

County News 2011

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



Jean Wilkinson – Ely City retain trophy

Ely City retained the Cambs and Hunts Jean Wilkinson Trophy, in a closely contested final against St Ives played at Cromwell 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 Ely faced a strong Royston team, who won the top two matches. However Ely fought back and

edged ahead by winning the next three matches. Royston levelled the score at three all by winning the sixth match but Ely clinched a place in the final by winning the last match for a 4 – 3 victory.

In the second semi-final St Ives faced seasoned campaigners Bourn. St Ives won the first and third matches whilst Bourn responded with wins in the second and fourth matches. St Ives eventually sealed victory with wins in the sixth and seventh matches. The fifth match was halved giving a match result of 4½-2½.

The final was played in blustery but mild conditions. St Ives took an early lead when Kathy Cooper halved the 18th hole to finish one up against Greta Barclay. Ely then gradually took the initiative when Jane Webster levelled the scores with a 3 & 2 win over Geraldine Fleming. They edged ahead as Anne Mitchell won a close match against Trish Whittermore by 2 & 1 and Anne Anslow increased the lead when she ran out a 5 & 4 winner against Rachel Badcock. It was left to Ely's Sue Didlick to clinch the match with a 5 & 4 win against Avis Drew.

St Ives' Marjorie Rawlinson reduced the arrears with a 5 & 4 victory over Ros Grey. The final match was conceded with Ely's Angie Lawrence 3 up to give Ely City victory by 5 – 2.

(Top Photo shows the triumphant Ely City team left to right, Ros Grey, Jane Webster, Anne Anslow, Julie Aspinall (Captain), Angie Lawrence, Anne Mitchell, Sue Didlick and Greta Barclay).

(Bottom Photo shows Runners-up St Ives team left to right Geraldine Fleming, Avis Drew, Steph LaCaille, Rosemary Leach (Captain), Trish Whittamore, Marjorie Rawlinson & Kathy Cooper)



ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Just a reminder that the Cambs and Hunts LCGA Annual General Meeting will be held on Thursday, 24th November 2011 at 2.00 pm at Gog Magog Golf Club.

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



Rose Bowl success for Brampton

Brampton Park put in a fine performance to win the Cambs and Hunts Ladies County Golf Associations' Mary Cole Rose Bowl played at Lakeside Lodge.

In ideal conditions the team of Lesley Ince (75), Megan Taylor (66) and Karen Cox (74) won the 18 hole stroke play team event with a magnificent score of 215. They were four ahead of Cromwell whose team of Yve Bishop (75), Josie Pilsworth (74) and Beth McCarthy (70) took second place with a team score of 219.

The best individual nett scores of the day were the 66 of Megan Taylor who reduced her handicap to 5.5 and the 67 scored by St Neots Rosemary Farrow.

County Veterans Championship – Top spot for Glynis

Despite the blustery conditions Glynis Anderson (Menzies) produced a solid round of gross 82 to win the Veterans Championship at Girton Golf Club. St Neot's Rosemary Farrow retained the Senior Veterans Cup with a round of gross 83.

The President's Salver for the best nett score was won by Menzies Edie Robinson with a magnificent nett score of 69. In the process Edie reduced her handicap to 16.

In the Silver Division Bourn's Joyce Grimes took first place with nett 72, with Glenna Cooper (St Neots) in 2nd place with nett 73, on countback from third placed Margaret Beckley (Links). Girton's Tina Barker was fourth with a nett 74 with Jean Curtis (Girton) taking 5th place with nett 75 on countback from Girton's Lady Captain Joan Grayer.

Bronze Division A was won by Cecilia Gatton (Girton) with a score of 72 on countback from second-placed Rosemary Blake (Abbotsley) with Brampton Park's Jean Temple third with 73.

Pauline Naisbett (Girton) was first in Bronze Division B with 71. Ely City's Binnie Bridgeman took second place with 72, with Abbotsley's Helen Johnson third with 73.

(Photo shows Rosemary Farrow, Glynis Anderson and Edie Robinson)



Cambs and Hunts Veterans v Suffolk Veterans

Cambs and Hunts Veterans reversed last years result with a 3-1 victory over Suffolk Veterans in their annual match at Gog Magog Golf Club.

In ideal conditions Mo Poole (Brampton Park) and Greta Barclay (Ely City) lost an early lead, but regained the initiative to win 2 up. Suffolk levelled the match score when Polly Brown (Gogs) and Robin Gotobed (Links) just lost out in a closely fought match.

