

## Junior Coordinator report 2021

I am pleased to report that the Junior Development Program has made progress this year.

The Junior Development Program was boosted by a \$2000 Active Club Program grant through the Office of Recreation and Sport in September.

- We acquired another \$1200 worth of clubs and training equipment. And have another \$800 left in which we plan to spend on some junior sized pull carts to go with the numerous numbers of junior sets that we already have.

Last year's activities:

- Some of the monthly junior clinics were cancelled due to wet weather, however the remainder have been consistently full. We reduced the number that could register last month but have put them up again to 18 per session which means 6 kids rotating through 3 stations with Mike, Esther and myself. We are all COVID marshals. I thank them and the parents for their support.
- Wednesday after school sessions are still being run and we have a regular group join in. I thank Esther for running these sessions.
- Echunga hosted a try-out day, and qualifying round for the SA primary schools event, and we had several of our juniors play and a few of them qualified for the finals which were held at the Adelaide shores golf courses. Thanks to Mike, Jamie and Allan Telford from GolfSA.
- Echunga also hosted one day of the Metro junior pennants this year with all of the state's best young golfers coming out and experiencing the Echunga golf course.
- The Junior League will start on the 17<sup>th</sup> of October and will run for six weeks. We have our own team this year as the numbers of Echunga juniors have grown sufficiently to fill our own team.
- Echunga primary school last year had a try out day with coaching and a few holes... This year in Term 2, we ran a five week programme that saw every Echunga Primary school child do 4 coaching clinics with Mike and myself over 4 weeks, and there was also a game on the course for the older ones in the 5<sup>th</sup> week.
- The Echunga junior programme now supports growing kids with junior sized club hire (\$50) as an optional extra for kids to be paid with their Annual fees (\$100).
- There are more juniors joining and staying committed to their golf now as well as bringing in several parents to the club who have joined and are playing regularly also.

Future plans include:

Continuing to provide a safe and friendly environment for kids and their families. Continue to build on our current programmes and coaching opportunities for kids and adults. And to continue to support our juniors in existing and future events and competitions.

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