

Craigie Hill Junior Golf Section

Cherrybank, Perth.



information pack of Club activities

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I have included in this pack some of the information which I hope you will find helpful, and if you have any questions or queries I will be very happy to answer either at the Golf Course or my home address.

I would also ask you to look at the information provided in the Membership Card and Fixture List for the coming season. This should be issued on payment of the annual subscription or the first installment.

The fixture list however, may be re-arranged on occasion; due to team matches or fitting in previously postponed competitions.

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Information, do's and don'ts

Bag Tags

When provide, Bag Tags must be displayed on bag at all times and spot checks will be made by the Professional or Directors.

"Wee Members" - i.e. those under 10 years of age.

The under 10s are not allowed to play on the course (unless with an Adult Member) in the interests of safety. They can however use any other facility of the Club or Clubhouse - this also applies to their parents, granny, granpa and family.

Competitions

There are several different types of competitions during the Junior season which starts approx 1st April and ends approximately mid October. These are listed below along with details how the Junior players can enter. Entry is by contacting the Professional who will have a starting sheet and arrange a draw.

All Junior competitions are available to boys and girls (including knockouts), but where possible the girls will normally play together in medals.

All medal scores cards must be returned - no returns should be marked NR and signed by the playing partner. Completed cards should be filed in the Junior box, next to the away scores book in the mens locker room.

Sunday medals

The Sunday medal sheets are now kept by the Pro. A list of upcoming events will be on the notice board. Playing partners (in groups of 2 or 3) are *decided by the Pro or Junior Convenor* which means that **ALL** juniors can play in the Sunday Medal even though they may not have a regular playing partner.

The normal playing "slot" is 2.30 to 3.30. There will be an entry fee of 50 pence.

Most medals are played off the yellow tees but the Junior Convenor on occasion will sanction a medal off the white tees. (Yellow if not stated otherwise)

Summer League (Monday and Friday within official Junior playing times)

Junior boys and girls can take part by arranging a time via the Club Professional. It is left to each Junior to arrange a playing partner, but if someone wishes to play and has no partner the Professional will try and arrange a partner or join another group.

A folder is provided in the Professional Shop, who will keep a note of players taking out cards. Make sure you return your card even if you NR again in the Junior box in the mens locker room.

Summer league is always off the Yellow Tees.

There are checks made to ensure all cards are returned! There is also an entry fee of 50p per card, payable at the Pro Shop.

Hill Bunny 9 holes (Any week day, or weekend in quiet times + School Holidays)

This competition is over 9 holes to encourage new or younger (or both) players to start playing competitive golf. It can be played in the same time slot as the Junior Summer League, but Juniors cannot play in both competitions at the same time. Saturday evenings are a very

quiet time to play. The Hill Bunny is played off the mats at the Blue Tees. There is no entry fee for the Hill Bunny.

Juniors are allowed to return one Hill Bunny card each day of the week! I have been told that the parents are fully supportive of this as it keeps younger players occupied most days!

Normally, participants in the Hill Bunny have a handicap of 29 or above, but if during the season their handicap is reduced they can still compete for the Hill Bunny Trophy. This is an eclectic competition i.e. the best score at each hole during the Hill Bunny season is the method used to establish the winners).

Hill Bunny cards can be marked and signed by a parent (who may not even be a golfer) or by an adult member who has an official golf handicap.

Further details of this competition are displayed on the Junior Notice Boards.

Knockout singles (match play)

Sheets for names are on the notice boards for 4-5 weeks as from beginning of April and a draw is made in late April. Matches must be played by the specified closing dates.

Knockout foursomes (match play)

Sheets and draw are as for the singles match play above. Normally Juniors choose their own partner, but if there is any Junior without a partner I will try to arrange one.

Knockout putting (match play)

Entry sheet and draw issued as above for this.

Team matches

There are several team matches each season, both home and away. Teams are selected on playing ability and attitude, by the Junior Convenor and with the help of the Junior Captain where appropriate.

Teas are normally provided by the home club after the match.

Team shirts are provided for every match and these must be returned to the match organiser after the event.

Junior Opens at other courses

There is a folder in the main Lounge which holds posters and entry forms from other clubs. It is left to each Junior to send off his/her own entry form. There will also be a list of Junior Opens (in date order) on the Junior Notice boards.

