

Overview

Muckhart Golf Club has a proud history of accommodating a large number of junior golfers and in turn, producing juniors who have attained considerable success at junior and senior level. To maintain this success and to achieve our goal of providing an organised and inclusive golf programme that offers a fun and safe environment, we work alongside Clubgolf, the junior development division of Scottish Golf.

We would like to thank our Primary Sponsor, STEPHENS – everyone's favourite award-winning bakery!

Our Junior Golf Programme takes place every Thursday from the mid-April through to early September. Timings vary between each Stage (details below). The social development of our juniors is very important and Thursday evenings in the clubhouse, following coaching, are very sociable for juniors and parents alike.

Junior Section Mission Statement

"We will provide all junior golfers and prospective junior golfers, between the ages of seven and eighteen, the opportunity to participate in an organised and inclusive golf programme that offers a fun and safe environment. We are committed to growing the game of golf through junior participation".

Welcome Message – 2018 Junior Captain, Fin Hamilton

After another great year for Muckhart Golf Club juniors in 2017, we hope to push our success even further in 2018. With the continued support and engagement we receive from the members, we intend to continue improving the skills of our younger juniors in order to shape our club positively and strongly for the future. I hope you find this handbook helpful and informative. I am looking forward to another successful season along with new junior members and returning juniors for 2018!

Membership

Application forms are available from the Club Secretary, the Junior Convenor or online. Junior Membership includes the Junior Coaching Programme, as well as unlimited access to all courses, practice facilities and Footgolf.

Annual Fees:

- 10 & Under £85
- 11 – 17 £110

Junior Coaching Programme

Technical

Under the guidance of our Junior Convenor, the Junior Coaching Programme is coached and supervised by a motivated team of qualified volunteers.

The Muckhart Golf Club Junior Section Coaching Programme comprises five separate phases as follows. ***Please arrive early to ensure a prompt start!***

- Stage 1; Beginner (17.00 – 18.15)
 - o Driving Range
 - o Basic instruction
- Stage 1; Development (17.00 – 18.45)
 - o On course learning
 - o Exposure to rules and etiquette
- Stage 1; Advanced (17.00 – 18.45)
 - o On course play
 - o Preparation for full on course play
- Stage 2; 9-Holes (16.30 onwards)
 - o Weekly 9-hole competition
 - o Focus on competitive golf
- Stage 3; 18-Holes (16.30 onwards)
 - o Weekly 18-hole competition

Pathway

Progression to the next level is based on an assessment based on pre-advised and specific criteria. Please note:

- 'Promotion' is not dependent on either the age of the junior or the length of time he or she has been in the programme.
- 'Promotion' can be attained or awarded at any time.

Stage 1; Beginner

Overview: Stage 1 (Beginner) provides novice golfers with an opportunity to experience golf for the first time. Through teaching fundamentals and basic techniques, beginners will improve quickly thereby increasing the enjoyment they can gain from golf.

Objectives and goals: The overall objective of Stage 1 (Beginner) is to prepare juniors for Stage 1 (Development). Apart from technical basics, juniors will acquire rudimentary golf knowledge in areas such as club types, shot types and safety.

Equipment: In 2017, we invested in new equipment and this is provided for juniors in Stage 1. Once our juniors are ready to progress, we are happy to advise and assist with purchasing clubs.

Stage 1; (Development)

Overview: Stage 1 (Development) golfers will gain more on course experience through lessons held on the course and by starting to play the courses. This is often a pivotal stage of development as the juniors put into practice the fundamentals they have learned in Stage 1 (Beginner).

Objectives and goals: The primary objective in Stage 1 (Development) is to attain the playing level required to progress to Stage 1 (Advanced). Coaching specific skills such as driving, chipping, pitching and putting ensures that a solid playing foundation is built.

Stage 1; (Advanced)

Overview: Having attained the required playing ability, Stage 1 (Advanced) golfers will now receive training that will enable them to play golf not only to their proven ability but with full knowledge of what is required of them as golfers - etiquette, pace of play, composure, scoring, rules and conduct.

Objectives and goals: With Stage 2 as the next step, golfers in Stage 1 (Advanced) are able to see what is needed for them to make that transition. They will have to demonstrate the skills, knowledge and maturity required to be on the course, often unsupervised.

Stage 2 (9-holes)

Overview: Stage 2 (9-holes) golfers play a 9-hole event each week. By the time a junior has reached Stage 2, he or she should be comfortable on the course and well versed in course etiquette and tournament protocols.

Objectives and goals: The overall objective of Stage 2 is to prepare juniors for Stage 3 (18-holes). The primary objective is to attain a national handicap and thereby become eligible to play in 18-hole events. The ultimate goal of Stage 2 golfers is to attain the criteria required to progress to Stage 3 (18-holes). This criteria is detailed below and all players will be assessed according to that criteria.

Stage 3 (18-holes)

Overview: Stage 3 (18-holes) golfers play a 18-hole event each week. By the time a junior has reached this stage, they will have attained a national handicap and implemented the skills, knowledge and maturity required to be on the course unsupervised.

