



## BUCKINGHAMSHIRE COUNTY LADIES GOLF ASSOCIATION

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County Coach Report October 2019

This year has been another fantastic year of exploits for the BCLGA Junior/Scratch teams and individuals .

The training sessions have been well attended and very helpful in the selection process for myself and the County Captain. Some exciting new faces have emerged and I know will be valuable servants to the County in the forthcoming years.

The Junior scratch team won their respective league series with Oxon/Berks very comfortably and I witnessed some very impressive victories on the way to qualifying for the Mid/South finals against Worcs/Hereford at Overton Park in August. Once again the girls showed their strengths against formidable opponents triumphing 4/2 and winning the trophy.

On the Scratch team front we once again triumphed at CMW in June at Frilford Heath, winning 5/0 and showing the benefits of our training sessions with comprehensive Foursomes performances setting up our overall team strengths and making the Singles play much easier.

We took a very young squad by comparison to the other counties. Everyone stood up to the test and performed extremely well and secured our place at the Nationals finals once again in September .

At the National Finals in September recently we once again took the youngest squad there, which included 2 rookies and 8 Juniors. The performances were nothing short of amazing!!! After a very unfortunate start with an 8/1 defeat to Yorkshire which in all honesty should have been more like 6/3 at the worst, the girls regrouped and defeated Lincolnshire 7/2 on Tuesday, lost narrowly on Wednesday 5 1/2 to 3 1/2 to Norfolk and then produced 2 great last hole fight backs to draw with Surrey on Thursday. Then on the final day, they produced the performances of their short golfing careers to defeat the National Champions Gloucestershire 5/4, the only team to beat them the whole week.

It was a very tiring but extremely rewarding week and gave me great hope for the forthcoming season because I believe this Squad will go from strength to strength and fulfil the promise they have already shown.

Great times ahead for B.C.L.G.A.

Tony Bowers (County Coach)