

County News 2015

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Including reports on: County Week, Division 3 and High Handicappers, Foursomes Championship, East Region Seniors Championship, Grace Norman Trophy and results: 2nd Team, Veterans and Juniors

County Week

County Match Week at Chigwell Golf Club

County Match Week at Chigwell Golf Club got under way in bright but breezy conditions. On the first day Cambs and Hunts faced Norfolk. In the morning foursomes Tabitha and Miranda Brain (Gogs) played some excellent golf to clinch their first match 4 & 3. The second pairing of Marcella Tuttle and Jackie Ewing (Links) had a tough battle but just lost out 3 & 2. In the third match Ely City's Laura Todd and Tina Broadley fought valiantly but went down 2 & 1, giving Norfolk a 2-1 lead after the foursomes.

In the six singles in the afternoon Tabitha Brain continued her fine form with a resounding 9 & 8 victory, but Norfolk won the next match when Jackie Ewing lost out by 6 & 5. The third match was very evenly contested with Sarah Greenall (Links) securing a valuable half. Miranda Brain pulled off an excellent 7 & 5 victory to level the scores. Tina Broadley just lost out 2 & 1 in her match and with Laura Todd finishing 4 & 2 down the final match score was a 5½-3½ victory for Norfolk.

The other results on the day saw Essex defeat Hertfordshire 5-4 and Suffolk beat Bedfordshire 5-4.

On Day 2 Suffolk were our opponents. Once again the team found themselves 2-1 down after the morning foursomes with Jackie Ewing and Miranda Brain securing a comfortable 5 & 4 win.



In the top match Marcella Tuttle and Sarah Greenall found themselves six down with six to play, but put up a spirited fight to win the next three holes before loosing out 4 & 2. In the third match Jane McGuffog (Gogs) and Sarah Peeke-Vout (Girton) in her debut match lost a close match 3 & 2.

In the singles Cambs & Hunts lost five of the six singles, with Jane McGuffog recording an excellent 3 & 2 victory. During this game Jane's opponent Vicky Inglis won the 14th hole when she scored a hole-in-one. The final match score was a 7-2 win for Suffolk.

Other results on the day were Herts beat Norfolk 5 - 4 and Essex beat Bedfordshire 6 - 3.

Bedfordshire provided the opposition for the third day of the competition and for the first time Cambs and Hunts took a 2-1 lead after the morning foursomes with a 5 & 4 victory for Tabitha and Miranda Brain and an excellent 2 & 1 victory for Marcella Tuttle and Sarah Greenall.

Unfortunately Bedfordshire came out fighting after lunch to claim the first five singles matches before Jane McGuffog pulled one back for Cambs and Hunts with a 4 & 3 victory. The match result was 6-3 to Bedfordshire

Other results on the day were Suffolk beat Hertfordshire 5-4 and Essex beat Norfolk 6-3.

On Day 4 Junior County Champion Jade Guest (Gogs) arrived to make her Senior County debut. In the morning foursomes Essex took a 2-1 lead with Jane McGuffog and Jade Guest securing the only victory.

Once again Essex proved too strong in the singles taking five of the six matches with Laura Todd winning her match 3 & 2 to give a match result of 7-2 to Essex.

Other results on the day were Hertfordshire beat Bedfordshire 6½-2½ and Norfolk beat Suffolk 6-3.

On the final day Hertfordshire were the opponents. In the morning foursomes they took a 2½-½ lead with Tabitha and Miranda Brain halving their match.

In the six singles matches Cambs and Hunts put in their best performance of the week sharing the matches 3 all.

In the top match Tabitha Brain put up a great battle but just lost out 1 down, Miranda Brain secured an excellent win finishing 3 & 2. Marcella Tuttle went down 3 & 1 after another evenly contested match. Jade Guest secured her first singles victory for the County with a tremendous 5 & 4 win. In the fifth match Sarah Greenall was solid throughout and claimed a 4 & 3 victory. With everything hanging on the last match Laura Todd just lost out finishing 2 down, giving a match result of 5½-3½ to Hertfordshire.

Other results on the day saw Norfolk beat Bedfordshire 6½-2½ and Essex beat Suffolk 6½-2½.

