

## HISTORY OF THE NORTHAMPTONSHIRE LADIES COUNTY GOLF ASSOCIATION

- 1927** Cecil Leitch Trophy presented at Northants. County G.C. by **Miss Leitch** to winners Kingsthorpe G.C.
- 1930** The N.L.C.G.A. minutes started.  
The County Championship was instituted in 1930, when **Lady Annaly** from nearby Holdenby Manor presented the Trophy at Northants. Co. G.C.
- 1931** Cecil Leitch Trophy Clubs playing, Peterborough, Walton Heath, Northants. Co., Northampton, Rushden, Kettering, Kingsthorpe and Wellingborough.
- 1932** The County Championship was held for the first time.
- 1935** N.L.C.G.A. took over the running of the Cecil Leitch Trophy from Northants. Co. G.C.
- 1936** County Division was Cambridgeshire & Huntingdonshire, Norfolk and Suffolk.  
Walton Heath G.C. disappeared.
- 1937** The two Peterborough Clubs amalgamated [Peterborough Gordon – Walton & Milton] to form Peterborough Milton G.C.  
County greensomes introduced and played at Kingsthorpe G.C. now possibly the Handicap Foursomes.
- 1938** SSS for Peterborough Milton G.C. [New course opened 14th July 1938].
- 1939** **Mrs Phipps** presented the Junior Cup which was played at the County Championship for ladies 11 handicap and above, second eight qualifiers now the Bronze Championship.  
**County Committee suspended for the duration of World War 2.**
- 1946** **County Committee reconvened after World War 2.**  
Northants. Co. and Peterborough Milton receive County Green status.
- 1948** County Mixed introduced, **Mrs D.Cooch** presented the trophies, Ladies Greensomes played a.m. and Mixed played p.m.
- 1949** Junior Championship would be called the Phipps Cup and played at the County Championship.
- 1952** English Ladies Golf Association formed [**ELGA**].
- 1953** County Foursomes introduced.
- 1955** **Mrs A. Timpson** gave Runner-up Cup for the County championship.  
Swannell Salver donated by **Mrs K. Swannell**, at this time the Championship had 3 separate match plays, the Championship [first 8], the Swannell Salver and the Phipps Cup [handicaps 11 and over].
- 1959** Bouverie Bowl held independently from the Championship for the first time, medal a.m. foursomes p.m. Peterborough Milton were asked to hold the first Bouverie Bowl, but were unable to do so, it was held at Northants. Co. and has remained there ever since.
- 1961** First 9-hole Girls Championship held at Wellingborough G.C. **Mrs Collier** of Wellingborough donated the Junior Cup; **Mrs Cooch** donated the Handicap Cup.
- 1963** Bouverie Bowl played over 2 days, Medal round day 1, Handicap foursomes day 2.
- 1970** County Committee took over the running of the Girls Championship, 4 trophies held at Wellingborough G.C. were handed over to the NLPGA by **Mrs E. Gilbert**, and 2 of these trophies were used for the

- runners-up of the County Foursomes.
- 1972** **County 1st Team** played Leicestershire, Nottinghamshire and Lincolnshire, won through to the Sub Divisional Finals where they were beaten by Staffordshire.
- 1973** First Youth Organiser – **Mrs Angela Duck of Northants. Co.**
- 1974** Veterans joined the NLCGA.  
**Mrs Carol Gibbs** nee **Lefevre** represented Great Britain and Ireland in the Curtis Cup in San Francisco G.B. & I 5 –USA 13. [Carol is a Northamptonshire member]
- 1977** **Miss Cecil Leitch** former British Women’s Golf Champion died aged 86 years, she won the title in 1914, 1920, 1921 & 1926 and presented the much sought after Cecil Leitch Trophy to Northants. Co. in 1927.
- 1978** Coronation Medals played on separate days, played in conjunction with the National Playing Fields originally played in conjunction with the Bouverie Bowl.  
 New County colours introduced – Navy and White.  
**Mrs Russell** donated County flag.
- 1979** County Captains badge purchased.  
 The Professional Women's Golf Association formed.
- 1980** N.G.U. allowed girls to play in the Boys Championship as a separate competition, if any girls enter the NLCGA have 2 cups available for presentation. First girls Championship since 1964.
- 1982** Phipps Cup match play dropped from County Championship [Championship and Swannell Salver only].  
 Bronze Championship introduced [trophy Phipps Cup].  
 Past Captains Association formed.  
 County Week held over 3 days introduced.
- 1985** National Playing Fields Competition discontinued. Coronation Medals and Captains Day separated from the National Playing Fields.
- 1986** Charity Final introduced Playing Fields Trophy.
- 1987** New Metal County Badge purchased.  
**Mrs Irene Hart, President** presented the County with a New Flag.
- 1989** New County Colours introduced – Kingfisher Blue.
- 1990** New format introduced for the County Championship – [36hole] first 16 best gross play matchplay, first matchplay winners go into Championship and losers into the Swannell Salver.  
 November Delegates meeting open to all N.L.C.G.A. members without voting powers.
- 1991** Scratch League formed, Trophy donated by **Mrs Judy Ray, Oundle G.C.**
- 1992** **Mrs Gleeson** provided a new Silver Band on the Bouverie Bowl Trophy.  
 Introduction of a Competitions Secretary.  
 Clock presented to Kingsthorpe G.C. for the many years the County have used their Clubhouse for Delegates Meetings.
- 1993** **Mrs Sue Hennigan & Mrs Phil Cook of Peterborough Milton** represented the County in the L.G.U. Centenary Foursomes at St. Andrews, Scotland.  
 Centenary year for Oundle, Northampton and Wellingborough G.C.s.
- 1994** Handicap Foursomes trophy presented by **Mrs Muriel Curtis Kettering G.C.**  
 Handicap Foursomes no longer played at Northants. Co. G.C. the first time for many years.  
 Society of Past Captains join the N.L.C.G.A.

