



# *Newsletter*

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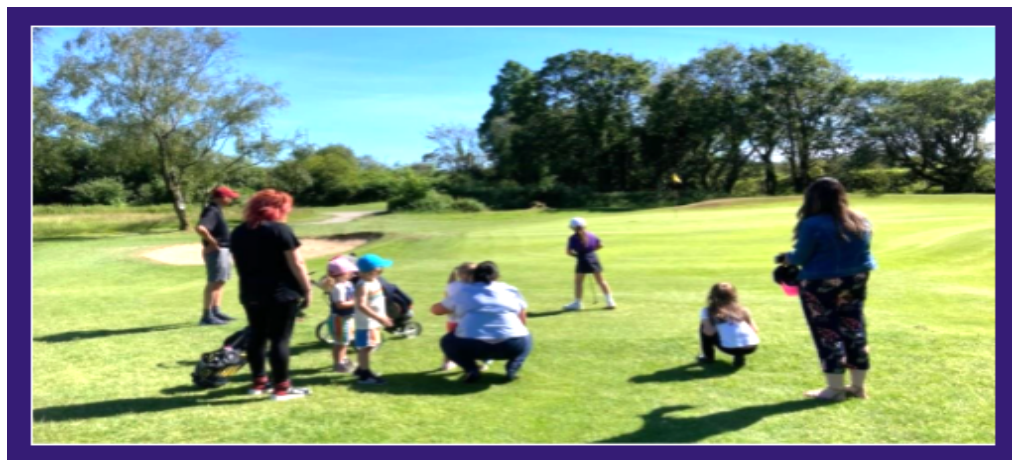
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# *Junior Academy News*

**Since starting back from the national lockdown our Junior Academy numbers have grown further, with around 40 children and young people participating in our weekly Tuesday evening lessons.**

Over June, sessions were focussed on short game skills. These were then put into practise on the course. Our younger group played a few holes for the first time and watched more experienced players demonstrate shots. They took turns playing in a Texas Scramble format.



**Our younger group learning to chip onto the green**

## **Sunday Stableford Competitions**

Our regular Sunday Stableford competitions resumed on 9th May. We have held 4 in recent weeks and have been impressed with the scores submitted. Wales Golf are in the process of

rating Junior Holes in line with the World Handicap System. This should be completed in the near future and will enable us to enter scores and produce competition results. Early indications show some Juniors will reduce their Junior Handicap for the first time.

A few Juniors have been given adult handicaps by the club after successfully meeting the WHS scoring criteria last year. **Ben Colwill, Eve Clunis-Wheway** and **Sam Matthews** now have Adult Handicaps, regularly playing off yellow and red tees. **Finley Thomas** also has an Adult Handicap, awarded by Burnham Golf Club, and can also play off red tees in club competitions.



## **Ping Welsh Junior Tour**

The **first** event in the Ping Welsh Junior Tour was held at **Lakeside Golf Club** in **Garthmyl** on 5th June. **Fallon Sawyers-Grandon, Eve Clunis-Wheway, Sam Matthews, Alana Penny and Esme Matthews** took part.

**Fallon 2nd in the 10-12 category, pictured by the scoreboard**





Esme Leading

Girl in the Under 8 girls and 3rd overall, pictured with her prizes and medals

The **second** Ping event was held at **Parc Golf Club** in **Newport**. **Fallon Sawyers-Grandon, Eve Clunis Wheway, Sam Matthews, Phoebe Gorvett, Alana Penny, Macsen Dyer, Sam Matthews and Esme Matthews** played.



**Macsen and Esme both came 2nd in the Under 8 boys and girls**

The **third** event took place on 3rd July at **Builth Wells Golf Club** with 6 Swansea Bay Juniors competing: **Fallon Sawyers-Grandon, Eve Clunis Wheway, Sam Matthews, Alana Penny, Macsen Dyer, Sam Matthews and Esme Matthews**. Once again all played well.

**Macsen Dyer** was the Leading Boy in the Under 8 Boys category and 1st overall in the Under 8s. **Esme Matthews** was the Leading Girl in the Under 8 Girls category and 3rd overall (pictured below with their prizes).





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## Glamorgan Girls County Coaching



On 23rd May and 6th June, 7 of our Academy Members **Eleri Sherwood, Betti Sherwood, Phoebe Gorvett, Eve Clunis-Wheway, Alana Penny, Ella Evans and Esme Matthews** joined the Glamorgan Girls County Coaching programme at The Vale Resort. Club Member **Morgan Mellin** also attends.

