



# Oxfordshire County Girls

## Autumn/Winter 2010/11

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### Other News

Congratulations to Nicole Howlett (Chipping Norton) who won the **EWGA Rose Spoon for September**. The Silver Spoon awards recognise the club golfers who return the best strokeplay scores in the country each month from April to October.

Nicole won the spoon for Division Three with a score of net 58—13 under the SSS of 71.



Silver Spoon Winner  
Nicole Howlett

### Hole in one!

Last year, **Sunny Ricketts** (Burford) scored a **hole in one** during an early season coaching session.

Well done Sunny!

### Abi Laker wins Faldo Series Grand Final

Abi Laker, from Burford Golf Club, won the U16 Girls Category in the Faldo Series Europe Grand Final at the Lough Erne Resort, Northern Ireland on 23 September 2010. In the second round, Abi shot the best round of the day with a two-under par 70 and her scores of 82-70-82 over the three days earned Abi a one shot victory from Chloe Ryan.

Sir Nick created the Faldo Series in 1996 to help identify and nurture the next generation of champions. Over 30 annual tournaments now take place in more than 25 countries throughout the UK, Europe, South America, the Middle East and Asia.

Abi, aged 16, who trains with the EWGA's Super Birdies South Squad, said about the victory: 'I'm really pleased. I knew I needed to make a good score in the weather conditions and played really well'

Abi now qualifies for the Faldo Series Asia Grand Final in China which takes place on 2nd-4th March 2011.

A number of Faldo Series winners have gone on to become successful professional Tour golfers, including Nick Dougherty, Rory McIlroy, Oliver Fisher and Melissa Reid – let's hope Abi continues the tradition!

Good luck Abi! We will be supporting you!



**Abi Laker**

Image from Leaderboard Photography

### OxCalf Cup and Teddy Trophy

The OxCalf Cup and Teddy Trophy was held at Studley Wood Golf Club on 5 September 2010.

There was a good turnout on the day and all the girls had fun. The OxCalf Cup was won by Camilla Hancock from Chipping Norton with 19 points and the Teddy Trophy went to Lucy Disley (Oxford Ladies).

We are very grateful to Studley Wood for hosting the event and to all the organisers who gave their time to help with the competition.

Special thanks to Andy Charlton (pictured) and Shay Brennan, the coaches for the Junior Golf Academy.



OxCalf Cup Winner  
Camilla Hancock



Teddy Trophy Winner  
Lucy Disley



## Oxfordshire County Girls

### The Nicola Sparks Memorial Trophy

#### Junior Captain

The Junior Captain for 2011 is **Gemma Clements**.



The Vice Captain is **Abi Laker**.



Good luck to both of you in these prestigious roles.

In 2010 **Flora McPhail** was an excellent Junior Captain and we are sorry to see her and **Nicole du Plessis** leave the junior ranks.

#### More news

Congratulations to **Bryony Saint** from Studley Wood who was runner up in the BB&O Academy Champion of Champions competition.

Bryony was runner up in the U12 Girls division with 33 points.



Flag Comp R/Up  
Sophie Hillas



9 Hole Comp R/Up  
Amber Phipps



18 Hole Comp R/Up  
Olivia Stone

Burford Golf Club hosted the Nicola Sparks Memorial Junior Trophy event on 28<sup>th</sup> October. This competition was established by Nicola's father, Max. Nicola was a talented golfer who had played for her club and county for many years holding the title of County Champion several times and was County Captain in 1993. She was a keen supporter of junior golf and this competition is a wonderful tribute to her.

It was a very happy day – enjoyed by spectators and players alike. The winner of the 18 hole stableford for girls with handicaps of 36 or below was Sophie Stone from Studley Wood Golf Club with 39 points. Her fellow club mate, Olivia Stone, was runner up with 38 points. The 9 hole stableford was won by Kate Hillas from Henley with 18 points and Amber Phipps was runner up with 17 points on count back from Camilla Hancock from Chipping Norton and Jessica Ramsay from Southfields. Keely Harding from Burford won the flag competition with 11 shots left and Sophie Hillas was close behind with 10 shots remaining.

Thanks to everyone who helped to make this special day such a success.



