



July 2015

# County Champion

JACK Brown says it feels 'special' to become the first player for 24 years to win the Men's County Championship whilst representing Kingsthorpe Golf Club.

Our Scratch team lead man fired rounds of 69 and 72 at Oundle to win the 2015 tournament for the second time as he finished three strokes ahead of a trio of players.

The 2013 winner follows in the footsteps of previous Kingsthorpe champions Ernie Speakman (1926), Mick Haddon (1981), Darren Jones (1987), Neil Goodman (1989) and Steve McDonald, who triumphed in 1982 and 1991.

Brown joked: "I'm not sure how happy Northants County are since I won with Brampton Heath and now Kingsthorpe, either side of playing for them! "But it's great for Kingsthorpe, to have a county champion for the first time in many years - it's special to represent them.

"We are a good team and if we can now press on in the Hollingsworth Trophy and the Scratch League hopefully we can make it a hat-trick for the club this year. I think we can win them all."

Brown says joining Kingsthorpe this year has given him a fresh outlook on his golf after a difficult 12 months when his form and confidence dipped.

He admitted: "Last year I struggled a lot and almost packed the game up, so this was much tougher to win than the previous victory two years ago and because of that it feels an awful lot better.

"By having a break has motivated me a lot more. I've worked towards this for a long time - my only goal was to win this again. So to achieve the win, from my point of view is a great thing to do, I'm ecstatic."

*Another new club member Roseanne Youngman came close to making it a double for Kingsthorpe in the Ladies County Championships as she was narrowly beaten in the semi-finals at Wellingborough Golf Club. Youngman had earlier knocked out defending champion Karen Lobb (Northants County) in the last eight on the 18th hole.*

*Kingsthorpe's next generation of champion golfers were also successful in the County Junior Championships at Overstone Golf Club. Turn to page 8 for more details.*



# Let's keep up the camaraderie

CLUB captain Tim Smeathers didn't arrive back in the UK until just before the print deadline for this edition of the Club Magazine so he entrusted his vice-captain Paul Croxford to write his column.

'Oh dear', I hear you say - well, this is what Crocker had to say...

Smooth would like to thank you to everyone for coming on his trip to Costa Blanca in Spain. He would do it himself but he's playing with the bag of toys we got him while we were away - I think his favourite is the talking parrot.

All the golf clubs should now be in the country, so a big thanks to our two amigos for getting them back safely.

Can someone please remind Jason McGuinness that, once he finishes his latest shopping expedition, he needs to get his golf clubs off the bus.

There are many other tales to tell, unfortunately only a very small handful can go in print and, as is always the case 'what goes on tour, stays on tour' and in the case of Martin Phelan we certainly hope that's the case!



As everyone knows the only reason we went away was to play some high quality golf, so well done to Gavin Hitchcock for lifting the John Walding Trophy after he beat Joe Tracey on countback.

'Bed Soars' made a great start by winning the team comp on the opening day at La Finca with Gavin Marks, Bob Sanderson and Paul Bull, whose lad Nathan celebrated long into the night to earn himself a special prize later in the week.



The weather wasn't great as we dodged the thunder storms, but it was ok for the pairs event at Lo Romero the following day when Willie Hasteed and Carl Jonas beats yours truly and the old man on countback with 44 points.

In the final day singles at Las Colinas, Hitchcock grabbed the overall prize after taking third with 36 points. Robbie McKenzie (38) was runner-up to Guy Loveland (40).

And finally if the skipper is reading this, I didn't say any of it - the editor made the whole lot up!

Well done everyone. Roll on next year, when we are going to.....?

Next year's club captain,  
Paul Croxford

**Thought for the month**  
**If anyone on Tour has an**  
**urge to tell a fart joke,**  
**remind them not to follow**  
**through with it**





## Seniors double for Ryan

RYAN Woodhouse was the player to beat in the seniors section as he won two recent club comps.

After posting 36 points in the stableford to win by one from David Lane, the 17-handicapper did better in the Scottish Open nine days later as he bagged the leading mark of 37. Paul Franklin (35) was runner-up by four points from Stewart Church.

The seniors team enjoyed mixed emotions in their matches away to Kettering and at home to Rushden as they lost on their travels 4-2, but won by the same scoreline on their own course.

The match with Kettering was closer than the final scoreline suggested as the home team recorded crucial points on the 18th hole to snatch the victory.

With seniors captain Garry Simmons unavailable for the home tie with Rushden, acting skipper Alan Ryder led by example alongside partner Melvyn Hazell (pictured left).

Despite losing the first three holes, the pair displayed plenty of character as they fought back to record a 2&1 win.

