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Junior Academy News

*It's been an extremely busy few months with lots competing in events
the length and breadth of Britain.*

*As always, each and every one of them have been incredible ambassadors for
Swansea Bay, not only for their amazing achievements but also for their
exemplary behaviour and etiquette.*



Adidas Wee Wonders Golf Tour

Back in June, 8 of our Juniors competed in Wee Wonders qualifying events in Bryn Meadows and Wenvoe Castle.

Esme Matthews won her age category in the 2 events and **Eve Clunis-Wheway, Sam Matthews and Ella Evans** were runners-up in 1 or both of the competitions.

The 4 Juniors positions and scores qualified for the prestigious ***Wee Wonders British Championship Grand Final in Scotland*** following in the footsteps of Wee Wonders alumni ***Tommy Fleetwood, Charley Hull and Tyrell Hatton***, to name just a few.

Over the August Bank Holiday weekend, the 4 Juniors travelled up to East Lothian to play 2 rounds in the Grand Final. **Eve and Sam**, both 10 years old, played at **Gullane Golf Club**, **Eve** playing 9 holes and **Sam** playing 18 each day. Our 7 year old girls **Ella and Esme** were at **North Berwick** playing 18 shorter holes both days. The Juniors were not allowed caddies and made their own club selections and choices around the courses. The weather was kind to them and they all played very well competing against the best Juniors in the country.

They made new friends, enjoyed the challenges and had a lot of fun.

Over the combined days, **Esme** placed 3rd in the Under 9 girls category and has automatically qualified for the US Kids European Championship next year. **Eve, Ella and Sam** all achieved excellent scores.



They had a fantastic experience of competing at a British level and all had wonderful holidays in Scotland with their families visiting St. Andrews and Edinburgh Zoo.



Ping Welsh Junior Tour

Following on from our successes at **Garthmyl, Parc and Builth Wells**, some of our Juniors competed in further events at **Caernafon, Milford Haven and Llantrisant & Pontyclun**.

Alana Penny (below) and **Macsen Dyer** travelled up to **Caernarfon** for the 4th event. **Alana** was the Leading Girl in the Under 10 category and **Macsen** came 3rd in the Under 8s.



On 11th August, 6 of our Juniors competed at the **Milford Haven** fixture on a very wet and windy day. **Fallon Sawyers-Grandon, Eve Clunis-Wheway, Alana Penny, Macsen Dyer, Sam Matthews and Esme Matthews** braved the weather and played some excellent golf.

Macsen was the runner-up in the boys Under 8s and **Esme** came 1st in the girls Under 8s and tied 3rd overall.



Conditions were not much better at the **Llantrisant & Pontyclun** event on 13th August and our Juniors were soaked through before starting their rounds, all smiling through the dismal weather. **Fallon Sawyers-Grandon, Eve Clunis-Wheway, Alana**



Penny, Macsen Dyer, Phoebe Gorvett, Sam Matthews and Esme Matthews competed.

Once again everyone played brilliantly and enjoyed their games.

Esme was the Under 8 Leading Girl and **Macsen** overall runner-up in the Under 8s.

The final event was held at Mold Golf Club on 11th September. **Macsen Dyer, Esme Matthews, Alana Penny, Eve Clunis-Wheway, Sam Matthews and Fallon Sawyers-Grandon** all qualified to play for being ranked in the top 20 for their ages in the country out of almost 150 young golfers participating.

Swansea Bay had more Juniors competing than any other club in Wales.



