

## GOLF

## Ellis marks his return with a win

Top Norfolk professional Ian Ellis made a winning return to his old club, Royal Norwich, to take the honours in the latest county pro-am.

Ellis, now attached to Weston Park, shot a five-under par 67, helped by six birdies.

"I hadn't played there for eight or nine months, but I know the course like the back of my hand," said Ellis. "I only missed a couple of greens in regulation and it was a very solid round of golf."

"It was nice to go back and shoot a good score and it also consolidated my Order of Merit position, which is always good."

Ellis has a commanding lead at the top of the tale – which reflects his current good form, both at home and further afield.

He's fresh from his latest PGA East Region order of merit win and, only a few days ago, shot a three-under 68 in the John O'Gaunt pro-am to share second place.

"I've got a good feeling about this year. The season's only a month old and there's a long way to go but I'm practising hard and I shall keep working at it," said Ellis.

In this latest event he finished two shots clear of the field and also led his team to a narrow victory.

The professional runner-up was Lee Patterson of Royal Cromer, who eagled the par five 10th, but was set back by three bogeys. Suffolk's Neil Mitchell also had an eagle three, on the 493 yard 17th, but a double bogey on the 11th dropped him to third place.

This was the second in a series of three pro-ams sponsored by Insight Financial Services.

The first was won by Neil Mitchell and the decider takes place at Sprowston Manor at the end of the season.

**Professionals:** 67 Ian Ellis (Royal Norwich), 69 Lee Patterson (Royal Cromer), 70 Neil Mitchell (Bury DR), 72 Peter Bower (Bawburgh), 73 David Woolley (Middleton).

**Teams:** 129 (15-under par) Ian Ellis (Royal Norwich) with James Palmer, David Taylor & Gareth James; Mark Allen (Eaton) with Terry Hewitt, Roger Finney & David Wilson; 130 Ryan Pudney (Royal Cromer) with Charlie Bright, Ollie Denton & Alan Hill; 131 Neil Mitchell (Bury Driving Range) with Peter Ford, John Edwards & Graham Maw; 133 David Woolley (Middleton Hall) with Rob Emery, Andy Crown & Neil Jary

**Norfolk order of merit:** Ian Ellis (Royal Norwich), 52 pts; Tony Varney (The Norfolk) 29 pts; Lee Patterson (Royal Cromer) 26 pts; Mike Jubb (Sheringham) and Neil Lythgoe (Royal Norwich), both 25 pts.



**TROPHY TRIUMPH:** Eaton members celebrated the 10th anniversary of the purchase of their course with the annual playing of the Freehold Trophy. This year's winners were (from left) David Horsfall, Simon Morris, George Morris and Sue Morris who scored net 50.2.

# Chapman joins the professional ranks

Picture: DENISE BRADLEY

Norfolk county player Danny Chapman has marked his 21st birthday by turning professional and opting for a playing career.

"I've always wanted to turn pro, it's always been my ambition," said Chapman. "I shall miss going away with the county and playing in the team and in the Norfolk order of merit events – but you've got to move on."

Chapman is just starting his sixth season in golf and, until his recent move to Weston Park, he played his golf at Costessey Park, where he recorded some astonishing scores. Among them was a course record 63, set a year ago, with the help of six birdies and an eagle.

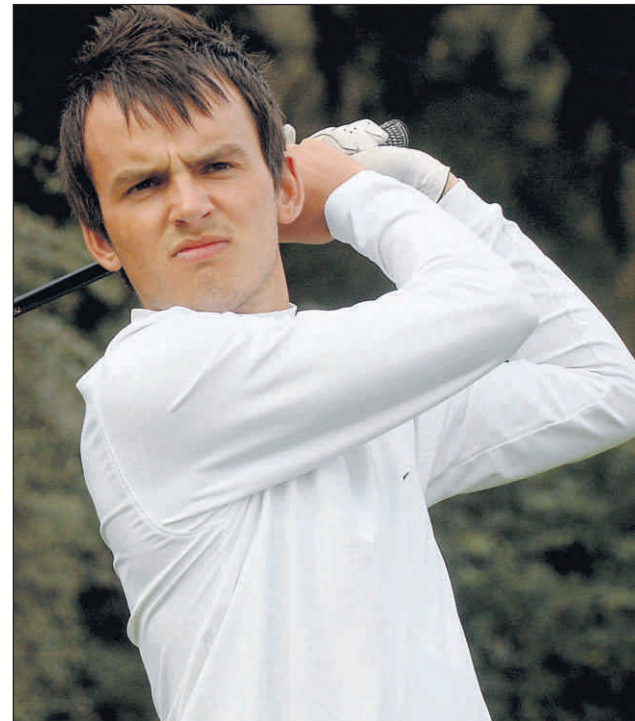
He began the long preparation for a professional career two years ago when he played in the Canadian Tour's qualifying school. "That was really good experience and I feel my game has progressed since then," he said.

