

Coaches Network to grow



Midlands PGA Pro's sharing their good ideas

The new 'HSBC Golf Roots Coaches Network' is creating much interest, as the Foundation's eight Regional Development Officers meet with leading PGA Professionals who have a strong knowledge of junior golf.

Currently, each RDO chairs a panel of 10 highly thought-of junior coaches, with the purpose of getting together to share imaginative ideas to grow junior numbers and retain more youngsters over the long term. Such appeal has there been for the format that each region is now set to grow to 15 Professionals.

Mark Boscott, Foundation RDO for the South West, said: "It is exciting that demand among PGA Pro's has led us to increase numbers to 120 nationally throughout 2016. That's a sign that there is a real thirst among Pro's to share innovative ideas on

junior golf matters." All 80 of the current Pro's receive a high-quality golf top from Glenmuir complete with the Foundation's prestigious Coaches Network logo, and they meet up twice a year.

Ian Harvey, Foundation RDO for the North East, said: "A particularly popular creation is a special Facebook group for all involved where smart and creative ideas on any aspect of encouraging new young players can be shared immediately with all 80 Pro's. Eighty expert minds firing around new ideas, unusual ideas and tried and tested ideas. That's a great resource."

Ian added: "We've had Christmas Jumper golf, Ghostbusters at Halloween, lots of indoor game formats in the recent bad weather, not to mention sharing the enthusiasm of the youngsters as these fresh ideas are enjoyed."

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