



# Oxfordshire County Girls

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### Report on the Girls' Championships held @ Burford GC on 31st May

It is always a joy to play on the velvet fairways of Burford GC especially when the sun is shining. Fifteen girls played in the qualifying competitions, 10 in the medal and 5 in the stableford and their scores reflected the excellence of the course.

**Niki Sutton** (Frilford Heath), playing off a 7 handicap, was crowned our Champion with a gross score of 81. **Lily Robinson** (Woburn) was 2nd on 82 beating **Izy Edwards** on countback. Lily also came 2nd in the nett competition which was won by **Ellie Phillips** (Drayton Park) with a score of 68. As the CSS was 76, Ellie had a substantial cut in handicap.

In the Stableford, **Megan Bishop** (Carswell) was the winner with 43 points and **Ellie Mitchell** (Kirtlington) came 2nd on 38, both reducing their handicaps.

The 9-Hole event was won by **Lauren Hilditch** (Henley) with 22 points narrowly pipping **Grace Beardsley** (Drayton Park) who scored 21.

In the Short Course Competition **Scarlett Jenkins** took home the top prize with a score of 39. **Alice Yates** and **Lillie Chowns** were 2nd & 3rd.



Niki our Girls' Champion



Ellie our Nett Champion



Lauren & Megan



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Report on the Girls' Championships held @ Burford GC on 31st May  
Continued.



Including Alice & Lillie

All the prize-winners from the day

## Meet the Pro @ The Buckinghamshire on 4th June

On the 4th June, some of our girls took up the invitation to meet the LET players who were vying for a place in the US Open. The event was organised by the LET at their HQ, The Buckinghamshire GC; the girls were given tuition by Woburn's head professional, had their photos taken with the Solheim Cup and were given the opportunity to chat to a Tour Professional. Oxfordshire was lucky to have South Africa's Nicole Garcia as our Pro and she enthralled the girls with talk of the tour and the commitment she must give to golf every week of her life.



Pictured from left Gracie, Lillie, Freya, Elizabeth, Grace and Ellie talking with Nicole



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Scratch Match v Bucks @ Bicester HGS on 16th July

## SCRATCH!

This was the second better-ball match in our quest to represent BB&O in the Midlands South Finals Day in September. We had lost by one match to Berks earlier in the year so could still do it if we emerged winners with a good games margin. Sadly, Lily Robinson had to withdraw through injury, so **Izy Edwards** (Kirtlington) found herself on her own against 2 of the top Bucks girls as no reserve could be found at such a late stage. She led most of the round and only lost on the last hole; it was nail biting.

Just as exciting was the match of **Niki Sutton** (Frilford) and **Allie Holtom** (Henley) which also went to the 18th but Bucks closed out the tussle with a splendid approach shot landing only a foot from the hole. **Ellie Phillips** (Drayton Park) and **Grace Boag-Matthews** (North Oxford) battled well against their opposition, but Bucks were not going to be denied victory. **We certainly had them worried!**



Team talk beforehand - from left Izy, Niki, Allie, Ellie & Grace

## BB&O Academy Stableford held @ Kirtlington GC on 23rd July

This competition was open to members of the three County Academy Programmes and we welcomed 10 girls from Bucks & Berks. Overall 14 played in the 18-hole and 7 in the 9-hole stablefords.

It was wonderful to have home winners in the 18-hole event; Kirtlington's **Ellie Mitchell** scored 39 points and Henley's **Allie Holtom** finished 3rd. **Grace Rigby-Walden** from Berks just pipped Allie for 2nd place.

The 9-hole was won by **Orla Dowling** from Berks with 26 points. **Grace Beardsley** from Drayton Park just lost out on countback.

It must be noted that these great scores were achieved on 9 holes of the main course which is a fantastic achievement for pre-handicap girls.



Orla and Grace receiving their prizes from the County President



# Oxfordshire County Girls

Invitational Match v Tadmarton Ladies on 25th July

The 2017 Lady Captain of Tadmarton, Thelma Mawle, was once the County Junior Organiser in Oxfordshire as well as having been County President and her invitation to play a better-ball match on such a lovely course was eagerly accepted. The girls' team was aided and abetted by two not such young County girls who stepped in at the last minute. The match was played with great humour and ended in a very friendly 2-2 draw. Thank you to Thelma and the ladies of Tadmarton for such an enjoyable day.



