

County News 2012

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Including reports on: County Championships, New Officers, Division 1 and Div 2 meetings, Junior Spring meeting, 2nd team and Veterans matches, Junior County Championship and National competition success

County Championships – Brain v Brain in Battle for Title

Former five-times Junior County Champion Miranda Brain (Gogs) produced an excellent display of golf to clinch her first Cambs and Hunts County Championship title at Ely City Golf Club. The Gogs player took the crown with a 6 & 5 win over her sister Tabitha who was playing in her first Championship final.

The qualifying rounds of the three day event were played in cold overcast conditions. Sarah Attwood (Gogs) topped the qualifiers with two solid rounds of 77 and 76 for a total of 153, followed by Caroline Bird (Links) with rounds of 78 and 80 (158). Gogs Miranda Brain was in third spot with rounds of 77 and 82 (159) with Tabitha Brain (Gogs) qualifying in twelfth place.

In the quarter-finals Sarah Attwood defeated Laura Todd (Ely City) 5 & 4. Tabitha Brain beat Marcella Tuttle (Links) on the 19th hole, Miranda Brain ran out a 3 & 2 winner against Link's Sarah Smith, whilst Caroline Bird (Links) saw off club colleague Jackie Gregg 3 & 1.

Tabitha Brain, having overcome last years Champion in the first round, saw off the challenge of former Champion Sarah Attwood in the semi-final, winning 2 & 1 and Miranda Brain played a solid game to defeat Caroline Bird by 3 and 2.

The final played in a cold wind, proved an interesting family battle with the two sisters playing their first competitive match against each other for seven years. With both players evenly matched for length, their short game and putting skills were to prove decisive. Miranda took the initiative on the 2nd hole when she sunk a good putt to go one up. The third hole was halved with pars before Miranda made a significant move winning the next three holes with solid play from tee to green finished off by excellent putting for two birdies and a par to move into a four hole lead.

Tabitha responded on the seventh hole with a brilliant approach shot which left her with a short putt for birdie to reduce the arrears. Back came Miranda with a birdie on the eighth hole and she was five up at the turn. Miranda edged further ahead with a solid par on the eleventh. With holes running out Tabitha produced another great effort to birdie the thirteenth hole, but Miranda was in no mood to surrender and she slotted in her birdie putt to close out the match 6 & 5.

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County Plate – First-time win for Lesley

Lesley Gilchrist (Gogs) won the County Plate, a competition for the second group of 16 qualifiers. In the quarter-finals Bethany Peckham (Menzies) had a comfortable 6 & 4 victory over Laura Tuttle (Links) whilst the Gogs Lesley Gilchrist finished one up against Greta Barclay (Ely City). Bourn's Marilize Snyman-Harvey defeated Paula Ewing (St Ives) by 6 & 5 and Abbotsley's Kim Brantigan just held off Sarah Jones by 2 & 1.

Eleven year old Jade Guest (Gogs) became the youngest ever competitor to take part in the County Championship and she played extremely well to qualify in 15th place in the Plate event. Jade lost on the 18th hole of her first round match but will be one to watch for the future.

In the semi-final Lesley Gilchrist had a comfortable 4 & 3 win against Bethany Peckham and Kim Brantigan won her match against Marilize Snyman-Harvey on the 19th hole.

The final was evenly contested with Kim Brantigan taking the lead on the first hole and Lesley Gilchrist levelling the score on the second hole. Lesley took the lead on the fifth hole and with Kim finding trouble on the eighth hole and conceding the hole Lesley reached the turn two up.

Once again Kim battled back and reduced the arrears by winning the tenth hole. Lesley applied more pressure taking the next hole with a par and sinking a long putt for a birdie 2 on the short twelfth hole to move to 3 up. After two halved holes, Lesley closed out the match by winning the fifteenth hole for a 4 & 3 victory.

The Allen Newport Trophy for the best scratch total in qualifying went to Sarah Attwood (Gogs). Marcella Tuttle (Links) won the Scratch Bowl awarded for the best gross score at the Division 1 meeting and the County Championship (79-80-82 for a total of 241).



Junior Spring Meeting – Victory for Charlotte at first attempt

Once again Lakeside Lodge played host to the Cambs and Hunts Junior Golf Spring Meeting. A total of 39 girls between the ages of 6 and 17 took part in the event. The younger girls received coaching from Andy Fletcher, one of the Lakeside Lodge Professionals, and also took part in skills golf, putting and stretching and movement exercises.

