

County News 2017

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

County Week

County 1st team faced uphill battle at County Match Week at Hunstanton

Cambs and Hunts Ladies had a tough time at County Match Week at Hunstanton as they suffered defeats in all five of their matches. Playing conditions were very difficult with temperatures in the 30's for the first three days, followed by a thunderstorm at the start of the fourth day and a gale force wind on the final day.

On the first day Cambs and Hunts faced Bedfordshire and found themselves 3-0 down after the morning foursomes. In the afternoon singles they fared a little better with Jade Guest (Gogs) winning her match 3 & 2, Laura Todd (Ely City) halved her match and Ella Mason (Ely City), on her debut, halved her match against the very experienced Sally Shayler for a match result of 7-2 to Bedfordshire. Other results on the day saw Suffolk and Essex drawing 4½-4½ and Norfolk beating Hertfordshire 5-4.

On day two the opponents were Hertfordshire. In the top foursomes Tabitha Brain (Gogs) and Jackie Ewing (Links) fought hard to secure a half, but the other two pairs lost close matches and the team found themselves 2½-½ down. In the afternoon singles Cambs and Hunts put up a spirited fight with Jackie Ewing (Links) winning 3 & 2, Ella Mason (Ely City) stormed to a 7 & 5 victory and County Captain Marcella Tuttle (Links) clinched her match 2 up. This was a much improved performance with Hertfordshire winning 5½-3½.



Other results on Day 2 saw Suffolk winning 5½-3½ against Bedfordshire and Norfolk beating Essex 5½-3½.

The third day opponents were Essex who proved to be formidable opponents as they won all three of the morning foursomes. In the afternoon Jackie Ewing (Links) was the County's only success with an excellent 6 & 5 victory, giving a match result of 8-1 to Essex. Other results on the day saw Norfolk and Suffolk and Bedfordshire and Hertfordshire both drawing their matches 4½-4½.

Suffolk were the opponents on Day 4 and Tabitha Brain and Ella Mason secured a hard fought draw in the morning foursomes with the other two matches going to Suffolk. This was the only success for the County with Suffolk winning the six singles matches. In the other matches Bedfordshire beat Norfolk 5 & 4 and Essex beat Hertfordshire by the same score.

On the final day Cambs and Hunts got off to a flying start against Norfolk with Tabitha Brain and Ella Mason winning 2 up, Marcella Tuttle and Sarah
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Greenall winning 2 & 1 and Laura Tuttle and Laura Todd finishing 1 up, to take a 3-0 lead. Sadly the afternoon singles proved a game too far and Norfolk won five of the matches with Tabitha Brain putting up a brave fight to secure a halved match. The result was a 5½-3½ win for Norfolk. Other results on the day saw Suffolk beat Hertfordshire 5½-3½ and Essex beat Bedfordshire 5½-3½.

County Captain Marcella Tuttle presented Laura Todd (Ely City) with her County Colours, Jade Guest (Gogs) also won her County Colours. Ella Mason (Ely City) in her debut appearance made a big impact winning two and halving two of her eight games.

Suffolk won the East Region Championship and go forward to the National finals being hosted by Felixstowe Ferry in September.

(Photo on front page back row l-r Tabitha Brain, Jackie Ewing, Sarah Greenall, Laura Todd, Claire Tuttle, Paula Ewing, and Lesley Gilchrist. And front row l-r Ella Mason, Laura Tuttle, County Captain Marcella Tuttle, County President Jacquie Richardson and Sarah Peet-Vout.)



(above left to right, Ella striding out, Team relaxing at the end of the day, two Lauras celebrating victory over Norfolk, Tabitha waiting for her turn to putt and below left to right Marcella escapes the bunker, Tabitha and Ella celebrate with County President and County Captain after foursomes victory, Marcella and Sarah in deep thought and Laura Todd being presented with County Colours by County Captain Marcella.



Division 3 and High Handicappers meeting – Links players make hay while the sun shone

In glorious sunny weather, The Links Newmarket hosted the County Division 3 and High Handicappers competition and the local players took full advantage of their local knowledge as they scooped four of the five prizes.

In the Division 3 meeting Pauline Bond (Links) played some stunning golf to win the trophy with a magnificent score of 45 points, with Janice Mansfield (Links) in second place with another very good score of 43 point. Yogi Jackson (Gogs) stopped the home club dominance when she claimed 3rd spot with a score of 38 points on countback from Jane Reynolds (Lakeside Lodge) and Barbara Thomson (Bourn).



