



SWANSEA BAY GOLF CLUB

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Pictured: 2022 Club Champions

Ladies Club Champion: Morgan Mellin

Mens Club Champion: Dean Morris

Junior Club Champion: Fallon Sawyers-Grandon



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Swansea Bay Golf Club Junior Academy

NERF WARS, JUNE 2022

The Junior Academy was founded on the basis of learning the game of golf through having positive social experiences. Each summer, the Academy holds events like Nerf Wars. Events like this naturally lend themselves to team-building, gross motor skills and agility which are all important in golf, whilst allowing our children and young people to have a lot of fun! Once again @Nerfparty4U did a fantastic job, the juniors had a great evening.





WEEKLY ACADEMY SESSIONS

Once again, our Academy has seen a growth in numbers across the age range. There is always a consistent increase in 5-8 year old beginners. However since the last quarter, a number of teenage golfing newcomers have started and are making excellent progress.

Over the summer, the Academy has been able to use the practice and putting areas for weekly sessions. Fortunately, the weather has been kind to our juniors. The simulator room has been used in recent weeks when it has been very wet. The juniors are very grateful to the work of Lyn Mittell OBE for giving them the opportunity of using such a fantastic facility. As the winter months come closer, the simulator room will be utilised a lot more.

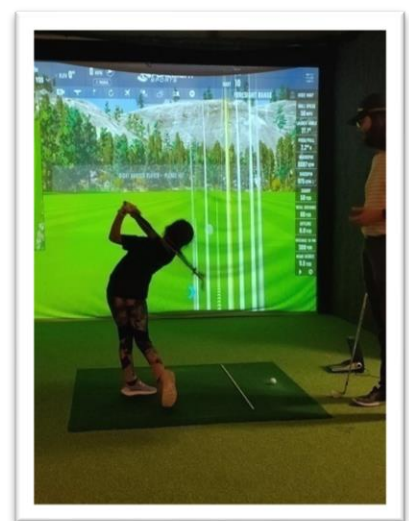
A rolling programme of long and short game activities have been implemented over the summer months, led by the professional staff and supported by the volunteer coaches. The coaching team have noticed good progression of skills in all areas by all age groups. Some of this year's new starters have even entered Wales Mini Masters and Golf Sixes events, which is a terrific testament to their abilities and coaching programme.

The more experienced juniors have continued their development in Academy sessions and have often helped peer assessing and coaching. Some of the lower handicap players also attended Wales Golf Activators course in September to aid them with skills to become volunteer coaches.

The Academy will continue to meet 4.30 on Tuesdays until the clocks change and light is limited.

GOLD TUITION

Assistant Professional, Mathew Rees continues to coach the more experienced juniors in the Gold sessions on Monday evenings. Since the last edition, juniors have worked on their woods, iron precision whilst hitting into targets, different chipping skills to suit different approach shots and putting drills.





SWANSEA BAY GOLF CLUB JUNIOR RECORD BREAKERS



Congratulations to **Morgan Mellin (16)** for winning the **Ladies Club Championship** in August!

Morgan is the youngest golfer to become a Swansea Bay Golf **Club Champion**. Morgan shot a gross score of **84** on 28th August 2022.



Sam

Matthews (11)

became the youngest golfer to win a

Club Stableford 20th August. Sam had a score of **46 points**, securing **1st** place out

of **71** competitors.



JUNIOR CUP COMPETITIONS

The Junior section have held a number of cup competitions over the summer period, which have been a mixture of 18 hole gross, net and 9 hole junior tee stablefords.



THE NEATH CUP

The **Neath Cup** was held on 22nd May. The **winner** of the **yellow tee** competition was **Eve Clunis-Wheway (11)** with a net score of **71**. **Sam Matthews (11)** 2nd **72** net. **Fallon Sawyers-Grandon (12)** 3rd **75** net.



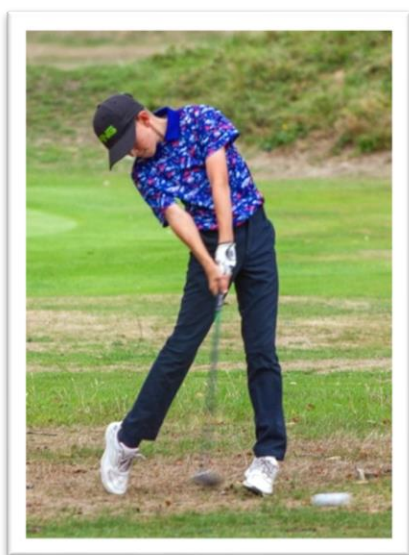
Phoebe Gorvett (10) won the 9 hole **blue tee** handicapped stableford with **31** points.

