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## EWGA/EGU merger proposal

The proposal for a merger of the EWGA and the English Golf Union has been distributed to clubs and counties and can be viewed and downloaded by [clicking here](#).

The proposal will be put to the voting members of the EWGA and EGU at simultaneous General Meetings on 16 November 2011.

Members may submit questions about the merger by clicking on this [email link](#). Questions and answers will be posted on the EWGA website, [www.englishwomensgolf.org](http://www.englishwomensgolf.org)

## Abraham Trophy win for Ciara

Worcestershire's **Ciara Kelly** played the round of her life, scoring eight under her handicap, to win the Abraham Trophy and claim the title of England's most improved girl golfer.

The 14-year-old from Hagley shot one-under par gross 71, net 64, at Mentmore, Buckinghamshire, and won the handicap competition by four shots from Hannah Screen of Berkhamsted. They were among 20 girls from all over the country who qualified for the final of the competition on the basis of handicap reduction.



# Let's hear it for the girls



Hayley Davis



Gabiella Cowley



Sammy Fuller

## Congratulations to our new champions

**Hayley Davis** (Ferndown) won the English girls' championship at Ellesborough, sealing her victory with a six-under par 66. **Gabiella Cowley** (West Essex) is the new English U15 champion and **Sammy Fuller** (Roehampton) won the English U13 championship; they both won their titles at Mentmore.



## Latest regional & county results

Bethan Popel

Lauren Blease

### Regional women's champions

- South West - **Bethan Popel** (Long Ashton)
- South - **Lauren Blease** (Burhill)
- North - **Alison Knowles** (Hickleton)
- Midlands North - **Julie Brown** (Trentham)

### Regional girls' champions

- South West - **Sammy Giles** (St Mellion)

### County girls' championship

Latest winners include:

- Berkshire - **Elizabeth Swallow** (Newbury Racecourse)
- Leicestershire & Rutland - **Evie Carter** (Longcliffe)
- Middlesex - **Josephine Gregory-Jenkins** (Stanmore)
- Worcestershire & Herefordshire - **Lucy Walton** (The Worcestershire)

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## Just Ace!

**Janie Manuel** is the latest winner of our monthly prize draw for golfers who score a hole-in-one. She aced the 146-yard fourth hole at Richmond Golf Club, Yorkshire.



The prize, sponsored by Titleist, is a dozen golf balls. For details on how to enter the monthly draw see the EWGA website:

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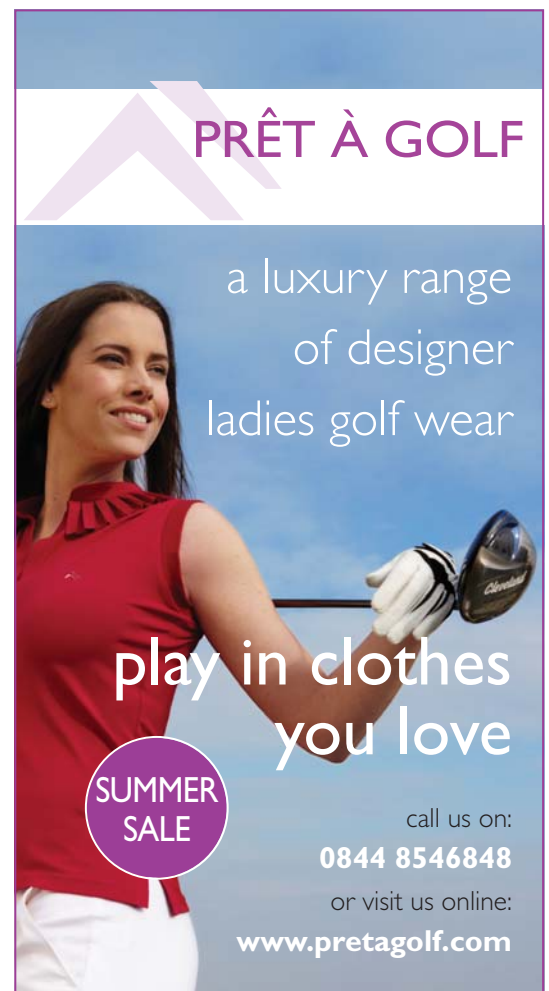
England came oh-so-close to winning the gold medal at the European girls' team championship in Sardinia.

