

# County News 2016

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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: 2<sup>nd</sup> Team, Veterans and Juniors

## County Week

County Match Week at Bishop's Stortford Golf Club

County Match Week proved a real challenge to all the teams with the inclement weather disrupting the programme from the first day. On the first morning play got under way at 8.30 but was suspended because of flooded greens and the nine foursomes matches were halved. The green staff worked miracles in clearing the greens of surface water and the singles matches got under way at 12.00 noon.

Cambs and Hunts Ladies faced last year's winners Essex in their first match. Although Sarah Peeke-Vout (Girton) and Laura Todd (Ely City) took their opponents to the 17<sup>th</sup> and 18<sup>th</sup> holes respectively Essex won all six singles matches to close out the match 7½-1½.

The other results on the day saw Norfolk secure an excellent 5½-3½ victory over Hertfordshire and Suffolk gained a similar victory against Bedfordshire.

On the second day Cambs and Hunts played Norfolk. In the top foursomes match Marcella Tuttle and Caroline Bird (The Links) put up a tremendous battle but just lost out finishing one down. The second pair of Sarah Greenall and Jackie Ewing (The Links) played some excellent golf to win their match 3 & 1. Tina Broadley (Ely City) and Sarah Peeke-Vout (Girton) found their opponents in good form and lost out 7 & 5.



In the afternoon singles the Norfolk players put in a tremendous performance to win all six matches to gain a match score of 8-1.

Other results on the day were Hertfordshire beat Bedfordshire 7½-1½ and Suffolk beat Essex 6-3.

Suffolk were our opponents on the third day. They were in buoyant mood after victories on the first two days and romped away with the three foursomes matches.

In the afternoon singles Marcella Tuttle (The Links) fought valiantly for a 4 & 2 victory and daughter Claire Tuttle (The Links), making her 1<sup>st</sup> team debut, battled hard for a 3 & 2 win. The match result was 7-2 to Suffolk.

Other results on the day were Hertfordshire beat Essex 5-4 and Norfolk beat Bedfordshire 7-2.

On Thursday torrential overnight rain caused the suspension of the morning foursomes. Our opponents were Bedfordshire and with the improving weather the singles matches got under

way in the late morning. In the top singles Sarah Greenall (The Links) put up a tremendous fight but just lost out finishing one down. Marcella Tuttle (The Links) battled her way to a hard fought 5 & 3 victory over the experienced Sally Shayler. In the final singles Jade Guest (Gogs), making her first appearance in this year's competition put in a great performance and ran out a winner by 4 & 2. The match result was a 4-2 victory for Bedfordshire.

Other results on the day were Suffolk and Hertfordshire drew 3-3 and Essex defeated Norfolk 4-2.

On the final day Cambs and Hunts faced Hertfordshire, who took a 3-0 lead after the morning foursomes. In the afternoon singles Cambs and Hunts put up a determined fight but lost three matches on the 18<sup>th</sup> hole, with Jade Guest (Gogs) the only player to win her match. The match result was an 8-1 win for Hertfordshire.

The other results on the day saw Bedfordshire beat Essex 5½-3½. In the Championship decider between Norfolk and Suffolk, Norfolk took a 2½-½ lead after the morning foursomes. Suffolk fought hard in the afternoon and won 3½ of the singles games but lost the match 5-4. Norfolk were crowned the East Region Champions and go forward to the National Championships in September.

Final results were 1<sup>st</sup> Norfolk 4 pts (27½ games), 2<sup>nd</sup> Hertfordshire 3½ pts (27 games), 3<sup>rd</sup> Suffolk 3½ pts (25½ games), 4<sup>th</sup> Essex 2 pts (22 games), 5<sup>th</sup> Bedfordshire 2 pts (16½ games) 6<sup>th</sup> Cambs and Hunts 0 pts (7½ games)

(Photo on front page shows back row l-r Laura Todd, Paula Ewing, Sarah Greenall, Sarah Jones, Laura Tuttle, Jackie Ewing and Jade Guest. Front row l-r Tina Broadley, Sarah Peeke-Vout, Jacquie Richardson (County President), Sue Hill (Team Manager), Marcella Tuttle and Clair Tuttle with Caroline Bird inset right).



