



BCLGA JUNIOR NEWSLETTER - SPRING 2019

England Golf Squad

Congratulations to Thalia Kirby who has been named in the England squad for The **Scottish U18 Girls' Championship** at St. Andrews Eden Golf Club from 10 – 12 April.

Thalia, 18, (Stoke Park), was third in the Welsh Women's Open and had top tens in the Liphook Scratch Cup, Critchley Salver and Roehampton Gold Cup.

A word from the Junior Captain:

It's great to see the start of the 2019 season underway with some good individual and team results. 2019 has seen the introduction of new rules which have brought the biggest changes to the way we play for some time.

Wishing everyone all the very best for the forthcoming competitions and training sessions, let's have a great year with lots of wins.

Eleanor

JUNIOR GIRLS PAR 3 CHAMPIONSHIP 2019 WYCOMBE HEIGHTS

Sunday 3rd March 2019

The Par 3 Championship was held at Wycombe Heights on Sunday 3rd March. This is the first competition of the year for the junior girls and always proves a testing course. We arrived to a steady drizzle of rain which stopped shortly after the girls started playing.

We had 18 girls playing in the competition and all the girls played really well, a number of girls putting out for birdies (2s).

The Par 3 Championship was won by Rosie Kim, with a fantastic gross score of 58. Olivia Lee was runner up with a score of 59, winning on countback from Grace Rigby Walden who came third with a gross 59.

The handicap prize was won by Rachel Mackinlay with a net 54 with Rosie Kim runner up with a net 55.5 and Grace Rigby- Walden with a net 56.

Dates for the Diary

Sun 30-Jun

Junior County Championships
- **Beaconsfield GC**

Tue 27-Aug

Midlands South Girls Championships
- **Gaudet Luce GC**
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Sun 01-Sep

Summer Meeting
Daily Telegraph Qualifier
- **Abbey Hill GC**

Mon 02-Sep

Karchargis Trophy
- **Oakland Park**

Sun 13 Oct

Autumn Meeting
- **Stoke Park GC**

JUNIOR NEWCOMERS

For girls who have had some lessons and want to start playing on the course, we will be running some fun team competitions at Par 3 courses across the county.

For more details please contact Katherine Milburn on: junfuncomps@bclga.org.uk

All of our regular junior competitions are open to girls with handicaps up to 42, and we also run 9-hole competitions alongside the main competitions for girls with handicaps from 37 to 54.

New County Website

At the beginning of the year the Ladies county website was given a major revamp.

The website has a junior tab which has details of all the seasons fixtures, training opportunities and other useful information.



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SPRING MEETING

Held at Harleyford Golf Club on a pleasant sunny day the spring meeting attracted 17 girls from across the county the competition was held.

The winner of the Spring Salver was Lily Rigby- Walden with 40 points, second was Fraya Shiell with 36 points, on countback from Hannah Cash who came third. Fourth place went to Ciara Shannon.



The annual **BB&O team stableford** took place on Sunday 17th March at Oakland Park. All three counties brought teams of eight to compete for the team stableford prize. The cup is awarded to the best team score. Seven girls are picked secretly before the competition starts and then the best 6 out of 7 results count. There are individual prizes for the best stableford result.

The weather in the day was mixed. All the girls set off in the dry but then they were treated to periods of heavy rain and hailstones !

The team prize was awarded to Oxfordshire. The winner of the stableford was Ciara Shannon (Bucks) with 41 points and the runner up was Rachel Mackinlay (Bucks) with third place going to Allie Holtom (Oxon) who beat Mairi Weir (Oxon) on countback with 36 points.



The Buckinghamshire Team

BB&O GIRLS CHAMPIONSHIP – Calcot Park – Tuesday 8th April

Well done to Grace Rigby-Walden (Gerrards Cross) who shot the lowest gross of the day. The competition was played in horrendous weather with rain from the first tee to the last hole, so congratulations to all the girls who took part.

2019 Rule Changes

There has now been three months in which to become accustomed to the new laws which have been introduced to speed up the round. So hopefully you are all now only looking for your ball for 3 minutes, have tried putting with the flagstick in, or is it hokey-cokey golf in, out, in out.

Playing ready golf, if you are ready, and it is safe to do so then take your go. Possibly the most difficult to adapt to is the knee-high drop it is important to remember not to resort to a shoulder high drop which will now result in a one-shot penalty for an incorrect drop.

The rules may have changed but what hasn't is the requirement for all players to know and apply the rules correctly, how well do you know them??

Why not download the R&A Rules of Golf phone App as a starting point.