Pictured from left – Megan, Heather, Izy, Jane, Gail, Eve, Thelma, Sue, Elizabeth, Barbara, Allie, Gill, Ellie, Hilary and Jane

## Midlands South Junior Team Stableford on 28th July @ Bicester HGS

This was a new event for Midlands South and it proved to be highly successful. Bicester was chosen as the venue because it is central and accessible for all counties. It is also very supportive of junior girls' golf and we have already booked the date for next year!

Teams are made up of 6 girls from different handicap categories so that all levels of ability are included.

Our team consisted of Izy Edwards (Kirtlington), Marie Weir (Henley), Ellie Phillips (Drayton Park), Allie Holtom (Henley), Elizabeth Ball (Drayton Park) and Ellie Mitchell (Kirtlington).

Sadly, Ellie Mitchell had to withdraw through illness and we could not find a replacement in her category of handicap in

time, but the team did very well finishing above Warks and Northants and only 2 points behind Berks.

The event was won by Worcestershire & Herefordshire. Ellie Phillips (Drayton Park) came 2nd in the individual with 39 points. We are looking forward to next year!





# Oxfordshire County Girls

Handicap Match v Bucks on 2nd August @ Oakland Park GC

We had beaten Berks earlier in the year @ Huntercombe and needed to win this fixture to defend our title as MS Handicap Champions. Oakland Park is a beautiful little course to play but the weather was not typical for mid-summer and the heavens opened on the later matches. Our team fought bravely, and it was such a tight finish as after 4 matches we were all square. Bucks won in the end, 3.5 to 2.5, and went through to the finals.



Our team was (from the left) Olivia Steel (Henley), Grace Boag-Matthews (North Oxford), Allie Holtom (Henley), Megan Bishop (Carswell), Ellie Phillips (Drayton Park) and Elizabeth Ball (Drayton Park)

## Invitational Match v Frilford Heath Ladies on 16th August

Frilford Heath ladies were kind enough to invite us again to play a better-ball match on their Blue Course. It is such a help to the juniors to be given these opportunities to play matches against established ladies' teams. The girls learn more about match-play rules and etiquette and enjoy the challenge of competing against their elders. Our thanks again to Iona, the Lady Captain, and all the ladies who played. The match was won by the girls 3-0.



Our team of Niki, Elisha, Ellie M, Allie, Izy and Ellie P



# Oxfordshire County Girls

## Summer Meeting on 25th August @ Studley Wood GC

Only 8 girls played in the 18-hole stableford, 2 in the 9-hole and 4 in the Short Course competition. It was such a gorgeous, sunny day and the course at Studley was in perfect condition.

There were some good scores which pushed the CSS down to 71. **Lily Robinson** from Woburn GC won the event with 39 points and managed to reduce her handicap.

**Ellie Phillips** was 2nd with 38 points and **Elizabeth Ball** 3rd on 37, both of whom are members at Drayton Park. The 9-hole was won by **Gracie Gillespie** (Studley Wood) with **Grace Beardsley** (Drayton Park) coming 2nd. The Short-course winner was **Olivia Szafnauer** (North Oxford) with **Sophie Higgins**, **Ali Powell** and **Ava Gavrilovic** close behind.



**Lily Robinson receiving the trophy from our County President**



**Ellie Phillips**



**Elizabeth Ball**



**Gracie Gillespie**



**Grace Beardsley**



**Olivia Szafnauer**

Thank you to Ken Heathcote & Studley for a wonderful day. However, it was also a sad day as this was the last event for Jess Ramsay (Oxford Ladies), pictured on the far right. She leaves us this year to go onto university. She has been a stalwart in junior teams at county matches, always played in competitions and a previous recipient of our golfer of the year honour, the Boddington Trophy. We wish her every success in her future career.