Division 3 and High Handicappers meeting - Success for Lesley and Rosemary

Saffron Walden's Lesley Hann took full advantage of her local knowledge to clinch top spot in the Division 3 meeting and to claim the Long Handicap Cup. After the recent heavy rain the Saffron Walden course was in perfect condition to provide a good challenge to the competitors. The day started off in warm but overcast conditions with a light breeze and Lesley put together an excellent round of golf to score 36 points. Second place went to Penny Ackerman (Saffron Walden) with 35 points with Bourn's Barbara Thomson in third place with 32 points.

In the competition for the High Handicap Shield (Handicap 36) Gog Magog's Rosemary Lane took top spot with 29 points from second placed Judith Macleod (Saffron Walden) who scored 26 points.

(Photo shows l-r Lesley Hann, County President Jacquie Richardson and Rosemary Lane)

#### Div 2 - Katie scores a double

Brampton Park's Katie Dixon produced some excellent golf to gain double success at the Cambs & Hunts Ladies Golf Association's Division 2 meeting at Ely City'

In near perfect conditions Katie's round of gross 96, nett 73 proved good enough to claim the gross prize and to pick up the Audrey Nicole Cup for the best nett score.

The second prize went to Bourn's Debbie Salmon with a score of 77, with Suzie Miles of Bourn finishing in third place with a score of 78. Ely City's Ros Grey finished in fourth place with a score of 79



(Photo shows Katie Dixon with her trophy)



## COME AND SUPPORT THE JUNIOR COUNTY TEAM

AT COUNTY MATCH DAYS AT

The Cambridgeshire Golf Club

Bar Hill, Cambridge CB23 8SR

15<sup>th</sup>-17<sup>th</sup> August 2016

Monday 15 <sup>th</sup>	v	Essex	13.06
Tuesday 16 <sup>th</sup>	v	Norfolk	8.30
	v	Suffolk	14.42
Wednesday 17 <sup>th</sup>	v	Bedfordshire	8.30
	v	Hertfordshire	14.06

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

SHOW THE TEAM YOU SUPPORT THEM BY  
WEARING SOMETHING LIGHT BLUE



### JUNIOR COUNTY TEAM ANNOUNCED

The following players have been selected to represent Cambs and Hunts Ladies County Golf Association at Junior County Match Days at The Cambridgeshire Golf Club:

Junior County Captain Chloe Ashman (Ely City), Chalani Allen (Gogs), Ella Mason (Ely City), Jade Guest (Gogs), Chloe Neal (St Neots), Emily Smith (Royston), Lindie

Tapping (Gogs) and Morgan Tritton (Gogs). Reserve Anna Guest (Gogs).

(Photo shows l-r Anne Guest (Res), Jade Guest, Ella Mason, Lindie Tapping, Chalani Allen, Morgan Tritton, Chloe Ashman (Junior Captain), Chloe Neal and Emily Smith)

### Junior Championship – Hole in One for Jade as she retains the Junior Championship

In ideal conditions Jade Guest (Gogs) put in a solid performance at Girton Golf Club to successfully retain the Junior Championship title she won for the first time last year. In doing so Jade becomes a double County Champion having won the County Championship in May.



In the morning Jade had a steady round of 74 which left her just five shots ahead of her younger sister Anna who put together a stunning round of 79 (nett 65).

In the afternoon round of the 36 hole competition Jade played some excellent golf, which included birdies at the 1st and 10<sup>th</sup> holes and a hole in one on the 158 yd 8<sup>th</sup> hole for a gross afternoon score of 70. Her total gross score of 144 gave her a winning margin of 18 shots. Lindie Tapping (Gogs) had two consistent rounds of 81 for a total of 162 to finish in second place. Jade's victory saw her qualify for the Daily Telegraph Junior Championship.

St Neot's Chloe Neal won the prize for the best morning round with a score of 69 and Olivia Dyson (Barkway) won the prize for the best afternoon round with a score of 72.

