

# County News 2013

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Including reports on: County Championships, New Officers, Division 1 & 2 meetings, Junior Spring meeting, 2<sup>nd</sup> team, Veterans and Junior matches, Junior Championship and competitions



County Championships – Former Champions battle for the title

With the holder unable to defend her title, Sarah Attwood (Gogs) and Amy Rae (St Ives), two former Champions battled their way through the field at Brampton Park Golf Club to challenge for the ultimate prize.

The qualifying rounds of the three day event were played in cold overcast conditions. Sarah Attwood topped the qualifiers when she set a course record of 69 in the afternoon round for a total of 145, followed by Amy Rae on 150.

The first quarter-final was a match of high quality but Sarah Attwood overcame a stubborn opponent with a 4 & 2 victory over Chelsea Herbert (Gogs). Ely City's Tina Broadley was in fine form when she defeated former Champion Jackie Gregg (Links) 4 & 3. Brampton Park's Junior County Champion Megan Taylor used her local knowledge to fight back from four down to edge out Amy Brown (Old Nene) on the 19<sup>th</sup> hole. Another former Champion Amy Rae (St Ives) proved too strong for Marcella Tuttle (Links) as she ran out a 6 & 5 winner.

In the semi-finals despite a spirited fight by Tina Broadley, Sarah Attwood maintained her form to take the match 4 & 3. The other semi-final was very evenly contested and went to the 19<sup>th</sup> hole before Amy Rae edged ahead of Megan Taylor.

In the final Sarah Attwood took an early lead with two solid pars on the first two holes. Amy reduced the arrears on the third hole but Sarah sunk a 10 ft birdie putt on the 4<sup>th</sup> to regain her two hole advantage. After halving the 6<sup>th</sup> with birdies Amy reduced the arrears on the 7<sup>th</sup> hole with another birdie and Sarah went through the turn one up.

Sarah gradually increased the pressure with birdies on the 11<sup>th</sup> and 14<sup>th</sup> holes to move into a four hole lead. Amy fought back with a birdie on the 15<sup>th</sup> hole and was unlucky when her chip to the 16<sup>th</sup> hole lipped out. This left the door open for Sarah to clinch the half she needed to run out a winner by 3 & 2.

Sarah Attwood (Gogs) took away a hat trick of trophies when she also claimed the Allen Newport Trophy for the best scratch total in qualifying with rounds of 76 and 69 for a total of 145 and the Scratch Bowl awarded for the best gross score at the Division 1 meeting and the County Championship (80-76-69 for a total of 225). Photo shows Sarah Attwood with her three trophies.

### County Plate – Laura Takes Title

Laura Todd (Ely City) won the County Plate, a competition for the second group of 16 qualifiers. In the quarter-finals she had a comfortable 7 & 6 victory over Gillian Attwood (Gogs) whilst Sharren Kjenstad (Ramsey) won 6 & 4 against Abbotsley's Maria Bayes. Brampton Park's Ros Irons produced some solid golf in defeating St Ives Paula Ewing 6 & 4. Junior County Vice Captain Megan Willis (Old Nene) showed great composure as she went to the 20<sup>th</sup> hole to secure victory over Ely City's Elaine Bertram.

In the semi-final Laura Todd defeated Sharren Kjenstad 4 & 3 and the same result saw Ros Irons defeat Megan Willis.

The final proved an interesting battle with neither player taking control the lead changed hands throughout the round. It was no surprise when the match went down the 19<sup>th</sup> hole where Laura Todd clinched victory with a solid putt for par.



### Emily crowned as the new Junior Girls Champion

Royston's Emily Smith claimed her first Cambs and Hunts Junior Girls Championship with two solid rounds in tricky conditions. The Abbotsley course was in excellent condition but with the cold wet conditions throughout the 36 hole competition it proved to be a severe test for the youngsters, with anyone straying off the fairway being punished by the lush rough.

Emily posted a morning round of 84 to share the lead with defending champion Megan Taylor (Brampton Park). With both players scoring rounds of 89 in the afternoon for 36 hole totals of 173, Emily clinched victory on countback on the back nine.

As a result of her morning round Emily qualified for the Daily Telegraph Junior Championship.

