

County News 2010

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Including reports on: County Week, Division 2, 3 and High Handicappers, Junior/Ladies Greensomes, Foursomes Championship, Grace Norman Trophy and results: 2nd Team, Veterans and Juniors

County Week

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

Cambs and Hunts had a tough start to the week when they faced Essex. In the morning foursomes they found themselves 2 - 1 down with Sarah Smith (Links) and Chelsey Herbert (Gogs) winning their match 3 & 2. They ended up 4½ - 1½ down in the singles with Janet Phipps (Gogs) scoring a resounding 6 & 5 victory and Sarah Smith managing to halve her match. The final result was a 6½ - 2½ victory for Essex.

In the other first day matches Hertfordshire beat Norfolk 7 - 2 and Bedfordshire beat Suffolk 8 - 1.

Norfolk provided the opposition on the second day. Once again Cambs and Hunts found themselves 2 - 1 down after the morning foursomes with Jackie Gregg (Links) and Janet Phipps securing a 3 & 2 win. The singles went to Norfolk 4 - 2 with Janet Phipps again completing a 6 & 5 victory and Sarah Attwood (Gogs) taking her game 2 & 1. Norfolk ran out winners by 6 - 3.

Other second day results were Herts defeated Bedfordshire 7 - 2 and Essex defeated Suffolk 5½ - 3½.



On day three honour was at stake as Cambs and Hunts took on Suffolk, with both teams seeking their first victory. The morning foursomes were evenly contested and finished 1½ - 1½, with Miranda Brain (Gogs) and Chelsey Herbert winning their match 3 & 2 and Sarah Greenall (Links) and Janet Phipps secured a hard fought draw when they won the 18th hole. Cambs and Hunts came out fighting in the afternoon and took the singles 5 - 1.

In the top match Jackie Gregg fought back to square her match on the 17th and secured a 1 up victory when she won the final hole. Chelsey Herbert had a solid 3 & 2 win and next up Sarah Attwood had an impressive 5 & 4 victory. Miranda Brain put in a very solid performance for a 5 & 4 win and Janet Phipps again completed an emphatic 7 & 6 victory. The overall match score was 6½ - 2½ to Cambs and Hunts.

Other third day results were Herts beat Essex 6 - 3 and Norfolk and Bedfordshire drew 4½ - 4½.

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County Week (contd)

Bedfordshire provided the opposition on Day 4. The teams were evenly matched and the morning foursomes were shared 1½ - 1½ with Sarah Attwood and Caroline Agnew winning the top match 3 & 2 and Sarah Smith and Chelsey Herbert gaining a valuable half.

In the afternoon singles Cambs and Hunts took the lead, by winning two of the first three matches, Sarah Attwood winning 2 & 1 and Caroline Agnew gaining a 3 & 1 victory. Bedfordshire responded by claiming the fourth and fifth matches to move into the lead. In a thrilling finish Janet Phipps pulled out all the stops to secure a 2 & 1 victory to give Cambs and Hunts a well deserved draw.

Other results on the day were Herts beat Suffolk 7-2 and Essex beat Norfolk 6½ - 2½.

On Day 5 Cambs and Hunts faced their toughest challenge against Hertfordshire, winners for the past two years. In the morning foursomes Hertfordshire moved into a 3 - 0 lead. For Cambs and Hunts Chelsey Herbert and Sarah Smith put up a valiant performance just losing their match on the 18th hole.

In the afternoon singles Hertfordshire took full advantage of their knowledge of the course, and produced some excellent recovery shots and solid putting on difficult greens to win all six matches. Miranda Brain put in a strong performance but just lost out 2 & 1.

Other results on the day were Norfolk beat Suffolk 5-4 and Bedfordshire produced a great performance to beat Essex 5 & 4. Hertfordshire took the title for the third year running with 5 points ahead of Essex and Bedfordshire on 3 point, Cambs and Hunts finished in 5th place with 1½ points.

Photo shows back row Jane McGuffog, Caroline Agnew, Chelsey Herbert, Sarah Smith, Janet Phipps and Sarah Greenall. Front row County Captain Fiona McGlashen, County President Rosemary Farrow and County Champion Jackie Gregg.

DIVISION 2 – Top Spot for Julie

In ideal conditions Julie Miller (Brampton Park) put together an excellent score of gross 90 to secure top spot in the Cambs and Hunts Golf Association Division 2 meeting held at Lakeside Lodge.

Bourn's Judith Dooling took 1st nett to claim the Audrey Nicole Cup with a brilliant score of nett 67 off a handicap of 26. Her score included and eagle 2 on the 12th hole, a 288 yards Par 4. Second nett went to Ely City's Terry Robinson with a nett 70 with Old Nene's Jacquie Richardson taking 3rd place with a nett 72 on countback from Iris Beadsmore (Bourn) also on nett 72.

