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Kent Ladies Win The Ping 4BBB Plate!

Shooters Hill golfers Philippa Mason (8 HCP) & Samantha Reagan (20 HCP) defied the cold, wind & rain to notch up an impressive 45 points to win the Plate Final of the 2011 PING Fourball Betterball Tournament at Gainsborough.

Samantha described their experience to Pin High saying, "The entire day was amazing & Ping showered us all with amazing generosity. We had no idea we had shot one over gross until the EWGA rep told us & we were truly shocked. Phillipa enjoyed a red hot putting day & I was 'steady eddie' . We knew 45 points was a great score but had a nervous two hour wait for the rest of the field to come in. It was a fantastic honour to meet Solheim Cup Captains Alison Nicholas & Joanne Morley who presented the prizes".



Samantha & Philippa receiving their prize from Jo Morely & Alison Nicholas:

Photo courtesy of Leaderboard Photography

Message from the KCLGA County Captain

Dear Ladies,

It's a classic phrase to start this newsletter but I truly cannot believe I am coming to the end of two years as your Captain. I have learnt so much, I have met so many lovely people - I only hope you will have patience with me for my poor name memory! I have had tremendous support from an excellent committee and between us we have worked hard to give you competitions on good courses with good food and good prizes. As you will remember we ran all competitions at reduced rates to encourage you to enter and to give something 'back' to our members.

We are so pleased to have succeeded in this but, needless to say, it cannot continue and in 2012 we return to the realistic world with realistic prizes. However we have tried to keep up the standard of courses, food and prizes.

The county card continues to be amazing value for money at £3 not forgetting in the front of this book are all the individual competition entry forms.

This year we say goodbye to our lovely President Hazel Bristow. Hazel has been a superstar throughout her three years, often with husband Robin, and has supported an enormous number of events throughout the County and sometimes further. Her advice, strength, good sense and sound knowledge of golf and life, has been a fantastic support to me and the rest of the committee I think however, Audrey Disbury know as Dis with her wonderful list of credentials will certainly be up to the Challenge! I take this opportunity of thanking you all for supporting me and I hope you continue to enjoy all that the association has to offer. Also a huge thankyou to Corinne for all the hard work she does on the Web Have a wonderful Christmas and I wish you all a great New Year- I leave you with my final quote sent with love .

'Care for beings, feed them without seeking to enslave them, work without demanding in return. Be a guide and not a master, this is my mysterious virtue'

Happy Golfing Girls! Jo Beslee

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A day in the life...

The KCLGA 2011 'Winners Circle'

Official Scorer at the 2011 Open Championship, Royal St Georges

I was one of the lucky 52 volunteers from Kent, led by Remony Millwater, that had the privilege of being chosen as an 'official scorer'. Having completed the 'technical' training, had my 'scorers uniform' issued & been told my first match was number 41 on the Friday, I waited with baited breath for the draw. My neighbours must have heard my shrieks of delight as I realised I had truly hit the jackpot with the players drawn for match 41 - Rory McIlroy, (recent US Open winner), Ernie Els, (one of my idols) & the up and coming young American, Ricky Fowler.

I woke up early on the Friday morning excited about the day ahead. Being sensible (???) I had a small espresso coffee as I didn't want to take on board too much liquid & set off on my 1 hour journey to Sandwich. Not anticipating the traffic too well it took me nearly 3 hours! Being ever organised; my plan to arrive in 'good time' meant I still had over 3 hours to calm down, soak up the atmosphere & visit the loo every time I saw one (I admit to 5 visits!!!) until I had to report for my official duties!

The time arrived and I was ushered to the first tee in all my finery (scorers outfit complete with clipboard, handheld scoring device, radio & the individually numbered red armband allowing access to anywhere on the course). I felt very important! My heart was racing & I just kept telling myself, 'Dawnie, whatever you do, don't make a mistake'. 5 1/2 hours later, without any mishaps, I was standing outside the Recorders hut clutching my newly acquired signed golf balls from Rory and Ricky & my autographed cap - job done! Then it was time for the journey home, dinner & bed... setting the alarm clock to get up & do it all again the next day!

Dawn Edwards



Jessica Gregory



Jenny Brown



Kent County Team



Kim Morris



Dawn Edwards



Patricia Ross

Some great golf has been played during the Spring & Summer & here is a round-up of some of the many talented ladies who have successfully joined the KCLGA 2011 'Winners Circle' so far this year!