The older and better Junior players should be encouraged to play other courses as this is one of the best ways to improve, and to become part of Perthshire County Teams and Squads.

We currently have several Juniors in the County squads

Adult medals - boys (handicap of 10 and under)

See *handicaps* below for qualification rules. Juniors who are allowed to play in senior medals must abide by the adult dress code and playing rules. These will be provided by either the Club Manager/Secretary or the Competition Match Secretary.

Adult medals - girls (handicap of 35 and under)

Details can be obtained from the Ladies Match Secretary - see ladies Notice Board.

Dress Code

Adults and older Juniors must abide by the Dress Code which is basically ***no jeans or tracksuits*** on the *course* but **clean** jeans (without tears) are now allowed in the *Clubhouse*. Younger Juniors e.g. under 12 are allowed *some* concession in the wearing of jeans since some younger boys/girls often only have school uniforms as an alternative to jeans. *However, tracksuits should be one colour e.g. blue, black, without any brightly coloured stripes. No football colours.*

Caps are not permitted in the clubhouse

Shirts should be tucked into trousers especially if wearing a sweater on top.

If you do not yet own golf shoes, you must not wear the same footwear used to play golf, and in the clubhouse lounge area as some trainers obviously collect grass and mud on the sole ridges.

If at possible, juniors should wear golf shoes, primarily for safety as the course does have many rabbit holes, slippery patches in wet, etc which have proved to be dangerous.

Junior Playing times

The official Junior playing times are detailed in the Membership and Fixture List booklet, which you should have received on payment of your annual subscription.

However, if this is not available the normal times are listed below. Other playing times may be possible but this will be at the discretion of the professional and assistants.

Weekdays: * after 9.30am and before 12.00pm
* after 2.00pm and before 4.30pm
* after 7.00pm

Saturdays: * after 6.00pm

Sundays: * Junior Medal times (normally 2.30 to 4.30).

Sunday Medal Tee Times

To make sure that all Juniors wishing to play in the Sunday medals are *guaranteed* a time and partner, it is now necessary to add your name to the sheet in the pro shop the week of the following competition. Late entries, on the day, will probably be accepted by the Pro shop, but only on the basis if times and slots are available. Late entries are intended for those who may not know until the day that they can participate. The Sunday "draw" is made by the Junior Convenor /Pro. Note however that "personally chosen" playing partners will not normally be acceptable.

Use of the Clubhouse facilities

Juniors can use most of facilities available - the Membership & Fixture list booklet provides details of times when the Junior can use the Clubhouse main lounge and junior lounge areas.

Snacks and food can only be taken into those areas if bought on the premises - snacks are usually readily available during school holidays. However please check with the Steward for times when snacks are available.

At no time must Juniors (except those 18 or over) play or gather around the gaming machines.

Golfing Equipment and clothing

Juniors are advised to make sure all clothing; school ties, etc are taken home with them.

There is a "lost property" bin in the men's locker room which is cleaned out weekly.

Golf Clubs should be placed in the locker rooms as un-obtrusively as possible.

Lockers

Lockers (on a limited basis) for juniors are provided in 3 locations:

** locker shed*

allocated to boys and girls and may require to be shared by two members. There is a small fee (approx £3)

** gents locker room.*

there are 20 lockers allocated to the Junior Section, and these are normally made available to the older Junior Members.

Contact Stuart Fotheringham for information.

** ladies locker room*

Girls can apply for the use of a locker (depending upon availability). Again contact Stuart Fotheringham.

Any keys lost by Juniors will be replaced by the club, and the cost passed on to the Junior. It may be necessary on occasion to replace the complete lock.

Warning: under ***no circumstances*** should Juniors try and "force" open a locker if the key has been lost.

Caddy Cars (on Course)

Caddy cars are normally used by players with a larger type of golf bag, or a more senior member of the club who finds carrying a bag physically too strenuous.

In order to reduce the additional wear and tear which can be caused by caddy cars the Club Directors are asking particularly those with a lightweight or smaller bag not to use a caddy car.

The Directors do not wish to totally ban Juniors using caddy cars, as some are obviously justified, but co-operation will prevent this from becoming necessary.

Caddy Cars (in clubhouse)

Where a Junior is using a caddy car, these **must not** be left in the Clubhouse unless it is stored in a locker as this can cause an obstruction in the locker room.

