

Allendale Golf Club

Junior Golf Newsletter March 2019

Now that March is upon us, we look forward to the start of the new golfing season and the first of the Club fixtures on Saturday, 6 April, when the Club Captain's team competes against the Chairman's team. Let's hope that the weather is kind and that the golfing year gets off to a good start. Those Juniors who have a handicap playing off the "reds" or "yellows" from last season are invited to join in this competition over 9 holes, on 6 April. I hope that many of you will take this opportunity of playing in an adult competition.

As most of you are already aware, Jake Reed is our Junior Captain for 2019. He will be joining the other Captains in the "drive off" on 6 April. Please come along on the day to support and welcome him in his new role, even if you are not playing in the competition. Carl Baxter will be acting as Vice Captain, so welcome to him too.

The fixture list, which is sent out as soon as you renew your membership for 2019, gives you information about all of the Junior competitions throughout the year but I would remind you that during April there is a workshop on Wednesday, 17 April, and the first Junior medals on Saturday, 27 April. Let's hope that the weather is reasonable and you will all be available come and play some golf.

Each year we look forward to welcoming back junior members from previous years but we very much like to encourage new members. With this in mind, it would be great if present members could "bring a friend" to the April workshop to introduce them to the Club and golf!

This year, there will again be free coaching with Martin Forster during May and June, along with further workshops at half term in May and during the summer holidays. I will forward the dates when these have been finalised.

Depending on the availability of members, it would be good to organise some matches with local clubs as we did last year.

Following on from the success of Allendale Golf Club as a venue for the Northumberland Golf Tour (NJGT), we have again been asked to host a Tour event. This is scheduled for Sunday 7 July. I know that we already have at least one member participating this year.

For those of you who want to have the full details of how to enter the NJGT, go to their website at www.northernjuniorgolftour.co.uk, and click on the Northumberland Tour page. Please note, I understand that demand for places is already high, so do not delay in submitting your application.

A small group of members, Jake Reed, Carl Baxter, Daniel Twizell, Alfie Mason and Jack Campbell have been playing very successfully in the Matfen Texas Scramble during the winter. At the final session on Sunday they finished equal second with Ravensworth after finishing their round on par. They were also the worthy winners of "nearest the pin".

On the subject of OPEN Competitions:

- As happened last year, MKM will be supporting and sponsoring a Junior Golf Open at Allendale. This is scheduled for Saturday, 15 June. Like the NJGT, this will have several categories of entrants... and prizes! Details are on the Allendale Golf Club website.

Both of these events will offer further opportunities for you to play with junior golfers from other clubs throughout the North East.

I hope that you are all going to be joining again this year and I look forward to meeting up with you in the near future. If you are taking part in any of the April activities or require any other information, then please email me.

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