Their hopes ended in disappointment on the 20th hole of the last game when France won the intensely close final 4-3.

Although England had to settle for the silver medal the players won the unstinting praise of national junior coach Pat Smillie. *"The girls should be absolutely bursting with pride. Their golf this week has been outstanding.*

*"We were top qualifiers for the matchplay, Emily Taylor had the best 36-hole strokeplay score, Bronte Law shot the low score in qualifying with 66 - and they came within a whisker of the gold medal."*

The full team, captained by Julie Sparrow, was: Heidi Baek (Felixstowe Ferry), Georgia Hall (Remedy Oak), Bronte Law (Bramhall), Elizabeth Mallett (Sutton Coldfield Ladies'), Emily Taylor (Royal Lytham & St Annes), Lauren Taylor.



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## Yorkshire's Sue Johnson to be next EWGA President

Yorkshire's **Sue Johnson** will be the next President of EWGA - and could find herself with a key role in a

new era for amateur golf in England. If the proposed merger of the EWGA and the English Golf Union is approved, Sue will be one of two Presidents-elect of the new, merged organisation. If the merger proposal is rejected, Sue will serve a two-year term as EWGA President, starting at the annual meeting in early 2012.

Sue, a member of Huddersfield Golf Club, chaired the former English Ladies' Golf Association in 1987 and the Ladies' Golf Union in 1994. Sue was LGU president from 2001-03 and has also been captain and president of Yorkshire. She is a life vice-president of both the LGU and Yorkshire.

## New rules officials sought

Women golfers who would like to become EWGA rules officials are invited to join the latest training course.

Visit the Hot Topics section on the EWGA website [www.englishwomensgolf.org](http://www.englishwomensgolf.org) to download a rules questionnaire. It should be completed without any assistance, other than reference to the Rules Book effective from 1 January 2008 and the 2010-2011 Decisions Book.

Answer sheets must be returned to the EWGA office no later than Monday, 10 October. The candidates who achieve the highest marks will be invited to one of four seminars which will take place in Spring 2012. Counties and Regions will receive a list of the 2012 Rules Officials and may call on them to assist at their events.



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# Latest News

Essex teenager **Sophie Madden** shot four-under par to win the girls' age 14 division of the US Kids Teen World Championship at Pinehurst, in North Carolina, USA. Sophie, 14, is a member at West Essex and trains with EWGA's Select South East squad. She finished five shots clear of her closest rival.

**Helen O'Loughlin** and **Gillian Hepburn** (Teignmouth) won the South West regional qualifier for the Australian Spoons competition. They will take on pairs from EWGA's other five regions at the national final at Thorndon Park, Essex, on Friday, 16 September.

**Nikki Foster**, 19, (Plesington) played her way into the field for the Ricoh Women's British Open with a superb two-under par 69 in final qualifying at Panmure. She took her place at Carnoustie alongside fellow England amateur, 16-year-old **Lauren Taylor** (Woburn) who qualified for the tournament when she won the British women's amateur title last month. Lauren shot a pair of 74s and Nikki scored 78, 72 but both girls missed the cut.

EWGA squad member **Inci Mehmet** has become the first junior to win the Wentworth ladies' club championship. The 14-year-old, who trains with EWGA's South East Super Birdies, was playing in the competition for the first time.

**England** finished the European Ladies' Team Championship on a high when they beat France 3½-1½ on the final day at Murhof, Austria. It meant the team finished in fifth place, which was the highest they could achieve after losing their first matchplay tie in the quarter finals and dropping out of the hunt for medals.

Welsh senior international **Janet Doleman** birdied the last hole at Brocton Hall, Staffordshire, for a one-stroke win in the 36-hole English senior women's Midlands regional tournament.

**Liz Latter** and **Brittany Burton** were among Kent's Young Golf Ambassadors who walked the fairways with the world's top players at The Open Championship at Royal St George's. They were scoreboard carriers and were part of a contingent of 20 Ambassadors who volunteered at The Open. The Ambassadors were all been chosen and trained by the Kent Golf Partnership to help make the most of The Open Legacy and grow the game of golf in the county.

