

County News 2015

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



First Championship title for Tabitha

St Ives Golf Club hosted the Cambs and Hunts Ladies Golf Championship for the first time in its history. The new course proved a real challenge but Tabitha Brain produced some stunning golf to clinch her first Cambs and Hunts Championship title. The Gogs player took the crown with a 3 and 1 win over fellow County player Marcella Tuttle (The Links).

The qualifying rounds of the three day event were played in warm conditions with a gentle breeze. Tabitha topped the qualifiers when she set a course record of 71 in the morning for a total of 145, followed by Tina Broadley (Ely City) and Marcella Tuttle (The Links) both on 160. Tina was unable to compete in the knockout stages of the competition.

In the first quarter-final Tabitha faced Laura Todd (Ely City). Despite the freshening breeze she maintained her good form as she closed out the match 6 & 5. County Junior Jade Guest (Gogs) was in fine form as she defeated former Champion Jackie Gregg (The Links) 5 & 4. The Links Sarah Greenall fought hard for a 2 & 1 win against St Ives Captain Paula Ewing. The fourth quarter final produced an epic battle between two County 1st team players with Marcella Tuttle (Links) just edging out Jane McGuffog (Gogs) on the 19th hole.

In the semi-finals Tabitha saw off the challenge of Jade Guest and Marcella secured a hard fought 2 & 1 victory over Sarah Greenall.

In the final Tabitha went one up on the first hole when Marcella conceded after finding water with her approach shot to the green. The score was levelled on the 3rd when Tabitha conceded after difficulty in a greenside bunker. Marcella then took the next two holes with solid pars to go two up. The sixth hole went to Tabitha, but Marcella hit back by winning the seventh hole in par. The eighth hole was halved and Tabitha then reduced the arrears to one by winning the 9th hole.

After the turn Tabitha made a significant move with a birdie and two pars to move 2 up. The 13th hole was halved before Marcella reduced the arrears by winning the 14th hole. With holes running out Marcella conceded the 15th and the 16th hole was halved. On the 17th hole Tabitha hit a long accurate drive and found the green with her second shot. With Marcella missing the green with her approach shot Tabitha had the luxury of two putts to secure her first Championship victory.

Tabitha completed a hat trick of trophies by also winning the Allen Newport Trophy for the best scratch total in qualifying (145) and the Scratch Bowl awarded for the best gross score at Division 1 meeting and the County Championship (76, 71 and 74 for a total 221).

Photo shows a triumphant Tabitha with her three trophies.



County Plate –Top spot for Geraldine

Geraldine Fleming (St Ives) won the County Plate, a competition for the second group of qualifiers. In the quarter-finals Steff Allan (St Ives) had a walk-over, Lucy Mills-Cripps (Ramsey) defeated Greta Barclay (Ely City) on the 19th hole, Geraldine Fleming had a 3 & 1 victory over Moira Munro (Lakeside Lodge) and Dubie Brain (Gogs) won 2 up against May Burn (Brampton Park).

In the semi-finals Lucy Mills-Cripps defeated Steff Allan finishing 1 up and Geraldine Fleming defeated Dubie Brain 2 up.

In the final, after losing the first hole, Geraldine produced some solid golf to take five of the next six holes to go five up. However Lucy managed to win both the 9th and 10th holes to reduce the arrears to 3 down. The 11th hole went to Geraldine, the 12th was halved and Lucy won the 13th. Geraldine held her nerve to halve the next three holes to complete a well earned 3 and 2 victory.

(Photo shows Geraldine being presented with her trophy by County President Mo Poole)

County Junior Training Weekend – 21/22 March

The County Junior 1st and 2nd team players took part in a training weekend at Lakeside Lodge in March.

The weekend included a tough fitness programme, getting the girls ready for the vigour of County Match Days. Much of the on course work concentrated on short game skills and putting.

On the Sunday the girls took to the main course for competitive play with points awarded for drives on the fairway, for avoidance of bunkers and hazards and hitting the greens in regulation. This competition certainly made the youngster think about club selected in order to get the extra points.

Jade hits top form to claim her first Junior County Title



In near perfect conditions Jade Guest (Gogs) claimed her first Cambs and Hunts Junior Girls Championship at Ely City Golf Club. In the morning round she stamped her authority on the competition with birdies on the 2nd, 13th and 18th holes for an excellent gross score of 77. This established a 13 shot lead over her nearest rival.