Linda Kelsey (Saffron Walden) and Grace Eastment (Menzies) restored the lead in another close match, finishing 2 up. In the final match Captain Liz Smith (Ely City) and Rosemary Farrow (St Neots) continued their unbeaten run with an excellent 7 & 5 win to clinch a 3 – 1 match result.

Inter Counties Trophy

In the final round of the Inter Counties Trophy the Cambs and Hunts 2nd Team travelled to Chelmsford to compete against Norfolk, Suffolk, Essex and Bedfordshire.

Each team consisted of eight players, with two players playing singles against each of the other four teams. In the first match out Laura Tuttle (Links) put up a spirited fight against her experienced Essex opponent before going down 2 & 1. Lesley Ince (Brampton Park) played one of the up-and-coming Suffolk Juniors and lost out 3 & 2. Sharren Kjenstad (Ramsey) lead after nine holes but was unlucky to loose when her opponent sunk a monster putt.

In the fourth match Claire Tuttle (Links) produced an excellent result by beating her Bedfordshire opponent on the 18th. Marilize Snyman-Harvey (Bourn) came up against a tough Essex opponent and lost 3 & 2. Grace Eastment (Menzies) had a really close match losing on the 18th.

Ely City's Tina Broadley went to the turn 3 up, but her opponent fought back brilliantly to win on the 18th. Mo Poole (Brampton Park) in her final match as Captain, put up a brave fight and held her nerve to win the 16th and 17th holes to secure a 2 & 1 win.

Essex were comfortable winners of the Inter-Counties Trophy

(Photo shows l-r: Sharren Kjenstad, Lesley Ince, Marilize Snyman-Harvey, Mo Poole (Captain), Claire Tuttle, Laura Tuttle, Grace Eastment and Tina Broadley)



Scratch Foursomes Knockout Final

Sarah Greenall and Marcella Tuttle (Links) finally claimed the Cambs and Hunts Ladies Scratch Foursomes title, having previously finished as runners-up two years ago.

At Menzies Golf Club they took on the new pairing of Sue Hill and Jacqui Storey (Girton). The rain started as the players made their way to the first tee, but quickly cleared to provide near perfect conditions. Hill and Storey found trouble off the 1st tee and had to drop out of a ditch. With Greenall and Tuttle well placed down the centre of the fairway they won the first hole.

Hill and Storey recovered their composure to half the second hole but the greater County experience of Greenall and Tuttle proved decisive and with solid play from tee to green and excellent putting they put together a run of seven consecutive pars to reach the turn 7 up. They closed out the match 8 and 7, when Hill and Storey could only halve the 11th hole.

(Photo shows Marcella Tuttle and Sarah Greenall)

British Strokeplay Championship – Top performance by Sarah

Gog Magog's Sarah Attwood produced her best performance yet in the British Strokeplay Championship held at Royal Ashdown Forest, Sussex. In the opening two rounds she posted scores of 76 and 78, despite suffering an allergic reaction of a wasp sting on her foot.

She got back on track with a third round of 77 and followed this with an excellent round of 72 for a total score of 303, which saw her finish in 11th place overall and clinch the prize for the best Over 23 performance.



East Region Girls Championship – Katie takes 3rd spot

Katie Nicoll of Menzies Golf Club finished in 3rd place on countback in the handicap section of the East Region Girl's Championship played at East Herts Golf Club.



Alison Cunningham Trophy and Mansfield Salver

In the final of the singles match-play competition for the Alison Cunningham Trophy played at Girton, Katie Nicoll (Menzies) played Chloe Ashman (Ely City), with the difference in handicaps seeing Chloe receive nine shots.

Katie started well by winning the first hole but Chloe drew level when she won the second. Chloe continued to play steady golf and gradually moved into the lead.

With Chloe 4 up with 4 to play Katie suddenly found her form and won the 15th with a par and then birdied the 16th to reduce the arrears to 2 down. On the short 17th hole Katie had to take three off the tee when her original ball was deemed lost. Chloe drove to the side of the green, chipped on and won the hole with a four to take the match 3 & 1.