In the competition for the High Handicap Shield Links player Sue Harrison took top spot with 30 points with Sally Peyton (Links) in second place with 29 points on countback from Sue Williams (The Cambridgeshire).

(Photo shows l-r Sue Harrison and Pauline Bond)



COME AND SUPPORT THE JUNIOR COUNTY TEAM

AT COUNTY MATCH DAYS AT

Colne Valley Golf Club, Station Road,

Earls Colne, Essex CO6 2LT

14th-16th August 2017

Monday 14th	v	Essex	13.06
Tuesday 15th	v	Suffolk	9.42
	v	Bedfordshire	14.06
Wednesday	v	Norfolk	8.30
	v	Hertfordshire	13.30

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 Colne Valley Golf Club. The players selected to represent the County are Junior County Vice Captain Chloe Neal (St Neots), Olivia Dyson (Barkway Park), Anna Guest (Gogs), Jessica Hollingsworth (Girton), Ella Mason (Ely City), Lucy Pepper (Gogs), Alex Sparrow (Saffron Walden) and Morgan Tritton (Gogs)



Cambs and Hunts Ladies 2nd team v Essex 2nd team

In the first match of the season Ely City hosted the County 2nd team fixture against Essex 2nd team. On a very hot sunny day the three foursomes matches got underway. Essex fielded a very strong young team and they won two of the foursomes matches, but Captain Cindy McIntyre (Bourn) and Lindie Tapping (Gogs) played some excellent golf to win their match 5 & 4, so that Essex took a 2-1 lead into the afternoon.

In the singles Essex won the top two matches but Chloe Ashman (Ely City) put in an excellent performance to win her singles 4 & 3 and Cindy McIntyre played a Captain's role in winning her match 5 & 4 to reduce the arrears. However Essex responded by winning the final two matches to give Essex victory by 6-3.



(Photo shows l-r Chloe Ashman, Captain Cindy McIntyre, Tina Broadley, Chalani Allen, Lucy Mills-Cripps and Lindie Tapping)

County Scratch Foursomes - Final

The knockout stages of the County Scratch Foursomes have been completed with defending Champions Marcella Tuttle and Sarah Greenall (Links) winning their match against Dubi and Tabitha Brain (Gogs) and they will face Ely City's Laura Todd and Chloe Ashman who defeated Emma Norman and Sarah Oldham (March) 2 and 1.

The final will be held at The Cambridgeshire GC on a date to be arranged.

Cambs and Hunts 2nd team v Bedfordshire 2nd team

The County Ladies 2nd team travelled to Bedford and County Golf Club for their annual match against Bedfordshire County 2nd team.

County 2nd team Captain Cindy McIntyre continued her policy of selecting a team combining youth and experience by introducing some of the former and current Junior County team players.

In the morning foursomes Cindy McIntyre (Bourn) and Lindie Tapping (Gogs) produced some excellent golf to run out winners by 5 & 4. In the second match Chloe Ashman (Ely City) and Chalani Allen (Gogs) came up against an experienced pair and lost out 4 & 3. Lucy Mills-Cripps (Ramsey) and Morgan Tritton (Gogs) put in a solid performance but lost a close match 2 & 1. This gave Bedfordshire a 2 - 1 lead after the morning foursomes.

In the top singles Lindie Tapping put in a great performance against a very experienced player and ran out a winner by 2 & 1. Ely City's Chloe Ashman fought very hard to secure a valuable half.

In the third match Cindy McIntyre used her experience to claim a 2 up victory. Chalani Allen (Gogs) came up against a tough opponent and although she fought very hard she lost by 5 & 3.

Current County Junior player Morgan Tritton (Gogs) was in top form as she romped home with an excellent 4 & 3 victory. In the final match Lucy Mills-Cripps (Ramsey) put up a brave fight but just lost out 3 & 1. With Cambs and Hunts winning the singles 3½-2½ the match result was a 4½-4½ draw.



Photo shows l-r Lucy Mills-Cripps, Cindy McIntyre (Captain), Chalani Allen, Chloe Ashman, Lindie Tapping and Morgan Tritton)

Cambs and Hunts County Veterans v Bedfordshire Veterans

Lakeside Lodge hosted the annual match against Bedfordshire Veterans. The course was in excellent condition and after a light shower as play got under way, the weather soon cleared and the sun forced its way through the clouds.

The match consisted of 4 games of four ball better ball off scratch and 4 games of four ball better ball off handicap.

