

County News 2010

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

Cambs and Hunts County Golf Championships - Saffron Walden



Jackie Gregg (Links) won her fourth County title at the Cambs and Hunts Golf Championship at Saffron Walden.

The qualifying rounds of the three-day event were played in near perfect conditions on a well prepared course with slick greens. Sarah Attwood (Gogs) topped the qualifiers with rounds of 79 and 78 for a total 157, followed by Paula Parker (St Neots) with rounds of 81 and 79 for a total of 160 and Marcella Tuttle (Links) with rounds of 82 and 79 for a total of 161. Gregg qualified in seventh place with rounds of 80 and 83 for a total of 163.

In the quarter-finals Gregg defeated Parker (St Neots) 7 and 6 whilst Sarah Smith (Links) defeated Gogs Jane McGuffog 2 and 1. Sarah Attwood (Gogs) beat fellow Gogs player Tabitha Brain 4 & 2 and (Links) Marcella Tuttle gained a solid 5 & 4 win over Caroline Agnew (Links). Gregg saw off the challenge of Tuttle in the semi-final and junior Sarah Smith pulled off a surprise 1 up victory over former Champion Sarah Attwood.

The final proved an interesting battle between a seasoned past Champion going for her fourth title and a promising junior in her first ever senior final. Gregg took the lead on the second hole, but Smith fought back with a birdie and par to take the lead on the fourth hole. Gregg then produced three holes of pure magic with two birdies and a hole-in-one to take a two hole lead. Despite this barrage Smith retaliated with a birdie on the ninth to reduce the arrears to 1 down at the turn. Gregg went 2 up with a par at the 10th but Smith came back to win the 12th. Another birdie on the 13th increased Gregg's lead but once again Smith responded by winning the 15th. With Gregg finding the greenside bunker Smith had a chance to win the 16th but just failed to sink her putt. On the par 3 18th Gregg found the green with her drive, but after a nervous first putt she sunk the 3ft return putt to clinch the match 1 up to take the title.

Lesley Ince (Brampton Park) won the County Plate, which was for the second group of 16 qualifiers. In the quarter-finals she defeated Marie Bayes (Abbotsley) 2 & 1 whilst Tina Broadley (Ely City) beat Rosemary Walker 3 & 1. Brampton Park's Mo Poole beat Greta Barclay (Ely City) 3 & 2 and the same score saw Claire Tuttle (Links) defeat her sister Laura.



In the semi-final Broadley secured a 2 & 1 victory to end the run of promising junior Claire Tuttle. Ince reached the final when she won her match against Poole 2 & 1.

In the final Broadley won the first hole, but Ince took the initiative by winning the next three holes. Broadley responded by winning 3 of the next 5 holes to reach the turn 1 up. Once again Ince fought back by winning the 11th and 12th holes and sinking a monster putt on the 13th to secure a half. She then won the 14th to go 2 up before Broadley reduced the arrears by winning the 15th. Ince closed out the match by winning the 16th and 17th holes for a 3 & 1 victory on her birthday.



Junior Spring Meeting – Harriet retains her trophy

Lakeside Lodge Golf Club hosted the Cambs and Hunts Junior Spring meeting. Fifty girls took part in the event which included coaching by the Professionals at Lakeside Lodge, skills training and separate competitions for all grades of players.

In the 18 hole competition on the Lodge Course, for the second year running, the Lesley Ford Trophy for the best nett score went to St Ives Harriet Haywood with a score of nett 75, second nett was won by Sarah Smith with a score of 78.

Gogs player Miranda Brain took the Scratch Prize with a round of 82. The hidden prize went to Megan Willis (Old Nene) and Tabitha Brain (Gogs).

Bourn's Jessica Gibbons took first place in the nine hole competition on the Manor course with a magnificent 32 points, with Lindie Tapping (Gogs) in second place with 18 points and Zoe Butler (Gogs) in third place with 17 points. The hidden prize went to Megan Howard (St Ives) and Charlie Davis (Links) with 26 points.

The winner of the Par 3 (best 4 holes) was Yana Efinova (Girton) with 13 points, second place went to Georgie Goodwin with 16 points and in third place was Olivia Satchwell also with 16 points.

(Photo shows Harriet Haywood with the Lesley Ford Trophy)



Division 1 Meeting

Triple Top

The Division 1 meeting of the Cambs and Hunts Ladies Golf Association at Girton produced one of the closest ever finishes with three players sharing top spot.

In near perfect conditions established County 1st team players Sarah Greenall (Links) and Jane McGuffog (Gogs), together with the new kid on the block Marilize Snyman-Harvey (Bourn) all produced some excellent golf in returning identical scores of gross 76.

Not to be outdone the winners of the nett prizes also played well below their handicaps with Glynis Anderson (Bourn) taking the Best Nett prize with an amazing score of nett 65 off her 14 handicap. Second place went to Amber Frear (Ely City) with a nett score of 68, also off a handicap of 14.