Emily completed a perfect day by winning the Biddy Wade Trophy for the most improved player, with a score of 17 under par on her best four scores of the year, with Sophie Nicoll and Lindie tapping joint second on 14 under par.

The Handicap Cup was won by Charlotte Platt (Bourn) who returned an excellent morning round of 69 and followed this with a solid afternoon round of 78 for a total score of 147. Chloe Ashman (Ely City) was second with rounds of 77 & 83 for a total of 160.

In the 18 hole Stableford Competition Ely City's Natasha Bamford was victorious with 33 points with Chloe Drewery (Brampton Park) in second place with 30 pts.

The 9 hole stableford competition was claimed by Trinity Hales (Gogs) with 16 pts, one ahead of Ili Brooks (Ely City).

The Par 3 Championship was won by Elle McGurk (Gogs) with an excellent score of 27 pts with Harriet Morgan (Gogs) 2<sup>nd</sup> with 26 pts and Paige Hardwidge (Kingsway) third with 24 pts.



### Eleanor takes top spot after countback

Eleanor Gamble took the honours in the County Development Squad 9 hole challenge on the Par 3 course at Bourn.

In near perfect conditions 18 youngsters aged between 7 and 13 took part in the competition which resulted in three players locked together in the lead on 24 points. Eleanor clinched top spot on countback over the last six holes, with Natasha Bamford (Ely City) claiming second place and Ella Mason (Ely City) in third place. (Photo shows l-r, Natasha Bamford, Eleanor Gamble and Ella Mason)

## County team announced

At the conclusion of the County Championships at Brampton Park the following players were selected to represent Cambs and Hunts Ladies County Golf Association at County Match Week at The Bedfordshire Golf Club on 24<sup>th</sup>-28<sup>th</sup> June:

County Captain Jane McGuffog, County Champion Sarah Attwood, Miranda Brain, Tabitha Brain, Chelsey Herbert, Joanne Herd (all Gog Magog), Amy Brown (Old Nene), Amy Rae (St Ives), Megan Taylor (Brampton Park) and Marcella Tuttle (Links).



## COME AND SUPPORT THE COUNTY TEAM

AT COUNTY MATCH WEEK AT  
BEDFORDSHIRE GOLF CLUB, STAGSDEN  
24<sup>TH</sup> -28<sup>TH</sup> JUNE 2013

24 <sup>th</sup> June	v	Hertfordshire	8.30	12.40
25 <sup>th</sup> June	v	Norfolk	8.54	13.28
26 <sup>th</sup> June	v	Suffolk	9.18	14.16
27 <sup>th</sup> June	v	Bedfordshire	8.54	13.28
28 <sup>th</sup> June	v	Essex	8.30	12.40

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 Bedfordshire Golf Club, Spring Lane, Stagsden is MK43 8SR



### Success for Paula

In a rare appearance in County Competitions St Neots Paula Parker

made a successful return when she won the Cambs and Hunts Division One title. In near perfect conditions she posted a score of gross 77 to clinch top spot in a record field of 72 competitors.

In the nett competition Saffron Walden's Elaine Purcell used her local knowledge of the tricky greens to take top spot with an excellent round of 71 with Jane Webster (Ely City) scoring a very creditable 73 to take second spot. Second team Captain Sharren Kjenstad (Ramsey) took third place with 76 just ahead of St Neots Lesley Ince.

In the afternoon foursomes a countback was required when two pairs carded 33 points. Sarah Attwood and Joanne Herd (Gogs) claimed top spot with Lesley Gilchrist and Sarah Jones (Gogs) having to settle for second place. The battle for third and fourth place was also resolved on countback with Ely City's Pat Blyth and Julie Aspinall just edging ahead of Pat Nixon and Christine Ratcliffe (Ely City) both having scored 30 points.

(Photo shows Paula Parker with the Margery Newport Trophy)

### Holes in One

Lesley Ford (Cromwell) celebrated a significant 'O' birthday with her first hole-in-one on the 8<sup>th</sup> hole at Cromwell.

Greta Barclay achieved her third hole-in-one on the 2<sup>nd</sup> hole at Ely.