The first round losers of the Alison Cunningham Trophy go into the 2nd flight to compete for the Mansfield Salver. In the final Megan Taylor (Brampton Park) played Jessica Gibbons (Bourn) who was making her first appearance in the final. With the difference in handicap Megan gave Jessica 19 shots, which resulted in a very evenly contested match. However Megan has been in fine form this season and she used her greater experience to gradually pull ahead and she eventually won 4 & 3.

(Photo shows l-r Jessica Gibbons, Megan Taylor, Chloe Ashman and Katie Nicoll).

Autumn Foursomes

In near perfect conditions the Ely City pair of Ros Grey and Terry Robinson came through with a late surge to claim the Cambs and Hunts Autumn Foursomes, a 36 hole stableford competition, by just two points.

The home pair was languishing in 14th place after a morning round of 29 points but produced a stunning afternoon round of 42 points for a total of 71, to claim top spot.

A countback was required to determine second place with Rosemary Farrow (St Neots) and Tina Broadley (Ely City) with scores of 34 and 35, just ahead of half-way leaders Jane McGlashen and Julie Miller (Brampton Park), whose 35 and 34 points left them both on 69.

The best morning round went to Bourn's Yvonne Prevett and Joyce Grimes who scored 32 points, while the best afternoon round came from Binnie Bridgeman and Barbara Woods (Ely City) with 36 points.

(Photo shows Ros Grey and Terry Robinson)



County 2nd team v Norfolk 2nd team

The Cambs and Hunts 2nd team tasted success for the first time this season with a 5½-3½ victory against Norfolk 2nd team at Sheringham Golf Club.

In wet and windy conditions the team got off to a solid start in the morning foursomes with wins for Sharren Kjenstad (Ramsey) and Tina Broadley (Ely City) and Grace Eastment and Bethany Peckham (Menzies) for a 2-1 lead.

Broadley increased the lead when she gained a 2 & 1 victory in the top singles match, with Eastment adding a valuable half. Norfolk responded by winning the next two matches to level the score, but Lesley Ince (Brampton Park) and Peckham, making a welcome return to the team, each recorded 5 & 3 wins to clinch the points for a 5½-3½ match score.

(Photo shows left to right Bethany Peckham, Grace Eastment, Tina Broadley, Mo Poole (Captain), Sharren Kjenstad and Lesley Ince)



Cambs and Hunts Juniors v Suffolk Juniors

Cambs and Hunts 1st team took on close rivals Suffolk in a match played at the Links, Newmarket. Despite the wet conditions the standard of play was exceptional.

In the top match Junior Captain Amy Rae (St Ives) had a very close match against Blaize Esmond. The match was very evenly contested but Blaize scored a birdie on the final hole to finish 1 up. In the second match Link's Claire Tuttle levelled the score when she clinched a tight match 1 up.

Laura Tuttle (Links) fought hard but lost out 5 and 4 to Lily Kent. Once again Cambs and Hunts levelled the score when Katie Nicoll (Menzies) put in an excellent performance to win 6 and 4 against Mellissa Schroeder. Laura Howard (St Ives) lost to Alice Barlow 3 and 2 and Harriet Haywood (St Ives) lost 4 and 3 against Emily Rothwell to give a match score of a win to Suffolk by 4 – 2.



In the second team match consisting of two pairs playing foursomes off handicap the Cambs and Hunts top pair of Chalani Allen and Jade Guest (Gogs) received 5 shots off their opponents. The match was very close throughout, but the young Cambs and Hunts players kept plugging away and despite going 1 down on the 17th hole, they fought back to win the final hole to square the match.

The second pair of Chloe Ashman (Ely City) and Sophie Nicoll (Menzies) received 10 shots from their opponents. They put up a good fight but their more experienced opponents proved too strong and they eased ahead to a 6 and 5 victory.

(Top Photo shows l-r Claire Tuttle, Amy Rae (Junior Captain), Laura Tuttle, Katie Nicoll, Laura Howard and Harriet Haywood).

(Bottom Photo shows l-r 2nd team Chloe Ashman, Sophie Nicoll, Chalani Allen and Jade Guest)

Victory for Cambs and Hunts Juniors over Norfolk Juniors

Meridian Golf Club played host to the Cambs and Hunts Junior Girls teams when they took on their Norfolk counterparts in a 1st and 2nd team match.

In the 1st team match Junior Captain Amy Rae (St Ives) lead the way with a stunning 9 & 8 victory. Brampton Park's Megan Taylor proved too strong for her opponent and won her match 5 & 3, this was followed by a one up victory for Links' player Claire Tuttle.