In the top match Jacquie Richardson (Old Nene) and Margaret Beckley (Links) fought hard in a very evenly contested game but just lost out finishing 2 down. Sue Hill (Girton) and Sue Didlick (Ely City), who was making her debut, put up a brave fight but were pipped at the post finishing 2 & 1 down.

The third match saw Jo Skoulding (Old Nene), making her debut, played some excellent golf as she and Greta Barclay (Ely City) secured a 5 & 3 victory. Geraldine Fleming (St Ives) and Sharon White (Lakeside Lodge), making her debut, just lost their match by 4 & 3.

In the top match of the handicap section local player Val Musson and Margaret Gates (St Neots), making her debut, put up a brave fight but just lost out 2 & 1. The second match was another close finish with Ina Hartley (Ramsey) and Di Nicholson (Old Nene) just losing out by 2 & 1.

Christine King (Bourn) and Anyta Francis (Old Nene) pulled out all the stops to secure a well earned 2 & 1 victory. In the final match Veteran's Captain Hazel Suswain (Ramsey) and Mel Owers (Bourn) had a really tough match but they stuck to their task and secured a well earned half. The final result was a 5½-2½ win for Bedfordshire.

(Photo shows the Cambs and Hunts players after the match)



County Foursomes Championship – Tabitha and Miranda retain their title



A very small field tackled the hills of Royston in the County Foursomes Championship. Tabitha and Miranda Brain (Gogs) put together two excellent rounds to successfully defend their title.

The Gog Magog pair carded a 74 to establish an eleven stroke lead in the morning round, despite a heavy rain storm towards the end of the round. This was followed by a round of 76 in the afternoon for an overall gross score of 150. Ely City's Ella Mason and Tina Broadley were second with a gross score of 172.

The Handicap prize went to Ali Cope and Jackie Francis (Bourn) with a nett score of 81 and 75 for a total 156. Royston's Sandra Williams and Jane Millership were second with rounds of 82.5 and 74.5 for a total of 157.

(Photo shows left to right Tabitha and Miranda Brain with the Holland Cups)

Junior Golf Tour – Cambridge Lakes Golf Club

Cambridge Lakes hosted a Junior Girls Tour event when eight Development Squad players took part. The day started with a warm-up and putting practice before the players went out on the course.

The standard of golf was very good with Elizabeth Wynne (Kingsway) posting an excellent winning score of Gross 40 (nett 22) to take top spot with Maya Mahadeva (Gogs) in second place with a Gross 41 (nett 23). As a result Elizabeth has reduced her handicap from 54 to 48 and Maya comes down from 54 to 49. (Photo shows the girls at the 1st tee waiting to start their games)



Grace Norman Trophy – Top spot for Brampton Park



Last year's runners-up, Brampton Park, found success in this year's final of the Grace Norman Trophy with a hard fought 2 -1 victory over The Links, Newmarket. Ramsey Golf Club hosted the semi-finals and final of the Inter- Club Foursomes competition.

In the semi-final Brampton Park faced a very strong team from Gog Magog. In the top match Brampton Park's Lynda Hall and Kay Osborne clinched a 3 & 2 victory. Their second pair of Mo Poole and Karen Large clinched victory with a 4 & 3 win. Gog Magog's Lesley Gilchrist and Julie Stephenson were 3 up when their match was called in as a result had been achieved.

In the second semi-final Links, Newmarket played Cromwell. In the top match Sarah Greenall and Lynn Lambert raced into an early lead and ran out winners by 7 & 5. Their second pair of Jude Hole and Teresa Locke secured a 1 up victory and Cromwell's Debbie Jones and Josie Pilsworth won their match 2 & 1, giving a match result of 2 - 1 to the Links.

The final proved to be a very evenly contested match. All three Brampton pairs came through the twelfth hole in the lead.

Link's top pair of Sarah Greenall and Lynn Lambert gradually fought their way back against Lynda Hall and Kay Osborne and found themselves all square at the 18th. They held their nerve to sink an important putt to clinch their match 1 up.

In the second match Brampton Park's Mo Poole and Karen Large continued to play steady golf against Jude Hole and Teresa Locke to win their match 3 & 2.

