

# County News 2011

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

## County Championship - Rae's quality shines through

County Junior Captain Amy Rae produced an amazing display of golf to clinch her first Cambs and Hunts County Golf Association Championship title. The St Ives player took the crown with a 3 and 2 win over fellow County Junior team-mate Miranda Brain (Gogs) at The Links, Newmarket.

The qualifying rounds of the three-day event were played in near perfect conditions, but with a tricky breeze. Sarah Attwood (Gogs) topped the qualifiers with two excellent rounds of 74 and a new course record of 68 for a total of 142, followed by Miranda Brain with rounds of 76 and 73 (149). Links player Sarah Smith was in third spot with rounds of 80 and 76 (157). Amy Rae qualified in thirteenth place with rounds of 82 and 83 (165).

In the quarter-finals Amy Rae defeated Chelsey Herbert (Gogs) 2 and 1 whilst Miranda Brain defeated Julie Walter (St Ives) 4 and 3. Jenny McGuigan (Royston) beat Sarah Attwood 1 up and Sarah Smith gained a 2 and 1 win over Tabitha Brain (Gogs). Amy Rae saw off the challenge of Jenny McGuigan in the semi-final finishing 2 up and Miranda Brain had a comfortable 5 and 4 win over Sarah Smith.

The final played in a blustery wind proved an interesting battle between the two youngsters, both playing in their first senior championship final.

In the first five holes Amy Rae took the lead twice only for Miranda Brain to break back immediately and at the turn Amy Rae had a one hole lead. Once again Miranda Brain levelled the score with a solid par on the tenth. Amy Rae then made a significant move with three holes of magic, including a par and two birdies to take a three hole lead. Miranda Brain responded with a birdie on the 15<sup>th</sup> to reduce the arrears, but Amy Rae sealed a 3 and 2 victory when she won the 16<sup>th</sup> hole to take the title.

## County Plate Final – Third title for Tina

Ely City's Tina Broadley won the County Plate, a competition for the second group of 16 qualifiers. In the quarter finals she defeated Claire Tuttle (Links) 3 & 1 whilst Sharren Kjenstad (Ramsey) beat Laura Todd (Ely City) 4 and 2. Lesley Ince (Brampton Park) beat Judy Morris (Bourn) 4 & 3 and Laura Tuttle (Links) won 2 and 1 against Paula Ewing (St Ives). In the semi-final Tina Broadley had a comfortable 6 and 5 win against Laura Tuttle and Sharren Kjenstad reached the final with a solid 4 and 3 win over Lesley Ince.

The final proved an epic battle with Sharren Kjenstad winning the first hole and Tina Broadley levelling the score by winning the second. After four halved holes Sharren Kjenstad won the seventh with a brilliant approach shot to within inches of the cup for a birdie. Tina Broadley responded by taking the 8<sup>th</sup> hole but Sharon Kjenstad won the 9<sup>th</sup> to be one up at the turn.

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### County Plate Final (contd)

Tina Broadley levelled the score with a birdie on the tricky 12<sup>th</sup> hole and the next four holes were halved. On the 17<sup>th</sup> hole Tina Broadley found a greenside bunker, although she came up short of the green with her recovery shot she chipped in from off the green to win the hole and to take the lead for the first time. Sharren Kjenstad held her nerve to win the 18<sup>th</sup> hole to take the match into extra holes. The first two extra holes were halved and Tina Broadley took the title at the third extra hole when Sharren Kjenstad found an unplayable lie off the tee and conceded.

The Allen Newport Trophy for the best scratch total in qualifying went to Sarah Attwood. Sarah Greenall (Links) won the Scratch Bowl awarded for the best gross score at the Division 1 meeting and the County Championship (78-83-78 for a total 239).

