

# County News 2016

Written and compiled by Greta Barclay - Cambs and Hunts Press Officer

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



Jade Guest secures title in closely fought final.

County Junior Jade Guest produced some excellent golf to become one of the youngest winners of the Cambs and Hunts Ladies County Championship. The Gog Magog golfer scored a 2 & 1 victory over defending Champion Tabitha Brain in her first appearance in the final.

In the qualifying stroke play competition of the three day event at St Neots Golf Club, Tabitha and Jade took the top two places with scores of 151 and 154 respectively.

In the quarter finals Jade defeated Zhanna Tarasko (Bourn) 6 & 4 and Tabitha secured a 5 & 4 victory over County Junior

Ella Mason (Ely City), who was playing in her first championship.

In the other two quarter finals Links Marcella Tuttle had a 5 & 3 victory over local player Rosemary Farrow and Sarah Greenall (Links) completed a 6 & 4 victory over Lesley Gilchrist (Gogs).

The semi-finals saw the same four contestants as last year, but this time both matches were Gogs v Links, with Jade defeating Sarah 4 & 2 and Tabitha gaining a 4 & 3 victory over Marcella.

In the final after Tabitha won the first hole Jade responded with a birdie on the 2<sup>nd</sup> hole to level, but a birdie for Tabitha restored her one hole lead. With the next three holes halved Jade produced a wonderful 2<sup>nd</sup> shot on the Par 5 seventh hole to finish inches from the hole for a certain eagle to level the scores. Tabitha won the 8<sup>th</sup> hole and Jade the 9<sup>th</sup> to be level at the halfway mark.

Jade moved into a two hole lead after winning the 12<sup>th</sup> and 13<sup>th</sup> holes, but Tabitha reduced the arrears by winning the 14<sup>th</sup>. The 15<sup>th</sup> hole was halved and on the Par 3 16<sup>th</sup> hole Jade recovered with an excellent chip and then sunk a long putt to halve the hole.

Jade closed out the match on the 17<sup>th</sup> hole with another solid par putt for a 2 & 1 victory.

Tabitha had some consolation as her qualifying score of 151 saw her take the Allen Newport Trophy Scratch prize and her combined total of 237 from rounds of 77, 74 in the Championship and 86 at the Division 1 meeting saw her awarded the Scratch Bowl for best gross score.

(Top photo shows County President Jacquie Richardson presenting Jade with the County Championship trophy and bottom picture shows Jacquie presenting Tabitha with the Allen Newport Trophy and the Scratch Bowl)





Lucy Mills-Cripps (Ramsey) went one better than last year when she took top spot in the County Plate for the second group of qualifiers. She won 4 & 3 against Gog's Dubi Brain in the quarter finals and then beat Pat Nixon (Ely City) 4 & 3 in the semis.

Her final opponent was Sue Hill (Girton) who defeated Laura Tuttle (Links) finishing one up and County Junior Morgan Tritton (Gogs) 2 & 1.

Lucy got off to a flying start and was six up after seven holes with a series of pars and two birdies. Sue fought valiantly to reduce the arrears by winning the 11<sup>th</sup> and 14<sup>th</sup> holes, Lucy closed out the match with a half on the 15<sup>th</sup> hole for a 4 & 3 victory.

(Photo shows County President Jacquie Richardson presenting Lucy with the County Plate)

## Junior Spring Meeting – Top Spot for Ella

In glorious spring sunshine Lakeside Lodge played host to the Cambs and Hunts Junior Golf Spring Meeting. A total of 39 girls between the ages of 7 to 17 took part in the event.



The top nine girls competed for the Lesley Ford Trophy on the 18 hole Lodge course. Despite the bright sunshine the course played long after the recent heavy rain, but Ella Mason (Ely City) made light work of the conditions with an excellent round of 72, one under her handicap, to clinch the 18 hole medal competition for the Lesley Ford Trophy. Second nett prize went to Eleanor Gamble (Ely City) who produced a solid round of nett 73.