- Presidents Badge purchased – presented to **Mrs Peggy Coker Northants. Co. G.C.**  
 The sad death of **Mrs Laura White Kettering G.C.** a former County Captain.  
 Appointment of **Mrs Stephanie Wright Northants. Co. G.C.** as deputy on the E.L.G.A. Committee.
- 1995** **Miss Susanne Sharpe** Peterborough Milton G.C. chosen to train with the England Team in Spain at Las Brisas near Marbella will represent the England Ladies in the Spanish Open.  
 Charity Trophy refurbished by **Mrs G. Wild Northants. Co. G.C.**  
 Northampton G.C. attained County Green status.  
 Introduction of ladies 4 Counties 36 hole scratch competition – Junior Quaich Trophy presented by **Mrs S. Wright**, Team Shield presented by **Mrs A. Duck.**  
**Miss Kelly Hanwell Northampton G.C.** selected to play for the under 18 England Team and played in the Home Internationals, she also trained with the Intermediate Team.
- 1996** **Mrs Janet Halliday Northants. Co. G.C.** appointed as Northamptonshire's Standard Scratch Assessor [ELGA appointment].  
**Miss Kelly Hanwell** captained the English Schools team v Scotland and Wales, both matches were won.  
**Kelly** also won the Daily Telegraph Junior Championship at Hanbury Manor, which won her a trip to Lake Nona U.S.A. for the Finals.  
 County purchased a runner-up shield for the Cecil Leitch Competition.
- 1997** **Miss Kelly Hanwell** offered a 4 year scholarship to the University of Arkansas, U.S.A.  
 Introduction of County Fourball competition in place of the County Foursomes Championship which had been lacking support. [County Foursomes Trophies given to Northants. Co. for safe keeping].  
 The sad death of **Mrs Hilda Castel Wellingborough G.C.** a former County Captain.  
 Wellingborough G.C. presented 2 trophies in memory of **Mrs H. Castel**, [County Fourball trophies].  
**Mrs Judy Ray** appointed ELGA Junior Area Manager Midlands Division 1.  
**Goodyear Cup** Centenary year.
- 1998** Introduction of new handicap system.  
 The sad death of County President **Mrs Peggy Coker Northants. Co. G.C.** and Past President **Mrs Kath Lock Kettering G.C.**  
 Millennium Committee formed from members of N.G.U. and N.L.C.G.A. to raise money to help the golfing youth of the County.
- 1999** **Mrs Carol Gibbs Cold Ashby G.C.** ex Curtis Cup player appointed as England Selector, and County Training Officer.  
**Miss Roseann Youngman Oundle G.C.** winner of Flight 2 England Girls Challenge at Theydon Bois G.C.
- 2000** Due to personal reasons **Mrs Carol Gibbs** resigned as England Selector, **Mrs Angela Duck Northants. Co.** took over the post.  
**Mrs Kirstie Jennings Northants. Co. G.C.** appointed as ELGA Junior Development Officer.  
**Miss Roseann Youngman Oundle G.C.** won the Midlands Division 3 Abraham Trophy, in the National Final she won Best Gross winning a small trophy and ELGA pin. [Abraham Trophy is a nett competition].