In the afternoon round of the 36 hole competition Jade played a steady round with birdies on the 1st and 16th holes to record a score of 81 to win the title by twenty-two shots with a gross score of 158. Emily Smith (Royston) had two consistent rounds of 90 for a total of 180 to finish in second place.

The Handicap Cup was won by Chloe Neal (St Neots) with two excellent rounds of nett 77 and 73 for a total of 150. Second place went to Natasha Bamford (Ely City), in her first ever 36 hole competition, with rounds of nett 78 & 77 for a total of 155.

In the 18 hole Stableford Competition Ely City's Jordanne Sillitoe produced a solid round to score 36 points with Jessica Hollingsworth (Girton) second with 31 points.

Lucy Pepper (Gogs) took top spot in the 9 hole Stableford Competition on countback from Amy Hathiramani (Gogs), both players having scored 19 points.

The Bidy Wade Trophy for the most improved player with a score of 21 shots under par on her four best scores of the year went to Chloe Drewery (Brampton Park) with Ella Mason (Ely City) second on 16 under par.

(Top Photo Jade Guest with the Championship Trophy and bottom photo shows Chloe Drewery, Jordanne Sillitoe, Jade Guest, Lucy Pepper and Chloe Neal)



County team announced

At the conclusion of the County Championships at St Ives Golf Club Team Manager Sue Hill reported that the following players were selected to represent Cambs and Hunts Ladies County Golf Association at County Match Week at Chigwell Golf Club, Essex

County Champion Tabitha Brain, Miranda Brain, Jade Guest and Jane McGuffog (all Gog Magog), Tina Broadley and Laura Todd (Ely City) Jackie Ewing, Sarah Greenall and Marcella Tuttle (Links) and Megan Taylor (Brampton Park). Non travelling reserves Sarah Jones (Gogs) and Sarah Peek-Vout (Girton).



COME AND SUPPORT THE COUNTY TEAM

AT COUNTY MATCH WEEK AT

Chigwell Golf Club

156 High Road, Chigwell IG7 5BH

22nd -26TH JUNE 2015

22 nd June	v	Norfolk	9.19	14.16
23 rd June	v	Suffolk	8.30	12.40
24 th June	v	Bedfordshire	8.54	13.28
25 th June	v	Essex	9.19	14.16
26 th June	v	Hertfordshire	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.



Double top for Tabitha

In the opening event of the season Tabitha Brain (Gog Magog) clinched the Cambs and Hunts Division 1 title for the very first time. Despite the cold windy conditions, last years' runner-up

produced an excellent round of gross 76 to clinch top spot in a field of 52. In second place was Marcella Tuttle (Links) who finished with a score of gross 81.

In the nett competition top spot went to Ely City's Tina Broadley with a solid round of nett 74. Morag Hutcheon (Saffron Walden) took second place with a nett 76, with Lynn Lambert (Links) in third place on countback from fourth placed Steff Allan (St Ives), both players having scored 77.

With the weather improving for the afternoon foursomes Tabitha Brain (Gogs) paired up with Marie Bayes (Abbotsley) to take top spot with a solid score of 34 points. Maureen Battley and Sue Lockley (Gogs) took second place on countback from Marcella Tuttle and Sarah Greenall (Links), both pairs having scored 32 points.

(Photo shows Tabitha with the Margery Newport Trophy).

Essex Veterans v Cambs and Hunts Veterans

Cambs and Hunts Veterans team travelled to Bentley Golf Club for their annual match against Essex Veterans. In the top match County President Mo Poole (Brampton Park) and Grace Eastment (Cambridgeshire) put up a good fight before going down 3 & 2. In the second match Jude Hole (Links) and Ros Irons (Brampton Park) played against a formidable pair, one a former professional. They produced some excellent golf but eventually lost 6 & 4.

Anne Martin (Cambridgeshire) and Maureen Hagen (Ely City) suffered a 6 & 4 defeat at the hands of another very experienced pair. In the final match Veterans Captain Edie Douglas (Links) and Carol Harrison (Ely City) put up a tremendous fight. Finding themselves seven down with eight to play they pulled out all the stops but eventually lost one down.

The final result was a 4-0 win to Essex Veterans.