The scratch prize went to Lindie Tapping (Gogs) with a gross score of 89. Jessica Hollingsworth (Girton) and Lucy Pepper (Gogs) won the hidden pairs prize with a combined score of 161.

An 18 hole stableford competition for girls with a 36 handicap was won by Sienna Mason (Ely City) with 22 pts.

The younger girls all received coaching from Club Professional Andy Fletcher as well as taking part in skills games, putting and chipping before moving onto the 9 hole and Par 3 courses.

A total of 8 girls with either club or county handicaps competed on the 9 hole Manor course. Paige Hardwidge (Kingsway) played some very good golf to record a score of 22 pts to take first place, with Brampton Park's Lauren McMaw in second place with 19 pts. The hidden prize was won by Ruby Davis (Links) and Immy Longstaff-Biggs (Bourn).

Twenty younger players competed on the Par 3 course where Beatrice Routledge (Gogs) took first place with a score of 35 on countback from Libby Mott (Melbourn) who also scored 35 pts.

Maddy Roitman (Bourn) took first prize in the putting competition with 21 putts and Isabella Routledge (Gogs) took first place in the chipping competition.

(Photos show Ella Mason with the Lesley Ford Trophy, and far left general photos of the day's activities)



(Left to right Sienna Mason, Lindie Tapping, Ella Mason and Eleanor Gamble)



## County team announced

At the conclusion of the County Championships at St Neots Golf Club Marcella Tuttle reported that the following players were selected to represent Cambs and Hunts Ladies County Golf Association at County Match Week at Bishop's Stortford Golf Club

County Champion Jade Guest and Sarah Jones (Gog Magog), Tina Broadley and Laura Todd (Ely City), Sarah Peeke-Vout (Girton) Caroline Bird, Jackie Ewing, Sarah Greenall, Claire Tuttle, Laura Tuttle and Marcella Tuttle (Links) and Paula Ewing (St Ives). Non travelling reserves: Chloe Ashman (Ely City) and Lesley Gilchrist (Gog Magog).



## COME AND SUPPORT THE COUNTY TEAM

AT COUNTY MATCH WEEK AT

Bishop's Stortford Golf Club

Dunmow Road, Bishop's Stortford, Hert CM23 5HP

20th -24<sup>TH</sup> JUNE 2016

20th June	v	Essex	8.54	13.28
21st June	v	Norfolk	8.30	12.40
22nd June	v	Suffolk	8.54	13.28
23rd June	v	Bedfordshire	8.30	12.40
24th June	v	Hertfordshire	8.54	13.28

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.



### Debut Success for Belinda

Brampton Park's Belinda Borneo claimed a debut success in the Cambs and Hunts Division 1 competition held at Bourn. Despite the tricky conditions with sun, wind, rain and hail the former England International tennis player, produced a solid round of 82 to claim the top spot, four shots ahead of defending champion Tabitha Brain (Gogs).

In the nett competition Gog's Sonia Hyvonen produced an excellent round of 73 to clinch top spot. Second place went to Bourn's Linda Brown with a score of 78 on count back from Linda Clemmow (Bourn).

During the afternoon foursomes, after a brief flurry of snow the weather conditions improved slightly and Ann Norman and Kay Osborn (Brampton Park) put together an excellent round to score 35 pts. Second place went to Saffron Walden's Delia Roberts and Linda Minton with 34 pts with Belinda Borneo and Shirley Osbourne (Brampton Park) in third place with 33 pts.

(Photo shows Belinda Borneo with the Margery Newport Trophy)

### Girls Get Together

The opening event of the season is the Girls Get Together held at Girton Golf Club in February. A total of 35 girls took part and they were put into various teams with the older County Squad girls acting as team leaders. Some of the parents were coerced into taking part to make up the numbers.

The amount of paperwork that Maureen deals with to get all the teams sorted out is endless, but she has been doing it for a long time and the whole process goes like clockwork with all the girls issued with their team badges.

