



# BCLGA Junior Newsletter

Autumn 2019

## Message from the outgoing junior captain

It has been a great year and I have really enjoyed myself as Junior captain and thank everyone for all their support.

We have seen some fabulous results, lots of handicaps have come down and a large number of the girls have won national competitions.

Good luck to Grace Rigby- Walden who has qualified to play in the Daily Telegraph junior competition in Quinta do Lago.

*Eleanor*

## Junior Publicity

If you have any articles or news for future Junior Newsletters, please contact our Junior Publicity Officer, Andy Barnett at

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## Take a look!

Have a look at the November/ December copy of Women & Golf. There is a picture of our very own Thalia Kirby with the England Squad. Thalia played in the home internationals at Downfield in Scotland in August in dreadful weather conditions. Both England teams won.

## Junior County Championships

Beaconsfield hosted the junior championships at the end of June, on quite possibly the hottest weekend of this year. In spite of the heat, all the girls played really well and the winner was Grace Rigby-Walden. Grace is pictured with the other winners.

We also awarded the Gill Batchelor trophy to Emily Gilmour. The plate is awarded to the girl who gained her handicap in 2018 and whose handicap has reduced the most that year.



## Karchargis Trophy

The annual Lady and junior greensomes competition was played at Oakland Park in late August. We were very fortunate that Suzanne Thrower (formerly Karchargis) and her daughter Sarah joined us. Suzanne donated the original trophies and explained a little of the background of the competition.

Winners of the competition were Ciara Shannon and Sally Harborne with an amazing 47 points, and they are pictured with Suzanne.

## Midland South Scratch Team Finals

Well done girls !

After several years of losing in the finals, the girls scratch team finally won the trophy after beating Hereford and Worcestershire at Overstone Park in Northants.

Team—Ella, Hannah, Olivia, Eleanor (non playing captain), Ciara and Jess (Thalia played, but was not available for the picture)



## Wonderful Woburn

The Bucks girls were invited by the Ladies European Development team to visit the practice day for the Women's British Open at Woburn at the end of July.



The girls were met by Eva-Lotta Stomlid who is part of the LET development team and she spoke to them about life on European tour.

The girls then had free time to watch some of the practice rounds before joining Eva-Lotta for a behind the scenes tour, including the media tent, where they lined up for a press interview.

The afternoon finished with a chipping clinic with Samantha Head, a former European tour player and now coach.

Whilst waiting to go in to the Woburn clubhouse, we were able to get a photo with Charley Hull who happened to be walking by.



## Farewell

It is this time of year as the last competitions are run that we say goodbye to some of our girls who are no longer juniors.

Eleanor Barnett and Thalia Kirby both leave the section this year after many years of playing in the junior competitions and for the teams. We wish them all the very best. Both girls will continue to be at county and club event so won't be vanishing quite yet.



## Longest Day

As Junior Captain at Wexham, Ella Butteriss led 8 juniors in raising over £2,500 for Macmillan Cancer Support as part of their Longest Day of Golf.

They teed off at 4.20am, completing their 72 holes about 13 hours later. Thank you to Grace Rigby-Walden for her support and playing the last round with them.



## County First Team

Well done to Hannah, Amelia, Rosie and Thalia who played at County Match Week (picture left). The team had a great week, winning all their matches and qualifying for County Finals at Delamere Forest.



At County Finals (picture right), nine juniors played for the team: Ella, Hannah, Amelia, Daisy, Rosie, Thalia, Olivia, Jess and Grace. The team had a great week, with 2 wins and a half.



## Congratulations

Lots of congratulations to the girls, who continue with success in various events:



Grace Rigby-Walden won the Bearwood Lakes Junior Open with a fantastic score of 2 under gross.

This result means that Grace has qualified for the Daily Telegraph Finals in Portugal from 11th to 16th November.

This is normally televised, so check the TV schedules.

Grace also won the Prince of Wales Tournament at Woburn.



Amelia Curtis won the BCLGA Champion of Champions Trophy (picture left).

Amelia was also runner up in the BCLGA County Championships and was awarded county colours at County Finals.

Eleanor Barnett won the Ellesborough Ladies Club



Championships (picture right).

Rosie Kim won the U12 category at the British Girls U16 Championships (for a second year). Rosie was also awarded county colours at County Finals.

Jess Pilgrim won the Buckinghamshire Schools Championships, and was 2nd in the South East Schools Championships. Jess also won the Nett competition at the Luke Donald Salver.



Olivia Lee was 3rd in the Midlands U16 Championships.

## Announcement

I am delighted to announce that Ciara Egan has accepted our invitation to be Junior Captain for 2019/20.

Ciara is a member at Woburn and has been a great supporter of all the BCLGA junior events since she joined our academy coaching as a novice golfer in 2015. We wish Ciara success in her new role.

## A BIG Thank You to the following:

Firstly a big thank you to Katherine Milburn, who is standing down as Junior Pre Handicap Organiser. Katherine has spent the last four years encouraging and supporting the newest junior girls, and has contributed to the success of the juniors.

Delyth Barnett for running all of our junior competitions.

Cecilia Williams for organising the Academy Coaching sessions and helping with the friendly matches.

Sally Harborne and Gail Sharp for coming along and acting as starters, presenting prizes and generally supporting the girls.

Eleanor Barnett who has been a great Junior Captain.

Tony Bowers for running the popular intermediate coaching sessions.

Andy Barnett for keeping us all up to date with junior news.

All the clubs who have hosted us this year.

Finally a massive thank you to all the parents, grandparents, aunts, uncles and friends who act as taxi drivers, getting the girls to all the events.

## Handicaps

This summer has seen lots of exceptional reductions in handicap from many of the girls:

Grace Rigby-Walden (Gerrards Cross) from 6 to 2

Jessica Pilgrim (Stoke Park) from 8 to 4

Ella Butteriss (Wexham Park) from 8 to 4

Ciara Egan (Woburn) from 9 to 5

Eleanor Barnett (Ellesborough) from 11 to 8

Rachel MacKinlay (Stoke Park) from 12 to 8

Georgia Lloyd (Buckingham) from 15 to 11

Jessica Reid (Stoke Park) from 16 to 11

Jenna Campbell-Byrne (Gerrards Cross) from 17 to 13

Freya Conway (Beaconsfield) from 18 to 14

Eleanor Lichtenhein (The Buckinghamshire) from 26 to 21

Lily Rigby-Walden (Gerrards Cross) from 29 to 23

Emily Gilmour (Beaconsfield) from 31 to 16

Ciara Shannon (Chesham & Ley Hill) from 34 to 27

Well done, not only to the girls mentioned above, but also to all the others whose handicap reductions have not been quite so exceptional.