

## JUNIOR GIRLS REPORT 2025

### Girls Section – Managed by Barbara Kenny

At present, we have 18 girls registered, with 12 actively playing golf. We competed in the Fingal Trophy, a league of 11 clubs with four team events during the summer months. Unfortunately, on the last day of the Girls Fingal Trophy we were down some of our players so we ended up joint 4th. I am hoping we will have better luck next year.

We also entered in the Shay Smith Trophy, aimed at players with a handicap of 35+. The event was held in early September in Clontarf Golf Club. We had great representation from our Cadet Section on the day and everyone came away with fantastic prizes.

Maria Dunne from Skerries Golf Club introduced a Pilot 9's between Balbriggan GC and Skerries in early October. We had 6 players in Skerries and 5 in Balbriggan playing Scotch Foursomes. It was a tough task to get players as they all play other sports and golf would seem to be their 2nd choice. Again, we had great representation from our Cadet Section. A big thank you to Sarah Donnelly who have nurtured them in the Cadet Section and some of the girls will be crossing over to Juvenile Section next year. Thank you also to Lisa Kelly who filled in for me in my absence.

Looking ahead, I plan to actively engage with the Ladies' Section next year to encourage wider participation from our Juvenile Girls in Inter Club Matches and sincerely hope the Men's Section will mirror this effort for the boys.

Several of our girls have already reached impressive handicaps (as low as 12.3 and 13.2), with more poised to lower theirs. The programme is in a healthy position, **but more effort is needed to attract new girls into golf.**