### Junior Spring Meeting – Chloe triumphs in the sunshine

In glorious spring sunshine Lakeside Lodge played host to the Cambs and Hunts Junior Golf Spring meeting. A total of 40 girls between the ages of 7 and 17 took part in the event. The younger girls received coaching from Andy Fletcher the Professional at Lakeside Lodge and also took part in skills golf, putting and chipping exercises.

The top thirteen girls competed for the Lesley Ford Trophy on the 18 hole Lodge Course. In near perfect conditions St Neots Chloe Neal played solid golf to produce a brilliant round of nett 67 to clinch the title, with Chloe Ashman (Ely City) in second place with a nett 69. The Scratch prize went to Jade Guest (Gogs) with a solid round of 81.

Fifteen girls divided into two sections competed on the 9 hole Manor Course. In the top section Brampton Park's Chloe Drewery romped home with a magnificent score of 27 points with Gogs Anna Guest in second place with 22 points.

In the second group Ella Mason (Ely City) finished in first place with an excellent 23 points with Saffron Walden's Isabelle Brookes in 2<sup>nd</sup> place with 20 points.

The remaining 12 girls competed on the Par 3 course with Charlie Churms (St Neots) scoring a gross 40 to take top spot and Jordanne Sillitoe (Ely City) and Ruby Davis (Links) sharing 2<sup>nd</sup> place with gross 43

The putting competition for the younger players was won by Jessica Hollingworth (Girton), with Abbie Hardwidge (Kingsway) 2<sup>nd</sup> and a hole in one for Brampton Park's Holly Cardwell helped her to secure 3<sup>rd</sup> place.

### Dates for your Diary

Grace Norman Trophy - The semi-finals and final will be held at Cromwell Golf Club on Thurs, 25<sup>th</sup> July 2013.

Jean Wilkinson Trophy - The semi-finals and final will be held at Heydon Grange Golf Club on Thursday, 19<sup>th</sup> September, 2013



Jade continues her successful run

In the first Junior County Medal of the season played on the

Wandlebury course at Gog Magog the youngsters made light of the blustery wind with the top four players playing under their handicap and the fifth player playing to her handicap.

Jade Guest (Gogs) continued her run of success with an amazing round of nett 65 to take top spot, as a result of which she has reduced her handicap from 11 to 9.5.

Her playing partner Chloe Neal (St Neots) took second place on countback from Lindie Tapping (Gogs) with both players recording great rounds of 71 with Chloe Ashman (Ely City) fourth with 72. Sophie Nicoll (Gogs) was fifth with a 73.

(Photo shows left to right Chloe Neal and Jade Guest before they set off for their game)



(Photo top shows (l to r) Polly Brown, Rosemary Farrow, Grace Eastment, Linda Kelsey, Veterans Captain Liz Smith, Glynis Anderson, Barbara Coe and Edie Douglas)



County Ladies 2<sup>nd</sup> team v County Ladies Veterans

With the weather showing signs of improvement the County Ladies 2<sup>nd</sup> team and the County Ladies Veterans team took part in a pre-season friendly challenge at St Neots. Making their debuts for the 2<sup>nd</sup> team were Sarah Oldham (March), and County Juniors Chalani Allen (Gogs) and Emily Smith (Royston) whilst Barbara Coe (Links) was making her debut for the Veterans team.

In the top match Marie Bayes (Abbotsley) and Jackie Smith (Saffron Walden) took on local player Rosemary Farrow and Polly Brown (Gogs). The match was evenly contested with Rosemary and Polly taking a two hole lead at the turn but Marie and Jackie fought back to level the score on the 11<sup>th</sup> hole. Rosemary and Polly forged their way back into the lead and ran out winners 3 & 1.

In the second match Veterans Captain Liz Smith (Ely City) and Linda Kelsey (Saffron Walden) romped into an early lead and reached the turn four up. Tina Broadley (Ely City) and Sarah Oldham (March) put up a spirited fight but eventually went down 5 and 4.

Laura Todd (Ely City) and Chalani Allen (Gogs) took on Edie Douglas (Links) and Glynis Anderson (Menzies). They took an early lead but Edie and Glynis fought back to square the match. Once again Laura and Chalani regained the lead and were 2 up at the 16<sup>th</sup>. Edie thought she had reduced the arrears when she sunk a long putt for a birdie, but Laura sunk a four foot putt for birdie to half the hole, and win the match 2 and 1.

