

LINCOLNSHIRE WOMEN'S GOLF ASSOCIATION – ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

LINCOLNSHIRE GIRLS GOLF SQUAD ANNUAL REPORT 2021

Please find enclosed the report which showcases the last 12 months of girls' activity at the Lincolnshire Women's Golf Association.



In Autumn 2020, the role of Lincolnshire Junior Girls Organiser became vacant following Pat Jones completing a term of over 10 years. We would like to take this opportunity to thank Pat for all her efforts in promoting girls golf in the county and time spent organising and supporting girl golfers of Lincolnshire.

In February 2021, Stacey Mitchell came into post taking on the new role of Lincolnshire Junior Girls Coordinator. A new team of 15 volunteers were recruited to form the Lincolnshire Girls Golf Squad (LGGGS). The team are made up of parents, helpers and our Junior Captain, Tilly Garfoot and Vice-Captain Freya Woodiwiss. The team help to support and deliver the provision we have available for girl golfers in the county All Lincs girls golf activity will be branded under the 'Lincs Girl Golf Squad' moving forwards. We have created an overarching aim and 5 objectives to provide direction and a clear purpose, providing a vision for what we aspire to achieve.

The aim of the Lincolnshire Girls Golf Squad is: ***To retain, nurture and develop girl golfers of all ages and abilities within a pathway that strives for excellence.***

Our Objectives are to:

- 1. Provide a pathway for girls from grassroots through to elite and national level**
- 2. Provide playing, competitive and leadership opportunities at all levels**
- 3. Offer a fun, inclusive and welcoming environment where girl golfers are encouraged to participate and build friendships that last a lifetime**
- 4. Nurture individual talent as part of a team environment**
- 5. Increase the number of girl golfers by improving communication, promotion and engagement**

We have developed our new banner and logo to promote the Girls Squad within the Lincolnshire Women's Golf Association which can be found below:

Our Motto shaped by our County Girls Captain Tilly Garfoot:



In early 2021, we completed a consultation piece to obtain feedback from PGA Pros, Junior Organisers, Managers, Parents/Guardians and juniors to understand what has been working well and areas for improvement. We want to ensure the future offer is shaped around the needs of girl golfers and our clubs. Although developing over time, we have relaunched our offer based upon this insight. This insight piece has shown us there are over 300 girl golfers participating in Golf in Lincolnshire and we are keen to reach as many of these girls with our opportunities.

Since February 2021, we have almost tripled the number of girls registered with us from 27 girls to now 73 girls. However we still have a long way to go in reaching more Lincs girl golfer and are always keen to engage with new girls. Please do get in touch with our Junior Girls Coordinator Stacey Mitchell should you know of any girl golfers that would be interested to get involved in all that we have to offer at the Lincs Girls Golf Squad:

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GIRLS SHORT GAME ORDER OF MERIT EVENTS



During the year, we have run 5 x Short Game Order of Merit events with Alison Johns at Woodhall Spa Golf and Performance Centre. This provides a fantastic opportunity to meet other girl golfers, put practice and developed skills into play on the brilliant short game facility and take part in excellent short game training with Alison Johns. Our Junior Girls Captain Tilly Garfoot has helped to deliver



demos within her group and we have a number of volunteers who have kindly given their time to supervise girls around the course. We have 3 groups; Division 1 (HI 18.4 and below), Division 2 (HI 18.5-54), Division 3 (no HI). There has been a total of 51 girls that have taken part from ages 5 up to 18 and girls as low as scratch HI. Winners were as follows:

Division 1 - Ellie Mae Horsted

Division 2 - Sophie Robinson

Division 3 - Eva Roblin (OOM winner) & Helena Murray (Trophy winner)

COUNTY SCRATCH & HANDICAP TEAMS



Our Excellent Team Manager Helen McDougall (Nel) organises and runs all of the Girls Teams matches and elite provision. We have a 5-person Scratch Team and 5-person Handicap Team. Selection is always done in handicap order on the basis of all of the girls we have registered. Nel has provided an end of season report as follows:

After such a long forced lay off, it was so nice to get the girls together for a training day @ Woodhall Spa at the beginning of the season. We had a morning of short game skills with Alison, then the afternoon was on the course.