The Handicap Cup was won by Anna Guest (Gogs) who followed up her stunning morning round of nett 65 with a solid round of nett 70 for a total nett score of 135. Second place went to Ella Mason (Ely City) with rounds of 72 and 73 for a total nett score of 145.

In the 18 hole Stableford Competition Girton's Jessica Hollingsworth took top spot with an excellent score of 41 points, just one point ahead of Issy Routledge (Gogs) who scored 40 points.

In the 9 hole stableford competition Lila-Belle Nacca (Kingsway) came first with a stunning 33 points with Kingsway's Olivia Wynne second with 28 points.

The Bidy Wade Trophy for the most improved player, with a score of -17 shots under par for her four best scores of the year went to Olivia Dyson (Barkway) with Ella Mason (Ely City) in second place with a score of -16.

### European Universities Games 2016 – Zagreb, Croatia

In July Miranda Brain represented St Andrews University in the 2016 European University Games held in Zagreb, Croatia. It was the first time that golf had been included in the games and it involved a 72 hole stroke play competition with the two best individual scores contributing towards the team event.



Enduring long rounds in scorching weather Miranda played steadily throughout the tournament, improving her score day by day: 75, 74, 73 and 72 for a total 294 (6 over par). This was good enough to secure the silver medal in the individual event. The gold medal went to Gemma Batty of Stirling University with a total score of 285, five under par.

Miranda and her St Andrews team mates Marie Danielson and Lieve Van Veggel each produced excellent scores on the various days and their team score secured the team silver medal. Stirling University claimed the gold medal.

(Photo shows Miranda with her silver medal.)

### East Region Veteran's Ladies Championship

Haverhill Golf Club hosted the East Region Veteran's Ladies Championship. The course was in good condition and it provided a real challenge. The blustery wind made playing conditions tricky, but it was a warm and sunny day.

The top prize went to Essendon's Rene Stott who retained the trophy for the best gross score with a round of 81, with Pam Madam of Bury St Edmunds taking the nett prize with an excellent round of 67. The Suffolk team won the Team Challenge.

Ely City's Liz Smith came second in the Over 60's section with a nett 72 and Greta Barclay (Ely City) came third in the Over 70's section with a nett 81.



## County Foursomes Championship – Victory for Tabitha and Miranda

The draw for this 36 hole foursomes competition pitted the defending champions Sarah Greenall and Marcella Tuttle (The Links) against their nearest rivals Tabitha and Miranda Brain (Gogs). The morning round was very evenly contested with Tabitha and Miranda scoring a gross 76 to take a two shot lead, with Sarah and Marcella scoring a gross 78.

In the afternoon Sarah and Marcella pulled out all the stops in an effort to reduce the arrears. Despite their best effort they only managed to reduce the deficit by one, which meant that Tabitha and Miranda clinched the title with a gross score of 154, with Sarah and Marcella second on 155.

In the handicap competition first prize went to local pair, Trish Whittamore and Steph Allen (St Ives) with a nett score of 151 with fellow club members Paula Ewing and Julie Walter (St Ives) in second place with 152. The Gogs pair of Lesley Gilchrist and Sally Rusted finished in third place with 153.



(Photo shows Tabitha and Miranda with County President Jacquie Richardson)



## Grace Norman Trophy – Success for Saffron Walden

After a twenty-eight year wait Saffron Walden finally found success in the Grace Norman Trophy event with a hard fought 2 – 1 victory over Brampton Park. The Links, Newmarket hosted the semi-finals and final of the Inter-Club Foursomes competition and provided a real challenge for the four clubs involved.

In the semi-final Saffron Walden faced a tough challenge from Bourn. The top match was evenly contested but Saffron Walden's Jackie Smith and Delia Roberts edged ahead to clinch a 3 & 2 victory. Their second pair of Lynda Minton and Vilma Krinks took an early lead and held their nerve to win 4 & 3. As a result had been achieved the third match was called in.