### Date for your Diary

**The semi-finals and final of the Grace Norman Trophy will be held at Bourn Golf Club on Thursday, 28<sup>th</sup> July 2011**

### Junior Spring Meeting Top spot for Jade

In her first appearance at the Junior Spring Meeting 10 year old Jade Guest (Gogs) put on a superb display of golf to win the Lesley Ford Trophy. After 18 holes at the Lakeside club's Lodge Course, the Gogs golfer recorded a magnificent nett score of 61, six ahead of second-placed Chloe Ashman (Ely City).



Junior County Captain, Amy Rae (St Ives) won the scratch prize after a round of 79, whilst the hidden prize went to Megan Taylor (Brampton Park) and Megan Willis (Old Nene).

St Ives' Megan Howard took first place in the nine hole competition on the Manor Course with 20 points, with Libbie Pickett (Waterbeach) second with 18 points.

The winner of the par three competition was Charlotte Boston (St Neots) with a score of 41 on countback from Alice Guest (Gogs). Third place went to Layla Jordon (St Neots) on 46.

In the putting competition the winners from the three team events were Natasha Bamford (On Par), Charlie Churms (St Neots) and Chloe Neal (St Neots) each with 22 putts.

Photo shows Jade Guest with the Lesley Ford Trophy

### Division 1 meeting at Abbotsley



The Cambs and Hunts Division 1 meeting was hosted by Abbotsley Golf Club and resulted in another close finish with two players sharing the top honour.

A blustery cross wind made playing conditions difficult, but Sarah Greenall (Links), one of last year's winners made light work of the conditions to ensure that she retained a share of the trophy when she posted an excellent gross score of 78. This was later equalled by Abbotsley's Vivien Saunders whose 78 included a brilliant one under par back nine score of 36.

Bourn's Paula Offer won the best nett prize with a brilliant score of 70, off a handicap of 18, with second place going to Royston's Tracey Parsons with nett 71. St Neot's Glenna Cooper clinched third place with a nett 74 on countback from fourth placed Mary Thompson (St Neots).

The afternoon foursomes was won by Vivien Ward (Abbotsley) and Sue Cook (St Neots) with a score of 35 pts on countback from Sharren Kjenstad (Ramsey) and Ely City's Tina Broadley. Third place went to Glynis Anderson and Edie Robinson (Menzies) with 34 pts with Edie Douglas and Barbara Coe (Links) taking fourth place with 33 pts on countback from Karen Cox and June Cowper (Brampton Park) and Linda Steele and Maureen Hagen (Ely City).

Photo shows left to right joint winners Sarah Greenall and Vivien Saunders.

## **COUNTY MATCH WEEK - COUNTY 1<sup>ST</sup> 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 Match Week being held at King's Lynn Golf Club on 27<sup>th</sup> June – 1<sup>st</sup> July.

Squad: County Champion Amy Rae (St Ives), Caroline Agnew, Jackie Gregg and Sarah Smith (All Links), Sarah Attwood, Miranda Brain, Tabitha Brain, Chelsey Herbert, Jane McGuffog and Janet Willoughby (All Gogs) and Jenny McGuigan (Royston)

## **COME AND SUPPORT THE COUNTY TEAM**

### **AT COUNTY MATCH WEEK AT KING'S LYNN GOLF CLUB, NORFOLK**

**27<sup>TH</sup> JUNE – 1<sup>ST</sup> JULY 2011**

<b>27<sup>TH</sup> June v</b>	<b>Bedfordshire</b>	<b>8.51</b>	<b>13.34</b>
<b>28<sup>th</sup> June v</b>	<b>Hertfordshire</b>	<b>8.51</b>	<b>13.34</b>
<b>29<sup>th</sup> June v</b>	<b>Essex</b>	<b>8.30</b>	<b>12.45</b>
<b>30<sup>th</sup> June v</b>	<b>Suffolk</b>	<b>9.12</b>	<b>14.22</b>
<b>1<sup>st</sup> July v</b>	<b>Norfolk</b>	<b>9.12</b>	<b>14.22</b>

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 for the Golf Club is PE31 6BD

### County 1<sup>st</sup> team v Northants 1<sup>st</sup>

The Cambs and Hunts County first team put in a solid performance at St Ives Golf Club to gain a draw against a strong Northants team. In near perfect conditions the top pairing of Sarah Smith (Links) and Miranda Brain (Gogs) got off to a flying start and were 5 up at the turn. They went on to record a comfortable 4 and 3 victory. Marcella Tuttle (Links) and Sharren Kjenstad (Ramsey), making her first team debut, put up a brave fight before going down by one hole.

