

GOLF NL JUNIOR CHAIR ANNUAL REPORT 2017 SEASON

2017 was a short yet very busy season for Junior Golf in NL. We still have much work to do to continue to see progress and growth within our programming and at a club level with junior participation. I would like to take this opportunity to thank Greg Hillier and Wayne Allan for their continued work and dedication to growing junior golf across the province. I also would like to acknowledge the fact that both Wayne Allan and myself were two of the finalists for Junior Leader of the Year for the PGA of Canada Atlantic Awards for the 2017 season! Great honors indeed.

Some of the members of our Development Team had fantastic years! We began training in January, holding indoor training sessions, along with nutrition, mental preparation and strength training sessions. We moved outdoors in May, and continued training on a consistent basis until August. Unfortunately our spring camp had to be cancelled this past year due to weather and course conditions over May long weekend. We also held a Canada Games scouting trip to Winnipeg led by Wayne Allan and Sas Sparrow so that our players could see and practice on the host venue. Here are a few high lights from the season:

1. Frenchman's Cove played host to our Provincial Junior Championships. Andrew Bruce won the boys championship, and Taylor Cormier was victorious in the girls division. A big thanks to Frenchman's Cove for being a fantastic venue.
2. Andrew Bruce had a great Atlantic Junior Championship finishing 3rd place. We had 10 team members compete in the tournament, with Matt Bonnell as our next best finisher in 19th place.
3. At the National Junior, our teams struggled. Only Matt Bonnell made the cut this year.
4. Our Canada Games team was made up of Andrew Bruce, Evan D'Angelo and Michael Simms and travelled to Winnipeg to compete. Andrew played solid, with Evan and Michael having disappointing results.
5. The season ending Tely Tour Championship contested at Terra Nova Resort finished with Andrew Bruce winning the boys side, and Taylor Cormier winning the girls.
6. The final order of Merritt standings had Andrew Bruce, Ethan Efford and Karsen Best winning their respective age categories, while Taylor Cormier and Paige Allen won theirs on the girl's side.

It was a strong year on the Junior Golf Development side, with Wayne Allan leading our Golf in Schools programs and many Future Links Clinics. Our first season running the Tely Tour went very well, with a big thanks to Greg Hillier and his team for taking this on and running this.

Finally, the Junior Committee is evaluating the program going forward, as well as finalizing our list of invites to participate for next year.

Jamie Moran - Chairperson