(Photo shows left to right Jacquie Richardson, Terry Robinson, Judith Dooling, Iris Beadsmore and Julie Miller).



County Colours Awarded

Chelsey Herbert (Gogs) was awarded her County Colours during County Match Week at West Herts

Date for your Diary

The semi-finals and final of the Jean Wilkinson Trophy will be held at Gog Magog Old Course on Monday, 27th September 2010.

The semi-finals see St Neots take on Ely City whilst Saffron Walden play Royston.

Brilliant Victory for 2nd team v Essex

The Cambs and Hunts 2nd team pulled off a brilliant 10-8 victory against a very strong young Essex 2nd team in their match at Ely.

In the morning foursomes Cambs and Hunts found themselves trailing 4-2 with Rosemary Walker (Girton) and Claire Tuttle (Links), making her second team debut, winning their match 3 & 2.

In the afternoon singles the greater experience of the Cambs and Hunts team saw them make a remarkable fight back against all the odds. In the top match Ely City's Tina Broadley used her local knowledge to romp home 7 & 5 to square the match. Essex pulled ahead again by winning the second game. Young Laura Tuttle (Links) scored an impressive 5 & 4 win, but again Essex regained the lead by winning the fourth match. Brampton Park's Lesley Ince recorded an emphatic 7 & 6 victory to level the scores with one match remaining.

Marilize Synman-Harvey (Bourn) kept the excitement going as she gradually let a four hole lead slip, and found herself just 1 up on the 17th. She held her nerve to win the 18th hole for a 2 up win, after her young opponent drove out of bounds.

Captain Mo Poole said it was a very tense afternoon's golf, but the whole team fought really hard to record a fantastic win.

(Photo shows left to right Laura Tuttle, Lesley Ince, Rosemary Walker, Captain Mo Poole, Marilize Synman-Harvey, Claire Tuttle and Tina Broadley)

Success continues for 2nd team v Hertfordshire

Captain Mo Poole (Brampton Park) lead the County 2nd team from the front as they recorded a magnificent victory over the Hertfordshire 2nd team at Brampton Park.

In the morning foursomes Cambs and Hunts found themselves in a commanding 2½-½ lead. Lesley Ince (Brampton Park) and Marilize Snyman-Harvey (Bourn) halved the top match and the pairings of Poole and Kay Osborne (Brampton Park) and Tina Broadley (Ely City) and Sharren Kjenstad (Ramsey) both won their matches.

In the afternoon singles Lesley gained a valuable half in the top match. However the Hertfordshire youngsters fought back by winning the next three matches to take the lead.

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There was great excitement as the last two matches went down to the wire. In the fifth match Marilize was one up at the 17th. Despite the windy conditions she hit a great drive down the 18th, as her opponent found the trees off the tee. She managed to secure a par to win her match 2 up.

With the scores now level, the experienced Tina was 2 up at the 16th and secured a 2 up victory to give Cambs and Hunts a winning 5-4 margin.

Captain, Mo Poole said she was delighted at the performance of the whole team and felt that experience had proved decisive. She said she was more than happy to fund the champagne celebration that she had promised if the team delivered victory.

Narrow defeat at the hands of Suffolk 2nd team

In the Inter Counties Trophy Cambs and Hunts 2nd team travelled to Diss for their match against Suffolk 2nd team. In the morning foursomes they got off to a disappointing start as they found themselves 5-1 down with Captain Mo Poole (Brampton Park) and Marilize Synman-Harvey (Bourn) halving their match.

This left a lot of catching up to do in the afternoon singles. Tina Broadley (Ely City) set the ball rolling by winning the top match 2 & 1, but Suffolk responded by winning the next match. Cambs and Hunts fought back with wins for Mo Poole and Grace Eastment (Menzies) to level the scores. One again Suffolk responded by winning the fifth game. Marilize Synman-Harvey (Bourn) put up a tremendous fight but could only halve her match. Despite winning the afternoon singles 7 - 5, the morning foursomes proved decisive and Cambs and Hunts lost the match 10-8.

County Veterans v Bedfordshire Veterans

The Cambs and Hunts Veterans team travelled to Wyboston Lakes and secured a draw in their match against Bedfordshire Veterans.

In the top match Glynis Anderson (Menzies) and Greta Barclay (Ely City) got off to a flying start with a birdie at the first hole. They never relinquished their lead and ran out winners by 4 & 3. Rosemary Hay (Menzies) and Mary Thompson (St Neots) had a very tight game and sealed a 1 up victory with the last putt of the game.

