

County News 2012

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Including reports on: Jean Wilkinson, Mary Cole Rose Bowl, Veterans Championship, Junior County Match Days, President's Day, Officials Cup, Scratch Foursomes Final, Results from 2nd team, Veterans and National competition success



Jean Wilkinson – Gog Magog triumph after an epic battle

Gog Magog Golf Club won the Jean Wilkinson Trophy in an epic battle against St Ives played at Abbotsley Golf Club. The Jean Wilkinson is a team competition consisting of seven singles matches played off scratch within three different handicap bands.

In the semi-final Gog Magog faced the holders Ely City. After the top two matches the scores were even, the Gogs pulled ahead when they won the next two matches. However Ely City fought back and won the next two matches to level the score. In the deciding match the Gogs went through the turn 3 up, but despite a valiant effort by Ely the Gogs won the final game 5 & 4 to secure a 4-3 victory.

In the second semi-final St Ives faced Brampton Park. St Ives started at a canter and won the first four matches to clinch the tie.

The final was play in a blustery wind with occasional rain. Gogs took an early lead when Sarah Jones raced into a lead. She held off a spirited fight back by Kathy Cooper to run out a winner by 3 & 1. St Ives Geraldine Fleming levelled the score when she defeated Vicky Beulan with a 3 & 2 victory. Gogs edged ahead when Birta Feix won a close match against Trish Whittamore 2 & 1 and Shona Keene clinched her match against Heather Wood 4 & 2.

Stephanie Allen pulled one back for St Ives when she defeated Sonia Hyvonen. With the light fading the final two pairs continued the battle and Sue Mortimer of the Gogs clinched the match with a 1 up victory against Karen Abbott. As a result had been achieved the final game was called in with the score all square as the players were playing their 20th hole. A hard fought victory went to the Gogs by 4½-2½.

Top picture Gogs winning team and caddies, bottom picture St Ives Captain with the runners-up trophy.

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Just a reminder that the Cambs and Hunts LCGA Annual General Meeting will be held on Thursday, 22nd November 2012 at 2.00 pm at Gog Magog Golf Club.

Please try to encourage Members and trophy winners of your Club to attend this meeting.





Royston romp off with the Rose Bowl

Royston put in a fine performance to clinch the Cambs and Hunts Ladies Golf Association's Mary Cole Rose Bowl played at St Neots Golf Club. Eighteen clubs, represented by three players, took part in the 18 hole stroke play competition, with all scores counting towards the team score.

In glorious sunshine the team of Libby Toby (79) and Josie Seward (79) provided a solid base and Jenny Thompson put the icing on the cake with an excellent round of 71 to clinch the trophy with a team score of 229.

They were four shots ahead of Ely City whose team of Tina Broadley (79), Jane Webster (81) and Beverley Filby (73) took second place with a team score of 233.

The best individual nett score of the day was the 69 of Maria Bayes (Abbotsley).

County Veterans' Championship – Nap hand for Rosemary

St Neots' Rosemary Farrow produced a solid round of golf to claim her fifth Cambs and Hunts Ladies Veterans' Championship at Gog Magog Golf Club. Despite the near perfect conditions the course was playing long after the recent heavy rain but Farrow's accurate play produced a gross score of 81 which also saw her take the Senior Veterans' Cup.

The President's Salver for the best nett score was won by Linda Brown (Bourn) with an excellent round of nett 71.

In the Silver Division three players finished on nett 73 with Isobel MacClean (Gogs) taking first place on countback from second placed Judy Morris (Bourn) and third placed Maureen Shaw (Gogs). The Links' Ann Greig claimed fourth place on countback from Liz Smith (Ely City) after both players scored nett 74.

Bronze Division A was won by Ely City's Barbara Wood with nett 74. Doreen Farman (Abbotsley) needed countback to take second place from fellow Abbotsley player Sarah Rennie who settled for third place after both players scored nett 75.

Abbotsley's Jill Handley took top spot in Bronze Division B with a nett 76 with Helen Johnson (Abbotsley) second with nett 80.

(Photo shows left to right Linda Brown and Rosemary Farrow with their trophies)



Scratch Foursomes Knockout Final – Champions retain title

The final of the Cambs and Hunts Scratch Foursomes competition took place at Menzies Golf Club between the holders Marcella Tuttle and Sarah Greenall (Links) and Liz Smith and Greta Barclay (Ely City).

Marcella and Sarah won the 1st hole with a birdie after Liz and Greta found trouble off the tee and they increased their lead with another birdie on the 2nd, after sinking a long putt. Liz and Greta reduced the arrears with a long par putt on the third and after halving the 4th hole they drew level when they birdied the 5th.

