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The English Women's Golf Association is the driving force in women's amateur golf in England

**WELCOME!...** to the latest issue of EWGA's monthly electronic newsletter...

We'd love to hear from you - Email us your comments: [news@englishwomensgolf.org](mailto:news@englishwomensgolf.org)

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## Just Champion! Charlie leads order of merit

Hertfordshire's **Charlie Douglass** is the 2009 English amateur champion – and her victory takes her to the top of the EWGA order of merit, sponsored by golf holiday company Lorrin Golf.

Charlie, 20, won her title at Lindrick in Yorkshire when she beat Tara Watters of Middlesex 3/2 in the championship final.

Afterwards, the Brocket Hall player wiped away tears of joy and said: *"I am on top of the world"*.

Her victory earned 300 order of merit points and Charlie moved up from sixth place to the top of the table. Losing finalist Tara Watters (Muswell Hill) made the biggest jump, soaring up from 137th place to fifth. Losing semi-finalist Tracey Boyes (Meon Valley) also made a significant move from 48th place to ninth.

Meanwhile Holly Clyburn (Woodhall Spa) leads the girls' table from Heidi Baek (Felixstowe Ferry) and Hannah Turland (Tidworth Garrison).



Lorrin Golf is a golf tour operator arranging golf holidays to premier resorts throughout Europe, USA, Caribbean, Dubai and Thailand. The company also runs a leading golf academy in St Andrews, Scotland. [www.lorringolf.com](http://www.lorringolf.com)

Order of merit leading placings following the English amateur championship (Previous placings in brackets):

- 1 **Charlie Douglass, Brocket Hall (6)**
- 2 **Emma Brown, Malton & Norton (2)**
- 3 **Holly Clyburn, Woodhall Spa (1)**
- 4 **Rachel Connor, Manchester (3)**
- 5 **Tara Watters, Muswell Hill (137)**
- 6 **Cori Lee, West Lancashire (5)**
- 7 **Naomi Edwards, Ganton (7)**
- 8 **Charlotte Wild, Mere (9)**
- 9 **Tracey Boyes, Meon Valley (48)**
- 10 **Rachel Jennings, Izaak Walton (4)**

Full championship and order of merit details:  
[www.englishwomensgolf.org](http://www.englishwomensgolf.org)

## Do low handicap golfers get enough competitive opportunities?

EWGA tournament secretary Emma Lowe has written to all clubs asking for their views and ideas.

Her questionnaire asks about existing club competitions for scratch and low handicap players. She's also inviting comments on the possibility of a scratch version of the EWGA Medal Finals and on setting up a new tournament for club champions.

# Congratulations to...



Elaine Clark and Karen Clayton

**Elaine Clark** and **Karen Clayton** (Manchester), won the Northern four-somes championship at Formby Ladies'. Meanwhile, two pairs of sisters aged between 12 and nine, won the team foursomes stableford. **Charlotte and Olivia Hamilton** (Cleckheaton) and **Megan and Jade Lockett** (Huddersfield) scored 67 points.

The inaugural East region foursomes at Thetford was won by the West Essex pair of Lizzie Taylor and Nicole Shaw.



Rachel Jennings

England international **Rachel Jennings** was runner-up in the Welsh open strokeplay championship at Royal Porthcawl after she staged a fighting finish to the tournament.

Rachel, from Izaak Walton in Staffordshire, birdied the 15th, 16th and 17th to get within a shot of the eventual winner, Danielle McVeigh of Northern Ireland.



Alex Peters

**Alex Peters**, a 15-year-old England girl international, successfully defended her title in the Fairhaven Junior Trophies. Alex, 15, from Notts' Ladies, was 12-under par for the 72-hole tournament at Fairhaven Golf Club in Lancashire and signed off with a course record six-under par 69.



Emma Brown

Yorkshire's **Emma Brown** (Malton & Norton) shared third place in the Helen Holm Scottish women's open strokeplay championship at Troon. She won the title in 2004 in her maiden name of Duggleby.

# Coming Up...

## Key dates in June include

- 1 Midlands South Australian Spoons regional final**, King's Norton
- 2 Midlands North Australian Spoons regional final**, Wrekin
- 3 Astor Salver**, The Berkshire
- 8 - 12 South Region county match week**, Ealing
- 9 South West Region medal finals:**  
**Silver** – Cotswold Hills; **Bronze** – Lilley Brook
- 9 - 13 Ladies' British amateur championship**, Royal St Davids
- 10 North Region medal finals:**  
**Silver** – Morpeth; **Bronze** – City of Newcastle
- 14 Harper Salver**, Bath
- 16 - 18 English senior women's strokeplay championship**, Royal Ashdown Forest
- 21 - 26 Midland South Region county match week**, Ladbroke Park
- 21 - 26 South West Region county match week**, Bristol & Clifton
- 22 - 26 Midlands North Region county match week**, Trentham
- 22 - 26 North Region county match week**, Heswall
- 22 - 26 East Region county match week**, Stock Brook Manor
- 28 Pleasington Putter**, Pleasington
- 30 North Australian Spoons regional final**, Windermere

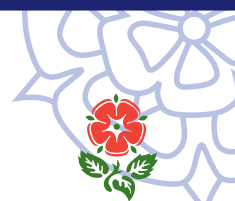
## Merger talks - *thanks for your views*

Thank you to all the clubs and counties who responded to our questionnaire about the possibility of merger between the EWGA and the English Golf Union.

