

BUCKINGHAMSHIRE COUNTY LADIES GOLF ASSOCIATION

SUMMER KNOCKOUT FINALS 2017

CHALLENGE CUP & SUMMER GREENSOMES:

The Challenge Cup Final between Lois Shoosmith (Ellesborough) and Carolyn Howell (Woburn) and the Summer Greensomes Final between Anne Terry & Jenny Wynd (Magnolia Park) against Mo Dawson & Diane Hofman (Buckingham), was kindly hosted by Beaconsfield GC on Monday 2nd October teeing off at midday.

All the players had caddies, with Janet Beal referring the Summer Greensomes and Di Bovey doing the Challenge Cup. Sue Ashworth the County Captain was dividing her time between both matches and chatting to the supporters from Woburn and Ellesborough.

The day was a sunny and breezy with the course looking good, but the swirling wind had the players taking at least two clubs more into it. Some of the players found the greens tricky getting the pace right. Carolyn played some very steady golf - chipping in for her par 4 on the 3rd hole, which took out reading of the green! Lois' driving was good, but her short game eluded her unfortunately. Carolyn eventually won 5&3 on the 15th hole.

In the Summer Greensomes Final Janet had little to do apart from one query over the marking of a ball. Anne & Jenny sorted out the pace of the greens very quickly and were sinking putts from a distance. Mo & Diane were trying hard to compete with them, but were up against it. Anne & Jenny were the eventual winners on the 16th hole, 3&2.

All the players, caddies and supporters then enjoyed a lovely cream tea where Sue Ashworth presented the trophies to the winners and vouchers to the runners up.

CHAMPION OF CHAMPIONS & ROSE BOWL:

The Lambourne GC kindly hosted the finals on Sunday 15th October teeing off at 12.30 and 12.40pm. The Champion of Champions was between Daisy Kennedy (Stoke Park) & Alice Kozlowski (Ellesborough) and the Rose Bowl between Jane Burns (Harleyford) & Sue Davies (Beaconsfield). The Vice-Captain from Stoke Park, Jean Taylor and Mandy Bartholomew the "out- going" Ladies' Captain from Beaconsfield were there supporting their respective finalists.

It was a lovely, warm, autumn afternoon with the course looking in very good condition, with the greens running true, but the rough like velcro!

The Champion of Champions was very much a family affair with both finalists having their parents supporting them, along with their siblings. Janet Beal was refereeing this match and commented on the wonderful exhibition of golf from both players. Daisy started well – going 3 up; then Alice fought back, making it all square until the 14th hole where Alice had a birdie to go 1up. Daisy won the 15th hole, so going down the 18th they were all square, so all to play for. Alice had a good shot to the green, unfortunately Daisy's second shot went over the green. Alice won 1up to retain the trophy which she won at Lambourne last year.

The Rose Bowl was also exciting with Jane starting well, going 2up by the 3rd hole. Sue then won the 4th hole, both players then alternating in winning holes. Jane had a very good par on the 13th hole, a par 3. Sue then won the 15th but the match was won by Jane on the 17th, 2&1.

After both finals The Lambourne Club laid on some delicious homemade cakes along with a welcome cup of tea, which we all enjoyed. Janet Beal and Di Bovey then presented the trophies to the winners.

Di Bovey

(BCLGA Joint Competitions Secretary)