RANK	PLAYER	POINTS
01	MACSEN DYER	45
02	ESME MATTHEWS	35
03	GEORGE BENITEZ	30
04	HENRY TONKS	27
05	TOMI SLATTERY	27
06	KAILUM-JAI HULBERT	21
07	BOBI CULLEN	20
08	KAZUKI TRAN	15
09	ABIGAIL VAN RENSBURG	14

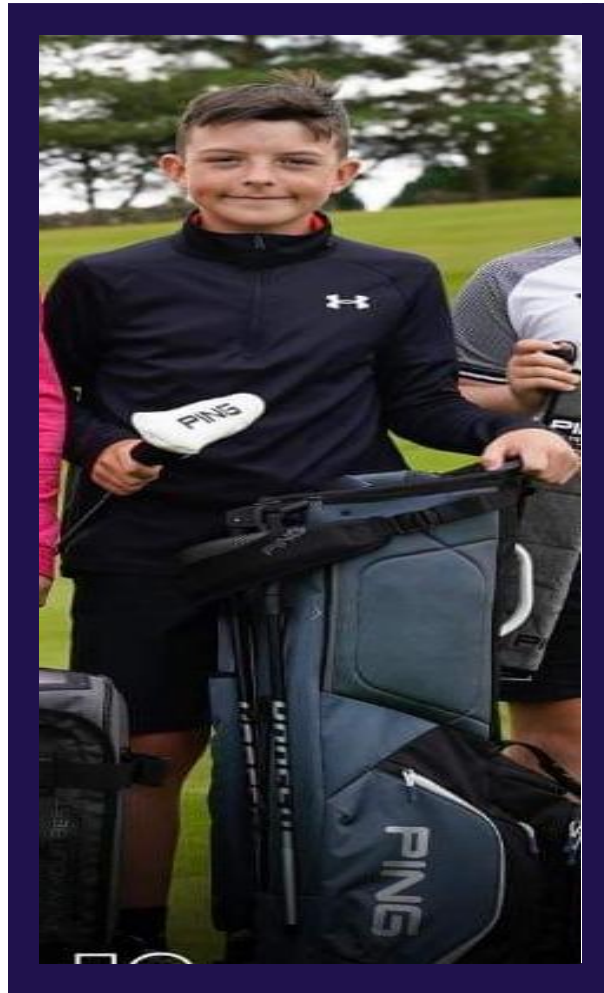
INDIVIDUAL LEADERBOARD

Macsen finished top of the **Wales Golf Under 8 Order of Merit** table, with **Esme** securing 2nd place.

Macsen was 2nd in the Under 8s competition on the day and **Esme** was 2nd in the girls division.

Alana Penny and Fallon Sawyers-Grandon made the top 10 in the Under 10 and Under 12 tournament tables.

On the day **Fallon** came 1st in the Under 12s competition with a modified stableford score of 71 over 10 holes.





Cazoo Open, Celtic Manor



A group of Academy Juniors watched the tour professionals in action at the Cazoo Open at The Celtic Manor. They had a fabulous time studying techniques, analysing the scoreboard, chatting to and getting lots of autographs and gifts off the players and most importantly having a lot of fun with their friends.



Winner **Nacho Elvira** signing **Sam and Finley's** caps and shirts.



We are very proud of our inclusive, welcoming and friendly Academy.

Our Juniors are all great friends.



Junior Interview with

Eleri Sherwood age 12

1. What is your favourite hole on the course?

My favourite is the 6th hole.

2. What are your proudest golfing moments?

My proudest moment is when I chipped the ball into the hole on the 5th.

3. What other hobbies do you have?

My other hobbies include swimming, deaf club and playing games with my friends.

4. What is your favourite food?

My favourite meal is sausage and chips.

5. What is your favourite colour?

My favourite colour is pink.

6. What golf tip would you give?

My golf tip is to try your best and enjoy.

7. Who is your favourite pro golfer?

My favourite golfers are Tiger Woods and Colin Morikawa.

8. What is your golfing ambition?

I'd love to have a hole in one and I want to carry on enjoying playing my golf and play out on the course with my friends on my own.



US Kids South Wales Tour

Sam and Esme Matthews played the 4th fixture at Clyne Golf Club on 8th August and had a very warm welcome.

Esme won her age group and **Sam** was 2nd in his. Both are pictured with other top 3 competitors in the photograph below. Children from England and Wales play in this competition and can qualify for the European and World Championships next year.

