

KBGC – Junior ‘Try Golf’ Gala



Finding the next generation of golfers – Sunday 30 October

The Club is hosting a free gala afternoon for families on Sunday 30 October, commencing at 2pm. The gala aims to provide member and non-member families with the opportunity to visit the Club and experience a taste of what golf has to offer, in a fun environment.

The gala is also to launch our new junior program, which will operate under Golf Australia’s MyGolf brand. While ultimately we hope that MyGolf will serve as a pathway to junior membership, the immediate goal of the program will be to introduce young people to the game and develop their basic skills.

Can you help?

There are a few ways members can support this important Club initiative:

- encourage kids and families to come along – your own kids, grandkids, cousins, neighbours, etc,
- spread the word of our gala through your networks to help make this day a success,
- be a volunteer helper on the day. There are several ‘roles’ for our volunteers:
 - ‘meet ‘n greet’,
 - activity station coach and helpers,
 - BBQ cooks,
 - nearest the pin coordinator.
- be part of our MyGolf Community (further details below).

Please reply to this email or call the office to let us know if you can help us out as a volunteer on the day. It would also be a great help if we had an indication of the numbers of kids we might expect on the day.

Gala details

- The gala is an inclusive, ‘all-welcome’ event to introduce kids up to 16 years to the game.
- It’s a free event! Starts at 2pm, and we expect to finish between 4-5pm.
- The usual dress code will be relaxed to ‘neat and tidy’ for kids attending the gala and the ongoing junior program. Flat/soft soled sports shoes are necessary.
- All equipment supplied.
- Adults are required to stay while their kids are at the Club.

Format of the gala

Here’s an outline of how we see the gala running:

- After a brief welcome and intro on arrival, the kids will be split into small groups and will rotate through a ‘circuit’ – each station involving a different activity or drill designed by Brett and led by an activity station coach. The stations will all be located around the practice area.
- Simon Weston, Golf Tasmania’s Development Manager will speak to the adults about the future junior program – including a Q&A so we can find out parents’ thoughts and anything we’ve overlooked. The clubhouse will be open for drinks and there’ll be some snacks.
- The adults will then have a nearest the pin shootout on 18, with the kids watching, and a couple of prizes.
- Next it’s the kids turn for NTP on the 1st with the adults watching, again with some prizes.
- We’ll finish up with a BBQ.

MyGolf Program



Operating our junior program under the MyGolf banner provides many benefits to the Club, including insurance, branding and marketing, and financial assistance. Subject to further feedback from our volunteers, and adults with children wishing to participate, the program outline is as follows:

- Two hour weekly sessions throughout daylight savings involving a combination of drills/games, eg, 20 minutes on the driving range, 20 minutes putting and 20 minutes of chipping/pitching to the practice green. Option to finish with a BBQ every so often. Saturday afternoons are one option, however we need to firm up what suits most participants and also our volunteers.
- Tuition from Brett Johns. Volunteer help to coordinate and supervise.
- Participants to have a responsible adult (parent or guardian) remain at Club during the session.
- Potential for those interested to have an evening practice mid-week during daylight savings if we have enough volunteers. Free range balls supplied by the club, that all have to be picked up afterwards.
- Winter – no program as such, but children who want to, could play under supervision.
- Costs – one-off \$7 registration for the program/season, which provides insurance cover, and \$5 per week, reducing for multiple children in a family. All equipment supplied. Kids can come every week or on an adhoc basis – whatever suits.
- As the program becomes established, we'll build in:
 - a regular junior newsletter with a 'rule of the week' followed by a quiz with small prize at the next session,
 - a junior committee involving 6-8 juniors to help shape the program to meet their needs,
 - pennant during school holidays and annual championships for boys and girls at varying ages up to 16 (resurrecting previous trophies for these events).

MyGolf Community

The Club needs volunteers to assist Brett to deliver the junior program. We think a community of about 20 members willing to help on a rotational basis for a couple of hours a month would be sufficient. Ideally a couple of the volunteers are willing to be Junior Coordinators, sharing responsibility for managing the program.

This approach will make our new junior program sustainable by sharing the load, supporting Brett to deliver the program and demonstrating commitment to the future of the game and KBGC.

The criteria for volunteering is pretty simple:

- Interest in providing a welcoming and friendly environment for juniors, and enthusiasm to see kids have fun playing golf. You don't need to be a low handicapper!
- Must have Working With Children registration in Tasmania – if you're not familiar with this, don't be deterred! It basically involves completing an online form and attending a Service Tasmania shopfront (to prove identity and have a photo taken). A small fee is payable, which the Club will cover.
For details about the process, go to the [Justice Department website](#).

If you're really enthusiastic, the opportunity also exists to become an accredited Community Golf Instructor. This program is completed in a fully online environment and is facilitated through the Professional Golfers Association (PGA) of Australia's e-learning platform – The Fairway. We can arrange funding for interested volunteers to complete this program. Brett is currently undertaking his accreditation also.