We asked for your opinions on this important issue so we can understand and accurately represent your views. Your replies are being analysed and collated and will be presented to the merger steering group.

The group was set up in February by representatives of both organisations to consider the possibility of a merger. As well as canvassing the views of members, the group is also looking at issues including finance, governance and communications. It is anticipated that county representatives from both organisations will be briefed on progress at the end of June.

The EGU has about 740,000 members in over 1900 golf clubs, while the EWGA represents around 120,000 women and girl members in more than 1780 golf clubs.



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# Teenagers celebrate county titles

England's teenage golfers are winning county championships across the country. Among the recent winners are:

## Cornwall

Sarah Jane Boyd, 17, of Truro

## Gloucestershire

Shelby Smart, 14, of Knowle

## Leicestershire & Rutland

Jamie-Leigh Voss, 15, of Kirby Muxloe

## Suffolk

Heidi Baek, 15, of Felixstowe Ferry

## Surrey

Ellis Keenan, 18, of Sunningdale

## Warwickshire

Abbey Gittings, 18, of Walmley

## Wiltshire

Hannah Turland, 14, of Tidworth Garrison

## Worcestershire & Herefordshire

Dana Greenslade, 17, of Stourbridge

Meanwhile, EWGA's Kirstie Jennings beat English U13 girls' champion Charley Hull to win the Northamptonshire championship. Kirstie, who is the England Golf Partnership's compliance officer, was playing on her home course at Northamptonshire County Golf Club which is celebrating its centenary year.

## Other 2009 county champions include:

<b>Berkshire</b>	Gillian Brooks of Mill Ride
<b>Hertfordshire</b>	Alison Franklin of Harpenden
<b>Kent</b>	Anne Wheble of Dartford
<b>Norfolk</b>	Sammy Martin of Royal Norwich
<b>Nottinghamshire</b>	Katie Best of Sherwood Forest
<b>Oxfordshire</b>	Jane Binning of Frilford Heath
<b>Shropshire</b>	Isabel Green of Church Stretton
<b>Staffordshire</b>	Julie Brown of Brocton Hall



## PLAYER PROFILE:

### Charlie Douglass

2009 English amateur champion

- Age: 20
- Club: **Brocket Hall, Hertfordshire**
- Current handicap: **Plus-one**
- What age did you take up golf? **14**

- Why did you start playing golf?

**My Dad played and I started going to the range with him.**

- What's the best part of your game? **Iron play and putting**

- How often do you practice? **Six times a week**

- What's your ultimate aim?

**To play on the LPGA Tour and win a major title**

- What's your target for 2009?

**It was to win a big title. Now I'd like another one!**

- Golfing achievements include:

**2009** English amateur champion.

Won Murcia ladies' open, Spain.

Won Hacienda del Alamo ladies' open, Spain.

Quarter finalist at Spanish championship.

**2008** Suffered two wrist injuries but represented England in nations cup teams at French U21 and Portuguese championships.

Reached final qualifying for British Women's Open.

Top scorer for Hertfordshire at County Finals.

Won Prince of Wales Trophy, Stoke Park ladies' open, Beaconsfield Foursomes.

**2007** England girl international.

Top qualifier at English girls' and British girls' championships.

Won Beaconsfield Foursomes.

Hertfordshire county player.

**2006** Runner-up English girls' championship.

- Favourite UK course: **Royal Porthcawl**

- Favourite overseas course: **Valderrama**

- Dream fourball would be you plus:

**Tiger Woods, Justin Timberlake, and Camilo Villegas.**

- Your hobbies outside golf:

**Going to the gym, watching films, socialising with friends.**

- Your advice for new golfers:

**Never stop believing in your own ability.**



## Margaret makes her mark

Bedfordshire's Margaret Oldfield was a late starter at golf – but she's been quick to make her mark.

Margaret, who didn't pick up a golf club until retiring from work, has just become the first woman president of her club, Wyboston Lakes.

Margaret had her first golf lessons in late 1996, joined the club in 1998 and soon became a

member of the mixed senior section. In 2000 she became the first woman to captain the seniors and joined the main club committee. Since 2002 she has been honorary club secretary and was the ladies' section's county rep for about 10 years.