Esme Matthews (8) 2nd **27** points.

Finley Thomas (12) 3rd **19** points.



THE MEMORIAL CUP



The yellow box Memorial Cup competition took place on 31st July, which was won by **Sam Matthews (11)** with a net score of **73**.



THE JUNIOR OPEN/THE TELEGRAPH JUSTIN ROSE CHAMPIONSHIP

The **Junior Open** took place on 4th September which also ran as a qualifier for **The Telegraph Justin Rose Championship**.

Juniors from Ashburnham Golf Club, Pennard Golf Club, Machynnys Golf Club, Llantrisant and Pontyclun Golf Club as well as our own juniors competed. The boys division played 18 holes from the yellow tees and girls 18 from the red tees. *The winners were all from Swansea Bay Golf Club.*



Morgan Mellin (16), pictured left, **84** and **Fallon Sawyers-Grandon (12)** **89** were the winners of the gross competitions.

Eve Clunis-Wheway (11) net **68** and **Sam Matthews (11)** **65** won the net categories. All 4 juniors will appear on The Telegraph's Leaderboard and have a chance to play in the final in Portugal later this year.

In addition, there was a 9 hole blue tee stableford competition, not part of the qualifying event. This was won by **Phoebe Gorvett (10)**.

Well played all!

Sam Matthews (11) also won the net at **The Justin Rose qualifier at The Carmarthen Open** on 3rd August.





The mixed Presidents Cup, Medical Cup and inaugural Lester McCalmon Cup were all played on 11th September:

THE PRESIDENTS CUP

The boys played from the yellow tees and girls from red tees. With a gross score of **83**, **Morgan Mellin (16)** won the Presidents Cup.



THE MEDICAL CUP

The winner with a net **67** was **Esme Matthews (8)**. It was Esme's first 18 hole competition off the red tees at Swansea Bay.



THE LESTER McCALMON CUP

Darcie Bromham (10) won the **9 hole blue tee event**, taking 1st place for the Lester McCalmon Cup.

Well done girls!





JUNIOR CLUB CHAMPIONSHIP



This year's scratch Junior Club Champion is **Fallon Sawyers-Grandon (12)**.

For the second year running Fallon has scored the lowest gross medal score and will have his name on the board in the clubhouse. The Championship was held on 17th September. Fallon shot **87** taking 1st place. Well done to **Eve Clunis Wheway (11)**, **Aaron Bennett (13)** and **Sam Matthews (11)** for taking part in the **white box** 18 hole competition and to **Finley Thomas (12)** for winning the **yellow box** event.

Finley won the yellow box plate on the day.





TEAM GOLF

Over the summer, Swansea Bay Juniors have competed in Under 18 and Under 12 Glamorgan Golfing Union leagues. **Fallon Sawyers-Grandon (12)** captained the **U18s** and played home and away matches At Pennard and Neath.



Pictured left to right: **Eve Clunis-Wheway (11)**, **Esme Matthews (8)**, **Fallon Sawyers Grandon (12)**, **Sam Matthews (12)** and **Aaron Bennett (13)** at Pennard Golf Club. **Morgan Mellin(16)**, **Ben Colwill (16)** and **Finley Thomas (12)** also represented the team.

All matches went to at least the 14th hole and a number were won by Swansea Bay pairs.

With a very young Under 18s squad, Lester McCalmon wrote, ***“the future is bright, the future is Swansea Bay Juniors”.***



Pictured left to right: **Fallon Sawyers-Grandon (12), Finley Thomas (12), Ben Colwill (16), Sam Matthews (11), Eve Clunis-Wheway (11)**

The **Red Under 12 Team**, lead by **Eve Clunis-Wheway (12)** won all their matches and will play in the Welsh final in October. Congratulations to the squad: **Eve Clunis-Wheway (12), Sam Matthews (11), Macsen Dyer (9), Zach Cundy (12), Finley Thomas (12), Alanna Penny (11)**



The **Blue Under 12 Team**, captained by **Esme Matthews (8)**, won half of their matches against older boy teams and have also made the final, which will be played at Morlais Castle Golf Club.

Pictured left to right: Phoebe Gorvett (10), Darcie Bromham (10), Esme Matthews (8), Ella Evans (8).



