

A successful year for Easthampstead Golf Club

Easthampstead Golf Club based at the Downshire Golf Complex in Berkshire has had another great golfing year.

The juniors lead the way with Steven Jones (Handicap 6) winning the Wilkinson Sword as NAPGC Junior Champion with a net 67. The competition was held at Tamworth Golf Club in August. His success will now make Steven a Category 1 golfer. For the first time ever the English Golf Union invited the NAPGC Junior Champion to the Junior Champion of Champions competition competing against the Junior Champion of each English County Association. A great honour.



In the same competition, Scott Proctor (9) won the Hood Cup for best Net with a gross 74, net 65. Another first for Easthampstead. George Gardner(6) won the Pegrum Cup for best Net Division 1, James Whittall won 2nd Net Division 1 and Bradley Robinson's Net 66 was 4th in Division 4 and 7th overall.

In yet another first for Easthampstead, Easthampstead 'A' team won best gross by 8 shots. The team was also 2nd in the net scores.

Overall Easthampstead won 3 of the 4 major prizes - 3 x £100 coaching certificates.

Not to be outdone by the Juniors an Easthampstead joint mens and ladies team were runners-up in the Hawtree final (an NAPGC team event playing mixed pairs foursomes) This follows their success in winning the event in 2010.

The Easthampstead Ladies won the JHB Cup which is the Ladies equivalent of the Bourne-Vanneck (see below) and an Easthampstead Ladies team reached the National Finals of the Mary Forster Bowl, finishing 4th and retaining the JHB Trophy.

Sandy Kinch won the lowest gross score of the competition.

Once again two of our ladies, Alison Molloy and Sandra Cook, qualified in the NAPGC UK Public Course Championships regionals to go to St Andrews in the individual - 18

holes Stableford Competition. They travelled to Scotland in September to take on the challenge that is St Andrews bravely battling the very windy conditions.

For the men Richard Morris qualified for the UK Public Course Championships National Final (an event funded by the R&A and run by the NAPGC) at St Andrews on 25th September. He came 7th.

John O'Mahoney qualified for the National final of the Men's Championship of England at Woodhall Spa and came a creditable 4th in his division and in the Bourne Vanneck Trophy (an NAPGC competition for Men's teams) Easthampstead won the Regional Qualifier to get to the National Final where we finished seventh.



Last but not least Ian Nicholson, the Captain of Easthampstead Golf Club, won a £5000 hole-in-one prize playing in the club's Open Championship at Downshire Golf Complex.

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