



LIZZIE PRIOR



BRONTE LAW



JULIE BROWN

OUR TOP PLAYERS!

CONGRATULATIONS TO BRONTE LAW, LIZZIE PRIOR AND JULIE BROWN. THEY ARE ENGLAND GOLF'S TOP WOMEN PLAYERS FOR 2015, HAVING RESPECTIVELY WON THE WOMEN'S, GIRLS' AND SENIOR ORDERS OF MERIT.

BRONTE LAW (BRAMHALL) - the world number four - topped the women's table despite spending most of her time at college in the USA. *"It means a lot,"* she said. *"I miss the majority of counting events being in the US, so I'm very pleased I could play so well in the tournaments over the summer while I was back at home."*

During the season she successfully defended the English women's amateur, winning by 16 shots. She also helped England to win the silver medal in the Spirit International Amateur, tied fourth in the European amateur and won her fourth tournament on the US college circuit. [CLICK HERE >](#) for the full story.

LIZZIE PRIOR (BURHILL) signed off from junior golf with her order of merit win. *"This was something I wanted to win as it was my last year in girls' golf and I wanted to go out on a high,"* she said. During the season she won the girls' title at the Fairhaven Trophy and was runner-up three times, in the English women's amateur, the English girls' championship and the Sir Henry Cooper Junior Masters. [CLICK HERE >](#) for the full story.

JULIE BROWN (TRENTHAM), won the British senior women's championship to set up a runaway victory in the order of merit, amassing more than twice as many points as her closest rival. *"I really wanted to win this, I was close last year and was pipped, so I'm very pleased,"* she said. She also helped the England senior women's team to win the silver medal at the European championships and to retain their Home Internationals title [CLICK HERE >](#) for the full story.



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England Golf's Club Member Handicap and Benefits scheme is open to members of affiliated golf clubs and it's free to join. Members receive their unique CDH ID number and can view their latest handicap online. They also enjoy a host of offers and discounts from partners and free entry in the fortnightly prize draws.

RECENT WINNERS INCLUDE:

Margaret Young, Penwortham Golf Club, Lancashire - Your Golf Travel Holiday

John Lord, Rossendale Golf Club, Lancashire - TW Steel CS9 watch

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The latest winner of our prize draw for a hole-in-one is **DEREK LUNN**, who had his ace on the 142-yard 10th at Pannal Golf Club, Yorkshire. He wins a dozen Titleist balls. [CLICK HERE >](#) to find out how to enter.

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HANDICAP CHANGES ANNOUNCED

THE COUNCIL OF NATIONAL GOLF UNIONS (CONGU) HAS ANNOUNCED THAT THE UNIFIED HANDICAPPING SYSTEM HAS BEEN REVISED AND THE CHANGES WILL TAKE EFFECT IN THE NEW YEAR.

They are the result of a four-year review cycle which aims to assist club members to have handicaps which truly reflect their playing ability.

THE CHANGES INCLUDE:

> FOUR BALL BETTER BALL HANDICAP ALLOWANCE: In both stroke play and match play the back marker will concede strokes to the other three players based on 90% of the difference between the full handicaps rather than 75% (3/4) as at present.

> CONTINUOUS HANDICAP REVIEW: The introduction of a process to flag players with seven consecutive 0.1 handicap increases so that Handicap Committees can review and apply an immediate handicap increase if required.

> CLUB HANDICAPS: A new 'Club Handicap' of up to 54 will be introduced for adults as well as juniors. Handicaps higher than 28/36 will only be valid at the player's home club for use in club-run events and cannot be used in opens etc.

> NINE HOLES: It will be possible to put in Supplementary Scores over nine holes for handicaps. Nine-hole scores will also be taken into account for an Exceptional Scoring Reduction.

> REINSTATEMENT OF HANDICAP STATUS: The reinstatement of a competition status handicap requires a player to submit three qualifying scores, which could be 18-hole competitions, nine-hole competitions or Supplementary Scores both at home and/or away.

