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Lauren accepts her award
from Jessica Ennis and
Roberto Mancini

Teenage star Lauren wins **BBC Young Sports Personality**

England's **Lauren Taylor**, the youngest-ever British women's champion, is the winner of the 2011 BBC Young Sports Personality of the Year award.

Lauren, 17, was presented with the award by athlete Jessica Ennis and Manchester City manager Roberto Mancini during the BBC Sports Personality of the Year show. Her first thanks went to the EWGA for the support she has received.

Lauren, from Woburn, was watched by an audience which included Open champion Darren Clarke, world number one Luke Donald, US Open champion Rory McIlroy and Europe's winning Solheim Cup captain Alison Nicholas, together with members of her team.

Lauren won the British title at the age of 16, breaking an age record which had stood for 112 years, and went on to play in the Women's British Open. She was in the European team which drew with the USA at the 2011 PING Junior Solheim Cup and she helped England win a girls' European silver medal and the ladies' Home Internationals.

Congratulations to our winners

Congratulations to the four winners of our latest free prize draw for readers of the e-newsletter.

The first prize of a mini-break for two at La Manga Club, Spain, of three nights and two rounds of golf, was won by **Judy Rodwell** of Blackmoor Golf Club, Hampshire.

The second prize of a luxury Christmas hamper from Spicers was won by **Anne Adler** of

Sandford Springs Golf Club, Hampshire. Third and fourth prizes, each of a bottle of Piper Heidseick Champagne, were won respectively by **Ruth Abel** of Essex Golf Club, Essex, and **Martine A'Barrow** of Botley Park Golf Club, Hampshire.

Everyone who had signed up for the e-newsletter by November 30 was entered in the draw.

This month's benefits for EWGA members

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- ✓ **Volvo cars** - Up to 12.5% manufacturer's discount
- ✓ **Winter training packages**
at La Manga Club, Spain
- ✓ **Members' holiday offers**
at La Manga Club, Spain



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£20,000 legacy for EWGA Trust

THANK YOU to the anonymous benefactor who left a legacy of £20,000 to the EWGA Trust, our charity for girls' golf.

The bequest has been warmly welcomed by the chairman of the Trust, **Elizabeth Earnshaw**. The Trust makes grants to help girls start and stay in golf but, over recent years, its income has dwindled and she commented: *"We are extremely grateful to our benefactor for remembering the Trust in their Will."*

"The Trust is dependent upon the generosity of individuals, clubs and county associations for donations to support its work and the trustees are very appreciative of those who help girls' golf by making a bequest in this way."

The Trust was founded almost 30 years ago. Since then, it has supported countless girl golfers and helped them benefit from playing the sport.



Annabell Fuller, 9



Sammy Fuller, 12

Sisters triumph in the USA

Roehampton sisters **Sammy and Annabell Fuller** are both winners in the USA.

Sammy, the English U13 champion, won her age group at the 2011 Junior Honda Classic at the PGA National in West Palm Beach, Florida. The 12-year-old shot two-under 70 in the first round, holing a 140-yard eight-iron over water. The two-handicapper followed up with 75.

Annabell, nine, lost a play-off on the fifth extra hole for the nine-and-under section but went on to win her age group in the Doral Publix Junior Classic in Miami. She birdied the last to win by two shots. Sammy, meanwhile, was fourth in her group.

Kelly shines in the Azores

Leading England amateur **Kelly Tidy** warmed up well for the Ladies European Tour qualifying school when she claimed second place in the tour's Access Series Azores Ladies Open.

The 19-year-old from Royal Birkdale, led the tournament going in to the final round but was overtaken by Marieke Nivard of the Netherlands, who won by a stroke.

Kelly was the 2010 British amateur champion and is an England and GB&I international. She plans to go to LET Qualifying School for 2012 at La Manga Club in Spain in January - and will be drawing on her experience in the Azores.



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Watch the Birdies!

Congratulations to the players selected for our 2011/12 training squads. Last month's newsletter featured the national Performance and regional Select squads. Now it's the turn of the girls in our Birdie squads.

BIRDIES YEAR 1 - MIDLANDS

Harriet Allsebrook (Shifnal), Sally Ayres (Frlford Heath), Alice Barlow (Newton Green), Megan Dennis (Woburn), Aimee Field (Halesowen), Hannah Li (Tytherington).

BIRDIES YEAR 1 - NORTH

Louisa Brunt (Ashton Under Lyne), Megan Clarke (Cleckheaton & District), Marie Korzepa (Leeds), Hollie Muse (West Lancashire), Toni-Louise Naylor (Waterton Park), Abigail Smea (Ganstead Park), Katie-Jane Stanley (Manchester).

