

County News 2012

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Including reports on: County Week, Division 3 and High Handicappers, Foursomes Championship, East Region Seniors Championship, Grace Norman Trophy and results: 2nd Team, Veterans and Juniors

County Week

Ipswich Golf Club played host to the six teams that make up the East Region of County Match Week held over five days.

In the wet and windy conditions Cambs and Hunts had a tough start as they faced reigning Champions Hertfordshire, always formidable opponents fielding their experienced and talented crop of young players. Despite the 9-0 score line there were some close matches with three finishing on the 18th hole.

Other results on the day were Norfolk beat Bedfordshire 6-3 and Essex beat Suffolk 5½-3½.

On Day 2 County Champion Miranda Brain joined the squad for the match against local rivals Suffolk. The Suffolk team had been strengthened by the return of two former professional players who had regained their amateur status. Cambs and Hunts took a 2-1 lead after the morning foursomes with wins for Miranda Brain and Chelsey Herbert (Gogs) and an excellent debut win for Meg Taylor (Brampton) and partner Marcella Tuttle (Links).

The singles started well with both Miranda and Tabitha Brain halving their matches and Chelsey Herbert following up with an excellent win. Despite some exciting play the remaining games all went to Suffolk to give them a win by 5-4.

Other results on the day were Herts beat Norfolk 6½-2½ and Essex beat Bedfordshire 7½-1½.



Bedfordshire provided the opposition for the third day of competition. Once again Cambs and Hunts took the foursomes 2-1 with wins for Miranda Brain and Caroline Bird (Links) and Tabitha Brain and Amy Rae (St Ives).

In the afternoon singles the team maintained their pressure and had comfortable wins in the top three games by Miranda and Tabitha Brain and Caroline Bird to secure the win. Marcella Tuttle battled hard to secure a half and Amy Rae closed out her match on the 18th hole for a 6½-2½ victory.

Other results on the day included an unexpected 5½-3½ victory for Suffolk over Herts and an excellent 4½-4½ result for Norfolk against Essex.

Day 4 and our opponents were Essex, a team of promising young players. With Chelsey out injured and Miranda and Tabitha absent with exams the team faced an uphill battle. Jackie Gregg (Links) and Caroline Bird secured a valuable half in the foursomes but Cambs and Hunts found themselves 2½-½ down.

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County Week (contd)

The first two singles went to Essex and Caroline Bird put up a great fight before losing her match on the 18th hole. Cambs and Hunts fought back when Amy Rae put up a brilliant performance to win her match 3 & 2 and Laura Todd (Ely City), making her debut at County Week, secured her first victory winning 2 up. Essex clinched the final singles for a 6½-2½ win.

Other results were Suffolk beat Norfolk 5½-3½ and Herts beat Bedfordshire 8-1.

On the final day Cambs and Hunts got off to a flying start against Norfolk, taking all three of the foursomes matches with wins for Jackie Gregg and Caroline Bird, Amy Rae and Tabitha Brain and Jane McGuffog and Laura Todd.

With moral high the team stuck to their task to take four of the 6 singles with wins for Tabitha Brain, Jackie Gregg, Caroline Bird and Megan Taylor for a 7-2 victory.

In the other matches Suffolk beat Bedfordshire 5½-3½ and in the decider Essex ran out comfortable winners over Herts to clinch the East Region title with 4½ pts (30½ games), 2nd Suffolk 4 pts (25 games), 3rd Herts 3 pts (29½ games), 4th Cambs and Hunts 2 pts (20 games), 5th Norfolk 1½ pts (18½ games) and 6th Bedfordshire 0 pts (11½ games).

Photo shows back row: Caroline Bird, Laura Todd, Jackie Gregg, Marcella Tuttle and Tabitha Brain. Seated: Amy Rae, County President Greta Barclay, County Captain Jane McGuffog and Megan Taylor.

Missing from the photo Miranda Brain and Chelsey Herbert

Tabitha awarded her County Colours

After an excellent performance in her 2nd County Match Week, where she won four and drew one of her seven matches, Tabitha Brain was awarded her County Colours.

Photo shows Tabitha Brain with County Captain Jane McGuffog after being presented with her County Colours.



Success for local players in the Midland Veterans' Competition

The team of Brenda Davey and Mo Poole (Brampton Park) and Grace Eastment and Glynis Anderson (Menzies) took top honours in the Midland Veterans' AM-AM played at Wellingborough Golf Club. The team scored a solid 77 points to win the competition by three points.

