

MINUTES FROM JUNIOR ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING-MONDAY

15TH SEPTEMBER 2025 AT 6.30pm

Item 1-Welcome-Chair-John Sheffield welcomed all those attending the meeting to support junior golf at the club. He gave a special welcome to Les Balmer, Chair of the Club together with Chris Rebanks, Club captain, Mike Davidson, Vice-captain who has provided invaluable support to the junior section over the past year and lady captain June Doyle. It is very encouraging to see that the club now has over 70 junior/cadet members and it is hoped that this can be sustained moving forward. He expressed his sincere thanks to members of the junior committee for their hard work and dedication. The junior committee will be having a full review of the junior coaching and activities to identify areas where improvements can be made. It was also rewarding to see that Ellis McAuley had represented Cumbria in a recent inter county match against Lancashire.

Item 2-Apologies-Joan Armstrong-President who had passed on her sincere thanks to all those involved in the development of junior golf at the club.

Item 3-Minutes of 2024 Junior AGM--these were accepted as a true record.

Item 4-Coaching review 2025-Chris Malpas outlined the coaching sessions which had been held throughout the summer. At times there has been a lack of a teaching professional to support the junior committee in their delivery of coaching and it is hoped that this can be improved upon going forward. The coaching had gone reasonably well and there was minimal disruption due to poor weather. A new initiative had also been introduced in late 2024/early 2025 with junior coaching sessions at the Golf Hub under the guidance of golf professional Andrew Pickering. This had been thoroughly enjoyed by all those attending. The junior committee will be looking at repeating this going forward and it is hoped it can include more of the junior section. Junior competitions were almost fully completed and these included competitions of various format over 4, 9 and 18 holes.

Item 5-Junior team/SIXES

Paul Butler informed those present that the junior team had been able to play a number of team matches against other neighbouring clubs. They had performed with great credit and there had been very positive comments from other clubs about the very good manners of the juniors representing the club. Paul thanked all the parents and other relatives who had provided so much support and encouragement to the team.

The SIXES team have built on the lessons learned last year and continued to play played matches against other clubs. This format provides a very good opportunity for those juniors who have not achieved a club handicap and also juniors with a handicap of 37 and above to play golf in Texas scramble format over six holes. A special award was given to Rhys Williamson for his efforts with the SIXES team. Paul Butler was thanked for his work with both the junior and SIXES team.

Item 6-Financial Position-Chair

John Sheffield informed those present that the junior finances were sound. He thanked the Club Council for their financial support in paying for meals after junior matches. This has been of considerable assistance. He also thanked Dads Army for their continuing support to the section. The junior committee did organise a junior fundraising competition earlier in the year which was well supported by members. A recent donation had been made by the stewards from England/Scotland who recently held their annual golf competition at the club. This was a really nice gesture on their behalf.

Item 7-Election of new Junior Captain.

George Parkes has now come to the end of his year as junior captain and he can look back with great pride. He has represented the club in a very professional manner.

Joseph Tinkler was elected as the new junior captain. Joseph has been a junior member for 4 years and attends Keswick School. He is looking forward to his year captaincy year.

Item 8-Any other business-none raised.

Item 9 -Chris Rebanks, Club Captain presented the trophies and congratulated all members of the junior section for supporting the coaching at the club. It was great to see juniors of all ages on the course enjoying their golf. Chris also passed on his thanks on behalf of the club for the excellent work of the junior committee who give up their own time to develop junior golf.

JUNIOR COMPETITION RESULTS 2025

Junior Championship Winner-still to be determined between George Parkes and Ellis McAuley

Junior America Cup-Max Bryson

Richardson trophy-Leah Butler

Bell trophy-Max Bryson

Mattinson Trophy winner-Sean Dargue

Miller Trophy winner-Finley Stevenson

Charters Shield-Leah Butler

Parasio trophy-Sean Dargue

SIXES player of the year-Rhys Williamson

Dads Army trophy-awarded to junior making the most improvement-Ben Clark.

Louise Mayne trophy for determination and effort and contributing in a positive and respectful fashion to junior golf section- Finley Stevenson. This award was very kindly presented by Alistair Mayne who passed on his sincere congratulations to Finley. He also commented on the success of the junior section and thanked all those involved.