Annual Review

2019
OUR MISSION. WORKING AT THE HEART OF GOLF IN ENGLAND, SUPPORTING AND EMPOWERING A THRIVING COMMUNITY OF PLAYERS, COUNTIES AND CLUBS TO GET THE MOST OUT OF THE GAME WE ALL LOVE
There was a great deal to celebrate across the game in 2019.

English golfers once again excelled in competition. Individual and team triumphs reflected the time and effort invested in the country’s brightest talents by clubs and counties, as well as performance director Nigel Edwards and his team of coaches and support staff.

Five of our six squads won their Home International series. Our senior men and women were also crowned European team champions.

The reputation for outstanding championships was enhanced in 2019 with over 6,500 players taking part in 55 elite and handicap events.

The European Ladies’ Amateur Championships was held at Parkstone Golf Club in August and proved a showcase occasion. Alice Hewson provided an English winner – a fitting finale to a great week. The role of English golfers in the epic Solheim Cup victory also highlighted the fantastic talent that the game here can nurture.

It was also a reminder that we all need to do more to enable girls to get into the game. Girls Golf Rocks, in partnership with the Golf Foundation, has flourished, with 112 facilities in 26 counties providing taster sessions for 1,900 beginner girls in 2019. Women and Girls’ week in August continued to grow, as did the number of clubs signing up for The R&A’s Women in Golf Charter.

Preparation for the new World Handicap System (WHS) took up a considerable amount of the organisation’s time. WHS will come even more sharply into focus as we move towards full implementation in November 2020.

SafeGolf has been rolled out across the country, reflecting our commitment to the care and welfare of young people and other vulnerable groups. There is no greater priority for the game and it is clear that this view has universal support.

A further improvement in the game was the implementation of insurance for member golfers under a single, game-wide policy. This reflected our desire to create more immediate and obvious value and additional services to member golfers paying affiliation fees.

We have changed our approach in several areas, focusing on a smaller amount of initiatives to deliver our care priorities for the game.

We made a number of changes to the organisation in 2019. One was a restructuring of our Club Support Officers network which embodies this new approach. Clubs must be the focus and we have to support all who want our help, in meaningful ways, to help them thrive.

Society is changing and involvement in golf in many different formats is growing through entrepreneurial new businesses and their offers. Making connections between these different forms of play and the core club network is an ever-growing part we all need to think about.

Nick Pink moved on in October and we were delighted to welcome his successor as chief executive, Jeremy Tomlinson, at the beginning of 2020. Jeremy arrived at England Golf with over 30 years outstanding involvement in key roles within the golf industry as well as a long association with county golf.

There remain challenges to be faced in golf, but the game continues to be of huge importance to local communities and national life. Throughout 2020 we look forward to working with counties, clubs and all involved to bring more people into the game.

Nic Coward

Golf is not only my career, but my sporting passion.

It was therefore a privilege to accept the role as chief executive officer in January 2020 and embrace the opportunity to build for our national golfing future.

This annual review sets out the achievements of 2019 – accomplishments we are constantly looking to improve upon.

These, however, are challenging times for the game of golf. The unprecedented disruption to ordinary life caused by the COVID-19 outbreak has had a dramatic knock-on effect for our sport. Rest assured – England Golf will provide strong leadership and support to help clubs meet challenges head on and prepare for our beloved sport’s return.

Once golf resumes, we will drive participation and promote golf club membership – cornerstones of our strategy moving forward.

We will also work tirelessly with our partners at grassroots level to encourage all young people, but especially women and girls, to enjoy this great game of ours.

At the top level, we should be proud of our achievements, accolades and titles earned by our elite players throughout 2019.

In the spirit of golf being a game for everyone to enjoy regardless of age, gender or ability, we must also champion the beginners, the volunteers, the staff and the coaches who help make the game what it is.

With working priorities of ensuring SafeGolf compliance and World Handicap System transition, organisational fortitude will be truly tested this year. However, I’m sure these aims will be realised.

I look forward to working with you all in 2020 and – when safe – meeting and watching English golfers once again excel in competition. Individual and team triumphs reflected the time and effort invested in the country’s brightest talents by clubs and counties, as well as performance director Nigel Edwards and his team of coaches and support staff.

Jeremy Tomlinson
Highlights of the Year

1. #SwitchOffWithGolf campaign launched, fronted by BBC’s Dan Walker, promoting different ways to play and men’s mental health. Campaign reached over 30 million.

2. As of 1 July every member is provided with £10m personal liability insurance as part of their affiliation to England Golf.

3. Second staging of the Women’s and Girls’ Golf Week sees us exceed last year’s figures by reaching over 12 million.

4. England Golf host the inaugural Disability Open at Stoke by Nayland Golf Club with world number one George Groves taking the title.