The afternoon foursomes again produced another close result with Jane Webster and Julie Aspinall (Ely City) amassing 36 points to take first place on count-back from Margaret McCall and Sandy Mitchell (Girton), with the Bourn pairing of Alison Peake and Judy Morris in 3rd place with 35 points.

(Photo shows Sarah Greenall, Jane McGuffog and Marilize Snyman-Harvey)

County 1st team v Northants

In ideal conditions the Cambs and Hunts Ladies 1st team commenced their season with a 4 – 0 win against Northants at Oundle Golf Club.

Jackie Gregg and Caroline Agnew (Links) pulled out all the stops to recovery from five down at the 10th to defeat Kelly Hanwell and Rachel Smith by one hole. Sarah Smith (Links) and Tina Broadley (Ely City) beat Meghan Liddington and Ailise Moore 3 and 1. Sarah Greenall (Links) and Jane McGuffog (Gogs) had a comfortable 5 and 4 victory over Dawn Rimmer and Theresa East and Mo Webster (Brampton Park) and Marilize Snyman-Harvey beat Lorraine Gilder and Jackie Jenkinson 2 up.

Cambs and Hunts 2nd team v Lincolnshire

The Cambs and Hunts 2nd team recorded their first ever success against Lincolnshire with an 11-7 victory in their match at Abbotsley.

In the morning foursomes Cambs and Hunts found themselves trailing 4-2 with Tina Broadley (Ely City) and Marilize Snyman-Harvey (Bourn) recording the only victory.

As the singles got underway the Cambs and Hunts players moved into top gear as wins for Grace Eastment (Menzies) and Kay Osborne (Brampton Park) and a half for Marilize Snyman-Harvey saw the team move into the lead. Lincolnshire drew level when they won the fourth singles match before wins for Lesley Gilchrist (Gogs) and Tina Broadley secured an outstanding 11-7 win.

COUNTY 1ST TEAM NAMED

At the conclusion of the County Championships County Captain Fiona McGlashen announced that the following players had been selected to represent Cambs and Hunts at County Week being held at West Herts Golf Club on 14th-18th June:

Squad: County Champion Jackie Gregg, Sarah Smith, Caroline Agnew and Sarah Greenall (all Links), Sarah Attwood, Chelsey Herbert, Janet Phipps, Jane McGuffog and Miranda Brain (all Gog Magog)

Reserves Amy Rae (St Ives) and Tabitha Brain (Gog Magog)

COME AND SUPPORT THE COUNTY TEAM

COUNTY WEEK

WEST HERTS GOLF CLUB, WATFORD

14TH – 18TH JUNE 2010

14 TH June	v	Essex	8.51	13.34
15 th June	v	Norfolk	8.30	12.45
16 th June	v	Suffolk	9.12	14.22
17 th June	v	Bedfordshire	8.30	12.45
18 th June	v	Hertfordshire	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

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County Juniors v Essex.

The Cambs and Hunts Junior 1st team faced a strong Essex side at the Gogs and recorded a very creditable 3 all draw. There were good wins for Chelsey Herbert (Gogs), Sarah Smith (Links) and Tabitha Brain (Gogs).

The Junior 2nd team played foursomes against the Essex Junior 2nd team and won 2½-½. Laura Tuttle and Bianca Garner and Laura Howard and Harriet Haywood won their matches and Chloe Ashman and Megan Willis managed to halve their match.

County Junior Championship - Miranda regains title

Miranda Brain produced a masterly display to regain the County Junior Championship title she last won in 2008. Despite being in the middle of GCSE exams the Gog Magog player scored a solid morning round of 74 to take a three shot lead over Links Sarah Smith in the 36 hole competition sponsored by local Estate Agents, Cheffins. In the afternoon her score of 76 for a total 150 was sufficient to claim the title for the fourth time. Sarah Smith was second with a score of 153 (77 and 76) but her nett rounds of 73 & 72 were enough to see her take the Handicap Cup. St Ives Harriet Hayward finished a very close second in the handicap section with rounds of 72 & 74 for a total of 146.

The 18 hole stableford competition saw two players score an amazing 48 points, with Ely City's Chloe Ashman beating Menzies Sophie Nicoll on countback to claim the trophy. Both players reduced their handicaps by 7 shots with Chloe now playing off 29 and Sophie off 27. Gogs player Bianca Garner was third with 41 points

The nine hole competition was won by Chiara Hallam (Gogs) with an excellent 19 points from second placed Annabel Gibbons (Bourn) with 15 points.

The Bibby Wade Trophy for the most improved player in the County was won by Laura Tuttle (Links) with a tremendous -29 (an average of 7.25 under her handicap for her four best scores) As a result Laura will represent the region in the Abraham Trophy at the English Girls' Championship.

The event was sponsored by Cheffins



EWGA Regional Medal Final – Sharon leads the way

A total of ninety-five competitors took part in the EWGA Regional Medal Final at Swaffham Golf Club. Despite the cold overcast conditions Ramsey's Sharon Hewison found the course to her liking as she produced an excellent round of nett 68 off a handicap of 18 to win by four shots. What is even more remarkable is that Sharon has only just recovered from a wrist injury.

