



SLCGA AGM – Saturday 23 November 2019

Junior Report

We have had another year without a Junior Organiser. We have managed by allocating the Junior events amongst our Executive Committee members, but it is not ideal. If you know anyone who might be interested in helping with the juniors, please send them our way! We are very fortunate to have a wealth of talent amongst our junior girls. There were 7 juniors in our County Team, and we have more juniors waiting in the wings. 79 girls signed up to our County Academy Programme this year, so the future is bright for Surrey golf.

At the beginning of the year we were very fortunate that Dame Laura Davies again gave up her time to give some coaching and advice to 11 of our younger girls. They all had a wonderful time and I am sure they learnt a lot. We were very lucky that Annabelle Dimmock also came along and passed on coaching tips to the girls as well as competing with them on the putting green!

Individual successes have been numerous.

On an international level Annabell Fuller has had another very successful year being selected for the Vagliano Trophy, The Ping Junior Solheim Cup, the World Junior Championship, played in the first Augusta National Women's Championship and has been selected for the initial squad for the Curtis Cup next year. She is currently ranked 43 in the World Amateur Golf Rankings.

As I have mentioned already, Lottie Woad (Farnham) is our new County Champion. She played a leading role at County Match Week winning 5 out of the 6 matches she played in, and again at County Finals she won 6 out of the 8 matches she played in against strong opposition. This was an excellent start to her County golf career. She has gone on to have a terrific season winning the Midlands U16 Girls Open Championship, 4th in the West of England Amateur Championship, winning the Surrey Girls Schools Championship for the 2nd year running, selected for the England European Young Masters team, selected to play for the England U16 teams against Switzerland and Ireland, 2nd in the England Women's Counties Champion of Champions and selected for the England Girls Training Squad.

Rafiah Banday (Royal Mid-Surrey) our Junior County Champion was selected to play in the U16 England teams v. Spain and Ireland and has also been selected for the England Girls Training Squad. She was 2nd in the England Junior Champion of Champions and the U16 winner at the South Region Championship. She also qualified for the Justin Rose Telegraph Junior Golf Finals in Portugal recently.

Issy Simpson (Roehampton) was selected to play for England in the Girls Home Internationals and won the winning point for the team.

Ava Bates (Wentworth), Alex Jakins (Foxhills) Herry Ji (Burhill), Hyun-Ji Kim (Wimbledon Park), Sarah Mardani (Windlesham), Ellen Yates (West Hill) have all been selected for the England Golf South Region coaching programme.

Lauren Gooding (Roehampton) was the runner-up in the South Region Championship and Lauren, Olivia Horsford and Rafiah Banday won the County Shield for Surrey. Ava Bates (Wentworth), Chantal El-Chaib (Camberley Heath), Matilde Santili (Foxhills) and Olivia Horsford (Wimbledon Park) were all individual winners at that event.

Matilde Santili was also the winner of the U12 North of England Girls Championship.

Ellen Yates (West Hill) was 2nd equal in the U14 English Girls Scratch and 1st in the U14 Net English Girls whilst Hyun-Ji Kim (Wimbledon Park) was 4th in the U14 Net English Girls.

Junior County Match Week in August was a washout this year – very disappointing for the organisers and the players. We had a young team captained by Sally Parrish. They got off to a good start beating Hampshire 6-1 but then the rain came. Play ended up being condensed into a day and a half with four sessions of 9 holes on the second day. The girls managed victories over Middlesex and Kent but lost to the older and more experienced Sussex team who were the eventual winners. The Surrey Girls were 2nd. I think it is fair to say that the three sessions of 9 hole matches on the final day were a bit too much of a challenge for them. However, they are a young team who hopefully will be able to play for us for some years to come.

Other events for the girls have been the Spring Meeting won by Hannah Link (Farnham) and the Adult & Junior competition won by Michael and Canice Screene (Croham Hurst). The girls had just one friendly match this year against the Surrey Ladies. As usual this was keenly contested by both teams, but the girls were convincing winners!

We have also had girls playing on the Rookie Tour which is an extremely successful competition run by Surrey Golf from April to September.

The last junior event of the year was the Arlesford Cup for which we entered a team of 6 at the end of September. This is a mixed handicap competition, so the range of our girls' handicaps was 9 to 27. It is always good to encourage some of the higher handicap girls and the younger girls and they all enjoyed the day despite the very wet and blustery conditions at the beginning of the day.

So, all in all a very successful year for our Junior Girls. For a number of them this was their last year as Juniors. We wish them continued success as they move to the next level in their golfing careers and thank them for their contribution to Surrey Girls golf over the years.

Lorna Robey – SLCGA Captain