



IMPRESSIVE: Emma Dann

Emma's Autumn Shield

The Norfolk's Emma Dann – who celebrates her 14th birthday today – won the county girls' Autumn Shield at Costessey Park. Emma scored an impressive 41 points, playing off 35 handicap. She has been attending the Norfolk Ladies' academy training sessions at Sprowston Manor since 2003.

She was two points clear of Norfolk girls' handicap champion Emily Anthony of Barnham Broom. Emily, 14, plays off 26. In third place was 12-year-old Amber Ratcliffe, an 18-handicapper from Royal Cromer who had 38 points.

Laura Gathercole, who recently became the first girl to win the King's Lynn junior order of merit, was fourth. The 12-year-old plays off 30 and came in with 35 points.

A nine-hole greensome competition was held for girls without handicaps, accompanied by an adult.

Hannah Francis, who will be ten tomorrow, teamed up with her mother Sarah (Royal Norwich) to win with 20 points. Hannah has been attending the county academy since she was six years old.

In second place on countback with 16 points was Gabriella Masding, age 11, and her father Jeremy, (Royal Norwich), who pipped Francesca Collins, 15, and Carol Delf (Great Yarmouth & Caister). Georgia Myhill, 11, and her brother, Rohan, (Royal Norwich) were fourth with 14 points on countback from Jessica Becker, 12, and Ron Hunt (Costessey Park).

The youngest competitor was seven-year-old Megan Mann, from Barnham Broom, who was partnered by her mother Vanessa. Megan was runner-up in her age group in the Wee Wonders grand final and will play in the GB&I team in next summer's US Kids Golf World Championships at Pinehurst.

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GOLF

Marathon ends in triumph for Ellis

Weston Park's Ian Ellis mastered a marathon challenge when he scored a two-shot victory in the Insight Financial Services 54-hole.

He struck his first shot in this contest back in May, at the Norfolk PGA pro-am on his home course. Now, he's just clinched the title, seeing off the challenge of Suffolk's Neil Mitchell.

The competition is spread over three county pro-ams and, when it came to the showdown at Sprowston Manor, it was a two-horse race.

Mitchell had taken the honours at Weston Park with a three-under 69, while Ellis shot 73. After the second round, at Royal Norwich, Ellis trailed by just one shot, carding a five-under 67 to Mitchell's 70.

At the final reckoning Ellis edged ahead, shooting two-over 73 to Mitchell's 76.

Needless to say, Ellis was not pleased with his score, blaming the after-effects of a dose of 'man-flu' for his loss of rhythm and timing. However, he was pleased to come in with a respectable score while playing far below his best.

"A few years ago that would have been a 76 or 77. To limit

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the damage to two-over and to do enough to win the championship is testament to how much I have improved," he said.

Jason Howard, managing director of Insight Financial Services, confirmed at the event that his company will once again support Norfolk PGA in 2008.

Ellis, meanwhile, turns his attention to the second stage of qualifying for the 2008 European Tour, which starts in Spain on Wednesday.

Ellis will be teeing up at Arcos Gardens, and he said: "I can't wait, I'm really looking forward to it."

He has already come through one stage of qualifying and will now make up a field of about 310 players. Of those, around 80 will go forward to the final stage, making up a field of 156 players.

Meanwhile, Norfolk's other representative, Andrew Marshall from Dereham, is down to play the second stage of qualifying at PGA Golf de Catalunya. Marshall, a European Tour regular, has had to return to school after losing his card and finishing 150th on the order of merit.

Veterans at Valley

Costessey Park's Sheila Glenn and Annette Hardy scored 43 points to win the autumn meeting of the Norfolk Veteran Ladies' Golf Society at Wensum Valley.

The greensomes competition was contested by 108 women.

Other prizewinners: 39 Judy Curtis and Peggy Webster (King's Lynn); Judy Zannini & Canny Thompson (Thetford). 38 Shirley Hare and Joyce Bhagat (King's Lynn).

Best front nine: 20 pts Wendy Shadrack and Joan Cooper (The Norfolk); best back nine: 21 pts Barbara Coverdale and Margaret Middleton, Richmond Park.