Darcie Bromham (10), Ella Evans (8), Phoebe Gorvett (10) and Betti Sherwood (8)



BRITISH JUNIOR GOLF TOUR

Eve Clunis-Wheway (11) and Macsen Dyer (9) competed in BJGT events over the summer, both finishing in the top 10 ranks. Congratulations to **Eve** placing **2nd** in Wokefield Park, Clyne and Reading. Excellent scores both!





Glamorgan Ladies
County Golf Association

East v West Wales Shield 2022

Betti Sherwood (8), Ella Evans (8), Esme Matthews (8) and Phoebe Gorvett (10) played for West Wales Girls on 28th July at Morriston Golf Club. Betti and Ella played 9 holes from shortened tees and Esme and Phoebe played from the red tees. Congratulations to Ella and Esme for winning their respective categories and helped West Wales girls win the shield. *Both are pictured below with Rosemary Rose WWLGA:*





GLAMORGAN GOLF

Glamorgan Golf Union also held a number of events for the boys over the summer. Unfortunately there were some clashes of dates with other competitions so our juniors were unable to attend all fixtures.

In the final U12 Order of Merit, playing in U10s **Macsen Dyer (9)** placed 5th and **Sam Matthews (11)** 7th and **Elis (12)** 20th in U12s. Well done boys!



Congratulations too to **Fallon Sawyers-Grandon (12)**, left, on winning the net prize at Royal Porthcawl Junior Open this summer.





[Home - Wales Mini Masters - 2022](#) click for further information

Swansea Bay juniors once again took part in Wales Mini Masters qualifying events over August. The events are open to any junior with handicaps above 28 and encourage new competitors as well as more experienced players. This year Swansea Bay produced the most number of entries ever and as always was the most represented club all over the country.



Well done to **Oliver Shrimpton (11)**, **Thomas Hazelwood (7)** and **Elis (12)** for taking part in your first Wales Mini Masters events.

The first qualifier was held at **Fairwood Golf Club** on 9th August. All players play the same distances over 9 holes.

*Pictured left: **Oliver Shrimpton (11)**, **Phoebe Gorvett (10)** and **Macsen Dyer (9)***



CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR WINNERS:

Eve Clunis-Wheway (11) won the Girls 10-11 division

Finley Thomas (12) won the Boys 12+,

Esme Matthews (8) won the Girls 8-9,

Macsen Dyer (9) won the Boys 8-9

all shooting **less than 38** shots over the 9 holes

and qualified for the Grand Final at Machynnys on 25th October.

Esme also won the Volvik Closest to the Pin Challenge on the day.



In addition to Fairwood, **Macsen Dyer (9)** also competed at the **Llantrisant & Pontyclun** and **Monmouthshire** and again won his age category.

Congratulations also to **Phoebe Gorvett (10)**, **Darcie Bromham (10)**, pictured left, and **Ella Evans (8)**, below, who have also secured their places at the Final.



Well done everyone for representing the club so well and on your fantastic scores.

A special well done goes to Betti Sherwood (8) for competing in the North Wales qualifier.

The Academy is very proud of the progress made by our juniors.



PING WELSH JUNIOR TOUR

Eve Clunis Wheway (11),right, Sam Matthews (11), Maccsen Dyer (9), below, Esme Matthews (8) and Ella Evans (8) all competed in the Ping Wales Tour events over the summer period and have received invites to the Final on 25th September at **Tredegar Park Golf Club**.

Maccsen won his U10 division at Garthmyl Golf Club and **Eve** was Leading Girl twice in U12s.

The final Order of Merit placed **Ella** 9th in the U8s, **Esme** 9th and **Maccsen** 5th in U10s, **Eve** 9th and **Sam** 5th in U12s in Wales. All categories are mixed boys and girls.

Good luck in the Final everyone!





EUROPEAN CHAMPIONSHIP 2022

Brother and sister, **Sam and Esme Matthews** both qualified for the prestigious US Kids **European Championship** via the **US Kids South Wales Local Tour** and **GB Wee Wonders Final** last year.



They played in **East Lothian, Scotland**, for 3 days at the end of May/beginning of June along with over **500 5-18 year olds from 45 countries over the world**. Sam played 18 holes each day competing in a field of over 70 11 year old boys at **Craigelaw Golf Club**. **Esme** qualified in the best 8 and under girls and played 9 holes a day at **Longniddry Golf Club**. Both played well and enjoyed the experience, with Esme finishing 11th in her category.