Division 3 and High Handicappers meeting – First County Trophy for Sandra and Ann

Warm sunny conditions greeted the competitors in the Cambs and Hunts Div 3 and High Handicappers meeting held at Cromwell Golf Club. Despite the recent heavy rain the course was in remarkably good condition. St Neots Sandra Patmore found the conditions to her liking and put together an excellent round of golf with some solid putting to claim the Long Handicap Cup with a score of 35 pts. Second spot went to last year's winner Pam Fyfe (Ely City) with 33 pts with Ely City member Binnie Bridgeman in third place with 32 pts.

In the High Handicappers Section Ann Russell (Ely City) took the trophy with 31 points, with Judith Casey (St Ives) second with 28 pts.

(Photo shows left to right Sandra Patmore and Ann Russell)



Cambs and Hunts 2nd team

v Essex 2nd team

The Cambs and Hunts 2nd team travelled to Orsett Golf Club for their match against Essex 2nd team. Essex proved to be tough opposition, especially on their home turf.

After the morning foursomes Cambs and Hunts found themselves 3-0 down and were faced with a real challenge in the afternoon singles.

Despite some close games only 2nd team Captain Sharren Kjenstad (Ramsey) managed to win her match and Cindy McIntyre (Bourn) managed to secure a half, giving a match result of 7½-1½ to Essex.

v Suffolk 2nd team

Cambs and Hunts 2nd team travelled to Bury St Edmunds Golf Club for their match against Suffolk 2nd team. In the morning foursomes Cambs and Hunts took a 2-1 lead with Lesley Ince (St Neots) and Marilize Snyman-Harvey (Bourn) winning their match 3 & 2 and Captain Sharren Kjenstad (Ramsey) and Tina Broadley (Ely City) winning 4 & 2, closing the match with a brilliant eagle on the par 5, 16th hole.

The afternoon singles proved to be a real battle with Suffolk winning the top two matches to take the overall lead. Girton's Rosemary Walker and Bethany Peckham (Menzies) both won their matches 4 & 3 to reclaim the lead for Cambs and Hunts. Once again Suffolk pulled level as they won the fifth match. The final match went to the 18th hole but Sharren Kjenstad held her nerve to halve her match to secure a 4½-4½ draw.

v Bedfordshire 2nd

In their first home tie of the season Cambs and Hunts 2nd team took on Bedfordshire 2nd at Bourn Golf Club. In glorious sunshine the team established a valuable 2-1 lead in the foursomes with Tina Broadley (Ely City) and Sharren Kjenstad (Ramsey) winning their match 2 & 1 and Bourn's Cindy McIntyre and Marilize Snyman-Harvey winning 1 up.

In the afternoon singles Cambs and Hunts were in magnificent form with Tina Broadley winning 4 & 3 and Marilize Snyman-Harvey playing inspired golf for an 8 & 7 victory. Cindy McIntyre fought hard to gain a valuable half before Bethany Peckham (Menzies), Jackie Smith (Saffron Walden) on her debut and Sharren Kjenstad all won their matches 2 & 1 for a match result of 7½-1½ to Cambs and Hunts.

(Photo shows from left to right back row: Marilize Snyman-Harvey, Cindy McIntyre and Jackie Smith and front row: Tina Broadley, Sharren Kjenstad (Captain) and Bethany Peckham



CountyFoursomes Championship – Tuttle's cruise to title

Links Marcella Tuttle and her 17 year old daughter Claire claimed their first title together at the County Foursomes Championships.

Saffron Walden Golf Club hosted the 36 hole competition which was played in near perfect conditions. In the morning round Marcella and Claire had a solid round of gross 81 to establish a four shot lead over last year's winners Grace Eastment and Bethany Peckham (Menzies).

In the afternoon round Marcella and Claire produced some excellent golf to move into a commanding lead with a gross score of 77, to take the title with a total score of 158, with Grace Eastment and Bethany Peckham taking second place with rounds of 85 and 86 for a total of 171. Third place went to Sharren Kjenstad (Ramsey) and Tina Broadley (Ely City) with rounds of 88 and 84 for a total of 172.

In the handicap section Saffron Walden's La-Vern Frost and Corinne Parmentier took top spot with a total nett score of 150, with Kiyoko McLellan and Jaine Fieldhouse (Saffron Walden) second with 152. Third place went to Carol Harrison and Pat Nixon (Ely City) with 154.

(Photo shows left to right Claire and Marcella Tuttle celebrating their victory).





Grace Norman Trophy – March triumph in closely fought final

After a nine year wait March ladies rolled back the years as they used their experience to claim the Grace Norman Trophy for only the second time in their history, with a thrilling 2 – 1 victory over Gog Magog ladies.