As the girls arrive and assemble in their teams Rosemary Hay hands out papers for the quizzes, usually general knowledge appropriate for their ages – pop music, TV shows etc.

Then the fun begins with each team moving on to golf related challenges, chipping into hoops, target golf with plastic clubs tennis balls and a Velcro target, then its off to Alan's studio for the putting challenge. This was followed by a quiz on the rules of golf. All the County Junior Trophies were then presented to the winners followed with the prizes for the day's event.



### Cambs & Hunts Veterans v Essex Veterans

In bright but breezy conditions Cambs and Hunts Veterans played their annual match against Essex at Bourn Golf Club. In the top match Mo Poole (Bourn) and Geraldine Fleming (St Ives) had a closely fought match against Trish Wilson and Sue Lines-Poulton. The match was all square at the half-way stage but the Essex pair gradually pulled ahead to win 3 & 2.

In the second match Grace Eastment (The Cambridgeshire) and Kay Osborne (Brampton Park) played against Mandy Rix and Philipa Deman. They put up a brave battle but just lost out finishing 2 down. The third match between Tina Broadley (Ely City) and Helen Verrechia (Bourn), making her debut, and Joan Smith and Toni Brookwell, the Cambs and Hunts pair played some excellent golf to take an early lead and maintained that level of play to run out comfortable 7 & 5 winners.

In the final match Rosemary Farrow (St Neots) and Sue Hill (Girton) played against Julie Race and Judy Pryke. This was another evenly contested match with the Essex pair clinching the match 1 up on the final hole. The overall match result was a 3 -1 victory to Essex.

(Photo shows the Cambs & Hunts team in the blue Back Row from left to right Rosemary Farrow, Kay Osborne, Grace Eastment and Sue Hill and front row left to right Helen Verrechia, Tina Broadley, Geraldine Fleming and Mo Poole)



## Junior 2nd Team v Suffolk 2nd Team

Our County Junior 2<sup>nd</sup> Team played against Suffolk Junior 2<sup>nd</sup> team on Sunday, 22<sup>nd</sup> May at Newton Green Golf Club, Sudbury.

With so many of the girls busy with exams it was a struggle to send a team to Sudbury. However, we did manage to get 6 girls playing Greensomes. County 2<sup>nd</sup> Organiser Chris Heath said she was delighted when 9 year old Sienna Mason from Ely came to the rescue making her county debut. Not to be outdone her big sister Ella, who had just played in the Ladies County Championships, stepped in on the day as Anna Guest was not well. It was a difficult match played in good spirit.

In the top match Natasha Bamford and Eleanor Gamble (Ely City) had to give 5 shots to their opponents and although they fought hard they lost their match 5 & 4.

The second match saw sisters Ella & Sienna Mason (Ely City) giving eight shots. They put up a tremendous fight and just lost out on the last putt on the 18<sup>th</sup> finishing 1 down.

In the third match Olivia Dyson (Barkway) & Jessica Hollingsworth (Girton) gave 7 shots but they played some excellent golf and won their match 3 & 2. The match result was a 2 – 1 victory for Suffolk.

Natasha Bamford was Captain of the day and gave a confident speech thanking everyone for a most enjoyable day.

Photo shows back row I-r Eleanor Gamble, Natasha Bamford, Jessica Hollingsworth, Olivia Dyson and Ella Mason with Sienna Mason in front



## Junior 2<sup>nd</sup> Team v Norfolk Junior 2<sup>nd</sup> Team

The Junior 2<sup>nd</sup> team played Norfolk 2<sup>nd</sup> team at Richmond Park Golf Club, Watton, Norfolk. Unfortunately we were unable to send a team of 8 girls so were one junior down.

Morgan Tritton (Gogs) handicap 16, played against Chloe Gibbs and Eve Nield who played foursomes. Chloe's handicap was 8 and Eve was 29. Morgan put up a tremendous battle and just lost out 2 & 1.

In the second match Anna Guest and Lucy Pepper (Gogs) gave 7 shots to Emma Bambridge and Hannah Thompson. They put up a spirited battle but just lost out 3 & 2.