Thank you to all the players who represented Lincs in our county matches. It was tricky to always field a full team due to the nature of the past 18 months! The scratch team consists of 5 players playing off scratch against Nottinghamshire, Leicestershire, Derbyshire and Staffordshire. We won 1, halved 1 and lost 2 matches. The handicap league is played with shots and handicaps taken into consideration. We played Notts and Leicestershire; we won 1 and lost 1 match. The final positions are played for at the festival of golf in August.

COMPETITIONS

We have run a number of events during the year; 6 Junior Order of Merit events with the LUGC including the Girls Closed Championship, Under 21 Open Championship, Summer Stableford, Lady President's Day, Junior Matchplay finals. This year, Tilly Garfoot has also introduced the Junior Captain's Day for juniors of all abilities which we hope will become an annual event. Girls can also enter the LWGA Competitions including the County Championships which the county kindly provide free entry to the girls.

We would like to thank the golf clubs that have provided use of their course for these events. It would not be possible to run these events without this support.

We have had 50 girl golfers taking part in the competitions in 2021. Results from these events were as follows:

Girls County Championships @ Market Rasen Golf Club

Junior County Champion & U18 Girls Champ - Ellise Rymer

U16 Champ - Hattie Dow

U14 Champ - Elexis Brown

Best Nett - Izzy Linsley

Most Improved Golfer - Neve Begley



Roger Jennings & Peggotty Cups @ Lincoln Golf Club

Peggotty Cup - Best Gross - Tilly Garfoot

Runner-up Freya Woodiwiss

Roger Jennings Cup - Best Nett - Maisie Welborn

Runner-up Neve Begley



Stamford & Nicky Molson Trophies @ Carholme Golf Club

Stamford Plate for the Best Nett - Isabella Condie

Overall gross winner was Neve Begley.

Runner-up was Maisie Welborn.



Woodroffe Walter Cup @ Belton Park Golf Club

Overall Gross Winner - Tilly Garfoot

Runner-up - Elexis Brown

Overall Nett winner (across boys and girls comp) - Abigail Scott

Nett Runner-up Elexis Brown



Les Johnson Cup @ Holme Hall Golf Club

Les Johnson Cup - Abigail Scott

Nett Runner-up - Jenna Dixon

Best Gross - Tilly Garfoot



Patrons Cup @ Blankney Golf Club

Results to follow – being played Friday 29th October 2021.

Junior Matchplay Finals @ Pottergate Golf Club

Results to follow – being played Wednesday 27th & Thursday 28th October 2021.

Lincolnshire U21 Open Championships @ Stoke Rochford Golf Club

Lincolnshire Under 21 Champion - Vicky Prietzel
(Goring & Streatley GC)

Gross Runner-up - Hattie Dow (Stoke Rochford GC)

Gross Runner-up - Courtney Martland (Lincoln GC)

Nett Winner - Hattie Dow

Nett Runner-up - Vicky Prietzel

Nett Runner-up - Izzy Linsley



Lincolnshire Under 13 Champion - Josie Knights (Ipswich GC)

Gross Under 13 Runner-up - Abigail Scott (Belton Woods GC)

Girls Summer Stableford @ Waltham Windmill Golf Club

Summer Stableford Trophy – Neve Begley

Imps Trophy – Chloe Vickers



Lady President's Day @ Woodhall Spa Golf Club

1st place team – Belton Woods GC - Izzy Linsley, Abigail Scott, Susan Raynor & Becky Foster

2nd place team – Louth GC & Lincoln GC – Izzy Thorndyke, Chloe Vickers, Steph Teanby & Pam Hayden

3rd place team – Elsham GC – Eva Roblin, Taya Brown, Julie Morrice & Su Waldron

4th place team – Spalding GC, Woodhall Spa GC & Gedney Hill GC – Tilly Garfoot, Beth Gough, Lynn Exley & Elaine Hancock