In the third match Jenny McGuigan (Royston) and Jane McGuffog (Gogs) fought hard against a very steady combination and just lost out 3 and 2. The final match paired Links players Sarah Greenall and County Junior Claire Tuttle, also making her first team debut. The mix of youth and experience turned out to be a winning combination as the pair recorded a 3 and 2 win to secure the draw.

An interesting team selection found mother Marcella playing in the same County side as her youngest daughter Claire Tuttle for the first time.

### Chalani makes National final

Junior golfer Chalani Allen has qualified for the national final of the Abraham Trophy, a competition to find the most improved young female golfer of the year.

Chalani, who plays at Gog Magog Golf Club, will be one of twenty-one girls competing in the event at Mentmore Golf and Country Club, Bedfordshire on 25<sup>th</sup> July. She gained her place by finishing as the top girl in the east region after submitting her best four nett scores during the previous year.

Chalani was a magnificent 35 shots under par for the four rounds, averaging 8.75 under par per round. Scores of 13 under par in the Gogs Junior Championship and 7 under par in a junior competition at the Menzies Golf Club were the highlights of her year and played a significant part in securing that average.



### County 2<sup>nd</sup> team v Lincolnshire

The County 2<sup>nd</sup> team went down 5½ - 3½ against Lincolnshire at Blankney. In blustery conditions the team found themselves 2 - 1 down after the morning foursomes with Captain Mo Webster and Lesley Ince (Brampton Park) recording the only victory.

Cambs and Hunts levelled the score when Webster completed a successful day by winning her singles 2 and 1. The score remained level as Lesley Ince, Sharren Kjenstad (Ramsey) and Marilize Syman-Harvey (Bourn) all halved their matches. Lincolnshire took the final two games to complete a 5½ - 3½ victory.

### County 2<sup>nd</sup> team v Essex

The County 2<sup>nd</sup> team suffered a heavy defeat at the hands of a young Essex team in their match at Meridian. The team found themselves 3-0 down after the morning foursomes.

In the afternoon Captain Mo Poole (Brampton) replaced the injured Lesley Ince and lead the team into what was an uphill battle in the singles.

Tina Broadley (Ely City) managed to win her match to get the first point on the board and Sharren Kjenstad (Ramsey) managed to halve her match. Mo Poole and junior Laura Tuttle (Links) put up tremendous fights in their matches, but both eventually lost on the 17<sup>th</sup> hole. With Marilize Synman-Harvey (Bourn) and Rosemary Walker (Girton) both losing, the final match score was 7½-1½ to Essex.

### Faldo Series -Top spot for Sarah

Sarah Smith (Links) qualified for the grand final of the Nick Faldo Series, after winning the Girls' Under 21 event at Walton Heath in Surrey.

Sarah hit the second best round of 79 on her way to a total of 168 in the 36 hole competition. She finished third overall, but tied in top spot in the Under 21 section with Surrey's Kimberley Munro. In the sudden-death play-off Sarah clinched victory with a solid par 3 on the 217 yard first hole. The win qualifies Sarah for the Grand Final in September at the Lough Erne Resort in Northern Ireland.



## Junior County Championship - Fifth title for Miranda as an eagle seals the deal

Miranda Brain produced a magnificent eagle on the 36<sup>th</sup> hole to claim her fifth Junior County Girls' title. The Gog Magog player posted a solid morning round of 79 to take a one shot lead over nearest rival Amy Rae (St Ives) in the 36 hole event sponsored by Cheffins. In the afternoon both players produced some excellent golf as they matched each other stroke for stroke, and it took a final hole eagle three on the par 5 18<sup>th</sup> hole by Brain for a fantastic round of 75 to clinch her fifth title by three shots with a gross score of 154. The Links Claire Tuttle took second gross with scores of 85 and 87 for a total 172.



