



Junior Section – Tim Barrett, Junior Convenor

I'm delighted to report a very successful and vibrant year in the Junior section.

Starting with various numbers, we now have 148 junior members including 52 new members up from 130 of which we saw a total of over 110 at the Thursday evening coaching sessions!

In addition to our resident PGA professional, Palmer Mitchell, we now have around 25 volunteers helping on Thursday coaching sessions ensuring a safe and vibrant experience for our juniors who range from 7 years to 18 years old.

Internal training by Palmer and PVG training by Scottish Golf and Clackmannanshire Council, and our updated safeguarding policies means we have achieved a Safe Golf Accreditation with our governing body, Scottish Golf.

Financially we have been fortunate in both generous donations and successful grant bids. Our thanks to Ark Benefits, Robin Redpath and the SDGC for their support. The sale of pre-loved balls and clothing has also benefitted junior funding.

Grants and resources from Scottish Golf, Burnfoot Wind Farm / Muckhart Community Council and our club hire scheme totalling £3650 help to fund our roving pro, purchase of golf equipment and running the girl's hub. Continuous funding and fundraising is essential to avoid running at a loss!

Our Juniors have been performing well representing the club in the Scottish Golf Junior sixes and Flag competitions.

Coaching sessions on Thursday evenings have been well attended tailing off a little through some summer months.

Everyone has responded well to the new format, which emphasises all aspects of the game broken down into 4 disciplines: Tee shots/ fairway shots/ chipping/ putting.

All this now takes place on the course, introducing our youngest players to on course etiquette early and ensuring maximum experience of the course itself.

A weekly longest drive and nearest the pin competition with prizes has proved very popular and seen a wide number of winners, not least from the girls!

77 individual participants have received SG certificates as they achieved the next level.

There have been weekly winners for the 6 holers, encouraging participation in competitions.

Our thanks our outgoing Junior Captains Lewis Seath and Luke Volland and welcome to the role to Oliver Ruiz and Tom Jackson and Vice-Captain Andrew Ross.

Also, thanks to Mike Seath for organising the senior end of the Juniors and delighted Colin Melville will take on the role next season.