

2019 Jr. Girls Report AGM

How did we do in 2019 ? Our Junior Girls program started at Crown Isle, in April, with our Novice Camp, Give Golf a Shot. The 6 enthusiastic attendees showed some amazing potential with their natural golf swings. Next year, we plan a later date for better weather, and more PR for increased participation. Our thanks go to the Crown Isle Ladies for their support and funding from their Clothing Sale.

Our next clinic on May 15 & 17 featured students from Royston Elementary, repeating for their third time. We had 18 well behaved girls and 15 boys from Grade 4 attend and enjoy, and we plan to run this program again next year.

Currently, we have 8 Junior Girls registered with Zone 6. They are getting more comfortable with competitive golf, and this is how they fared this season:

The BC Junior Girls Championship at Fairwinds in early July, was won by Shaughnessy's Angela Zhang, who shot 73, 81, 73, 71 for +14 total, for a 4 stroke advantage over Victoria's Cindy Koira. Dana Smith of Storey Creek did not make the cut, after shooting 96, 91 nor did Nanaimo's Kassie Muanyam 81(46,35), 89.

One week later at Nanaimo GC, the BC Women's Amateur was won by Junior Angel Lin, of Morgan Creek, who shot 74, 76, 68,71 to win by 2 strokes on the back nine. Kassie missed the cut (83,85), as did Alberni's Christina Proteau (84, 79), probably for the first time ever.

We wound up the season at Glacier Greens on July 26. Dana Smith snagged the Gary Woods Junior of the Year trophy with her 1525 points tally, shooting 84. Rachelle Wade of Storey Creek was second (1050 pts), after her 87. Dana's sister Abigail won Low Net (62), and club mate Mackinley Whalen won 2nd Low Net, after shooting 87. We also presented the awards from the David Court Jr. and Zone 6 Championship held at Crown Isle earlier. We welcome the juniors from Zone 5 to attend our summer golf program as well. One 14 year old, who used to play at Eaglecrest, won the Bantam Championship, shooting 76, 78, which included a 35 on the back nine. Well done Rebecca Kim. Runner-up was Dana (78,83) and the Junior Champion was Rachelle. We recognized the Jr/ Jr 9 hole players this year. From Fairwinds , the boys champion was Tyler Sage , and for the girls, Jennifer Zou. We also presented a new trophy this year, in honour of Edith Albrecht from Comox, who demonstrated an unparalleled zest for life, and passion for golf for over 60 years. This trophy was donated in her memory by her family and friends,

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in remembrance of Edith's grit and stick-to-it attitude, no matter what. We expect this junior to continue to display these qualities: Congratulations Rachelle Wade.

The season continues. The Storey Creek Crystal Open featured now 7 time Champion Shelly Stouffer, who shot 76,76. Dana finished 9th Low Gross, on a count back. Rachelle was 40th. At the BC Bantams at Belmont in August, Dana finished in 6th place, shooting 77,81 while sister Abi tied for 6th in the Novice Division, shooting 74, 86, which included a Hole in One on Day 1. The Champion that day was Redwoods' Erin Lee who shot 74, 68.

The Fall Future Links at Crown Isle in September showcased the best junior golfers in Canada. Ontario's Ashton McCulloch shot 75,66,72 to win by one shot in very windy and cold conditions. Pheasant Glen's Gavyn Knight shot 67 on the last day to finish 7th. Luna Lu shot 74,74,70 to win the Girls Championship by 5 shots. Rebecca Kim T14 (88,81, 77), Dana was 20th, and Rachelle 23rd.

Our Zone 6 Junior Program continues to grow. We had 12 boys and girls in our Junior / Junior 9 hole program, and it's the main reason why Junior Development Director Pat Irwin is continuing on, despite his 82 years. In 2020, the BC Junior Boys & Girls play in Oliver, June 30-July 3. The Juveniles are at Cowichan, Aug. 10-13, and the Bantams Aug. 17-19 at Mt. Brenton, where we hope to resurrect the Vancouver Island Junior Girls Championship. Our last winner was Nanaimo's Shirin Anjarwalla way back in 2015. BC Summer Games run July 23 -26 in Maple Ridge. A special note, Alex Foston, former Mt. Brenton Jr., now at VIU, works at Nanaimo GC in the summer, won her 2nd Pac West Championship, shooting 88,79, 84. If you have any news about your junior players at your club, or are planning any junior clinics please let me know and we can offer you assistance.

Thank you all for helping us grow the game, by participating in our Dorothy Olive Franklin and Beat the Champ fund raisers, and by playing in our Zone Events.

Respectfully Submitted,

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