## Tap-Ins

BOB Wright and Mark Smith wasted no time in getting through to the quarter finals of the Arkle Singles KO as they will now meet for a place in the last four.

**THE father and son combination of Darren and Owen Watts were the first pair through to the third round in the bottom half of the draw in the Stuart Duncan Foursomes KO.**

ONE of the first confirmed ties in the third round of the Autumn Fourball Betterball KO sees Barry Crawl and Nigel Welford go head-to-head with Oliver Haywood and Carl Jonas.

**PAUL Walters and Darren Watts quickly got their names in the hat for the third round of the Jubilee Singles KO.**

ALARM clocks will need to be changed on the evening of Saturday, June 20th as a number of members prepare to take part in the Early Bird Competition at 5.30am the following morning.

**MEMBERS are entitled to free or discounted green fees at a number of golf courses across the country as part of The 1908 Club and Smart Golfer agreements. A reviews of Knebworth Golf Club is on page nine. For a full list of the participating courses, contact the Club Office.**

LEE Hitchcock carded a hole-in-one on the ninth hole in the Coronation Foursomes. New members Phil Dudley and Darren Smith added their names to the winners circle by clinching the title with 37 points.

**JACK Brown grabbed an important win in the afternoon singles for Northamptonshire's first team as they beat Cambridgeshire by a single point in the Anglian League at Kettering.**

GEOFF Wileman was the ideal host to Brampton Heath's Doc Halliday on the Member and Guest Day as the duo carded 43 points to nudge one ahead of Robin Adams and Kevin Hitchcock

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# A quiet journey home after a lovely day

LADIES captain Shirley Urquhart said: "The away day to Studley Wood was well supported by the ladies section and a thank you must go to our photographer for the day and ladies mascot, Pam Streek.

"The day got off to a great start with bucks fizz on the coach and Lin my vice for doing the head count and organising everyone. Thanks also go to Maddy, the past captain for doing the draw and ensuring the day was as successful as last year.

"On arrival, the bacon rolls and tea/coffee went down well as the weather was chilly and windy, although luckily no rain.

The course was very challenging to say the least and quite a few balls were lost in the various ponds. Maybe a tip for next year's captain, a four ball better ball is not always a good idea!

"Well done to the winners Lema Townsend and Pat Sargent, who nudged Barbara Hulka and myself into second place. Congratulations to Johanna Blood and Kath Mumford who came in third, but well done to all the ladies that took part.



"The day ended with a lovely evening meal which was held in a room on the first floor overlooking the course. We were made very welcome and the owner of the course personally assisted in serving our meals.

"Needless to say, the journey home was quiet, possibly because everyone was tired after the golf and full after a substantial meal. On arrival back at KGC a few stalwarts went into the club for a nightcap!

"The Peggy & Brian Dobbs Trophy, which was played a few days earlier, saw ten couples take part. Peggy and Brian's daughter Mary presented the trophy to the winners John and Maddy Henderson after they carded a splendid score of 42 points.

"The cakes were supplied by Blodwen and Joan and were thoroughly enjoyed by all, as £25 was raised for Disney and Paddington Ward at Northampton General Hospital."



## Yet another play-off success

KINGSTHORPE'S ladies team continued their record-breaking run in the Mail on Sunday Team Classic as they progressed through to the fifth round by beating Cosby Golf Club at home.

Just like in the previous round at Kilworth Springs, the side needed a play-off to snatch victory after the match finished all square following the five games.

And once again it was Roseanne Youngman (pictured left), who came up trumps for the team as she won the first extra hole with a brilliant par four.

The team, which has already gone further than ever before in the annual national club tournament, will now face an away match against Oxford Ladies next month as they attempt to book a place in the last 64.



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# Come and support the boys in semi's

KINGSTHORPE'S men's team will take on fellow unbeaten side Northants County in the semi-finals of the Hollingsworth Trophy at 2.30pm on Sunday, June 28 at Kettering Golf Club.

Our boys will go into the last four match in confident mood after recording their fourth victory in four games in Group C with a battling 3-2 success at Cold Ashby.

Despite losing the first two ties, Kristian Spence and Gavin Hitchcock pull one point back by beating Stuart Nicholas and John Nicholas on the 18th hole.

With the home side unable to field a pairing in the last game, Kingsthorpe wrapped up the win when Jake Croxford and Jason Spence came through with one hole to spare.

The other semi-final, which is played at the same venue on the same day later in the afternoon, sees Northampton take on Priors Hall.

## Junior League

A SMALL, but significant, piece of history was made by Kingsthorpe's talented youngsters as the club team recorded their first victory in the Junior League for four years after overcoming Northampton 3-1 at home.