The third match saw Natasha Bamford (Ely) and Alex Sparrow (Saffron Walden) making her debut, face Abbie Downton and Rebecca Vansittart. The handicaps were even so the match was played off scratch. Natasha and Alex put up a good fight but the Norfolk pair ran out winners 6 & 5.

In the final match Eleanor Gamble (Ely) and Jessica Hollingsworth (Girton) received 4 shots against Nicola Dalziel and Lucy Partridge. They played some excellent golf and ran out winners by 5 & 4.

Natasha was Captain for the day and was a credit to the county helping and advising Alex throughout the match and making the day a most enjoyable game for her debut for the county. She gave a very confident speech thanking all the players and the helpers and the parents who came along to support the team.

Photo shows I-r Eleanor Gamble, Jessica Hollingsworth, Morgan Tritton, Alex Sparrow, Natasha Bamford, Anna Guest and Lucy Pepper.

## East Region Foursomes at Ipswich Golf Club

The East Region foursomes was held at Ipswich Golf Club in late April. The course was in a good condition following a very wet winter.

Marcella Tuttle and Sarah Greenall (Links) played very well to finish 4<sup>th</sup> gross and 3<sup>rd</sup> nett in a good quality field of thirty pairs. Gogs Tabitha Brain and Marie Bayes (John O'Gaunt) put in a creditable performance to finish 4<sup>th</sup> nett.



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

The annual pre-season friendly between the County 2<sup>nd</sup> team and the County Veterans was held at Ramsey Golf Club in bright breezy weather.

In the top match Tina Broadley and Chloe Ashman (Ely City) representing the 2<sup>nd</sup> team played Edie Douglas and Margaret Beckley (Links). The match was evenly contested but Tina and Chloe gradually pulled ahead and ran out winners by 3 & 2.

In the second match between Morag Hutcheon (Saffron Walden) and 2<sup>nd</sup> team Captain Cindy McIntyre (Bourn) and Ann Dawson (making her Veterans debut) and Judy Freeman (Ramsey) was disrupted when Judy sustained an injury. However the Veterans Captain Hazel Suswain stepped in as substitute to complete the match which was very evenly contested, Morag and Cindy winning one up.

In the final match Rosemary Walker (Girton) and Lucy Mills-Cripps (Ramsey) ran out winners against Sharren Kjenstad (Ramsey) and Grace Eastment (Cambridgeshire) to give the 2<sup>nd</sup> team a match victory of 3-0.

(Photo shows I-r Lucy Mills-Cripps, Rosemary Walker, Morag Hutcheon, Ann Dawson, Hazel Suswain (Veterans Captain), Cindy McIntyre (2nd Team Captain), Grace Eastment, Edie Douglas, Sharren Kjenstad, Judy Freeman, Tina Broadley, Margaret Beckley and Chloe Ashman)



## County 1<sup>st</sup> team BBQ

With the rigors of the County Championships over and the team for County Match Week at Bishop's Stortford on 20<sup>th</sup>-24<sup>th</sup> June announced Marcella Tuttle decided that an impromptu BBQ was the perfect way of building a good team spirit.

The event was a great success, with eleven of the twelve players and officials attending the BBQ at Marcella's house. Sarah Peeke-Vout was excused as the event clashed with her hen night. The BBQ was interrupted by various games and chipping/putting challenges. In the build up to County Week the team will travel to Bishops' Stortford for practice rounds to assess pairings and the team's strategy for the week.



(Photo shows back. row I-r Jackie Ewing, Laura Todd, Tina Broadley, Paula Ewing, Caroline Bird, Marcella Tuttle, Sarah Jones and Sarah Greenall and Front row: Chloe Ashman, Laura Tuttle, Jade Guest and Claire Tuttle)

## Reminder

Please don't forget to send me details of any regional or national success by any of your lady member(s) or teams. Email details to [findgbarclay@btinternet.com](mailto:findgbarclay@btinternet.com)

## Scottish Girls Open Championships at Strathmore

Jade Guest (Gogs) took part in the first ever Scottish Girls' Open Stroke Play Competition, which is set to become one of the most important events on the calendar for young golfers. The brand new event for Under 18's was played in the beautiful setting of Strathmore and was played over 54 holes, and is a WAGR counting event.

