

BIDDER BURSARY AND GRANT FEEDBACK 2022

PLAYER 1

The Grant has benefited me as it went towards the purchase of new golf clubs as I needed to upgrade from my Junior to a set of Ladies clubs.

I started the season around 10 handicap and have reduced my handicap to 6.9. I won the Nett in the Knowle Ladies Club Championship where I shot my best ever round with a score of gross 73 in my afternoon round.

I was selected for the Gloucestershire team to play in the SW Inter-Counties at Carlyon Bay which was a great experience. I have also had two hole in 1's this year, one in a Junior League match and the second at SW Inter-Counties week.

PLAYER 2

The Bursary has funded my membership of Cotswold Hills (intermediate junior membership). I have had access to excellent practice facilities such as the putting green, chipping area, driving range and approach area. As well as this I have been benefited from group coaching sessions from James Latham on Sundays and played rounds with other juniors at Cotswold Hills which has improved my game and given me huge enjoyment also. I have also played many rounds on the course- it is my favourite place to be in Gloucestershire. Now that my handicap has reduced to 27 I am able to apply to move to a full junior membership so that I am able to play on the course during peak times which will mean I can develop my game further and enter competitions within the club. Thank you so much for supporting me.

In November when I received the bursary my handicap was 32.8. Over the course of the year I have gradually been lowering my handicap which now sits at 27.9. In November I would only really play from the junior tees but my game (and strength as I get bigger) has meant I am now confident to play courses off the yellow (and for Junior Opens and Mercian League Fixtures- White) tees.

I love to challenge myself and so this year I have played in four Jeff Hall Qualifiers from the White Tees- Knowle, Bristol and Clifton, Long Ashton and Cotswold Hills. I believe I was the youngest entrant in each of these events. I plan to also enter Ross on Wye, Cirencester and Minchinhampton later in the year. I played two events on the British Junior Golf Tour in Devon at Easter and will enter an event at The Bristol on the European Junior Golf Tour in late September.

I have particularly enjoyed team golf this year also. I represent the Brickhampton Bears in the Mercian League and played in all four fixtures in our Division. Having won the division I will be representing the Bears on September 18th at the Mercian League Finals Day at Redditch Golf Club. In my four fixtures this season my pair has won 3 and halved the other match.

I continue to enjoy my County Academy Programme sessions with James Harraway at Cirencester and I was beyond thrilled to be selected to represent Gloucestershire U12s vs Somerset in the summer- unfortunately I was away in Portugal at the time, but I am committed to making the next team if possible.

My biggest individual achievement happened this week where I took part in the Brickhampton Junior Club Championship. Playing off the white tees I shot 99 (nett 68) and was lucky enough to win the Nett Championship against some very talented players. I actually shot 97 but I reported to the marker I had played the wrong ball on hole two and was assessed a 2 shot penalty (something I will definitely learn from!). It took a lot of resilience to not let my mistake ruin my round so I was very

proud to have won. We also have a Junior Order of Merit based on competitions and club nights during the year which I am lucky enough to be leading currently.

I have also taken part in the Section Shield at Brickhampton representing the juniors against a men's member, ladies member and senior's member and on Sunday I am representing Cotswold Hills in the Jubilee Cup in which 6 juniors are taking on 6 presidents picks, 6 ladies and 6 seniors in a stableford competition.

Most importantly- my love for golf has grown even more this year!

PLAYER 3

Thank you very much for supporting me with this grant. I used the grant towards buying a set of US Kids Golf 57inch tour series clubs as I had outgrown my old clubs. Having a full set of clubs that are designed for children of my height has been invaluable.

I have definitely improved my distance and accuracy and having the right clubs has definitely been a major factor in allowing me to play off the yellow/white tees and therefore have access to more competitions and enjoyment.

Thank you so much.

PLAYER 4

The Bursary has been beneficial because it allowed me to access other essential equipment to improve my golf.

I have been able to lower my handicap and I even won a couple of Junior Opens (Thornbury & Filton).

PLAYER 5

The Grant has given me access to coaching and equipment which helped me progress and improve greatly. I really appreciate the grant you have given me.

Starting this year, I was off 26 and after a lot of play and practice I am now off 9.4. I believe my success was down to good equipment, good coaching and a lot of practice. I also won a few competitions: U18 Gloucestershire County Girls, Long Ashton Junior Open and the Junior Club Championships and my club 36 hole salver.

PLAYER 6

I have been able to obtain more lessons and enter more junior open competitions than I might have without this generous award being made. It has really helped me progress and for that I am very grateful.

I have seen my golf handicap come down from 10.4 to 3.4 this year and finished 5th in the Ladies County Championship.

I finished 3rd in the English Schools Regional event and 3rd again in the SW event. I then went onto the U16 National Schools which was a great experience. I won the Bristol & Clifton Junior Open (2 over par) and have had similar rounds recently on my home course.

PLAYER 7

The Grant helped me fund my Ping Prodigy clubs which I can get fitted for free as I get bigger. Now I can hit much further and straighter.

I have just handed my cards in to get my handicap. I played against the Vets at Rodway Hill and at Thornbury and Minchinhampton to get enough cards. I came second in the recent 9-hole competition at Thornbury and got a 7 & 4 on the first two holes at The Bristol GC off red tees.

Thank you.