In the final match 2<sup>nd</sup> team Captain Sharren Kjenstad (Ramsey) partnered Emily Smith (Royston) against Grace Eastment (Menzies) and Barbara Coe (Links). Sharren and Emily raced into a 3 hole lead with Sharron recording birdies on the first two holes. Grace and Barbara reduced the arrears and went through the turn two down. The back nine were very evenly contested with Sharren and Emily holding firm to record a 2 and 1 win to clinch a 2 all draw.

(Photo left shows (l to r) Sarah Oldham, Marie Bayes, Jackie Smith, Tina Broadley, 2<sup>nd</sup> Team Captain Sharren Kjenstad, Chalani Allen, Emily Smith and Laura Todd.)



### Division 2 meeting – Terry and Joan take the honours

Despite the pleasant sunny conditions the St Neots course proved a real challenge for the Division 2 meeting. Anyone straying off the fairway found the lush rough punishing. Terry Robinson (Ely City) played some solid golf to take the Gross prize with a round of 95, on countback from Suzie Miles (Bourn).

St Neots Joan Cheeseman used her local knowledge to win the 1st nett prize and to claim the Audrey Nicole Cup with an excellent score of 73 on countback from 2<sup>nd</sup> placed Stephanie Allan (St Ives) and 3<sup>rd</sup> placed Terry Robinson. Fourth place went to Sue Smith (Bourn) with a nett score of 76 on countback from Elaine Randall (Bourn) and Suzie Miles.

(Photo shows (l-r) Joan Cheeseman and Terry Robinson)



### County Junior 2<sup>nd</sup> team v Suffolk Junior 2<sup>nd</sup> team

In near perfect conditions the Junior 2<sup>nd</sup> teams of Cambs and Hunts and Suffolk played a friendly match at Menzies which resulted in a 2 – 1 victory for Cambs and Hunts. The course was in excellent condition and proved a good challenge for the girls.

In the top match Lindie Tapping (Gogs) and Natasha Bamford (Ely City) produced some excellent golf to run out winners 6 & 5. The second pair of Sophie Nicoll (Gogs) and Morgan Tritton (Bourn) played well but came up against a very strong pair and lost their match 6 & 5. The third match was evenly contested for the first nine holes but Charlotte Platt and Annabel Gibbons (Bourn) gradually pulled ahead to run out winners by 5 & 4 to secure the team victory.

Natasha Bamford and Morgan Tritton made their 2<sup>nd</sup> team debuts and Libbi Pikett (Girton) was the travelling reserve.

(Photo shows l-r Chris Heath (2<sup>nd</sup> team Organiser), Natasha Bamford, Libbi Pikett, Lindie Tapping, Sophie Nicoll, Morgan Tritton, Annabel Gibbons, Charlotte Platt (Captain) and Maureen Mansfield (County Junior Organiser).

### Norfolk 2<sup>nd</sup> v Cambs and Hunts 2<sup>nd</sup>

The County 2<sup>nd</sup> team travelled to Swaffham for their match against Norfolk 2<sup>nd</sup> team. Captain Sharren Kjenstad gave 2<sup>nd</sup> team debuts to Junior Champion Emily Smith (Royston) and Chalani Allen (Gogs).

In the morning foursomes the top pairing of Tina Broadley (Ely City) and Emily Smith found themselves six down in double quick time, but they fought their way back into the match before losing 3 & 2. Second pair Marilize S-Harvey and Cindy McIntyre (Bourn) put up a great fight but just lost out 2 & 1. In the final match Laura Todd (Ely City) and Chalani Allen found their opponents in good form and lost their match 5 & 4.

In the afternoon singles the Norfolk team played some inspired golf to claim all six matches to complete a 9-0 victory.

### County Veterans v Essex Veterans

Cambs and Hunts Ladies Veterans team travelled to Marylands Golf Club for their annual match against Essex veterans. In the overcast conditions the match got underway, but it wasn't long before the heavens opened and a short sharp thunderstorm caused the players to take cover. On resumption a very strong Essex team took a hold on the match to run out winners by 2½-1½.

In the top match Captain Liz Smith and Greta Barclay (Ely City) played against a formidable pair, one a former professional. They put up a good fight but eventually went down 4 & 3.

