

# County News 2010

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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 2<sup>nd</sup> team, Veterans and Junior matches and National competition success

## Jean Wilkinson Trophy

After 3 successive but unsuccessful semi-final appearances Ely City narrowly beat St Neots to reach the final of the Cambs and Hunts Ladies' County Golf Association Jean Wilkinson Trophy going on to take the Trophy by defeating Saffron Walden 5½-1½ on the Old Course at Gog Magog.

The semi-finals began on a dull, damp morning only for fog to descend delaying play for half an hour. Undeterred players in all teams produced some fine golf in close matches. In the first semi-final Ely City took the initiative winning the top two matches but St Neots came back winning the 3<sup>rd</sup> match and then 4<sup>th</sup> at the 19<sup>th</sup> hole. Ely took the lead again but St Neots levelled before Ely secured victory with the last match. In the second semi-final Royston took a 3-0 lead but Saffron Walden fought back to 3 all. The remaining decisive match became a marathon with Royston's Carolyn Devaney winning the 18<sup>th</sup> hole and forcing four extra holes. She holed a putt across the green at the 21<sup>st</sup> before succumbing to a fine tee shot from Barbara Nicoll at the next par 3 giving victory to Saffron Walden.

In the final despite miserable wet conditions there was again some excellent golf from both teams. Ely City took the lead with Liz Smith defeating Janice Abrahams at the 19<sup>th</sup> hole followed by Jane Webster winning 2 up against Kiyoko McLellan. Jean Black pulled one back for Saffron Walden defeating Pat Blyth 2 up but Anne Mitchell and Liliias Adamson secured the Trophy for Ely City beating Sally Moser and Jaine Fieldhouse respectively. The final two matches were called in with Ely Captain Roz Grey 1 up on Kay Barnett; Maureen Hagen and Barbara Nicoll were all square on the 19<sup>th</sup>, Barbara having played a total of 41 holes over the day.

(Photo shows Liz Smith, Anne Mitchell, Jane Webster, Captain Ros Grey with Trophy, Liliias Adamson, Maureen Hagen and Pat Blyth)



## ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

**Just a reminder that the Cambs and Hunts LCGA Annual General Meeting will be held on Thursday, 25<sup>th</sup> November 2010 at 2.00 pm at Gog Magog Golf Club.**

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

## County Colours Awarded

Marilize Synman- Harvey (Bourn) was awarded her County 2<sup>nd</sup> team colours after the match against Norfolk 2<sup>nd</sup> team.

### Mary Cole Rose Bowl

Bourn used home advantage as they won the Cambs and Hunts Ladies Golf Association's Mary Cole Rose Bowl. In ideal conditions the team of Marilize Synman-Harvey (74), Judy Morris (77) and Janice Topham (83) saw off 18 other teams to win the 18 hole stroke play team event on their home course by one point with a score of 234.

With Ely City, St Neots and Gog Magog all tied on 235 points, a double count back on the best and second best net score resulted in Ely City, represented by Tina Broadley (74), Liz Smith (83) and Christine Ratcliffe (78) taking the runners-up spot. St Neots finished third with Gog Magog in fourth place.

Ramsey's Robin Singleton recorded the best individual score with a net 73.

(Photo shows left to right Elaine Randall, Judy Morris, Yvonne Prevett (Captain), Janice Topham, Joyce Grant and Marilize Synman-Harvey)



### Cambs & Hunts Veterans v Suffolk Veterans

Cambs and Hunts Veterans travelled to Ipswich Golf Club and suffered their first defeat of the season when they lost 3 - 1 against Suffolk Veterans.

Cambs and Hunts top pair of Rosemary Farrow (St Neots) and Liz Smith (Ely City) got the team off to a good start with a 4 & 3 victory to complete the season undefeated. Polly Brown (Gogs) and Robin Gotobed (Links) came up against strong opposition and lost their match 5 & 3. In the third match Jenny Jarvis (Royston) and Mae Kember (Bourn) had a tough battle and lost on the last hole 1 down. The final match saw Izzy Dear (Menzies) and Greta Barclay (Ely City) also battle on to the last hole before losing 1 down.



### County Veterans Meeting

County President Rosmary Farrow used her local knowledge to secure her fourth Cambs and Hunts Ladies Veterans' Championship at St Neots. In near perfect conditions Farrow's gross score of 82 also saw her take the Senior Veterans' Cup.

