

# Oxfordshire County Girls

## Spring 2009

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### Special Achievements

Abi Laker won the best nett prize at the Oxfordshire **Champion of Champions** event with a nett 71.

Abi and Gemma both helped the **Ladies' Second** team to victories against Berkshire and Buckinghamshire. Both girls also played in the **SLGA Under 16** Open Stroke Play Championship on 9<sup>th</sup>/10<sup>th</sup> April at CraigieLaw Golf Club and they finished in the top 25 out of 101.

We're delighted that they've both been chosen to represent Oxfordshire in **Ladies' County Week** in June.

Abi Laker played in the **Oxfordshire Schools Golf Association** meeting at North Oxford and won the girl's prize. She went on to play at the Regional Championship at Hadden Hill on 27<sup>th</sup> May and again won the girl's prize. She has now been selected for the National Championship which is being played at Fulwell Golf Club on 22nd June.

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### Oxfordshire Ladies' Championship - 16th to 18th April 2009

Abi Laker, Gemma Clements and Claire Reynolds played in the Ladies' Championship at Tadmarton Heath. In the qualifying competition Gemma won the all day handicap prize with a nett 140 and Claire won the afternoon nett prize with a score of 71. Claire was narrowly beaten by Abi in the first round of the knockout. Gemma won

her match against Annie Gowing but lost to Jane Binning in the quarter finals. Abi reached the semi finals but was also defeated by the eventual champion, Jane Binning.

Well done to all the girls for doing so well and challenging the more experienced players.

### Oxfordshire Girls' Championship - 28th May 2009

A big **thank you to Hadden Hill** who hosted the Oxfordshire Girls Championship on 28th May. The number of entries was quite low but there was some excellent golf played which resulted in a very close finish. Hadden Hill very kindly allowed us to use the par 3 course on the same day for a "Par 3 Championship" which attracted quite a few entries and we were pleased to be able to include the younger girls in the Championship in some way.

We had a special guest on the day. Roger Harman from the Honourable Company of Oxfordshire Golfers who have helped to fund the girl's coaching with their generous donations over many years, came along to watch some of the golf, meet the girls and present the prizes. It was a pleasure for the girls and the organisers to meet one of their charming benefactors.

The battle for the Championship was closely

fought. Gemma Clements from Studley Wood and Abi Laker from Burford both finished with a gross 80 but Gemma had the better back 9 and won on count back. Emily Keel from Henley won the handicap prize with a nett 68, narrowly beating Cara Gainer from Frilford Heath who finished with a nett 69. The stableford competition was won by Imogen Vessey from Chipping Norton with 37 points.

The Par 3 Championship was played over 6 holes and each girl was allowed 3 shots per hole. There were some excellent scores with three girls finishing on 19 points: Olivia Stone (Studley Wood), Emily Wilkinson (Carswell) and Imogen Arnold. Bryony Saint from Studley Wood came 2nd with 22 points but was just beaten on count back by Harriet Hancock from Rye Hill. With scores like these we're sure that it won't be long before these girls are playing in the 18 hole championship!



Handicap Champion  
Emily Keel



Oxfordshire Girl's Champion—Gemma Clements  
with Roger Harman, Honourable Company of Oxfordshire Golfers



Par 3 Champion  
Harriet Hancock



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## Spring Meeting - 8th April 2009 *report by Liz McPhail*



### A chance to blow your own trumpet ...

#### Cut your handicap or won a competition?

Let us know how you're getting on with your golf. Please send an email to Suzy Smith, (suzys@aspensoftware.co.uk) or call me (0118 986 3891) with the details.

I know how modest you all are but please let us know if you have cut your handicap or done well in a competition. We're always keen to hear about it.

### Special Achievements continued...

**Emily Price**, based on her past performances on the British Junior Golf Tour, was invited to compete in the European Championship of the US Kids Golf tour (held at Gullane in Scotland) and has qualified for the final at Pinehurst, USA, in August.

This is a truly remarkable achievement. The par for the course she played was 36, and she shot Par, 5 over and Par during the three rounds, having the best score on both the first and the last days. Her total score was 113 which put her in second place in a field of 18 competitors in her age group from Slovakia to Alabama. Emily will be 10 in October and plays at Waterstock Golf Club.

A huge number of girls met to compete in the Oxfordshire Girls' Spring Meeting which was held on April 8<sup>th</sup> at Chipping Norton in cold but, fortunately, dry conditions. The course was in very good condition and the day proved a great success.