The other local player in the mix was Tina Broadley (Ely City) who scored a solid round of nett 74 off a handicap of 7.

Both players now go forward to the Grand Medal final at The Worcestershire Golf Club on 26th June.

(Photo shows Sharon with her trophy)



EWGA East Region Foursomes

County Juniors Miranda Brain (Gogs) and Sarah Smith (Links) took second place in the East Region Foursomes at Hintlesham Hall Golf Club with two rounds of gross 77, four shots off first place which went to Bedfordshire's Sally Shayler and Bridie Quinn who recorded two rounds of gross 75.

(Photo shows Sarah Smith and Miranda Brain)



Faces behind the names

Following the AGM in November three new officers joined the executive Committee. Over the past few months they have all been very busy as they settled into their new posts. This is the first opportunity to put a face to the names for those members who have not been to any of the County events.

Lyn Smith – Competitions Secretary

Lyn is a member of Bourn Golf Club. Having suffered a broken wrist in the winter Lyn has had time to settle into the post without the distraction of playing golf. Those Club Delegates who have hosted County events have all remarked on her enthusiasm and good humour. Lyn has survived the major challenge of the year by running a very successful County Championship at Saffron Walden (with a little help from Rita and her colleagues at Saffron Walden).

Elaine Cardwell – Handicap Advisor

Elaine is a member at Brampton Park. She was quickly into her stride when she attended the Captains' meeting in January and hosted two meetings in the New Year for Club Handicap Secretaries. Elaine is available at the end of the phone to answer any queries relating to handicaps.

Jacquie Richardson – County Secretary

Jacquie is a member at Old Nene. She had a gentle introduction to County golf life at the Captains' meeting in January. Jacquie has boundless enthusiasm and keeps the Committee fully informed with emails and is a whizz on the computer. She works tirelessly and is always willing to offer a helping hand, particularly on anything to do with computers or the website.

(Photo shows left to right Lyn Smith, Elaine Cardwell and Jacquie Richardson)

Having welcomed the new I must say a belated big thank you to Margaret McCall (although she has taken up another post on the Executive Committee), Geraldine Fleming and Christine Ratcliffe for all their hard work on behalf of the County over the past years. Happy golfing.

County 2nd team v Bedfordshire 2nd

In the Inter Counties Trophy Cambs and Hunts 2nd team earned a hard fought draw in their match against Bedfordshire played at Aspley Guise.

The morning foursomes ended up 3 - 3 with Lesley Gilchrist (Gogs) and Rosemary Walker (Girton) winning their match and Lesley Ince (Brampton Park) and Marilize Synman-Harvey (Bourn) securing a half.

In the afternoon Bedfordshire got off to a flying start by winning the first singles but Lesley Ince squared the match with a 3 & 2 victory in the second game. Once again Bedfordshire edged ahead by winning the third match. Cambs and Hunts fought back and took the lead with a 3 & 2 win for Rosemary Walker and an impressive 6 & 5 victory for Laura Tuttle (Links) on her debut for the second team. The final match was evenly contested but Bedfordshire took the game to square the match 9 - 9.

County Veterans v Essex

In the first match of the season Cambs and Hunts Veterans team got off to a flying start with a resounding 4 - 0 win over Essex Veterans at Royston. Playing conditions were ideal with just a light breeze and sunshine and the home team took full advantage of their knowledge of the Royston course. Top pairing Rosemary Farrow (St Neots) and Liz Smith (Ely City) won 3 & 1, Geraldine Fleming (St Ives) and Linda Kelsey (Saffron Walden) won 2 & 1. Royston's Jenny Jarvis and Mary Thompson (St Neots) making their debut for the Veterans' team ran out comfortable winners by 4 & 3. Sue Hill (Girton) and Greta Barclay (Ely City) had a tough battle and secured a 1 up victory with the last putt on the 18th green.

County Veterans v Northants

In the match against Northants 2nd at Heydon Grange, Cambs and Hunts reversed last years' result by winning 5-3.

Once again we managed to stay dry and although the sun came out it was a bitterly cold day. Cambs and Hunts took a 3-0 lead when the top three pairs of Mae Kember (Bourn) and Gloria Bean (Girton), Hazel Suswain (Ramsey) and Daphne Santiago (Bourn), and Robin Singleton (Ramsey) and Sandy Mitchell (Girton) all won their matches. Northants won the next three matches to level the score.

However Cambs and Hunts clinched the match when the final two pairs of Elaine Knobel-Forbes and Wendy Osborne (both Heydon Grange) and Mary Mitchell (Royston) and Edie Robinson (Menzies) won their matches. These four players together with Sandy Mitchell all made winning debuts for the team.



Just Champion for Rosemary

County President, Rosemary Farrow travelled to Burton-on-Trent in May for the Midland Veterans' Championships. In shooting a gross 84 she successfully defended her title to claim the Senior Veterans Salver that she won last year at Copt Heath Golf Course.

DATE FOR YOUR DIARY

The semi-finals and final of the Grace Norman Trophy will be held at Brampton Park Golf Club on Tuesday, 27th July, 2010.