5. Alice Hewson wins a tense play-off to claim the European Ladies’ Amateur Championship at Parkstone Golf Club.

6. At just 17, Yorkshire’s Ben Schmidt becomes the youngest ever winner of the Brabazon Trophy.
England celebrate great success in the Home Internationals with the Men’s, Women’s, Girls’, Boys’ and Senior Men’s squads all emerging victorious.

Emily Toy enjoys a fantastic week at Royal County Down and is crowned Women’s Amateur Champion.

Performance director Nigel Edwards is named Team GB Golf Leader for Tokyo Olympics.

Conor Gough defeats Callum Farr 3 and 2 to win the English Men’s Amateur Championship at Hankley Common Golf Club.

Josh Hill becomes a Guinness World Record holder by becoming the youngest-ever winner of an official world golf ranking event at just 15 years, six months and 27 days old.
Our Year in Numbers

Our Club Support Network

820 clubs supported the length and breadth of England with

600 clubs receiving tailored support

The World Handicap System is Coming

Completed workshops educating 1,397 from 600 clubs

Licence signed by CONGU ahead of the new system

Ready for 2 Nov 2020 launch

#SwitchOffWithGolf Campaign launched April 2019

454 articles nationwide

Media value of £110k

Combined audience of 30.3m
GIRLS GOLF ROCKS THE NATION

5 more counties join the Girls Golf Rocks revolution

Attracting 1,900 beginners across 26 counties enjoyed a taster session

SECOND STAGING OF THE WOMEN AND GIRLS’ GOLF WEEK

BIGGER than last year

MORE than 274,000 VIDEO VIEWS

OVER 1,900 people contributed from across the world

55 CHAMPIONSHIPS RUN THIS YEAR

55% for handicap golfers
45% for elite golfers

OVER 6,500 players

ELITE ENGLAND PLAYERS IN THE WAGR

TOP 50

01 WOMEN
03 MEN
on 1 September

TOP 100

03 WOMEN
05 MEN
on 1 September

AVERAGE HANDICAP REDUCTION BY PLAYERS IN REGIONAL U16 SQUADS

Boys
0.75

Girls
1.70

TARGET 0.5
Championship Results

MEN

English Champion Club
City of Newcastle Golf Club

English Men’s Amateur Championship
Conor Gough, Stoke Park Golf Club

English Men’s County Championship
Kent

English Men’s Open Amateur Stroke Play Championship (Brabazon Trophy)
Ben Schmidt, Rotherham Golf Club

English Men’s Open Mid-Amateur Stroke Play Championship (Logan Trophy)
Geoff Harris, Formby Golf Club

Men’s County Champion of Champions
Toby Burden, Hampshire

BOYS

Boys’ County Champion of Champions
Ben Partridge, Surrey

English Boys’ County Championship
Devan

English Boys’ U14 Open Amateur Stroke Play Championship (Reid Trophy)
Joseph Linel, France

English Boys’ U16 Open Amateur Stroke Play Championship (McGregor Trophy)
Josh Hill, Trump International, Dubai

English Boys’ U18 Open Amateur Stroke Play Championship (Carris Trophy)
Ben Schmidt, Rotherham Golf Club

SENIOR MEN

English Senior Men’s County Championship
Yorkshire

English Senior Men’s Open Amateur Championship
Ian Attoe, Worplesdon Golf Club

Senior Men’s County Champion of Champions
Steve Graham, Sussex

WOMEN

English Women’s Amateur Championship
Ellen Hume, Mill Green Golf Club

English Women’s County Finals
Gloucestershire

English Women’s Open Amateur Stroke Play Championship
Rebecca Earl, Bishops Stortford Golf Club

PING Women’s Fourball Betterball Grand Final
Charlotte Legg and Mary Dodds, Windlesham Golf Club

PING Women’s Fourball Betterball Plate Final
Jacqui Barson and Julie Beanland, Belton Park Golf Club

Women’s County Champion of Champions
Bel Wardle, Cheshire

Women’s Par 3 Championship
Jackie Urry, Lee on the Solent Golf Club

GIRLS

Abraham Trophy
Amy Nunn, Northamptonshire County Golf Club

English Girls’ Open Amateur Stroke Play Championship
Marie Bechtold, Germany

English Girls’ U14 Open Amateur Stroke Play Championship
Cayetana Fernandez Garcia-Poggio, Spain

English Girls’ U16 Open Amateur Stroke Play Championship
Charlotte Cattaneo, Italy

Girls’ County Champion of Champions
Lily Hirst, Yorkshire
SENIOR WOMEN
English Senior Women’s Amateur Championship
Helen Lowe, Scraptoft Golf Club
Senior Women’s Brenda King Foursomes Tournament
Julie Brown, Trentham Golf Club
Julia Gaunt, Drayton Park Golf Club
English Senior Women’s Open Amateur Stroke Play Championship
Aileen Greenfield, Pyecombe Golf Club

