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Season's Greetings to all our readers!

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England Golf merger **APPROVED**

The merger of the English Golf Union (EGU) and the English Women's Golf Association (EWGA) was approved at simultaneous general meetings of both organisations. The merger will come into effect on 1 January 2012 and will create England Golf, one national governing body to represent all amateur golfers in England.

The merger proposal was approved by 86 per cent of the voting members of the EGU; and by 100 per cent of the voting members of the EWGA. Both organisations had to approve the proposal by a majority of at least 75 per cent for it to be successful.

The decision was immediately hailed as a triumph for golf and a vital step forward for the game. **Sylvia Perrins**, EWGA Interim Chairman, and **Nigel Evans**, the EGU Chairman, said:
"This merger is in the best interests of golf and we are delighted that it has been given overwhelming support by our members. We look forward to a new era and to realising our vision for the future."

"England Golf will speak with one voice and send out the powerful, modern message that golf is a game for all, for men and women, boys and girls".

Women golfers are invited to put themselves forward for key committee roles with England Golf. Candidates are being sought for the following committees: Championships, Coaching, Development, Club Services, Handicapping and Course Rating, and Marketing.

Women who wish to be considered should email EWGA Chief Executive **Jim Robinson**, pj.robinson@englishwomensgolf.org by Wednesday 14 December 2011, with details of their name, the committee they would like to join and a brief resume of their relevant experience and interests.

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Lauren Taylor shortlisted for BBC sports award

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British champion Lauren Taylor has been shortlisted for the prestigious 2011 BBC Young Sports Personality of the Year award.

The 17-year-old is among 10 contenders for the award who include diving star Tom Daley, tennis player Laura Robson and swimmer Eleanor Simmonds. The winner will be announced live at the BBC Sports Personality of the Year show on Thursday 22 December.

Lauren won her place on the shortlist with a string of superb achievements, topped by her victory in the British women's open amateur championship. She claimed the title in June at the age of 16 and became the youngest-ever winner of the amateur "Major".

The Woburn player – who is ranked 25th among the world's women amateurs – also helped England's girls win a European silver team medal and was a member of our winning ladies' Home International team. She represented Europe in the PING Junior Solheim Cup.

Hayley's record win in Abu Dhabi



England's Hayley Davis successfully defended her crown at the Abu Dhabi Junior Championship – helped by a stunning course record 64.

Hayley, the English girls' champion from Ferndown, shot her eight-under par score in the second round, with nine birdies and one bogey.

It put her four shots clear of the pack and the 18-year-old widened the gap in the third and final round, eventually finishing six shots ahead of British champion, Lauren Taylor of Woburn. She was five-under for the 54-hole event. Hayley, a past winner of the English women's

championship and an England international, is a student at Baylor University, Texas.

GIRLS' RESULTS

- 211 Hayley Davis (Ferndown) 74 64 73
- 217 Lauren Taylor (Woburn) 71 71 75
- 221 Amy Boulden (Wales) 69 74 78
- 222 Meghan MacLaren (Wellingborough) 77 71 74
- 223 Samantha Giles (St Mellion) 75 70 78
- 225 Brogan Townend (Pleasington) 76 73 76
- 232 Elizabeth Stebbings (Wiltshire) 75 76 81;
- Rachel Walker (Scotland) 76 75 81
- 249 Lesley Atkins (Scotland) 78 87 84

Golfconnections

In last month's newsletter we asked if any clubs could boast that they had provided consecutive county presidents? We put the question on behalf of Sally Irlam, the new Somerset president, who has succeeded a fellow member of Weston-super-Mare.

It prompted a fascinating reply from **Hazel Bristow**, who has just finished her term as Kent president and who has been succeeded by **Audrey Disbury**, a fellow member of Ashford.

Hazel's term of office also coincided with that of her sister, **Shirley Newman**, who is the Surrey president. What's more, the sisters were also captains of their respective counties at the same time. *"Our mother, who was a county player from Essex, would have been very proud!"* said Hazel, whose mother was Elsie Coverdale, nee Bardens.

Can any other families beat that? Email EWGA press officer Lyndsey Hewison: lyndsey.hewison@ntlworld.com

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Jemima Gregson

Players to watch!

EWGA's training squads for 2011/12 have been selected and this month we feature the players from the Performance and regional Select squads. Next month watch out for the girls who've been chosen for Birdie squads.



