

County News 2009

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County Week



(photo shows back row Caroline Agnew, Jane McGuffog, Bethany Peckham and Jackie Gregg, 2nd row: Amy Rae, Chelsey Herbert, Sarah Smith and Miranda Brain, Seated: County President Rosemary Farrow and County Captain Fiona McGlashan and Front row: Jenny McGuigan, Janet Phipps and Hermione Fitzgerald)

Stock Brook Manor Golf Club in Essex played host to the six teams that make up the Eastern Division of County Week held over five days.

Cambs and Hunts fielded one of its youngest ever sides with five promising juniors in the team.

On the first day Cambs and Hunts got off to an encouraging start against Norfolk when they finished the morning foursomes 2-1 up with wins for Caroline Agnew (Links) and Janet Phipps (Gogs) and Hermione Fitzgerald (Links) and Chelsey Herbert (Gogs).

In the afternoon singles Fitzgerald increased that lead with an emphatic win in the top match. Despite some close matches in the other five singles Cambs and Hunts could only secure one further victory when Agnew won her match. They eventually lost the match 5-4. In the other matches on the first day Suffolk beat Bedfordshire 5-4 and favourites Hertfordshire beat Essex 5½-3½.

Suffolk were the opponents on the second day of the competition. All three foursomes matches were evenly contested but Cambs and Hunts finished the morning 2-1 down with Chelsey Herbert (Gogs) and debutant Amy Rae (Lakeside Lodge) claiming the only win. The situation looked serious when Suffolk won the top 2 singles, but Jackie Gregg (Links), Miranda Brain (Gogs) and Jenny McGuigan (Royston) pulled out all the stops in winning their matches and Caroline Agnew (Links) fought bravely to halve her match, giving a match result of 4½-4½.

In the other matches on Day 2 Essex beat Bedfordshire 5½-3½ and Hertfordshire beat Norfolk 7-2.

Cambs and Hunts got off to a flying start when they took on Bedfordshire on Day 3. They managed to secure a 2½-½ lead in the foursomes with wins for Gregg and Fitzgerald and McGuigan and Brain, with Phipps and Jane McGuffog (Gogs) taking a valuable half. They increased their lead when they won four of the six singles with victories for Gregg, Brain, Phipps and Fitzgerald. This gave a match result of 6½-2½. Other results on the day saw Essex beat Norfolk 5-4 and Hertfordshire beat Suffolk 6-3.

County Week continued

Essex proved tough opponents on day 4. Despite three close matches in the foursomes Cambs and Hunts trailed by 2½-½, with Herbert and Sarah Smith (Links) securing the half.

Phipps and Agnew played extremely well to win their singles matches giving a final match score of 6½-2½ to Essex.

Other results on the day saw Norfolk beat Suffolk 6½-2½ and Hertfordshire beat Bedfordshire 7-2.

On the final day Cambs and Hunts took on Hertfordshire, the strongest County in the Division.

In the morning foursomes Cambs and Hunts put up a stern challenge in all three matches but just lost out 2-1 with Caroline Agnew (Links) and Janet Phipps (Gogs) securing the only victory.

The afternoon singles were evenly contested with four of the six matches finishing on the 17th or 18th holes. Although Cambs and Hunts lost 4-2 this did not reflect the fine performance of the team. Once again Caroline Agnew continued her good run of form with victory in the second match and Amy Rae (Lakeside Lodge) clinched victory in the fifth match to round off an exciting debut week. Miranda Brain (Gogs) was awarded her County 1st team Colours.

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England Call up

Abbotsley's Paula Parker was one of four new caps selected for this season's major international competitions.

Following excellent performances at the Senior Amateur Championship at Hunstanton where she reached the quarter-finals and the Stroke Play Championship at Royal Ashdown Forest, where she finished 10th, Paula has been named in the England team for the Senior Home International matches at Newport, Wales on September 29th- October 1st. In addition

Paula is on standby as a reserve for the European Seniors' team championship at Dun Laoghaire, Ireland on September 1st-4th.

Paula said she was surprised and delighted by her selection. It was a great honour to be asked to play for England and she was looking forward to the experience.

(Photo Paula Parker)



DIVISION 2 MEETING AT BRAMPTON PARK

In glorious conditions Trina Miller used her local knowledge when she scored a gross 95 to secure top spot in the Cambs and Hunts Golf Association Division 2 meeting held at Brampton Park.