Essex clinched the East Region title with 5 points (30½ games), 2nd Hertfordshire 3 points (25 games) on countback based on the result against Norfolk, 3rd place Norfolk 3 points (25 games), 4th place Suffolk 3 points (22½ games), 5th Place Bedfordshire 1 point (18 games) and 6th place Cambs and Hunts 0 points (14 games)

(Photo shows – Back Row l-r Sarah Greenall, Tina Broadley, Jade Guest, Marcella Tuttle, Miranda Brain, Jackie Ewing, Laura Todd, Jane McGuffog and Sarah Peeke-Vout. Seated: Sue Hill (Team Manager), Tabitha Brain (County Champion) and Mo Poole (County President)).



Division 3 and High Handicappers meeting -Top Spot for Sandra and Hilary

In pleasant sunny conditions with a light breeze the competitors had ideal conditions for the Division 3 and High Handicappers meeting played at March Golf Club.

The 9 hole course was in perfect condition and provided a good challenge to the competitors. The Long Handicap Cup (Handicaps 29-35) was won by Sandra King (Lakeside Lodge) with a magnificent score of 41 points. Second place went to Josie Donaldson (St Ives) with 36 points and local player Shona Kent (March) took 3rd place with 34 points.

In the High Handicap Shield (Handicap 36) Brampton Park's Hilary Rogers took top spot with 30 points on countback from Shelagh Byrne (Menzies).

(Photos show Sandra King with the Handicap Cup and Hilary Rogers with the High Handicap Shield).





COME AND SUPPORT THE JUNIOR COUNTY TEAM

AT COUNTY MATCH DAYS AT

John O'Gaunt Golf Club

Sutton Park, Sandy, Bedfordshire, SG19 2LY

17th-19th August 2015

Monday 17th	v	Norfolk	14.00
Tuesday 18th	v	Suffolk	9.42
	v	Bedfordshire	14.06
Wednesday	v	Essex	8.30
	v	Hertfordshire	14.42

The matches each consist of six singles. If you can't come all day just come for the afternoon.

SHOW THE TEAM YOU SUPPORT THEM BY WEARING
SOMETHING LIGHT BLUE

Junior County Match Days – County Team Announced

Following an extensive coaching/training programme under the watchful eye of County Coach Alan Fletcher the Junior County Team has been selected for the forthcoming Junior County Match Days at John O'Gaunt Golf Club.

The players selected to represent the County are Junior County Captain Chalani Allen (Gogs), Chloe Ashman (Ely City), Jade Guest (Gogs), Ella Mason (Ely City), Chloe Neal (St Neots), Sophie Nicoll (Gogs), Emily Smith (Royston) and Lindie Tapping (Gogs) Reserves are Chloe Drewery (Brampton Park) and Morgan Tritton (St Neots).

Photo shows I-r: Chalani Allen (Junior Captain), Jade Guest, Lindie Tapping, Chloe Neal, Chloe Ashman, Sophie Nicoll, Ella Mason and Morgan Tritton. (Emily Smith and Chloe Drewery below)





Defending Champions Retain Title

Marcella Tuttle and Sarah Greenall (The Links) put together two solid rounds to successfully defend their Cambs and Hunts County Foursomes title at Girton Golf Club. In the hot and sunny conditions they established a comfortable 15 shot lead after the morning round, with a gross 77, and added a solid round of 82 for an overall total of gross 159. Second gross went to Brampton Park's Kay Osborne and Amanda Norman who scored 92 and 86 for a total score of 178 gross.

The handicap prize went to Jacquie Richardson and Linda Harness of Old Nene with nett scores of 77.5 and 74.5 for a total nett score of 152. The second nett prize went to Carolyn Devaney and Val Squires (Royston) with nett scores of 77.5 and 75.5 for a nett score of 153 on countback from J Jones and E Ottley (Lakeside Lodge) and Ros Grey and Terry Robinson (Ely City).

(Photo shows l-r Sarah Greenall and Marcella Tuttle winners with the Holland Cups)

East Region Veteran's Ladies Championship

Haverhill Golf Club hosted the East Region Veteran's Ladies Championship. The course was in very good condition and it provided a real challenge. After a damp start the weather improved but a strong wind continued throughout the day.