The competition was followed by the annual

meeting of the society when Pat Williamson (Royal Cromer) was introduced as the new chairman and Ann Ewer (Swaffham) as the new president.

The following trophies were presented.

Silver championship cup: Maureen McRae (Royal Cromer).

Bronze scratch Curtis Cup: Shirley Hare (King's Lynn).

Joy Boulton Salver: Joan Cooper (Barnham Broom)

Doreen Pallister Cup: Shirley Hare, (King's Lynn) (Bronze Div.)

Bessie Turnbull Trophy: Joan Cooper (Barnham Broom) (Silver Div)

Gwen Watts Trophy: Shirley Hare.

RESULTS

Eaton Ladies Section
October Medal – The Granny Bowl
Silver Division: 1 Edwina Lowrey-Gold 74-1-73, 2 Angela Stanley 93-17-76. Bronze A and B: 1 Carol Riseborough 100-23-77, 2 Hilary Lawler 111-33-78.
Winner of the Granny Bowl — Angela Stanley.
October Stableford

Silver Division: Edwina Lowrey-Gold 2-39 points, 2 Val Patel 19-33, 3 Kathy Craigs 19-32. Bronze A: 1 Deidre Cursons 21-33, 2 Valerie Wyatt 24-31, 3 Rita Bridgeman 23-30. Bronze B: 1 Jan Gibbs 33-32, 2 Paula Horsfall 35-29, 3 Heather Crisp 29-29.
Results for last week are: **Daily Mail Foursomes** October 24

1st Jill Driver & Di Jacklin 71 pts, 2nd Chris Clews & Jane Lovell 74; 3rd Amanda Ashcroft & Celia Pearson 74
Watson Cup - Ladies October 27
1st Di Randall net 71, 2nd Elizabeth White net 74, 3rd Lucy Kershaw net 78

Weston Park Ladies' Section Medal, Division One: K Parsons 92-20-72,

2 E Edwards 84-11-74. Division Two: 1 V Judd 104-23-81, 2 S Farman 112-27-84.
Division Three: 1 A Pinder 119-35-84. Stableford: Weekend: D Pearce 37 points.
Division One: C Sullivan 33. Division Two: V Sheen 29.
Autumn Closed: Silver Division: 1 J Edwards 37, 2 S Kingsley 36. Bronze Division: M Briggs 39, 2 V Sheen 33.

Redgrave Trophy: 1 Perry, E Allen, J Johnson 65.1.
Summer Singles Knockout: 1 D Pearce, 2 S Kingsley.
Ladies Doubles Knockout: 1 K Parsons and J Jury, 2 C Sullivan and S Farman.
Mixed Doubles Knockout: 1 Karen and Trevor Parsons, 2 Robert and Margaret Briggs.



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First junior champions

Teenagers Natalie Cotton and Robert Lindley (pictured) are the first winners of the new Fakenham junior championships.

The boys' cup was given by club president Geoff Hogg and the girls' cup by the club captain, Bertram Reynolds.

The competition was keenly contested by all the players, who enjoyed the experience of this type of competition.

Their enthusiasm is typical of the club's junior section which has 50 members.

Junior organiser, Maddie Burgis, club professional Colin Williams and their

helpers have worked hard over the past year to encourage the youngsters, and their hard work is paying off. A number of them have achieved their handicaps and are taking part in club competitions.

Junior championship results
Boys: Robert Lindley 75-8-67, Tim Jarvis 98-28-70 (Junior Captain), Steven Cotton 91-21-70, Steven Thorpe 108-27-81, Peter Walker 110-28-82, Will Buck 108-24-84, Harrison Futter 128-28-100, Tim Hooper n/r, Bradley Howe n/r/.

Girls: Natalie Cotton 122-36-86, Rebecca Morgan 131-36-95.



TROPHY WINNERS: From left, Pat Williamson, Pat Edmonds (winners of Smith Coasters) Maureen McRae, Shirley Hare, Joan Cooper, Sheila Glen and Annette Hardy.

Picture: ANN EWER