



# Oxfordshire County Girls Winter 2018 - Spring 2019

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## Ox-Calf & Teddy Trophies held @ Kirtlington GC on 16th September 2018

There was a smaller field this year for our annual competition, but it produced some wonderful scores and lots of happy faces at the end of the round on the Blenheim course.

Nearest the Pin winners were Sophie Higgins and Holly Gibbs.

Winner of the Teddy Trophy was Sophie Higgins with 30 points.

Winner of the Ox-Calf Trophy was Bethany Steventon with 27 points on count-back from Jess Walton.



## Ox-Calf & Teddy

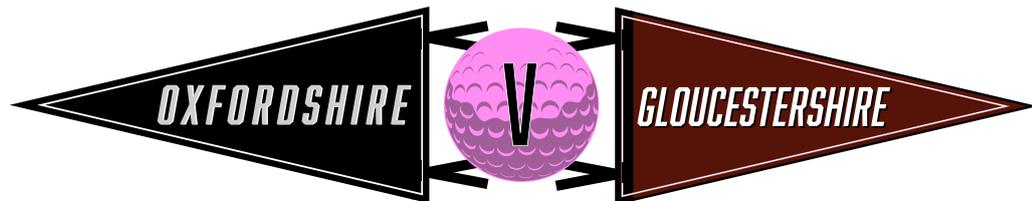


Barbara Round, the Lady President presented the winners with their prizes.



**Oxfordshire v Gloucestershire Match held @ Lansdown GC,  
near Bath, on 23rd September 2018**

**Winners!**



**Our team – Mairi Weir, Megan Bishop, Grace Boag-Matthews, Izy Edwards, Ellie Phillips, Freya Coughlan, Elizabeth Ball & Ellie Mitchell**

After a morning of heavy rain and doubts as to whether the match would be played because of some flooded greens, the sun came out and we were able to play. It is an annual fixture that both counties look forward to and, as always, it was very closely fought.

The course borders Bath Racecourse and, despite being located high above the city, the terrain is relatively flat, and the soil fortunately drains freely.

Our girls had some emphatic results that day with **Freya Coughlan** (Frilford Heath) winning 6&5 and **Grace Boag-Matthews** (North Oxford) winning 7&6. **Mairi Weir** (Henley) and **Megan Bishop** (Carswell) both won their matches which meant that we needed a half in the last match to achieve victory. **Ellie Mitchell** (Kirtlington) was blissfully unaware that her 4ft putt on the 18th would seal the matter and she duly potted it in the hole like an expert snooker player. The final tally was a narrow win for Oxfordshire 4.5 to 3.5.

We look forward to playing them at home in 2019 @ Burford GC.



## Nicola Sparks Memorial @ Burford GC on 25th October 2018

It is always a joy to come to Burford for this event. We use this as our 'end of term' gathering where we award our annual trophies, bid a fond farewell to those who are leaving our ranks and announce the next year's Junior Captain.

The winners on the day were as follows: Short-course – **Esme Corless** from Burford GC with 19 points

9-Hole Stableford – **Holly Gibbs** from Kirtlington GC with 26 points

18-Hole Stableford – 1st. **Megan Bishop** from Carswell GC with 40 points  
2nd. **Olivia Young** from Henley GC with 39 points on c/b  
3rd. **Mairi Weir** from Henley GC with 39 points

Winner of the Most Improved Player was **Georgia Smith** from Burford who reduced her handicap over the year from 31 to 15.

Winner of the Boddington Trophy, awarded to the girl who has contributed the most to the success of the Oxfordshire Juniors, was **Izy Edwards** from Kirtlington GC.

We said farewell to our Lady President, Barbara Round, who has been a tireless supporter of girls' golf in our county and thanked **Izy Edwards**, our 2018 Junior Captain, for mustering the troops throughout the year and fostering their desire to win.

A warm welcome was given to **Mairi Weir** from Henley GC who is our 2019 Junior Captain.  
A group of happy Oxfordshire junior golfers who took part in the Nicola Sparks Memorial competitions.



The major prize-winners on the day.

From the left Megan Bishop, Esme Corless, Izy Edwards & Holly Gibbs. Georgia Smith missed the photo-call.



## Nicola Sparks Memorial @ Burford GC on 25th October 2018 - Continued



### Skills Day for OLCGA Academies on 11th November 2018

Every year we hold a Skills Day where all the Academies come together and display what they have learned in their coaching sessions. It is effectively their graduation.

Naturally, there is a prize at the end for the team who has accumulated the most points from all the skills challenges that Andy Taylor, our County PGA Coach, has set throughout the day.



The winners for 2018 were Ali Powell, Holly Gibbs, Olivia Szafnauer & Izy Edwards. Andy presented the prizes.