The top prize went to Essendon's Rena Stott with a gross score of 82 off a handicap of 6, with Viv Kemp of Bury St Edmunds taking the nett prize with a 71. The Essex team won the Team Challenge.

Ely City's Greta Barclay was victorious in the Senior Veterans Section with a nett score of 71, with Maureen Hagen (Ely City) 2nd with a nett score of 74. Bourn's Christine King was successful in a younger age group with a nett 75.



(Photo l-r Maureen Hagen and Greta Barclay)

Top spot for Teresa at Meridian Golf Club

Newmarket's Teresa Locke took top spot in the Cambs and Hunts Division 2 meeting played at Meridian Golf Club. The competition started in overcast conditions and a blustery wind made playing conditions difficult. Despite this Teresa played some excellent golf to record a nett score of 72 to claim the Audrey Nicole Cup. She said that she had enjoyed playing the course which was in excellent condition.

Second place went to Bourn's Mel Owers with a score of nett 74 on countback from Cath Emery (Brampton Park) in third place, with Julie Miller (Brampton Park) in fourth place with a nett 75.

(Photo shows Teresa receiving the Audrey Nicole Trophy from County President Mo Poole)





Grace Norman Trophy – St Ives long wait ends in success

It was twenty-two years since St Ives Golf Club last found success in the Grace Norman Trophy event as they recorded an excellent 2-1 victory over Abbotsley. St Neots Golf Club hosted the semi-finals and final of the Inter-club Foursomes competition and provided a real challenge for the four clubs involved, especially in the afternoon when there were a number of squally showers.

In the semi-final St Ives faced a tough challenge against The Cambridgeshire who took the lead when they won the top match 4 & 3, but their third pair had a comfortable 6 & 4 victory to level the scores. It fell to the St Ives second pair to clinch victory with a 3 & 2 win.

In the other semi-final between Abbotsley and Bourn, Abbotsley had a convincing 6 & 5 victory in the top match, but Bourn's second pair levelled the score with a 3 up victory. The third match was very evenly contested with Abbotsley eventually running out winners by 2 & 1 to clinch a place in the final.

The final also provided an evenly contested match. In the second match St Ives Julie Walter and Sue Anderson played some solid golf against Abbotsley's Jo Richardson and Vivien Ward and ran out winners by 5 & 3.

The top match between Paula Ewing and Geraldine Fleming (St Ives) and Marie Bayes and Tabitha Brain (Abbotsley) was a nail biting affair with the lead changing hands several times during the game. It took a solid par by Bayes and Brain on the final hole to clinch the game 1 up, to level the match score at one all.

The final match between St Ives Kathy Cooper and Patricia Whittimore and Sue Hurren and Heather Davidson (Abbotsley) was evenly contested, but Cooper and Whittimore took a two shot lead with a solid par on the 15th hole.

On the par 3 16th hole Whittimore's tee shot hit the pin and spun off just five feet from the hole. Abbotsley were unlucky when their drive found a greenside bunker. After a good recovery by Davidson, Hurren just failed to sink the putt. Cooper and Whittimore won the hole with a par to close out the match 3 and 2 to secure a well deserved 2 & 1 victory for St Ives.

(Photo above shows I-r, St Ives - Julie Walter, Sue Anderson, Geraldine Fleming, Paula Ewing (Captain), Kathy Cooper and Patricia Whittimore and photo opposite shows Abbotsley – Marie Bayes, Jo Richardson, Sue Hurren, Heather Davidson, Vivien Ward and Tabitha Brain)



"THIS GIRL GOLFS"

This is a new initiative supported by England Golf which is aimed at trying to spread the message that golf is a game for all. The idea is to attract more women and girls into golf.

Junior Committee member Darren Tritton has been working with England Golf to establish centres in Cambridgeshire at Cambridge Lakes, Girton and Lakeside Lodge. The event was poorly supported but those girls that turned up at Cambridge Lakes had an enjoyable time. Adrienne Engleman ran a two hour course including coaching on chipping and putting. The youngsters then split into two teams to design a putting challenge for the other team. Junior County Players Charlotte Platt, Sophie Nicoll and Eleanor Gamble attended the session to help spread the word.