The final match between Brampton Park's Fay Allison and Ann Norman and The Link's Edie Douglas and Karen Cook was very evenly contested. With the match all square coming to the 18th hole the Links incurred a penalty shot when their tee shot finished up in the river. Brampton Park's Fay Allison and Ann Norman took advantage of this with an excellent tee shot just short of the green. The Links recovered with a superb shot to the fringe of the green and chipped dead for a five. The pressure was on Brampton Park and their shot to the green ended up in thick rough beyond the green. Fay Allison hit a good recovery shot but left a testing three foot putt, but Ann Norman held her nerve to sink the putt to secure a 1 up victory to give a match result of 2 -1 to Brampton.



(Top Photo shows Brampton Park l-r Kay Osborne, Lynda Hall, Karen Large, Mo Poole, Captain Ros Irons, Fay Allison and Ann Norman celebrating their victory)

(Bottom Photo shows The Links Newmarket l-r Edie Douglas, Lynn Lambert, Jude Hole, Teresa Locke, Karen Cook and Sarah Greenall)

Cambs and Hunts Juniors v Suffolk Junior 2nd Team

The County Junior team played Suffolk Junior 2nd team Ely City Golf Club. The match format was three matches of greensomes. Suffolk were a player short and Girton's Jessica Hollingsworth filled the vacancy at short notice.



In the top match Morgan Tritton (Gogs) and Natasha Bamford (Ely City) played Chloe Dixon and Jessica Hollingsworth (Girton) and had to give their opponents 6 shots. The Cambs and Hunts pair played some impressive golf and ran out winners by 7 & 5.

The second match pitched Anna Guest and Lucy Pepper (both Gogs) against Tasha Gregory and Melanie Coffey. In this match the Cambs and Hunts pair gave 21 shots. The Suffolk youngsters played well but were overpowered by the more experienced Cambs and Hunts pair who ran out comfortable winners by 8 & 7.

In the final match Olivia Dyson (Barkway Park) and Hettie Carter (Saffron Walden) were giving 20 shots to Suffolk's Julie Coffey and Laura Hopewell-Plant. The young Suffolk pair put up a tremendous fight before losing out by 2 & 1. This gave Cambs and Hunts a 3-0 victory.

(Photo shows l-r Jessica Hollingsworth (who played for Suffolk), Olivia Dyson, Natasha Bamford, Hettie Carter, Morgan Tritton, Lucy Pepper (Team Captain) and Anna Guest)

Junior Training Programme – County Squad at The Cambridgeshire GC

The County Juniors were put through their paces at the beginning of July, on Saturday, 1st July the County 1st and 2nd team players travelled to the Cambridgeshire Golf Club where County Coach Alan Fletcher had designed a competition to put the youngsters under pressure in readiness for the Junior County Match Days at Colne Valley.

The nine players were put into teams of three, with one low, one medium and one higher handicapper in each team. The three low handicappers, the three medium handicappers and the three high handicappers then played match play against each other but with a twist. Each group had a yellow ball and they took it in turn to play a hole with that ball, the twist being that when they had the yellow ball they had to give a shot to each of their opponents. If they lost the yellow ball they were out of the competition. A daunting task from the first tee at The Cambridgeshire, but all three groups completed the course and returned with the yellow ball.

The top two groups were equal so the final result rested with the higher handicappers. All the players from the top two groups surrounded the 9th green to support their team. Olivia Wynn (Kingsway) sunk a seven foot putt to clinch victory for her team, much to the delight of her team mates Morgan Tritton (Gogs) and Hettie Carter (Saffron Walden).



(Photo left shows girls supporting their younger team mates and right Alan discussing the results of the day)

County Junior Training – Development Squad at Kingsway Golf Centre

On Sunday 2nd July it was the turn of the Development Squad players to be put through their paces at Kingsway Golf Centre. PGA Teaching Professional Chris Hattersley set up some challenges to test the girls' skills at chipping. The girls were split into teams and to add a competitive edge the winning team made the losing team players change clubs for the second round.

After the coaching the girls went out onto the course for an eight hole challenge. The standard of play was extremely good, and the winner of Development Squad 1 was Jasmine Couch (Bourn) who romped home with an excellent score of 11, with Maddy Roitman (Bourn) in second place with 16. Jasmine faces a reduction in handicap before the next meeting.

The competition for Development Squad 2 players was keenly contested with Elizabeth Wynne (Kingsway) running out a winner with a very good score of 14. Second place went to Isabel Couch (Bourn) with a score of 19.



(Photo shows top l-r Chris Hattersley (Professional) with the girls working on chipping and putting, girls out on the course, relaxing round the table as the scores are being checked and Rosemary Hay (Development Squad Organiser) and Maureen Mansfield (County Junior Organiser) with the winners)