The top eleven girls competed for the Lesley Ford Trophy on the 18 hole Lodge Course. Despite the miserable wet conditions Charlotte Platt (Bourn) competing in the event for the first time, produced an excellent round of nett 72 to clinch the title, with Chloe Ashman (Ely City) in second place with a nett 73. Junior County Captain Claire Tuttle (Newmarket) won the Scratch Prize after a solid round of 84.

Eleven girls competed in a 9 hole competition on the Manor Course. Amelia Kennedy (Brampton Park), in her first appearance in the event, won with 18 points, with Chloe Drewery (Brampton Park) in 2nd place with 16 points on countback from Natasha Bamford (Ely City). Natasha did well, having cut her handicap from 49 to 41 after a brilliant round at the Newmarket Junior Open earlier in the week.

The remaining 17 girls competed on the Par 3 course with Isabella Brooks (Saffron Walden) winning with a score of 43, on countback from Eleanor Gamble also 43 and Ella Darrington third with 44.

Amber Pullen (Royston) took the putting prize with a score of 21.

Photo shows Charlotte Platt with the Lesley Ford Trophy.



COUNTY MATCH WEEK – COUNTY 1ST TEAM NAMED

At the conclusion of the County Championship County Captain Jane McGuffog announced that the following players had been selected to represent Cambs and Hunts at County Match Week being held at Ipswich (Purdis) Golf Club on 11th – 15th June 2012.

Squad: County Champion Miranda Brain, County Captain Jane McGuffog, Tabitha Brain, Chelsey Herbert (All Gog Magogs), Amy Rae (St Ives), Caroline Bird, Jackie Gregg and Marcella Tuttle (All Links), Megan Taylor (Brampton Park) and Laura Todd (Ely City). Megan and Laura will be making their County Week debuts.



COME AND SUPPORT THE COUNTY TEAM

AT COUNTY MATCH WEEK AT
IPSWICH (PURDIS HEATH) GOLF CLUB, IPSWICH
11-15TH JUNE 2012

11 th June	v	Hertfordshire	9.12	14.23
12 th June	v	Suffolk	9.12	14.23
13 th June	v	Bedfordshire	8.30	12.45
14 th June	v	Essex	8.51	13.34
15 th June	v	Norfolk	8.51	13.34

The matches each consist of three foursomes matches in the morning and six singles matches in the afternoon. If you can't come all day just come for the afternoon.

SHOW THE TEAM YOU SUPPORT THEM BY WEARING
SOMETHING LIGHT BLUE

Why not share the cost and bring a car load of friends. For those with Sat Navs the post code of Ipswich Golf Club is IP3 8UQ

County 2nd Team v Lincolnshire

The County 2nd team went down 4-5 against a Lincolnshire side, containing a mixture of 1st and 2nd team players, in their match at Ramsey. In ideal conditions Cambs and Hunts produced some solid performances in the foursomes to take a 2½ - ½. Top pair Lesley Ince (Brampton Park) and Marilize Snyman-Harvey (Bourn) halved their match. Laura Todd (Ely City) and Megan Taylor (Brampton Park) managed a comfortable 3 & 1 victory whilst Captain Sharren Kjenstad (Ramsey) and Cindy McIntyre (Bourn) came from behind to win 2 & 1.



Cambs and Hunts could not maintain their high level of performance in the singles with only Lesley Ince winning her match and Marilize Snyman-Harvey securing a half, to give a match result of 5 – 4 to Lincolnshire.

(Photo shows Lesley Ince, Captain Sharren Kjenstad, Laura Todd, Marilize Snyman-Harvey, Cindy McIntyre and Megan Taylor)



Julie Reclaims Division 1 Title

Julie Walter (St Ives), playing on her home course made local

knowledge count as she reclaimed the Cambs and Hunts Ladies County Golf Association Division 1 title that she last won in 2000.

The recent heavy rain made playing difficult but Julie posted an excellent score of gross 77 to clinch top spot.