In the semi-final of the Inter-Club Foursomes Knockout competition played at Lakeside Lodge Golf Club in scorching hot conditions, March faced a real challenge from St Neots Golf Club. With the match all square at one game all, March's third pair of Sarah Oldham and Penny Gilbert held their nerve to run out 2 & 1 winners to clinch a place in the final.

In the other semi-final Gog Magog Golf Club got off to a flying start in their match against Girton with 11 year old Jade Guest and her experienced partner Jenny Carter-Axford securing a comfortable 4 & 3 win in the top match. The Gogs clinched the match when their second pair of Sarah Jones and Di Stannard closed out their match 4 & 3. The final match was called in as a result had already been achieved.

A welcome breeze in the afternoon made playing conditions easier. In the top match of the final Glenis Jones and Anna Robertson (March) played some solid golf to record a 4 & 3 win over Chris McMullen and Jade Guest. The second pair for the Gogs, Sarah Jones and Shona Keene produced some excellent golf in their 6 & 5 victory to level the match at one all.

The final match between Sarah Oldham and Penny Gilbert (March) and Gillian Attwood and Denise Boswell (Gogs) was evenly contested until the March pair took a two hole lead when they won the 14th and 15th holes. They scrambled a valuable half on the 16th hole and sealed a 2 & 1 victory when they halved the 17th hole to give March a well deserved 2 & 1 victory.

(Top photo shows the March team left to right: Sarah Oldham, Penny Gilbert, Teresa Layton (Captain), Glenis Jones, Anna Robertson and Jo Rowlett)

(Bottom photo shows the Gog Magog team left to right Sarah Jones, Shona Keene, Julie Stephenson (Captain), Jade Guest, Chris McMullen, Denise Boswell and Gillian Attwood together with Boris the mascot.



Cambs and Hunts Junior 2nd Team

After a convincing 3-0 victory in their match against Bedfordshire at St Neots the Junior 2nd team travelled to Wensum Valley for their match against Norfolk 2nd team. The Wensum course is one of the longest courses in Norfolk with many water hazards, but the youngsters took it all in their stride as they managed a very hard-fought draw.

There were good wins for Chalani Allen (Gogs), Sophie Nicoll (Gogs) and Charlotte Platt (Bourn) and a valuable half for Jade Guest (Gogs).

(Photo shows left to right Annabelle Gibbons, Lindie Tapping, Sophie Nicoll, Jade Guest, Chalani Allen, Chloe Ashman and Charlotte Platt)



Cambs and Hunts Veterans v Norfolk Veterans

The Cambs and Hunts Ladies Veterans team faced a strong Norfolk team in their annual match played at The Links, Newmarket. Although the match started out in rain, weather conditions improved throughout the afternoon with a welcome sighting of the sun.

In the top match Rosemary Farrow (St Neots) and Rosemary Hay (Menzies) had a solid 3 and 2 win. Menzies Grace Eastment and Geraldine Fleming (St Ives) had a comfortable 6 & 4 win and Captain Liz Smith (Ely City) and Jenny Jarvis (Royston) clinched the match when they recorded a 5 & 4 win. The final pairing of Glynis Anderson (Menzies) and Greta Barclay (Ely City) lost their match one down, giving a match result of 3 – 1 to Cambs and Hunts.

(Photo shows left to right Geraldine Fleming, Jenny Jarvis, Grace Eastment, Liz Smith (Captain), Rosemary Farrow, Glynis Anderson, Greta Barclay and Rosemary Hay)



Junior County Match Days – Junior Team Selected

Following an extensive training programme throughout the season, under the watchful eye of Alan Fletcher, the Junior County team has been selected for the forthcoming Junior County Match Days at South Herts Golf Club on 20th-22nd August.

The players selected to represent the County are Junior County Captain Claire Tuttle (Links), Chalani Allen (Gogs), Harriett Haywood and Laura Howard (St Ives), Katie Nicoll (Menzies), Emily Smith (Royston), Megan Taylor (Brampton Park) and Megan Willis (Old Nene).

The format for the competition is six games of singles against each of the following Counties: Bedfordshire, Essex, Hertfordshire, Norfolk and Suffolk. There will be two matches on Monday and Tuesday and one match on Wednesday.

If you have a free day on either the 20th or 21st August, get a car load of friends together and come and support the Junior Team. The address and post code for South Herts is Links Drive, Totteridge, London N20 8QU.

(Photo shows left to right County Junior Organiser Marcella Tuttle, Emily Smith, Chalani Allen, Megan Willis, Harriet Hayward, County Junior Captain Claire Tuttle, Laura Howard, Katie Nicoll, Megan Taylor and Team Coach Alan Fletcher.)