Congratulations go to Emily Keel (from Henley) who won the Trophy with an impressive 38 points. The runner up was Imogen Vessey (from Chipping Norton) with 34 points.

In the 9 hole Competition (for girls with handicaps over 36 or no handicap) the winner was Bryony Saint (from Studley Wood) who finished on 17 points. It was a close run competition as Nicole Howlett was the runner up, only one point behind. In third place came Bryony Costello (from Frilford Heath) with 13 points, pipping

Caitlin Shaw (from Burford) on countback.

This year saw the inclusion of a 5 Hole Flag Competition (40 shot limit) for the first time. This was well supported and congratulations go to Harriet Hancock who won with a full 10 shots to spare. Kate Hillas came second with 7 shots left and in third place was Camilla Hancock who had 4 shots left. We're looking forward to having these girls playing in the 9 hole competition next year.

The girls enjoyed the Easter theme as everyone left with an egg of some size or other!

A huge thank you to Chipping Norton for hosting the event once again and to all the ladies who gave up so much of their time to help with the competition.



9 Hole Competition Winner  
Bryony Saint



Trophy Winner  
Emily Keel



Flag Competition Winner  
Harriet Hancock



All the girls who played in the Spring Meeting—looking very happy after receiving their easter eggs!

## Junior County Week - 17th to 19th August

Junior County Week this year will be at Mentmore Golf Club in Buckinghamshire from 17th - 19th August. The girls will be playing teams from Berkshire, Buckinghamshire and Hertfordshire.

Our team this year is:  
Gemma Clements (Studley Wood)  
Nicole Du Plessis (Frilford Heath)  
Cara Gainer (Frilford Heath)  
Abi Laker (Burford)  
Flora McPhail (V Capt) (Frilford Heath)

Claire Reynolds (Capt) (Chipping Norton)  
Sophie Stone (Studley Wood)  
Imogen Vessey (Chipping Norton)

Reserves:  
Anna Kirk (Chipping Norton)  
Georgina Purdy (Burford)

Oxfordshire did brilliantly last year, finishing in second place. Can they do even better this year?

**Supporters are always welcome!!**



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### ABACUS and Becky Brewerton Golf Day for Girls - 10th August

Don't forget the ABACUS Golf Day for Girls featuring Becky Brewerton at Sand Martins Golf Club on 10th August. It's sure to be a great day so why not come along to support the team, watch Becky's clinic and enjoy the barbeque!

### BB&O Recruitment Days

The BB&O Golf Partnership are planning to expand their Academy programme next year and will be looking for new recruits. They are holding assessment days on:

23<sup>rd</sup> July at Castle Royle  
1<sup>st</sup> August at Wycombe Heights  
30<sup>th</sup> August at Studley Wood

These sessions are for youngsters who are not already known to the County Associations so if you know of any girls (or boys) who would be interested please encourage them to go along. For more information visit [www.bbogolfpartnership.com](http://www.bbogolfpartnership.com) and look out for the posters at your club.

### Thank You

To the **Honorable Company of Oxfordshire Golfers** who presented us with another very generous donation at the Girl's Championship. We are very grateful to them for their continued support.

### Volunteers Welcome

We always need more volunteers so if you'd like to help with junior golf in the county please contact us.

### Junior Matches *report by Jenny Reynolds*

This season, three of the players in each of our matches against Berkshire and Buckinghamshire will be playing a handicap league match and the winner of the BB&O handicap league will play the winner of the handicap league from the counties in the north of the Midlands South Region. The girls in the handicap team have to have a handicap of 16 or above.

Our first match was against **Berkshire** at Henley. Claire Reynolds, Flora McPhail, Nicole du Plessis and Katherine Leigh played scratch matches and lost by 3 games to 1, but the handicap team of Sophie Stone, Anna Kirk and Cara Gainer all won so the overall result was a 4-3 win to Oxfordshire and 2 league points for the handicap

team. Our thanks go to Henley Golf Club for hosting the match.

Berkshire have since played and lost to Buckinghamshire so if Oxfordshire defeat Buckinghamshire on 14th June our handicap team will be playing in the team finals.

The girls also played a friendly match against **Hampshire** at Weybrook Park. Abi Laker, Gemma Clements, Claire Reynolds, Flora McPhail, Sophie Stone, Anna Kirk and Cara Gainer all played. Abi, Claire and Cara won their matches, Flora had a creditable half and the overall result was a halved match which we felt was a good result against a strong Hampshire team.

