

# County News 2017

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

## Former Champions battle for the title

With the holder unable to defend her title Miranda and Tabitha Brain (both Gogs) both former Champions battled their way through the field at Ramsey Golf Club to challenge for the ultimate prize of County Champion.

Heavy rain the day before the event made playing conditions more difficult and this was reflected in the scores. Miranda Brain topped the qualifiers with rounds of 74 and 71 for a total of 145, followed by Tabitha Brain with a score of 156.



In the first quarter final Miranda had a comfortable 6 & 4 win against Paula Ewing (St Ives), Jackie Ewing (Links) overcame the challenge from County Captain Marcella Tuttle (Links) with a 3 & 2 victory. County Junior Ella Mason (Ely City) put in a tremendous performance to overcome the very experienced Sarah Greenall (Links) with a 4 & 3 victory. In the last quarter-final Tabitha Brain (Gogs) put in a solid performance to beat Tina Broadley (Ely City) by 4 & 3.

In the semi-final the match between Miranda Brain and Jackie Ewing was very evenly contested over the front nine holes with Miranda reaching the turn one up. After Jackie levelled the score on the 10<sup>th</sup> hole Miranda slowly applied the pressure to win the match 3 & 2. The second semi-final saw Ella Mason pitting her skills against Tabitha Brain. Ella put up a spirited challenge before going down by 3 & 2.

In the final Miranda struck first as she won the opening hole but Tabitha struck back immediately by taking the second hole. Play was of a very high standard and Miranda moved into a 3 hole lead when she won the third, fifth and eighth holes to reach the turn 3 up.

With both players producing some excellent golf the next seven holes where all halved to give Miranda victory by 3 and 2.



As well as winning the Championship Miranda Brain also won the Allen Newport trophy for the best scratch total with rounds of 74 and 71 for a total score of 145. Tabitha Brain took the runners-up trophy and the Scratch Bowl awarded for the best gross score at the Division 1 meeting and the County Championship (83-79-77 for a total 239).

(Top Photo shows l-r Tabitha and Miranda Brain with their trophies and bottom photo shows Miranda and Tabitha with County President Jacquie Richardson, under starters orders)



**Sharren races into an early lead to clinch title**

With the small entry the field for the Plate event was considerably reduced. Sharren Kjenstad (Ramsey) and Sharon Chatteris (Ely City) both had byes into the semi-finals.

In the quarter-finals Anna Guest (Gogs) played against County President Jacquie Richardson (Old Nene). The match was very evenly contested and in heavy rain the match went to two extra holes before Anna Guest won the match 1 up. Greta Barclay (Ely City) played Dubi Brain (Gogs) in a very evenly contested match. With the match all square on the 16 hole Greta won the final two holes for a 2 up victory.

Sharren Kjenstad won the first semi-final when Anna Guest conceded on the 13 hole due to illness. The second semi-final between Sharon Chatteris and Greta Barclay was won by Greta.

In the final Sharren Kjenstad stamped her authority on the match by winning the first five holes. Greta responded by reducing the arrears by winning two holes. Sharren eventually closed out the match by halving the fifteenth hole for a 4 & 3 victory.

(Top Photo shows Sharren being presented with her trophy by County President Jacquie Richardson and bottom photo l-r Sharren Kjenstad, County President Jackie Richardson and Greta Barclay waiting for the off)



**Junior Golf Spring meeting – Olivia takes the honours.**

In glorious spring sunshine a total of 27 girls, between the ages of 7 and 17 took part in the Cams and Hunts Junior Golf Spring meeting at Lakeside Lodge.

The top nine girls competed in the 18 hole medal competition on the Lodge Course for the Lesley Ford Trophy. The course was in excellent condition and Barkway Park's Olivia Dyson put together an excellent round of golf for a score of nett 72 to clinch 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 Ella Mason (Ely City) with a gross score of 83. Eleanor Gamble (Ely City) and Morgan Tritton (Gogs) won the hidden pairs prize.

