

Windlesham Junior Academy Newsletter

December 2018

Welcome to the Junior Academy newsletter for December. This month we feature articles from Lee Mucklow and his review of the year. We also have a few words from this year's Captain Joe and next year's Junior Captain Evie Kircher and finally a review of the Christmas Texas Scramble and Christmas Dinner.

We hope that you find the newsletter informative and fun, it is our intention to publish them regularly and include information about upcoming events, match reports and results from events within Windlesham and further afield. It would be great to receive articles from you all about your experiences away from the club as well as any funny stories from around the range or fairways of WGC.

Dear all,

As you can see we have a new team, which has now formed a junior committee. With this team in place we will be able to cover all the leagues for inter-club matches and set up an improved line of communication on a regular basis.

This year has been another great year in many ways, but I am particularly pleased that we were able to secure the partnership with the European Tour Foundation. This partnership I am hoping will flourish over a 3-5 year period and enable me the ability to grow the Junior Academy year on year, hopefully delivering you the junior something new to look forward to each year.

Changes for 2019- The Tour Foundation is in its infancy and with us should grow substantially over the next 5 years. It is too early to say precisely what the partnership will bring but we will use the next 6 weeks to put together a joint plan which we will launch at the Scholarship Presentation Evening on the 13th Feb. Nick Rose the Head of the ETF will be our guest on the evening and we will use the Q+A session to explain what is to come for the season ahead.

I would also like to take this opportunity to thank the Junior Captain Joe Silcock and his family for all their hard work put into organising such a successful Junior Captains Charity Day. The Day raised £1600 for 'Parity?' charity so thank you also for your generosity on the day. Congratulations to all.

My last thought for 2018, I was recently asked to put together a document stating our journey so far. In 2011 we had 11 junior competitions for the year, in 2018 we ran 60 plus competitions/activities and 196 clinics. How cool is that!!!

We wish you a very Merry Christmas and successful New Year. Our first event will be the Junior Rules Quiz evening on the 6th Feb so please look out for that.

Best wishes

Lee Mucklow

Head of Academy



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It does not seem a year ago that I was asked to be the Junior Captain for Windlesham GC. The time has passed so quickly.

I have really enjoyed my time being Captain, it has given me many great memories, I have enjoyed the responsibilities that being a captain brings, and also representing Windlesham as captain in Junior club matches.

My highlight of the year has to be the Junior Captain Charity held last September. It did take a lot of organising, and I thank the Golf Operations Team for their help in the lead up and during the day, as well as my parents who helped me raise over £1600 for the chosen club charity. I was donated so many prizes to raffle on the day, it was really a great atmosphere on the terrace whilst my dad and Lee in the pro-shop were working out the scores.

The Ryder Cup theme worked really well and I have many photos of Team USA / Team Europe in their respective colours.

Being captain has helped raise my profile within the club, and it is especially nice when other members call me over for a chat on the putting green.

I have had a good golfing year, having played in many club and outside competitions, and have hit many of my personal goals. My highlight was playing in the Junior European Open in Spain in November, unfortunately I did not quite make it onto the Sky coverage.

I want to have a career in golf, and being Captain has been an important part of this aim.

I joined the Golf College in September, where I am studying for a BTEC in Sports Performance and Management, as well as receiving golf coaching. I am now looking forward to going to Portugal to continue my studies with the Golf College, so I am hopeful that in 2019, I will continue to play good golf and develop further.

I hope that you have enjoyed me being Junior captain this year and I wish Evie the best of luck as captain in 2019, and hope she enjoys it as much as I have done.

Wishing you a very happy Christmas

Joe Silcock



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Hi all,

I am very grateful to have been chosen as Junior captain 2019. I am looking forward to starting this journey with you all in the New Year. I must applaud Joe for his fantastic work in 2018, I hope that I can do as well and have a successful year too.

I began my golfing journey with the CAPS system as one of the littlies and have progressed into being one of the big kids at the club. I am very fortunate to have been here for so long as it is a great atmosphere to learn and play golf. As my captain's year goes on I would hope that I can encourage the younger ones to find a passion for golf and help them progress from the range to the clubhouse and the course.

I look forward to getting to know everyone better across the year and hope to be an easy approachable character around the club.

I would also like to congratulate Lee Wood on the Captaincy and wish him all the best in 2019. Thank you to everyone for your help and support, Ellen Alex and I look forward to seeing you all around the club in 2019.

Evie Kircher



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Christmas Dinner 2018

The Christmas dinner was a great success as always, there were 40 of you playing which is amazing! The Texas scramble was won by a team Baker, the team of Adam, Aiden Millham, George Miller and William Barr won with a level par gross score.



The best dressed golfer was won by Chris Floater and best dressed for dinner was won by Max Holmes.



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Joe Silcock was presented with the WGA Match Play trophy by Tom Hall and Alex Jakins the runners up prize.



Alex and Mike Phelps were presented with the Mary Kircher Trophy following their win this year. The competition will run again in 2019 and is open to any member whether adult or junior, as long as the pair is made up of an adult and a junior. Please look out for the sign up in the spring along with the WGA Match play.

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The winner and runners up of the Saturday League were announced with George Miller taking the top prize and Joshua Saw and Joshua Thompson taking second and third places respectively.



Victoria Westgarth presented the Don Ginger trophy on the behalf of the Ladies section. The Trophy recognises the biggest handicap reduction within the Ladies and Junior Ladies section. Lottie dropped an incredible 15 shots in the season!



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Lastly the Academy Team handed out medals for all the winners of the stableford competitions across the year, most of whom were there to collect their medals, with some winning more than one!



We hope that you have all enjoyed your golfing year at Windlesham and we look forward to a great year for junior golf at WGC.

We will be sending out information about a team bonding and selection afternoon shortly. We hope to build on the team's successes in the 90s League and the Guildford and District League and hope to arrange a get together early in 2019.

Merry Christmas

The Junior Committee