In the nett competition seven players recorded a score of 74 with Fay Allison (Brampton Park) claiming top spot on countback from Jacquie Richardson (Old Nene) who took second place on countback from Bourn's Diane Amps. The unlucky four who also scored 74 but missed out on the prizes were Marcella Tuttle (Links), Paula Ewing (St Ives), Judy Morris (Bourn) and Chris King (Bourn)

County Captain Jane McGuffog (Gogs) and Laura Todd (Ely City) clinched top spot in the afternoon foursomes with a solid 36 points. With four pairs on 35 points second place went to Julie Walter and Paula Ewing (St Ives) on countback from third placed Judy Morris and Chris King (Bourn). Brampton Park's Roz Irons and May Burn were the unlucky pair who missed out on the prizes.

(Photo shows Division 1 Champion Julie Walter)

East Region Foursomes Championship

The Links Newmarket played host to the East Region Foursomes Championship where fifty-two pairs competed for the title. The 36 hole event was played in blustery wet conditions and the trophy for the best scratch score went to the Suffolk County pair Sharon Luckman and Amanda Norman.

Local success came in the handicap section where Jane Mitchell and Pat Nixon (Ely City) took 2nd handicap prize with a score of 155. Ely City's Jane Webster and Tina Broadley took the prize for the best nett score in the morning with a score of 75.

(Photo shows Pat Nixon, Jane Mitchell, Jane Webster and Tina Broadley)



Date for your Diary

The semi-finals and final of the Grace Norman Trophy will be held at Lakeside Lodge Golf Club on Wednesday, 25th July 2012



Junior County Championship – New course record clinches title for Megan

Megan Taylor produced an astonishing afternoon round of gross 75, a new course record for Cromwell Golf

Course, to clinch her first Junior County Girls' title. The Brampton Park player posted a solid morning round of 84 to take a four shot lead in the 36 hole event sponsored by Cheffins.

Despite the heavy rain which fell throughout the afternoon round, Megan made light of the conditions as she put together a fantastic display of golf for the new course record and a 36 hole total of 159.

St Ives Harriet Haywood took second gross with scores of 89 and 87 for a total of 176.

Katie Nicoll (Menzies) won the Handicap Cup with two excellent rounds of 77 and 68 for a total 145 with Emily Smith (Royston) taking second place with nett scores of 81 and 72 for a total of 153, on countback from Chalani Allen (Gogs).

Bourn's Charlotte Platt triumphed in the 18 hole stableford competition with an excellent score of 37 points.

In the 9 hole competition Libbi Pikett (Girton) took top spot with 15 points, with Bourn's Morgan Tritton in 2nd place with 14 points, on countback from Amelia Kennedy (Brampton Park).

The Biddy Wade Trophy for the most improved player went to Megan Taylor with a score of 21 under par on her best four scores.

Photo shows all the prize winners



Development Squad – Chloe takes top prize

In May Rosemary Hay organised a training session for the County Development Squad on the Par 3 course at Bourn. Seven girls, aged between 7 and 12, took part in the event and they all produced some excellent golf, and offer hope for the future of golf in the County.

The winner on the day was Chloe Drewery (Brampton Park) with an astonishing 29 pts. Natasha Bamford (Ely City) took 2nd place with 22 pts and Eleanor Gamble took 3rd place with 19 pts.

(Photo shows Natasha Bamford, Ili Brooks, Chloe Drewery, Giselle Inglis, Paige Hardwidge, Eleanor Gamble and Abbi Hardwidge.)



Snippets

Hole in One for Lesley

Congratulations to Lesley Ince (Brampton Park) who scored a hole-in-one on the 7th hole at Ramsey, whilst playing in a County 2nd team match against Lincolnshire.

Mail on Sunday – St Neots battling on

St Neots are having a good run in the Mail on Sunday. In the 5th round they travelled to Bedford and defeated Bedford and County 3 – 2, with Rosemary Farrow securing victory after extra holes. In the 6th round they are at home to East Herts, who defeated Ely City in the fifth round.



Division 2 meeting – Jean and Sarah come out on top

In extremely warm conditions Girton Golf course provided a tough challenge for a large field of competitors in the Cambs and Hunts Golf Association's Division 2 meeting. Girton's Jean Bowyer used her local knowledge to take the gross prize with a solid round of 92.

Sarah Reardon (Links) took 1st nett to claim the Audrey Nicole Cup after producing an excellent score of 70 off a handicap of 27. Second place went to Claire Tonner (Girton) with a nett 71 with Sarah Peake-Vout (Girton) in third place with a nett 73. Abbotsley's Betty Mossman took fourth spot with a nett 74.