Approximately 80% of girls attending are from Swansea Bay. They were taught techniques in putting, driving and bunker play as well as learning to pick targets to aim for on the driving range by imagining holes on a course.





## **U.S. Kids Tour**

4 of our Academy and Club Members are competing in the U.S. Kids Tour this year. This month they played at Abergavenny Golf Club.

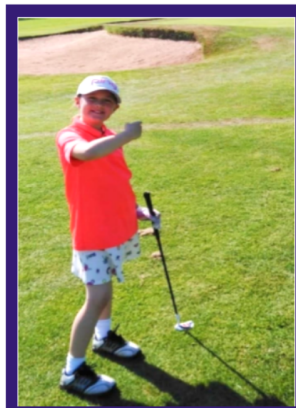
**Esme Matthews** won the gold medal for the Under 8 girls, **Eve Clunis-Wheway** silver for age 10 girls, **Macsen Dyer** silver for age 8 boys and **Sam Matthews** silver for age 10 boys.





## Adidas Wee Wonders Golf Tour

**Alana Penny, Phoebe Gorvett, Macsen Dyer, Ella Evans, Sam Matthews and Esme Matthews** competed at the Regional Qualifier at Wenvoe Castle Golf Club on 14th June.



Our 7 year old girls Ella and Esme waiting to tee off

Phoebe in the 9-10 age category

**Esme Matthews** won her age category. **Eve Clunis-Wheway, Sam Matthews** and **Ella Evans** came 2nd, and **Phoebe Gorvett** and **Macsen Dyer** came 3rd in their age categories.



Some of our Juniors enjoying time together after a very hot round

## Sunday Mini-Comps



We introduced our new players to course competitions in our first Sunday Mini-Comp ('Cones') on 27th June. 5 young golfers aged 7 to 10 took part on the course for 9 holes up to 150 yards. Cones were put on the fairway to make up tees for the new players. Scoring was done using the Modified Stableford system. The winner was 9 year old **Darcie Bromham** (left).

Our second Mini-Comp took place on 4th July with 4 participating. **Ella Evans** (below) won the competition.



These competitions will give our new golfers experience of course play and etiquette to equip them for future competitions, like Golf Sixes, over the summer months. We encourage our Juniors to begin playing shortened distances to have fun and gain confidence.

We are currently making a Progression Structure in the form of a flow chart for all Academy Members to understand skill levels, celebrate successes and move on when appropriate.



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## **Glamorgan Girls Team Events**

From our involvement in the Glamorgan Girls County Coaching programme, Glamorgan Ladies County Golf are including 2 of our higher handicap Juniors in their team matches.

On 27th June, **Alana Penny** and **Phoebe Gorvett** were selected to play at Ashburnham, halving their match against Pyle and Kenfig girls.

This is a great initiative to include players of all handicaps and we look forward to seeing more of our girls participate.



**Academy Members Alana Penny and Phoebe Gorvett with Club Member Morgan Mellin (centre)**



## **Golf Sixes Parent and Child Event**

Wales Golf hosted the first Parent and Child Golf Sixes event in **Parc Golf Club** on 19th June. The Golf Sixes initiative encourages players with high or no handicaps to compete in friendly events, in a team of 6 over 6 holes. Representing Swansea Bay were father and daughter duos **Ross and Phoebe Gorvett**, **Chris and Ruby Jones** and **Gawain and Eleri Sherwood** who came 2nd on the day, narrowly missing first place by a few points.



Following Junior Interviews in our previous editions, this time **Esme Matthews** is under the spotlight:

## Junior Interview with **Esme Matthews** age 7



### 1. What is your favourite hole on the course?

*My favourite is the 6th hole.*

### 2. What are your proudest golfing moments?

*My proudest moments are filming my golf for TV, qualifying for The Mini Masters Final and winning my Ping golf bags on the Ping tour.*

### 3. What other hobbies do you have?

*I do Taekwondo, kickboxing and gymnastics too.*

### 4. What is your favourite food?

*I really love spaghetti bolognese and I love pancakes!*

### 5. What is your favourite colour?

*My favourite colours are turquoise, purple and light pink.*

## 6. What golf tip would you give?

*My golf tip is to take your time.*

## 7. Who is your favourite pro golfer?

*My favourite golfer is Charlie Hull. I also really like Bryson DeChambeau, Georgia Hall and Rory, I like loads!*

## 8. What is your golfing ambition?

*I'd love to have a hole in one and I want to be a professional like Charlie Hull when I grow up.*



### **Golf Sixes West Wales Junior League**

Our Academy took part in the Wales Golf Sixes pilot in 2018. It was a fantastic success and has been rolled out all over the country this year. The format is 6 players play 6 holes in pairs in a Texas Scramble format. This year Swansea Bay have fixtures with Garnant, Ashburnham, Carmarthen and Milford Haven.