(Photo shows one of the putting courses set up by the girls)



Cambs & Hunts 2nd Team

v Norfolk at Thetford

In the first match of the season the team played a strong Norfolk 2nd team at Thetford. The team consisted of the Captain Cindy McIntyre (Bourn), Chalani Allen (Gogs), Sarah Oldham (March), Amanda Rawson (Brampton Park), Marilize Snyman-Harvey (Bourn) and Claire Tuttle (Links).

In the morning foursomes Marilize and Claire just lost out 3 & 1, Amanda and Cindy had a close match but finished two down and Sarah and Chalani came up against a very strong pair losing 5 & 4.

In the afternoon singles Norfolk piled on the pressure and won five of the six matches, with Amanda Rawson securing a half. This gave a match result of 8½-½ victory to Norfolk.

v Essex at Bourn

In the second match of the season team Captain Cindy McIntyre selected a mixture of youth and experience to take on a strong Essex 2nd team.

In the foursomes Marie Bayes (Abbotsley) and Chloe Ashman (Ely City) played a very experienced pair and lost 6 & 4. In the second match Amanda Rawson (Brampton Park) and Marilize Snyman-Harvey (Bourn) fought hard but went down 4 & 3. In the third match promising juniors Chalani Allen (Gogs) and Emily Smith (Royston) played extremely well and ran out winners finishing one up, to leave Cambs and Hunts 2-1 down after the morning foursomes.

In the top singles Amanda came up against a solid opponent and lost out 4 & 3. The second match saw Marilize in fine form as she recorded an excellent 1 up victory. Chloe, in her debut match scored a tremendous 7 & 5 victory against a more experienced player. The next match saw Chalani produce another solid performance as she fought all the way to earn a valuable 1 up victory. This saw Cambs and Hunts in the lead at 4-3.

With the pressure on Marie put up a fantastic fight before losing out finishing one down and in the final match Emily just lost out by 3 & 1 after a very evenly contested game. This gave Essex a 5 – 4 victory, but the Cambs and Hunts team can be proud of their performance in running Essex to such a close margin.



(Photo shows the team that played Essex Amanda Rawson, Marilize Snyman-Harvey, Chloe Ashman, Marie Bayes, Cindy McIntyre (2nd Team Captain), Chalani Allen and Emily Smith)

County Junior 2nd Team v Norfolk Junior 2nd Team

The Links, Newmarket played host for the Junior County 2nd team match between Cambs & Hunts and Norfolk, which resulted in a 3½-½ victory for Norfolk. The weather for the match was overcast and cool.

In the top match Junior 2nd team Captain Morgan Tritton (St Neots) and Anna Guest (Gogs) had a very close match against a solid pair and just lost out 2 & 1. In the second match Natasha Bamford and Ella Mason (both Ely City) played against a very experienced pair and lost 5 & 3.

In the third match Chloe Drewery (Brampton Park) and Ellie Gamble (Ely City) put up an excellent performance but lost on the 18th two down. The final game saw Libbi Pikett (Girton) and Jordanne Sillitoe (Ely City), making her debut, put in a valiant performance to halve their match.

Lucy Pepper (Gogs) and Jessica Hollingsworth (Girton) played a singles match to gain valuable match play experience with Lucy taking the honours.



(Photo shows Natasha Bamford, Lucy Pepper, Jessica Hollingsworth, Eleanor Gamble, Morgan Tritton (2nd Team Captain), Anna Guest, Ella Mason, Jordanne Sillitoe, Chloe Drewery and Libbi Pikett)

County Veterans

v Norfolk Veterans

Cambs and Hunts Veterans travelled to Eaton Golf Club, Norwich for their annual match against Norfolk Veterans. The course was in excellent condition and the match was played in glorious sunshine.

In the top match Elaine Knobel-Forbes (Heydon Grange) and Greta Barclay (Ely City) played well to reach the turn all square but their opponents Alex Cowie and Pat Bland held their nerve to run out winners 4 & 2.