(Photo shows left to right Jean Bowyer and Sarah Reardon)

Faces behind the names



Jane McGuffog – County Captain

Jane is a member of Gog Magog Golf Club and has played for the 1st and 2nd County teams over a number of years.

Last year Jane deputised for Fiona McGlashen as Captain for the first two days of County Match Week at Kings Lynn. Since her appointment she has worked together with the 2nd Team Captain and Junior County Organiser with the idea of developing a team for the future.



Sharren Kjenstad – 2nd Team Captain

Sharren is a member of Ramsey Golf Club and has been a regular member of the 2nd team for a number of years. Since taking up her post she has arranged a number of coaching sessions and has introduced a number of juniors into her 2nd team squad practice matches in preparation for the season ahead.

We wish the two new Captains good luck in all their matches during the coming season.

Having welcomed the new we must say a belated thank you to Fiona McGlashen and Mo Poole for all their hard work on behalf of the County over the past years. Happy golfing.

Jacque is the Leading Lady

County Secretary, Jacque Richardson, was placed 1st Lady at the County Secretaries event at Woodhall Spa, on Monday 19th March 2012. The event, played on the Hotchkin course, was the first that included the mens' County Union Secretaries and the Ladies County Association Secretaries in England.



County Veterans v Essex Veterans

Cambs and Hunts Ladies Veterans team took on a strong Essex Veterans team at Abbotsley Golf Club. In near perfect conditions the home team pairs combined well to record a 4 – 0 whitewash.

In the top match Edie Douglas (Links) and Greta Barclay (Ely City) played well to win 3 & 2. The second pairing of Rosemary Farrow (St Neots) and Isobel McClean (Gogs) won 5 and 3. Veterans' Captain Liz Smith and Tina Broadley (Ely City) ran out winners by 4 and 2 and the final pairing of Mo Poole (Brampton Park) and Glynis Anderson (Menzies) secured a comfortable 6 & 4 victory.

County Veterans v Northants Veterans

St Neots played host to the County Veterans team for their match against Northants Veterans. The match was played in good conditions and the Cambs and Hunts team included at least eight players making their debut.

In the top match Captain Liz Smith (Ely City) and Elaine Cardwell (Brampton Park) had a comfortable 5 & 4 victory. Second pair Hazel Suswain (Ramsey) and Anyta Francis (Old Nene) fought well to halve their match.

Izzy Dear (Menzies) and Kath Loukes (Old Nene) had a tough battle before losing one down. Edie Robinson (Menzies) and Ann Fiford (Abbotsley) had a comfortable 5 & 3 win and Sue Hurren (Abbotsley) and Pat Attwood (Girton) and Anne Anslow (Ely City) and Doreen Powell (Abbotsley) both recorded 3 & 2 victories.

The final two pairings of Robin Singleton (Ramsey) and Val Musson (Lakeside Lodge) and Judy King (Lakeside Lodge) and Penny Baker (Girton) each scored comfortable wins by 4 & 3 to give a match result of 6½-1½ to Cambs and Hunts.

Success for local players in Midland Veterans Golf Championship

In sweltering heat Ely City's Liz Smith produced a blistering round of 68 to take best nett prize in the Midland Veteran's Ladies Golf Championship played at Belton Park Golf Club. After a shaky start Liz soon settled down and with straight drives, good shots into the greens and solid putting she produced two birdies and a number of pars to complete her round five shots under the standard scratch for the course.

Rosemary Farrow (St Neots) continued a good run of form by scoring a gross 81 to secure the Madeleine Fyshe Trophy for Over 65's. St Ives' Julie Walter took third place in Division A (Handicap 0-12) with a solid round of nett 72.

(Photo shows left to right Liz Smith, Rosemary Farrow and Julie Walter)



Tina strides out for Charity

Just over a week before the County Championships Tina Broadley wound up her training programme by taking part in the 2012 Moonwalk, a 26.2 mile (Marathon) walk which started and finished at Hyde Park.

Tina was one of 17,000 walkers who took part in the 15th Anniversary of the Moonwalk. She started the walk at 11.45 pm on Saturday and walked throughout the night, finishing just before 9.00 am on Sunday. And yes she wore the obligatory pink bra over the top of her outfit (no pictures available). She raised £300 for the Charity. She said that thanks to Vaseline she suffered no blisters.