In the second semi-final Brampton Park faced Royston and their top pair of Fay Allison and Cath Emery put in a great performance to win their match 5 & 3. Royston fought back to level the score when Josie Seward and Linda Lakey combined well to win their match 3 & 2. The final match was evenly contested and went to the third extra hole before Brampton Park's Lynda Hall and Ros Irons clinched a 1 up victory.

The final proved to be a real cliff-hanger. Brampton Park's top pair of Fay Allison and Cath Emery raced to a 7 & 6 victory. The second match between Lynda Minton and Vilma Krinks (Saffron Walden) and Kay Osborne and Ann Norman (Brampton Park) was very evenly contested with the lead changing hands several times. With holes running out Lynda and Vilma slowly edged ahead and were 2 up after winning the 16<sup>th</sup> hole. They closed out the match 3 & 1 by winning the par 3 17<sup>th</sup> hole.

With the match all square at 1 game all Saffron Walden's Kyoko McCellan and Jaine Fieldhouse managed to win the 16<sup>th</sup> hole to go into the lead. On the Par 3 17<sup>th</sup> Ros Irons drive found the greenside bunker whilst the drive of Jaine Fieldhouse finished pin high on the edge of the green. After a good recovery from the bunker by Lynda Hall, Ros Irons just failed to sink a long putt. Kyoko McCellan produced a good chip and Jaine Fieldhouse sunk the putt to win the game 2 & 1 and to clinch victory for Saffron Walden by 2 & 1.

(Photo of Saffron Walden celebrating their victory I-r Dee Roberts, Lynda Minton, Vilma Krinks, Jaine Fieldhouse (Captain), Kyoko McCellan and Jackie Smith.)

(Photo of Brampton Park I-r Shirley Osborne, Ros Irons, Lynda Hall, Fay Allison, May Burn (Captain), Cath Emery, Kay Osborne, Ann Norman and Sally Palmer)

## Cambs and Hunts 2<sup>nd</sup> Team

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

In the first match of the season the team had a home fixture against Norfolk 2<sup>nd</sup> at Bourn Golf Club. Last year Captain Cindy McIntyre (Bourn) introduced some of the County's promising juniors and continued this theme with a debut appearance for Ella Mason (Ely). In the morning foursomes Cambs and Hunts got off to a promising start with Rosemary Walker (Girton) and Lucy Mills-Cripps (Ramsey) putting in a fine performance to secure a 5 and 4 victory. Norfolk levelled the score when Cindy McIntyre and Karen Cox (Brampton Park), who was also making her debut, just losing out 3 & 2. Playing the two juniors together was an inspired pairing with Emily Smith (Royston) and Ella Mason completing an excellent 3 & 2 victory to give Cambs and Hunts a 2-1 lead.

In the afternoon singles Cambs and Hunts were unable to maintain the momentum and Lucy Mills-Cripps was the only player to secure a singles victory. The other five matches were all evenly contested but Norfolk just maintained their form to run out winners in all these matches to record a match victory by 6-3.



(Photo shows back row l-r Cindy McIntyre , Lucy Mills-Cripps and Emily Smith and front row l-r Rosemary Walker, Karen Cox and Ella Mason,)

## England Schools Golf Association Under 16 Girls Championships

John O'Gaunt Golf Club hosted the England Schools Under 16 Girls Championship in mid July. The weather was warm and sunny and the course was in good condition.

Jade Guest played two solid rounds of 78 and 76 for a total score of 154, six over par, to claim second place. Stoke Park's Thalia Kirby claimed top spot with rounds of 74 & 76 for a total score of 150 (2 over par).

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

The County 2<sup>nd</sup> team played host to Bedfordshire 2<sup>nd</sup> team at Saffron Walden. In the foursomes matches Chloe Ashman and Ella Mason (Ely City), both County Juniors, produced some excellent golf and romped home 6 & 5. Mo Poole (Brampton) and County Junior Lindie Tapping (Gogs) combined well in their first match together and secured a solid 4 – 2 victory. Team Captain Cindy McIntyre (Bourn) and Lucy Mills-Cripps (Ramsey) came up against a formidable pair and lost their match 5 – 3. This gave Cambs and Hunts a 2 – 1 lead after the foursomes.