BIRDIES YEAR 1 - SOUTH

Eloise Aldous (Newton Green), Penelope Brown (Hill Barn), Ashley Croft (Thorpe Hall Ladies), Martha Lewis (St George's Hill), Emma Norris (Denham), Hannah Screen (Berkhamsted).

BIRDIES YEAR 2 - MID NORTH

Lily Farr (Gainsborough), Imogen Huxley (Rutland County), Olivia Kelly (Erewash Valley), Rhiannon Linacre (Coxmoor), Emily Slater (Woodhall Spa), Billie-Jo Smith (Millfield).

BIRDIES YEAR 2 - MID SOUTH

Ciara Kelly (Hagley), Victoria Mallett (Sutton Coldfield Ladies), Sophie Newlove (Notts Ladies), Victoria Wakeley-Jones (Minchinhampton), Lucy Walton (Worcestershire), Charlotte West (Harewood Downs).

BIRDIES YEAR 2 - NORTH

Bethany Acey (Sandburn), Olivia Hamilton (Cleckheaton & District), Eloise Healey (West Lancashire), Olivia Jackson (Oakdale), Sophie Lamb (Clitheroe), Erin Porter (Blackpool North Shore), Hannah Smith (Silloth-on-Solway).

BIRDIES YEAR 2 - SOUTH WEST

Emma Allen (Meon Valley), Amelia Daniel (Royal North Devon), Sarah Gee (West Wilts), Emma Higgins (Highcliffe Castle), Chloe Howard (Boringdon Park), Harriet Teversham (Yeovil).

BIRDIES YEAR 2 - SOUTH

Sarah Duns (Royal Mid-Surrey), Sian Hulse (Mill Green), Chelsea-Mae Laundon (Chelmsford), Mollie Lawrence (Rochester & Cobham Park), Elizabeth Price (Nevill), Anna Wells (Chigwell), Belinda Whent (Highwoods).

BIRDIES YEAR 3 - SOUTH

Charlotte Barrow (Brokenhurst Manor), Hannah Duval (Highwoods), Jelina Fernando (Mid-Sussex), Emily Royer (Chart Hills), Luan Skeates (Buckinghamshire), Sophie Stone (Brill Links).



Ashley Croft



Billie-Jo Smith



Martha Lewis



Emily Slater

PAIR UP FOR Australian Spoons

A new season means a new Australian Spoons competition for all our club golfers with handicaps of 21 and over.

It's a stableford foursome and, at club level, you can enter as many times as you like – and play with different partners. What's more it costs just £1 per card to enter. The pair with the best score at each club are eligible for their regional final and the winners of those will qualify for the national final, where they are the overnight guests of EWGA. The winners' trophy is a pair of silver spoons originally given by the Australian Ladies' Golf Union. All clubs receive information about the competition so make sure you don't miss out. Good golfing!

THE 2012 REGIONAL FINAL DATES ARE:

MIDLANDS NORTH

Wednesday 20 June at Burghley Park, Lincolnshire

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Wednesday 4 July at Garforth, Yorkshire

MIDLANDS SOUTH

Wednesday 25 July at Kettering, Northamptonshire

SOUTH-WEST

Wednesday 25 July at Chippenham, Wiltshire

EAST

Wednesday 1 August at Brookmans Park, Hertfordshire

SOUTH

Thursday 2 August at Woodcote Park, Surrey

NATIONAL FINAL

Friday 21 September at East Devon, Devon

LPGA card for Jodi

England's **Jodi Ewart** won her card for the LPGA Tour when she tied fourth at the final qualifying tournament at Daytona Beach, Florida. Now she's heading to the La Manga Club this month to try to win her LET card as well.

Jodi, from Catterick in Yorkshire, had a superb amateur career before turning professional last year. She was twice the English strokeplay champion, a Curtis Cup player and one of the stars of the US women's college circuit.

How well do you know the rules of golf?

Test yourself with these questions...

1. Liz plays out of a bunker backwards. She smooths the sand in the bunker and then realises that the smoothed area is on her line of play..

Has she improved her line of play in breach of Rule 13-2?

a) Yes, 2 stroke penalty.

b) No.

2. Jo moves a post defining out of bounds on her line of play. She then realises that she should not have done so and replaces the post.

Has she incurred a penalty?

a) Yes - 1 stroke for removing the post.

b) Yes - 2 strokes for removing the post.

c) No as she replaced the post before playing.



