



BUCKINGHAMSHIRE COUNTY LADIES GOLF ASSOCIATION

COUNTY COACHING OFFICER'S REPORT AGM 2020

Unfortunately, there is not a lot to report this year, due to Covid -19 decimating the golf competition calendar.

We held three winter training sessions for the first team squad at Burnham Beeches in November, The Oxfordshire in February and Harleyford in March. This latter session included the first team match v the juniors, which the first team won (although on this occasion they were all juniors anyway).

The pre-season friendlies against Hereford & Worcestershire, Bedfordshire and Middlesex all fell at the beginning of lockdown and were cancelled, as was County Match week at Northampton, and the England Golf "Festival of Women's Golf" planned for September to replace National County Team Finals Week also got cancelled.

During the summer months a few national individual competitions were held under strict Covid rules. I am sure you will be pleased to know that some of our Bucks players did exceptionally well in these events.

- English Women's Amateur Golf championship - Thalia Kirby and Megan Dennis played fantastically well to come 1st and 6th respectively in the qualifying two rounds of strokeplay; in the first round of the match play, Megan lost to the eventual runner up but Thalia reached the semi-finals, losing to Emily Price the eventual winner.
- English Senior Women's Amateur Championships were held "locally" at Frilford Heath and attracted quite a few Bucks senior ladies. The weather was phenomenally hot, which took its toll, but Andrea Sims of Burnham Beeches should be congratulated on coming second in the handicap section.
- English Women's Amateur Strokeplay championship - we had 8 first team squad players in this competition, of whom only Thalia (Tied 14th) and Megan (Tied 28th) made it through the cut.
- English Girls Amateur Strokeplay championship - this was also held "locally" at Sandy Lodge and we had 8 junior girls in the competition. The weather conditions (heavy rain) resulted in 4 of our players making the cut, but the competition was then abandoned, with Roisin Scanlon (Tied 12), Olivia Lee and Ella Butteriss (Ties 19th) and Grace Rigby-Walden (Tied 27th).
- The R&A Womens Amateur Championships - these were held at the same time as the English Girls: Thalia Kirby and Rosie Bee Kim both made it through the strokeplay cut. Rosie lost out at the match play round of 32, but Thalia made it to the last 8, only losing to Aline Krauter from Germany, the eventual winner of the competition.

We have a depth and breadth to our squads in Bucks and I look forward to 2021 when I hope some semblance of return to normality will enable us to showcase our Bucks talent in a County team format.

Tony Bowers, County Coach
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