



Dear Members

We would like to congratulate the AMGC Juniors on a fantastic 2023 season. We have seen some amazing scores and handicap reductions during this year.

It was our great pleasure to be asked to join the junior organiser role(s) under the stewardship from Tony, Ethan and James. We have both learned an enormous amount about the dynamics and what goes into the Junior Section operation from the Management Team through to Club Committee.

#### *General Info/Funding*

The Junior Section has seen a steady increase in playing junior members up from last year.

#### *Funding*

The Club has generously added more funds to the junior budget and expanded our capability to host more junior events and matches (see 2024 update).

The Junior Section would like to say a massive thank you to those members that have generously donated towards the junior budget. Middlesex Golf also provided a budget for covering Junior Training Sessions. These events were hugely popular, and we encourage as many juniors as possible to attend to be able to secure funding in future.

#### *Matches/Events*

During the past year we hosted and attended several inter-club friendlies. Most notable matches were between Bishopsgate School, Fulwell and Ealing Golf Clubs.

We also hosted several Adult Junior Evening events which were run in co-ordination with the Junior Training Sessions. We encourage more Juniors and Adults to join these fun evening events (they typically run from late April to early October).

#### *Competitions*

There were several hotly contested competitions this year and a big congratulations to those players who completed and placed in top finishes.

Winners of the Board competitions:

Junior Scotia Cup – Jack Manders 40 Points

Junior Hitchcock Medal – Henry Bucys Nett 66

Junior Manor and Walker – Thomas Randal won both Gross and Nett with Gross 81 and nett 72

Jack Manders won the junior order of merit narrowly from Finn Males. This was a new season long competition from results of board and general competitions throughout the season.

The Junior Open was a successful day this year with around 30 Juniors competing in the tournament. For 2024 this will move to May Half Term to try to gain more Juniors playing in the field for a great day of golfing.

#### *Representative Honours*

Will Edwards & Jack Manders have both been selected to represent Middlesex Golf County in matches against other counties. Will Edwards has been selected for the U15's side and Jack Manders for the Under 14's side. Both Boys doing their Club and County proud.

## Looking ahead to the 2024 season

The Junior Coaching Session plan for 2024 will be to provide a fun and beneficial structure for all Juniors that join the session. The main goals for 2024 will be to keep the level of interest high for Ashford Manor Juniors, try to keep expanding the Junior section & progress the Juniors golfing skills. We have had over 30 Juniors join Ashford Manor Golf Club from taking part in the Junior sessions and hope to keep that number progressing.

**Competition and Match Communication** - we will issue updates via the AMGC monthly Newsletter and WhatsApp groups.

**Training Session** - updates will be issued by Tony, Ethan and James via the WhatsApp group.

**April** - the British Junior Golf Tour will be hosted by AMGC in April. A big thanks to the Committee for supporting the Junior Section with this request. We aim to use this event as a platform to bring more juniors to Ashford Manor and to present what the club has to offer.

**May** – the AMGC Junior Open

**General Competition Dates** - the Junior Section has requested an approval for junior competitions to be held on Sundays. We believe this will reduce tee box pressure on Saturdays. Dates are yet to be confirmed and will be published in due course.

**Friendlies** - we will continue to invest in arranging junior matches at other clubs and the response from both Juniors and parents has been well received.

**Matches** - AMGC Juniors has been accepted back into the Guildford and District Golf League for 2024 – these are the draw groups:

### Group 1

Burhill  
Surbiton  
Windlesham  
Camberley Heath

### Group 2

Betchworth Park  
North Hants  
Farnham

### Group 3

Effingham  
West Surrey  
Hindhead

### Group 4

Bramley  
West Byfleet  
Ashford Manor