

## 2023 Spring Meeting

Incorporation the County Championship, Intermediate Championship, Handicap County Championship and 18-Hole Competition



County Captain, Susanna Mitterer with County Champion, Ella Butteriss (Beaconsfield GC)

The Buckinghamshire County Ladies Golf Association Championships in our Centenary Year, renamed the Spring Meeting, incorporated the County Championship, Intermediate Championship and introduced, from this year, the Handicap County Championship and 18-hole Competition, held over three days at Flackwell Heath Golf Club. The 36-hole qualifying rounds and the 18-hole Competition were held on Wednesday, 10<sup>th</sup> May (results below) with the top 8 Scratch players and Net players moving forward to matchplay on Saturday 13<sup>th</sup> and Sunday 14<sup>th</sup> May.

On the 10<sup>th</sup> May, the ladies tee'd off in handicap order with the 18-hole ladies following the first 18 of the 36-hole players. The first scorecard returned was Ella Butteriss' with a new course record of 69 surpassing that held by Kelly Knight which was set the last time the County Championship was played at Flackwell Heath Golf Club.

The Inaugural 18-hole Competition was won by Jackie Taylor (Wexham Park GC). The 18-hole ladies enjoyed their lunch and prize presentation as the 36-hole ladies set off on their next 18 holes. Sadly, in came the bad weather with downpours and hail. But, even in these miserable conditions, good scores were returned. Ella Butteriss (Beaconsfield GC) won the best 36-hole gross score with 139 and Amelie Jones (Harewood Downs GC) (Course Handicap 9) came in with an outstanding net score of 138. In her

second 18 holes shooting 6 under her handicap with a net 65. Our Intermediate Champion was Megan Dennis (Woburn GC) with a 36-hole gross score of 140.

Our Finals Day on Sunday brought a beautiful sunny Spring Day.

With our Scratch Finalists Ella Butteriss (Beaconsfield GC) and Megan Dennis (Woburn GC) both playing off plus 3, we were in for a treat.

The match went to the 19th and never had more than a shot between the outstanding young ladies. Between the two, there were 13 birdies, with 3 holes halved with birdies.

Both fathers caddied and were very supportive of their daughters throughout the 3 days; Ella's father had even travelled back from Dubai to be her caddy.

Ella won the match on the 19<sup>th</sup> with yet another birdie. If they had had a scorecard in their hands it would have been another course record. Such was the quality of the golf over the 3 days that spectators young and old, watched in awe.

Our Inaugural Handicap Championship Final was played between Claudia Weston (Gerrards Cross GC) and Shannon Holt (Flackwell Heath GC) with Claudia giving 5 shots. The match was keenly followed by County President Lynda Hilton who would present the Lynda Hilton Centenary Trophy, for the first time, to the winner alongside a Flackwell Heath contingent that were keen to cheer on their local girl.

The first five holes were very close with Claudia going 1 up on the first and Shannon winning the 2<sup>nd</sup> to tie the match, which was still All Square after 5 holes. Shannon won the 6<sup>th</sup> and then hit the pin with her chip on the 7<sup>th</sup>, sinking the putt for a good up and down and went 2 up. Shannon followed this with a birdie 2 on the 8<sup>th</sup> to go 3 up. The 9<sup>th</sup> hole was halved in birdies.

Claudia won the 10<sup>th</sup> and 11<sup>th</sup> to bring the match to 1 up to Shannon who then won the next 3 holes to go Dormy 4 up. Claudia played four excellent holes including nearly eagling the 15<sup>th</sup> when her 2<sup>nd</sup> shot went to about 8 inches from the pin with a long, uphill shot-in from about 170 yards. The match was back to all square on the 18<sup>th</sup> green.

Claudia was on the green in 2 on the first play-off hole but left her putt short. Shannon was pin high with her 2<sup>nd</sup> shot just off the green on a steep bank and played a soft chip close to the hole. Claudia missed her 2<sup>nd</sup> putt leaving Shannon with a short putt which she made to win the inaugural Handicap Matchplay Championship.

Many thanks to Flackwell Golf Club for their generous and meticulous hosting throughout the Competition. Over the 3 days, the Course was presented in exceptional condition considering the prevailing weather conditions over the week. Our thanks therefore go to all Flackwell Heath staff and Members for their unstinting support.

Finally, congratulations go to Ella Butteriss from Beaconsfield GC, our 2023 County Champion, for retaining her title and to all the ladies who competed over the three days. See more photographs below.

Jackie Maher

Competitions Secretary



18-Hole Competition Winner

Jackie Taylor (Wexham Park  
GC) with County Captain,  
Susanna Mitterer



### 36-Hole Best Net Score

Amelie Jones (Harewood Downs GC) with County President, Lynda Hilton



### 36-Hole Best Gross Score

Ella Butteriss (Beaconsfield GC) with County Captain, Susanna Mitterer





Intermediate Champion

Megan Dennis (Woburn GC)  
with County Captain,  
Susanna Mitterer



Handicap County Champion

Shannon Holt (Flackwell  
Heath GC) with County  
President, Lynda Hilton



## Finalists

Gross Matchplay Runner-Up & Intermediate Champion, Megan Dennis (Woburn GC), Gross Matchplay Champion, Ella Butteriss (Beaconsfield GC),

Handicap Matchplay Champion, Shannon Holt (Flackwell Heath GC), Handicap Matchplay Runner-Up, Claudia Weston (Gerrards Cross)



Junior Competitions Organiser Delyth Barnett, Referee Ruth Lambert, County Captain Susanna Mitterer, County President Lynda Hilton, Megan Dennis, Ella Butteriss, Shannon Holt, Claudia Weston, Referee Rosemary de Lacy, Competitions Secretary Jackie Maher