Qualified for the English Girls Championship at Sheringham G.C.  
Selected for England Regional Training Squad.  
**Miss Alison McArthur Northampton G.C.** won the Four Counties  
Championship.

The sad death of **Mrs K. Swannell Northampton and Northants. Co.  
G.C.** age 96 years Past County Captain in 1955 and County President in  
1974.

First Millennium Ball held at Wickstead Park, Kettering, 300 attended  
from all clubs in the County.

The Millennium Committee raised £15,000 in the first year.

**2001** **Miss Roseann Youngman** selected by ELGA to play in the U16 Scottish  
Championship at Drumoig G.C.

Winner of the Midlands Schools Championship at Chesterfield G.C.  
unable to play in Final because of exams.

Winner of the England Schools U16 Championship setting a course  
record at Blankney G.C. [Gross 73 and 70].

Winner of the U21 Prince of Wales Challenge Trophy at Woburn G.C.  
[Duchess course] Trophy held at Woburn.

Selected for the U18 England Elite Squad.

Qualified for the Junior Tour Final at Chart Hills G.C. unfortunately had  
to forgo this as date clashed with 1st England Elite Training date.

Selected to play in match – U18 England Girls v U16 England Boys at  
Parkstone G.C. Devon.

Selected North of England U16 Amateur Strokeplay Championship at  
Pannal G.C. for ELGA Team, qualified 36 holes 4th of girls 2nd of  
English girls.

**Miss Lucinda Davies Peterborough Milton & Miss Emma Parr  
Northants. Co.** selected for Midlands ELGA Regional Training Squad.

**Miss Kelly Hanwell** winner of the Midlands Ladies Championship held  
at Peterborough Milton G.C.

Winner of the Intermediate Section of the English Strokeplay  
Championship.

**Miss Christene Allen Brampton Heath G.C.** winner of the Golf  
Foundation Special Needs Award Category, presentation made at  
Wentworth G.C.

1st and 2nd team badges purchased – County Colours.

Four Counties Scratch Competition abandoned – Quaich Trophy  
presented by **Mrs Stephanie Wright** to be used for the 4 Counties Gross  
Team winners.

Team Trophy presented by **Mrs Angela Duck** to be used for runner up  
team trophy at County Week.

The sad death of **Mrs L.V. Everard Kettering G.C.** Past County  
Champion, County Captain and County President.

**2002** **Miss Roseann Youngman** Faldo Series winner at Forest of Arden G.C.  
Selected to represent England in Quadrangular Match in Rome [team of  
3 girls].

Selected to play in U18 Team Championship at Esbjerg G.C. Denmark  
[team of 4].

Selected for the Home Internationals at The Heritage, Dublin [won all  
matches played] England Team winners.

Selected to play for England in match – U18 England Girls v U16  
England Boys at Parkstone G.C.

Captained the English Schools v Welsh Schools at Ashburnham G.C.  
South Wales 8 boys and 4 girls,  
Rosie won both her matches [match halved]  
Selected for the U21 Elite Squad.

**Roseann and Emma Parr Northants. Co. G.C.** won the Team Trophy  
at the English Ladies U23 Championship at Saunton Sands G.C.  
Junior County Team won through to the Midlands Matchplay Final at  
Beeston Fields G.C.

**Miss Alex Banham Elton Furze G.C.** selected for the ELGA Midlands  
Eagles Squad.

The sad death of **Mrs D. Cooch Northants. Co.** Past County Captain  
1947.

**2003**

**COUNTY LADIES TEAM** beat Lincolnshire, Nottinghamshire and  
Leicestershire at **COUNTY WEEK** played at Scraftoft G.C. Leics.  
Team go forward to the **SUB-DIVISIONAL FINALS** at Sherwood  
Forest G.C. Notts. Unfortunately the team lost out by 1/2 point to  
Warwickshire who were the winners.

**Miss Roseann Youngman** invited to a Masterclass at Celtic Manor G.C.  
8 girls from G.B. & I was invited. Swing analysis from Butch Harman  
and brothers, followed by a competition.

Winner of the Midland Girls Championship at Worfield G.C. [Course  
record Gross 71]

Winner of the National Schools Championship at Trentham G.C.

Selected to play in the U18 European Team Championship at Torino  
G.C. Italy, qualified 1st flight [8th out of 17 teams]

Played in The Italian Ladies Championship at The Circolo Bogogno, Nr  
Milan.