In the top singles match Chloe Ashman played extremely well in a tough match and secured a valuable half. Ella Mason, Mo Poole and Cindy McIntyre all fought well but were unable to get the upper hand in their matches, all losing to experienced opponents.

Lucy Mills-Cripps battled all the way to record a valuable halved match. In the last match Lindie Tapping was in good form. She played excellent golf in securing a 7 & 6 victory. Cambs and Hunts lost the singles 2 -4, giving a match victory to Bedfordshire by 5 – 4.

## English Girls U16 and U14 Open Amateur Champions

In the Under 16 Championship Jade Guest (Gogs) played some excellent golf in the first round to score a gross 72, two under CSS. Her second round score of 76 put her in joint twelfth place which meant that she qualified for a further two rounds on the third day.

Jade's third round 75 maintained her position but she saved her best until last. Her fourth round score of 71 was the joint third best afternoon score and gave her a total score of 294. As a result of this Jade moved up to a very creditable 9<sup>th</sup> place.

The winner of the competition was Lily Humphries (Channels Golf Club) with a four round score of 279.

In the Under 14 Championship Ely City's Ella Mason was making her debut and she produced a tremendous first round gross score of 79, breaking 80 for the first time. She followed this up with a round of 82 for a total score of 161. Sadly Ella missed the cut by one shot. Ella's nett score of 67 and 70 saw her reduce her handicap from 11 down to 9.3.

Well done to both girls we hope that their efforts will encourage other youngsters in the County to reach for the stars.

### Development Squad Training at Girton

The Development Squad players enjoyed a short game and putting session at Girton. Part of the session was blindfold putting where the girls set themselves up to putt, then had to cover their eyes before striking the ball. This was teaching them to judge the distance to the hole and how hard they would need to hit the ball to get into the hole. Immediately after they had hit the ball they had to say whether the putt was short or long. If they called it right they scored points.



(Photo shows Alan with the Development Squad discussing putting challenges)

### Jean Wilkinson Semis and Final

The semi-finals and final of the Jean Wilkinson Trophy will now be held at Ramsey Golf Club on Friday, 9<sup>th</sup> September 2016. The semi-finals are between:

Lakeside Lodge v Saffron Walden  
Brampton Park v Ely City

### County Veterans v Bedfordshire Veterans at Pavenham

The Cambs and Hunts Veterans travelled to Pavenham for their annual match against Bedfordshire. Although the match started in rain it soon cleared to be a pleasant afternoon with sunny periods. Pavenham is a tricky course, with a few hills and water with several undulating greens. Five of the Cambs and Hunts players were making their debuts in this match. The match consisted of 3 x 4BBB matches off scratch and 5 x 4BBB off handicap.

In the top match Geraldine Fleming (St Ives) and Sue Hill (Girton) fought hard but just lost out 3 & 1. In the second match Ramsey's Gina Cameron and Liz Alderson made a winning debut. Their match was very evenly contested but they just held on to win 1 up. In the third match Roz Irons (Brampton Park) and Ali Cope (Bourn) teamed up for an epic battle and managed to secure a valuable half.

In the top match in the handicap section Christine King (Bourn) and Linda Lakey (Royston) came up against a tough pair and lost their match 5 & 4. Pam Bonnett (Royston) and Tina Bone (Bourn) had an enjoyable game against the Bedfordshire Captain and her partner and they ran out winners finishing 2 up.

The third match was very evenly contested but Ina Hartley (Ramsey) and Patsy Cowtan (Bourn) held on for a 1 up victory. Captain Hazel Suswain (Ramsey) and Sheila Withams (Lakeside Lodge) had a real battle and came away with a well earned half. In the final match Jean Black (Heydon Grange) and Val Musson (Lakeside Lodge) just lost out 3 & 2.

The overall match result was a 4 all draw.

