



Gaudet Luce Golf Club

Minutes of the Junior Section Annual Meeting Date: Sunday 11th January 2026 at 11.00hrs Venue: Club House Function Room

John Miles Chair of this meeting/Club C Jnr Treasurer JM

Jenny Hartley Junior Handicap Representative JH

Kevin Harris Competitions Representative KH

Luke Mound Club Welfare Officer

In total, 18 Junior members, families, Club Executive members, and Adult Club members attended in support of the Junior Section

1. The meeting was opened at 11.05 by the Chairman, JM. All were welcomed and thanked for attending.
2. Apologies were received from Russell Adams; Will Hadley; Anna Weston
3. Minutes of Junior Annual Meeting 2025 were approved and signed
4. Junior Organiser Report JH

2025 saw yet another successful year for the Junior Section, we have 96 members of the Phoenix Course, 55 of those have handicaps ranging from the lowest Hcp Index at plus 2.7 up to 54. 41 do not have handicaps yet but will be working towards gaining a handicap next season.

There are also juniors holding membership of the Hadzor Course plus juniors in Russell's ever-growing Academy. The future looks bright!

There are several people to thank for this success, a lot of work goes on behind the scenes to ensure the section runs smoothly and that juniors are given as many opportunities as possible to develop their golf, a huge thank you to all involved.

Kevin has had a crash course on organising the competitions and done an excellent job this year; Gary has been invaluable in helping to run the matches and has set up the SPOND App for communication with the team, this has made the organisation of matches very much easier and I hope parents and players have found this system good to use.

John has been our efficient Junior Treasurer which he does alongside his role as Club Treasurer, we are very grateful for this.

Angelique kindly agreed to act as communications officer for the juniors this last year, which includes sending out the monthly newsletter; I hope you all received the newsletter and found it interesting. Apologies if we missed any items of news, but I rely on parents/juniors to let me know their away successes together with photos if desired.

Amelia has enjoyed her year as Junior Captain with Lily as her very supportive Vice Captain; thank you Amelia for your support and consideration during the year, you have been an excellent captain, thank you.

And, of course, we have Russell! We are so fortunate to have such an excellent coach who is enthusiastic about developing junior golf – we are the envy of many clubs in this respect, and we would not be where we are today without him – thank you Russell for all your hard work and support.

We must extend a huge thank you to our sponsors this year, I know John will include more details of sponsors in his report but I would like to especially thank Duncan Williams for his generous support in sponsoring the Junior Team Polo shirts and for his huge boost to the junior funds; it is so much appreciated.

And the final mention is for our wonderful parents! Many of you have helped with supervision and support this last season, Russ and I have commented on many occasions that we have an amazing group of willing and enthusiastic parents, it makes our job so much easier, a big thank you to you all.

Safety of our juniors is a priority, we welcome Luke, our Club Welfare Officer, to the meeting today; most of you will already know Luke; if you ever have concerns about the safety of our juniors, don't hesitate to talk to Luke, conversations will be treated in the utmost confidence. We take the safety and welfare of our juniors very seriously; Gaudet is accredited with England Golf's Safegolf, a legal requirement for all golf clubs. It is essential that the Parent/Player pack is completed annually (have these been sent out for 2026, Luke?); unless we have this pack for each junior, we should not allow them to play in competitions or matches, particularly away matches; so please complete them and return to Luke before the start of the season. We are investigating the use of Spond for documents to make this process more user friendly.

The County Girls Committee is holding a "Spond information" meeting here next Sunday and we have invited Luke to attend. Watch this space!

Gaudet juniors gained the highest results of any club at the County Championships last May, as a result, Gaudet was invited to send a team of three to represent Worcestershire in the England Golf Club Championships. This is usually held at Woodhall Spa but, due to fixture clashes, was held at Spalding Golf Club Lincs in August. Amelia, Lily, and Jensen, were chosen for the team and, although they didn't feature in the prize winners, they thoroughly enjoyed the experience. The course was, arguably, better than the Woodhall Spa course played last year.

The captain's away day was again held at Ravenmeadow GC. It was well attended and, in spite of the bad weather, the day was a success, ending with a round of Safari Golf enjoyed by all!

Many of our juniors have entered external competitions within the County and further afield including in Europe. Results have been reported in the monthly Junior Newsletter which I hope you have all read. There have been successes and disappointments plus injuries, but this is golf and I know you will be back to go through the agony for another season. Your parents are to be thanked for the sacrifices made to ensure you compete in these national and international competitions; I know you realise it would not be possible without their support.

Many of our members have played in matches for the County and represented the County at National events. WCH County Girls won the Midlands South Girls Team Championships played against 5 other counties, Lily was Captain on the day and proudly accepted the trophy on behalf of the team.

The County Order of Merit results were announced at the end of the season; points are awarded for Opens in Worcs for the boys and WCH for the girls, plus points in the Mixed County Championships. Gaudet boys and girls featured in the listings. Out of 54 boys, Oliver Meyer was placed 2nd and Jake Tipper 6th, others listed were Will Tucker, Jensen Chan, Will Hadley, and Oliver Chan, boys are only awarded prizes for nett results; out of 15 girls, who are awarded prizes for gross and nett results, Amelia Bryan won best gross and nett, a fantastic achievement, Maisie Whittall won 3rd gross and Lily Smith won 3rd nett.