The President's Salver for the best nett score was won by Maureen Hagen (Ely City) with a nett 74.

In the Silver Division Ely City's Greta Barclay was first with nett 75 on countback from second placed Glynis Anderson (Menzies). Carol Harrison (Ely City) took third spot with 77 with Bourn's Judy Morris fourth with 78.

Bronze A was won by Abbotsley's Ann Fiford with nett 76, with Judith Barnes (Bourn) second with 79 on countback from third placed Elaine Cardwell (Brampton Park) on countback from Marjorie Rowlinson (St Ives) in fourth place.

Judith Albon (Abbotsley) took top spot in Bronze Div B with nett 76. Ely City's Mary Spinks took second place with 78 with Jill Handley (Abbotsley) third with 79.

(Photo shows County President Rosemary Farrow and Maureen Hagen).

### Scratch Foursomes Knockout Final

The final of the Cambs and Hunts Scratch Foursomes knockout competition took place at Menzies Golf Club between the holders Chelsey Herbert (Gogs) and Sarah Smith (Links) against a new pairing of thirteen year old Emily Slater and Sue Hill (Girton).

Emily and Sue scored a par on the first hole to go one up after Chelsey and Sarah lost their ball and had to play three off the tee. A second hole birdie from Chelsey and Sarah levelled the score. The next three holes were halved and Chelsey and Sarah took the lead with a par on the 6<sup>th</sup> hole after a solid approach shot. The eight hole proved significant with Chelsey chipping in from just off the green for a birdie to go two up.

Emily and Sue reduced the arrears by winning the tenth hole after a good drive and a solid second shot onto the green of this long par four. However Chelsey and Sarah started to play more consistent golf and put together a run of four consecutive pars to close out the match 5 & 4 and retain the title.

(Photo shows Sarah Smith and Chelsey Herbert).



### East Anglian Championship – Success for Jane McGuffog and Amy Rae

The East Anglian Championship, a 36 hole medal competition was held at Meridian Golf Club. Suffolk's Blaize Esmond (Aldeburgh) took the Winn Salver with rounds of 75 and 78 for a total of 153, with Norfolk's Amy Scoulding second with two rounds of 77 for a total of 154. Jane McGuffog (Cambs & Hunts) had a solid round of 78 in the morning and produced an excellent afternoon round of 75 to take third place with a total of 156.

In the handicap event Suffolk's Charlotte Double produced a brilliant round of 70 in the afternoon to go with her morning round of 78 for a total nett score of 148 to secure the handicap trophy on countback from second placed Amanda Hartman (Essex). Amy Rae (Cambs & Hunts) took third place with solid rounds of 75 and 76 for a total score of 151.

The Norfolk team of Karen Young, Rebecca Heeles, Amy Scoulding and Shelly Pleasance won the team event with a score of 473, with Cambs and Hunts A (Marcella Tuttle, Amy Rae, Tabitha Brain and Jane McGuffog) taking second place with a score of 478.

### Inter Counties Trophy - Cambs and Hunts 2<sup>nd</sup> team v Norfolk 2<sup>nd</sup> Team

In the Final round of the Inter-Counties Trophy Cambs and Hunts 2<sup>nd</sup> team travelled to Old Ford Manor, Hertfordshire where they played against Norfolk. In the morning foursomes Grace Eastment (Menzies) and Rosemary Walker (Girton) and Lesley Ince (Brampton) and Marilize Synman-Harvey (Bourn) both won their matches to secure 4-2 lead, which was a great start to the afternoon rounds.

Rosemary Walker, who led the field in the afternoon against Norfolk's top player only just lost on the 18<sup>th</sup> and played a brilliant round. Cambs and Hunts regained the lead when Grace Eastment won her match 4&3 and victory for Mo Poole (Brampton Park) on the 18<sup>th</sup> increased that lead. Tina Broadley (Ely City) added a valuable half to the score. Despite great efforts by both Lesley Ince and Marilize Synman-Harvey they were unable to clinch a point from the final two matches with Norfolk running out winners in both matches on the 18<sup>th</sup>, to salvage a draw.

Captain Mo Poole said "The team played fantastic golf. We have had a great season and I am really proud of all the girls who have played in the team. We have achieved a very good result for the County and only just lost out on winning the Trophy by such a small margin of one match."