**Ali Powell & Sophie Higgins**



**Pictured from left Lauren, Ellie, Ali, Olivia, Izy, Gracie, Grace, Elizabeth, Sophie, Ellie, Lily, Elisha & Jess**



# Oxfordshire County Girls

Midlands South Championships on 31st August @ Robin Hood GC

Izy Edwards (Kirtlington) and Lily Robinson (Woburn) entered the 36-hole Championship and Allie Holtom (Henley), Elizabeth Ball (Drayton Park) & Freya Coughlan (Frlford Heath) played in the 18-hole stableford. The course is one of Warwickshire's best and all our girls rose to the occasion. Lily and Izy fared well in both the gross and nett competitions and in the stableford Oxfordshire not only won the team shield but Elizabeth Ball also brought home the individual trophy.



Oxfordshire's winning team of Freya, Allie and Elizabeth. Such a talented team and a great result!

## Ox calf Cup & Teddy Trophy on 17th Sept @ Kirtlington GC

We had 6 playing in the Ox calf Cup which is for girls 11 years and over and 6 in the Teddy Trophy for those who are 10 years and under. The Blenheim course is a perfect venue for such a competition as it is made up of Par 3s and Par 4s but still presents a challenge to accuracy and the short game.

The day was well organised, as ever, by Elaine Hunt with help from Sandra Chamberlain and Pam Smith of Kirtlington GC always makes sure our junior girls and their families feel welcome.

**Ox calf & Teddy!**

Beatrice Thomas who won the coveted Teddy Trophy with a score of 26 points. The Runner-up was Scarlett Jenkins with 22 points.





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## OxCalf Cup & Teddy Trophy on 17th Sept @ Kirtlington GC continued



In the OxCalf Cup **Gracie Gillespie**, pictured left, emerged the winner with another fantastic score of 26 points. In 2nd place was **Lillie Chowns** with 21 points. Nearest the Pin prizes were won by **Porsha Dixon** and **Lillie Chowns**.

Our Junior Captain, **Elisha Gujral**, kindly presented the prizes on the day.



Pictured from left are Grace, Porsha, Lillie, Alice (behind), Katie, Bethany, Scarlett, Beatrice (hiding), Gracie (hiding), Elisha, Lucy, Emily and Ava.

## Friendly match v Gloucestershire on 24th September @ Frilford Heath

It was another opportunity for the girls to play @ Frilford but this time on the Green Course. Our matches with Gloucestershire are played in the best of spirits and are always hard fought.

They have some wonderful, very low handicap players in their squad but, on this occasion, they were no match for the Oxfordshire juniors. The girls won 6-0 which was the perfect end to the match season and promises much for next year.

It was also the last event for our Junior Captain, **Elisha Gujral** (Kirtlington), who was off to Loughborough University the next weekend to study Mechanical Engineering.

She couldn't have wished for a better ending to her junior career in golf. Our grateful thanks to her for all she has done for the county over the years and we wish her every success in the future.



Our victorious team of Elisha, Victoria, Ellie P, Izy, Grace, Megan, Allie and Ellie M





# Oxfordshire County Girls

Nicola Sparks Memorial Trophy on 26th October @ Burford GC

It promised to brighten up, but it never did. However, the girls don't seem to mind the wet especially when they are playing at Burford. This is always our end of season 'party' and the scores on the day showed that everyone enjoyed themselves.



In the 18-hole competition from the left Izy, Victoria & Niki



Ellie, Lauren & Grace



Megan, Elizabeth & Freya



Olivia & Ellie



In the 9-hole the competitors were Grace, Gracie & Ali



And in the Short Course Competition were Alice, Lillie & Rachel



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Nicola Sparks Memorial Trophy on 26th October @ Burford GC  
continued



Porsha & Beatrice



Scarlett & Ellie

In the 18-hole stableford **Ellie Mitchell** (Kirtlington) was the winner with a fantastic score of 43 points. **Izy Edwards** (Kirtlington) came 2nd with 39 and **Olivia Young** (Henley) came 3rd with 38 points. All three girls, plus **Ellie Phillips** who came 4th with 37, reduced their handicaps.

**Gracie Gillespie** won the 9-hole with a nett 27 and **Scarlett Jenkins** pipped her fellow competitors in the Short Course with a nett 17.

