

County News 2011

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

County Week

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

In sweltering heat, the team started strongly with a stunning victory over Bedfordshire. Three gutsy morning performances were typified by a fight back by Gogs pairing Chelsey Herbert and Sarah Attwood who hit 4 birdies in 6 holes to come from 3 down to win 2 and 1. Second pair Jenny McGuigan (Royston) and Miranda Brain (Gogs) ran out winners by 4 & 3 and third pair Janet Willoughby (Gogs) and Sarah Smith (Links) put in a solid performance for a 3 & 2 victory. The overall victory was sealed with some solid singles performances in the afternoon. Led by our new County Champion, Amy Rae from St Ives who played par golf to secure an excellent 3 & 1 win. Janet Willoughby and Jenny McGuigan both won by 4 & 3. With the final two players Sarah Attwood and Miranda Brain each recording brilliant 5 & 3 wins to secure a terrific 8 - 1 victory.

Other results on the day: Herts beat Norfolk 6½-2½, and Essex beat Suffolk 5½-3½.

Day 2 saw us taking on National Champions, Hertfordshire, always formidable opponents fielding their mixture of England players, ex professionals and US University champions. In the foursomes Sarah Smith (Links) and Amy Rae pulled back from 4 down at the turn to secure our only half point of the morning. The weather proved the overall winner in the afternoon with play being suspended for heavy rain, thunder and lightning. Play was eventually abandoned for



the afternoon, all singles matches were declared a half and we recorded a 5½-3½ loss.

Other results on the day: Bedfordshire beat Suffolk 5 - 4 and Essex and Norfolk halved their match

Essex were our opponents on Day 3. Our first pair Sarah Attwood and Amy Rae secured a hard-fought 1 up victory in the morning foursomes but our other 2 pairs just lost out to strong opposition. In the afternoon, once again Sarah Attwood and Amy Rae produced stunning golf to secure one more point each. Unfortunately, the remainder of the team were not so successful and we finished with a 6-3 loss.

Other results on the day: Norfolk beat Suffolk 6-3 and Herts beat Bedfordshire 8-1.

Day 4 saw us pitted against old rivals Suffolk. The morning foursomes did not go quite to plan with only Miranda Brain and Chelsey Herbert securing a valuable 2 & 1 victory. It needed some stunning singles play to win the match. Once again Amy Rae led from the front with a 1 up victory and Miranda Brain backed her up with victory by the same margin.

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County Week (contd)

Jane McGuffog turned 3 up and finally sealed her first County win with a chip-in on the 16th. In the next match, Tabitha Brain, making her County 1st Team debut, also chipped in on the 16th to halve the hole with a birdie and followed this with a par on the 17th to secure the point to win the match 5-4.

Other results on the day: Bedfordshire beat Norfolk 5-4 and Herts and Essex drew their match.

Knowing that victory over Norfolk would ensure us 3rd place really focused our play in the morning foursomes on Day 5. However, only Jenny McGuigan and Miranda Brain achieved a victory in the foursomes with both the other matches being lost on the 18th. McGuigan and Brain continued their winning ways in the afternoon singles with hard-fought victories but despite some great golf no other matches came our way resulting in a 6-3 loss.

Other results on the day were Essex beat Bedfordshire 6-3 and Hertfordshire beat Suffolk 6½-2½.

Hertfordshire retained their title with 4½ points (31 games), 2nd Essex 4 (26½), 3rd Norfolk 2½ (23), 4th Cambs and Hunts 2 (22½), 5th Bedfordshire 2 (15) and 6th Suffolk 0 (17).

Photo BR (l-r) Jenny McGuigan, Sarah Attwood, Tabitha Brain, Chelsey Herbert, Janet Willoughby and Sarah Smith. **FR (l-r)** Amy Rae, County President Greta Barclay, Jane McGuffog and Miranda Brain.

Missing from the photo County Captain Fiona McGlashan, Jackie Gregg and Caroline Agnew.

Amy receives her County Colours

After an excellent performance at County Match Week, played at King's Lynn, where she won four of her five matches, County Champion Amy Rae (St Ives) was awarded her County Colours.