US KIDS SOUTH

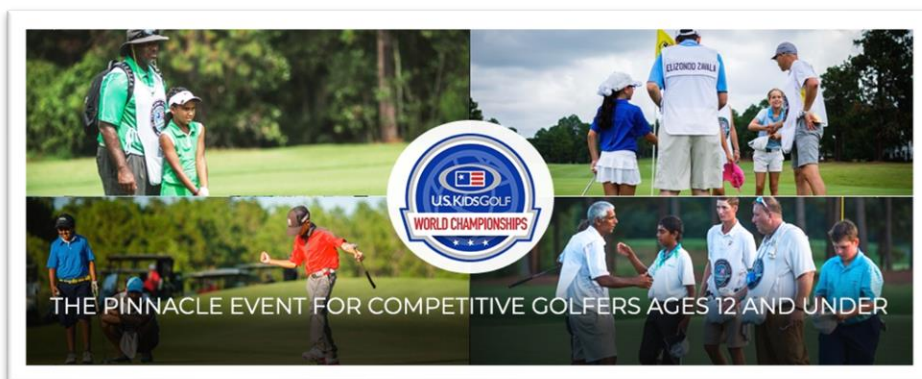


WALES LOCAL TOUR

Swansea Bay Juniors continued to perform well on the Tour **with Esme Matthews (8), Darcie Bromham (10), Phoebe Gorvett (10) and Sam Matthews (11)** all achieving top 5 placements in their age divisions. Currently, **Esme** leads of the Order of Merit table and won overall girl best scores in all age groups over the summer.

The next event clashes with the Ping Final on 25th September and the Tour Final will be held at Llanwern Golf Club on 16th October. Juniors will hear in the new year whether their results qualify them for different world events. Since playing last year's tour **Sam and Esme Matthews** received invites from Venice, Florida, Brazil, South Africa, Mexico, India, Australia, World Girls Invitational in Jekyll Island, as well as the European Championship (above). The tour offers fantastic opportunities for juniors with the ultimate goal of reaching the prestigious World Championship in Pinehurst, North Carolina;

the biggest junior final in the world.





WEE WONDERS

ADIDAS WEE WONDERS BRITISH CHAMPIONSHIP

GRAND FINAL 2022, EAST LOTHIAN, SCOTLAND

Congratulations to 5 Swansea Bay juniors for qualifying for the Grand Final of the national Wee Wonders championship this year. **Fallon Sawyers-Grandon (12), Sam Matthews (11), Darcie Bromham (10), Phoebe Gorvett (10) and Esme Matthews (8)** competed at Gullane Golf Club and North Berwick Golf Club over the August Bank Holiday, representing both Swansea Bay Golf Club and Wales.

Pictured left to right with Alisdair Good, Head PGA Professional at Gullane Golf Club: Esme, Fallon, Phoebe, Darcie and Sam

After 4 rounds, Esme took 2nd place in the 8 & Under category, missing 1st place by 1 stroke. Phoebe placed 4th and Darcie T6th in the girls 9-10 age group. Fallon was T5th and Sam 15th in the 11-12 boys category, playing off the white tees.

Esme has automatically qualified for the Wee Wonders Grand Final 2023 and all 5 have qualified for the US Kids European Championship next May.

Swansea Bay Golf Club is very proud of their achievements and their exemplary behaviour and etiquette.



Well done all!



SOUTH WALES GIRLS AND BOYS GOLF ASSOCIATION

South Wales Girls and Boys held a joint event together on 18th September at **Carmarthen Golf Club**. **Macsen Dyer (9)** competed in the 18 hole yellow box stableford and came 1st, congratulations Macsen! Macsen is pictured left with **Andrea Martin** from Carmarthen & Pembrokeshire Ladies Golf Association.



GOLFSIXES

Trialled in 2017, GolfSixes League was created to give juniors the chance to play in a competitive golf league with other local golf clubs. Its aim was to increase the number of regular players and junior members at golf. GolfSixes League involves children playing six holes in pairs using the highly inclusive Texas Scramble format, accumulating points for their team of six. This format is designed for non-handicap players, or 37 and above

Click for further information: [GolfSixes Leagues - WalesGolf](#)

Academy Members **Cerys Griffiths (14)**, **Oliver Shrimpton (11)** and **Oliver Morgan (5)** joined club members **Phoebe Gorvett (10)**, **Ella Evans (8)** and **Betti Sherwood (8)** in the first GolfSixes event of the year.



