

Juniors 2007 Report

Dear members:

The 2007 season was very successful for our Junior Golf Program with good participation in all categories of membership.

Instruction

The golf club held spring clinics once again this year on Monday nights. We had three separate age groups with around 60 kids taking part. The six to seven year olds started at 5:30 p.m. with parent participation required. Their interest was so high in this age group that the instruction continued for an additional five weeks throughout the summer. The eight to 12 year olds started at 6:30 p.m. and this age group had the highest level of participation. These clinics could not have been possible without the many volunteers that gave their time to help with these lessons. The 13 to 18 year olds started at 7:30 p.m. with most of the instruction being dedicated to on-course instruction given by Keith Wilesmith, Jason Stevens and myself. Registration for the 2008 junior clinics will take place on Monday, May 5, 2008, at 6:30 p.m.

Tournaments and play

Chester Golf Club hosted the Junior Invitational on August 20, 2007, with 56 juniors from across the province taking part. Participation from our club juniors was at an all-time high with 12 kids taking part, many of them playing in their first tournament.

I would now like to take this opportunity to encourage all junior members to take advantage of our beautiful golf course and get out and play more golf. I have seen great promise in many of the junior golfers that have taken part in our spring clinics in the past, but it seems that these kids don't play enough to enjoy the game to its fullest. If you are a senior member, please take the time to invite a junior to play.

There are still a lot of openings for junior members. If you know any other kids who have an interest in playing golf don't hesitate to sign them up for clinics or to become a member of the golf club.

I would like to mention that none of our success in Junior Golf could have been possible without our junior chairman, Bob Fraser, and the many other volunteers who have donated their time in the past. If anyone has any suggestions to make our program better or would like to donate to Junior Golf, please don't hesitate to contact Bob or myself.

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