Jessica Gregory, Sittingbourne G.C & Rochester & Cobham Park GC, was crowned the 2011 Kent Ladies Champion amidst fantastic competition. The Kent Ladies Championships took place at Ashford GC on Apr 12th-14th. Jessica is only 17 & friends wondered if she was the youngest to win the beautiful Maconochie Hill Trophy. After a little research it was discovered that Danielle Masters also won it aged 17. That was not the only coincidence for they share the same birthday too, March 2nd, some eleven years apart. They share other co-incidences; both fathers caddied for them, they both wear Footjoy shoes & gloves, both play with ProV-1, favourite take-away is a curry, favourite vegetable is Asparagus & favourite treat around the course is Haribo's. Danielle went on to win many major titles & represented England in the Curtis Cup. Jessica's performance at Ashford would lead you to believe she can win all the events just like Danielle. Jess also played alongside Jerry Lawrence & Jerri Sewell representing Rochester & Cobham Park GC to win the Team Shield with an impressive 455 score.

Jenny Brown, Nizels GC, took on Julie Ballard in match play and won 2 & 1 to take the 2011 Kent Senior Champion title.

Jerry Lawrence achieved the lowest score over 36 holes to win the Jackson Trophy with a 149 & Jerri Sewell went on to win the 2nd flight match play. Well done girls!

This year's County Week was hosted at Camberley Heath Golf Club in Surrey & played over a gruelling 4 days during 20-24th June 2011. Amidst tough competition Kent achieved a total of 11 1/2 points compared to the winners Sussex, who finished with 26 points & a clear 6 1/2 points ahead of Hampshire in second place. The team learnt very valuable lessons this year & will be back next year - stronger & more determined than ever!

Tricky conditions on the course presented a real test for all the players who took part in the Kent Champion of Champions competition hosted at Sittingbourne GC on Sunday 22nd May. Kim Morris, of Sundridge Park GC & a member of the Kent County first team, put in a stellar performance to win the Scratch prize with a Gross 78. Tereza Russo, of Langley Park GC, took second place with a Gross 81.

The best nett score came from the final group on the course which kept everybody in the Clubhouse on tenterhooks! Dawn Edwards, Rochester & Cobham Park GC, produced a blistering birdie, birdie finish in the final group to card a Nett 74. Second place went to Julia Martin-Harper with a Nett 76. Well done to all players and caddies who braved the weather!

This years Rooke Salver was played at the Royal Blackheath Golf Club on 27th Apr 2011. Langley Park's Patricia Ross won the Salver with 37 Stableford points finishing 2 points ahead of her nearest rival Barbara Pantlin from Bromley Ladies.

A team from Sunridge Park GC won the Texas Scramble played at Wrotham Heath G.C on 6th May 2011. The winning team were Jan Mudele, Sharon Brooks & Maureen Stock.

Focus On...County Training

County Training Officer - Kim Brusadelli

This is Kim's first year as County Training Officer.

Over the winter and Spring Kim helped organise 1st and 2nd Team training which was held at Rochester and Cobham Golf Club and has helped Jo Beslee, County Captain, and Chiris Daniels, Vice Captain, in their first and second team choices.

County Week was held at Camberley Heath and Kent finished a disappointing last. Kim has learned a great deal from the weeks experience and is full of good training needs and ideas for next year.

In August Kim helped Mo Gregory (CJO) with a "Try Golf" event at Sittingbourne. 28 Ladies and girls took part. All those participating were either new to golf and for most it was the first time they had even held a golf club. The aim of the day was to try and encourage more women and girls to take up the sport. Tri golf, Golf Extreme a putting competition and a lesson with the Pro Jonathin Hearn were all provided. Their motto was "never too old or too young".

Junior County week in August was held at Rochester and Cobham with Kent only losing out by a half point from the winners Hampshire. Kim not only helped with the training but also the team bonding.

Kim also organised a Tri-Golf workshop along with the Golf Foundation for anyone working with the K.C.L.G.A who work with children. The workshop was aimed at Ladies teaching children between the ages of 5 and 11 years old who are interested in teaching Tri Golf to youngsters. Since January this year Kim has also worked with the KGP on the Golf



Rochester & Cobham Park



North Forelands GC

Legacy Project which involved working with young Kent Ambassadors at Golf Live and at the British Open at Royal St George's in July. The project specifically aimed at the open aims to promote golf to as many newcomers of all ages as possible in the hope that they will go on to start their own golfing career. Kim was responsible for co-ordinating the ambassadors at both events which was a huge success. Academy day was held at Hever Castle attended by over 100 juniors that had received academy coaching from October 2010 to April 2011. The activities included a 9 hole competition and a skills challenge. The day was organised by both Mo and Jo Beslee

Bradley Cook

The 2011 Bradley Cook Scratch & Parallel Plate final competitions took place on 18th September at Kings Hill GC.

After winning the Parallel Plate against Redlibbets in 2010, the Ladies at Rochester & Cobham went all the way this year & won the Bradley Cook Trophy. This is a 5-a-side scratch team knockout tournament open to all clubs in the KCLGA. The final was held on Sunday 18 September at Kings Hill Golf Club between Rochester & Cobham & Chart Hills. The R&C Captain, Dawn Edwards, fielded a team including Jerry Lawrence, Jessica Gregory, Jerri Sewell, Maria Dolphin, Mollie Lawrence & Sheila Grant (reserve) who battled hard to come in 4 wins & a half to pick up the trophy.