New-look championship heads for Royal Birkdale

Calling all English amateurs with handicaps of six and below: make a date to enter our premier women's championship of 2012.

The English women's close amateur championship has a new strokeplay format and will be played from 15-17 May at Royal Birkdale Golf Club in Lancashire – one of the country's top courses.

The championship will be played over 72 holes with a cut after two rounds. The top 36 players and ties will go forward to play the final 36 holes on the last day.

Previously competitors played two strokeplay qualifying rounds with the top 32 players going forward to matchplay knockout. However, entries have dropped over recent years and it is felt the strokeplay format, played over three days instead of five, will be more appealing.

Championship manager Emma Lowe remarked: ***"The entry fee is just £45 and, including practice, players are guaranteed at least three rounds on a wonderful golf course which has hosted The Open Championship and the Women's British Open."***

"This is a fantastic opportunity and we're hoping for a really big entry."

Online entry to all EWGA championships opens on 1 February 2012 at www.englishwomensgolf.org

European award for Kent Open Legacy

The Kent Open Legacy project, which helped introduce thousands of people to golf, has won the inaugural Golf Development Award from the PGAs of Europe.

The award is designed to recognise a project which has excelled in developing the game. The Open Legacy was devised to leave a lasting legacy for the people of Kent when the Open Championship was played at Royal St George's, Sandwich, in July.

IT PROVED TO BE HUGELY SUCCESSFUL AND RESULTED IN:

- 25 Young Golf Ambassadors, aged 16-23, who were recruited, trained and deployed at The Open, Golf Live! and local initiatives
- 845 volunteer hours provided by the Young Golf Ambassadors and members of Kent Golf Partnership
- 3104 people involved in golf legacy activities across Kent, with further taster sessions planned for 2012
- 10 national and local organisations, as well as local clubs, coaches and media, working in partnership
- 50 Kent PGA professionals recruited and used in golf legacy activities.



Good luck to our Tour hopefuls!

Good luck to all the English amateurs who have entered the qualifying school for the 2012 Ladies European Tour. It takes place at the La Manga Club, Spain, with pre-qualifying being played from January 8-11 and final qualifying from 15-19 January. We'll be rooting for: Sarah Attwood (Gog Magog), Lauren Blease (Burhill), Holly Calvert (Lancaster), Daisy Dyer (Chigwell), Charlotte Ellis (Minchinhampton), Ellie Givens (Blackwell Grange), Hannah Grant (Enmore Park), Jo Hodge (The Kendleshire), Steph McEvoy (Old Fold Manor), Stacey Rodger (West Hove), Emma Sheffield (Newark), Kelly Tidy (Royal Birkdale), Nicole Whitmore (Woburn) and Charlotte Wild (Mere).



Medal magic

Who will be England's champion club medal player of 2012?

She's already the best medal player at her club for 2011. That achievement means she is eligible for a regional final and, if she finishes in the top 10 there, she'll qualify for our Grand Medal Final where we'll find our champion.

It's an exciting journey so, if you returned the four best medal scores at your club during 2011, make sure you've entered for a regional final. Entry forms have been sent to clubs and should be returned during January and February. There are 120 places at each regional final.

2012 REGIONAL FINALS

East	Thursday 12 April at John O'Gaunt, Bedfordshire
South	Saturday 14 April at Highgate, Middlesex
Midlands North	Thursday 3 May at Burton-on-Trent, Derbyshire
Midlands South	Thursday 3 May at Gay Hill, Worcestershire
South West	Sunday 20 May at Royal North Devon, Devon
North	Wednesday 23 May at York, Yorkshire
Grand Medal Final	Saturday 23 June at Worcestershire Golf Club.



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Please check that your club has a date in the diary for the qualifying round. We're especially keen to welcome clubs which have yet to take part in the competition.

PING give prizes for the winners and runners-up at each club. The best 60 pairs in the country qualify for the Grand Final, with the next 72 going forward to the Plate Final. There are goodie bags for all finalists, the chance to win fantastic prizes and everyone has a fabulous day out enjoying the PING experience at Gainsborough Golf Club.

This year we've just launched a PING Tournament Facebook page and we'll be delighted for you to post your scores and photos from your club qualifying rounds. [Click here to view.](#)

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Just Ace!

Jeannie Ratcliff is the latest winner of our monthly prize draw for golfers who score a hole-in-one. She aced the 144-yard 18th hole at Saffron Walden Golf Club.

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



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