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

Lila-Bella Naca (Kingsway) played some excellent golf to record a score of 26 points to take 1<sup>st</sup> place, with Katie Willison (Cromwell) in second place with 21 points. Lili-Bella Naca won the putting prize and Paige Hardwidge (Gogs) won the chipping prize. Ruby Davis (Links) and Immy Longstaff-Biggs (Bourn) won the hidden prize.

Nine younger players competed on the Par 3 course where Elizabeth Wynne (Kingsway) took first place with a score of 37. Maya Mahadeva (Gogs) won the putting competition and newcomer Martha took first place in the chipping competition. Girton's Robin Seacombe won the Trigolf competition.

(Photo shows Olivia Dyson with the Lesley Ford Trophy)

## County team announced

At the conclusion of the County Championships at Ramsey Golf Club County Captain Marcella Tuttle reported that the following players were selected to represent Cambs and Hunts Ladies County Golf Association at County Match Week at Hunstanton Golf Club

Tabitha Brain, Jade Guest and Lesley Gilchrist (Gog Magog), Ella Mason and Laura Todd (Ely City), Sarah Peeke-Vout (Girton) Jackie Ewing, Sarah Greenall, Claire Tuttle, Laura Tuttle and Marcella Tuttle (Links) and Paula Ewing (St Ives).



## COME AND SUPPORT THE COUNTY TEAM

### AT COUNTY MATCH WEEK AT

Hunstanton Golf Club

### 19th-23rd JUNE 2017

<b>19th June</b>	<b>v</b>	<b>Bedfordshire</b>	<b>8.54</b>	<b>13.28</b>
<b>20th June</b>	<b>v</b>	<b>Hertfordshire</b>	<b>8.54</b>	<b>12.40</b>
<b>21st June</b>	<b>v</b>	<b>Essex</b>	<b>8.30</b>	<b>13.28</b>
<b>22nd June</b>	<b>v</b>	<b>Suffolk</b>	<b>9.18</b>	<b>14.16</b>
<b>23rd June</b>	<b>v</b>	<b>Norfolk</b>	<b>9.18</b>	<b>14.16</b>

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 or come on Thursday and travel free of charge on the bus being funded by the County, details should be on your notice board

### **Tabitha regains the Margery Newport Trophy**

In the first major County Golf competition of the season Tabitha Brain (Gogs) put in a solid performance to regain the Margery Newport Trophy. Ely City hosted the competition and the course provided the players with a stiff challenge with a blustery wind and slick greens. Tabitha produced a solid round of 83 to claim the Margery Newport Trophy, with Ely City's Tina Broadley second with a gross score of 86.

In the nett competition Ely City's Christine Ratcliffe took top spot with an excellent score of 76. Julie Stephenson (Gogs) took second place with a score of 77 with Linda Brown (Bourn) third with 78 on countback from Sue Didlick and Julie Aspinall (both Ely City).

During the afternoon foursomes the conditions worsened and the players had to cope with two heavy showers of hailstones. County Captain Marcella Tuttle and Sarah Greenall (Links) just edged home with a score of 31 points. Second place went to Ely City's Sharon Chatteris and Greta Barclay with 30 points on countback from Sue Didlick and Julie Aspinall (Ely City) in third place on countback from Fay Allison and Pam Lammiman (Brampton Park).

(Photo shows County President Jacquie Richardson with Tabitha Brain)



### **Girls Get Together**

The opening event of the season was the Girls Get Together held at Girton Golf Club in February. Twenty-seven girls attended and they were put into teams for the programme of competitions, including putting, chippings into hoops, tri gold with plastic clubs, tennis balls and a Velcro target. Some of the parents were encouraged to take part in these events.

The teams then took part in a rules quiz, set by Rosemary Hay to challenge their knowledge of the rules of golf.

Following a break for refreshments the afternoon ended with the presentation of trophies to the winners of the 2016 competitions.