9 Hole Competition Winner  
Kate Hillas



18 Hole Competition Winner  
Sophie Stone



Flag Competition Winner  
Keely Harding

#### Group photo from the Nicola Sparks Memorial Trophy



#### Newsletter items

Don't forget to let us know about your golfing achievements so that we can include them in future issues. Email them to: '[sue@howletthome.freeserve.co.uk](mailto:sue@howletthome.freeserve.co.uk)'



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### Some highlights for County players

#### Congratulations

##### August 2010

**Amy Gaertner** won a Trophy medal competition at Burford Golf Club with a nett 65.

**Imogen Vessey** won the Junior Open at Henley Golf Club.

##### September 2010

**Helen Cross** won the Ladies' Championship at Kirtlington Golf Club.

##### October 2010

**Abi Laker** won the White Horse Cup Scratch Prize at Frilford Heath with a gross 73.

**Sally Ayres** won the Cherwell Cup at Chipping Norton with 46 points and cut her handicap to 22. Nicole Howlett also had an excellent score with 45 points.



Sally Ayres  
Winner of the Cherwell Cup

##### November 2010

**Amy Boote** won the Division 2 Junior Singles Knock out final at Tadmerton Golf Club. She had to beat all the boys to get there!

There have been a lot of notable achievements during the year. We've picked out some of the highlights.

**Abi Laker** and **Gemma Clements** played in the Ladies' Championship and qualified for the knockout stages reaching the quarter finals.

**Sophie Stone** from Studley Wood won the Mid Silver Championship.

**Abi Laker** and **Gemma Clements** were delighted to be selected for Ladies' County Week and accredited themselves well.

They also played in some of the ladies' second team matches together with **Sophie Stone** and **Cara Gainer**. They have been part of the England Super Birdies squad in 2010 and we are thrilled that **Abi Laker** has been invited to join the England Select Midlands squad for 2011.

**Gemma** is joining the newly launched Advanced Apprenticeship in Sporting Excellence programme.

**Abi** had two very good rounds in the National U18 Girls Championship which was played in Lincolnshire and finished just outside the top 20. She was also selected to represent Oxfordshire in the National Schools Championship but, because of a date clash, couldn't compete.

As one of the most improved players in the country last year **Cara Gainer** from Frilford qualified for the Abraham Trophy final which took place at the same time as the National Championships. Sadly, due to a virus she was unable to compete.

**Sophie Stone** was delighted to get down to 9 and into single figures at the end of the summer.

### Oxfordshire Girls' Junior Golf Academy

The BB&O Golf Partnership's junior academy coaching programme aims to improve boys and girls proficiency of the game of golf and to practice and experience the sport in a relaxed and fun environment that recognises individual's needs and ambitions.

In 2010 there were over 300 boys and girls taking part in the programme at 15 venues in the counties. Each centre holds two coaching sessions a day providing six coaching days per year starting in March and finishing in November.

All centres are staffed by a PGA Lead coach and a PGA assistant coach. Within Oxfordshire the girls programme, which takes place at Studley Wood Golf Club, also has a PGA Level 1 qualified coach and all have been trained in the coaching techniques designed for the academy programme (coaches pictured below).



Shay Brennan



Andy Charlton



Suzy Smith

#### Girls from the 2010 Academy



For more details visit:

[www.bbogolfpartnership.com](http://www.bbogolfpartnership.com)

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# Oxfordshire County Girls

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#### Junior Captain

Gemma Clements  
Studley Wood Golf Club

#### Junior Vice Captain

Abi Laker  
Burford Golf Club

### 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.

Date	Event	Venue
March 27	BB&O Girls' Team S'Ford	Sunningdale
April 10	v Berkshire	Henley
May 8	v Hampshire	Sandford Springs
June 26	v Buckinghamshire	Oaklands Park
August 6	v Frilford Ladies	Frilford Heath
August 8-9	Junior County Match Days	Frilford Heath
October 9	v Gloucestershire	Chipping Norton
October 2	BB&O U16 v U14 Girls	tbc

### Competitions for Junior members only

Date	Event	Venue
April 18	Girls' Spring Meeting	Bicester
June 2	Girls' Championship	Kirtlington
Oct 2	OxCalf Cup	Studley Wood
Oct 27	Nicola Sparks Memorial	Burford
Dec 11	Girls' Christmas Jamboree	Studley Wood

### EWGA, LGU & Other Events

Date	Event	Venue
April 20	BB&O Girls Championship — Results	Studley Wood
Jul 25	Abraham Trophy	Mentmore
Jul 26—28	English Girls' Championships	Ellesborough
Jul 26—28	English Girls' U15 & U13	Mentmore
Aug 3	Midlands South Girls Champs	Coventry
Aug 3—5	Girls' International matches	Gullane No.2
Aug 8—12	British Girls' Open Am Champs	Gullane No.1
Aug 26	Midlands South Girls' H'Cap Stableford	Winter Hill
Sept 25	Mid South Girls' Team Finals	Buckingham