### County Veterans entertain Norfolk Veterans at St Ives

Cambs and Hunts Veterans played their annual match against Norfolk Veterans at St Ives Golf Club. The rain started falling as the players enjoyed a coffee before going out to play. Waterproofs were the required from the off. As the match proceeded there was little respite from the rain and with black clouds threatening and water gathering on some greens the match was reduced to 9 holes.

In the top match Mo Poole (Brampton Park) and Grace Eastment (The Cambridgeshire) won their match against Janet Lavin and Ann Ewer finishing 3 up. Paula Ewing (St Ives) and Kay Osborne (Brampton Park) had a real battle against former Cambs and Hunts player Sue Meadows and Heather Keeble which resulted in a hard fought draw.

Edie Douglas (The Links) teamed up with Sue Hill (Girton) and played against a very strong pairing of Eppie Zandvoort and Ann Lockhart and just lost out finishing 3 down. In the final match Judy Freeman (Ramsey) and Ann Dawson just pipped Judith Patrick and Norfolk's Sue Hill finishing 2up. The match result was a win for Cambs and Hunts 2½-1½.

## England Golf Funding for Junior Development

Gareth Jenkins of England Golf came to Girton on 19<sup>th</sup> July to discuss the progress being made by CAGU and Cambs & Hunts Ladies with the development of their coaching programmes for the County Junior Boys and Girls.

David Gamble, Junior Organiser for the Boys and Maureen Mansfield, Junior Organiser for the Girls, together with County Coach Alan Fletcher and Greta Barclay highlighted the main successes of their programmes together with some areas that needed to be reviewed and changed.

Alan Fletcher pointed out that from the girls' point of view it was intended to revise the programme to introduce individual assessments around 3D, SAM putlab, Flightscope, GASP, goal setting and review of scores. All the information would be shared with the players and their home coaches. The Development Squad training would continue on group based fun sessions plus a programme of tour events where the youngsters get valuable on course experience.

Alan hoped to set up a programme on Edufii, a programme for sharing information between County officials, players, parents and home coaches. England Golf was looking at ways of assisting Counties who wish to link into this system.

Gareth stated that Cambridgeshire was progressing really well and had moved the coaching to new heights over the last 12 months. He added that the County had some outstanding officials and coaches looking after the programme. He indicated that the remaining 20% of the current year's funding and 80% of the 2016/17 funding would be released once the monitoring forms had been completed.

The funding for 2016/17 for both U14 and 14+ activities for Cambridgeshire is £6,320. This sum is split 60/40 between CAGU and C & H LCGA.

## Junior Golf Tour Event at Bourn

Sixteen juniors took part in a nine hole challenge on the Par 3 course at Bourn. In warm dry conditions the competitions were very evenly contested. In the top division Saffron Walden's Alex Sparrow took top spot with a nett score of 25, with Olivia Wynne (Kingsway) in second place on 26. Chloe Willison (Cromwell) claimed third place with a score of 28.

Division 2 for the higher handicapped players saw Jasmine Couch (Bourn) and Lila-Bella Naca (Kingsway) sharing top spot with each player scoring 24. Third place went to Nicole Cornwell (The Cambridgeshire) with a score of 25.



(Photo shows all the girls who took part in the event, with the winners in the front row.)

## Alison Cunningham/Mansfield Trophies

The first round of the knockout stage for the above competitions was held at St Neots Golf Club. The winners of each match progress into the semi-finals of the Alison Cunningham Salver, whilst the losers go through to the semi-finals of the Mansfield Trophy.

In the top match Lucy Pepper (Gogs) and Anna Guest (Gogs) had an evenly contested match with Lucy just holding on for a 2 & 1 victory. The second match saw Ellie Gamble (Ely City) in excellent form as she secured victory over Jessica Hollingsworth (Girton). Morgan Tritton (Gogs) was in excellent form as she had a comfortable 6 & 5 win against Ella Mason (Ely City).

As a result of these matches Lucy Pepper will play Ellie Gamble and Jade Guest will play Morgan Tritton in the semi-finals of the Alison Cunningham Salver and Anna Guest will play Jessica Hollingsworth and Lindie Tapping will play Ella Mason in the semi-finals of the Mansfield Trophy

## Reminder

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