

**Western District Ladies Golf Association**  
**Junior Girls Camp 2010-Coolah**  
**In Conjunction with**  
**Women's Golf NSW and Jack Newton Junior Golf**

What happens when you get 24 girls together, 12 boys, three golf professionals, an enthusiastic group of adult organizers, a school hall and a Golf Club that hands over the use of their club and course facilities for juniors only? – **A Golf Camp to Remember!**

The annual girls' golf camp was held at Coolah Sporting Club from the 6-9<sup>th</sup> July. Opened up to boys, as day campers, the camp attracted juniors from Coolah, Mudgee, Coonabarabran, Nyngan, Trangie, Wellington, Trundle, Cowra, Royalla, Blayney, Cumnock and Henbury – which, when you look on the map is a lot of travelling. Ages ranged from 7yrs to 19yrs with our lowest handicapper playing off 13. The camp is considered a Development Camp, offering juniors from those that are regular players wanting to fine tune their swings to those that are just getting their first taste of the game. Western District Ladies are one of the few districts that hold these camps and it's a great opportunity for the girls to get altogether and enjoy not only 4 days of golf but the social side as well.

With swags in hand the girls were accommodated in the local school hall which provided an ideal recreation area for our Trivia night, Movie night-yes we watched 'The Greatest Game Ever Played', Red Faces night and a Karaoke strobe lighting set up-the girls still need practice on Owl City's-10 Million Fire Flies. We also had a bonfire on top of the hill at the golf course that apparently could be seen from 20km away-it was big and the sparklers and marshmallows went down well with all the juniors. It was a nice gesture with the local parents doing the catering and organizing –that allowed the camp supervisors a little time to sit and relax -well sort of!

Our excursion on the Thursday afternoon was a bus trip up to the Coolah Tops National Park where we walked to the Norfolk Falls, meandered around Giant Grass trees and launched a few golf balls from the lookout over the Liverpool Plains-given that we were some 1700m high we all achieved a PB with our Drivers.

The success of the camp was made possible due to the big effort put in by the Coolah team and the Coolah Sports Club – namely Jenny and Greg Auld, Bob and Heather Pettet and the Coolah Lady Golfers. Our Golf Professionals for the week, from Sydney- Eddie Emerson (from Cullen's Golf Driving Range and 'Country Junior Golf'), Kasey Henshaw and Lidia Vukicevic. Kate Henderson, a past junior, made a special effort to get up from Sydney to assist during the week. The mums (come group supervisors) Trudy Delarue, Shelley Owen and Pat Pang and the parents and grandparents who floated around assisting where ever needed.

The Western District Ladies Junior Girls Golf Camp got a 'thumbs up' from everyone (even if the Golf Professionals got lost getting back to Sydney!!) and although we do have our **moments** the overall atmosphere is a fun week. The local boys appreciated the opportunity to join in and with the girls making rocky road, paddy cakes and coco pop crackers for their golf professionals there was definitely something 'special' about the week – it's just not about golf.

2011 sees the camp at Albert Golf Club-Google for directions on how to get there!! Good Golfing

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**Friday 9<sup>th</sup> July Tournament Results.** 18 Junior Girl Champion -Abby Owen (Royalla) 90, R/U Chloe McCarthy (Cumnock) 91c/b. 18 Nett Winner Courtney Auld (Coolah) 55. Boys 18Hole- Connor Size (Coolah)  
9 Holes Scratch- Girls Ellie Capewell (Coonabarabran) 54, Boys Zak Kelly (Coonabarabran) 56. 6 Hole Winners Brigette Lane (Nyngan), Hamish McMaster (Coolah). 'Ian Norrie' 'Camper of the Week'- Brigette Lane  
Pump Golf Shootout-9 Holes, Scratch Kayla Smith (Blayney); Net Claire Kitchingman (Cowra)



**July 2010 Junior Golf Camp – Coolah.  
‘The Team’**

**Snapshots**



PHOTOS: The group, Coolah Tops National Park and Launching a drive from the Lookout.