Margaret McCall (Girton) and Bourn's Mae Kember lost a close match 2 & 1 and Ely City's Christine Ratcliffe and Brenda Davey (Brampton Park) lost 3 & 2.

(Picture shows B Row: Margaret McCall, Rosemary Hay, Christine Ratcliffe, Brenda Davey and Glynis Anderson and F Row Greta Barclay, Mary Thompson and Mae Kember)

Cambs and Hunts Veterans v Norfolk Veterans

Cambs and Hunts Veterans team had a resounding 3-1 victory over Norfolk Veterans in their annual match played at Ely City Golf Club.

Top pair Rosemary Farrow (St Neots) and Liz Smith (Ely City) set the ball rolling with a 2 & 1 win. However Norfolk pulled level when Polly Brown (Gogs) and Judy Freeman (Ramsey) lost their match 3 & 2. Jenny Jarvis (Royston) and Greta Barclay (Ely City) finished 1 up to regain the lead for Cambs and Hunts and the Bourn pairing of Mae Kember and Judy Morris completed the success with an emphatic 6 & 5 victory.

(Below Match v Beds Mary sinks winning putt watched by Rosemary)



Division 3 and High Handicappers meeting -Debut win for Romayne

The Cambs and Hunts Division 3 and High Handicap meeting was held at Menzies Golf Club. In near perfect conditions St Neots' Romayne Finch, making her debut in County competitions, scored an excellent 36 points to claim the Division 3 title on countback from Menzies player Margaret Brown also with 36 points. Bourn's Sue Smith took third place with 35 pts with Debra Salmon (Lakeside Lodge) in fourth place with 34 pts, on countback from Paula Newman.

In the High Handicappers section Jane Reynolds (Lakeside Lodge) claimed the trophy with 30 pts. Second place went to Ely City's Ann Russell with 29 pts, on countback from Club colleague Pam Fyfe.

(Photo shows left to right Jane Reynolds and Romayne Finch)





County Juniors v Hertfordshire

The Cambs and Hunts Junior 1st team played a strong Hertfordshire Junior side at The Links, Newmarket and managed to achieve an excellent draw.

There were good wins for Sarah Smith (Links), Tabitha Brain (Gogs) and Claire Tuttle (Links).

(Photo shows l to r - Sarah Smith, Laura Tuttle, Tabitha Brain, Chelsey Herbert, Claire Tuttle and Amy Rae)

The Junior 2nd team played foursomes against the Hertfordshire Junior 2nd team and ran out winners by 2 - 1.

Harriet Haywood and Laura Howard (both St Ives) and Chalani Allen (Gogs) and Megan Willis (Old Nene) won their matches.

(Photo shows l to r - Harriet Haywood, Laura Howard, Chalani Allen, Megan Willis, Chloe Ashman and Sophie Nicoll).

County Juniors v Suffolk

The Cambs and Hunts Junior teams travelled to Stowmarket for their matches against Suffolk Juniors. Fielding a very strong first team Cambs and Hunts recorded a 6-0 victory with Chelsey Herbert (Gogs), Miranda Brain (Gogs) and Sarah Smith (Links) all winning 2 & 1. Amy Rae (St Ives) finished 1 up whilst Tabitha Brain (Gogs) had a brilliant 8 & 6 victory. Claire Tuttle (Links) completed the white-wash with a solid 4 & 3 victory.

In the second team match Suffolk ran out winners 3 - 0. The match consisted of three matches of foursomes off handicap. Laura Tuttle (Links) and Katie Nicoll (Menzies) gave eight shots and lost 4 & 2, Harriet Haywood and Laura Howard (St Ives) gave three shots and lost 3 & 1 and Megan Taylor (Brampton Park) and Chloe Ashman (Ely City) gave one shot and lost 3 & 2.



Junior/Ladies Greensomes

Sally Anne Barnard-Taylor and Megan Willis used their local knowledge to claim first prize in the Junior/Ladies Greensomes played at Old Nene Golf Club. In ideal conditions they scored a magnificent 47 points to finish three points clear of second placed Lorna Bridge and Jessica Gibbons (Bourn) who scored 44 points.

The Brampton Park pair of Mo Poole and Megan Taylor won the prize for the best nine in with 23 pts, whilst Judith Ekins and Alex Hutchinson (St Neots) won the prize for the best nine out with 19 pts. The mystery prize for the best score on par 3's on the front nine and par 5's on the back nine went to Marilize Snyman-Harvey (Bourn) Sarah Smith (Links) with 11 pts.