Selected to play in the U18 Girls Home Internationals at Pyle and  
Kenfig, Wales [England Winners]

Selected to play in the U18 English Girls v U16 English Boys match at  
Pleasington G.C. [Girls won 121/2 to 51/2].

**Mrs Gillian Curley Northants. Co. & Mrs Anita Lawson**

**Farthingstone G.C.** winners of the Midland Foursomes Championship.

**Miss Georgina Dunn Peterborough Milton G.C.** winner of the  
Midlands Area 3 Abraham Trophy.

**Miss Emma Parr** selected to represent ELGA at U16 Scottish  
Strokeplay Championship at Drumoig G.C. Scotland.

**Jane Petts Northampton G.C.** winner of the Goodyear Cup.

The Goodyear Cup first played in 1897, Trophy presented to  
Leicestershire by **Mr J.W. Jansen** of Northamptonshire in 1896  
[Handicap Competition for Leicestershire, Northamptonshire and  
Warwickshire].

**Mrs Gill Spencer Wellingborough G.C.** presented with a Silver Clock  
from Midlands ELGA for her fine organisation of the Coronation Medal  
Final held at Wellingborough G.C.

**Miss Carol Gibbs** selected to play for the Senior Midlands ELGA Team  
v North, South and Scotland.

**Carol** awarded the Chronicle and Echo Sports Volunteer of the month  
for services to Sport.

**2004**

**COUNTY LADIES TEAM** beat Lincolnshire, Nottinghamshire and  
Leicestershire at **COUNTY WEEK** played at Coxsmoor G.C.  
Nottinghamshire. **TEAM PRESENTED WITH THE ROSIE BOWL.**

**SUB-DIVISIONAL FINALS** beat Cambs. & Hunts., Warwickshire and Caernarvonshire & Anglesey at Copt Heath G.C. Warwickshire, a wonderful achievement. **TEAM PRESENTED WITH TROPHY.**

**NATIONAL COUNTY MATCHPLAY FINAL** at Brancepath Castle, Co. Durham, teams were Yorkshire, Hampshire and Gloucestershire – Yorkshire were the winners.

**COUNTY JUNIOR TEAM** beat Nottinghamshire, Leicestershire and Lincolnshire to win through to the Midlands ELGA Matchplay Final at Stoke Rochford G.C. teams competing Staffordshire, Northamptonshire and Bedfordshire. Winners were Staffordshire with Northamptonshire runners-up.

**Mrs Shirley Chapman Wellingborough G.C.** appointed Chairman of Midlands Division ELGA.

**Miss Kelly Hanwell** won Best Qualifying round in the Midland Ladies Championship at Stagsden G.C. Bedfordshire. **Kelly and Roseann** won the magnificent Team Trophy [Trophy hadn't been won by Northamptonshire since 1939].

**Miss Roseann Youngman** selected to play in the French U21 Championship at St. Cloud, France.

**Miss Karin Poolton Overstone Park G.C.** won the Midlands Area 3 Abraham Trophy.

**Miss Emma Parr** winner of the 4 Counties Championship at Northants. Co. G.C. {Gross 72}.

**Miss Boo Haig Northants. Co.** lost on countback for the nett Cup [nett 71].

**Miss Megan Liddington Daventry G.C.** won the Nett Cup at the Midlands Challenge played at Flempton G.C.

**Miss Georgina Dunn** winner of the ELGA Rose Spoon.

**Miss Charley Hull Kettering G.C.** won through to the Wee Wonders National Final to be held at St. Andrews G.C. Scotland.

**Miss Meghan McLaren Wellingborough G.C.** selected for the Midlands ELGA Birdie Squad.

**Charley Hull [10 years]** winner of the Ladies Health Perception Tournament at Turnberry G.C. part of her prize is to play in the Ladies Weetabix Pro Am in 2005.

**PRESIDENT MRS PAM GILES** received an invitation from Prince Andrew to attend a dinner celebrating The Royal and Ancient's 250th year.

Introduction of the **Congu Unified Handicap System.**

County Vice Captain's badge purchased.

**County Partnership Committee** formed, representatives from the NGU, NLCGA, PGA and Millennium Committee.

**Mrs Carol Gibbs** selected to play for the Senior Midlands ELGA Team v North, South and Scotland.

**2005** **Miss Rachel Smith Northants. Co. G.C.** winner of the Goodyear Cup held at Wellingborough G.C.

**Meghan McLaren and Miss Rebecca Gee [Juniors] Wellingborough G.C.** Nett overall in the Midland Ladies Foursomes Championship at Haverhill G.C. they achieved 2nd Best Gross P.M.