Rachael Goodall



Ella Ofstedahl and Annabel Dimmock



Sophie Godley and Georgia Hall

PERFORMANCE

Holly Clyburn (Woodhall Spa), Rachel Drummond (Beaconsfield), Nikki Foster (Pleasington), Sophie Godley (Lindrick), Rachael Goodall (Heswall), Georgia Hall (Remedy Oak), Charley Hull (Woburn), Bronte Law (Bramhall), Meghan MacLaren (Wellingborough), Elizabeth Mallett (Sutton Coldfield Ladies'), Amber Ratcliffe (Royal Cromer), Lauren Taylor (Woburn) and Brogan Townend (Pleasington).

SELECT EAST

Georgina Blackman (Chelmsford), Gabriella Cowley (West Essex), Ashleigh Greenham (West Essex), Sophie Madden (West Essex).

SELECT MIDLANDS

Emily-Mae Hall (Notts Ladies'), Ellie Lawrence (Enville), Emily Lyle (Worksop), Charlotte Taylor (Northamptonshire County).

SELECT NORTH

India Clyburn (Woodhall Spa), Ellie Goodall (Selby), Emma Harris (Peel Ladies'), Kelly McNulty (Whitley Bay), Holly Morgan (Lees Hall).

SELECT SOUTH

Annabel Dimmock (Wentworth), Alice Hewson (Berkhamsted), Inci Mehmet (Wentworth), Ella Ofstedahl (Mill Green), Elizabeth Prior (Foxhills)

SELECT SOUTH WEST

Samantha Giles (St Mellion), Jemima Gregson (Knowle), Kyra Horlock (Broadstone), Sophie Keech (Lyme Regis), Bethan Popel (Long Ashton), Shelby Smart (Knowle).

How well do you know the rules of golf?

Test yourself with these questions...

1. Sue uses her hand warmer to warm her ball during a stipulated round.

Is this allowed?

- a) No - she is disqualified.
- b) Yes.

2. Mary's tee shot comes to rest in deep rough. After searching for four minutes, she goes back to the teeing ground and tees a ball. Before she plays the teed ball and just within the five minutes search time, her fellow competitor waves that she has found Mary's ball. Mary returns to the search area to identify her ball but it is now after the allowed search time.

What is the ruling?

- a) The original ball is lost as Mary returned to the teeing ground and teed a ball. The teed ball is the ball in play.
- b) The original ball is lost as identification was after the allowed 5mins search time.
- c) The original ball is Mary's ball in play.

Ans. (a) Rules 14-3

Ans. (c) Rule 27-1



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Rose Spoon Awards

Two members of a Hampshire golf club are among the latest winners in the final EWGA Silver Rose Spoon Awards of the 2011 season.

They are **Linda Carpenter** – who won two spoons - and **Pam Ward** who both play at Cams Hall Estate.

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.

Linda won the spoon for the best score in Division One and also for the best gross score of the month. Pam won the prize from Division Four.

For full details of the competition and how to enter, visit www.englishwomensgolf.org

LATEST RESULTS

Division One (up to 10 handicap)

Linda Carpenter
(Cams Hall Estate), 5 handicap,
scored net 63, 7-under SSS.

Division Two (11-20)

Jane Bramwell
(Sickleholme) 20 handicap,
scored net 62, 11-under SSS.

Division Three (21-30)

Lynda Holt
(Parklands) 29 handicap,
scored net 62, 11-under SSS.

Division Four (31-36)

Pam Ward
(Cams Hall Estate), 35 handicap,
scored net 60, 10-under SSS.

Best gross score

Linda Carpenter
(Cams Hall Estate) 68

Bev leads Stowmarket to GolfMark title

Congratulations to Beverly Waspe who led Stowmarket to success in the 2011 Suffolk GolfMark Club of the Year award.



Bev, the club's junior organiser, was presented with the award at the Suffolk Golf Partnership's recent conference. It honours the tremendous efforts of Bev and her team as they worked to gain a High Achiever GolfMark award.

GolfMark recognises junior and beginner-friendly clubs and Stowmarket used the process to review all areas of the club's operation and to build on their already successful junior section.



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Just Ace!

Jackie Rose is the latest winner of our monthly prize draw for golfers who score a hole-in-one. She aced the 80-yard 13th hole at Whittington Heath 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:

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