Jason McGuinness (3&2) got the home side off to the perfect start, before Daniel Blackmore and Owen Watts (pictured left) bagged halves in the next two games to guarantee at least a draw for Kingsthorpe.

It was left to Elijah Woodward to confirm the team victory as he took the final game by winning the 18th hole against Elliott Limbert.

## Handicap League

THE club's hopes of progressing through to the last four of the Handicap League are already over after they suffered their third defeat of the season.

A disappointing 9-4 home loss to Collingtree, who have since made it six wins out of six in Group A, means Kingsthorpe cannot overtake the runaway leaders.

Kingsthorpe went into the Collingtree game in decent form after recording a 25-0 home whitewash of Silverstone.

After the opening two foursomes games were halved, the hosts took control as Mark Todkill and Steve Rogers (seven holes) and Ash Patel and Alan Croxford (seven holes) recorded good wins.

The best was left until last however as Tony Hillery and Scott Dickens strolled in with a nine hole victory under their belts.

## Intermediate League

AN exciting new format faces the teams in the Intermediate League this season as all seven sides will play their matches at neutral venues.

Kingsthorpe will begin their campaign by taking on Wellingborough at Cold Ashby Golf Club on Sunday, July 12, before meeting Overstone at Wellingborough Golf Club a fortnight later.

The club will play Collingtree, Kettering and Northampton, as well as facing matches with Wellingborough and Cold Ashby.

## Ladies Cecil Leitch

THE ladies side face an uphill struggle to reach the semi-finals in the Cecil Leitch after losing their opening three games.

After a couple of 5-2 losses at Oundle and Elton Furze in Division Four, the team suffered a surprise 4-3 home defeat to Oundle in their third match.

## Scratch League

NEW county champion Jack Brown (pictured) is hoping to spearhead a successful second division promotion campaign.

Kingsthorpe are looking to return to the top flight for the first time since 2009.

Starting with a trip to Staverton Park, the team will face home and away matches over the summer months against Overstone Park, Cold Ashby and Rushden, who have already lost twice this season.



## Recent Club Results

Ladies Sunday Medal (June 14th):

1 Carol Collins (86 - 16 = net 70), 2 Irene McGowan (99 - 25 = 74), 3 Madeline Henderson (87 - 12 = 75).

Ladies Early Bird (June 10th):

1 Judy Toone (35 points), 2 Val Wesson (35), 3 Linda Birch (34).

Coronation Cup (June 7th):

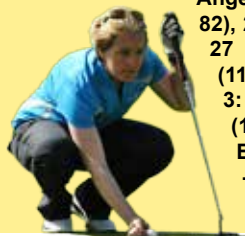
1 Phil Dudley & Darren Smith (37 points), 2 Brian Mace & Jeff Mace (36), 3 Jake Croxford & Jack Walding (36).

Ladies County Charity Medal (June 3rd):

Division 1: 1 Claire Lindsey - pictured (80 - 11 = net 69), 2 Roseanne Youngman (84 - 7 = 77), 3 Lema Townsend (92 - 14 = 78). Division 2: 1

Angela Crawley (110 - 28 = 82), 2 Alex Urquhart (111 - 27 = 84), 3 Val Wesson (111 - 27 = 84). Division 3: 1 Janet Tiefenthaler

(104 - 32 = 72), 2 Blodwen Moseley (110 - 36 = 74), 3 Sandra Ball (112 - 32 = 80).



Members & Guest Day (May 30th):

1 Geoff Wileman & Doc Halliday (43 points), 2 Robin Adams & Kevin Hitchcock (42), 3 Rob McKenzie & A Sargeant (41).

Scottish Open (May 28th):

1 Ryan Woodhouse (37 points), 2 Paul Franklin (35), 3 Stewart Church (31).

Peugeot Coronation Foursomes (May 27th):

1 Shirley Urquhart & Roseanne Youngman (39 points), 2 Rosie Cullis & Judy Abraham (33), 3 Ann Wyatt & Jill Snedker (32).

Ladies Sunday Stableford (May 24th):

1 Nadia Anderson (41 points), 2 Linda Birch (34), 3 Linda Weston (39).

Seniors Stableford (May 19th):

1 Ryan Woodhouse (36 points), 2 David Lane (35), 3 Barry Barringer (31).

Senior Ladies Competition (May 18th):

Winner: Blodwen Moseley, runner-up: Pat Sargeant.

Ladies Dover Bowl/Ping Qualifier (May 13th):

1 Roseanne Youngman & Claire Lindsey (41 points), 2 Carol Collins & Nadia Anderson (35), 3 Rosie Cullis & Judy Abraham (35).

## Juniors display their talents in County Championships

JUNIOR club captain Daniel Blackmore was crowned 2015 County Boys Net champion after shooting two scores of net 71 at Overstone Park Golf Club in late May.