Currently **Esme** is 1st in the Under 8 girls Order of Merit Table, **Sam** is tied 2nd in the age 10 boys, **Macsen** is 2nd in the age 8 boys and **Eve** is 3rd in the age 10 girls.



Fallon Sawyers-Grandon played at **Ellesmere College** on 12th September at a European Junior Golf Tour event, pictured below with his prizes for coming 1st in his division.





Golf Sixes West Wales Junior League

Our Academy took part in the Wales Golf Sixes pilot in 2018. It was a great success and has been rolled out all over the country this year. The format is for 6 players to play 6 holes in pairs in a Texas Scramble format. This year Swansea Bay had fixtures with Garnant, Ashburnham, Carmarthen and Milford Haven. We have played 4 games with 1 to go as well as the Final.

This year's squad are:

Ella Evans, Darcie Bromham, Ellie Bromham, Eleri Sherwood, Betti Sherwood, Alana Penny, Eve Clunis-Wheway, Esme Matthews, Mia Murnieks, Phoebe Gorvett, Ruby Jones, Finley Thomas, Luca Murnieks, George Ough, Zach Cundy, Henry Jennings, Logan Evans, Macsen Dyer, Sam Matthews and Iwan Morgan.

Below: Wearing their team tops are Eve, Finley, George, Macsen, Phoebe and Eleri





Wales Mini Masters

A record-breaking number of our Juniors competed in the Wales Mini Masters qualifiers this year for players with handicaps over 36 at time of entry.

Swansea Bay are by far the club with the most Juniors taking part once again.

Congratulations go to **Macsen Dyer, Eve Clunis-Wheway and Esme Matthews** for multiple wins and to **Phoebe Gorvett, Zach Cundy, Darcie Bromham, Ellie Bromham and Ella Evans** for also qualifying for the Final at **The Celtic Manor Resort** in October.



Darcie at Milford Haven Golf Club

Macsen Dyer, Eve Clunis-Wheway, Ben Colwill, Sam Matthews and Esme Matthews also qualified for the 2020 Final that was postponed due to the pandemic.

Macsen, Eve and Esme will now play 2 rounds for the 2020 and 2021 Finals on the October date.

Ben and Sam have had their handicaps cut since last year and were not eligible to enter this year but will play in the postponed 2020 Final.



Carmarthen Junior Open

Sam Matthews won the red tee gross competition at the Carmarthen Open on 4th August.



Macsen Dyer and Esme Matthews also played and scored very well over long holes of up to 475 yards.



Nerf Wars Party

*Every year the Academy provides additional fun activities for the Juniors.
Over the years, Nerf parties have always been a success.*

As the photographs below show, the boys and girls had a fantastic time on 3rd August.



Bethany Evans and Darcie Bromham



Freya Prosser



George Ough

Alana Penny



Ruby Jones and Henry Jennings



Macsen Dyer



Defeating Tyrannosaurus Rex

Gold Academy Coaching

Assistant Professional **Matthew Rees** re-started the Gold package level of Academy membership in the summer holidays. Gold Juniors receive additional small group tuition led by **Matthew**. One of the groups, practising their chips onto the green is pictured left:



The Gold package is offered to all junior members of the club. The package focuses on helping our young juniors of the club better their skills and knowledge of the game while also increasing their understanding of how to improve.

We have a healthy 17 juniors right now enrolled in the Gold package. We have focused a lot on the importance of the short game the last few weeks and have learned some new drills to help better our putting for the future. During the winter we will most likely be indoors using the simulator room to practice and work on swing changes, we also intend to use this time to better understand how to play. We will be using some sessions to discuss and reflect on past competitions and maybe some errors that we made and dive into more of the psychology and planning around playing. We have a wonderful group of juniors this year that have represented our club well across the country and I'm looking forward to helping them grow in the near future.