Junior Spring Meeting – Anna comes out on top

Gog Magog's Anna Guest took pride of place when she claimed the Lesley Ford Trophy at the Cambs and Hunts Junior Spring meeting at Lakeside Lodge. Despite the bright sunshine, the course played long after the recent heavy rain, but Anna



returned an excellent round of net 70, three under her handicap, to clinch the 18 hole medal competition. Second place went to Ely City's Jordanne Sillitoe with a score of nett 71.

The Scratch prize went to Jade Guest (Gogs) with a gross score of 82. Libbi Pikett (Girton) and Chloe Ashman (Ely City) won the hidden pairs prize with a combined score of 156.

The younger girls received coaching from professional Andy Fletcher and also took part in skills games, putting and chipping before moving on to the 9 hole and Par 3 courses.

A total of 12 girls with either club or county handicaps competed on the 9 hole Manor Course. Charlie Davis (The Links) put together a solid round scoring 15 points to take first place, with Cromwell's Chloe Willison in second place with 14 points. The hidden pairs prize was won by Sienna Mason (Ely City) and Amy Hathiramani (Gogs) with 26 points.

Eight new young players competed on the Par 3 course where Charlotte King (Brampton) took first place with 31 points with Gog's Georgina Ibrahim in second place with 28 points.

Emily Hay (Menzies) took first prize in the putting competition with Isabel Davies in 2nd place. Jessica Rust (Gogs) took first place in the chipping competition with Nicola Cornwell (Menzies) in second place. First place in the Tri Golf competition went to Rosie Hay (Menzies) with Brampton's Abigail King in second place.

(Photo shows Anna Guest with the Lesley Ford Trophy).

England Golf Funding

A joint application with CAGU resulted in grant aid in the sum of £3,320, split 60/40 between CAGU and CHLCGA to help develop junior coaching within the County.

The additional funding is being used to develop a comprehensive training programme, which includes a Junior Tour Event. As a result of this programme we have seen an increase in the number of girls attending the programme.

If you have a daughter or grand-daughter (aged 7-15) who might be interested in the training please contact either Maureen Mansfield (email: mansfieldmb@btinternet.com) or Rosemary Hay (email: rosemary.hay6@btinternet.com).

County Honours Julie and Jan

At the Annual General Meeting County President Mo Poole reported that the Committee decided to honour two people for their exceptional service to the County over many years. Firstly they had decided to award a trophy in the name of Julie Walter. She pointed out that the reason for the trophy in Julie's name was to honour her achievements in golf. A summary of Julie's amazing success throughout her years representing our county reads as follows:



The Margery Newport Trophy, which is the best scratch score in the Div1 Meeting.
Between 1974 & 2012 Julie won it, 17 times

The Allen Newport Trophy, which is the best scratch score over 2 rounds in the Championships.
Between 1972 & 2002 Julie won it 19 times.

The Scratch Bowl is the best gross scores in the Championships and Div 1.
Between 1977 & 2003 Julie won it 16 times.

County Championship
Between 1974-2009 Julie won it 19 times and was runner up 10 times.

Throughout this time she had been a wonderful ambassador for the County. Julie's etiquette on and off the golf course was a lesson from which almost everyone could learn from and if there was a book to illustrate this, it would be a sell-out.

This Trophy - The Julie Walter Trophy was a Life Time Achievement award. The second person to be honoured was a person who the Committee felt richly deserved to be honoured in our county and it was a tribute to the commitment, achievement, dedication and continued support that she has shown to our County throughout the years.

Before presenting the trophy Julie Walter said: - It was a great honour to have a trophy in her name and before I present this Lifetime Achievement Award, I would like to talk about a very popular and well liked Lady who was to receive the award.

She had been on the committee in various roles for over 25 years. She had played in the County 1st team and had been both 1st and 2nd team captain. Also County President, Handicap Advisor, Standard Scratch Assessor, Junior Organiser and had served on the County Golf Partnership. She had won the County Plate, Scratch Foursomes Match Play and Officials cup.

She certainly had been very busy with all these roles over the years, when she was first associated with Cambs & Hunts there only 13 clubs in the county. Julie then announced that she was delighted to say that this Lifetime Achievement Award goes to Jan Stockham and she presented the trophy to Jan.

Jan accepted the trophy and responded by saying that she was very honoured to receive the award. She stated that over the years she had sat in most of the seats on the Executive table. She thanked everyone for the trophy.

