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JUNIOR PROMOTIONS OFFICER REPORT AUGUST 2021

Action Items from Last Meeting 24 May 2021

None

General Items and News

JNIG / GNSW representative Luke Grinham set up a meeting with DGA Junior Representatives, CSGA JPO and other leaders of the golf community involved with organising junior golf in the ACT.

The meeting was planned for 17 August but was postponed due to COVID 19 restrictions and border closures and is yet to be rescheduled.

Discussions were to be based on the promotion of junior golf and thoughts on setting up a junior development squad for ACT juniors to 'potentially' support development for future interstate team competitions.

Queensland Junior Amateur (29 June – 02 July)

This year the QLD Junior Amateur was held at Bargara Golf Club near Bundaberg. The ACT had 2 x representatives attending those being Silka Solomon and Mia Arhchibald both from Royal Canberra Golf Club.

Conditions and scoring were good in the windy conditions with Silka Solomon making the cut after 2 x rounds (amidst rumours that the tournament was going to be cancelled due to lockdowns in Brisbane and Townsville).

This was a great learning experience for Mia as it was her first interstate event outside of NSW but unfortunately she did not make the cut.

In what was to be a warm up event for the NSW Junior Amateur Silka finished the tournament in 33rd position with rounds of 84 / 82 / 79 / 77 Further details can be viewed here: <https://www.golf.org.au/juniorgolfqueensland/>

At the completion of this tournament, we saw Silka Solomon move to 21st on the Australian Girls Order of Merit.

This is a great achievement given that Silka is one of only 4 junior girls from the Golf NSW area ranked inside the top 25.

Another sign of ACT punching well above its weight in the elite junior girls golf space with very little support from Golf NSW.

NSW Junior Championships (6 – 9 July)

Unfortunately, shortly after the completion of the Qld Junior Amateur the NSW COVID 19 troubles escalated South of the border which prompted the cancellation of the NSW Junior Championships which were to be held at Byron Bay and Ocean Shores.

What was also disappointing was that some ACT Juniors had made the journey to Byron Bay to participate in the championships to also be recognised at a presentation by Golf NSW for being chosen to represent the ACT in the Junior Interstate Team Series (which was also cancelled). The athletes selected for the team were to be presented with 2 embroidered golf shirts and a state team golf bag.

I have been advised that Golf NSW are now looking at organising a time later this year to make the presentation to the ACT Team as the bags and shirts are still in Byron Bay.

2021 Clyde Auto Junior Open in conjunction with the Don Wallace Shield (08 August)

Amidst most of the state of NSW being in lockdown The Clyde Auto Junior Open was recently 'successfully' held at Catalina Country Club.

The only representative from the CSGA region attending the tournament was Silka Solomon who under perfect conditions narrowly missed the girls gross taking out the girls nett with 80/84

Silka is pictured below with Luke Grinham from JNJG / Golf NSW (left) and the junior organising committee on the day (right).



School Sport ACT (SSACT) – 12&U, 15&U and 18&U

The School Sport Australian Golf Championships will not be going ahead this year due to the COVID 19 situation.

ACT Monaro Junior Pennants

The State playoff series for the Junior Pennant involving Yowani Country Club and Encourage Shield involving Gungahlin Lakes have been put on hold due to the COVID 19 situation.

Gold Creek Golf Club Junior Girls Clinics

Jo Mills is continuing to run a junior girls golf clinic once a week at Gold Creek.

CSGA Murrumbidgee Junior Girls Clinics

Jonathan Hickman continues to run a CSGA junior girls golf clinic at Murrumbidgee Golf Club once a week. Numbers this term have dropped to 2/3 participants as most participants moved into the AGF scholarship program. (Participation numbers generally drop over the Winter period and we hope the numbers will increase later in the year when the weather warms up).

Australian Golf Foundation Junior Girls Scholarship Program

In partnership with Murrumbidgee Golf Club, The Australian Golf Foundation and Jonathan Hickman we have secured funding to fully support 7 junior girls in the scholarship program for 12 months which includes complimentary coaching with the aim for them to become fully integrated members with handicaps within 12 months.

All members of the group now have now secured playing handicaps.

Find out more about the Australian Golf Foundation Girls Scholarship Program here:

<https://www.golf.org.au/mygolf/junior-girls-set-to-soar-in-2021/>

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