**Miss Charley Hull** selected for the Midlands ELGA Birdie Squad.

**Miss Kelly Hanwell Northants. Co.** appointed ELGA Regional Development Officer.

**LADIES COUNTY TEAM** awarded Northamptonshire Team of the year for their outstanding achievements, they beat Challengers from the world of Rugby, Hockey and Cricket went on to represent the County in the BBC East Midlands Sports Awards.

**Mrs Carol Gibbs Wellingborough G.C.** selected to play for the Seniors Midlands ELGA Team v North, South and Scotland.

**2006**

**Miss Alexandra Banham** 17 years qualified for the Midland Schools Final at Belton Woods G.C. Qualified for the Final of the Faldo Series. Selected to play in a Junior Mixed versus a Junior team from Thailand at the Warwickshire G.C.

Selected to play for England Schools versus Scotland Schools at Hillside G.C. [England won match].

**Miss Charley Hull 12 years** won nett Cup at the 4 Counties Championship at Wollaton G.C.

**Charley, Meghan McLaren & Rebecca Gee** won the nett team prize in the same event.

Selected for the Super Birdie Squad.

Qualified for the Wee Wonders Final at St. Andrews G.C. [2nd in age group].

**Miss Rachel Smith Northants. Co. G.C.** winner of the Goodyear Cup at Hinckley G.C. [3rd time Rachel has won this Competition].

**Miss Hannah Mulliner Northampton G.C. 16 years** nett trophy winner of the Midlands Challenge at Stratford on Avon G.C.

Winner of the Abraham Trophy prize at the Midland Girls Championship at Park Hill G.C. Leics.

**Mrs Carol Gibbs** selected to play for Midlands ELGA Team v North, South and Scotland.

**Daventry & District G.C.** celebrate their Centenary Year.

**COUNTY LADIES TEAM** attended the Sports Award dinner at De Montfort Hall, Charley Hull received a judge's award for special achievement.

**2007**

**E.L.G.A. E.G.M. vote carried, will be renamed EWGA and become a company.**

Northamptonshire will now be part of Midland South Region Buckinghamshire, Berkshire, Oxfordshire, Warwickshire and Worcestershire & Herefordshire.

**Tim Rouse professional at Northants. Co. G.C.** appointed as training officer for the Ladies County Team.

Sad deaths of **Mrs Dot Sleath** former County Treasurer and **Mrs Janet Gubbins** a Past County Captain.

**Northamptonshire Ladies 2nd Team** played in the Matchplay Final at Gainsborough G.C.

**Bronze Championship** will be played on a separate day in 2008.

**Committee Blazer Badges** purchased, colour of blazers Navy [committee members to purchase own blazers].

**Ann Lones Overstone Park G.C.** winner of the Bronze Division of the English Challenge Bowl.

**2008**

**Tazza Trophy** changed to Stableford competition [previously handicap].  
**N.L.C.G.A.** introduction of new Website.

**Ada Parr of Whittlebury** appointed on the EWGA Management Board.

**Miss Charley Hull, Kettering G.C. Age 11 years** won the Four Counties Scratch Cup at Peterborough Milton G.C. Gross 78.

**Northamptonshire** won the best gross team Quaich Trophy **Gross 142 Charley Hull, Meghan McLaren & Rebecca Gee** both of Wellingborough G.C.

**Wellingborough G.C.** was the venue for the first Midland South Inter-County Matchplay week 21st to 27th June. Counties taking part were **Northamptonshire, Warwickshire, Berkshire, Buckinghamshire, Worcestershire & Hereford and Oxfordshire** a great week, the host club, members and staff were highly praised for the smooth running of this prestigious event. **The winners were Warwickshire – runners-up Northamptonshire.**

**Miss Charley Hull** won the English Girls U13 Championship at Ramside G.C. Durham Gross 75, 73, 81

**COUNTY LADIES 2ND TEAM captained by Pat Silburn** won the 4 Counties Matchplay Final held at Luffenham Heath G.C. Leics.

**Mary Brenstuhl & Gina Rudkin, Elton Furze G.C.** winners of the Regional Ping 4 Ball Tournament of Britain scoring 48 pts. [a runaway victory]

**The Ladies County Championship** format changed from 16 best scores qualify, then first matchplay winners go on to the Championship proper and losers into the Swannell Salver to first 8 best gross progress to the Championship and second best 8 gross go into the Swannell Salver. This decision by the Executive Committee was made because for the first time the matchplay stages of the Championship will be held over the weekend. [The Championship originally was this format].