

# GOLF NL 2016 JUNIOR CHAIR ANNUAL REPORT

2016 was a great season for Junior Golf in NL. We still have room for much growth, and I am excited to see what the coming years bring. I want to thank Greg Hillier and Wayne Allan for their tireless effort in growing the game of golf province wide, and their enthusiasm for introducing the game of golf to juniors. I also want to thank these two, along with Bruce Watson for sitting on the Junior Committee as we plan our future endeavors in junior golf.

We had a strong year with our Junior Development Team. We began training with them over the winter months, not only holding indoor practice sessions, but holding nutrition, mental, rules, and strength training sessions. We moved outdoors for spring training, and hosted the Spring Development Camp at Terra Nova Resort over May Long Weekend. Shortly after that, the competitive season started, with the Tely Tour, Provincials, Atlantics, Nationals, and the Tely Tour Championships rounding out the season. Here are a few of the season highlights for 2016:

1. Gander Golf Club was host venue for our Provincial Junior Championships. Evan D'Angelo won the boys division, and Angela Earle won the girls division. A big thanks to the Gander Golf Club for being a fantastic host.
2. Andrew Bruce finished a very strong fifth place in the CN Atlantic Junior Championships.
3. Our boys team of Evan D'Angelo, Michael Simms, and Andrew Bruce finished in 4<sup>th</sup> place in the National Junior Championships held at Clovelly. We were one stroke out of medalling at this event for the first time, however 4<sup>th</sup> is still our provinces best finish ever. Clovelly served as a great venue, and we appreciate all the hard work their committee did to run an awesome event to showcase NL. Of note, Andrew Bruce was our only boy to make the cut, and finished a respectable 56<sup>th</sup> place overall.
4. The season ending Tely Tour Championship contested at Terra Nova Resort ended with Matthew Bonnell winning the boys side, and Taylor Cormier being victorious in the girls division.
5. The final Tely Tour Order of Merritt standings had Matthew Bonnell, Michael Simms, and Ethan Efford winning their respective age categories, and Taylor Cormier and Aideen Nelson winning theirs on the girl's side.

In terms of Junior Golf Development at the introductory level, again we had a strong year. Below are a few highlights:

1. We had 5 golf courses be active CN Future Links sites. I encourage all golf courses in NL to register for this program. The amount of resource material you receive alone can help establish a junior program.
2. We had 14,334 CN Future Links Mobile Clinic participants. Having representatives of Golf NL travelling across the province this summer exposed this great sport to many.
3. We have the most successful Golf in Schools programming in the country. Led by Wayne Allan and myself, we had 104 visits, introducing over 15,000 kids to golf.
4. Wayne Allan hosted a Golf Canada Community Golf Coach Certification Course in Gander this summer. I urge each club to send at least 1 or 2 representatives to participate in this learning. It allows for a non golf professional to be able to run a Future Links Junior Program. It is a small investment to make in the longevity of your club.

Finally, just some last notes. We have officially taken over operations now of the Tely Tour going forward into 2017. Also, we are finalizing our plans for next season with our Junior Development Team, including a scouting trip to Winnipeg in May to play the host course of the Canada Games next summer. Finally, as a message from a club manager, to all club managers across NL: please invest in your junior program!! You do not need a lot of money, just time and some volunteers to run it. GNL is here to help you, but not do it for you. You all want to do well next season, but you must do this to ensure your club does well for the next 20 years!

Thanks so much.

Jamie Moran

Junior Chair Golf NL