Our grateful thanks go to the family of Nicola Sparks for introducing this competition which is a fitting tribute to her memory. Leighton Walker and his assistants could not have been more helpful with the organisation of the day and the buffet meal afterwards was worthy of a Michelin star. Jacqui Shaw and Kate Stagg were kind enough to be walkers with the Short Course Competition and they were delighted to see such good golf being played by our younger members. Many thanks to them for their support and to the new Professional, Duncan, for his help with the scoring.



All the prize winners from the day **Ellie Phillips, Izy, Gracie, Olivia, Scarlett and Ellie Mitchell**

At this event we appoint our new Junior Captain for the following year and we are delighted to say that it will be **Izy Edwards** from Kirtlington GC.

We also award the Boddington Trophy to our 'golfer of the year' and **Ellie Phillips** from Drayton Park is 2017's worthy recipient.



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Report on the Christmas Jamboree  
held @ Kirtlington GC on 3rd December

The rain disappeared in time for the start of our Family Florida Scramble on the challenging 9-hole Blenheim course. Fathers, brothers, junior committee members, a mother and a grandmother joined in with the girls and, judging by the smiles on the faces on the 9th green, everyone enjoyed their round.



Ellie, Alison & Izy



Ali, Neil & Mairi



Sophie, Allie & Norma



3rd place prize-winners - Carole, Scarlett & Richard



Lauren, Harry & Beatrice



Alice, Richard & Freya



Eva, Quinn, Sandra, Bethany & Terry



# Oxfordshire County Girls

Report on the Christmas Jamboree  
held @ Kirtlington GC on 3rd December continued



Joseph, Jemma & Ellie

Kirtlington GC was warm and welcoming, as ever, and provided a splendid buffet lunch which was eagerly demolished by the players. The Secret Santa gifts were distributed, and many thanks to Sandra Chamberlain from the Junior Committee who handed out mini Christmas stockings filled with goodies to all the girls. She had spent many hours patiently knitting these beautiful creations.

The County Captain, Karen Pollard, made a special visit to see us and presented the prizes to the winners.

The last competition of the year is over, and it just remains for us on the Junior Committee to wish everyone reading this a very merry Christmas and a happy New Year.

We look forward to seeing you in 2018.



2nd place prize-winners – Ava, Olivia & Fin



Matt, Grace, Elizabeth & Nick



1st place prize-winners – Ellie, Gracie & Colin



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## Outside Honours by our County Junior Girls

**Victoria Hart** (Hadden Hill) has been a longstanding member of the county girls squad and has always shown extraordinary talent for the game. Earlier this year she won the Handicap Prize at the Schoolgirl Championships held in St. Andrews and came 4th in the gross competition. Her talents had already caught the eye of FutureProUSA, having played in the finals of the England Schools Championships, and has been offered a scholarship in the States next August. We wish her all the best. Here she is picking up her prize in St. Andrews.



Another of our prize winners in external competitions this year was **Elizabeth Ball** from Drayton Park. She won the Cleobury Mortimer Junior Open and here she is receiving her prize.

We hope you enjoy reading the newsletter and will pass it on to any young girl who may be interested in playing the sport and joining in with our county activities.

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And last but by no means least, 8 years old **Scarlett Jenkins** got through the qualifying stages to reach the Grand Final of the Wee Wonders held on the Balgove Course, St Andrews in August. She played well finishing joint 19th, loved the magnificence of the occasion playing with the top British girls and is determined to go back there next year. Here she is practising in one of St. Andrew's notorious pot bunkers.





## OLCGA PLAY DAYS 2018



**HELD ON THE BLENHEIM COURSE  
AT KIRTLINGTON GC**

**SUNDAYS START AT 12 PM - JAN 28, FEB 25,  
1PM - MAR 18, APR 29, MAY 13, JUNE 3, JUL 1,  
AUG 12, OCT 14, NOV 4**

**AND ON THE PAR 3 COURSE AT  
DRAYTON PARK GC**

**SATURDAYS START AT 1PM MAR 24, APR 21,  
MAY 19, JUNE 9, JUL 7 & SEPT 8**

**NON-MEMBERS ARE CHARGED £5 TO PLAY**



*Learn to play golf  
and have fun in the  
company of other  
girls*

*Gain a short course  
handicap and see it  
improve as the year  
progresses*

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