Norfolk reduced the arrears when Katie Nicoll (Menzies) just lost out 2 & 1 and Laura Howard (St Ives) lost one down in a very evenly contested match.

Harriet Haywood (St Ives) won the final match 2 & 1 to give Cambs and Hunts their first win of the season by 4 games to 2.

In the 2nd team match played off handicap all three Cambs and Hunts pairs received shots. In the top match Emily Smith (Royston) and Sophie Nicoll (Gogs) just lost out 4 & 3. Megan Willis (Old Nene) and Annabel Gibbons (Bourn), making her County debut put up a brave fight against more experienced opponents and lost out 6 & 4. The final pairing of Chloe Ashman (Ely City) and Jessica Gibbons (Bourn) fought back from 4 down, winning three holes in a row from the 15th, but lost the final hole to finish 2 down, giving Norfolk a 3-0 victory.

(Photo shows l-r Katie Nicoll, Laura Tuttle, Laura Howard, Harriet Haywood, Amy Rae (Captain) and Megan Taylor)



President's Day

This year Ely, St Neots and Bourn players featured in the prizes in the President's Day competition held at Ely City Golf Club.

After a wet start the weather improved to provide ideal conditions for the 26 teams of four competing for the honours. The Ely City team of Maureen Hagen, Pat Nixon, Cherry Eales and Binnie Bridgeman made sure that local knowledge helped them to claim top spot with 90 points, two points ahead of second placed Bourn quartet of Julie Gray, Linda Clemmow, Christine Begley and Elaine Randall.

The St Neots team of Rosemary Farrow, Maria Marsh, Di Jenkins and Anne Chandler took third place with 84 points with Ely City's Julie Aspinall, Liz Smith, Ros Grey and Beverley Filby in 4th place with 83 points.

The special prize for the best team score on the 7th and 14th holes went to Anne Anslow, Christine Ratcliffe, Linda Steele and Anne Mitchell (Ely City) with 19 points.

The prize for the longest drive was won by Marilize Snyman-Harvey (Bourn). The nearest the pin prizes went to Stella James (Menzies) (2nd hole), Ann Martin (Menzies) (6th hole), Jan Stockham (Gogs) (12th hole) and Julie Aspinall (Ely City) (15th hole) Brenda Cockman (Old Nene) took the prize for the longest putt sunk on the 18th hole.

(Photo shows l-r: Pat Nixon, Maureen Hagen, County President Greta Barclay, Binnie Bridgeman and Cherry Eales).



It's Official – Fiona is the winner

In perfect conditions Cromwell's Fiona Whitney found success in the Cambs and Hunts Ladies County Golf Association Officials Cup played at March Golf Club.

In the final event of the season Whitney, who was playing the March course for the first time, needed countback to see off the challenge of Menzies Rosemary Rennie after both players scored 37 points. Third place went to Vivien Ward of Abbotsley with 34 points.

(Photo shows Fiona Whitney)

THANK YOU

Thank you to Junior Organiser Marcella Tuttle, her very able assistant Maureen Mansfield and their team of helpers. With four of the top players from last year moving out of the junior ranks it has meant that some of the younger, less experienced players have had to fill the void. It has been a tough year but the youngsters have acquitted themselves well and if it was down to enthusiasm and effort we would win every time.

All the girls in the 1st and 2nd team squads and Development Squad 1 and 2 have had the opportunity to take part in an extensive training programme throughout the summer with Alan Fletcher at Kingsway and we hope that this will help with their future development. We thank Alan for the work he has put in and for turning up to watch the girls playing in the County matches.

The parents have also played their part and we thank them for their help and support throughout the season. And finally to the juniors themselves, well done, and remember what you have learnt from Alan and keep up the hard work and we look forward to a good season next year.

Course record secures title for Amber and success for Marie & Marilize

Norfolk's Amber Ratcliffe made a dramatic defence of her title when she set a new course record in the afternoon to retain the East Region Ladies Championship title at Meridian Golf Club by just one shot.

After a disappointing morning round of 78 Amber found herself in eight place. Undaunted by the challenge ahead Amber, starting from the 10th hole, birdied the 11th, 12th, 14th and 18th holes for a nine hole score of 35. She added a front nine score of 34 with a birdie at the 4th hole and an eagle on the 6th hole for a new Meridian course record of 69, for a total score of 147. Afterwards Amber said "the course was in excellent condition and the difference between the two rounds was that more putts dropped in the afternoon".