ENGLAND GOLF MEDAL
Regional Qualifier Winners
Angela Deburca, Wakefield Park Golf Club
Zara Gardam, Shooters Hill Golf Club
Lucy Millar, Shrewsbury Golf Club
Alyson Nedza, Mill Green Golf Club
Lisa Reilly, Westhoughton Golf Club
Jane Southcombe, Yeovil Golf Club
Grand Final Winner
Holly Crompton, East Brighton Golf Club

CAPTAINS
Qualifier Winners
Lionel Dobson, Brampton Golf Club
George Grant, Leaside Golf Club
Ian Goulding, Tankersley Park Golf Club
Robin Hawkins, Donnington Valley Golf Club
Nick Kelly, Church Stretton Golf Club
Richard Lloyd, Nevill Golf Club
Michael McHale, Beauchief Golf Club
Brian Robinson, Belton Woods Golf Club
Grand Final Winner
Graham Tansley, Toot Hill Golf Club

SENIOR SERIES
Qualifier Winners
Jayne Fletcher, Whittington Heath Golf Club
Debbie Finch, Mere Golf and Country Club
Peter Lappin, Cove Castle Hotel and Golf Club
Graham Marshall, Peterborough Milton Golf Club
Dilip Mehta, Old Fold Manor Golf Club
Bryan Mundy, Worthing Golf Club
Grand Final Winner
David Roberts, Buckingham Golf Club

CLUB TEAM CHAMPIONSHIP
Qualifier Winners
Ritchie/Uttley/Lovell/Travers
Insley/Brookes/Tilke/Rawbon
Gray/Eustace/Kelly/Gray
Harrison/Harrison/Busst/Harris
Grand Final Winners
Taylor/Partridge/Wood/Wood

MIXED JUNIOR EVENTS
English Junior Champion Club
Saltford Golf Club
English Schools’ Team Championship
Dyke House Academy
Performance Results

TEAM RESULTS
European Team Championships and EGA Events
European Boys’ Team Championship, 5th
European Girls’ Team Championship, 8th
European Ladies’ Team Championship, 5th
European Men’s Team Championship, 2nd
European Senior Ladies’ Team Championship, 1st
European Senior Men’s Team Championship, 1st

Home International Championships
Boys Home Internationals, 1st
Girls Home Internationals, 1st
Men’s Home International, 1st
Senior Women’s Home Internationals, 2nd
Senior Men’s Home Internationals, 1st
Women’s Home Internationals, 1st

International Matches and Team events
European Young Masters, 8th
Men’s European Nations Cup, 1st
Women’s European Nations Cup, 3rd
England v France, Boys, 4pts - 8pts
England v Ireland, U16, 13.5pts - 16.5pts
England v Spain, 13pts - 7pts
England v Spain, U16, 9pts - 15pts
England v Switzerland, U16 Girls, 4.5pts - 1.5pts
England v Wales, U16 Boys, 13pts - 7pts

TEAM APPEARANCES
Jacques Leglise Trophy
GBI 9.5pts v Continent of Europe 15.5pts
Joseph Pagdin
Ben Schmidt
Barclay Brown

Junior Solheim Cup
Europe 13pts v USA 13pts
Annabell Fuller
Lily May Humphreys
Mirni Rhodes

Junior Vagliano Trophy
GBI 7.5pts v Continent of Europe 10.5pts
Patience Rhodes

The Astor Trophy
GBI & T2 v NZ, SA, AUS & CAN
Alice Hewson
Lily May Humphreys
Emily Toy

The Walker Cup
GBI 10.5pts v USA 15.5pts
Alex Fitzpatrick
Harry Hall
Conor Gough
Tom Plumb
Tom Sloman

Vagliano Trophy
GBI 9.5 v Continent of Europe 14.5
Alice Hewson
Lily May Humphreys
Isobel Wardle
Annabell Fuller
Emily Toy

INDIVIDUAL VICTORIES
BOYS
Al Ain Open Mena Tour
Josh Hill

Douglas Johns Trophy
Hugh Adams, Hagley Golf Club

Duke of York Young Champions Trophy
Conor Gough, Stoke Park Golf Club

Fairhaven Trophy
Callum Macle, Lindrick Golf Club

Journey to Jordan 2
Robin Williams

Justin Rose Telegraph Junior Golf Championship
Ben Schmidt, Rotherham Golf Club

Major Champions Challenge Boys
Conor Gough, Stoke Park Golf Club

Midland Boys U16 Open
Matthew Dodd-Berry, Royal Liverpool Golf Club

Midland Group Boys Qualifying
Tied Rhys Thomas Wallace, Handsworth Golf Club and Samuel Allen, Notts Golf Club