Photo shows County Captain, Fiona McGlashan presenting the County Colours to Amy Rae).



Division 2 meeting – Margaret claims her first trophy

After the recent showers the Menzies course presented ideal conditions for the Cambs and Hunts Golf Association's Division 2 meeting. Bourn's Daphne Santiago took the gross prize with a solid score of 90.

Abbotsley's Margaret Gates took 1st nett to claim the Audrey Nicole Cup after producing the round of the day with a magnificent score of nett 67 off a handicap of 27. This was six shots under the standard scratch score.

Second nett went to Judith Dooling (Bourn) with a nett 72 on countback from third placed Paula Newman (Bourn). Jane McGlashan (Brampton Park) took fourth spot with a nett 73.

(Photo shows Margaret Gates with the Audrey Nicole Trophy).



Div 3 & High Handicappers meeting – Joy for Pam

Competitors in the Cambs and Hunts Div 3 and High Handicappers meeting faced blustery conditions as they battled their way round Heydon Grange. At one stage the greens were completely white with the deluge of hailstones.

Despite these conditions Pam Fyfe (Ely City) put together an excellent round of golf to secure the Long Handicap Cup with a score of 38 points. Heydon Grange's Kersti Llewellyn-Beard took second place with 37 points. Josephine Donaldson (St Ives) took third place with 36 points on countback from Brampton Park's Debbie Dale.

In the High Handicappers section Jane Reynolds (Lakeside Lodge) retained the trophy with 34 points. Second place went to Jayne Webb (Menzies) with 32 points.

(Photo shows Pam Fyfe (Ely City)).



Cambs and Hunts 2nd team suffer two narrow defeats

v Suffolk

The Cambs and Hunts 2nd team played Suffolk 2nd team at Brampton Park in idea conditions. In the morning foursomes Cambs and Hunts found themselves 2½-½ down with Captain Mo Poole (Brampton Park) and County Junior Megan Taylor (Brampton Park), in her debut, halving their match.

The afternoon singles started promisingly with Lesley Ince (Brampton Park) halving her match and Poole winning her match to reduce the arrears. In the third match Brampton Park's Kay Osborne just lost out 2 & 1. Taylor battled hard to secure another half and Ramsey's Sharren Kjenstad scored a hard fought win, finishing 1 up. With the match evenly balanced Cambs and Hunts needed to win the final match to secure a half but Tina Broadley (Ely City) put up a spirited fight before loosing 1 down. This gave Suffolk a winning margin of 5½ - 3½.

v Bedfordshire

The Cambs and Hunts 2nd team travelled to Pavenham Golf Club for their match against Bedfordshire 2nd team. After the morning foursomes Cambs and Hunts found themselves 3-0 down.

Cambs and Hunts faced an uphill battle as they needed to take five of the six singles to secure a win. However Bedfordshire continued their good form in the afternoon and won the top two matches to take a winning lead. As a matter of pride Cambs and Hunts put in a determined effort in the remaining four matches and Captain Mo Poole (Brampton Park), Sharren Kjenstad (Ramsey) and Laura Tuttle (Links) all won their matches and Bourn's Marilize Synman-Harvey managed a half to give a final match score of 5½-3½ to Bedfordshire

Veterans News:

v Bedfordshire Veterans

The Cambs and Hunts Ladies Veterans team faced a strong Bedfordshire team in their annual match played at Ramsey Golf Club. Despite the dry conditions the course was in perfect condition and the visitors found the greens to their liking as they recorded a 3-1 victory.

In the top match Captain Liz Smith (Ely City) and Chris McMullen (Gogs) found their opponents in fine form and just lost out 3 & 2. The Links Edie Douglas and Pauline Bailey (St Ives) put up a great fight but lost the last hole to finish one down. Girton's Sandy Mitchell and Ely City's Greta Barclay recorded the only victory as they came from behind to edge home 2 & 1. In the final match Mae Kember (Bourn) and Margaret McCall (Girton) had a hard fought match against tough opponents and lost 4 & 3.