East Region Veteran's Ladies Golf Championship

The East Region Ladies Golf Championship was held at Haverhill Golf Club. Despite the heavy overnight rain, the green staff worked hard to ensure that the course was in good condition and it provided a good challenge with little run on the ball.

The top prize went to Sue Lines-Poulton (Thorndon Park, Essex) with a gross 81 with Stowmarket's Teresa Wardlow taking the overall nett prize with net 73. Local success came in the age group categories with Rosemary Farrow (St Neots) taking top spot in the Senior Veterans Group with a nett 77, Isobel McClean (Gogs) taking first prize in the Mid-Veterans group with a nett 76 and Haverhill's Pat Kennedy taking the Junior Veterans prize with a nett 76

(Photo shows Rosemary Farrow and Isobel McClean).



Dates for your Diary

Jean Wilkinson Trophy

The semi-finals and final of the Jean Wilkinson Trophy will take place at Abbotsley Golf Club on Tuesday, 25th September. The semi-finalists are St Ives, Gog Magog, Brampton Park and Ely City.

Junior/Ladies Greensomes

The re-arranged date for the Junior/Ladies Greensomes is 30th September 2012 at Girton Golf Club.



Junior County Training Programme

A joint training session with the Development Squad and some of the Junior County Squad was held at Kingsway with Alan Fletcher putting the youngsters through their paces.



The young players were divided into teams with the County Squad players acting as team leaders. Alan had set out a number of different games to test the girls' skills at putting, chipping, club selection and balance. The players all responded well with the Team Leaders offering support and advice to the younger players. The session ended with a rigorous set of exercises. (Photos show the juniors in action)

Out and About with the Juniors

English Girls Closed Amateur Championship

Emily Slater (Woodhall Spa and Ely City) travelled to Sandiwell Golf Club in Cheshire to take part in the English Girls Closed Amateur Championship. In the opening two rounds Emily produced two solid rounds of 75 to qualify in joint 9th place out of a field of 130 competitors, just six shots off the lead.



In the third round Emily pulled out all the stops to record an excellent score of 73, just one over par, which moved her into 7th place. Despite another excellent round of 73 in the final round she just failed to close the gap with the leaders, finishing in 8th place overall with a four round score of 296.

Emily Taylor of Hillside Golf Club won the title with rounds of 73, 72, 72 and 66 for a total of 283.

Abraham Trophy Final – Third place for Jade

The Gog's Jade Guest took part in the national final of the Abraham Trophy, a competition to find the most improved young female golfer of the year. Jade was one of 21 girls competing in the event at Delamere Forest Golf Club, Cheshire.

Jade produced a brilliant round of nett 70, two under par, to secure third place. The trophy was won by Kirsty Beckwith of Moortown Golf Club with an impressive nett 68 (four under par).



English Girls Under 13 Championship

In the Under 13 Championship held at Delamere Forest Golf Club in Cheshire Jade Guest (Gogs) put in another good performance with rounds of 90 and 96 to finish 23rd out of a field of 40 but just missed the cut by three shots.

The Under 13 title went to Hollie Muse of West Lancashire Golf Club who qualified with rounds of 85 and 71 for a total of 156. Her final round 78 for a total of 234 secured the title by two shots.

Juniors dominate Lady Captain's Day at Bourn

On Lady Captain's Day at Bourn two of the Counties promising juniors took the top honours. Captain Sally Pinnock reports that Jessica Gibbons took top spot with 36 pts on countback from her younger sister Annabelle who had to settle for second place. Both girls are part of the Junior County Squad. (Photo shows left to right Jessica and Annabelle)



Snippets

Coronation Foursomes – Success for Ely pair

Ely City's Pat Nixon and Linda Steele travelled to Spalding Golf Club for the Regional Final of the Coronation Foursomes. They found the course to their liking and took top spot with a score of 35 pts.

Pat and Linda now qualify to the Grand Final at St Andrews on Monday, 24th September.

Well done and good luck in the final.

Mail on Sunday – St Neots march on

St Neots continued their run in the Mail on Sunday. In the sixth round they defeated East Herts and then followed this up with a 3½-1½ victory against Hendon.

In the eighth round they entertain Gorleston Golf Club at St Neots. Keep up the good work and good luck in your next match.

What are the odds?

A strange coincidence occurred at a recent ladies friendly match between two local clubs. The respective Captains selected their pairs and entered them on the team sheet. During the course of one of the matches it was discovered that all four players were born on the same day, but not the same year.

What are the odds of that happening?

PRESIDENT'S DAY – 23rd AUGUST 2012

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THANKS FOR YOUR HELP

Greta Barclay, County President