In the second match Grace Eastment (Cambridgeshire) and Pat Dugdale (Links) played some excellent golf against the very experienced pairing of Iet Cuppens and Sue Hill and ran out winners by 4 & 3.

The third pair of Rosemary Hay (Cambridgeshire) and Pat Blythe (Ely City) found their opponents Jill Innes and Mary Nicholls in top form. They battled hard but went down 6 & 5.

In the final match Wendy Osbourne (Heydon Grange) and Pat Nixon (Ely City) had a real battle on their hands against Maureen McRae and Helen McAllister but they held their nerve to clinch the game one up. This gave a match result of two all.



(Photo shows left to right Pat Dugdale, Grace Eastment, Greta Barclay, Wendy Osbourne, Rosemary Hay, Pat Nixon, Elaine Knobel-Forbes and Pat Blyth)

v Bedfordshire Veterans

Cambs and Hunts Veterans entertained Bedfordshire Veterans at St Neots Golf Club. The course was in excellent condition after the recent rain and the players enjoyed a fine sunny day. The match consisted of four matches off scratch and four matches off handicap and resulted in a victory for Cambs and Hunts by 4½-3½.

In the top match Anne Chandler (St Neots) and Kay Osbourne (Brampton Park) found themselves up against an in form pair and lost out 4 & 3. Mary Thompson (St Neots) and Jude Hole (Links) played some excellent golf to claim a 5 & 3 win to level the match score. In the third match Lesley Clark (Old Nene) and Brenda Davey (Brampton Park) were involved in a tight battle but held on to win 2 and 1. Sue Hill (Girton) and Greta Barclay (Ely City) fought hard but lost out 5 & 4.

The fifth match was a real battle with Hazel Suswain (Ramsey) and Phoebe Brown (Links) battling all the way for a draw. Pam Bonnett (Royston) and Heather Davidson (Abbotsley) just edged ahead of their opponents for a 2 & 1 victory.

In the seventh match Jane Paine (St Neots) and Val Squires (Royston) were involved in a real battle but held their nerve to run out winners finishing 1 up. In the final match Sally John (St Neots) and Liz Smith (Ely City) fought hard against a very strong pair but lost out 5 & 3.



(Photo shows l-r Kay Osbourne, Brenda Davey, Lesley Clark, Hazel Suswain, Phoebe Brown, Edie Douglas (Captain), Jude Hole, Jane Paine, Heather Davidson, Sally John, Anne Chandler, Sue Hill, Liz Smith, Val Squires, Mary Thompson, Pam Bonnett and Greta Barclay).

Development Squad Coaching

The end of June saw another successful Development Squad coaching event with the players teamed up for a Texas Scramble. Fourteen players took part in the event and the day ended with practice on the putting green.



(Photo shows the juniors flanked by County Junior Organiser Maureen Mansfield and County Coach Alan Fletcher).

ISPA Handa European Masters – Sarah gets an invite to the party

Former County Player Sarah Attwood (Gogs), was one of two players on the LET Access Series to receive an invitation from England Golf to play in the ISPS Handa European Masters at The Buckinghamshire on 2-5 July. The invitation was part of England Golf's strategy of support for former amateur players. Sarah has been working really hard at her game and was delighted with the invitation.



The tournament had a field of 144 players and Sarah justified the invitation by qualifying with rounds of 70 & 76. She then produced another two solid rounds of 72 & 76 for a four round total of 294, finishing in joint 57th place.

To show the quality of the field Sarah was competing against Laura Davis (280), Trish Johnson (280) and Charlie Hull (290).

Well done Sarah, the County are very proud of you. Good luck for the rest of the season.

(Photo from her playing days for the County)

English Girls Under 16 Open Amateur Championships

Jade Guest (Gogs) took part in the English Girls U16 Championship at Royal Cromer Golf Club. The competition was spread over three days, involving one round of 18 holes on each of the first two days, with the top 36 and equals qualifying for two further rounds on the third day.



Jade put in two steady rounds of 78 and 77 to qualify comfortably for the final day. After a disappointing round of 83 on the final morning, which dropped Jade down the field, she responded brilliantly with an afternoon round of 75 for a total score of 313, to move up five places to finish joint 13th.

