



County Newsletter

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As we get to grips with the new rules of golf, the R&A have produced a useful **APP**, which is designed to help you whilst out on the course. It's worth downloading.

It's a sign of real progress in equality when, **Augusta National**, a bastion of tradition, are proud to host their first Augusta National Women's Amateur Championship in April on their famous course. Three top England international ladies have been invited to play.



The highlight of our very popular annual dinner was when 13yr old **Hugh Adams** (Hagley GC), was presented with the '*Reid Trophy*', National U14 Championship, by **Ian Watkins**, Board Director of England Golf. Hugh is now firmly established in the England golf coaching set up and could be selected for his first international match this spring.

The dinner was extremely well attended by officials and club members from across the county. The County would like to thank everyone for attending and especially, **Kings Norton Golf Club** for their warm hospitality, good food and superb efficiency in managing the whole evening. Their continued support for this important event is warmly welcomed.

The **Annual Boys Prize Presentation** afternoon at Kings Norton GC on Sunday 6th January 2019 was extremely well attended. Special presentations for outstanding golfing achievements in 2018 were awarded to 8yr old **Hayden Sarfo** (Gaudet Luce GC) and 13 yr old **Hugh Adams** (Hagley GC). Hugh was also voted as the players' player of the year. Congratulations to both boys. During the day, a thought provoking talk was given by **John Pates**, a well-known and locally based golfing psychologist, who has previously supported the European Ryder Cup Teams.

The County urges all Club Committee members to read this excellent checklist, produced by the R&A. Please follow this link: <https://www.randa.org/~media/rules-modernization/resources-center/files/get-ready-for-2019--committees.ashx>

The **County Seniors** will be visiting **The Vale of Glamorgan GC** on the 17th & 18th March for their Spring pre-season get together.

The **County Juniors** will be visiting **The Players Club, Bristol**, on Sunday 24th March for a Spring pre-season get together.

The **County website** is being moved to a new platform, **Intelligent Golf**. It will still look the same until about April. In the meantime it will **NOT be possible** to enter any competitions online until everything is in place. More details about this will follow in future newsletters.

The **Droitwich Shield, Kidderminster Cup & R&A Salvors** have all reached their quarter-final stages. Matches need to be played by **24th February**. All details are on the County website.

Please check our very informative website for all results, entry forms and match reports.

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