(Photo shows Jade Guest receiving the Junior County Championship Trophy from County President Jacquie Richardson)



### **Reminder**

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

### **East Region Foursomes Championship – Success for Cambs and Hunts**

Cambs & Hunts were in the prizes at the East Region Foursomes Championship which was played at South Bedfordshire Golf Course on 20th April. Sarah Greenall & Marcella Tuttle (The Links) won 2nd scratch over 36 holes with a score of 82 and 85 for a total score of 167.

Lesley Gilchrist and Charlotte Mumford (Gogs) won best afternoon scratch prize with a score of 80. The two pairs were the only Cambs & Hunts ladies in the competition so it was a full house for our County.



### County Juniors v Norfolk Juniors

The County Junior team played against Norfolk Juniors on Sunday, 21<sup>st</sup> May at the Cambridgeshire Golf Club. The course was in excellent condition and provided a tough challenge for the girls.

In the top match Morgan Tritton (Gogs) and Olivia Wynn (Kingsway) who was making her debut came up against a strong challenge. They put up a spirited fight but lost out 4 & 3.

Natasha Bamford (Ely City) and Alex Sparrow (Saffron Walden) had a tough battle against their opponents but just edged home for a 2 & 1 win.

The third match saw Olivia Dyson (Barkway Park) and Sienna Mason (Ely City) in a real battle and after a very close match they just edged ahead with a 1 up victory.

In the final match Jessica Hollingsworth (Girton) and Hettie Carter (Saffron Walden) were giving 12 shots to their opponents but they played really well to secure a 3 & 2 victory to give a match result of 3 - 1 to the Cambs and Hunts Juniors.



(Photo shows back row l-r Jessica Hollingsworth, Morgan Tritton, Natasha Bamford, Olivia Dyson and Hettie Carter and front row l-r Alex Sparrow, Olivia Wynn and Sienna Mason)

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

The annual pre-season friendly between the County Veterans and the County 2<sup>nd</sup> team was held at Bourn Golf Club. The match was played in dry but windy conditions which proved very testing at times for both teams.

In the top match Sharren Kjenstad (Ramsey) and Helen Verrechia (Bourn) put in a solid performance for the Veterans to record a 2 & 1 victory over Cindy McIntyre (Bourn) and Morag Hutcheon (Saffron Walden).

In the second match the 2<sup>nd</sup> team fought back when Chloe Ashman (Ely City), and Morgan Tritton (Gogs), two of the Counties promising youngster just edged home with a 1 up victory against Liz Alderson (Ramsey) and Kay Osborne (Brampton Park).

Ali Cope (Bourn) and Veterans Captain Hazel Suswain (Ramsey) restored the lead for the Veterans with a solid 3 & 2 victory. In the final match Karen Cook (Links) and Lucy Mills-Cripps (Ramsey) for the 2<sup>nd</sup> team played some excellent golf to claim a 4 & 3 victory over Mo Poole (Brampton Park) and Grace Eastment (The Cambridgeshire) to ensure the result was an honourable draw.

### We need more juniors

**The County needs to encourage more girls into golf and if your club has any girls between the ages of 7-17 please try to encourage them to come along to the County Training Sessions.**

**There are separate training sessions for the County Squad (Handicap + - 25) and Development Squads (Handicap 26-54 or players without handicaps). For more details contact Maureen Mansfield email: [mansfieldmb@btinternet.com](mailto:mansfieldmb@btinternet.com)**

### Junior Golf Tour – On Par Ely –

Ely On Par hosted the first County Junior Girls tour event when ten competitors battled their way round the course in sunny but very windy conditions. All the girls put in solid performances with Chloe Willison (Cromwell) winning the Development Squad 1 competition and Olivia Richardson (Gogs) winning the Development Squad 2 competition.



### County Junior Training at Lakeside Lodge

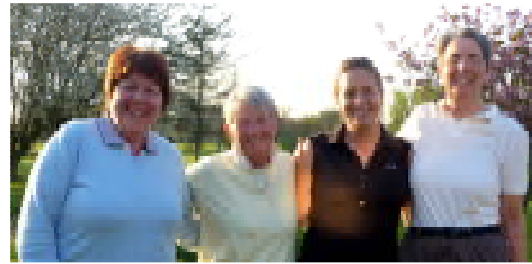
The County Junior Squad attended a tough one day training session at Lakeside Lodge in March. Eight girls took part in the day's activities which concentrated on short game play, club selection, and assessment of success in shots onto the green and success rates of putting.