Marcella and Sarah regained the lead on the sixth but back came Liz and Greta with another birdie on the 7th and they reached the turn all square.

The level of golf dipped slightly but Marcella and Sarah continued to produce solid golf and they gradually edged into a three hole lead after winning the 11th, 12th and 14th holes. With holes running out for their opponents, they closed out the match on the 16th for a 3 and 2 victory to retain their title.



Junior County Match Day – South Herts Golf Club

The inaugural East Region Junior County Match Days took place at South Hertfordshire Golf Club on 20th-22nd August. The competition involved squads of eight players, with six players playing singles off scratch, but in handicap order. The teams from Essex, Hertfordshire, Suffolk, Norfolk and Bedfordshire provided extremely tough opposition and the team of Junior Captain Claire Tuttle (Links) Chalani Allen (Gogs), Harriet Hayward (St Ives), Laura Howard (St Ives), Katie Nicoll (Menzies), Emily Smith (Royston), Megan Taylor (Brampton Park) and Megan Willis (Old Nene) faced a real challenge.



On the first morning Cambs and Hunts faced Essex. Although Essex were not at full strength they still fielded a very strong team. Cambs and Hunts put up a good fight with Katie Nicoll (5 & 3) and Chalani Allen (8 & 6) winning their matches. The end result was a 4-2 win for Essex. The results of the other morning matches were Norfolk ½ - Suffolk 5½ and Hertfordshire 3½ - Bedfordshire 2½.

In the afternoon match the opponents were Norfolk. Cambs and Hunts flew out of the blocks with Megan Taylor gaining a valuable half in the top match. Captain Claire Tuttle produced some fine golf to claim a 4 & 3 win. In the third game Katie Nicoll claimed her second victory of the day with an emphatic 5 & 3 win. In the fourth match Chalani Allen fought hard and came through with an important half. Norfolk won the final two games and the match result was a 3 all draw. The results of the other afternoon matches were Suffolk 4½ - Bedfordshire 1½ and Essex 1½ - Hertfordshire 4½.

With Tuesday came a new challenge with Katie Nicoll our double winner from Monday injured. In the morning our opponents were Bedfordshire and Megan Taylor got the team off to a good start with a solid 4 & 3 victory. Claire Tuttle put up a good fight but just lost out 2 & 1. Cambs and Hunts lost the next two matches before Laura Howard recorded an excellent 3 & 2 victory. The final match was keenly contested but Bedfordshire just edged ahead to win the game and take the match 4 – 2. The results of the other morning matches were Suffolk 0 – Hertfordshire 6 and Norfolk 3 – Essex 3.

In the afternoon match Cambs and Hunts faced Suffolk. The top two matches produced some excellent golf and although we had chances in both games Megan Taylor just lost out on the 18th hole and Claire Tuttle finished 2 down. Harriet Hayward played solid golf to take a good lead, but her opponent gradually played her way back into the game before Harriet closed out the game with a 2 & 1 win. Emily Smith played extremely well to record a 3 & 1 win. The other two matches went to Suffolk to give them a winning score of 4 – 2. The results of the other afternoon matches were Essex 2½ - Bedfordshire 3½ and Norfolk 1 – Hertfordshire 5.

On the final day Cambs and Hunts faced their toughest challenge when they faced the hosts Hertfordshire. Despite playing against players with far superior handicaps the Cambs and Hunts players put up extremely good performances with four of the games going to the 16th or 17th holes. As an indication of the challenge one of our players lost a hole when she scored a birdie and her opponent eagled the hole. However Hertfordshire closed out all the matches for a 6 – 0 win. The other results were Norfolk 0 – Bedfordshire 6 and Suffolk 3½ - Essex 2½.

Hertfordshire won the competition with five wins, with Suffolk 2nd, Bedfordshire 3rd, Essex 4th, Norfolk 5th and Cambs and Hunts 6th.

(Photo shows l-r back row Megan Willis, Laura Howard and Katie Nicoll, front row Chalani Allen, Harriet Hayward, Claire Tuttle (Captain), Emily Smith and Megan Taylor)

Cambs and Hunts Veterans v Suffolk Veterans

Cambs and Hunts Veterans travelled to Bury St Edmunds for their annual match against Suffolk Veterans. In perfect conditions Cambs and Hunts went 2 up when Rosemary Farrow (St Neots) and Greta Barclay (Ely City) won 4 & 3 and Captain Liz Smith (Ely City) and Linda Kelsey (Saffron Walden) clinched a 5 & 4 win.