5th place team – Elsham GC – Livia Piner, Charlotte Clark, Aimee Muller & Sally Piner



Junior Captain's Day @ Spalding Golf Club

Girls 1st Prize Gross – Neve Begley

Girls 1st Prize Nett – Alexia Wood

Girls 2nd Prize Nett – Gabriella Grant

Boys 1st Prize Gross & Nett – Harry Camm

Tulip Tee Best Gross – Lucas Timby and Finley Grant

Nearest the Pin Prize winners – Ellie Camm, Lucas Timby and Olivia Malkinson

Chipping Challenge winners – Olivia Malkinson and Isobelle Harriyanto

Fundraising Challenge winners – Finley Grant and Isobelle Harriyanto



In December, we will be organising a Christmas Social Bowling Trip open to all registered girls. We are also looking to get back up and running next year our Annual Fundraising event and our Girls Spring Stableford Competition. Details to follow.

MIDLANDS GIRLS FESTIVAL OF GOLF



This annual event took place on Monday 16th August 2021 at Trent Lock Golf Club. It was Lincolnshire's turn to organise and run this for the 6 counties. There were over 100 girl golfers who took part from ages 5-18 with 21 of them representing Lincolnshire. The day saw girls take part in the 18-hole Scratch and Handicap Matchplay, 9-hole handicap and non-handicap event, Skills Challenges, Pirate Golf, Trick Shot Show, Raffle and a closing Meal and Presentation.

Lincolnshire won the 9-hole team event. Lincs girls also won prizes as follows:

9-hole red tee trophy – Chloe Vickers.

Chipping Challenge 1 & 2 – Beth Gough

Chipping Challenge 3 - Isobelle Harriyanto

Importantly, the girls had lots of fun!!

GOLFSIXES LEAGUE



The GolfSixes League has been a huge success in Lincolnshire the last few years. The GolfSixes league is designed for juniors either without a handicap or a handicap index above 36 to encourage them to play on the course and enjoy the 6-hole pairs scramble format. This year there were a total of 14 clubs that took part within the 5 leagues (3 mixed leagues and 2 girls only). There have been over 200 youngsters take part with over 35% of these players being girls. The winners of the leagues were as follows:

North Lincs Girls League – North Lincs area Squad

South Lincs Girls League – Woodhall Spa Golf Club

North Lincs Main League – TBC Final fixture taking place 25th October 2021

East Lincs Main League – Louth Golf Club

South Lincs Main League – TBC Final fixture taking place 25th October 2021

LINCS GIRLS GOLF SQUAD COACHING

During the season, we have not run our previous 'Chicks' Level coaching. The focus has been to get the girls back playing on the course and enjoying being back at golf. It has certainly been a busy season of events so we made the decision to pause any coaching, whilst taking into consideration the insight gained from earlier in the season. We have now decided to relaunch our coaching programme under the LGGS, with a focus on reaching Lincolnshire Girl Golfers who either don't currently have coaching with a PGA Professional and/or those girls who have a preference or would benefit from being coached in an environment with other girl golfers. We are now hosting girls coaching at 2 hubs across North, Central and South Lincolnshire. Qualified PGA Professionals had the opportunity to apply through an Expression of Interest form to host this with selection on the basis of several factors including interest, experience, location, resources, facility, safeguarding standards, coaches that promote LGGS provision, track record of communication and organisation. Coaching will run monthly, outside of school time during November-April 2022 initially. There will be a maximum of 8 girls per session and session will last a duration of 90 minutes.

The coaches that have been selected to host this are:

North – Dane Duffin @ Elsham Golf Club

Central and South – Alison Johns @ Woodhall Spa Golf Club

Any girl is eligible to take part in these sessions but spaces are limited. The cost per girl will be £48 for the 6 sessions x 90-minute coaching sessions. If any girls would like to attend this, please contact Junior Girls Coordinator Stacey Mitchell.

SCRATCH AND HANDICAP TEAM TRAINING

We will shortly be relaunching some Scratch and Handicap Team training. We are in the process of reviewing and refining this for 2022. Further details to follow.