Matthew Rees



Glamorgan Boys County Coaching

Following on from the Glamorgan Girls County Coaching piece in the last edition, it was the turn for the boys sessions to resume in July. **Ben Colwill, Fallon Saywers-Grandon, Sam Matthews, Finley Thomas and Macsen Dyer** are part of the squads coached by Huw Williams at Pyle and Kenfig. Over the summer they met for coaching and played a few rounds around South Wales.



Fallon won the Under 12s at St Athan on 26th August,

pictured with Glamorgan Boys Development Officer **Paul Melding**.

British Junior Golf Tour

In addition to Wee Wonders in Scotland, the August Bank Holiday weekend was also the time for the BJGT South Wales events. **Morgan Mellin, Fallon Sawyers-Grandon, Aaron Bennett and Macsen Dyer** entered. All 4 played excellent golf and **Morgan** (below) was runner-up in the girls net competition.



Morgan also won the Glamorgan Inter-County Championship on 23rd August.



Robert Rock Junior Tour



Swansea Bay hosted the Links Championship event on the Robert Rock Junior Tour on 23rd August. The day saw over 90 competitors from all of the United Kingdom play on a beautiful day. **Fallon Sawyers-Grandon** won the Under 14s, deducting handicaps **Macsen Dyer** was 2nd in the Under 12s net event, **Sam Matthews** 3rd in the Under 12s net and **Esme Matthews** placed 4th in the gross Under 10s.

We received excellent feedback about the course and our players.

Junior Academy Sessions

Our Academy Sessions have continued over the summer holidays with up to 40 Juniors attending. Over the last few weeks, a number of new children and young people, infant school age to secondary, have enjoyed trials and have joined the Academy.

Over the summer months, we have split the Tuesday group into 2 time slots, with under 7 beginners being taught at 4pm and older and more advanced players at 4.30 to 5.30pm. This ensures the coaches can differentiate appropriately and players are at ease learning with children and young people of similar abilities.

We have seen a marked improvement in the skills of our youngest players, each of them remembering their positions and stance to address the ball (“step-step”) as well as increased capability in their ball striking. We purchased extra equipment in July that has aided their development.

As **Matthew Rees** highlighted, our more experienced and competitive players are in receipt of additional small group sessions too, held on Mondays and Thursdays. Advances are also being made with these players with the proof not just being how they have performed in local and national competitions, but also in their confidence, social skills and self-esteem.

Currently there are 25 Academy Juniors who are also Club Members. Lots of them take part in the weekly Sunday Stableford competitions off the red and blue tees and regularly play to or decrease their handicaps.

A small group of children play in our weekly shorter distance Cone Competitions.

Betti Sherwood has been our winner over the last few games.





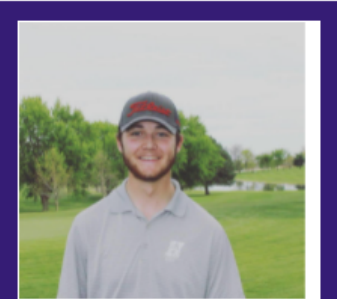
Our main aim is for the Juniors to have fun with friends and enjoy golf. Images like this of **Phoebe Gorvett and Esme Matthews** are illustrations of them doing just that.

*Successes on the course are always a bonus,
but sights like this far outweigh any competition win.*

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*



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Men's Teams News

By Club Captain, Lester McCalmon

Firstly, I would like to thank every single member who has represented Swansea Bay Golf Club at any team level this year. A very busy campaign, as every section seemed to be playing catch-up due to the lost weeks because of COVID resulting in some members playing 2 or 3 games a week plus their club board comps to get our matches fulfilled.

1st and 2nd Teams

After a hard fought campaign, unfortunately our 1st and 2nd teams were both relegated from Divisions 3B and 4B. The 1st team being relegated by just a single match.

Big thank you to **Tom Trippit** for stepping in mid season to take over the 2nd team.

Links

The Links team led by **Neil Griffiths**, who also took over mid season, had a very good season. After a slow start, the team finished 2nd in Division 2 and have now been promoted alongside Fairwood to Division 1 for the next campaign.