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More recently he reached the final qualifying school for the 2007 Europro Tour, by virtue of surviving an 11-man play-off for six spots. "I was the last man in. That was great experience too." His efforts have won him a tour ranking and he hopes to get plenty of starts through the season.

Chapman will also be playing on the Jamega Tour, a mini-tour with an extensive schedule of 36-hole events. He's also drawing on the experiences of his boss, Weston Park professional Michael Few, a former European Tour player, and on that of leading Norfolk player, Ian Ellis, who is also attached to the club.

Chapman is relishing the future: "There's just such a different feeling when you tee it up in events like this," he said. "I'm going to give it four or five years and see what happens."



**BIG STEP:** Danny Chapman is ready for the challenge.

## The chase is on

The 2007 Norfolk amateur order of merit tees off tomorrow at Weston Park, where Chase Davis will begin the defence of his title.

The 18-hole event is open to players of seven handicap and below and late entries will be accepted until 1pm tomorrow. Contact organiser and Weston Park general manager Gary Stangoe on 01603 876300.

The order of merit, sponsored by the Alan Boswell insurance group, was won last year by Davis, of Costessey Park, who went on to win the Norfolk matchplay championship, which is contested by the top 16 players in the table.

The second order of merit event will take place at Bawburgh on Sunday June

3, when tee times will start just after noon. Entry forms can be downloaded from the Norfolk county website, [www.norfolkcountygolfunion.co.uk](http://www.norfolkcountygolfunion.co.uk) or copies obtained from club secretaries.

**Starting times: 1pm:** D Henderson (Royal Norwich), S Tidy (Costessey Park), S Chick (Dunston Hall); **1.08:** R Page (Sheringham), C Davies (Costessey Park), T Hewkin (Wensum Valley); **1.16:** M Coleman (King's Lynn), J Ollington (Costessey Park), J Lawrence (Dereham); **1.24:** C Butler (Royal Norwich), L Plume (Sprowston), W Harrold (Sheringham); **1.32:** N Traube (Wensum Valley), P Ellingham (Sprowston), J Garbutt (Royal Norwich); **1.40:** S Brady (Royal Norwich), C Payton (Eaton), C Thurston (Bawburgh); **1.48:** M King (Bawburgh), S Ballingall (Dunston Hall), A Beckett (Costessey Park); **1.56:** J Conway (Eaton), J Tayt (unattached), A Brydon (Royal Norwich); **2.04:** G Stangoe (Weston Park), M O'Brien (Eaton), B McQuade (Royal Norwich).

## Youngsters tee off at Dereham

### The Norfolk CGU U-14 and U-12 Championships take place at Dereham on Friday, June 1.

**Starting times: 10.30 A Fellas (Yarmouth 12), K Sawyer (Sprowston, 13), B Aldous (Bawburgh, 13), 10.38 J Moxon (Barnham Broom, 15), T Clements (Royal Norwich, 16), M Strudwick (The Norfolk 16), 10.46 M Goss (King's Lynn, 16), O Chapman (Thetford, 16), G Metcalfe-Hume (Costessey Park, 17), 10.54 J Barlett (Barnham Broom, 19), M Watters (Dereham, 22), J Dixon (King's Lynn, 22), 11.03 C Sperrin (Yarmouth, 20), S Jones (Swaffham, 22), J Goss (King's Lynn, 22), 11.11 J Metcalf (Costessey Park, 23), G Anthony (Barnham Broom, 24), J Beeby (Dereham, 27), 11.19 W Farley (Richmond Park, 25), W Tang (Dereham, 26), T Davis (Costessey Park, 26), 11.26 R Matthews (King's Lynn 27, W Collins (Yarmouth, 28), W Cross (Dereham, 28), 11.34 A Tillet (Barnham Broom, 29), T Foreman King's Lynn, 32), 11.42 N Sperrin (Yarmouth, 33), J Marshall-Grint (King's Lynn).**

## Free coaching for beginners

Two Norfolk clubs are holding free coaching taster sessions for beginners this summer. King's Lynn GC sessions will run in June, July and August while Weston Park holds a taster day on Saturday, June 2. To book a lesson at Lynn call 01553 631655 and for Weston Park call 01603 872998.