## Christmas Jamboree @ the Play Day held @ Kirtlington GC on 2nd December 2018

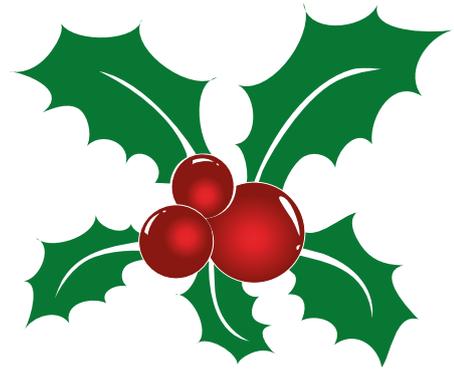
Ten teams of three competed for the prizes in our family Florida Scramble and it was lovely to see new faces who had been encouraged to take part by our county girls. Scores are of secondary importance on a day such as this; the only requirement is for everyone to enjoy the round, come into the warm and take delight in Kirtlington GC's hospitality.

**Mairi** welcomed all the players with her home-made, gingerbread reindeer which showed that her talents are not restricted to the game of golf!

The chocolates went to the following teams –



1st Ann Thomas, Lucy Hucker & Grace Boag-Matthews



2nd Marcel Petrie, Freya Petrie & Mairi Weir



3rd Alison Weir, Nick Ball & Elizabeth Ball

We bade a fond farewell to **Izy** and to **Lauren Berry** (Frilford Heath) and wished them every success in their adult golfing careers. Lauren gave a speech to the younger members of the county and encouraged them to carry on playing the game. She hoped they would continue to participate in county competitions and matches as these events had given her a great deal of pleasure over the years.



## Oxfordshire Junior Boys v Oxfordshire Junior Girls Match on 9th March 2019

The annual tussle with the boys from Oxon Junior League clubs is always eagerly awaited. It is testament to this fixture's importance that each side managed to field 12 players although, due to late withdrawals from our team, the girls had to field 2 super subs who were not quite under 18!

The venue had originally been Tadmarton Heath GC but fairway mats were being used there to protect the course, so the Cotswolds Club kindly offered to host the event. The matches were keenly fought but, as always, played with good humour and in friendship. The 3-3 result was an amicable end to an enjoyable day.



Our team comprised of Izy Edwards (Kirtlington) who is missing from the photo, Sophia Sollis (Cotswolds Club), Tia Johnstone (Kirtlington), Olivia Steel (Henley), Mairi Weir (Henley), Allie Holtom (Henley), Freya Coughlan (Frilford), Ellie Mitchell (Kirtlington), Ellie Phillips (Drayton Park), Heather Slevin (Tadmarton) and Chloe Stanley (Henley).

## BB&O Team Trophy @ Oakland Park GC on 17th March 2019

In 2018, the 'beast from the east' postponed this early season competition until later in May but no snow lay on the ground this year. The course, however, was sodden in places and some of the later competitors were drenched by heavy hail and rain showers. It didn't seem to distract our Oxfordshire girls as they brought home the trophy, winning by a large margin from Bucks in second place and Berks in third.

**Allie Holtom** finished a creditable third in the individual competition.



Our team on the day was our Junior Captain Mairi Weir (Henley), Chloe Stanley (Henley), Tia Johnstone (Kirtlington), Megan Bishop (Carswell), Allie Holtom (Henley), Freya Coughlan (Frilford), Ellie Phillips and Elizabeth Ball (both Drayton Park).



## OLCGA County Girls' Championships @ Badgemore Park GC on 7th April 2019

We had a good field for both the medal and stableford competitions this year. Badgemore is a testing venue which encourages the girls to play. These were our top, junior girls competing, and watching them play such great shots during their round was a delight and an education.

The greens are always tricky at Badgemore with lots of subtle borrows but they were not a problem for our 2019 County Girls' Champion, **Grace Boag-Matthews** from North Oxford, who scored a gross 79 and reduced her handicap by 2 shots. **Tia Johnstone**, from Kirtlington, came a close second with a gross 81, also earning a reduction.



**Grace** became the Nett Champion as well, for a second year running, with a score of 64 and **Allie Holtom**, from Henley GC, was second Best Nett with a score of 69.



In the stableford, **Gracie Gillespie** (Studley Wood) won with 35 pts and **Holly Gibbs** (Kirtlington) was second on 33 pts. Grace Beardsley (Drayton Park), Freya Petrie and Lucy Hucker (both from Henley) scored well in their first County Championships and we look forward to seeing their progress throughout the year ahead.

Our Lady President, Maggie Edwards, kindly presented the prizes to the winners.



## BB&O Junior Girls' Championships @ Calcot Park GC on 9th April 2019

The rain poured from the first tee shot to the very end of the competition when the sun began to shine. It was not a perfect day for playing, but it is amazing how young girls can ignore inclement weather and produce wonderful golf.