(Photo shows Megan Willis and Sally-Anne Barnard-Taylor)



County Foursomes Championships – New Champions crowned

County Juniors Sarah Smith (Links) and Miranda Brain (Gogs) brought about the end of a long run of success as they clinched their first County Foursomes Championship title. The holders Julie Walter (St Ives) and Sarah Greenall (Links) were seeking a seventh consecutive title but Sarah and Miranda started off in positive mood and took a four shot lead after the morning round with a gross 77. Despite the heavy showers during the afternoon round the top two pairs continued to produce some excellent golf. Although Julie and Sarah produced a gross 77 in the afternoon, a four shot improvement on their morning round, Sarah and Miranda responded brilliantly with a gross 74 for a total 151 to clinch the title. Julie and Sarah took second place with a gross 158 with Sharren Kjenstad (Ramsey) and Tina Broadley (Ely City) were third with a total of 161.

In the handicap section Bourn's Mae Kember and Judy Morris took top sport with a nett 142, with Abbotsley's Jo Fletcher and Alison Jarrett in second place with 144.

(Photo shows Miranda Brain (Gogs) and Sarah Smith (Links))



Grace Norman Trophy – Abbotsley lift the Cup

Abbotsley lifted the Grace Norman Trophy for the very first time with a 2½-½ victory over Saffron Walden.

In the semi-finals of the County Inter Club Foursomes Knockout at Brampton Park Abbotsley defeated St Ives 2 & 1 to set up a final against Saffron Walden who triumphed over The Links, Newmarket by a similar score.

All three games in the final were evenly contested. In the top match the lead changed hands on a number of occasions before Abbotsley's Vivien Saunders and Marie Bayes levelled the score on the 15th and then won the next two holes to run out winners by 2 & 1 against Linda Kelsey and Janice Abrahams (Saffron Walden).

Victory was secured for Abbotsley as Vivien Ward and Kim Brantigan held their nerve as they edged ahead of Saffron Walden's La Vern Frost and Kiyoko McClellan by 2 & 1.

In the final match Saffron Walden's Elaine Purcell and Angela Reed went four up, but Abbotsley's Helen Davidson and Sue Hurren fought back to level the score when the match was conceded as halved, with Abbotsley having already secured victory, the final score being 2½-½.

(Photo shows Kim Brantigan, Vivien Ward, Marie Bayes, Vivien Saunders, Maureen Alderman (Abbotsley President), Heather Davidson and Susan Hurren)

English Girls Closed Amateur Championships – Solid performance by Sarah

Sarah Smith (Links) travelled to Seacroft Golf Club in Lincolnshire to take part in the English Girls Championship. Sarah struggled to find her form on the first day but bounced back with a great second round of 75 for a two round total of 156, qualifying for the final two rounds in 17th place.

After a brilliant third round 74 (CSS 75) Sarah moved up to 12th place. Unfortunately she could not maintain her form and recorded a final round of 80 for a four round total of 310 to finish in 18th place overall.



Welsh Girls Championships – Chelsey qualifies for KO stages

Gog Magog's Chelsey Herbert took part in the Welsh Girls Championship held at the Cardigan Golf Club. In the qualifying competition she finished in 6th place with a two round score of gross 161. In the knockout competition she managed to get through the first round, but lost 1 down in a very close quarter-final match.

Abraham Trophy Finals

The Links Laura Tuttle reached the national final of the Abraham Trophy, a competition to find the most improved young female golfer of the year. Laura is one of 25 girls competing in the event at Market Rasen Golf Club, Lincolnshire.

She secured her place by finishing as top girl in the east region for her best six nett scores during the previous year. Her 34 under par score gave her an average 5.5 under for each round.

In the final Laura put in a solid performance for a score of nett 77, to finish in a very creditable 14th place, just missing out on 12th place on countback from the two players who finish above her.

The trophy was won by Dulcie Sverdloff (Essex) with a nett 72.



Trip abroad for Emily

Emily Slater (Girton) represented Great Britain at the Callaway Junior World Golf Championship held at the Sycuan Golf Resort, Oak Glen course in San Diego.

Emily was the only British girl in the 13-14 age group. She got off to a good start with a 77 on the opening day, six off the lead. However she struggled to cope with the conditions as the temperature reached 105°. In the final two rounds she scored 86 and 83 for a three round total of 246 and tied in 56th place. A great experience.



Website – Interesting facts and figures

During June the website had 1543 visits, 447 of those visitors checked out the County Week page. This figure was only surpassed by Mary's statistics when 464 people looked at the County Championship results. It is interesting to note that there were 153 checks on people's start times (although there were only 45 competitors). Is this down to bad memory or is there a lot of interest in who is playing?

Whatever the reason, it shows that there is a lot of interest in the website.