## CLUB GOLF ROUND-UP

### Southwold Ladies

**Spring meeting, Division One:** Mrs J Pywell 81-15-66, Mrs J Cardwell 88-18-70, Mrs S Anns 88-18-70, Mrs V Hunt 90-19-71, Mrs J Wharton 86-12-74, Mrs F Pagan 93-19-74, Mrs E French 94-14-80.

**Division Two:** Mrs D Spring 86-22-64, Miss A Spindler 93-27-66, Mrs J Twist 92-25-67, Mrs P May 93-23-70, Mrs R Owen 98-27-71, Mrs J Turney 95-22-73, Miss K Dunk 101-27-74, Mrs J Watkins 101-25-76.

**Division Three:** Mrs A Hughes 117-32-85, Mrs S Sewell 122-36-86, Mrs C Austin 117-30-87.

### Southwold

**Presidents Salver, Division One:** Jamie Doy 41pts, Keith Hurr 39, Lenny Doy 39, Paul Sherwood 38, Conrad Swann 38, Roger Emmerson 38, Michael Jordan 38, Peter Obern 37, Gareth Jones 37, Mark Jolly 37, Roger Wilshaw 37, Bob Perrett 36, Paul Booth 36, Alex Taylor 36, Adrian Frost 35, Tony Seago 35, Kevin Goode 35, Richard Aldous 35, Joe Howard 35, Jeremy Turner 35.

### Middleton Hall

**April Medal, Div 1:** I Yule 77-6-71 ocb, B Hardy 86-15-71. **Div 2:** G Penny 85-18-67, J Yule 87-19-68.

**April Stableford, Div 1:** P Drew 39 pts ocb, T Matkin 39 pts. **Div 2:** W Proctor 38 pts, B Fox 34 pts.

**International Pairs Qualifier:** M Lewarne & B Southby 44 pts, R Barker & D McColm 43 ocb.

**May BH Stableford:** 1 K Thompson 44 pts, J Yule 43 pts, J O'Neil 42 pts.

### Thompson Trophy (bogey):

J Yule +3 ocb, D Thompson +3, I Yule +1 ocb.

**Hey & Croft Trophy:** R Farrow 45 pts, I Yule 38 pts, G Penney 37 pts.

**Easter Charity Stableford:** W Southby 43 pts, J Yule 42 pts ocb, Pat Hoban 42 pts, Helen Brown 42 pts.

### Middleton Hall Ladies

**April Stableford, Div 1:** Yvonne Reeve 34 pts, Pat Hoban 33 pts. **Div 2:** Fay Ives 27 pts ocb, Brenda Boldero 27 pts. **Div 3:** Marie Richards 27 pts, Jayne Taylor 26 pts ocb.

**May Stableford, Div 1:** Irene Shell 27 pts, Elaine Calvert 24 pts; **Div 2:** Margaret Doubleday 33 pts, Marie Long 32 pts; **Div 3:** Deborah O'Brien 38 pts, Marie Richards 36 pts.

**Grannies Cup:** Jenny Chessell 36 pts ocb, Nesta Lake 36 pts. **Non Grannies:** Sue Smith 39 pts, Val Hawkins 38 pts.

### Ryton Park

**May Medal and EGU Gold Medal:** Division One — Daniel Russell 71-4-67, D Rockliffe 75-8-67, Jonathan Spinks 82-12-70, J Alfatt 81-11-70, D Weeds 77-7-70; best gross score: Daniel Russell 71; Division Two — P Holman 81-15-66, B Parker 87-19-68, C Hale 87-18-69, J Friberg 87-17-70, N Rudkin 88-18-70, J Cooper 88-18-70.

**April Stableford:** A Ward 38pts, N Hewitt 38, J Yuill 35, J Friberg 35, M Evans 35.

**Grazier Cup (for handicaps 18-28):** D Daynes 38, R

Yule 37, R Ward 36, G Jones 34, A Firrell 32, B Moull 32.

**May Bank Holiday Stableford:** James Barrett 41, N Hewitt 38, Mrs P McManus 36, Josh Holman 35, Jon Spinks 35, Sam Forgan 35.

**Barnard Trophy away to Sprowston Manor:** R and C Martin beat R Parker and B Hurrell 8up; R Haynes and T Nurse halved with D Silom and F Taylor; G Matthews and D Rooft beat M Price and P Moulding 1 up; J Alfatt and S Maguire lost to A Oakes and M Aggas 6 down. Ryston Park won by three holes up.