Over 50 women from **Stratford WI Lite** made their way to Stratford Oaks Golf Centre to try the sport during Midlands Golf Week – and 40 of them have signed up for the six-week novice-to-golfer programme.

## Death of Maureen Garrett

**Maureen Garrett, the English golfer whose sportsmanship was recognised with the highest award of the United States Golf Association, has died. She was 89.**

Mrs Garrett was the first British woman to receive the Bob Jones Award for distinguished sportsmanship in golf, placing her in such company as Arnold Palmer, Bing Crosby, Bob Hope, Jack Nicklaus, Patty Berg, and Francis Ouimet.

She is described on the USGA website as: *"a towering figure in British golf whose influence weighed mightily in the United States, largely through her long and close association with the Curtis Cup."* Mrs Garrett, whose club was Parkstone, Dorset, received the Bob Jones Award in 1983, when she was President of the Ladies' Golf Union, and had been a member of the Curtis Cup team of 1948 and its captain in 1960.



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Day 4: fourball competition

**HOW DO I BOOK ?** Go to [www.englishwomensgolf.org](http://www.englishwomensgolf.org) to download your booking form and for more information.

**CLOSING DATE** Friday 2nd September.



open to all women golfers

**LA MANGA CLUB**

# Rose Spoons

Thirteen-year-old Laura Whittard of Gloucestershire is among the latest winners of EWGA's Silver Rosespoon awards.

The awards recognise the club golfers who return the best strokeplay scores in the country each month, from April to October. The spoons are awarded in four handicap divisions and also to the player with the best gross score.

## JUNE WINNERS:

**Division One**  
(up to 10 handicap)

**Chelsea Herbert** (Gog Magog), 3 handicap, scored net 68, six-under the SSS of 74.

**Nicky Rose** (Bamburgh Castle) 6 handicap, scored net 64, six-under the SSS of 70.

**Vivien Saunders** (Abbotsley) 5 handicap, scored net 69, six-under the SSS of 75.

**Division Two**  
(11-20)

**Sonia Cox** (Goswick & Stonehenge) 20 handicap, scored net 63, 11-under the SSS of 74.

**Laura Whittard** (Minchinhampton Old Course) 20 handicap, scored net 61, 11-under the SSS of 72.

**Division Three**  
(21-30)

**Jennifer Locke** (Gerrards Cross) 21 handicap, scored net 61, 12-under the SSS of 73.

**Sarah Pecke-Voute** (Girton), 29 handicap, scored net 60, 12-under the SSS of 72.

**Division Four**  
(31-36)

**Fran Hobson** (Cams Hall Estate), 36 handicap, scored net 57, 13-under the SSS of 70.

**Best gross score** **Nicky Rose** (Bamburgh Castle) 70

For full details of the competition and how to enter, visit [www.englishwomensgolf.org](http://www.englishwomensgolf.org)

## How well do you know the rules of golf?

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1. A small fir branch blowing across the fairway moves a ball at rest.

**Must the ball be replaced?**

- a) Yes, but only if it has moved nearer the hole.
- b) No, as it is 'rub of the green'.
- c) Yes, regardless of where it now lies.

Ans. (c) Rule 18-1 Decision 18-1/6

2. Sue is a competitor in a stableford competition. She plays well and scores 39 points. She checks the points hole by hole with her marker, signs her card and returns it to the committee. After the competition is closed, it is discovered that, although the points are correct, the gross score for one hole is lower than actually taken.

**Should Sue be disqualified?**

- a) No – she has signed for 39 points which is correct.
- b) Yes – she has signed for the gross score on each hole and the points are irrelevant.

Ans. (b) Rules 6-6 & 34-1b

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Cheshire's **Hilary Tarleton**, the co-winner of last year's PING Grand Final has just had her first hole-in-one - with one of the clubs she received as a prize. She used her 23 degree G15 to ace the 175-yard third hole at her club, Sale. She said afterwards: **"I'm really enjoying my PING clubs and my lovely little 23 degree rescue gets pride of place and total respect in my bag now that we have had an ace together!"**



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