St Ives Amy Rae continued her good form by winning the Handicap Cup with two excellent rounds of nett 75 and 72 for a total 147 with Megan Willis (Old Nene) taking second place with nett scores of 77 and 78 for a total of 155.

Bourn's Jessica Gibbons triumphed in the 18 hole stableford with an excellent 37 points, with Emily Smith (Kingsway) second with 35 points.

In the 9 hole competition Annabel Gibbons (Bourn) took top spot with 18 points with St Ives Megan Howard in 2<sup>nd</sup> place with 14 points.

The Bidy Wade Trophy for the most improved player went to Chalani Allen with 35 under par, which was an average 8.75 under her handicap for her best four round scores.

Miranda Brain (Under 18) and Claire Tuttle (Under 16) will represent the County in the Champion of Champions event to be held later in the season.

Photo shows Jessica, Miranda, Amy, Chalani, Claire, Megan and Annabel.



## Cambs & Hunts Junior Girls team narrowly defeated by Bedfordshire

The Cambs & Hunts Junior 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> teams travelled to Bedfordshire for their first match of the season. The match was played at Mount Pleasant Golf Club in very windy, but dry conditions. Mount Pleasant in Henlow, Bedfordshire is a little gem of a nine-hole course, with 18 different tees and set in 70 acres of beautiful meadow and parkland.

The 1<sup>st</sup> team match consisted of six singles matches and Laura Howard and Chalani Allen were making their 1<sup>st</sup> team debuts. Miranda Brain and Claire Tuttle both won their matches and Laura Howard recorded a half for a match score of 2½-3½

The 2<sup>nd</sup> team match consisted of three matches of foursomes matchplay. Jade Guest and Jessica Gibbons represented the 2<sup>nd</sup> team for the first time. 10 year-old Jade has had a magnificent golfing fortnight as she cut her handicap 14 shots in 3 days from 36 to 22. The team lost 2-1 with Sophie Nicoll and Jessica Gibbons winning their match.

County Junior Organiser, Marcella Tuttle commented: "Although the result was a little disappointing, we had 4 new players in the team and the girls did really well. We lost four single-figured handicappers in the team this year due to the 18-yr old age restriction. The girls are all looking forward to our next match against Essex in July".

**Photo top shows: 1<sup>st</sup> team:** (LtoR) Claire Tuttle, Laura Howard, Miranda Brain, Amy Rae (Captain) Katie Nicoll and Chalani Allen.

**Photo bottom shows 2<sup>nd</sup> team:** (LtoR) Megan Willis, Harriet Haywood, Jade Guest, Chloe Ashman, Sophie Nicoll, and Jessica Gibbons.



## Faces behind the names

Following the AGM in November three new officers joined the Executive Committee.



### **Greta Barclay – President**

Greta is a member of Ely City Golf Club and has been active on the County scene for a number of years as Club Delegate, Press Officer and Veterans' Captain.

During the winter Greta has been busy finding out what the job entails and preparing for her President's Day. The season started gently with the Captain's meeting in January, and is now in full swing, with lots of meetings, both golf and committee. She is slowly getting to grips with all the paperwork and is looking forward to attending County Match Week at King's Lynn.

### **Liz Smith – Veterans' Captain**

Liz is a member of Ely City Golf and was their Captain in 2009. She has represented Cambs and Hunts at both 2<sup>nd</sup> and Veterans team levels. Liz has spent time updating the register of veterans and has already led the team in two matches against Essex and Northants. Thanks to Liz the team now looks very smart in their new County Veterans' shirt.