CLICK HERE > for the full story.

SILVER ROSE SPOONS

THE SILVER ROSE SPOONS SCHEME, WHICH REWARDS THE BEST COMPETITION STROKE PLAY SCORES RETURNED BY CLUB PLAYERS, **HAS BEEN DISCONTINUED DUE TO LACK OF SUPPORT.**

THE WINNERS OF THE FINAL AWARDS WERE:

> DIVISION ONE (UP TO 10 HANDICAP)

Hannah Screen (Aldwickbury Park), hcp 3, net 63, 9-under SSS

> DIVISION TWO (11-20)

Carole Mathieson (Mid-Kent), hcp 12, net 65, 6-under SSS

Beverley Jane Vann (Perranporth), hcp 11, net 69, 6-under SSS

> DIVISION THREE (21-30)

Shane Lyon (East Devon), hcp 22, 43 stableford points, 7-under SSS

> DIVISION FOUR (31-36)

Susan Bignal (Enfield), hcp 34, 43 stableford points, 8-under SSS

> BEST GROSS SCORE: Hannah Screen

(Aldwickbury Park) 66

NEWSFLASH

BRONTE LAW (Bramhall) and **MEGHAN MACLAREN** (Wellingborough) will represent England in the South American Amateur in Peru, from January 21-24, alongside **JAMES ALLAN** (Chelmsford) and **MARCO PENGE** (Golf at Goodwood).

SPORT SURVEY

**WHY DO PEOPLE PLAY SPORT?
WHERE DO THEY PLAY SPORT?
AND WHO HELPS THEM?**

THESE ARE SOME OF THE QUESTIONS BEING ASKED IN A NEW SURVEY OF SPORT PARTICIPANTS LAUNCHED BY **SPORTS COACH UK.**

THIS RESEARCH WANTS TO FIND OUT WHO IS HELPING PEOPLE ENJOY THEIR SPORT, WHAT THEY DO AND HOW IMPORTANT THIS IS TO PARTICIPANTS.

Previous research has shown that good coaching increases enjoyment with sport and keeps people playing. By making coaches even better everyone's enjoyment will increase. Everyone who plays sport or is involved in any physical activity is invited to complete the short survey by **CLICKING HERE >**

STEWARDS TARGET NATIONAL TITLE

TWELVE REGIONAL FINALISTS FROM ENGLISH GOLF CLUBS HAVE BEEN SHORTLISTED FOR THE TITLE OF THE 2015 FULLER'S LONDON PRIDE STEWARD OF THE YEAR.



2014 winner Samantha Hudson

They include the 2013 national winners, SIMON AND KAREN WARD, from Wilmslow Golf Club in Cheshire, and two past regional champions.

STEVE WARREN of Eaton, Norwich, was the South East Steward of the Year in 2013; and KEVIN BROWN of Sherborne, Dorset, was last year's South West winner. This year, Kevin is joined in the title bid by his wife, Emma. Also in the field is Will Gill of Otley, Yorkshire, who was a regional finalist last year.

The competition, now in its ninth year, is run jointly by England Golf and Fuller's and aims to identify the golf club steward who provides the most welcoming and enjoyable experience at the 19th hole.

The shortlisted stewards will all be visited personally before this year's four regional winners are selected. The four will go forward to a celebration lunch early next year when the winner of the Fuller's London Pride Steward of the Year will be announced.