Wales Golf have summarised the aim of the League: ***GolfSixes League is a Golf Foundation initiative run in partnership with Wales Golf to provide junior beginner golfers who have no handicap or 37 and above, the opportunity to represent their club in team based***

*playing format that is fast and fun. This is an inter-club competition where local clubs work collaboratively to provide a positive playing experience through simple points scoring that will retain the children's interest in the sport.*

Lots of our lower handicap players started off playing Golf Sixes. It is a great introduction to competitive golf, played in a fun and friendly way. This year we have players enlisted from 7 to 13 years old as part of our squad. Due to our large Academy numbers, we have been able to have 5 different teams to make up our Swansea Bay Golf Sixes Squad.

Our first match was held at **Milford Haven Golf Club** on 4th July.



Pictured above are our Milford Haven team **Eve Clunis-Wheway, Finley Thomas, George Ough, Maccsen Dyer, Phoebe Gorvett and Ruby Jones**. All enjoyed the day, played well and made new friends. Special mentions for **George Ough** (back right) and **Ruby Jones** (front right) for taking part in their first non-Academy event.

## **Swansea Bay Ladies and Girls Fun Fridays**

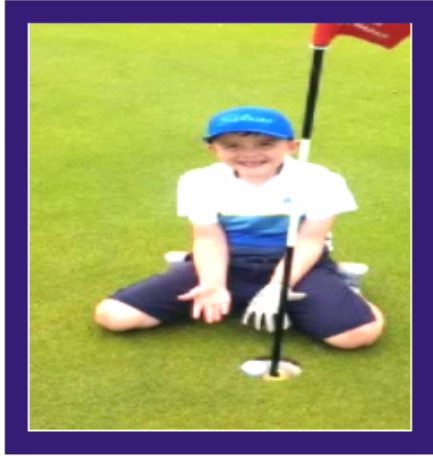
Some of our Junior girls have been able to take part in Fun Friday events, organised by Ladies Captain Karen Parry.



The Fridays have been arranged for New to Golf ladies and girls to play Texas Scramble with the Ladies Section. All participants enjoyed the games.

Pictured above are **Karen Parry, Phoebe Gorvett and Ruby Jones** celebrating Karen's eagle on the 5th hole.

## Hole in One



Congratulations to 8 year old **Maccsen Dyer** on his first hole in one on the 6th hole from the blue tees!

## Scratch Knockout Qualifier



Academy Junior **Fallon Sawyers-Grandon** played in the club Scratch Knockout Qualifier on 27th June. Fallon finished 14th on the day out of 51 male competitors.



We are pleased to introduce and welcome **Matthew Rees** to our Academy Team as the new Professional Assistant at the club. Matthew has fitted in excellently at our sessions and is keen to begin planning to further develop our Juniors in sessions and in the Gold Further Development Scheme.

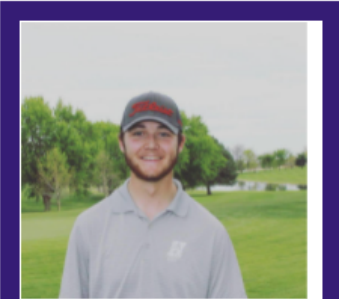


As an Academy, we would like to express our thanks and best wishes to **Deborah McCooke** who has left to further her career as a Golf Professional at Royal Porthcawl Golf Club. In her time at Swansea Bay, Deb worked hard in coaching and developing our Juniors. We have seen first-hand the progression so many have made from her input and will certainly miss her as a Coach and friend.

## **Junior Academy Team**



**Lewis Jones, *Club PGA Professional***



**Matthew Rees, *Assistant PGA Professional***



**Lester McCalmon, *Club Captain, Junior Organiser, PGA Volunteer Coach***



**Carl Matthews, *PGA Volunteer Coach***



**Rebecca Gieret, *Safeguarding Officer***



**David Gorvett, *Proprietor***

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# *Men's Teams News*

**By Club Captain, *Lester McCalmon***

## **Swansea Bay 1st Team:**

**Non playing Captain - Lester McCalmon**

The first team competed in the Glamorgan League and this year are in Division 3B.