All the girls played exceptionally well & Jessica Gregory executed a performance proving she is worthy of the title of 2011 Kent Ladies Champion. It was encouraging to see the current Junior Champion, Jerri Sewell, playing so well & winning convincingly. Rochester & Cobham have their very own 'Sister Act' with Jerry and Mollie Lawrence in the team & playing fantastic golf.

It was refreshing to see that both of the clubs fielded teams brimming with young, up & coming talent which is testament to the hard work KCLGA & golf clubs in Kent are putting in to encouraging girls & young women to take up the sport.

There were lots of supporters cheering on the teams on the day with many a proud parent in the mix!

2011 Parallel Plate

The Parallel Plate was hotly contested between North Forelands & Chislehurst. North Foreland won the first 2 games so just needed one more. The 3rd game was all square by the 18th so they went up the 19th. The fourth game finished on the 18th green on a putt.

North Forelands were victorious

Both finals were played in great spirit

And enjoyed by all.

Cool Golf Apps



At a recent lesson the Pro used an iPhone App to record my swing & provide instant feedback. These apps are easy to use & you can see from the photo that I bought it too! This particular app is called [SwingPlane](#) & there are many others such as V1 Golf. This one was £1.99 in the Apple App Store.



Never be without the R&A Rule book... a MUST HAVE FREE APP. Includes pictures, definitions, the Rules and a Rules Quiz!!!

KCLGA Junior's

Here Come The Girl's...



The Kent Team competing in the 2011 JCW hosted at Rochester & Cobham Park GC. Back L-R: Mo Gregory, Nicole Hamilton, Holly Standing, Marnie Barber, Kirsty Galbraith, Emily Royer, Jo Beslee (County Captain). Front L-R: Jerri Sewell, Sophie Daws, Jessica Gregory

camp. Despite a tremendous effort, Hampshire just managed a 4-3 win against us & unfortunately our chance to win CMW began to fade. It was all coming down to the wire & the afternoon matches!

In the final match we played Middlesex & brought a fantastic 6½ - ½ win. Behind us Hampshire were playing Sussex & it resulted in a tied match. Congratulations to Hampshire on winning Junior County Week 3½, Kent 3, Sussex 2½, Surrey 2, Middlesex 0.

We didn't win Junior County Week, only losing out by half a point, but matches won - Kent 22½, Hampshire 17½, Surrey 13, Sussex 9½, Middlesex 7. Like all the teams, our girls were really tired but they had played their hearts out & my sincere thanks to all (in order of play):

Jessica Gregory - Sittingbourne & Milton GC

Jerri Sewell - Pedham GC

Nicole Hamilton - Dartford GC

Sophie Daws (Capt) - Littlestone GC

Emily Royer - Chart Hills GC

Holly Standing - Ashford GC

Marnie Barber - North Foreland GC

Kirsty Galbraith - Mid Kent GC

As always at Junior County Week we enjoyed the very best that golf offers – a series of hard fought matches played between girls from our five regional counties who are great friends. They know how to have huge fun together when they're off the course, and they retain their friendships throughout their determination to beat their mates on the course. It is a joy to watch & to be among.

Maureen Gregory - Junior County Organiser

Want to Help?

Do You Have Any Unused Golf Clubs Lying Around?

Please consider donating your unused golf clubs & bags/accessories etc. so they can be used to help young girls in Kent get a head start in golf. Please contact the Editor of Pin High via email to help.

Shoutbox!



Jess Gregory is the next Kent Junior's Captain taking over from Sophie Daws.

Photo courtesy of Leaderboard Photography



Nicola Smith, Sittingbourne GC, took 1st place with a Nett 62 over 18 holes @ the Junior Championships



Sydney Jane Smith becomes the 'Nearly Theres Champion' with 37 pts @ Chelsfield Lakes, 03/06/11



Jerri Sewell crowned Junior Champion with a gross 152 over 36 holes @ Sittingbourne GC, 02/06/11



Nicole Amos won the Under 13's EWGA South Region Girl's Championship scoring 142 over 2 rounds.

Junior County Week 16-18 August 2011

The Junior County Match Week 2011 was hosted by Kent at Rochester & Cobham & the teams stayed at the nearby Cobham Hall School.

Day One saw the Foursomes Stableford competition & all 8 girls in the team played. A gutsy performance by the girls produced a great score of 100 points & second place. Congratulations went to Middlesex on winning the event with 105 points.

We played Surrey on the second day, last years champions, & got off to an excellent start with a 6-1 win. In the afternoon we faced Sussex & we were really motoring with a huge 7-0 victory. The Kent girls were flying!

The final day dawned. Two important matches to play & that from them this year's County champions would come. Our girls were very positive. There had been much banter between the Kent & Hampshire adults regarding the match since the previous afternoon, but that all finished on the first tee where determination took its place in both