

2016 WMSGA Junior Chair Report

What can we say about the golf weather this summer for all of us? With the wonderful sunshine came a very successful summer of junior golfers. Our future looks bright for WMSGA and golf in Maine.

Bring A Junior Day was held at Turner Highlands this summer on July 12. We had a full field of golfers and six of those were juniors. Lauren Schonewolf, Erin Holmes, Stephanie Rodrigue, Bailey Plourde, Ruby Haylock, and Mia Hornberger participated. And... while we were playing, little Jade Haylock was on the practice range. Watch out she will be playing with us next year. Bailey shot a very impressive one under par 70 that day.

This summer's **Maine Women's Amateur** was held at Penobscot Valley Country Club in Orono. It was certainly an eventful experience with monsoon-like rains on the second day of play. All three days were extremely hot and humid. We had the largest group of juniors participate in a few years. Those girls playing were Janelle Bryant from Martindale, Ruby Haylock from Turner, Erin Holmes from Val Halla, Elizabeth Lacognata from Sable Oaks, Jordan Laplume from Dunegrass, Bailey Plourde from Samoset Resort, Stephanie Rodrigue from Fox Ridge, Lauren Schonewolf from Purpoodock, and Rachel Smith from Val Halla. Bailey was crowned Junior Champion and tourney Runner Up, shooting a very impressive 226. Stephanie had a great third day, shooting a total of 233 and coming in first in Flight 2. She was followed by Lauren, who took second with a 236 and Jordan, who placed fourth with a 248. And in Flight 4, 12-year-old Ruby Haylock came in third shooting a three-day total of 297. Very impressive play for our young golfers.

Once again in August the **Janet Drouin Memorial** was held at Natanis. This year play was on the Tomahawk course. We had four girls participate. Bailey Plourde was the overall champion and the Junior champion shooting a two-day total of 151. Mia Hornberger was the Low Net winner for the two days with a 129, and Ruby Haylock won Flight 3, shooting a 187.

Now the older girls are playing for their respective high school teams. On September 11 at Natanis, a high school invitational just for girls was held.

Watch your local papers for the scores of our girls. I will try to report on their successes as they come. We have many other young girls who play interscholastic golf. We need to recruit them to play with us next summer.

While we will lose a few juniors to old age, I am hoping they will still find the time to play with us. It is always a pleasure to see their smiling young faces at our events.

Respectfully submitted
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