The team fielded one of our youngest members for our men's teams this year with **Fallon Grandon-Sawyers** partnering our Captain in a match against Fairwood. Although that game was lost, **Fallon** gained valuable experience and did himself very proud.

Quartz

Our Quartz team, who were again captained by **Dean Hills** took the league by storm, where they were eventual winners. Needing a big win from their last 2 matches the team defeated Neath at home 5-0 to take the title.

Not finished there, the Quartz also made it to this year's final against Neath at Pennard. In a very close fought final, **Dean** and the team narrowly lost the match 3&2.

Stones

This year the Stones played 11 matches in their league and just came up short of taking the title, losing out to Pontardawe. Thanks to **Keith Hampton** for taking over the reins this year, supported by our handicap secretary **Russell Evans**.

Running a team and trying to get a team together is a hard task due to people's family and work commitments, so a big hat off to all of the Team Captains for your amazing efforts to get Swansea Bay out there playing team golf this year.

Seniors

Our Senior section had a good year with still a few matches to play. Recently they defeated Glynhir away, 6 1/2 to 1 1/2 and Langland Bay at home the week before.

This week the team will be hosting Glynhir at home.

Club Championship

This year's Club Championship went to the wire, contested by **Sam Mears, David Wooton and Richie Evans**. With **Sam** being clubhouse leader and **David and Richie** still on the course it was all left to play for.

With little room for error on the way in **Richie Evans** held his ground and for the second time in three years became this year's Club Champion. Congratulations Richie.

Wales Golf Victory Shield

This event is played as a pair and this year Swansea Bay has been represented by 7 times club champion **Dean Morris** and this year's Champion **Richie Evans**, who has also now won the event twice himself. The pair have had a great year and have now made it to the semi finals defeating Carmarthen away, Morriston home, Pontardawe home and West Monmouthshire away. **Dean and Richie** played against Padeswood & Buckley in the semi final at Mold on Sunday 13th September, where they lost to the winners of the competition.

Captain's Charity day

The Captain's Charity Day held on the 27th August was a great success. With the weather being kind to us the game was played in great spirits. The event was supported by many members of the club and players from afar.

The day supported two charities, those being the club captains charity Marauders Men's Health and the lady's captains charity Stroke association.

The day raised over £1,900 for the charities.

*Thanks to everyone who supported the event, by playing, donating
and helping out on the day.*

Upcoming Captains events

2nd October: *Captains Day, with entertainment in the evening.*

November 6th: *Captains Dance at the Aberavon Hotel.*

Table of 10 available also some rooms have been reserved.

*Please contact the Captain on **07973769259** for information.*



Ladies Teams News

By Ladies Captain, Karen Parry

Captain's Charity Day

This year the Captain's charity was the Stroke Association.





The day was a great success with 30 ladies taking part and £348 raised for the charity.

Our Club Championship this year is **Jane Morgan**.

The winner of the Kenway Cup was **Lorraine Donovan**.

3 of our ladies, **Jane Morgan, Lynne Ashford and Karen Parry** played in the Ping Final in Mold on 12th September with partners **David Wotton, Bryan Ashford and Huw Parry**. 2 matches were lost on the 17th hole and 1 was won. We came joint third as the weather was awful and both teams decided to call it a half.