This season has seen the team compete not just in the Glamorgan League, but also the Welsh Team qualifiers and Victory Shield.

Playing seven league games, the team have won 4 and lost 3. With 3 games of the season left, the team are sitting 2nd in the table and are hoping to win their remaining home game and sneak a result away to gain promotion. Fingers crossed.

The team were drawn away against **Welshpool** (below) in the Welsh Team Qualifier and had to make the long journey to mid Wales. On a tough hillside course with amazing scenery the team battled hard. The team, led by 7 time Club Champion and past Captain **Dean Morris**, pushed Welshpool right to the wire. Sudden death holes were required in two of the 5 matches with the team narrowly losing 3-2 overall. Great effort by the team

and a huge thanks to all who played. The team for the day was **Dean Morris, Richie Evans, Sam Mears, John Bevan and Kyle Williams.**



In the Victory Shield, which is played as a pair, **Dean Morris and Richie Evans** travelled to **Carmarthen GC** and defeated their pair 3&2. The next game was at Swansea Bay.

The pair beat Morriston GC and will now face either Langland Bay or Pontardawe in the next round.

All the best Dean and Richie in the next round.

### **Swansea Bay 2nd Team**

**Captain - Tom Trippett**

Our second team also played in the Glamorgan league, this year in Division 4B. The team, now led by **Tom Trippett** after **Ben Bowley** stepped down due to work commitments, found this season tough going against some very strong teams. The team currently lay bottom of the table after winning 1 of their 6 games.

The Captain would like to thank young **Ben Bowley** for stepping up and taking on the huge responsibility of captaining the 2nd team.

Ben has now left the club to join Neath and the Captain and all at Swansea Bay wish him all the best.

### Swansea Bay Links Team

#### **Captain - Neil Griffiths**

**Neil Griffiths** has recently taken over as the Links Team Captain have had a good start to the season. Playing 4 games they have won 2 games, 1 half game v **Clyne** away and a loss against Machynys. The team were also unlucky in their cup match at Clyne losing on the 1st play off hole in the dark.

Good luck Neil and the team for the rest of the season.

### Swansea Bay Quartz Team

#### **Captain - Dean Hills**



The Quartz have been off to a flyer and are in prime position to possibly winning their division. With only 1 defeat to date the team are also in the cup Semi Final after gaining the half away to **Gower** (left).

Well done Dean and the team.

## **Swansea Bay Stones Team**

### **Captain - Keith Hampton**

Taking over as this year's Stones Captain, **Keith Hampton** has taken his team to 4 wins out of 6 games to date. They currently sit fourth in the table out of 11 teams. The Stones also boasts our youngest men's team player in **Fallon Sawyers-Grandon**, who at the age of 11 has represented the Stones on a few occasions.

## **Swansea Bay Seniors Team**

### **Captain - Jamie Trahar**

The team for players 55yrs and older, who are led by past Captain **Jamie Trahar** have had a good run of form. The team play on Wednesdays and have started off very well winning most of their matches to date. The team's only loss came recently when they were narrowly defeated against **Trefloyne** (Away) in the South Wales Classic Cup.



# *Ladies Teams News*

**Ladies Captain, *Karen Parry***

## **Swansea Bay Ladies Team**

**Captain - Jane Morgan**

The Ladies Section is growing in number and going from strength to strength and the recent Ladies Open Day was a great success.

**Jane Morgan** and the team have had a blazing start to the season winning all matches to date. The team defeated **Langland Bay** 4-1, **Morrison** 3.5-1.5 & 3-2 in the return game.

The team also has another of our rising Junior stars within their fold in Junior Captain, **Morgan Mellin**, who has been picked to play for Glamorgan Ladies 2nd team. Morgan played her first game on 4th July in **Carmarthen**.



# *Club News*

## **The Lynn Mittell Room**

In his Captaincy year, Lynn Mitell MBE raised substantial funds for the Club to have a simulator room. In recognition of his outstanding work the new room has been named after him. Due to Covid restrictions, we were not allowed to invite everyone to the Club, so we had a very small presentation for Lynn and his wife Kathleen.



## **Club Captain, Lester McCalmon presenting Lynn Mittell with the door plaque**

We also presented both Lynn and the Proprietor David Gorvett with a plaque in recognition of the outstanding facility that has been built.



Once Covid restrictions are eased, we will be able to host a full Opening Evening with hopefully Phillip Price, ex-European Tour and Ryder Cup player, in attendance.



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