

Junior Development AGM
August 25 2021
Dan Fraser and PJ Cowan

I would like to thank Dan Fraser for his tireless efforts and patience in support of the growth of our Junior development. Our Club has 850 Senior members and over 150 Junior members with the sole burden of instruction falling to him. Below are some highlights from our year.

- We have 1 junior golf clinic session remaining (Aug 23) and 1 more family golf evening. (Aug 29) Our always popular TOP Gun event is scheduled for August 22nd to wrap the season. Clinic sessions have almost 60 kids registered and are broken out into 4 separate groups. Even with Covid lockdowns and weather we managed to have 7 clinic sessions, and 4 Sunday family golf evenings which were well attended. Each week Dan focuses on a different element of the game; putting, chipping, irons etc. Clinics are mostly attended by younger children but would serve as excellent reminders to all ages. These clinics would not have been possible without the assistance and expertise of Mathew and Allison Chandler. Dan and I have had discussions about things that can be done to keep the older Juniors engaged. A second CPGA professional would be an excellent addition to our club. Kenwo as an example has 4 teaching pros on staff and many clubs employ multiple CPGA certified instructors.
- We hosted another successful Castle Junior Invitational July 22nd, despite ominous weather in the area, we only had two brief periods of rain. We had 59 registrations and 54 players on course. The kids had a great day and happily spent their winnings in our Pro shop. Our small but mighty team of volunteers were rock stars again. Thank you Ruth Christian, David Walker, David Harvey, Paul Nickerson, John and Joanne Ravalo. Since we restarted this event 3 years ago it has grown back steadily. We had 13 of our CGC Juniors play in the event, U11 through U19. Thanks to Castle and Steve Foran for his generosity and continued support. Some pictures are posted on the website under the junior section. If you would like to volunteer to help with this or any other junior activities please let me know.

- Huge thanks to Robert Stevens and Tony Cahoon for their efforts and generosity to the Junior program. They had a great day on the course and donated a portion of their earnings to our program.
- Family Classic had a successful turnout this year. Thanks to Dan and the match committee for bringing this fun family event back. The 9 hole scramble and 18 hole alternate shot format allowed even our youngest players to get out there and play. It is my understanding that a fun time was had by all. Our family certainly enjoyed it.

Although many of the kids playing at our club are young it is our hope that through continued practice and play they will progress towards playing some competitive golf. We had 3 girls and 4 boys registered for our club championships this year. A few kids played events at other clubs. Each year in the Junior budget we have set aside funds to reimburse at least some of the entry fees for our junior players. Hopefully in future years more of our children will play events and take advantage of the program and by doing so grow their game.

If anyone is interested in volunteering with the Junior committee or any of our activities please let Dan or myself know....Next year is only a few short months away.

Respectfully,

PJ Cowan