Club News



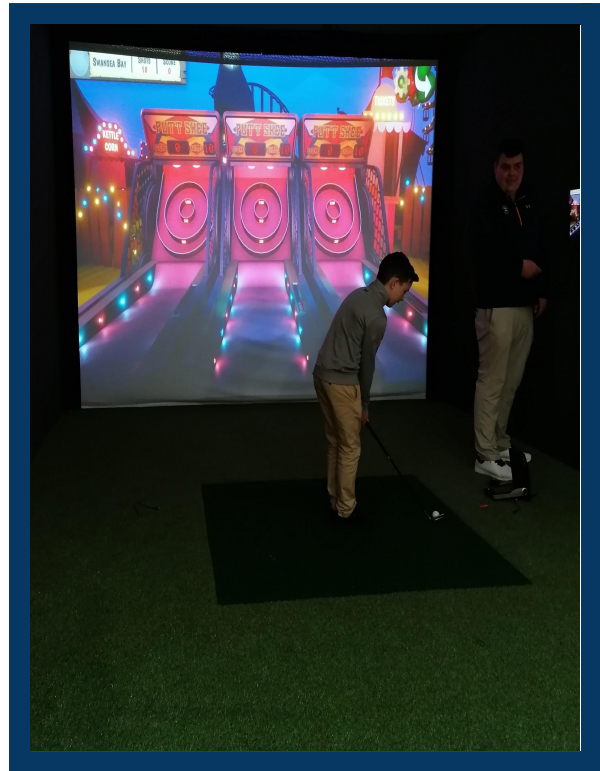
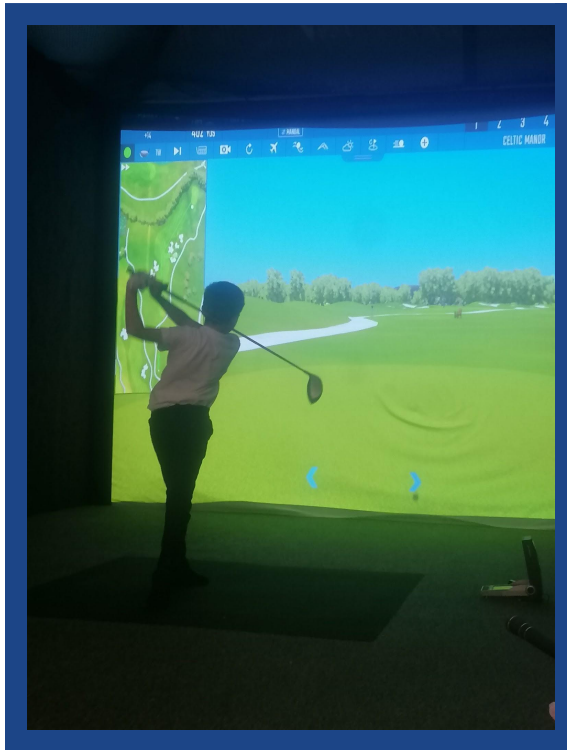
Ladies New2Golf

Our Club Professional, **Lewis Jones** and Assistant Pro, **Matthew Rees**, are currently running the programme to introduce new ladies to the club. Swansea Bay Ladies New2Golf was instigated by our Ladies Captain, **Karen Parry**, who, along with **Jane Morgan**, support the sessions every week.

This year, New2Golf has been a huge part in helping grow the ladies section of our club. We are currently running another session with four wonderful women who have shown a lot of talent for first-time golfers. We have focused on several basics of golf since starting a few weeks ago and have already shown enough promise to move on to learning harder skills. The goal of this program is to help women and juniors learn golf in a stress-free environment with people of their own ability and to help them learn to love the game of golf while teaching them how to do it correctly. With only a few sessions left we hope to see a growing women's section and new faces at the club.

Matthew Rees

Simulator Membership



The Club is now offering all Members use of The Lynn Mittell simulator room for up to 2 hours a week from **1st October 2021 to 30th June 2022 for £90.**

As this works out at only £1.25 per hour we are expecting a high volume of interest, if you would like to opt in please enquire as soon as possible.



Earlswood Indoor Bowls Club



Our indoor bowling facility is now fully open and available to all Members of Swansea Bay Golf Club. Roll-ups cost £2 an hour or £3.50 for 2 hours per person.

Please enquire for further information.



Swansea Bay Golf Club Website and Social Media

Work is currently underway in developing our website and social media accounts. This will enhance updating club news and results as and when they occur.

We look forward to providing a progress report in our next newsletter.



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