The 14-year-old finished sixth in the gross category - one place behind club-mate Jason McGuinness, who compiled a first round of 81 in wet and windy conditions, before improving with a second round of 76.

Blackmore and Elijah Woodward (pictured right) also helped Kingsthorpe lift the Scottish Cup Junior Inter Club prize as they joined forces with team-mate Owen Watts to card the leading mark of 108 points.

All three boys, plus club-mates Harry Withrington, Josh Loakes, James Bates, Thomas Bates and Jadon Pham, remain in contention for the 2015 Order of Merits in their respective divisions on Shires Junior Golf Tour.

Run by club member Paul Bull, the Tour has attracted over 120 youngsters from across Bedfordshire, Leicestershire, Northamptonshire and other counties already this season.

With just four Shires events remaining, before the end-of-season Grand Final, any Kingsthorpe member wishing to play is advised to visit [www.shiresjuniorgolftour.co.uk](http://www.shiresjuniorgolftour.co.uk) or ring Paul Bull on 07824 666480.





# Kier chops down Wood Junior Order of Merit

CLUB professional Stuart Kier claimed the notable scalp of three-time NPGA Winter Series Order of Merit winner Dan Wood in the second round of the County Matchplay.

Competing at Northampton Golf Club, where Wood won the NGU County Amateur title 10 years ago, Kier was unstoppable as he beat the Brampton Heath pro 4&3.

Kier (pictured below) will now meet Collingtree Park's Dave Poolton for a place in the semi-finals.



Fellow Kingsthorpe pro Paul Armstrong couldn't follow suit after being forced to play with a makeshift set of golf clubs against Northants County assistant pro Adam Myers, who made the most of the advantage as he won by the scoreline 5&4.

A NEW Junior Order of Merit will begin on Sunday, July 19 as boy and girl members will have the opportunity to take part in a Junior Medal competition.

The following Sunday sees the youngsters tee off in a Junior Stableford, with six more events scheduled to take place over the summer as the players compete for gross, net and eclectic prizes.

For those juniors looking to fine tune their games ahead of the series, free coaching will continue on Wednesday evenings between 4.30-6pm.

Taken by club pros Paul Armstrong and Stuart Kier, specific sessions are planned to improve play off the tees, out of bunkers and on the general golf swing.

With players, including beginners as young as three years old, taking part, for more details please contact the club shop on 01604 719602.



## The 1908 Club Review - Knebworth Golf Club

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It boasts a good combination of par threes from the long fourth and 14th holes, to the well bunkered 146 yard eighth hole, while a round comes to completion with back-to-back par five holes.



It's not cheap to join or play, so a complimentary or reduced green fee should be treasured.

Mind you, with so many undulations it will certainly test the stamina so, for those whose legs aren't the strongest, a buggy is probably recommended.

Dare I say it, this place Rocks and Rolls!

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Fri 3rd	10:30:12:00	Cecil Leitch v Elton Furze (home)
Sat 4th	6:00-20:00	Arnold & Victory – Round 1
Sun 5th	6:00-20:00	Arnold & Victory – Round 2
	13:00-15:00	Ladies Club Championship – Round 1
Mon 6th	13:00-14:00	Ladies Club Championship – Round 2
Wed 8th	9:00-11:00	Ladies Challenge Cup
Sat 11th	7:00-15:00	2nd Eclectic Medal
Sun 12th	from 13:00	Handicap Team v Silverstone (away)
	from 13:00	Intermediate at Cold Ashby
Mon 13th	12:00-13:30	NLPGC v Leicestershire
Wed 15th	9:00-11:00	Ladies Stableford
Thu 16th	from 10:30	Cecil Leitch v Delapre (away)
Sat 18th	13:00-15:00	Scratch Team v Cold Ashby (home)
Sun 19th	7:00-11:00	Passmore Cup 4 Man Scramble
	11:00-11:30	Ladies Stableford
Mon 20th	9:30-10:30	Senior Ladies Joan Collins Trophy
Wed 22nd	9:00-11:00	Ladies Fensome Cup
	11:30-12:00	Juniors v Rushden (home)
Thu 23rd	from 13:30	Seniors v Colworth House (away)
	16:00-17:00	Social Team v Wellingborough (home)
Fri 24th	8:30-11:00	Junior Open
Sat 25th	from 14:00	Scratch Team v Rushden (away)
Sun 26th		Mixed v Rushden (away)
Mon 27th	9:30-10:30	Senior Ladies Stableford
Tue 28th	9:30-10:30	Seniors v Daventry (home)
Wed 29th	9:00-11:30	Ladies Captain's Day



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