Objectives and goals: The overall objective of Stage 3 (18-holes) is to achieve a steady handicap reduction and to compete in the numerous prestigious junior tournaments at the club.

Useful Information

Communication

We are very active on our dedicated Social Media but our primary communication tool is email. We send updates as well as information on coaching and events.

Contacts

Junior Convenor
Child Protection Officer

juniors@muckhartgolf.com
cpo@muckhartgolf.com

Social Media

Facebook www.facebook.com/MuckhartGolfClubJuniorsSection/
Twitter @muckhartjuniors

Dress Code

While there is no specific dress code in place for juniors, it is preferred that junior members are attired appropriately, particularly those with access to the courses. Hats are not to be worn inside the clubhouse.

Clubhouse, Catering & Bar

In accordance with the 2009 Licensing Act, persons below the age of 16 are not permitted in the clubhouse after 8.00pm unless

they are dining and accompanied by a person over the age of 18. Last orders for food is 8.45pm.

Mobile Phones

Out of respect to fellow juniors and our coaches, the use of mobile phones on the courses and during coaching sessions, without permission from a coach, is strictly forbidden.

Child Protection and Safety

Safety & Wellbeing

The safety and wellbeing of our juniors is our main priority and we are fully committed to safeguarding the welfare of all children in our care. We recognise our responsibility to promote safe practice and to protect children from harm, abuse and exploitation. Staff and volunteers are all PVG certified through Scottish Golf and will work together, embracing difference and diversity in respecting the rights of children and young people.

Please note that coaches and golf club staff cannot be responsible for juniors outside the times specified for the commencement and completion of their coaching. This includes time spent in the clubhouse post-coaching. A parent or an appointed carer must be in attendance at these times.

Muckhart Golf Club is affiliated to Scottish Golf and recognises the policies of our governing body, as set out in it's "Children's Wellbeing Guidelines".

The following principles form the basis of our Child Protection Policy:

- The welfare of our juniors is the primary concern.
- All children, whatever their age, culture, disability, gender, language, racial origin, socio-economic status, religious belief and/or sexual identity have the right to protection from all forms of harm and abuse.
- Child protection is everyone's responsibility.
- All children have the right to express their views on all matters, which might affect them, should they wish to do so.

- It is imperative that organisations work in partnership with children and parents to promote the welfare, health and development of children.

Muckhart Golf Club is committed to:

- Promoting the health and welfare of children by providing opportunities for them to take part in golf safely.
- Respecting and promoting the rights, wishes and feelings of all children.
- Promoting and implementing appropriate procedures to safeguard the wellbeing of children and protect them from abuse.
- Recruiting, training, supporting and supervising its staff, members and volunteers to adopt best practice to safeguard and protect children from abuse and to reduce risk to themselves.
- Requiring staff, members and volunteers to adopt and abide by this Policy and these procedures.
- Responding to any allegations of misconduct or abuse of children in line with this Policy and these procedures as well as implementing, where appropriate, relevant disciplinary and appeals procedures.
- Regularly monitoring and evaluating the implementation of this Policy and these procedures.

This Policy and these Procedures will be reviewed regularly:

- In accordance with changes in legislation and guidance on the protection of children.
- Following any issues or concerns raised about the protection of children at the golf club.
- In all other circumstances, at least every three years.

Weather

Please could parents / carers ensure that juniors bring suitable waterproof clothing, head protection, water bottle every week.

Consent Forms

We ask all parents / carers to complete a consent form on behalf of each child. This covers, medical issues, requirements and treatment as well as media.

Timekeeping / Attendance

If a junior is going to be late for coaching or needs to be collected early, please let us know as soon as possible. It is also helpful for planning if we are aware that a junior is going to be absent for a session.

Codes of Conduct

Juniors

Junior members of Muckhart Golf Club are expected to abide by the following code of conduct at all times:

1. Always seek to create and maintain an environment free of fear and harassment.
2. Apply golf's standards of etiquette both on and off the course including courtesy, pace of play and respect.
3. Treat others, as you would wish to be treated yourself.
4. Respect physical, cultural and racial difference.
5. Tell someone in authority if you are leaving a venue.
6. Treat organisers, coaches and golf club members with respect at all times.
7. Refuse to take part in any irresponsible, abusive, inappropriate or illegal behaviour including but not restricted to:
 - o Consumption of alcohol, recreational drugs, performance-enhancing drugs or stimulants
 - o Smoking
 - o Use of foul or abusive language
 - o Publicly using critical or disrespectful descriptions of others

Any violation of the Junior Code of Conduct will be dealt with by the Junior Convenor, who will escalate any issue, as he or she deems necessary, to the golf club board. In some cases, punitive actions might include the suspension or cancellation of membership.