**Ryton Park Ladies**

**April Medal:** Morag Kitchener 94-23-71, Ann Fletcher 88-13-75, Pam Brooke 101-26-75.

**April Stableford:** Morag Kitchener 36, Fiona Nurse 33 ocb, Patsy Russell 33.

**Spring Am-Am:** 1 S Meadows, A Allsopp, C Page, D Pearson (Hunstanton) 102, 2 T Capstick, M Miller, J Aspinall, N Thompson (Ely) 100, 3 S Hughes, M Freeth, A Cave, S Burland (Royal West Norfolk) 99, 4 J Cook, L Williamson, L Gordan, P Maddams (Bury St Edmunds) 99; straight drive: Sylvian Chaplin (King's Lynn); nearest the pin: Angie Allsopp (Hunstanton).

**King's Lynn**

**King's Lynn beat Mundesley 19 in the Myhill Cup:** P Read and I Hardy 3 up; I Toms and K Holmes 10 up; M Colman and R Davies 6 up; P Holland and H Scott all square. The next round will be played against Bawburgh on July 1.

**Rowland Dennis Cups:** 1 I Toms and S Wilkin, 2 J Bolderstone and M Futter.

**Plate:** 1 J Bolton and B Steward, 2 J Greenfield and P Wilkinson.

**Peatling Cup:** Division One — 1 B Jenkins 66, 2 N Jary 68, 3 P Jeffries 70; Division Two — 1 A Flaxman 68, 2 I Ismail 68, 3 T Tilbrook 71; Division Three — 1 J D'Alaio 75, 2 R Matthews 75. Peatling Cup: J D'Alaio.

**Four Ball Better Ball:** 1 D Mann and T Burt 42, 2 M and M Narborough 42, 3 M and N Arlott 41, 4 S Bettinson and B Brown 40.

**Diss Ladies**

**Diss lost 3-2 to Aldeburgh:** Judith Bedwell v Lottie Edmunds won 4-3; Jane Lovell v Deborah Backhouse lost 7-5; Jane Izod v Rachel Trotman lost 2-1; Ruth Ingram v Mary Seymour-Taylor won 2-1; Jean Hall v Sandra Bull lost 7-5.

**Pauline Burroughes Silver Salver Stableford:** 1 Judith Bedwell 41pts, 2 Jill Driver 37, 3 Val Mendham 33, 4 Jean Rickard 31 ocb.

**Australian Silver Spoons Bronze Division Stableford Foursomes:** 1 Jenny Chamberlain and Marianne Haines 31pts.

**Bungay and Waveney Valley Ladies**

**Combined May Stableford:** Division 1: Colly Muttitt (19) 33, Jo Moore (11) 33, Liz Nicholls (10) 32. Division 2: Yolie Dye (22) 36, Sue Blackham (25) 34. Marion Phipps (28) 34. Division 3: Melanie Dodd (32) 37, Jean Leech (36) 32, Barbara Taylor (35) 32.

### Bungay and Waveney Valley

**May Stableford and Lombard Qualifier:** Division 1: Simon Jamieson (7) 39, Nairn Black (6) 39, Bill Hudson (8) 38, Len Bird (14) 38, Ted Casey (13) 38.

Division 2: Steve Bailey (21) 40, Jonathan Webster (18) 39, John Hyde (25) 38, Peter Lewis (15) 37, Chris Whyte (16) 37.

**Eaton**

**Eaton Vets 3½ Swaffham Seniors 2½, at Eaton:** D Pheysey & I Locke won 1 up against A Collins & G Curtis; R Mahon & A Mann won 5 & 4 against O Elhorn & D Flannigan; D Holdgate & M Hart won 2 up against H Cave & R Lawrence; R Mayhew & R Buckley halved with A Ewer & P Priscott; T Ferguson & J Sanson lost 5 & 3 to R Webber & P Payne; M Searle & M Botwright lost 3 & 2 to P Kirman & M Howarth.

**Eaton Vets 3½ Royal Cromer Vets 2½ at Cromer:** B Pinching & M Hart won 4 & 2 against R Baldwin & P Gag; J Scotting & P Gaskin lost 5 & 4 to M Sutton & A Brewer; D Holdgate & J Gale won 3 & 2 against J Beckett & E Rouse; M Gillam & D Brydon won 1 up against T Cook & K Maley; G Morgan & M Botwright lost 5 & 4 to T Green & J Rodwell; R Bobbin & R Buckley halved with L Perridge & B Hopkins.

**NLCGA Scratch League**

**Division 2:** Swaffham ½, Royal Cromer 2½, Ann Ewer halved with Gillian Ley, Julie Proctor lost to Inge Spurrell 3/2, Carole Hicks lost to Betty Rossi 6/4.



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