The girls also had a long session on the putting green with specific challenges to help improve their success rate in sinking putts from different distances.

All the statistics were put into the computer and the results were discussed over lunch.

In the afternoon the girls had to draw cards prepared by County Coach Alan Fletcher which determined which clubs they could use in a 9 hole competition. The purpose of this challenge was intended to get the players to think their way round the course and to try out different shots. Again the results were put into the computer to show how well the girls had done and where they needed to improve for the challenges ahead.

(Photo shows the girls with Alan Fletcher at the end of a tough day)



### Double top for the Lakeside Lodge Ladies in the County AM-AM competition

On a bright sunny day twenty-three teams competed in the Inaugural County AM-AM competition at Girton Golf Club. The format for this stableford competition required the best two scores on each hole, except the fourth and seventeenth holes where all four scores counted.

All the teams took up their positions on the course in readiness for the 12.00 noon shotgun start.

The two Lakeside Lodge teams found the format and course to their liking as they scooped the first and second prizes. In first place Val Musson, Sharon Ware, Trish Davis and Lou Savage romped home with an excellent score of 91 points, just pipping their fellow Lakeside Lodge team of Wendy Cox, Joanne Jones, Sheila Withams and Rebecca Stratford by one point.

Third place went to the team of Sue Gillard, Anne Peers, Caz Pamby and Kate Stevens from Heydon Grange who scored 88 points.

(Photo shows Trish Davis, Val Musson, Lou Savage and Sharon Ware).

### Audrey Nicole Cup success for Marilyn Williams

In ideal conditions forty-two players competed in the Cambs and Hunts Ladies Division 2 meeting for the Audrey Nicole Cup at St Neots Golf Club.

Brampton Park's Marilyn Williams found the conditions suited her game as she put together an excellent round of nett 71 to claim the Audrey Nicole Trophy.

Ely City's Anette Gautrey took second spot with a solid round of 75, with Carol Wigham (Links Newmarket) in third place, one shot behind on 76.

(Photo shows County President Jacquie Richardson presenting Marilyn Williams with her trophy).



## Junior Girls Golf Championship - Ella's just Champion

In cool blustery conditions the Links Newmarket provided a tough challenge for the seven competitors in the 36 hole Junior Girls Golf County Championship. In the morning Ely City's Ella Mason continued the good form she had displayed at the Ladies Championship two weeks earlier, as she posted a score of 79 to take a seven shot lead over the rest of the field

In the afternoon round Ella played a solid round of 80 and her total gross score of 159 gave her a winning margin of seventeen shots. Morgan Tritton (Gogs) had two consistent rounds of 87 and 89 for a total of 176 to finish in second place. Ella's victory saw her qualify for the Daily Telegraph Junior Championship,



Natasha Bamford (Ely City) won the prize for the best morning round with an excellent gross score of 86 and Morgan Tritton (Gogs) won the prize for the best afternoon round with a gross score of 89.

The Handicap Cup was won by Girton's Jessica Hollingsworth (Girton) with two excellent rounds of 73 and 71 for a total nett score of 144. Second place went to Ella Mason with rounds of 72 & 73 for a total nett score of 145.

In the 18 hole stableford competition Lila-Bella Nacca (Kingsway) scored a steady 32 points to win the trophy. The 9 hole stableford competition was won by Imogen Longstaff-Biggs (Bourn) with a score of 12 points.

The Bidy Wade Trophy for the most improved player, with a score of -20 shots under par for her four best scores of the year went to Ella Mason, with Olivia Dyson (Barkway) and Jessica Hollingsworth (Girton) in second place with a score of -19.

Top Photo shows Ella with her trophies and bottom photo shows Ella, Lila-Bella Nacca, Imogen Longstaff-Biggs and Jessica Hollingsworth.