In the second match the experienced pairing of Polly Brown (Gogs) and Rosemary Farrow (St Neots) pulled out all the stops to secure a good victory by 3 & 2 to level the scores. Grace Eastment and Rosemary Hay (Menzies) settled for a halved match, when their game was abandoned because of the lightning. In the final match Edie Douglas and Barbara Coe (Links) put up a good fight before losing to a very strong pair.



### County Veterans v Northants Veterans

Northants Veterans entertained the County Veterans at Overstone Golf Club, and after a hard fought match Cambs and Hunts came out triumphant by 5-3.

In the top match Captain Liz Smith (Ely) and Ann Fiford (Abbotsley) secured a hard fought draw in the top match. In the second match Anne Anslow (Ely City) and Doreen Powell (Abbotsley) found their opponents in good form and lost out 5 & 4. The third match saw Julie Aspinall (Ely City) and Jean Curtis (Girton) gain a 2 & 1 victory with fourth pair Sandy Mitchell (Girton) and Sue Corbett (Cromwell) just scrapping home 1 up.

Fifth pair Pam Bonnett (Royston) and Phoebe Brown (Links) had a real tussle but managed to record a half. In the sixth match Brenda Davey (Brampton Park) and Carol Harris (Ramsey) lost out 5 and 4. With the match all square Barbara Coe (Links) and Linda Lakey (Royston) scored a valuable 4 & 2 victory and the final pairing of Elaine Cardwell (Brampton Park) and Hazel Suswain (Ramsey) romped home to an 8 & 7 win to clinch victory for Cambs and Hunts.



### Junior County Medal

Despite the extremely miserable cold wet conditions Megan Willis of Old Nene produced some solid golf to record a round of nett 75 in the Junior County Medal played at Ely City Golf Club. Megan was the only player of the five who competed to play to her handicap. In second place was Ely City's Chloe Ashman with a score of 79.

(Photo shows Megan teeing off on the 1<sup>st</sup> tee)

### Junior Get Together

The early season Junior Get Together was held at Girton Golf Club in February when 32 girls took part in this event which included target golf, putting, chipping, a general quiz and a rules quiz. Several of the Junior Squad attended and acted as team leaders for all the events. (Pictures show some of the activities)



## County Junior Squad Training weekend

This year the training programme for the County Junior Squad took the form of a bonding weekend at Lakeside Lodge. The weather was not kind to us and the heavy rain on both days meant a slightly re-arranged programme with more indoor activity.



County Coach, Alan Fletcher put together a full programme for the weekend and was assisted by Andy Fletcher (no relation) the Pro at Lakeside Lodge. During the weekend Alan put his head on the block by doing all the exercises in competition with the girls.

Twelve girls attended each day they were put through a rigorous fitness and training programme, together with putting and short game sessions and 9 holes of golf each day. Alan played a few holes with each group of girls to discuss course management issues. During the weekend the girls were measured to check that their clubs were correct for their height. When the girls were given either longer clubs or were asked to move down the grip their consistency in finding the sweet spot on the club was significantly improved.

Junior Captain Laura Howard selected the various pairings for the exercise sessions and for the 9 hole golf sessions. At the end of the second day she had a chat with the squad and called upon them to put in as much practice as possible during the season and to try and reduce their handicaps so that they were ready for the challenge of County Match Days at Bawburgh.

## Faces behind the names



Fiona Whitney – Competitions Secretary

Fiona is a member of Cromwell Golf Club where she has been Ladies Captain twice and also their Competition Secretary. Last year she was Match Captain for the C&H Past Lady Captains Golf Society so is used to organising events, matches and competitions both at a local and regional level. She is looking forward to the challenging role over the next three years and meeting everyone at the County events.



Maureen Mansfield – County Junior Organiser

Maureen is a member of Girton Golf Club. She has been involved with the County Juniors for the past ten years or so but has been persuaded to take on the top job. She is affectionately known as "Auntie Maureen" to all the juniors. Maureen is delighted that the coaching programme developed over the last three years is beginning to yield results with many of the juniors cutting their handicaps.

Having welcomed the new officers we must say a belated thank you to Lin Smith and Marcella Tuttle for all their hard work over the past years. Happy golfing.