The squad played at Pennard Golf Club. Cerys played with Ella, Oliver S with Betti and Oliver M with Phoebe, photos below:



Well done all for taking part and working well together!

There will be more Golf Sixes fixtures during the Autumn.



The juniors that played on Sunday 11th September paid their respects to HM Queen Elizabeth II in a 2 minute silence



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LADIES SECTION NEWS

***By Ladies Captain, Jane
Morgan***



LEAGUE

League action resumed back to “normal” this season.

A very successful season, with the team finishing second in the league -again!!

Some great matches took place against a group of very competitive teams.

This year’s league team would like to give a special shout out and thank the team sponsors ETS Communications and Baglan Builders, your support is greatly appreciated.

Jane Morgan - League Captain would like to personally thank all the ladies who played in the league this year.

For the 2023 Season, due to the continued growth of the Ladies Section we will now field a second team in the Ladies Glamorgan League.

FRIENDLIES

Full schedule of friendly matches played over the summer months, against Pennard, Pontardawe, Neath and the Mond. Again, a big thanks to Jan Brigdale for 25rganizing matches which are enjoyed by all who play in them. Due to the Ladies Section fielding a second league team in 2023, the friendlies’ will be put on hold for the foreseeable future.



LADY CAPTAIN'S AWAY DAY



Our Ladies had a great time on the Lady Captains Day away at Radyr Golf club in Aug.

We had a great welcome from the team at Radyr, everyone enjoyed the course, and the day will be well remembered, due to the weather, not because of the rain but the heat - 36 degrees!!

COMPETITIONS

Congratulations to all the winners throughout the season, it's been great to see many of our ladies sharing in the honours, some great scores had and a lot of handicap drops!!

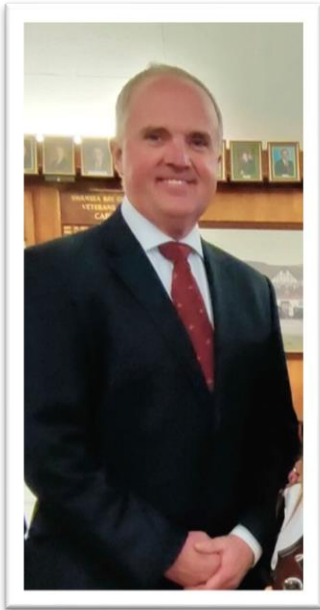
Well done to the winner of this year's Ladies Club Championships – Morgan Mellin and the winner of the Kenway Cup Julia Tudor, a junior and a recent New to Golf graduate, showing how our club is committed to developing new golfers.





MENS SECTION NEWS

By Dave Jeffreys, Captain



Thanks to all for supporting the club over the summer season, it has been an eventful few months .

The course has stood up well to all that's been thrown at it, what with the dry spells and heat waves.

Huge thanks to Anthony Harry, Dave Gorvett and the team for all their hard work, keeping the greens and course in the best condition possible.

I have personally had a lot of compliments from visiting teams and societies saying saying how good our greens were.

We have had new practice nets and mats installed, which have been well received.

There has been some great golf played this summer, with some excellent scores being recorded.

The summer competitions are all concluding now, with a lot of hard fought matches being played.



We had very successful Mens and Ladies Open days, big thanks to **Karen Parry** for pushing and making this happen. The Mens particularly was the best attendance for a number of years, hopefully this will continue.

CHARITY DAY

We held a joint Mens and Ladies Charity Day on July 9th

Big thankyou to our Lady Captain for making sure it was a success, we supported Maggies and the British Heart Foundation, the fund raising is not finished yet, but we hope to donate in excess of a £1000 to each charity.

Thanks again to all that supported by playing in the event and for all that donated prizes, very much appreciated.



CLUB CHAMPIONSHIP

We held our Club championships August Bank holiday weekend, once again some great golf played, particularly by our well deserving winner **Dean Morris**(144), huge congratulations to him for shooting 72 on both days, congratulations to all those that qualified.



Club Champion, Dean Morris



Runner-ups: Anthony Harry 2nd 153 (above), Ritchie Evans 3rd 155 (below)





Please continue to support the club, wherever possible.

CAPTAINS DINNER DANCE

We have our Captains Dinner dance **October 21st** at the **Village Hotel, Swansea**. There is still time to buy your tables.



PRESENTATION EVENING

We have a joint Mens and Ladies Presentation evening planned for **November 19th**, where the awards to the winners of the Club competitions will take place, there will be entertainment with a comedian/singer afterwards, please support if you can.



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