In the third match Edie Douglas (Links) and Kiyoko McLellan (Saffron Walden) lost a close match 2 & 1 and Grace Eastment (Menzies) and Robin Gotobed (Links) lost their match 4 & 3, resulting in a 2 all draw.

(Photo shows left to right Greta Barclay, Linda Kelsey, Kiyoko McLellan, Liz Smith (Captain), Robin Gotobed, Rosemary Farrow, Edie Douglas and Grace Eastment)

v Norfolk Seniors

Cambs and Hunts Veterans entertained Norfolk Seniors (youngsters aged 50+) at Ely City Golf Club in the inaugural match between the two teams.

Norfolk fielded an extremely strong team and ran out winners by 4 – 0. Captain Liz Smith (Ely City) and Rosemary Farrow (St Neots) put up a tremendous battle before losing on the last hole. Polly Brown and Chris McMullen (Gogs) lost out 4 & 3 and Glynis Anderson (Menzies) and Greta Barclay (Ely City) lost 3 & 2. Hazel Suswain (Ramsey) put up a brave lone battle against a strong Norfolk pair but lost her match.

County 2nd team v Norfolk 2nd team

The County 2nd team faced a strong Norfolk 2nd team at Lakeside Lodge. In the morning foursomes Cambs and Hunts found themselves 2 – 1 down with Captain Sharren Kjenstad (Ramsey) and Tina Broadley (Ely City) winning their match 3 & 1.

The singles proved tough with Norfolk winning five and drawing one of the six matches. Cindy McIntyre (Bourn) managed to draw her game. The match result was a 7½-1½ win for Norfolk.

County 2nd team finals

In the final round of the season the 2nd teams of Norfolk, Suffolk, Bedfordshire, Essex and Cambs and Hunts select teams of eight players. Two players from each county played singles against two players from each of the other four teams.

Bethany Peckham (Menzies) won her match against Suffolk 3 & 2 and Tina Broadley (Ely City) won her match against Bedfordshire 3 & 2. These scores were then added to the scores of the matches played during the season.

The final results were a win for Essex, with Norfolk 2nd and Cambs and Hunts in a creditable third place.



(Photo shows Marilize Snyman-Harvey, Mo Poole, Sharren Kjenstad (Captain), Cindy McIntyre, Tina Broadley, Bethany Peckham, Laura Tuttle and Claire Tuttle.)



Autumn Foursomes – Maria and Tabitha take top spot

In ideal conditions the pairing of Maria Bayes (Abbotsley) and Tabitha Brain (Gogs) put in a brilliant performance at Bourn, by scoring 37 points to win the Cambs and Hunts Autumn Foursomes, an 18 hole stableford competition, by two points.

After the recent dry and windy spell the greens proved very difficult to read and local knowledge proved invaluable as second place went to Bourn's Diane Amps and Pauline Marais with 35 pts, with another Bourn pair of Ali Cope and Janet Topham clinching third place with 33 pts.

(Photo shows Maria Bayes and Tabitha Brain)

Out and About with the juniors

East Region Girl's Championship – Third place for Harriet

Royal Norwich Golf Club played host to the East Region Girls' Championship in August. Thirty-one talented youngsters competed for the various age group titles and Harriet Haywood (St Ives) just missed out on 2nd spot in the handicap section on countback with nett scores of 75 & 69 for a total score of 144. Ely City's Chloe Ashman finished joint sixth in the handicap section with nett scores of 77 and 69 for a total score of 146



Midland Champion or Champions



On a windy dry day at Spalding Golf Club the County Junior Champions battled it out to become the Midland Junior Champion. Spalding is an extremely tight course and the wind made it difficult to stay on the fairway. After a long and difficult day Cambs and Hunts Junior Champion Megan Taylor (Brampton Park) finished in 3rd place in the Under 18 event with scores of 85 and 82 for a total of 167.



Royston's 14 year old Emily Smith represented Cambs and Hunts in the Under 16 event and put up a valiant fight to finish with scores of 89 and 86 for a total score of 175.

Alison Cunningham Trophy and Mansfield Salver



On a very wet day at Girton the final of the junior singles match play competition saw Jessica Gibbons (Bourn) play Megan Willis (Old Nene) compete for the Alison Cunningham Trophy. With the difference in handicaps Jessica received two shots. The match was very evenly contested with the lead swinging from one player to the other. Jessica moved into a two hole lead at the 13th and despite the best efforts of Megan, she maintained that lead and closed out the match on the 16th hole with a 2 & 1 victory.

