



33RD ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

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JUNIORS ORGANISER'S REPORT

Mr President, Vice Presidents, Captains, Chairman, Ladies & Gentlemen. I'm Cath Chidley, Junior Organiser, and I'm pleased to present the Junior Golf Report for the past year.

Coaching Programme

This year has been a very positive one for our junior section. We finished the season with **118 junior members**, an increase from 90 last year, with strong retention and lots of new juniors joining the programme.

Our coaching programme ran consistently throughout the season, with weekly group sessions and individual lessons, focusing on fundamental skills, course etiquette, and enjoyment of the game. There were also additional opportunities for our female junior golfers with county development training. I'd like to thank **Rob, Josh, Jason, Floss & Tom** for their commitment and hard work with our young players.

Internal Leagues

In terms of competition, our juniors took part in **seven internal league events**, with **93 juniors participating**, up from 78 last year. Although the weather was generally kind to us, we did have to cancel our final event due to torrential rain.

Participation across the leagues included:

- **18 Little Hitters** on the short course
- **21 Rising Stars** playing from the blue tees
- **42 All Stars** playing from the red and yellow tees
- **12 Junior Masters** for lower-handicap players

It has been fantastic to see so many new faces and an increase in girls taking part and performing so well. This is a real credit to Rob and his team, who do an outstanding job of attracting and retaining junior golfers.

The standard of golf continues to improve year on year, with handicaps coming down across the section. While we encourage healthy competition, our focus remains on learning, fair play and having fun.

Several players achieved personal bests this year. A special mention goes to **Hetty Walsh**, who played an outstanding round of **73 gross** in the Junior Masters, coming just one shot shy of the ladies' course record set in 2002.

Our league winners were:

- **Little Hitters:** Lily B
- **Rising Stars:** Leo Laing
- **All Stars:** Ryan Edwards
- **Junior Masters:** David Wood

Parent support has been excellent, and we are very grateful for the help with scoring and supervision at events.

A record **18 juniors** obtained their WHS handicap this year. Thank you to our Handicap Secretary, **Mark Jeff-Johnston**, for his support, and for the guidance he gave me during my first year as Junior Organiser.

External competitions

Our juniors also competed in several external competitions with great success. In the **Sixes and Nines leagues**, aimed at younger developing golfers, we emerged as:

- **Golf Nines League Champions**
- **West Midlands Northwest Golf Sixes Champions**
- **West Midlands Northeast Golf Sixes Runners-up**

Bromsgrove juniors also competed in the **Mercian League**, led by Junior Captain **Ruby Savage**, involving 35 clubs across three counties. We introduced younger players this year to support their development, and all represented the club superbly. Bromsgrove went on to win the league final at Hagley, with **Ethan Evans** and **Jess Howard** achieving best scoring boy and girl on the day.

In the Bob Osbourne Trophy, **Hetty Walsh** achieved best gross girl and **Ruby Savage** won nearest the line.

Club Competitions

Internally, our club competitions were well supported:

- **Junior Club Champion:** Jake Jeff-Johnston (78)
- **Runner-up:** Joseph Lonergan (83)
- **Net Champion:** Henry Conyers (63)
- **Bob Johnson Memorial Cup:** Ollie Bates & Harry Downes
- **Mortek Matchplay Knockout:** Archie Lynch

Our juniors also played matches against the Ladies and Seniors. The juniors defeated the Ladies, while the Seniors took the overall win for 2025. These events are invaluable for junior development and club integration.

Finance

Financially, the junior section generated **£2,059** in income. Expenditure included branded T-shirts, prizes for competitions, and funds set aside for presentation trophies. Thank you to **John in the Pro Shop** for supplying the shirts at cost. It's great to see our juniors proudly representing the club in team shirts.

Looking ahead

Our goals for next year include:

- Introducing a card-reading machine to remove the need for cash
- Providing more social events for juniors and parents
- Increasing on-course play and handicap opportunities
- Continuing to grow participation

Finally, I'd like to thank the junior committee members **Sal Evans, John Evans, Rich Bates, Dan Downes and Matt Savage** for their tireless support. I'm also incredibly grateful to **Rob Laing** for his guidance and dedication, and to **Mark Laing and the main committee** for their continued support.

It has been a successful year, and we look forward to building on these achievements in the year ahead.

Cath Chidley
Juniors Organiser
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