North Group Boys Qualifying
Joseph Robson, Hexham Golf Club

Scottish Boys U14
Hugh Adams, Hagley Golf Club

Sir Henry Cooper Junior Master
Ben Schmidt, Rotherham Golf Club

South East Group Boys Qualifying:
Jacob Kelsa, Kings Hill Golf Club

GIRLS
Annika Invitational Europe
Lily May Humphreys, Stoke by Nayland Golf Club

Fairhaven Trophy
Rosie Belsham, Whitley Bay Golf Club

Justin Rose Telegraph Junior Golf Championship
Mirni Rhodes, Burnham and Berrow Golf Club

Major Champions Challenge Girls
Annabell Fuller, Roehampton Golf Club

Midland Girls U16 Open
Lottie Wood, Farnham Golf Club

South West Group Boys Qualifying:
Dylan Xanh, Mendip Spring Golf and Country Golf Club

South of England
Sam West, Liphook Golf Club
MEN
Berkhamstead Trophy
Joss Gosling, Harpenden Golf Club
Berkshire Trophy
Oliver Farrell, Evesham Golf Club
Cape Province Open, South Africa
Tom Plumb, Yeovil Golf Club
Darwin Salver
Harvey Byers, Walton Heath Golf Club
European Nations Cup
Tom Sloman, Taunton and Pickering Golf Club
Hampshire Salver
Tied Jake Bolton, Ogbourne Downs Golf Club and Sam Bairstow, Hallowes Golf Club
Irish Men’s Open Stroke Play
James Newton, Prestbury Golf Club
Lagonda Trophy
Liam Phipps, Olton Golf Club
Lee Westwood Trophy
David Hague, Malton and Norton Golf Club
Lytham Trophy
Joshua McMahon, Wallasey Golf Club
Midland Group Qualifying
Jordan Boulton, Notts Golf Club
Midland Open Amateur
Joe Macilwraith, Olton Golf Club
North Group Qualifying
Matty Lamb, Hexham Golf Club
North of England Open Amateur
Sam Bairstow, Hallowes Golf Club
Scottish Open Stroke Play Championship
Jake Bolton, Ogbourne Downs Golf Club
South East Group Qualifying
Jack Hawksby, The Millbrook
South East of England Links
Jack Brawn, Chelmsford Golf Club
South West Group Qualifying
Tom Plumb, Yeovil Golf Club
St Andrews Links Trophy
Jake Burnage, Burnham and Berrow Golf Club
Tillman Trophy
Joe Harvey, The Kendleshire Golf Club
Walton Heath Trophy
Daniel O’Loughlin, Ruddington Grange Golf Club
Waterford Trophy
Jensen Hull, Hillside Golf Club
West of England
Charlie Satter, Northamptonshire County Golf Club

WOMEN
British Women’s Amateur
Emily Toy, 1st
Chiberta Grand Prix
Amelia Williamson, Royal Cramer Golf Club
Comboy Scratch Cup
Isobel Wardle, Prestbury Golf Club
Crichtley Astor Salver
Sarah Gee, West Wilts Golf Club
European Women’s Individual
Alice Hewson, 1st
Fritford Jackson Bowl
Caley McGinty, Knowle Golf Club
Irish Ladies Open Stroke Play
Lily May Humphreys, Stoke by Nayland Golf Club
Liphook Scratch Women’s
Pavani Kumar, Royal Mid Surrey Golf Club
New South Wales Stroke Play
Emily Toy, Carnley Bay Golf Club
Royal Birkdale Putter
Emily Price, Cleobury Mortimer Golf Club
The Leveret Trophy
Emily Slater, Gog Magog Golf Club
Welsh Ladies Open Stroke Play
Lily May Humphreys, Stoke by Nayland Golf Club
West of England/Harper Slaver
Ellen Hume, Mill Green Golf Club

SENIOR MEN
Bill Shankland Trophy
Bob Florence, Rochester and Cobham Park Golf Club
David Marsh Trophy
Robert Godley, Hillside Golf Club
East of England Seniors
Richard Norton, Beverley and East Riding Golf Club
Frank Stableford Trophy
Bryan Hughes, Hesketh Golf Club
Irish Open Seniors Championships
Alan Mew, Stoneham Golf Club
Midland Group Seniors
Paul Griffiths, Enville Golf Club
North Group Seniors
Richard Norton, Beverley and East Riding Golf Club
South East Group Seniors
George Wilson, Calcot Park Golf Club
South West Group Seniors
Philip Bill, Ferndown Golf Club
West of England Senior Open
Richard Norton, Beverley and East Riding Golf Club
Welsh Open Seniors
Paul Wharton, Woodhall Spa

SENIOR WOMEN
English Senior Women’s Amateur
Caroline Berry, Bromborough Golf Club
Income and Expenditure

YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2019

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