THE REGIONAL FINALISTS ARE:

NORTH

Simon and Karen Ward

Wilmslow Golf Club, Cheshire

Will Gill

Otley Golf Club, Yorkshire

Kirsty Glaister

Stamford Golf Club, Cheshire

MIDLANDS

Stephen Riley

The Leicestershire Golf Club, Leicestershire

Phil and Louise Maxwell

Radcliffe-on-Trent Golf Club, Nottinghamshire

Sam Read

Nuneaton Golf Club, Warwickshire

SOUTH EAST

Matt Palmer

Royal Ashdown Forest Golf Club, Sussex

Steve Warren

Eaton Golf Club, Norfolk

Michael Clark

Hankley Common Golf Club, Surrey

SOUTH WEST

Kevin and Emma Brown

Sherborne Golf Club, Dorset

Fiona Snook

Wareham Golf Club, Dorset

Amanda Goodyear

Looe Golf Club, Cornwall

The Lincoln Golf Centre dementia service pioneers



GOLF CENTRE PIONEERS DEMENTIA FRIENDLY SERVICE

A LINCOLNSHIRE GOLF CENTRE IS LEADING THE WAY IN A NEW INITIATIVE TO IMPROVE THE LIVES OF PEOPLE LIVING WITH DEMENTIA BY INTRODUCING THEM TO GOLF.

The Lincoln Golf Centre is hosting the venture - which is supported by England Golf - and has become a dementia friendly club. The scheme has just had its official launch with a special golf event held at the club (pictured).

"To witness the positive impact we've had on people's lives has been the most rewarding part of the venture," said ANTHONY BLACKBURN, founder of Golf In Society, which aims to make a positive contribution to the health and wellbeing of local communities through golf.

The service is tailored to each dementia client. *"Dementia touches each person differently, that's why you can't just take a generic approach when designing a dementia service, it's crucial to be able to personalise the delivery and content,"* said Anthony. He added *"The relaxed and enjoyable sessions, delivered in beautiful natural surroundings by compassionate people, is proving to be a winning formula."*

He quoted the wife of one client, Nicholas, who played a round at the golf centre: *"He was thrilled and I'm printing off some of the pics to put in a memory book of recent events for him. Nicholas has remembered the event this morning and he'll be keeping hold of the golf ball you gave him to help remind him of the day."*

[CLICK HERE >](#) for the full story.

NEW SQUADS

The England women's squad for 2015/16 includes four new players, while the girls' squad has six new faces.

Emma Allen (Meon Valley), Eloise Healey (West Lancashire), Sophie Lamb (Clitheroe) and Lizzie Prior (Burhill) have joined the women's squad, alongside Lianna Bailey (Kirby Muxloe), Gemma Clews (Delamere Forest), India Clyburn (Woodhall Spa), Sammie Giles (St Mellion), Alice Hewson (Berkhamsted), Bronte Law (Bramhall), and Meghan MacLaren (Wellingborough).

[CLICK HERE >](#) for more information.

Emma Allen

Teenage internationals Annabel Bailey (Kirby Muxloe), Sammy Fuller (Roeampton) and Hollie Muse (West Lancashire) are joined in the girls' squad by Louisa Brunt (Royal Birkdale), Sharna Dutrieux (Wrotham Heath), Martha Lewis (St George's Hill), Emily Price (Cleobury Mortimer), Bel Wardle (Prestbury) and Amelia Williamson (Royal Cromer).

[CLICK HERE >](#) for more information.