### **Katie Nicoll takes 1<sup>st</sup> prize at East Region Girls**

Katie Nicoll from Menzies Golf Club won the prize for the best nett score over 36-holes in the East Region Girls Championship, played at Braintree Golf Club.

A strong field of 54 girls from Bedfordshire, Cambs & Hunts, Essex, Hertfordshire and Suffolk battled it out at the parkland course which featured tight tree lined fairways, water hazards and fast true greens. Katie produced some excellent golf to take one of the top prizes with rounds of 71 and 70, for a total of 141, which was 5-under her handicap.

Amber Ratcliffe from Norfolk was the East Region Girls Champion with rounds of 76 and 71 for a gross score of 147.

(Photo shows Katie Nicoll being presented the prize from EWGA East Region's Chairman Judy Walker)



### **Miranda Brain reaches matchplay stages of the British Girls Golf Championship**

Two strokeplay qualifying rounds took place at the oldest golf club in Ireland, Royal Belfast in Co. Down to decide the top 64 qualifiers for the matchplay stages. Miranda Brain qualified with rounds of 76, 77 making her one of the fourteen English players to make it through to the matchplay stages of the championships. Miranda Brain beat Vittoria Gatti from Italy to be one of only five English players to make the second round. Unfortunately, Miranda's run came to an end when she was beaten by French player, Celene Boutier.

Miranda Brain commented: "The competition was great fun and I really enjoyed the atmosphere, especially as there was such an international field. The course was tough with very quick, sloping greens. Scores were not made any easier in the strong wind. I was however pleased with my position which placed me in the middle of those who made the cut. In the first round of matchplay I was able to beat my opponent, however I couldn't quite match the brilliant golf played by my second round opponent in the difficult conditions."

The Championship attracted a top quality international field and had to be reduced by ballot to 144 players.



### **Autumn Foursomes**

Ros Irons and May Burn (Brampton Park) won the Cambs and Hunts Autumn Foursomes, 36 hole Stableford competition played on their home course by five points. In windy conditions Irons and Burn put together a magnificent round to score 38 points to take a two point lead at the halfway stage. They held their game together to score 36 points in the afternoon round for a total score of 74 points.

Second place went to Bourn's Suzie Miles and Judy Morris with two solid rounds of 34 and 35 points for a total of 69 points, on countback from Christine Ratcliffe and Linda Steele (Ely City) with rounds of 36 and 33 points. Linda Brown and Wendy Ward (Bourn) scored 36 points to take the prize for the best morning round, whilst Ely City's Pat Nixon and Amber Frear scored 36 points to claim the prize for the best afternoon round.

(Photo shows Left to right, May Burn and Ros Irons)



### **Brenda King Foursomes**

Vivien Saunders (Cambs Meridian) and partner Gill Snelson (Branston GC) came joint 3<sup>rd</sup> out of a field of 38 in the Brenda King Foursomes Tournament, a Senior Foursomes competition run by EWGA, played at Gainsborough GC in September.

## Cambs & Hunts Junior Girl's team take it to the wire

In a thrilling finish to the East Region league, the Cambs & Hunts 1st team had to win all six games against Norfolk to tie for the trophy with Essex. Played at The Norfolk Golf & County Club, the first four matches won leaving two matches on the course, which went all the way to the 18th. One of which ended in a half and the other winning, making the final score 5.5 to 0.5. This resulted in Cambs & Hunts not quite clinching the 6-0 requirement with the final league trophy going to Essex on number of games won, as both Counties were tied on points, leaving Cambs & Hunts sadly to have to settle with second place.

The highlight of the match was a hole in one from Sarah Smith in her last ever Junior match for Cambs & Hunts on the 124yd, 13th hole. A perfect shot, carrying the pin and spinning back into the hole.

For three of the team (Sarah Smith, Tabby Brain and Chelsey Herbert - pictured above), having turned 18, it was their last Junior County match. They are set to have a long-term career within the County, if not at a higher level.

The 2nd team (who play foursomes matchplay, off handicap) halved their match against Norfolk. With three wins, one draw and a loss, they have done extremely well in the league.

We look forward to next year's challenge as some of the 2nd team players move up.

County Junior Organiser, Marcella Tuttle commented: "This was a really exciting finish and some great golf was played. It was a 'big ask' to beat Norfolk 6-0, but we very nearly pulled it off".