Paige Kemp (Essex) returned a second round 72 to claim second place with a total score of 148 on county-back from Daisy Dyer (Essex) (75 & 73).

Ashleigh Greenham (Essex) took the prize for the best gross score in the morning with a score of 74 and Gabriella Cowley (Essex) with a score of 73 took the best gross in the afternoon on count-back from Daisy Dyer (Essex) and Karen Young (Norfolk).

Abbotsley's Marie Bayes took the 1st nett prize with 143 (77 & 66) on count-back from 2nd placed Marilize Snyman-Harvey (Bourn) with 143 (76 & 67).

(Photo shows Maria and Marilize)



Out and About with the juniors

Prince of Wales Amateur Challenge Trophy

Two local players performed well in the Prince of Wales Amateur Challenge Trophy, a 36 hole competition played on the Duke's course at Woburn Golf Club.

Emily Slater (Woodhall Spa/Ely City) finished in 5th place overall with a score of 160 (80 & 80) whilst Miranda Brain (Gogs) took the prize for the best morning round with a score of 78.

(Photos show Emily and Miranda)



Faldo Series UK Championship

Miranda Brain finished second in her age group at the Faldo Series UK Championship played at The Grove Golf Resort in Hertfordshire. In the girls' under 21 section she shot 146 (74 & 72) to finish second behind Stephanie McEvoy (Old Ford Manor) who won with 143 (70 & 73).

Champion of Champions – 4th place for Miranda

Miranda Brain (Gogs) put up a solid defence of the title she won last year in the Champion of Champions competition played at Cold Ashby. The competition is open to all Junior County Champions in the Midland Region.

Miranda started off well and was in joint third place with a morning round of 72, but she slipped back to fourth place out of 19 with a second round 77 for a total score of 149, six shots off the lead.

More success for Emily

Emily Slater (Woodhall Spa/Ely City) was selected to represent Lincolnshire in the National County Finals played at Thorndon Park, Essex. She made a winning debut in their match against Gloucester and Lincolnshire went on to win all five of their matches to become National Champions for the first time in their 120 year history.

More Junior News

St Andrews Junior Ladies Open

In the qualifying round of the St Andrews Junior Ladies Open played on the Strathtyrum course Miranda Brain (Gogs) shot a round of 71 to qualify in third place. Emily Slater (Woodhall Spa/Ely City) shot 73 to qualify in 12th place out of a field of seventy-seven.

In the first round of the matchplay competition played on the Eden course Miranda played Bedfordshire's Sophie Hillier (John O'Gaunt) and lost out 5 and 3. Emily faced Nicola Callender (Mill Green) in the 1st round and had a solid 3 & 1 victory. In the second round she lost a very close match against Nicola Haynes (Gosforth Park) finishing 1 down.

In the stableford competition on the Strathtyrum course The Links Laura Tuttle finished in 18th spot with 32 points and the Gogs Chalani Allen finished 27th with 29 points.

President's Day

We raised a total of £2,262 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. The draw was a last minute idea which contributed £601 to the total.

Prize winners

Golf Bag	-	Coral Paulson (Girton)
Lob Wedge	-	Mike Curtis (Ely)
Green Fees:		
Gogs	-	Cathryn Webb (Brampton)
Links	-	Judy Cuckstan (Lakeside)
March	-	Elaine Cardwell (Brampton)
St Ives	-	Sue Akers (Barkway)
Brampton Park	-	Jean Burnham (Saf Walden)
St Neots	-	Margaret Gates (Abbotsley)
Girton	-	Liz Smith (Ely)
Bury St Eds	-	Josie Pilsworth (Cromwell)
Ping Shoe Bag	-	Maureen Hagen (Ely)
Basket of Fruit	-	Carol Tillotson (Barkway)

Scratch League – Links Triumph

The Links Newmarket completed the season undefeated to reclaimed the Scratch League title with 29 points, with Ely City securing second place with 17 points.

In the Div 2 St Neots won six of their eight matches to claim top spot with 36 points with Brampton Park in second place with 28 points.

Div 3 was evenly contested with Bourn and Royston finishing on 23 points each. Bourn ran out winner of the Division by virtue of their two victories over Royston.

**I hope you have enjoyed
reading County News 2011.**

**Happy winter golfing, see
you all again in 2012**