Bicycles

Where a Junior is using a bicycle to - from the Clubhouse this must **not** be parked in the Clubhouse.

Handicaps

Junior Boys handicaps are initially allocated and maintained by the Junior Convenor. Once a junior is able to play a full 18 holes without holding others up he will be given a handicap of 36 which he can work at reducing over the year.

Boys who reduce their handicap to 10 or less may apply *in writing* to the Junior Convenor to participate in adult competitions. Maturity and attitude is also taken into account before permission is granted.

Junior Girls require an LGU handicap - see "How to gain a handicap" on the ladies locker room notice board and the Ladies Section Handicap Secretary (you will find the name and phone number in the "Ladies Section" of the Membership Card and fixture list)

When a Junior Girl has an LGU handicap of 35 or less and on payment of the ladies competitions entry fee (currently £9) they can enter Ladies competitions and medals.

Contact points.

The normal contact point for juniors is the Junior Convenor, Dr Neil McLeod, home (634724) mobile (0774 904 5273) but if you find you need to contact a boy/girl during day time (e.g. school holidays) their names addresses and telephone number are available next to the men's handicap list pinned to the notice board in the men's locker room.

Junior Coaching.

Coaching specifically organised for the Junior Section is available to ALL juniors free of charge. The Professional may give some of his time for free and the Club may subsidise.

The pay back is - please support your Pro!

Coaching will normally take place during the months of April to the end of July and will be split into several groups of Juniors based on age, ability, and possibly a girls only group. Each session will last for 30-45 minutes and will take place weekly. The time and date is to be agreed with the Pro.

Those Juniors who demonstrate potential and a willingness to be taught may be selected for further coaching sessions.

Names for coaching should be given to the Professional. Late applications may be accepted depending upon vacancies.

Free coaching is a facility provided by the club, and should not be abused e.g. non-appearance at the sessions is not acceptable unless previously advised to the Club Professional.

Juniors Introducing Guests.

There have been occasions when Juniors have been introducing up to 3 guests. This has caused problems, as some of these guests do not appear to have acceptable golf knowledge or be aware of the rules of golf etiquette.

The directors have decided that Juniors may only introduce one guest per day. The Directors may also decide to introduce a rule that Junior Guests can only be introduced by an adult Club Member or a member of the Junior Committee if too many guests are invited.

General Golf Etiquette.

We have a lot of new and younger members who are just learning about playing golf, and what you can and cannot do on a golf course. It will help these younger players (and other Hill members) if the older and longer serving Junior members play their part and teach the newer ones the basic etiquette rules.

The Junior Committee will be asked to play a leading role in this particular task.

I would like to remind all Juniors (and this applies to the adults as well!!) that you must not play holes 1 and 2 and go back to hole 1 again. This is a normal ban on most golf courses.

Final comments

Craigie Hill has always been very fortunate over the years to have Juniors who have been keen golfers and at the same time have proved to be excellent club ambassadors.

The Craigie Hill Junior Golf Club has been assessed to receive the SGU (Scottish Golf Union) Junior Charter. This Charter is to encourage and improve the organisation and facilities of all Scottish Junior Golf Clubs. Clubs gaining the Charter will possibly receive Coaching and other benefits. Craigie Hill was given a high pointage, well over the basic requirements and hopes to receive the Certificate in the near future.

The support of the Craigie Hill Directors have been very important in achieving the Charter which shows their commitment to Junior Golf.

You should also be made aware that the Club practice the SGU Recommended Adult and Child Protection criteria.

The Juniors are viewed by the Directors and Club members as being amongst the best behaved and "turned out" from all the Junior Clubs in the area. They also recognise however that the Juniors do need guidance and teaching on the rules of golf play and etiquette, and they are taking a keen interest of how our Juniors develop their golfing skills.

Where there has been the occasional need to discipline a Junior this will be done in confidence with the agreement of the adult match secretary.

If any problems arise, it is best to contact the Junior Convenor. A quiet word with the Junior Captain, Junior Committee Member, or the Junior Convenor can usually solve most problems.

If at any time I am not available e.g. on holiday, you can speak to Stuart Fotheringham, or any member of the Board of Directors.

Make the most of Craigie Hill Junior Golf Club - it is accepted as being one of the most prolific Clubs in the County and new juniors and their family are extremely important to the club.