She's also found time to improve her golf. "My original golfing target was to reach a handicap of 25 so I was delighted when I exceeded my goal and now, at the age of 70, have a handicap of 21," she said.

## Just Ace!

Elizabeth Selby won first prize in EWGA's April draw for golfers who have scored a hole in one. She had her ace on the 120-yard eighth hole at High Post Golf Club, Wiltshire.

The prize, sponsored by Titleist, is a dozen golf balls.

For details on how to enter the monthly draw see the EWGA website:

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# Register for EWGA news – and a chance to **Win a £25 Voucher from...**

Encourage your golfing friends and family to SIGN UP  
for the EWGA e-newsletter during June.

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## One Up Golf

Everyone who registers during the month will automatically go into our free prize draw and could WIN a £25 gift voucher from One Up Golf.

### 2009 England team captains

**Faye Sanderson of Heworth Golf Club, Durham, will captain the girls' home international team when they defend their title at Fairhaven, Lancashire, from August 4-6.**

Faye, 25, was a member of a winning England girls' team in her last year as a junior. She later represented England in the European ladies' and lady junior team championships and in the home internationals. She also has a law degree and a masters in sports management.

**Sue Westall of Copt Heath Golf Club, Warwickshire, will captain England's seniors at their European team championships and their home internationals.**

Sue learned her golf at Royal Lytham & St Annes, where she is still a member. She played for England in the 1973 home internationals before she had her family. In a distinguished senior career, Sue won three European gold medals, together with a silver and a bronze.

The European seniors' team championship takes place at Dun Laoghaire, Ireland, from September 1-4; and the senior home internationals at Newport, Wales, from 29 September-1 October.

**Julie Otto of Felixstowe Ferry, Suffolk, will be captain for the European ladies' team championship and the home international matches.**

Julie, who lives in Scotland, was regarded as the world's best amateur during her playing career. She collected a host of individual titles and was also a great team player, taking part in five Curtis Cups.

The European ladies' team championship takes place in Bled, Slovenia, from July 7-11 and the home internationals at Irvine, Scotland, from September 9-11.



Faye Sanderson



Sue Westall



Julie Otto

## EWGA Trust needs your help



*Please checkout our online auction and help to raise money for the EWGA Trust, our charity for girls' golf.*

Visit the EWGA website - [www.englishwomensgolf.org](http://www.englishwomensgolf.org) to view the lots, which include signed golf memorabilia, and to place your bid.

The Trust is in desperate need of funds for grants to help girls with the cost of equipment, coaching and tournament expenses.

Other initiatives to support the charity include:

- A grand raffle with prizes including four PING golf bags – details will be circulated to clubs.
- The new EWGA diary will raise funds for the Trust. Information about the diaries and how to order them will be sent to clubs later this summer.

Women's sections are invited to enter the Trust Stableford competition by nominating one of their summer stablefords as a fundraiser.

Details have been sent to clubs.

### How well do you know the rules of golf?

In stroke play, Janet takes relief from a lateral water hazard, drops the ball which comes to rest three club lengths from where it first struck the ground. She lifts the ball and re-drops it, with the same result. She lifts the ball yet again and drops it, this time it comes to rest within one club length. She then plays the ball.

#### What is the ruling?

- There is a one stroke penalty.
- There is a two stroke penalty.
- There is a three stroke penalty.

Answer (c) Rule 26-1, 20-2c, Decision 20-2c/2

As bad weather is forecast for the following day, Kathy gives her opponent a walkover. However, the Committee postpone all the matches to the following week. Kathy is prepared to play on the re-scheduled date and asks to be reinstated.

#### What is the ruling?

- The Committee should not reinstate the player as the concession is irrevocable.
- The committee should reinstate the Kathy, but only with the agreement of her opponent.
- The committee should reinstate the player

Answer (a) Rule 2-5 Decision 2-4/20

## Rose spoon winners

**The winners of EWGA's silver rose spoon competition for APRIL have been announced.**

The spoons are awarded each month, from April to October, and recognise the best net scores, in relation to SSS, returned in strokeplay competition by players from four handicap divisions. A fifth spoon is given for the best gross score, from any division.

For full details of the competition and how to enter visit [www.englishwomensgolf.org](http://www.englishwomensgolf.org)

**The April winners are:**

- **Division 1 (up to 10 handicap)**  
Lauren Davies (Meon Valley), handicap seven, who scored net 65, eight-under the SSS of 73.
- **Division 2 (11-20)**  
Val Moores (Heaton Moor), handicap 14, who scored net 57, 13-under the SSS of 70.
- **Division 3 (21-30)**  
Kathleen Doolin (Sundridge Park), handicap 30, who scored net 60, 12-under the SSS of 72
- **Division 4 (31-36)**  
Jane O'Donague (Ashton-in-Makerfield), handicap 32, who scored net 52, 19-under the SSS of 71.
- **Best gross score:** 71 Val Moores (Heaton Moor)