



WUGC County Newsletter - September 2017

The bulk of the County season is now drawing to a close although there is one very important final to be played. **The U18 Team** will face Nottinghamshire at Kedleston Park on Sunday 8th October, to decide the Midland Championships. All support is welcome.

Recent team results...

- The U16's finished the league season with a good win (10-5) against Derbyshire
- The U14's battled hard against Staffordshire, losing 4 ½ v 1 ½
- The U14 boys finished 6th in their Midland County Six at Broughton Heath GC.
- The Seniors finished their season with a fine 13 v 5 win against Cambridgeshire. The Seniors managed to finish their league season as runners up to Warwickshire.
- The 1st (9v6) and 2nd (10v5) Teams both lost their final league matches against Derbyshire. The 1st Team finished 4th in their league whilst the 2nd team finished 6th.

Recent individual results...

- Congratulations to **Jake Kelly** (Ombersley GC) for winning the U18 Boys Match Play Championship at Bransford GC, defeating Will Stott (Bewdley Pines GC) in the final.
- Congratulations to **Phil White** (Fulford Heath GC) for winning the Seniors Match Play Championship at Bransford GC, defeating Steve Green (Rose Hill GC) in the final. *Thank you to **Brandford Golf Club** for hosting the championships on August 22nd & 23rd as well as for presenting the course in such excellent condition for all the competitors.*
- Congratulations to **Jack Belli** (Stourbridge GC) who won the **John Moreton Trophy** for the Junior Boys Order of Merit. Jack won points in 10 out of the 15 events, and consolidated his No.1 position by winning points in the last two events.
- The winners of the **County Mixed Foursomes** were the home pair of **Phil Brooks** and **Sharon Cartwright** (Kidderminster GC) with 37 points. Rex Harrison (Kings Norton GC) and Mary Harrison (Bromsgrove GC) took 2nd place with 37 points whilst Chris & Kerry Hobbs (Gaudet Luce GC) added a 3rd place to their 2nd place last year, with 35 points. *Thank you to **Kidderminster Golf Club** for hosting the championships on Sept 14th as well as for presenting the course in such excellent condition for all the competitors.*
- **Ian Martin** (Kings Norton GC **PGA Assistant Professional**), won the **Guy Bigwood Cup for the Worcestershire Open**, whilst Adam Norman took the Gold Medal for the leading amateur. *Thank you to **Halesowen Golf Club** for hosting the championships on Sept 5th as well as for presenting the course in such excellent condition for all the competitors.*
- **The Champion of Champions Tournament at Woodhall Spa**, over the weekend of the 16th & 17th September, gathered together the County Champions from the whole of England to compete against each other in their respective age groups. Our Junior Boys Champion, **Joe Price (Hagley GC)**, finished in joint third place at 2 under par, only one shot behind the eventual winner. Our Seniors Champion, **Steve Green** (Rose Hill GC) also finished in 3rd place at 2 over par for 36 holes. **Both players deserve the highest praise for such tremendous individual performances at this national level.**

Other news...

The County Junior Development Centres have produced a host of new juniors for County Coaching this year. Thank you to all the professionals taking part who've been able to generate such a good group of young golfing prospects. Currently, the following clubs participate in this very productive coaching scheme: **Kings Norton, Worcester G&CC, Bromsgrove, Churchill & Blakedown, Ombersley, Gaudet Luce and Redditch GC.**

What it is and how to get started: Each professional is required to run 7 two hour sessions with between 8 to 10 U14 boys between April & September each year. It's largely a self-funding scheme with some support from the County. Invitations from any other club professionals to run such a coaching scheme in 2018 are very welcome. Please contact the County Secretary for more details and get started at your club next year to help grow more young players.

The County winter scratch K.O. foursomes events for **The Droitwich Shield** and the **Kidderminster Cup** are now open for clubs to enter their teams. Yes, winter is now coming upon us. This year there is also a **new winter handicap 4BBB event for players with handicaps of 19-28** for the **R&A Salvors.**

Please check our very informative website for all results, entry forms and match reports.
www.mens.worcestershireamateurgolf.co.uk

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