



GNL ANNUAL REPORT 2015

I was very pleased and excited to be involved with Golf Newfoundland Labrador Board of Directors for the past year. The year went by extremely quickly and below is some quick points about what was accomplished for Junior Golf in Newfoundland this past season.

February through June the Golf in Schools Program saw GNL and their coaches introduce golf to eight thousand children across Newfoundland and Labrador and build relationships between schools and golf courses. A big thank you and job well done to Wayne Allan for administering the program out west and in Labrador.

The early part of the season also saw the Junior Committee develop a long term player development program for our Provincial Junior Team, as well as an Order of Merit system. We used the Order of Merit to pick the team for this first season, and now all the players are aware of the entire qualification system to be on the team, and to maintain their positions on the team moving forward. We held several events for them including camps; practice sessions, course scouting trips, and evaluations.

The Provincial Junior Championship was fantastically organized and attended. Pitchers Pond was a great venue and produced an exciting championship that saw Blair Bursey defend his title. We were also very happy with the fact we had many Newfoundland juniors compete in the Atlantic Junior Championships at Bathurst New Brunswick. We also saw 5 junior boys and 2 junior girls compete in the National Junior Championships.

Another success this past season was the work of Greg Hillier in establishing a Provincial High School Championship played in September. Very exciting and looking forward to watching this event grow.

The committee and I have been busy now establishing our Development Team for the 2016 season, and adding to our Development Program. We have also created a qualifying criteria for the 2017 Summer Games Team. Taking feedback from last year and a parents meeting we held over the last couple weeks, we are committed to improving the program moving forward and developing great future golfers and people. With big events on the horizon such as hosting the 2016 Canadian Junior Championships, 2016 NL Summer Games, Tely Tour transition and putting together a program for the 2017 Canadian Summer Games we will be busy.

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