The winner was Cloe Frankish of Chart Hills Golf Club with a score of 294.

English Women's Amateur Championship – Huntstanton 14-16 July

Huntstanton Golf Club hosted the English Women's Amateur Championship on 14-16 July. The competition consisted of one round of 18 holes on the first two days, with the top 32 players and ties qualifying for 36 holes on the final day.

Young Jade Guest (Gogs) made her debut in a major Women's event and put up a creditable performance but failed to qualify for the final day.

However Miranda Brain (Gogs) and Emily Slater (Woodhall Spa/Ely City) both qualified comfortably for the 36 holes. Despite the glorious sunshine, playing conditions were made tricky by a gusting wind and hard sun baked fairways, and this was reflected in the final round scores.

Miranda played three very solid rounds. In the final round she struggled in the blustery conditions dropping a shot at the third and two shots at the fifth, but birdied the sixth. However she ran into trouble on the tricky par 3 - 7th hole when her tee shot ended up against the sleepers at the back of the deep bunker at the front of the green. The resultant 6 proved to be very expensive, but she recovered with an excellent birdie on the 9th hole. With the wind freshening on the back nine she dropped a number of shots to finish with a score of 83.

Miranda finished tied in 17th place with scores of 71-74-74-83 for a total score of 302.

Emily made an excellent start to the tournament with a 1st round score of 70 and she qualified comfortably for the final two rounds. In the final round, like many of the players, she suffered in the blustery wind and had several awkward bounces off the fairway which landed in the punishing rough.

Emily finished tied in 22nd place with scores of 70-78-77-81 for a total score of 306.

The winner of the competition was Bronte Law with rounds of 63-69-69-74 for a total of 275.



(Photos show Miranda facing a bunker nightmare at the 7th and Emily recovering from the rough on the 9th).

Junior Tour Event – Heydon Grange

The Junior Tour moved on to Heydon Grange where sixteen youngsters competed for the honours. The afternoon started with coaching from Club Coach Stuart Smith and warm-up exercises before the youngster went onto the Hertfordshire course.

Some of the younger players struggled in the very windy conditions but they all battled round until heavy rain halted the proceedings and the players and helpers made a mad dash back to the clubhouse.

There were nine players in the top group for County 3 and Development 1 players. These girls played off the red tees and the competition was won by Lucy Pepper (Gogs) with a score of 13 pts, with Cromwell's Chloe Willison in second place with 12 points.

Seven Development 2 players played off the forward blue tees. This competition was reduced to 5 holes after play was suspended due to the heavy squally showers. The winner of this section was Immy Longstaff-Biggs (Bourn) with 16 points, with Maddy Roitman (Bourn) second with 12 points.



(Photo shows back row l-r Rosemary Hay (Development Squad Organiser), Mo Poole (County President) and Lucy Pepper. Front row l-r Chloe Willison, Immy Longstaff-Biggs and Maddy Roitman.)

County Veterans' Championship – Pat leads the way

In near perfect conditions Pat Nixon (Ely City), who last year won the President's Salver for the best nett score, went one better by producing a superb round of 83 to claim the Veterans' Cup for the best scratch score. The course at Old Nene was in excellent condition but the tricky greens provided a challenge to the competitors.

The President's Salver for the best nett score was won by Ramsey's Hazel Suswain who produced an excellent round of nett 67. In the Senior Veterans' Competition Rosemary Farrow retained her title with a gross 85.

In the Silver Division (0-20 Handicap) Rosemary Hay (The Cambridgeshire) took top spot with a solid round of nett 70, with Sue Hurren (Abbotsley) in second place with a nett 73 on countback from Margaret Beckley (The Links).

Bourn players dominated Bronze Division A (21-28 Handicap) by taking all three prizes with Mary MacDonald in top spot with a great score of nett 69, followed in second place by Iris Beardsmore with a nett 72 and Barbara King third with a nett 75.

In Bronze Division B (29-36 Handicap) Abbotsley's Sarah Rennie top first place with an excellent score of nett 68 with Liz Olding (Brampton Park) in second place with a nett 72.

(Photo shows l-r Hazel Suswain, County President Mo Poole, Pat Nixon and Rosemary Farrow).

