

Hard to believe how fast this year has zipped by. This is how our junior girls fared this year.

Our Girls Start Golfing camp in April was a great success. It was originally slated for Longlands, but due to renovation concerns, we moved it at the last minute on April 21, to Mulligans, who could not have been better hosts. Professionals Wayne, Dan and Jody joined our Lead Instructor, Jody Jackson from Arbutus Ridge, in a 3 stage putting, chipping and range workout which the 15 girls really enjoyed. Crown Isle's Rod Prieto loaned us a bunch of clubs, Lori and staff flipped up a barbecued chicken or beef burger lunch, Caesar salad and sides (for \$5!), and even the Snowbirds flew by for a visit. The girls were thrilled, despite enduring rain and hail, we finished in the sunshine, and everyone headed home with a ball and golf club, donated by Doris Ellis' friend, June Gillrie.

Thanks to the generous support of Crown Isle Ladies Club, through their Clothing Sale, next spring we are hosting a free 4 day Novice Girls Golf Camp at Crown Isle, featuring Evan and Kylie, winding it all up with a fun challenge on the last day, treats and prizes included. Keep an eye out for further details.

We also hosted 28 boys and girls from Royston Elementary for a 2 day school golf camp at Crown Isle in May. We had 13 girls show up, one even with her arm in a soft cast, and from our similar 2017 camp, we had 15 repeaters. Thanks to Katy Doran for organizing the classes to get here and back.

At the BC Summer Games at Cowichan Golf Club in July, our Zone 6 team of Rebecca Kim of Eaglecrest and Dana Smith of Storey Creek combined with Gavyn Knight of Pheasant Glen and Bill Bishop of Victoria, to finish 2nd overall to win their Silver Medals. Assistant Provincial Advisor, Sheila VanGisbergen, was very proud of how all the golfers played and behaved, for the most part.

We had 5 Zone 6 girls attend the prestigious Canadian Junior Girls Championship at Beach Grove in July. Only Nanaimo's Kassie Muanyam made the cut, shooting 78,77,89,84 to finish T61. It was a great learning experience for Dana Smith of Storey Creek, Rebecca Kim of Eaglecrest, and Kayli Melissa of Pheasant Glen. Nanaimo's Shirin Anjarwalla had to w/d and will not be back next year, nor will Kayli, as they are both too old! Rebecca has moved to Victoria and will also be missed. At this Championship, Emily Zhu shot 72, 73, 70, 76 to win by one shot. Ontario's Ellie Szeryk, opened with a 77, 66 (course record) but was DQ'd for signing an incorrect score card. Isn't golf tough enough?

Back at Crown Isle, the David Court Memorial and Zone 6 Jr. Championship was contested on July 16-17. Kayli Melissa easily won the Junior Girls Trophy, shooting 164. Dana wore the Bantam crown, shooting 183 and beating Rebecca by one shot. Remember, these girls are only 13.

At our windup at Glacier Greens, end of July, Dana won the Junior of the Year trophy, shooting a 88 to squeeze by Rebecca by only 15 OOM points for the entire season. Crown Isle's Rozzy Hatch was the MIP, lowering her handicap from 28.4 to 26.9 for first place. Kassie Munanyam continued her fine play at the Future Links Fall series at Sunshine Coast, end of Sept. She shot 83,78,78 and finished T10.

We hope that our golf camps will help to rebuild our junior numbers in the near future. Please spread the word to your families and friends, and let's all work together to make this happen. Thanks for your support, cheers, Dee