

Junior Pre Season News Letter 2012

Junior Organiser's Slice

I would like to start my first news letter of the season by wishing everyone a Happy New Year, and the juniors, a very enjoyable and successful season on the golf course and hopefully, together, we can enable them to achieve their goals for 2012. This also goes for the Junior Team when the league starts following a great season which saw them stay in the 1st division, finishing 3rd!

It has been a much better winter (no white stuff as yet) and I am pleased to have seen a few juniors out so early in the year, keep it up.

During the winter months we have we been working hard making improvements following last years very good season and some you will find in this news letter.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank out going Captain Dave Hall for all his help and support and wish Vince Hodgson a successful year as 2012 Captain.

I would also like to announce Mykal Donkin will be Junior Vice Captain along side Jonny Cossar - Junior Captain for 2012.

If you haven't, then a quick reminder to get your membership renewed sooner rather than later to enable you to play in all 29 possible junior competitions. The club have produced a 2012 Fixture List with the dates of all of these on.

The first competition is the 'Half Term Stableford' -**Mon 13th Feb** (wrap up warm !) this will be followed by a social gathering see below for details. The second comp is the '**Ladies and Juniors**' on **Sat 31st March** and third is the Easter Stableford with the first round of **Junior Golfer** being the **Sat 14th April**. **Get your names down early in the shop to take part!**

Remember, swing with ease in the Houghton breeze,

Simon Cossar, Junior Organiser.

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A quick reminder that the Houghton le Spring web site will have all the information you will need and a bit more. It is a great information tool, so please have a look any ideas would be welcomed.

This coming season sees Houghton Le Spring looking to develop opportunities for the juniors outside of the club also; in association with the Durham County Golf Partnership and others.



- Junior Golf Tour 2012
- County Academy Programme
(assessments days in March)
- 'Road to Rockcliffe' (R2R)

www.durhamgolffpartnership.com

Other opportunities includes the 'Tiger Cub Tour' for under 12's at South Moor Golf Club over the 4th and 5th of June.

www.tigercubtour.co.uk

Junior/Adult Open competition at Fulford Golf Club - 13th August, £38 per pair
http://www.fulfordgolfclub.co.uk/pages.php/open_golf_events.html

Information will follow and will be advertised on the web site and junior notice board.

2012 will see Houghton Le Spring, who have signed up to follow the National Skills Challenge (NSC), help the juniors develop their golfing skills. Registration will be taken as part of the social gathering detailed below.

The plan is to have the challenges set up on the course / practise area for the Juniors to practise with 2 assessment dates to be arranged. These results will be entered into the NSC league tables which may result in some of our juniors progressing into the regional finals.

This will be part of a coaching programme for the juniors, please find attached a coaching programme that takes us to the April.

www.getintogolf.org/skills

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Junior Calendar (one for the Fridge!)



This section will highlight up and coming events both on the course and in the club house.

Next 3 Junior Competitions (Please put name down in the shop)

February Half Term Stableford - Monday 13th @ 11:00 (wee wonders to follow)

Ladies and Junior competition - Saturday 31st March @ 10:00 (NO WEE WONDERS)

Easter Stableford - Thursday 5th @ 11:00 (wee wonders to follow)

All competitions for the year are on the notice board and on the fixture list on the Junior section of the web site.

Social Events - (Parents are more than welcome to come and take part)

Only one planned at present depending upon success of the first one !!!!!

The first will be held on Monday 13th following the February half term competition. It will be in the club house from 16:00 (bring sandwiches as no food available)

What will we be doing?

- Boring bit - registration for National Skills Challenge
- Rules Quiz - short and will be fun (DVD based and picture round)
 - Pool Competition

Finished about 18:00

I would also be grateful for ideas for future nights, entertainment and fund raisers.

The evenings and events will be advertised on the junior notice board and the club web site.

I would hope you will support these social events as they will enable us to integrate the junior section further into the club and also get the juniors to bond as a section.

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Coaching

Thursday 1st March

- Junior Team Squad 4:45 - 6:45

Sunday 4th March

- 2 - 3pm and 3 - 4pm 2 separate groups, please contact pro shop for details.

Thursday 15th March

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Thursday 12th April

- Junior National Skills Challenge coaching.