Annabel Bailey

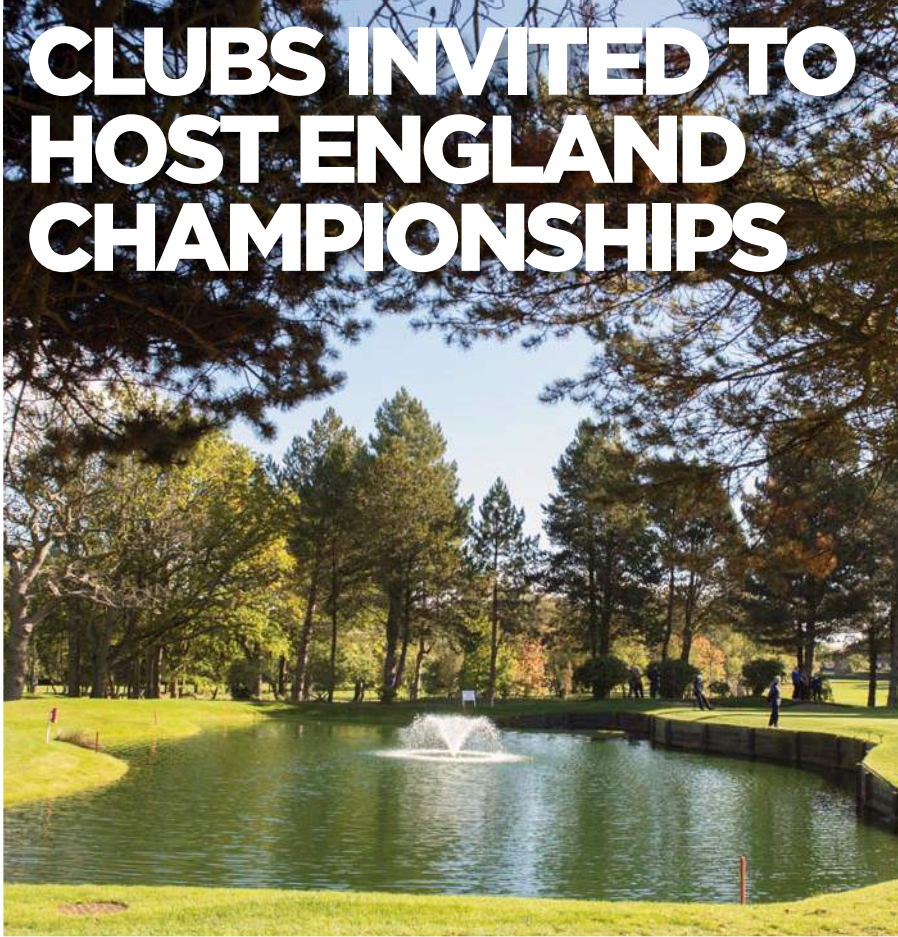


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CLUBS INVITED TO HOST ENGLAND CHAMPIONSHIPS



ENGLAND GOLF IS INVITING CLUBS TO PUT THEMSELVES FORWARD TO HOST NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIPS AND TOURNAMENTS.

"We'd be delighted to hear from any club which is interested," said **JAMES CRAMPTON**, the England Golf Championship Director. *"Hosting an event is a great way for clubs to mark a special anniversary or to show off their course and become better known."*

ENGLAND GOLF will soon start selecting venues for 2019 and is also filling the small number of remaining gaps for the 2017 and 2018 seasons. England Golf runs almost 50 events each year, ranging from competitions for handicap golfers to prestigious championships which attract international fields.

CLICK HERE > to email JAMES CRAMPTON.

HOW WELL DO YOU KNOW THE RULES OF GOLF?

TIME TO TEST YOURSELF...

- Karen teed up her ball within the teeing ground and made a stroke at it. She 'fresh aired' and missed the ball entirely, so addressed it again and accidentally knocked the ball off the tee.
What is the ruling?

 - A. There is no penalty as the ball was not in play. Karen must replace the ball. She will be playing her 2nd stroke.
 - B. Karen incurs a one stroke penalty and must replace the ball. She will be playing her 3rd stroke.
 - C. Karen incurs a two stroke penalty and must replace the ball. She will be playing her 4th stroke.

- In a match, Karen played her tee shot out of bounds from the wrong teeing ground. Her opponent Katy did not recall her stroke.
What is the ruling?

 - A. Karen lost the hole as soon as she played from the wrong teeing ground.
 - B. Karen incurs a penalty of one stroke and must play her next stroke from the correct teeing ground. She may re-tee her ball.
 - C. Karen incurs a penalty of one stroke and must drop a ball at the same spot from where she last played, on the wrong teeing ground. She may not re-tee her ball.

TO FIND OUT MORE ABOUT THE RULES **CLICK HERE >** TO VISIT THE R&A WEBSITE

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