Parents and Carers

Parents and carers of Muckhart Golf Club junior members are expected to abide by the following code of conduct at all times:

1. Encourage your child to learn the rules and play within them.
2. Discourage unfair play and arguing with club staff/officials.
3. Help your child to recognise good performance, not just results.
4. Never force your child to take part in sport.
5. Set a good example by recognising fair play and applauding overall good performance.
6. Never punish or belittle a child for losing or making mistakes.
7. Publicly accept officials' judgments.
8. Support your child's involvement focusing on enjoyment.
9. Use correct and proper language at all times.
10. Never use threatening or abusive language or behaviour towards children, officials, coaches or other parents.
11. Always notify someone if your child will not be attending or is going to be late for a coaching session or competition.

Events

2018 Muckhart Junior Open

Sunday 19th August. This is open to all juniors under 18, with a national handicap. The Junior Open is part of the 'Race to The Dukes', a junior series managed by the Perth & Kinross County Golf Union. We encourage all Stage 3 players to play in this excellent series.

Bell's Trophy

5-player team (handicap 6+) event played against other clubs in the county. Muckhart Golf Club are reigning champions and will defend their title in 2018.

Scratch League

3-player team event also played against our county counterparts. Our team of Jamie Roberts, Finlay Hamilton and Andrew Thornton was victorious in 2016 & 2017 and are targeting an unprecedented hat trick in 2018.

Stage 3 (18 Holes) Tournament Fixture List 2018

Date	Event
April	12 th Season Opener (Texas Scramble)
	19 th Spring Medal
	26 th Ritchie Cup & Blairhill Trophy Rd. 1
May	3 rd Ritchie Cup & Blairhill Trophy Rd. 2
	10 th Ritchie Cup & Blairhill Trophy Rd. 3
	17 th Keith Salmoni Cup Rd. 1
	24 th Keith Salmoni Cup Rd.
	31 st Scottish Junior Masters Qualifier
June	8 th (Friday) Daily Telegraph Qualifier
	14 th Clubmasters Rosebowl
	21 st Kumasi Cup & Wanliss Trophy Rd. 1
	28 th Kumasi Cup & Wanliss Trophy Rd. 2
July	5 th Kumasi Cup & Wanliss Trophy Rd. 3
	12 th Centenary Trophy
	19 th John & Val Muston Trophy Rd. 1
	26 th John & Val Muston Trophy Rd. 2
August	2 nd David Cartwright Trophy Rd. 1
	9 th David Cartwright Trophy Rd. 2
	16 th Hepburn Trophy Rd. 1
	23 rd Hepburn Trophy Rd. 2
	30 th Season Closer (Texas Scramble)

Stage 3 (18 Holes) Tournament Descriptions

Hepburn Trophy.

*Aggregate score over two rounds. Individual Strokeplay
(Scratch)*

Alison Houston Trophy

Individual Knockout Matchplay (Full Handicap allowance)

Blairhill Trophy

*Best two aggregate rounds out of three. Individual Strokeplay
(Scratch)*

Centenary Trophy

One Round. Individual Strokeplay (Handicap)

Clubmasters Rosebowl

One Round. Individual Stableford (Handicap)

David Cartwright Trophy

Aggregate over two rounds. Individual Strokeplay (Handicap)

John & Val Muston Trophy

Aggregate over two rounds. Individual Strokeplay (Handicap)

Ritchie Cup

*Best two aggregate rounds out of three. Individual Strokeplay
(Handicap)*

Keith Salmoni Cup

*Aggregate over two rounds. Individual Strokeplay (Handicap).
Top four players progress to knockout matchplay*

Kumasi Cup

*Best two aggregate rounds out of three. Individual Strokeplay
(Handicap)*

Wanliss Trophy

*Best two aggregate rounds out of three. Individual Strokeplay
(Scratch)*

Season Opener / Closer

Team Texas Scramble (Handicap)

2017 Roll of Honour

Event	Champion
Hepburn Trophy (Club Strokeplay Championship)	Jamie Roberts
Alison Houston Trophy (Club Matchplay Championship)	Euan Duthie
Blairhill Trophy	Jamie Roberts
Wanliss Trophy	Oliver Devlin
Centenary Trophy	Rory Hutchison
Clubmasters Rosebowl	Luke Volland
David Cartwright Trophy	Euan Duthie
John & Val Muston Trophy	Luke Volland
Ritchie Cup	Lewis Seath
Keith Salmoni Cup	Lewis Seath
Kumasi Cup	Oliver Devlin

Stage 2 (9 Holes) Tournament Fixture List 2018

Date	Event
April 12 th	Season Opener (Texas Scramble)
19 th	April Medal
26 th	Stableford Series Rd. 1
May 3 rd	Stableford Series Rd. 2

	10 th	May Medal
	17 th	Blind Holes
	24 th	Stableford Series Rd. 3
	31 st	Double-bogey Competition
June	8 th (Friday)	June Medal
	14 th	Stableford Series Rd. 4
	21 st	Blind Holes
	28 th	Stableford Series Rd. 5
July	5 th	July Medal
	12 th	Double-bogey Competition
	19 th	Stableford Series Rd. 6
	26 th	Blind Holes
August	2 nd	August Medal
	9 th	Matchplay
	16 th	Stableford Series Rd. 7
	23 rd	Matchplay
	30 th	Stableford Series Rd. 8