

Antigonish Golf Club Junior Report- 2020

As we turn the page on 2020 and move our attention to 2021 we are excited to realize that a new golf season is not that far away. We all had to deal with Covid-19 and the ongoing global pandemic but the golf industry continued to thrive and the Antigonish Golf Club had a very successful year. Our junior programming was certainly affected by the many Covid guidelines as we had to reduce our group sizes for clinics. In the end, we were able to do a 3-week Junior Clinic Program at the end of June to give some instruction to our young members. We offered a second 3-week program in August for both Members and Non-Members. We had great participation at both sessions and were so happy to see the young players enjoying our beautiful course. For 2021, we will continue to develop new programming and look forward to offering a full range of teaching for our youth as we realize how important the young players are for the growth of our club. We had many highlights over the course of the season and were able to increase the number of Junior Memberships to 73. We will continue to focus on recruiting new Junior Members to give them the opportunity to play our beautiful course and enjoy the great game of golf. As we continue to encourage our youth to play golf our goal is to hit 100 Junior Members for 2021 and I have no doubt that we can get there.

In 2020, we had 4 junior members attend the NS Provincial Junior Golf Championships and I hope to see that number increase in the coming years. Craig Landry finished 7th overall and we also had Iain Balcom, Jacob Colton, and Laci Boyd participate in the event. We had a great turnout for our Junior Club Championship with 29 Junior Members participating. 19 of the 29 players were under the age of 14 which is encouraging. Craig Landry was our junior club championship winner and played some amazing golf. He lost a 3-hole playoff for the overall club championship. Another highlight for a couple of our junior members was the amazing golf played by Jacob Lorefice and Craig Landry in winning the MacDonald Chrysler Shootout with scores of 60-60 in the scramble format. We are starting to see more of our local juniors participating in one day invitationals and we want them all to have a goal of attending the NS Provincial Junior Championship in the coming years.

Although not an ideal year for our junior programming we were very fortunate to be able to enjoy our great course and the amazing game of golf. I want to personally thank Brian Affleck and all his staff for their continued commitment to the youth of our club.

Sincerely,

Craig MacDonald