(Photo shows County President Mo Poole, Jan Stockham and Julie Walter)



County Veterans v Northants Veterans

Northants Veterans entertained the County Veterans at Oundle Golf Club. The match was evenly contested and the final result was a draw.

In the top match Linda Lakey (Royston) and Izzy Dear (Cambridgeshire) secured a hard fought draw. Cambs and Hunts then took the lead when Elaine Cardwell (Brampton Park) and Mandy Handscombe (Heydon Grange) won their match 4 & 3. Sally Pinnock (Bourn) and Pat Dugdale (Links) just lost out 2 & 1, but Rosemary Hay (Cambridgeshire) and Barbara Coe (Links) restored the lead with a 4 & 3 victory. After a real battle Pam Bonnett (Royston) and Edie Robinson (Cambridgeshire) halved their match.

In the sixth match Elaine Knobel-Forbes (Heydon Grange) and Sue Hide (Links) secured a 3 & 1 win for Cambs and Hunts to go two up in the match. In the final two matches Di Nicholson (Brampton Park) Val Squires (Royston) and Mary MacDonald (Ramsey) and Lesley Ellis (Links) both lost their matches 5 & 3, to give a match result of four all.



(Photo shows the team just before the meal)

County Veterans v County 2nd Team

The annual pre-season friendly between the County Veterans team and the County 2nd team was held at The Links, Newmarket in wet and windy conditions.

In the top match County President Mo Poole (Brampton Park) and Grace Eastment (Cambridgeshire) played Marilize Snyman-Harvey (Bourn) and Sarah Peeke-Vout (Girton). The match was very evenly contested and ended all square.

The second match saw Rosemary Farrow (St Neots) and Margaret Beckley (Links) take on Amanda Rawson (Brampton Park) and Marie Bayes (Abbotsley). In a close fought match Rosemary and Margaret held onto a slender lead and ran out winners finishing 2 up.

In the third match Chris McMullen (Gogs) and Jane Webster (Ely City) found Laura Todd (Ely City) and Emily Smith (Royston) in superb form. They put up a good fight but Laura and Emily clinched a 6 & 5 victory.

The final match between Veterans Captain Edie Douglas (Links) and Sue Hill (Girton) took on Sarah Oldham (March) and Chalani Allen (Gogs). This was another close match which Sarah and Chalani won 3 & 2 to give a match result of 2½-1½ to the County 2nd team.

County Junior 2nd team v Suffolk Junior 2nd team

In windy overcast conditions the Junior 2nd teams of Cambs and Hunts and Suffolk played a friendly match on the Wandlebury course at Gog Magog, which resulted in a 2-1 victory for Suffolk.

In the top match Ella Mason (Ely City) and Anna Guest (Gogs) played against a more experienced pair. Although they put up a good fight they lost their match 5 & 4. The second match was very evenly contested and Chloe Drewery (Brampton Park) and Eleanor Gamble (Ely City), who was making her debut, just lost out on the 18th hole losing 1 down.

In the final match Junior 2nd Team Captain Morgan Tritton (St Neots) and Natasha Bamford (Ely City) proved too strong for their opponents and clinched their match 5 & 4.

Both teams included a reserve and they played a singles match to gain valuable matchplay experience. Jessica Hollingsworth (Girton) played some excellent golf but came up against a more experienced opponent who won the match 6 & 4.

Photo shows Cambs & Hunts Junior 2nd Team (left to right) Natasha Bamford, Jessica Hollingsworth, Maureen Mansfield (County Junior Organiser), Chloe Drewery, Ella Mason, Anna Guest, Morgan Tritton, Eleanor Gamble and Chris Heath (2nd Team Organiser).



County Veterans v County Junior 1st/2nd Team

The County Veterans team challenged the County Juniors in order to give them valuable matchplay experience. The match was reduced to a nine hole competition due to heavy rain.

In the top match County President Mo Poole (Brampton Park) and Yvonne Jardine (Saffron Walden) played against Chloe Drewery (Brampton Park) and Libbi Pikett (Girton). The youngsters raced into an early lead and despite a fightback by the Veterans Chloe and Libbi closed out the game 4 & 3.

In the second match Veterans Captain Edie Douglas (Links) and Sue Ward (Saffron Walden) had a tough battle against Lindie Tapping (Gogs) Anne Guest (Gogs) but ran out winners finishing 2 up.

