

Dear Members

Despite a dismal summer weather-wise, it certainly didn't "rain on our parade" here at Llanwern and there have been some exciting developments, particularly on the junior scene.

Llanwern Little League Club

Since March, the number of Juniors involved in the Club has increased significantly, largely due to the addition of a **new Mini Course membership**. The 9 hole Mini Course is located on the two practice fields to the left of No.3 hole and children (aged 5 to 15 years) can become "Little League" members for **just £30.00**. Membership provides unlimited access to the Mini Course and entry to an Order of Merit competition where they can play with other juniors every Sunday afternoon. Members also receive a Little League handicap once 3 cards have been submitted.

Junior Membership

We now have 54 full Junior members; 21 Little League members and a further 40 children, who although not yet members, have attended coaching during the year. It is particularly encouraging to note that all these figures include a good proportion of girls.

Little League Ryder Cup

The highlight of the junior season was undoubtedly the "Little League Ryder Cup" held in June. 36 juniors representing two teams (USA & Europe) competed in a shot gun start foursomes matchplay tournament over 9 holes on the Mini Course. It was wonderful to see so many supporters come along to watch and after presentation of a replica Ryder Cup and medals to all the players, at least 60 people relaxed on the deck over a tasty BBQ. Special thanks to all those members who helped make it

such a success and we hope it will become a regular event on the Club Calendar.

Junior Golf Development Plan

This year completes the first phase of our revised Golf Development Plan. One of the Plan's key objectives was to make some minor improvements to the Mini Course using a £1000 Community Chest Grant successfully applied for in May. Unfortunately not all of the work planned has been completed due to the poor weather, however the next few months should see the addition of some bunkers, water hazards and planting, along with an official scorecard. The Course is already benefiting from new flags, winter-size cups and hole signage.

Let's keep the momentum going

Much thanks goes to all those parents who helped (often at short notice) with supervision on the Mini Course during Little League competitions. As membership increases, we need to ensure our juniors learn the finer points of the game so they can represent the Club with dignity and pride. With this in mind, the next phase of our Development Plan is to establish a Junior Support Team (from interested members and parents) whose main aim will be to promote Llanwern as a healthy and safe "family" environment for children where they can mature not just as golfers but as individuals. These children are not just the future of our Club but also of our community, so let's show them we care and help teach them the value of sport and life.

In the meantime, keep up the good work and "keep golf-fun"!

Leanne & Steve
(PGA Professional team)



**END OF YEAR CHILDREN'S PARTY
& LITTLE LEAGUE AWARDS**

- ⊛ 29 December 2008
- ⊛ 1.00pm: Little League Awards Ceremony
- ⊛ 2.00pm: Let the Party begin!
- ⊛ Surprise entertainer & lots of fun
- ⊛ Father Christmas might even make a special trip back from the South Pole.....
- ⊛ No charge but you need a ticket
- ⊛ Everyone welcome!



**Christmas Gift ideas
from the Proshop**

For some healthy stocking fillers, what about:

- "Little League" Club membership (£30)
- Beginner Group Lesson Package (£15)
- Starter set of 5 junior clubs & bag (£79.95)

Or **GET the LITTLE LEAGUE STARTER PACK* FOR JUST £149.95!**

*includes Mini Course membership; golf set (above); 3 individual 30min lessons with professional - PLUS free entry to Little League weekly competitions for a whole year!

LOOK OUT MENNEW WOMEN HAVE ARRIVED!

Look who's popular with the ladies

Over the last few months, more than 60 women have enjoyed their first taste of golf at Llanwern, thanks to a 'Golf Development Wales' (GDW) initiative to get more women playing. The Club was provided funding to run a number of group coaching programmes (6 x 1 hour sessions) making the lessons free of charge for participants. As a result, **15 women** have signed up for the new "Lily" Mini Course Membership package (details of this and other new membership options for beginner women are provided below).

Beginner Bunker Babe Awards 2008

Of course its not just about being on the Course - enjoying a taste of social life off the Course is just as essential for attracting new members (especially women) and it was this that prompted the inaugural "Beginner Bunker Babe Awards" held recently. The evening, attended by 50 glamorous looking women, (most of whom were beginners from the GDW coaching programme) began with a Team "Golf Quirky Quiz Challenge" followed by a tasty buffet prepared by our new caterers (Mandy is herself a Beginner Bunker Babe) and finished up with the presentation of some light-hearted Awards to

acknowledge the effort put in by some of the beginners. The recipients were:

"I'm Never Playing Golf Again"

Award for perseverance: Jenny Small & Fay Godsall

"All the Gear & No Idea"

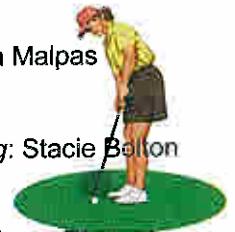
Award for most improved player: Kim Malpas

"Plus Fours Style"

Award for stylish swinging & dressing: Stacie Bolton

"Beginner Bunker Babe 2008"

Supreme Award for most potential: Karen Richards



The event was so well received that another social event has been requested for January!

To complement the Golf Development Wales coaching scheme, we offer additional small group lessons as part of our own beginner coaching initiative - the **"Start Golf-fun" Programme**. At the end of the programme, each beginner that joins is assigned a more experienced lady member to be their personal "mentor", ensuring that the beginner is invited to play regularly and participate socially at the Club.

SPECIAL MEMBERSHIP PACKAGES 2009

LILY (Beginner Women)

- ✦ £70 per year
- ✦ Unlimited use of Mini Course & practice areas
- ✦ Full use of clubhouse facilities
- ✦ Entry into Sunday Mini 6 hole Competition on Llanwern Course
- ✦ Lily Handicap
- ✦ Individual lesson with Assistant Professional

LILAC (Beginner Women)

- ✦ £180 per year
- ✦ Unlimited use of Mini Course & practice areas
- ✦ 10 rounds of 18 holes on Llanwern Golf Course*
- ✦ Full use of clubhouse facilities
- ✦ Eligibility for Sunday Mini 6 hole Competition on Llanwern Course
- ✦ Lilac Club Handicap
- ✦ Individual lesson with Assistant Professional

ROSE (Women)

- ✦ £275 per year (pro rata)
 - ✦ Full membership** of Llanwern Golf Course
- (**rate is 50% of normal Women's membership and only applies for first season to women who have had no previous membership at any Golf Club)*

LITTLE LEAGUE (Beginner 5 - 15 years)

- ✦ £30 per year
- ✦ Unlimited use of Mini Course & practice areas
- ✦ Full use of clubhouse facilities
- ✦ Entry into Sunday Order of Merit Competition
- ✦ Little League Handicap
- ✦ Discounted rate for individual lessons

LLANWERN JUNIOR (7 - 17 years)

- ✦ £56 per year
- ✦ Full membership* of Llanwern Golf Course

* (subject to conditions)

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