The losing semi-finalists Lindie Tapping (Gogs) and Chloe Ashman (Ely City) competed for the Mansfield Salver, with the difference in handicap Lindie received four shots. Lindie produced some stunning golf and took an early lead with some excellent putting to record a run of four pars and a birdie. Chloe fought hard to reduce the arrears but Lindie continued her good form and ran out a winner by 6 & 4.

(Photo shows left to right Lindie Tapping and Jessica Gibbons)

UK Wee Wonders – Two to watch for the future



Jade and Anna Guest of the Gog Magog Golf Club enjoyed success in the UK final of the Wee Wonders competition held at St Andrews in Scotland. Eleven year old Jade finished in 3rd place out of 19 in the Under 12 event with scores of 80 and 72 for a total score of 156.

Younger sister Anna finished second out of 16 in the Under 8 category with scores of 36, 39 and 41 for a total score of 166.



President's Day

Players from Bourn and Brampton Park walked away with the majority of prizes at the President's Day team competition held at Ely City Golf Club.

Despite the ideal conditions the course provided a good test for the 26 teams, with the rough proving rather challenging after the recent rain. After finishing runners-up last year the Bourn quartet of Julie Gray, Chris Begley, Lindy Clemmow and Elaine Randall raised their game to take top spot with 89 points. Second place went to Sally Pinnock, Suzie Miles, Mary MacDonald and Wendy Ward (Bourn) with 87 points.

Brampton Park's team of Jean Temple, Gwen Sutton, Shirley Osborn and May Burn finished in third place with 84 points, just one point ahead of fourth placed Brenda Davey, June Cowper, Di Hernaman and Trina Miller (Brampton Park)

The special prize for the best team score on the 7th and 14th holes went to Mo Poole, Lesley Ince, Kay Osbourne and Grace Eastment (Brampton, St Neots and Menzies) with 18 points.

The prizes for the longest drives went to Karen Cox (Brampton Park) – Silver and Jean Bowyer (Girton) – Bronze and the longest putt to drop on the 18th hole was won by Sue Amiss (Saffron Walden)

The nearest the pin prizes went to Jane McGlashen (Brampton Park) (2nd hole), Sally Pinnock (Bourn) (6th and 12th holes) and Polly Brown (Gogs) (15th hole)

(Photo shows l to r Lindy Clemmow, Julie Gray, Elaine Randall and Chris Begley)



Junior/Ladies Greensomes

Despite the blustery conditions Natasha Bamford and Greta Barclay (Ely City) produced consistent golf to win the Junior/Ladies Greensomes at Girton Golf Club. They scored 40 points to take top spot, the highlight of the round being a chip-in from the edge of the green by Natasha for four points. Second place went to Bourn's Charlotte and Hazel Platt with 37 points, with Harriet Haywood and Julie Walter of St Ives in third place with 36 points.

Katie Nicoll (Menzies) and Barbara Nicoll (Saffron Walden) won the prize for best nine in with 20 points with Sophie Nicoll (Gogs) and Jaine Fieldhouse (Saffron Walden) winning the best nine out with 21 points. The mystery prize for the best score on the par 3's and par 5's went to Jessica Gibbons and Lorna Bridge (Bourn).

In the competition County Junior Megan Willis (Old Nene) scored a hole-in-one on the very tricky 172 yard par three 12th hole using a rescue club.

(Photo shows Natasha Bamford and Greta Barclay)



Scratch League –Links retain title

The Links Newmarket won four of their six matches to retain the Scratch League title with 27 points, with Gog Magog securing second place with 22 points.

In Division 2 St Ives won seven of their eight matches to claim top spot with 41 points with Menzies in second place with 21 points.

With one match to go in Division 3, Abbotsley have already won all five of their matches and their 27 points are sufficient to take top spot.

Success for Emily in National Finals

Emily Slater had a very successful week playing for last year's National Champions Lincolnshire, as they defended their title at the National Finals at East Devon. Emily a member of Woodhall Spa and Ely City played 36 holes a day for four of the five days and recorded four wins in the singles and one win in the foursomes. During one of her singles matches she also recorded a hole-in-one. Well done Emily a great effort.

Travelling with the Veterans

Senior Women's Southern Regional Tournament

Gog Magog's Jenny Carter-Axford travelled down to Teignmouth Golf Club in August to take part in the Senior Women's Regional Tournament and produced a fantastic round of nett 72, one under her handicap, to take 2nd place out of a very strong field of 60. Well done Jenny.

Sunningdale Foursomes

Christine Ratcliffe and Liz Smith (Ely City) entered the Sunningdale Foursomes which took place early in September. The course has 11 par 3's and 7 par 4's for a par of 61, but with tight fairways and lots of heather it proves a real challenge. The first part of the competition involved 36 holes of foursomes medal and Liz and Christine played extremely well to qualify for the match play event. On the Wednesday they made their way through two rounds of the match play which took them into the semi-final on Thursday. They took an early lead, but their opponents gradually played their way back into the match and they took the lead for the first time when they sunk a long putt on the 18th. Another good result for Cambs and Hunts.