Brampton Park's Liz Olding took 1st nett to claim the Audrey Nicole Cup with a brilliant score of nett 69. Second nett went to Bourn's Debbie Foster with a nett 71 with Abbotsley's Rosemary Blake in 3rd place with a nett 72.

(Photo shows Trina Miller with County President Rosemary Farrow).



County Veterans

Cambs and Hunts Veterans team scored a good 3-1 victory over Bedfordshire Veterans at The Links, Newmarket. Despite the wet conditions the Cambs and Hunts team stuck to their task with wins for Rosemary Farrow (St. Neots) and Mae Kember (Bourn), Glynis Anderson (Menzies) and Greta Barclay (Ely City) and Jan Stockham (Gogs) and Christine Ratcliffe (Ely City).

County 2nd team

The County 2nd team made a winning start in defence of the Inter-County Trophy won last year when they secured a solid 6-3 victory over Bedfordshire 2nd team at Brampton Park. In the morning foursomes Cambs and Hunts took a 3-0 lead with wins for Lesley Ince (Brampton Park) and Lisa Charlton (Ely City), Mo Webster (Brampton Park) and Susan Fenwick (Abbotsley) and Tina Broadley (Ely City) and Sharren Kjenstad (Ramsey). The afternoon singles were halved 3-3 with wins for Charlton, Poole and Fenwick.

Midland Veterans 4 BBB Championship

Brampton Park played host to the Midland Veterans 4 BBB Championship and the Cambs and Hunts players used their knowledge of the course to good effect.

Rosemary Farrow (St Neots) and Julie Walter (St Ives) were pipped on countback for the gross prize by Elaine Hancock and Diane Platt (Spalding) both pairs having scored an excellent gross 74.

In the handicap section top honours went to Bourn's Mae Kember and Judy Morris with a magnificent score of nett 65. Second spot went to Janet Pearson and P Skidmore (Glen Gorse) with nett 68 on countback from Brampton Park's Mo Poole and Brenda Davey also on nett 68. (Photo shows Judy Morris, Mae Kember, Brenda Davey and Mo Poole)



Division 3 and High Handicappers meeting.

In near perfect conditions Heydon Grange's Hazel Hayden scored an excellent 37 points to claim the Cambs and Hunts ladies Div 3 title at Bourn Golf Club. Second place went to Jackie Summerfield (Bourn) on 36 points, with Abbotsley's Helen Johnson third with 35 points on count back from 4th placed Lynn Townsend (Lakeside Lodge) also on 35 points. In the High Handicapper section Bourn's Jean Peacey took top spot with 33 points, four ahead of Girton's Pauline Naisbett on 29 points, with Lesley Lester (Heydon Grange) finishing third with 29 points. (Photo shows left to right Hazel Hayden and Jean Peacey).

Cambs and Hunts Veterans v Norfolk Veterans

The Cambs and Hunts Veterans team travelled to Swaffham Golf Club for their annual match against Norfolk Veterans team.

In the top match Rosemary Farrow (St Neots) and Judy Freeman (Ramsey) lost out 4 and 3. Gogs Polly Brown and Links Robin Gotobed levelled the score with a 3 and 2 victory. In the third match Mae Kember (Bourn) and Margaret McCall (Girton) lost out 3 & 2 against a pair from the host club and Viv Snushall (March) and Liz Smith (Ely City) just lost out 2 and 1, to give Norfolk Veterans victory by 3-1.

Junior/Adult Greensomes

In ideal conditions the St Ives pairing of Heather Wood and Laura Howard teamed up to win the Junior/Adult Greensomes played at Heydon Grange Golf Club. They produced an excellent score of 37 pts to take first place over Hazel Mayer (Lakeside Lodge) and Emily Slater (Girton) who scored 36 pts.

The Links pair of Claire Tuttle and Paula Ewing won the prize for the best nine in with 18 pts and countback from Sue Hilson and Grace Plumb, whilst Julie Walter and Harriet Haywood won the prize for the best nine out with 20 pts. The mystery Prize for the best score on the par 3's and par 5's went to Miranda and Dubie Brain (Gogs) with 16 pts.

(Photo shows Heather Wood, Laura Howard, Julie Walter, Emily Slater and Hazel Mayer)



Cambs & Hunts 2nd v Essex 2nd

Cambs and Hunts Ladies 2nd team faced a tough challenge when they faced a strong Essex side at Benton Hall in the second match of the Inter County Trophy.

After the morning foursomes Cambs and Hunts found themselves down by 2½-½, with Tina Broadley (Ely City) and Sharren Kjenstad (Ramsey) halving their match.