The third match between Greta Barclay (Ely City) and Barbara Coe (Links) for the Veterans and Sophie Nicoll (Gogs) and Natasha Bamford (Ely City) for the Juniors was very evenly contested and resulted in a draw.

In the final match Sue Hill (Girton) and Tina Bone (Bourn) for the Veterans took on Morgan Tritton (St Neots) and Eleanor Gamble (Ely City) for the Juniors. Morgan and Eleanor played some excellent golf in the wet conditions and ran out winners by 3 & 1 to secure a 2½-1½ match win for the Juniors.



Veterans Photo shows (l-r) Tina Bone, Mo Poole, Sue Hill, Barbara Coe, Edie Douglas (Vets Capt), Sue Ward, Yvonne Jardine and Greta Barclay.



Junior Photo shows (l-r) Chloe Drewery, Morgan Tritton, Eleanor Gamble, Lindie Tapping, Anna Guest, Sophie Nicoll, Natasha Bamford and Libbi Pikett.

Junior Golf Tour – On Par Ely – Eleanor and Lauren take top honours

On Par Ely hosted the first event of the County's Junior Girls Golf Tour for their Development Squad players. The afternoon started with an hours coaching with John O'Leary (On Par's Golf Professional) for the eighteen competitors before they went on to the challenging course for a nine hole stableford competition.

On a bright sunny day the competitions were keenly contested with Eleanor Gamble (Ely City) taking the top honour in the 29-50 handicap section with 24 points, with Lucy Pepper (Gogs) second with 20 points and Girton's Jessica Hollingsworth third with 19 points.

In the second group of players with a 51-54 handicap, Lauren McMaw (Brampton Park) finished in first place with 19 points, with Emily Hay (Cambridgeshire) in second with 16 points and Nicole Cornwell (Cambridgeshire) in third place with 16 points on countback from Abigail King (Brampton Park).



(Photo shows left to right Emily Hay, Rosemary Hay (Development Squad Organiser), Lauren McMaw, Eleanor Gamble, Maureen Mansfield (County Junior Organiser), Nicole Cornwell and Jessica Hollingsworth)

Midland Veterans' Championship

Gog Magog Golf Club played host to the Midland Veterans Association's Championship. Seventy-six players took part in the event which was played in appalling wet conditions.

The competition was split into different categories and in Division A (Handicaps 0-12) St Neots Rosemary Farrow just missed out on the prizes with a nett 77.

In Division B (Handicaps 13-28) Pat Nixon (Ely City) took pride of place clinching first place with an excellent score of nett 77.

(Photo shows Pat Nixon being presented with her prize by Jean Johnson, President of the Midland Veterans Association)



Faces behind the names



Cindy McIntyre – 2nd Team Captain

Cindy is a member of Bourn Golf Club and has been a regular in the County 2nd team over the past few years. She is looking forward to the challenging role and hopes to continue introducing some of the County Juniors into the County 2nd Team.



Wendy Cox – Handicap Advisor

Wendy is a member of Lakeside Lodge Golf Club and has been Deputy Handicap Advisor for many years and her knowledge will be invaluable in the coming year when a number of changes are being introduced into the handicap system.



Jane McGuffog – Training Officer

Jane is a member of Gog Magog Golf Club and having just completed three years as County Captain is now taking on the role of Training Officer. She has worked with County Coach Alan Fletcher to develop a training programme for the coming year, to involve County 1st, 2nd and Junior players and any other players who have potential to make the teams in the future.



Trina Miller – Regional Delegate

Trina is a member of Brampton Park Golf Club and has just joined the Executive Committee as Regional Delegate. Trina will attend meetings of England Golf and will be responsible for running any East Region competitions being held in Cambs and Hunts.

Having welcomed the new officers we must say a belated thank you to Jane McGuffog, Sharren Kjenstad and Elaine Cardwell for all their hard work over the past years. We also say thank you to Jacquie Richardson who has decided to hand over the reigns of Regional Delegate. We wish you all happy golfing.

Development Squad Training – 26th April

For the first training session of the season twenty-two youngsters attended. County Coach Alan Fletcher had set up various skills games involving short game exercises, chipping under, over and through obstacles and putting challenges.



(Photo shows Alan demonstrating the art of putting)