Veterans v Norfolk Veterans

Cambs and Hunts Veterans team found the Barnham Broom course in ideal condition as they recorded an excellent 4-0 victory against Norfolk Veterans.

In the top match Grace Eastment (Menzies) and Greta Barclay (Ely City) came from behind by winning four of the last five holes to win 2 up. Captain Liz Smith (Ely City) and Rosemary Farrow (St Neots) continued their unbeaten run with a solid 3 and 2 victory.

Royston's Jenny Jarvis and St Ives' Geraldine Fleming gained a hard earned 2 & 1 victory in an evenly contested match. Polly Brown (Gogs) and Judith Morris (Bourn) completed the whitewash with a brilliant 5 & 4 victory.

(Photo shows left to right Judith Morris, Rosemary Farrow, Greta Barclay, Grace Eastment, Captain Liz Smith, Polly Brown, Jenny Jarvis and Geraldine Fleming)



County Foursomes Championship – New Champions Crowned

Menzies Grace Eastment and Bethany Peckham claimed their first title at the County Foursomes Championship played at Bourn Golf Club. With the holders unable to defend their title the championship was wide open and after the morning round the top four pairs were separated by just two shots, with Eastment and Peckham joint leaders with a score of gross 79.

The afternoon round was very evenly contested with Eastment and Peckham holding their form to return a round of gross 81 to take the title with a total score of 160, with Sarah Smith (Links) and Jenny McGuigan (Royston) taking second place with rounds of 80 and 81 for a total of 161. Third place went to Link's pair Marcella Tuttle and Sarah Greenall with rounds of 81 and 82 for a total of 163.

In the handicap section Bourn's Daphne Santiago and Sally Pinnock took top spot with a total nett score of 145, with Sharren Kjenstad (Ramsey) and Tina Broadley (Ely City) second with nett 152.

(Photo shows left to right Grace Eastment and Bethany Peckham celebrating their victory)



Grace Norman Trophy – Two in a row for Abbotsley

Having lifted the Grace Norman Trophy for the first time last year Abbotsley put up a tremendous fight to make sure they retained the Trophy with a 2½-½ victory over Ramsey.

In the semi-final of the County Inter Club Foursomes Knockout at Bourn, Abbotsley faced a stern challenge from Cromwell. With the match all square at one game all, Abbotsley's third pair of Heather Davidson and Sue Hurren pulled back from three down on the 15th hole to win on the second extra hole when they chipped in from off the green to clinch a place in the final.

In the other semi-final Saffron Walden got off to a good start with a comfortable win in the top match, but Ramsey fought back to take the final two matches for a 2 – 1 win.

In the top match of the final Marie Bayes and Vivienne Saunders (Abbotsley) played Robin Singleton and Judy Freeman (Ramsey). The Abbotsley pair were one up at the turn and gradually applied the pressure to secure a 4 & 2 win, in the process maintaining their two year unbeaten run in the competition.

Victory was secured for Abbotsley as Vivien Ward and Kim Brantigan kept their nerve in an evenly contested match and ran out winners by 3 and 1 against Ramsey's Dawn Nicholson and Carol Harris.

In the dead rubber Ramsey's Ann Dawson and Nichola Mason were in the lead but Abbotsley's Heather Davidson and Sue Hurren levelled the score on the 16th hole when the match was conceded as halved.

(Top Photo shows the Abbotsley team, left to right Marie Bayes, Kim Brantigan Captain Vivienne Saunders, Vivien Ward, Sue Hurren, Heather Davidson and President Maureen Alderman)

(Bottom photo shows the Ramsey team and caddies left to right Mary Fielding (caddie), Dawn Robinson, Ann Dawson, Robin Singleton, Nichola Mason, Judy Freeman, Captain Frances Clyne, Carol Harris and Hazel Suswain (caddie)



Junior/Ladies Greensomes – Bourn winners

In near perfect conditions Bourn's Annabel Gibbons and Mae Kember produced some excellent golf to win the Junior/Ladies Greensomes at St Ives Golf Club. The duo scored 38 points to take top spot on countback from Menzies Katie Nicoll and Rosemary Hay.