Oxfordshire were represented in both the medal and stableford competitions.

In the medal, **Freya Coughlan** (Frilford) was a prize-winner scoring a gross 83, nett 68, and earned herself a 1.2 reduction in handicap. Freya's nett score was better by one than Buckinghamshire's Grace Rigby-Walden who became the 2019 BB&O Girls' Champion with a gross 75. **Elizabeth Ball** (Drayton Park), who managed to chip in twice from way off the green in her round, played exactly to her handicap.

**Gracie Gillespie** (Studley Wood) scored 39 points in the stableford competition, 7 points ahead of the girl in second place, and took home the trophy. **Grace Beardsley** (Drayton Park) again performed exceptionally well, playing just outside her buffer zone.

### Spotlight on Play Days

Our Play Days, held on the Blenheim course @ Kirtlington GC, are the gateway for girls to get into golf and gain a County Short-course Handicap.

These are held every month and organised by Carole Lee & Sandra Chamberlain, with help from other members of OLCGA's Junior Committee and past & current girls from the County junior squad. Girls can come along and play 9-holes in the company of other girls, develop their golfing skills, learn to mark cards and gradually discover the rules and etiquette of the game. Each card they submit goes towards their County SCH and the challenge every time they play is to better their score and win a county ball.

The Play Days aim to be a gentle introduction into the sport from which the girls can progress to becoming a full member of a club. There they can achieve an official CONGU handicap which will allow them to play in County qualifying competitions and matches. Some of our current attendees are already members of Oxfordshire clubs and are starting to play on full length courses.

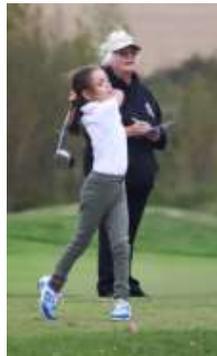
The County also run non-qualifying competitions where Play Day girls are encouraged to enter; these are the Pre-handicap Championships, the Ox-calf & Teddy Trophies and the Christmas Jamboree.



Sophie Higgins, Erin Horseman & Rachel Moore participating in the Play Days on the Blenheim course.



# OLCGA JUNIOR GIRLS PLAY DAYS 2019



*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*

*Take part in  
individual & team  
competitions*

*All ages and abilities  
are welcome*

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

**SUNDAYS START AT 12 PM - JAN 27, FEB 24 &  
AT 1PM - MAR 24, APR 28, MAY 19, JUNE 9,  
JULY 14, AUG 18, OCT 6, NOV 3**

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

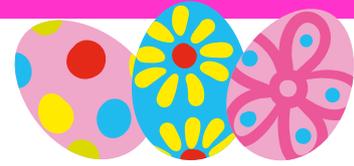


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## The Spring Meeting @ Carswell GC on 17th April 2019

It was a sunny, almost summer's day for our Spring Meeting. No one had taken the opportunity to participate in the 9-hole Short-course competition, so it was all down to the girls in the 18-hole stableford to shine. The recent dry weather had made the course very tricky and balls were running on further than expected. The CSS reflected the difficulty increasing to 74 from a SS of 72.



It was yet another win for **Gracie Gillespie** who scored 33 points. Close behind her on 32 points was **Allie Holtom**, another prolific prize-winner, who just pipped **Holly Gibbs** on count-back.

Our new 2019 County Girls' Champion, **Grace**, won both the Longest Drive and Nearest the Pin prizes. Maggie Findlay, Oxfordshire's County Captain, came to watch the girls compete and presented the prizes.





## Pre-handicap Championships 2019 @ Kirtlington GC on 28th April 2019

This is one of our major competitions where the girls play for the Junior Captain's Cup. It is intended for those who are just starting their careers in golf and especially aimed at our Play Day attendees.

We are ever thankful to Pam and Kirtlington GC for their continued support of Oxfordshire's junior girls and again they were the kind hosts for this competition.

12 girls played and went around the course in record time. Fortunately, the rain held off and the sun occasionally shone but it was cold, especially for the walkers who helped the girls mark their scores and gave advice on the rules.



Some of the scores were amazing and earned a few of the players a reduction in their County SCH.

The winner of the Cup and the Pre-handicap Champion for 2019 was **Francesca Dally** with 25 points. Second was last year's Champion, **Scarlett Jenkins**, with 24 points and in 3rd place was **Rachel Moore** with 23 points.

Our County Captain presented the prizes to Francesca and Rachel.

# Winners!

## Outside Honours

Whilst we were at the Pre-handicap Championships, **Lucie Feaver**, from Bicester GHS, was winning her 8-10 age group in the Junior Masters Golf Competition @ Wycombe Heights. Well done Lucie!