## Miranda wins Champion of Champions

Miranda Brain continued her streak of form at Lutterworth Golf Club in Leicestershire with another win in the Under 18 category of the Midlands Champion of Champions. Girls and boys from 13 Counties qualified to play in the event by becoming their Under 18 or Under 16 champion in their respective Junior County Championship. The course required a high degree of accuracy made more difficult by windy conditions. Miranda's performance was impressive beating the field by eight shots ending on a final score of 153 (76, 77).

Claire Tuttle who represented Cambs & Hunts in the U16 category for the first time, found the fast and sloping greens a real challenge. India Clyburn from Woodhall Spa GC in Lincolnshire won the U16 with the best girls aggregate score of the day at 150 (78, 72).

Picture (left) shows Miranda Brain and Claire Tuttle who represented Cambs & Hunts on the day.



## Prince's prize for Miranda

Miranda Brain has won the coveted Prince of Wales Amateur Challenge Trophy played on the Duke's course at Woburn Golf Club with gross scores of 74 (1-under) and 78 (3 over). The sixteen year old Gog Magog player took part in the 36-hole scratch competition, which attracted 44 girls under the age of 21.

Miranda has been having a great season performing consistently well over the last few months, recently winning the Cromer Junior Open with a 3-under par round of 71. She has now reduced her handicap to 1.



## British Junior Tour Grand Final Success for Emily

In August Emily Salter (Girton) took part in the British Junior Girls Tour Grand Final at Heythrop Park Golf Club in Oxfordshire. Her two round gross score of 169 (81 & 88) saw her claim the girls' title by 12 clear shots from her nearest rival. In recognition of her general play on the tour, throughout the year, she was also presented with the Order of Merit Trophy.



## Suningdale Success

Girton's Emily Slater completed a successful season by winning the Kisby Cup at Sunningdale. She was invited to the event by the British Junior Golf Tour and her performance warranted her selection.

In the first round on the New Course she scored 32 points to lead by three and added 35 points on the Old Course in the afternoon to secure the girls' title.

## CONGRATULATIONS

Congratulations to Junior Organiser Marcella Tuttle and her team of helpers. Once again their hard work has been rewarded by the continued progress of all the juniors. The County Junior 1<sup>st</sup> team had an exceptional year and the County Junior 2<sup>nd</sup> team have also produced some excellent results.

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 you are now reaping the rewards for your hard work.

## Presidents Day

This year Girton, Ely and Bourn players featured in the prizes in the President's Day Competition held at St Neots Golf Club. In perfect sunny conditions Sandy Mitchell, Annie Thompson, Jean Curtis and Jacqui Storey claimed 1<sup>st</sup> prize with 88 points, two ahead of 2<sup>nd</sup> placed Ely City quartet of Roz Grey, Liz Smith, Julie Aspinall and Bev Filby on 86 points. Bourns' Julia Grey, Janice Topham, Elaine Randal and Lindy Clemmow claimed 3<sup>rd</sup> place with 83 points, with Bourns' Mae Kember, Lisi Puckeridge, Monica Boggust and Gloria Bean fourth with 82 points.

A special prize for the best score on the 7<sup>th</sup> and 17<sup>th</sup> holes went to Edie Robinson, Izzy Dear, Glynis Anderson and Rosemary Hay (Menzies) with 15 points.

The prizes for the longest drives were won by Marilize Synman-Harvey (Bourn) (Silver) and Jacqui Storey (Girton) (Bronze).

The nearest the pin prizes went to Hazel Suswain (Ramsey) (8<sup>th</sup>), Lindy Clemmow (Bourn) (13<sup>th</sup>) and Christine King (Bourn) (16<sup>th</sup>). Linda Steele (Ely City) took the prize for the longest putt sunk on the 18<sup>th</sup> hole.

(Photo shows Jacqui Storey, Annie Thompson, Jean Curtis and Sandy Mitchell).



## Officials Cup – First time win for Jacquie

In the first year of being eligible Jacquie Richardson (County Secretary) achieved success in the Officials Cup at Newmarket Links Golf Club.

In overcast conditions Jacquie put together a solid round scoring 35 points to take the trophy on countback from County President, Rosemary Farrow from St Neots who also achieved 35 points. Third place went to Girton's Margaret McCall with 32 Points.

Photo shows Rosemary Farrow presenting trophy to Jacquie Richardson

**I hope you have enjoyed reading  
County News 2010.**

**Happy winter golfing, see you all  
again in 2011**