Midland Veterans' Stableford Competition at Thetford.

Sixty seniors took part in the Midland Veterans' Ladies Golf Association 18 hole stableford competition at Thetford Golf Club. In ideal conditions the course was in beautiful condition, although the greens proved difficult. The competition was won by Jo Ashmore (Barnham Broom) with 37 points and Ely City's Greta Barclay took 4th place in Division A with 33 points.

Brampton Park's Jane McGlashen took 3rd place in Division B with 34 points.

President's Day

We raised a total of £2,083 on President's Day thanks to the generosity of the players on the day and to the club members who purchased the Grand Draw squares. Thank you all for your support.

Prize winners

Golf Bag	-	Ros Irons (Brampton Park)
Green Fees:		
Gogs	-	Judy King (Lakeside Lodge)
Links	-	Heather Neill (Heydon Grange)
St Neots	-	John Thompson (St Neots)
March	-	Martin Johns (Bourn)
Saffron Walden	-	Tina Forbes (Ely City)
Heydon Grange	-	Judith Casey (St Ives)
St Ives	-	Megan Willis (Old Nene)
Girton	-	Fay Allison (Brampton Park)
Cambridge Menzies	-	Vicky Fox (Old Nene)
Brampton Park	-	Janet Kilsby (Menzies)
Ely City	-	Lesley Lester (Heydon Grange)
Abbotsley	-	Denise Pope (Cromwell)
Cromwell	-	Thelma Walker (HeydonGrange)
Lt Blue Jumper	-	Pat Nixon (Ely City)
Bottle of Wine	-	Mary Thompson (St Neots)
Bottle of Wine	-	Iris Beardsmore (Bourn)

Officials' Cup – Linda takes the trophy

On a dry sunny day Ely City's Linda Steele won the Cambs and Hunts Officials' Cup played at Old Nene Golf Club.

Despite the course being in perfect condition it proved to be a real challenge. Linda started extremely well with 20 points on the front nine, but the back nine proved more difficult and she eventually finished with 34 points. Second place went to Old Nene's Anyta Francis who scored 33 points. Lin Smith (Bourn) took third place with 32 points on countback from Ely City's Liz Smith.

(Photo shows Anyta Francis and Linda Steele)



THANK YOU

Once again it has been a busy year for the Junior Section. Junior County Organiser, Marcella Tuttle has, with the help of Alan Fletcher, developed a full training programme, trying to get the girls up to speed before the inaugural Junior County Match Days at South Herts. There is still much work to be done. Alan has also undertaken a couple of joint sessions with some of the County Squad and the Development Squad. This has been a useful exercise with the County Squad girls learning leadership skills and the Development Squad learning what they need to do to get into the County Squad.

As usual Maureen Mansfield and Rosemary Hay have busied themselves with looking after the Junior 2nd team and the Development Squad. We have a promising group of younger players coming through and we need to make sure that clubs encourage these youngsters. Maureen has also organised all the usual junior competition and Rosemary has introduced Order of Merit and Handicap Challenges for the juniors, I don't know where they put all the paperwork.

Sue Hill our Welfare Officer has also helped with the Development Squad and took on the challenge as the driver of the mini-bus which took the Juniors down to South Hertfordshire. This was a daunting challenge as Marcella organised community singing for the journey.

The other members of the Committee, Rachel Ashman, Peter Allen, Rosemary Farrow and new member Chris Heath, have all put in a lot of time offering valuable support to the juniors and attending the training sessions. Thank you all for your hard work.

Marcella is retiring after five years as the County Junior Organiser and I would like to offer a special thank you for all her hard work during that time. She will be a hard act to follow.

The parents and grandparents have also played their part and we thank them for their help and support throughout the season. Finally to the juniors themselves, well done, you have all made good progress this year, but there is still a long way to go. We look forward to a good season next year.

Mail on Sunday – 8th round

Sadly St Neots incredible run in the Mail on Sunday came to an end in the eighth round when they lost 4 – 1 to Gorleston. Well done it was a tremendous effort.

I hope you have enjoyed reading County News 2012.

Happy winter golfing, see you all again in 2013

County Finals – Essex are just Champion

Our congratulations go to the East Region Champions Essex who lifted the National Title at East Devon Golf Club. In a nail biting finish they clinched the title on a countback with 26½ with Lancashire taking 2nd place with 26.