UNLEASH YOUR DRIVE TRAINING

In addition to the above, we will also be running the Golf Foundation's 'Unleash your Drive' programme which is focused on developing mental toughness in young people. This programme is designed to improve Confidence, Commitment, Challenge and Control in young people through developing techniques around visualisation, breathing, relaxation (to name a few examples). The programme has been designed to not only support golfers with improving and developing personally and with performance but other areas such as exam, school and other life pressures. Further information on the programme can be found below:

<https://www.golf-foundation.org/impact/unleash-your-drive-improving-youngsters-lives/>

We would like to thank the Golf Foundation who will be providing the Lincs Girls Golf Squad with the training, digital resources and a funded online session.

SPONSORSHIP, SUPPORT & DONATIONS

We would like to thank everyone that has sponsored and supported the Lincs Girls Golf Squad and County Lincs Girls Golf. It would not be possible to provide the provision for our girl golfers without your vital support. Whether this be donations, prizes, use of your facilities – your support goes such a long way to helping our future players.

We are pleased to share with you that we have secured 2 core sponsors who will be assisting with kit for the girls for next year; The Original Cake Company and Sennen Home Limited.



With their sponsorship, alongside several donations this is enabling us to purchase polo shirts for every girl that is registered with the Lincs Girls Golf Squad and has taken part in our events. This will also enable us to purchase 20-30 hoodies for our most regular and committed girl golfers.

We are still looking for a Prize sponsor for the 2021 season or any donation that could support this or our fundraising efforts. If there is any organisations or businesses able to help or any golf clubs able to assist in any way (e.g. providing a 4 ball voucher or use of their course for a fundraising event or girls activity), please don't hesitate to contact Junior Girls Coordinator Stacey Mitchell.

OTHER ACHIEVEMENTS

Lincolnshire were crowned as England Golf's County of the Year in 2021 for the outstanding work in promoting junior and women's golf. The award referenced our volunteer structure, participation of our juniors and girls, GolfSixes League, HSBC Golf Roots Centres accreditation and the modernised, significant and inclusive nature of our county. We are very proud of this achievement. Further details below:

<https://www.englandgolf.org/lincolnshire-crowned-2021-county-of-the-year/>



Well done to Ellise Rymer who has seen lots of success within the county, region and nationally this year. Ellise won the regional Queen of Clubs Final at Mickleover Golf Club, representing Lincoln Golf Club. Ellise is also represented England in the Under-16 International Challenge Match at Douglas Golf Club in Ireland in October.



Lincolnshire qualified for the England Women's County Finals this year at Denham Golf Club. Well done to the team including Tilly Garfoot and Ellise Rymer who both played and represented Lincolnshire in the Finals.



Well done to Tilly who was crowned Heroes Handshake winner by The Golf Foundation and England Golf. Tilly has won this award not only her for playing achievements in golf, but also her involvement as a Volunteer, Ambassador, Leader and her contributions as County Girls Captain.

TRIBUTES

Sadly on Sunday 5th August, Elexis Brown (aged 13) passed away. Elexis was a friendly, kind and keen member of the Lincs Girls Golf Squad and she is deeply missed by all in our golfing community. Elexis is the Under 14 Girls County Champion and we will always remember Elexis for her commitment, determination and kind nature within the Squad.



FAREWELL IN 2021

As we come to the end of 2021, it is time to 'bid farewell' to 2 of our juniors who are turning 18; County Junior Girls Captain, Tilly Garfoot and Squad member, Livia Piner. We presented Tilly and Livia with a small gift at the Lady Presidents Day. We would like to thank both girls for their involvement and participation in county golf and we wish them all the best for the future.



ANY OTHER BUSINESS

We are always looking for new volunteers to help out with our girls golf programme; whether this be on an adhoc basis or more regularly. If anyone would be interested to get involved, please contact Junior Girls Coordinator Stacey Mitchell.

Many thanks for taking the time to read this Junior Annual Report. We look forward to keeping you updated through our Facebook page and website in 2022.