Jessica Gibbons and Lorna Bridge (Bourn) won the prize for the best nine in with 22 points, whilst Claire Tuttle (Links) and Kelly Moore (St Ives) won the prize for the best outward nine with 18 points.

The mystery prize for the best score on the par threes and par fives went to Laura Tuttle (Links) and Paula Ewing (St Ives). (Photo shows winners Annabel Gibbons and Mae Kember.)

Abraham Trophy Final

The Gog's Chalani Allen took part in the national final of the Abraham Trophy, a competition to find the most improved young female golfer of the year. Chalani was one of 20 girls competing in the event at Mentmore Golf and Country Club, Bedfordshire.

Chalani put up a solid performance for a score of nett 77, to finish in a very creditable 13th place.

The trophy was won by Ciara Kelly of Hagley Golf and Country Club with a magnificent nett 64 (8 under par).



East Region Ladies Senior Championship for Rosemary

St Neots' Rosemary Farrow took top spot in the Inaugural East Region Ladies Senior Championship played at Haverhill Golf Club.

The course was in excellent condition but most players found the slick greens difficult to handle. However, Farrow put together a round of 87 to take the gross prize on countback from Vivienne Saunders (Cambridge Meridian) and Helen Bray (Ipswich).

Margaret McCall (Girton) just lost out on second nett prize on countback with a score of 77.

(Photo shows Rosemary Farrow with the trophy)



Out and About with the Juniors

English Girls Closed Amateur Championship

Junior County Captain Amy Rae (St Ives) travelled to Ellesborough Golf Club to take part in the English Girls Championship. Amy recorded rounds of 81 and 82 for a total 163, failing by just one shot to qualify for the final two rounds.

English Girls Under 15 Championship

Emily Slater (Woodhall Spa), who cut her handicap to 3.5 in winning a competition at Ely City Golf Club recently, competed in the English Girls Under 15 Championship at Mentmore Golf and Country Club in Bedfordshire. She produced two solid rounds of 75 and 77 for a total of 152 to qualify for the final two rounds. She followed this with rounds of 79 and 77 for a four-round total of 308 to finish 30th out of a field of 80.

The winner was Gabriella Cowey of West Essex Golf Club with a score of 285.

English Girls Under 13 Championship

In the Under 13 Championship Chalani Allen (Gogs) put up a good display to finish 30th out of a field of 40. Chalani, who plays off a handicap of 17, faced tough opposition coming up against a number of single figure handicappers. Her gross scores of 89 and 91 for a total of 180, was just two over her handicap.

The winner was Samantha Fuller (Roehampton Club) who qualified for a third round with a two round score of 146 and finished with a three-round score of 220. to win by six shots.

Junior County Training Programme

A total of 32 girls are currently taking part in the Training and Development Programme with Alan Fletcher at Kingsway Golf Club. The girls have been split into four Groups: 1st and 2nd teams and for the younger girls Development Squad 1 and Development Squad 2.

The programme which runs over 17 sessions consists of short game skills, decision making, putting analysis, goals and beliefs.

(Photo shows some of the Development Squad 1 girls having putting practice with Alan)



Midland Veterans 4 BBB Medal

In the Midland Veterans 4 BBB medal played at Rothley Park Golf Club in Leicestershire Joy Hart and Chris McMullen (Gogs) produced an excellent round of golf to claim third prize with a nett 68, on countback by virtue of a brilliant back nine score of 33.

(Photo shows Chris and Joy)

Cambs & Hunts Juniors v Essex Juniors

The County Junior 1st and 2nd teams faced a difficult challenge when they travelled to Abridge Golf and Country Club for their annual match against Essex. County Junior Captain Amy Rae and Miranda Brain were unavailable for the match as they had just competed at County Match Week at Kings Lynn for the County first team.

In the first team match Essex, with handicaps ranging from 2-5 compared to Cambs and Hunts handicaps ranging from 6-17 proved too strong and ran out winners by 5½-½, with Laura Howard (St Ives) halving her match.

In the second team match Essex ran out winners 3-1. Emily Smith (Kingsway) was making her 2nd team debut.

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THANKS FOR YOUR HELP

Greta Barclay, County President