### **Barbara Nicoll – Assistant Competitions Secretary**

Barbara is a member of Saffron Walden Golf Club and has been Competitions Secretary there for the past three years. She was introduced to Lin Smith (Competitions Secretary) at the County Championships when helping with the event last year at Saffron Walden. Barbara is looking forward to the challenge of duties as Assistant Competitions Secretary for the County, and has taken control of the Jean Wilkinson, Grace Norman and Scratch League results. She was also very much in evidence at the County Championships, where she helped to check cards for the Friday qualifying rounds.

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Having welcomed the new we must say a belated thank you to Rosemary Farrow and Kathy Musgrave for all their hard work on behalf of the County over the past years. Happy golfing.

## **EWGA East Region Foursomes Championship**

For the second year running County 1<sup>st</sup> team players Miranda Brain (Gogs) and Sarah Smith (Links) had to settle for second place in the East Region Foursomes Championship held at Pavenham Park, Bedford. With rounds of 85 and 77 for a gross score of 162 they finished four shots off top spot with Bedfordshire's Sally Shayler and Bridie Quinn scoring two rounds of 79 to retain their title.

The Links pair of Marcella Tuttle and Sarah Greenall just missed out of the prizes finishing in third place with rounds of 83 and 80 for a gross score of 163. They also lost out on countback for third spot in the handicap section.

## **Snippets**

### **Hole in One**

Congratulations to Rosemary Hay (Menzies) who scored a hole-in-one on the 3<sup>rd</sup> hole at Burghley Park Open and to Viv Snushall (March) who recorded a hole-in-one on the 16<sup>th</sup> hole at Kings' Lynn Open.

### **Daily Mail Foursomes**

Sarah Oldham and Penny Gilbert (March) are through to the fourth round of the Daily Mail Foursomes where they play Royal West Norfolk.

### **Mail on Sunday**

Royston have had a great run in the Mail on Sunday. They eventually lost in the fifth round away to Woburn.

### **County Veterans v Essex**

Cambs and Hunts Ladies Veterans' team travelled to Canons Brook in Harlow for their first fixture of the season, and lost 3½-½ in a very evenly contested match.

In the top match Captain Liz Smith (Ely City) partnered by Grace Eastment (Menzies) just lost out 2 and 1. The second pairing of Rosemary Farrow (St Neots) and Jenny Jarvis (Royston) had an extremely close fought match and secured a hard fought draw.

Glynis Anderson (Menzies) and Brenda Davey (Brampton Park) put up a valiant fight before losing out on the final hole 2 and 1. In the final match Geraldine Fleming (St Ives) and Sally John (St Neots) lost their match 4 & 3.

### **County Veterans v Northants**

The Cambs and Hunts Women's Veterans team travelled to Northampton Golf Club for their annual match against Northants Veterans.

The match was played in ideal conditions and was very evenly contested. In the top match Izzy Dear (Menzies) and Trina Miller (Brampton Park) lost their match to a very strong pair. Rosemary Hay (Menzies) and June Cowper redressed the balance with a resounding win. Once again Northants took the lead when Liz Smith (Ely City) and Jane Pigg (St Neots) lost.

Christine Ratcliffe (Ely City) and Sallie John (St Neots) and Pat Nixon (Ely City) and Christine King (Bourn) both won their matches to edge Cambs and Hunts back into the lead. Northants regained the lead when Robin Singleton (Ramsey) and Joan Grayer (Girton) and Wendy Osborne (Heydon Grange) and Jean Curtis (Girton) both lost close matches.

It was left to the experienced pairing of Val Squires (Royston) and Daphne Santiago (Bourn) to win their match to secure a well earned 4 all draw.

### **Janet Phipps Wedding**

County 1<sup>st</sup> team player Janet Phipps tied the knot at Stapleford Church on 7<sup>th</sup> May when she married David Willoughby. After an overcast morning the sun shone as the guests arrived at the church. Four County 1<sup>st</sup> team colleagues attended the service and, together with some of Janet's Brownie pack, formed a guard of honour with raised drivers as Janet and David left the church. We send them our best wishes for a long and happy life together.