A total of 102 girls competed in the first two rounds with the cut being made at 60 plus ties. Jade comfortably made the cut with rounds of 71 and 73 and her final round of 74 gave her a total score of 218 (one under par) for a tie in 11<sup>th</sup> place, with the winner posting a score of 213. Well done Jade another great performance.



## Faces behind the names



Jacquie Richardson – County President

Jacquie is a member of Old Nene Golf Club and has done a terrific job as County Secretary for the past six years, including serving as our Regional Delegate on England Golf. Jacquie hosted the Club Captains and Vice Captains meeting in March and has played an active role in the organisation of Junior County Match Days being held at The Cambridgeshire Golf Club in August. She is getting to grips with a busy schedule of events and is looking forward to attending County Match Week at Bishop's Stortford.



Val Musson – County Secretary

Val is a member of Lakeside Lodge GC and has been both Treasurer and Secretary of the Past Captains' Society and was responsible for setting up the Society's website. She has slotted seamlessly into the County Secretary's post and has already attended a number of Committee meetings.



Di Nicholson – County Treasurer

Di plays her golf at Brampton Park GC. She has her hands firmly on the purse strings and has the difficult job of chasing up any clubs for late payments of County subscriptions.



Hazel Suswain – County Veterans' Captain

Ramsey Golf Club's Hazel Suswain has already started a busy season, selecting players for the three County Veterans matches played so far this season. If you attain the age of 50 and are interested in playing for the Veterans team, but haven't passed your information through your Club Delegate, then please contact Hazel direct, her details are in the Blue Book



Trina Miller – County Competitions Secretary

Trina Miller is a member of Brampton Park Golf Club. She took on the job of Regional Delegate last year and has bravely stepped in at short notice to take on the role of Competitions Secretary for this year. She has hit the ground running and came through with flying colours with the successful running of Division 1 meeting at Bourn and the County Championships at St Neots.



Rosemary Rennie – Assistant Competitions Secretary

Rosemary Rennie plays at The Cambridgeshire GC. She is in charge of the organisation and running of the Jean Wilkinson, The Grace Norman, the Scratch League and the Scratch Foursomes competitions. All these events are progressing well and the results appear on the website.

## Outgoing officers

Having welcomed the new officers we must say a belated thank you to the outgoing officers Mo Poole, Jacquie Richardson, Jane Skerry, Edie Douglas, Fiona Whitney and Jaine Fieldhouse for all their hard work over the past years. Happy golfing.

## Junior Golf Tour – On Par Ely – Wins for Olivia and Jasmine

The first County Junior Girls Tour event for Development Squad players was held at On Par Ely. The girls had a warm up session in the driving range and the putting green before going out for their nine hole competition. Eleven of the more experienced girls took part in a 9 hole competition off the red tees and Olivia Wynne (Kingsway) took top spot with a nett 25. Second place went to Alex Sparrow (Saffron Walden) with a nett 32 on countback from Lauren McMaw (Brampton Park).

The five younger girls played off the forward tees and this section was won by Jasmine Couch (Bourn) with a nett 26 with Lila-Belle Nacca (Cambridge Lakes) in second place with nett 30.



(Photo shows left to right Lauren McMaw, Jasmine Couch, Alex Sparrow, Olivia Wynne and Lila-Bella Nacca)

## Development Squad Coaching

The Development Squad have had two coaching sessions at Girton Golf Club so far this season. With the increasing number of youngsters attending these sessions it has been necessary to split the girls into two groups. Alan takes the putting sessions whilst Dean deals with the short game sessions. Each group of girls has three quarters of an hour with each coach and the numbers are more manageable. The benefits of the extra coaching can be seen in the scores being recorded in the Junior Tour events.



