Sessions**

- Throughout the Winter season 4 Range Sessions were held with an average of 12 juniors attending each one, with some new faces including some complete beginners! The golfers who attended to part in various challenges from the Scottish Golf Learn to Golf programme, allowing our volunteers to get to grips with the type of tasks our coaching programme will use from April.

Season 2024

- **Monday 8th April - Spring Holiday Open Day**

- Juniors & Juveniles will be welcome at the club from 11am onwards.
- The morning will consist of a coaching session (11am-12.30) using tasks from the Scottish Golf Learn to Golf programme focussing on the skills of long game, short game & putting.
- The clubhouse will be open for lunch with catering and drinks available for purchase. A quiz will take place over lunchtime to provide entertainment.
- At 1.30 pm all golfers in attendance will take part in our first Scottish Golf Skills Challenge, in which they will score points for competing in various tasks. Prizes will be available for the top 3 scores.
- The scores achieved by our golfers will then feed into our planning and groupings for the coaching programme detailed below.

- **Week Commencing 29th April - 10 week coaching programme commences: Mondays 4.45-6.15pm (Open to all) ; Tuesdays 5.30-6.15pm (Beginner/Younger Golfers)**

- Juniors will receive coaching from volunteers & our PGA Professional both on the range and on the course, this will include development of areas such as:
 - physical skills
 - golf skills
 - mind matters
 - on the course
 - golf knowledge
- Juniors will also begin to work through Scottish Golf's Progressive Pathway towards achieving a handicap.



- Once enough Junior members have achieved their handicap a calendar of competitive junior medals will be created for Sunday afternoons & Monday evenings.
- A Summer League will also be created for the Summer Holidays, whereby golfers will gain points for the medal rounds they play and prizes awarded to the top 3 golfers.
- Coaching will continue on Monday & Tuesday evenings for those who do not feel ready to play competitively as well as for other juniors who wish to join in.
- Match-play competitions may be organised depending on the progress made by our golfers, with the hoping being to crown our first Junior Champion since 2018.
- A Prize Giving evening will take place at the end of the season with trophies awarded to the winners of the Summer League; Skills Challenge Competitions; possible match-play competitions; and for Player of the Year and most Improved Player of the Year (both decided by our Junior Section Volunteers).

And beyond...

- The club are working towards Safe Golf Accreditation which will allow us to increase the numbers of juniors participating in coaching and competition.
- The club strive to establish a healthy junior section which is capable of being involved in Scottish Golf Junior competitions such as: Junior Skills Challenge; Junior Flag Championship & the GolfSixes League.

Key Dates

- Monday 8th April – Spring Holiday Open Day (11am–3.30pm)
- Monday 29th April – 10-week coaching block starts for all junior/juvenile members.
- Tuesday 30th April – 10-week coaching block starts for beginners & younger members.

What now?

- To register your golfer as a member, scan the QR code below.
- You will then receive an email from our office team with payment details so that you can pay your golfer's membership fees.
- Upon receipt of your golfer's fees we will get their bag tag ready for collection from the pro shop as well as details of how to set up their account with our booking system BRS.

REGISTER NOW!

