



April 21, 2022

Good afternoon everyone, here is some junior info for you. Junior Memberships are still available. To qualify as a junior member, you must be between the ages of 6-18 and either

- i) A child or grandchild of a current member
- ii) Be a resident of the Municipality of the District of Chester
- iii) Any junior who maintains his/her membership, in good standing, for a consecutive three year period prior to turning 18 will be eligible for Intermediate or Senior Membership upon reaching the age of 19.

We also have Swallow Bird houses in the Pro Shop this season, great and are available for \$50 including tax. The proceeds go directly to the CGC Junior Fund and they make a great Mothers Day gift!!

Here is some information regarding the junior program for 2022.

We are excited to include our new PGA Professional **Jake Ward** into the fold. Jake brings years of experience from other junior programs and will be a great asset for ours. Junior Clinics are not required but are strongly encouraged for Junior members. Our program touches on different aspects of golf including respect for others and the game, fundamentals, and learning new skills to take on the course with you. Parents/guardians are welcomed to attend clinics, but not participate!

Groups and Clinic times and all other junior related info will be posted at;  
<https://www.chestergolfclub.ca/junior-calendar/>

Reminders for Clinics ...Bring all your golf clubs, water, sunscreen, bug spray and a hat. Tees and range balls will be provided. Clinics are \$30 for the entire season.

The “**CGC Tournament Development Team**” is new this season and will consist of driving range and on-course practice sessions for the juniors who are interested in competitive golf and have “outgrown” clinics. Sessions will include problem shots, rules and course management. Juniors who are interested in these clinics are those who are looking to compete in provincials or other competitive events. Sessions are expected to be approximately 2 hours, and will only be on the first 4 clinic dates of the season. Dates for these clinics will be the first four clinic dates on the calendar. If you are interested in attending these clinics please contact [Danfraser@chestergolfclub.ca](mailto:Danfraser@chestergolfclub.ca) Max of 12.

**Clinic Dates: Dates and times are subject to change. Approximately 45 minute sessions and will be based on age.**

Sunday, May 29th 2:00-7:00  
Sunday, June 5th 2:00-7:00  
Sunday, June 12th 2:00-7:00  
Wednesday, June 29th 2:00-7:00  
Wednesday, July 6th 2:00-6:00  
Wednesday, July 13th 2:00-6:00  
Wednesday, July 27th 2:00-6:00  
Wednesday, August 3rd 2:00-6:00  
Wednesday, August 10th 2:00-6:00

**Sunday Family Golf Dates: An additional email detailing Family Golf info will follow in the spring.**

Sunday, June 19th 5:00  
Sunday, July 10th 5:00  
Sunday, August 14th 5:00  
Sunday, August 21st 5:00

#### **Important Tournament Dates:**

NSGA Provincials River Hills Golf Club July 4th – 6th  
CGC Family Classic – July 17th  
CGC Junior Castle Invitational – July 21st  
Junior Club Championship – August 6th & 7th  
Junior Closing Scramble – August 28<sup>th</sup>

**As a benefit to our Junior players entry fees associated with sanctioned golf tournaments will be reimbursed to the player at the end of the year thanks to our generous Junior Boosters. (a maximum per golfer per year may be in effect) Parents, please keep tournament entry receipts.**

**Special Thanks to Kyle Gates with Gates Electrical CGC Juniors hit balls for free on the Range.**

#### **Helpful links**

[www.nsga.ns.ca](http://www.nsga.ns.ca) – direct link to NS junior competitions below  
[https://nsga.ns.ca/competitions/?type=junior&year\\_date=2022&location\\_province=NS](https://nsga.ns.ca/competitions/?type=junior&year_date=2022&location_province=NS)  
[www.cjga.com](http://www.cjga.com)  
[www.maplejt.com](http://www.maplejt.com)

## **TOP 10 REASONS YOUR JUNIOR SHOULD PLAY GOLF**

**Enjoy the outdoors:** young people should play golf because it is an opportunity to spend a few hours in the fresh air. While playing golf, kids and teens can experience all types of animals and plants.

**Develop lifelong friendships:** You never know who you will meet on a golf course and interaction with others allow kids to develop social skills.

**Practice personal responsibility:** Sometimes the ball doesn't always bounce your way, but regardless of the outcome, there is no blaming your teammates for what happens.

**Have a safe place to play:** The golf course is a safe place and facilitates mentoring relationships in a safe environment. Even in the Covid-19 world.

**Manage emotions:** Golf closely parallels real life as one experiences the highs and lows of the game. This range of experience from birdies to triple bogeys rewards a young person's ability to keep each shot in perspective, manage one's emotions, maintain a positive outlook and focus on the shot at hand.

**Appreciate diversity:** Golf is a game that can be played for a lifetime by anyone regardless of age, gender, ethnicity, or skill level.

**Prepare for life:** Golf is a sport that helps prepare kids and teens for careers in business and other professional arenas.

**Learn etiquette:** Young people should play golf because it is based on characteristics that are missing in our society. Golf places an emphasis on etiquette. In golf there is no judge or referee; instead, players govern themselves and fellow competitors.

**Spend time with family:** Golf is a game that encourages family participation.

**EXERCISE:** Golf is a sport that helps young and old people get off that couch. When you play golf, walking the golf course and carrying your bag, a 150-pound person burns 350 calories and walks more than 10,000 steps.

**IT'S FUN:** What can be more fun than being at the golf course?

**Thanks everyone. Looking forward to seeing your junior on the golf course!**

**Team CGC.**