In the afternoon Cambs and Hunts put up a spirited performance to halve the singles 3 – 3 with wins for Captain Mo Poole (Brampton Park), Kjenstad and Broadley, giving a match score of 5½-3½ to Essex.

Cambs & Hunts 2nd v Herts 2nd

The County 2nd team travelled to Old Fold Manor to face a strong Hertfordshire team in the Inter Counties Trophy. They produced some excellent golf to halve the morning foursomes with a win for Susan Fenwick (Abbotsley) and Rosemary Walker (Girton), and a valuable half for Tina Broadley (Ely City) and Sharron Kjenstad (Ramsey).

In the afternoon singles Cambs and Hunts were unable to continue the momentum and despite some very closely fought matches they just lost out by 4-2, with a win for Tina Broadley and halves for Mo Poole and Susan Fenwick. This gave a match score of 5½-3½ to Herts 2nd.

2nd v Northants (friendly)

Cambs and Hunts 2nd team played a friendly match against Northants 2nd team at Ely City. In the morning foursomes the matches finished all square with Tina Broadley (Ely City) and Sharren Kjenstad (Ramsey) winning their match and Ely City's Jane Mitchell and Brampton Park's Lesley Ince scoring a valuable half.

In the afternoon singles non-playing Captain Mo Poole was forced into action, as a substitute through illness, and answered the call with a solid victory. Further wins for Laura Todd (Ely City) and Helen Gillett (St Neots) and a half for Kjenstad gave Cambs and Hunts a narrow victory by 5-4

(Photo shows left to right Laura Todd, Tina Broadley, Sharren Kjenstad, Captain Mo Poole, Lesley Ince, Helen Gillett and Jane Mitchell)

Grace Norman Trophy

Girton Ladies took the honours in the final of the Grace Norman Trophy. In a closely contested match they came out winners by 2-1 over Ramsey.

In the first semi-final of the Inter Club Foursomes Knockout played at Lakeside Lodge Girton had to battle hard against Bourn. With the score even at one all the remaining match went to the third extra hole before Girton's Fiona McGlashen and Margaret McCall secured the win for their team.

The second semi-final was also evenly contested and with the match score at one all Ramsey's Nancy Smith and Rosie Hall clinched the deciding match finishing one up on the 18th hole.

In the final Ramsey struck first as Dawn Robinson and Lucy Mills triumphed over Jean Curtis and Anne Lockwood 4 & 2 in the top match.

Girton's Fiona McGlashen and Margaret McCall were down in their match against Ramsey's Pat Parnell and Mary Fielding but fought back and took the lead on the 17th. They then won the 18th to finish 2 up to level the match. This meant that the match went to the decider. Girton's stalwart Sue Hill, playing with junior Emily Slater produced some excellent golf to hold off a spirited challenge from Ramsey's Nancy Smith and Rosie Hall as they won the match 4 & 2 to clinch the trophy for Girton. (Photo shows Sue Hill, Emily Slater, Margaret McCall, Captain Jean Curtis, Anne Lockwood and Fiona McGlashen)





Home Internationals beckon for Chelsey!!!

Chelsey Herbert (Gog Magog) produced some solid golf to qualify for the match play stages of the Welsh Girls Championship played at Holyhead Golf Club. She produced some stunning golf to win 5 & 4 in her first and second round matches before eventually losing to Natasha Gobey who was the losing finalist. Her achievements and hard work through the year gained her a place in the Welsh Girl's Team which will participate in the Home Internationals in August.



Sarah's Success!

Girls' County Captain Sarah Smith has seen a lot of the Aldeburgh course in June. Following a good showing at the East Region Ladies Championship, where she qualified through to the top 16 match play stage, Sarah won the Aldeburgh Spoon Ladies Open. She completed the 'double' by winning the afternoon foursomes event! There was more success for Sarah when she competed in the English Girls Close Amateur Championships played at North Wilts Golf Club at the end of July. The competition was played in appalling conditions but Sarah battled her way through to the 2nd flight match play. Playing solid golf Sarah had three comfortable wins before losing in the semi-final 1 down to the eventual winner Charlotte Austwick.

Miranda Masters the Old Course!

The current Gog Magog Junior Girls' Captain Miranda Brain won the recent Ladies 36 Hole Trophy with two stunning rounds of gross 71 around the Old Course at Gog Magog.

Having been cut to 3 handicap at the Girl's County Championship, Miranda's performance will see her down to 2.