Amelia was selected to play for the County Ladies First Team in the prestigious County Match Week, it is the second year Amelia has played in this 3-day matchplay event when 6 counties take part. Amelia and her partner played five foursomes matches and were unbeatable until the final day when they narrowly lost to Buckinghamshire, winners once again!

We are delighted that Amelia and Lily have been invited to be joint County Girls Captains for 2026, we congratulate them both and wish them every success.

2025 ended with Presentation night, we tried something different this year as Amelia wanted the evening to be at Gaudet Luce. The evening began with 9 holes of Glow Golf on the Hadzor course, it was touch and go whether it would take place but after a course inspection at 4pm and a few tee alterations, we decided to risk it! It was a great success, standing at the first tee all I could hear was shrieks of laughter which was wonderful!

Thank you to all those who helped to make the evening a success, especially Harriet and Katie for setting up the course, also the club house and kitchen staff for all the meals they produced afterwards! It was lovely to see the club house packed with juniors and their families.

Once again, our juniors are the pride of the club. Good behaviour and etiquette both on and off the course, following the rules of golf, are all equally as important as achieving good scores. As you know, we do not tolerate any form of unsporting or bad behaviour. Standards of behaviour and etiquette are remembered for a lot longer than a players handicap.

Judging by the many compliments we receive from adult club members and from opposing clubs in matches, all congratulating our juniors at Gaudet Luce, we are mainly achieving our aim. The Seniors, in the last match of the season, were full of praise for you all and look forward to playing against you again.

I am looking forward to the new season, and I am sure you are too. Very best wishes for enjoyable golf!

5. Competition Representative Report KH

In 2025 entries in the 18-hole competitions has increased slightly to an average of 9 per competition, this is a little disappointing considering through the year 21 juniors entered an 18-hole competition through 2025.

9-hole entries were also reasonably stable starting and ending at about 12 per competition but reduced in the middle of the season. I hope this will increase considering 27 entered a 9-hole competition in 2025. I hope some will take the step to enter 18-hole competitions in 2026. I am here at weekends to support any 9-hole golfers wishing to try playing an 18-hole competition.

All the competitions are now live for entry on Howdidido

6. Finance Representative Report JM

Financial Report Juniors 2024/5

Thanks to some very kind donations the Junior section had a very good year.

Total Income was £4335 (£729 comps, £3606 Donations - £2000 Excool, £100 Bind Golfers, £500 Exc)

Total Expenditure Was £3423, with main items being awayday, presentation and trophies.

The Section have a carried forward reserve off £1965

Accounts up to October 2025 attached.

7. Junior Section Update on G-hole competitions RA

In his absence, it was reported that Russell had agreed to continue to run the 9-hole competitions and to help new junior members to gain handicaps.

This system now ensures that Gaudet has a steady flow of juniors progressing through to full membership with handicaps.

8. Junior Section Representatives for 2026 JH

o Competitions Kevin Harris

o Handicaps Jenny Hartley

o Treasurer John Miles

o Match Organisers Gary Smith/Jenny Hartley

o Communications will once again be via a Junior Newsletter sent by Angelique from the company. If you have any items to communicate or any queries, please email me or Kevin.

o Junior Team Captain Lily Smith; Vice Captain Henry Ferguson; we wish you all the very best and hope you enjoy your year

o Club Welfare Officer Luke Mound (appointed and employed by Gaudet Luce Management)

Junior Representatives are by invitation of current representatives. If anyone is interested in being considered for one of these positions and wishes to “shadow” current reps during the season, please contact one of the above.

The generic Members Handbook is available on the Gaudet Luce website, this has contact details for each section as well as a lot of useful information

G. Match Update

Amelia led the Team in the West Midlands Junior League matches to a resounding win in their division against Redditch, Hagley, and Beau Desert Juniors. Gaudet automatically qualified for the League Finals held at Hagley where the Team finished a close third.

Well played to all those who took part, some of you for the first time – hopefully you enjoyed the experience.

The WMJL finals are played as individual Stableford which we consider not to be the best format when

qualification is pairs matchplay. We realise that with 9 teams it would be impossible to do matchplay in one day, but, thanks to Gary's lightbulb moment, we have put forward a proposal that the finals day should be better ball pairs format. The proposal has been well received by the league organisers and is on the agenda for discussion at the Annual Meeting on 20th January. Gary and I will be attending the meeting via Zoom.

In the next few days, an invite will be going out to ask if you are interested in being considered for the WMJL matches in 2026. As you know, there are only 6 players per team plus reserves. Other clubs do not have as many juniors as we have at Gaudet which is why the team numbers are so low. It is the worst job in the world selecting teams, someone is bound to be disappointed. We did try to involve everyone as much as possible last year as being a travelling reserve is just as important as playing in the match – you are still part of the team to gain experience and give support, and it is a free round of golf on a different course!

Unfortunately, the draw for divisions does not take place until March so we shall not know who we play until after the draw.

11.35 Closure of Junior Annual Meeting

The floor opened for Any Other Business JH: County Boys and Girls Championships

- Friday May 29th at Gaudet Luce GC
- Entry now open on the Worcester Amateur Golf website or via the Golf Genius App
- Separate competitions for boys and girls.
- Please select competition appropriate to your handicap or age, whichever applies.

JH: Reminder that the new Howdidido App will need to be downloaded from January 12th. Old version will cease to operate. Howdidido can still be accessed via the website www.howdidido.com free of charge. The new App incurs a small annual charge depending on the version downloaded

There being no further AOB, all those present were invited to the retiring Junior Captains' "Putt Out" and the incoming Captain's "Drive In"