## County Junior Training Weekend



In March the main County Junior Squad players enjoyed a training weekend at Lakeside Lodge. During the weekend the girls were put through their paces in the gym. Alan set up a number of exercises to test both balance and strength and the girls had timed sessions on each exercise. Lindie Tapping took up the ultimate challenge of flipping a tractor tyre on her own but she just failed to beat Alan's time.

The main emphasis of the weekend concentrated on putting, focusing on line and length and reading greens, and short games skills, whether to chip or pitch and what clubs to use. The Par 3 course was ideal for this type of practice.

At the end of the weekend the girls enjoyed a Texas Scramble with a difference, on the Par 4's and 5's they had to play from the shortest drive. This put a very different emphasis on the game and on the Par 3's they each played their own ball.

There were some very tired girls at the end of the two day session but they all seemed to enjoy themselves. Our thanks go to Lakeside Lodge for the use of the facility and for looking after us so well and to Alan Fletcher who puts a lot of work into organising these events.



## East Region Medal Final – Thetford Golf Club

A total of 118 players took part in the East Region Medal final held at Thetford Golf Club on

19<sup>th</sup> May. The weather was fine with a light breeze and the course was in an excellent condition.

Ely City's Greta Barclay was one of the early starters and had a competitor's number of 13. Despite the number she got off to an excellent start completing the front nine in two over par 39, then in her own words "she got a little excited" and struggled to a 47 on the back nine giving a nett score of 73. The score was good enough for seventh place and with the top 10 going through to the Grand Final; Greta had booked her place for the 11<sup>th</sup> August at Frilford Heath Golf Club where she will compete against the top ten players from each of the six regions.

Belinda Borneo (Brampton Park) had an excellent round of 74 finishing in 11<sup>th</sup> place.

## County Veterans v Northants Veterans

Cambs and Hunts Veterans entertained Northants Veterans at Heydon Grange. The match was very evenly contested and the final result was a draw,

In the top two matches Jacquie Richardson (Old Nene) and Hazel Suswain (Ramsey) and Elaine Knobel-Forbes (Heydon Grange) and Sheila Withams (Lakeside Lodge) faced tough opposition and they battled hard each pair securing a draw.

The third match produced another evenly contested game but the Cambs & Hunts pairing of Liz Smith (Ely City) and Val Musson (Lakeside Lodge) just edged ahead to finish 1 up. Sally Pinnock (Bourn) and Josie Seward put up stern resistance but just lost out finishing 2 down. In the fifth match Jean Black (Heydon Grange) and Tina Bone (Bourn) also lost two down after another close battle.

Robin Singleton (Ramsey) and Mary MacDonald had a hard fought match losing out on the 18<sup>th</sup> green. The seventh match saw Christine Ratcliffe (Ely City) and Di Nicholson (Brampton Park) edge ahead to secure a 2 & 1 win and the final match pair of Julie Aspinal (Ely City) and Edie Robinson (The Cambridgeshire) gained an important 3 & 2 win to secure a match draw at four all.

(Photo shows left to right Elaine Knobel-Forbes, Julie Aspinal, Jean Black, Edie Robinson, Val Musson, Sally Pinnock, Jacquie Richardson (County President), Robin Singleton, Liz Smith, Mary MacDonald, Christine Ratcliffe, Di Nicholson, Tina Bone, Sheila Withams and Josie Seward. Vets Captain Hazel Suswain is missing as she took the photo)



## St Rule Trophy at St Andrews – Great result for Emily

Ely City's Emily Slater competed at St Andrews in the St Rule Trophy, which is a 54 hole international tournament for amateur lady golfers. This competition attracts players from all over the world who relish the opportunity to play on the New and Old Courses at St Andrews Links. The competition is accepted as one of the leading competitions for national and international Order of Merits.

Emily produced one of her most consist performances with rounds of 73, 75 and 74 for a total score of 222 (-4) to finish joint 15<sup>th</sup> out of a field of 90. Just reward for a lot of hard work.