## Faces behind the names



### Marcella Tuttle – County Captain

Marcella is a member of Links, Newmarket and is currently their Lady Captain. She has been a valuable member of the County 1<sup>st</sup> team for a number of years and her experience will be invaluable when she takes on the task of team selection at County Match Week. She also served as County Junior Organiser and was involved in the introduction of Junior County Match Days.



### Sarah Greenall – Assistant County Captain

Sarah is a member of Links, Newmarket and was County Captain in 2005-2008. In 2006 she led the team to victory in the Divisional finals and to a very creditable 3<sup>rd</sup> place in the National Finals.



### Dr Sheila Withams

Sheila is a member of Lakeside Lodge. Her role involves attendance at England golf meetings and meetings of the Cambridgeshire Development Group.

## Outgoing Officer

Having welcomed the new officers we must say a belated thank you to the outgoing officer Sue Hill. Happy golfing.

### Development Squad Coaching

To date two training sessions have been held this year. County Coach Alan Fletcher has put together a programme concentrating on short game skills and putting. These sessions are designed to help the girls when they take part in tour events played throughout the season.



(Photo shows County Coach Alan Fletcher on the putting green with the Development Squad girls)

### County Veterans v Norfolk Veterans

The County Veterans travelled to Swaffham Golf Club for their match against Norfolk Veterans. The format of the match was 4 BBB off scratch. The weather was bright with a blustery wind.

In the top match Gina Cameron (Ramsey) and Brenda Davey (Brampton Park) faced a tough challenge against former C & H player Sue Meadows and partner Jean Johnson. They put in a very good performance but lost out 4 & 2. In the second match Lydia Molyneux (March), making her debut and Greta Barclay (Ely City) came up against formidable opponents and went down 6 and 5.

In the third match Liz Alderson (Ramsey) and Pat Nixon (Ely City) played very well to get to the turn 2 up, but their opponents gradually reduced the arrears and ran out winners by 2 & 1. In the final match Sharren Kjenstad (Ramsey) and Geraldine Fleming (St Ives) played solid golf to win their match 2 & 1.

Veterans Captain Hazel Suswain (Ramsey) had a friendly 9 holes against former C & H player Angie Alsop before supporting the team as they completed the back nine holes. The final result was a 3-1 victory for Norfolk.

Photo opposite shows the C & H team

### County Veterans have a tough battle against Northants.

This match was played in glorious sunshine on a challenging course with many blind holes and some very fast greens. It was always going to be a difficult match with half the team being new players to the Vets matches and only one player having played the course before (20 years ago).

This course was quite a distance for some C & H players and the Monday morning traffic made journeys even longer so it was a relief that all players managed to arrive safely.

In the top match Joyce Grimes (Bourn) and Rosie Hall (Ramsey) put up a good fight just losing out 3 & 2. Elaine Knobel-Forbes (Heydon Grange) and Suzie Miles (Bourn) just lost out when they finished 1 down. In the third match Janice Wright (Ramsey) and Joan Grayer (Girton) faced tough opposition and lost their match 5 & 4.

The fourth match brought the first success for Cambs and Hunts as Jean Black (Heydon Grange) and Sue Smith gained a valuable half. Girton's Gillian L'angellier and Bourn's Patsy Cowton played extremely well to win 3 & 2 and Veteran's Captain Hazel Suswain (Ramsey) and Lesley Armstrong (Old Nene) also played well to record a 2 & 1 victory. Trina Miller (Brampton Park) and Tina Bone (Bourn) fought all the way and just lost out finishing 1 down. In the final match Shirley Osbourne and Liz Olding (both Brampton Park) had a tough battle but lost out 4 & 3.

The result would have been very different if a couple of our matches had had a change of fortune on the 18<sup>th</sup> hole. However Northants ran out winners by 5½-2½.

**Captain Hazel Suswain said that many of the ladies had told her how much they had enjoyed the day and the friendliness of their matches. She hoped the word would spread that these matches are not as daunting as people expect and a good chance for the higher handicappers to be involved in County matches.**