**Congratulations to the girls for a fantastic start to the season!**



The team who played against Berkshire from left to right:

Katherine Leigh, Flora McPhail, Claire Reynolds, Anna Kirk, Sophie Stone, Nicole Du Plessis, Cara Gainer

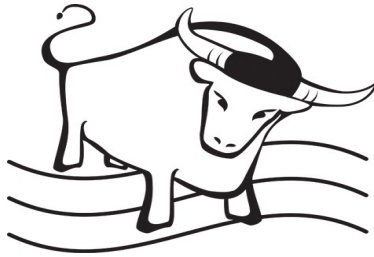
### BB&O Championship - 16th April

Buckinghamshire hosted the Girl's BB&O Championship at Woburn Golf Club on 16th April 2009. With our top girls playing in the ladies' championship, the entry from Oxfordshire was rather small. There were 45 players in total with just 6 from Oxfordshire and 9 from Berkshire.

The weather conditions were very difficult and most of the girls struggled on the tight Duke's course with only 3 girls playing to, or below their handicaps. The winner was Buckinghamshire's Junior Captain, Zoe Fitz-Costa (handicap 5) with a gross 82. Not

surprisingly, Buckinghamshire, with so many girls playing, took most of the prizes. Cara Gainer from Frilford Heath managed to keep them from a clean sweep with a nett 72 to take 3<sup>rd</sup> place in the handicap competition.

The CSS for the day went up by 1 to 76 so she did very well indeed. The nominated team from Oxfordshire of Emily Keel, Sophie Stone and Cara Gainer came second in the team competition.



# Oxfordshire County Girls

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## County Website

Keep up with all the news from the county on the web site - [www.olcga.org.uk](http://www.olcga.org.uk). You can see photos, match reports, coaching dates, contact numbers, find out the results of competitions and download competition entry forms.

## Junior Fixtures 2009

Date	Event	Venue
14th June	Oxfordshire Girls v Buckinghamshire Girls	Weston Turville
27th July	Oxfordshire Girls v Frilford Ladies	Frilford Heath
<b>5th August</b>	<b>Midlands South Girls' Championship (upper handicap limit 16.4)</b>	<b>Studley Wood</b>
10th August	ABACUS Golf Day with Becky Brewerton	Sand Martins
14th August	Henley Junior Open (36 hole medal)	Henley
17th August	Studley Wood Junior Open (36 hole medal)	Studley Wood
<b>17th-19th August</b>	<b>Junior County Week</b>	<b>Mentmore</b>
25th August	Waterstock Junior Open	Waterstock
26th August	Chipping Norton Junior Open	Chipping Norton
2nd September	Ladies/Girls Foursomes (girls under 16 and with handicap over 29 or no handicap)	Huntercombe
<b>6th September</b>	<b>Midlands South Girls' Challenge (handicaps 16-36)</b>	<b>Gay Hill</b>
27th September	BB&O Girls v BB&O U13 Boys	Kirtlington
4th October	OxCalf Cup (handicaps over 36 or no handicap)	Studley Wood
<b>4th October</b>	<b>Midlands South Team Finals</b>	<b>Temple</b>
29th October	Nicola Sparks Memorial Trophy (all girls)	Burford
30th October	White Horse Cup (all girls)	Frilford Heath
1st November	BB&O Girls v BB&O U14 & U16 Boys	Gerrards Cross
13th December	Girls' Christmas Jamboree (all girls)	Studley Wood

Events in blue are not County or Regional events

## Coaching - Beginners/Improvers

This year Andy Charlton is running our Beginner/Improver coaching at Studley Wood. There have been 5 sessions so far this year with further ones scheduled for July and September. The girls end their year with the Calf Cup and the Bear Trophy in October and the Christmas Jamboree in December.

The coaching has covered putting, short game, long game, course etiquette and how to mark a card correctly. There have been competitions at the end of each session easing the girls into more serious golf. Whenever possible the club has allowed us to use the driving range as a short course for the girls so that they can get the feel of playing a proper round and learn the

etiquette.

The coaching for the girls in these groups is interspersed with games and competitions so they have lots of fun whilst learning the skills they need to improve their golf game.

We are always looking for new recruits so if you know of any girls who are playing golf or would like to try it please tell them about us. Anyone can come along to one of the coaching sessions at no charge to see what it's all about so you could always bring one of your friends from school. We have junior golf clubs available to borrow. Please check with Rose Dawson or Joan Humphris beforehand to make sure there is space in the group.