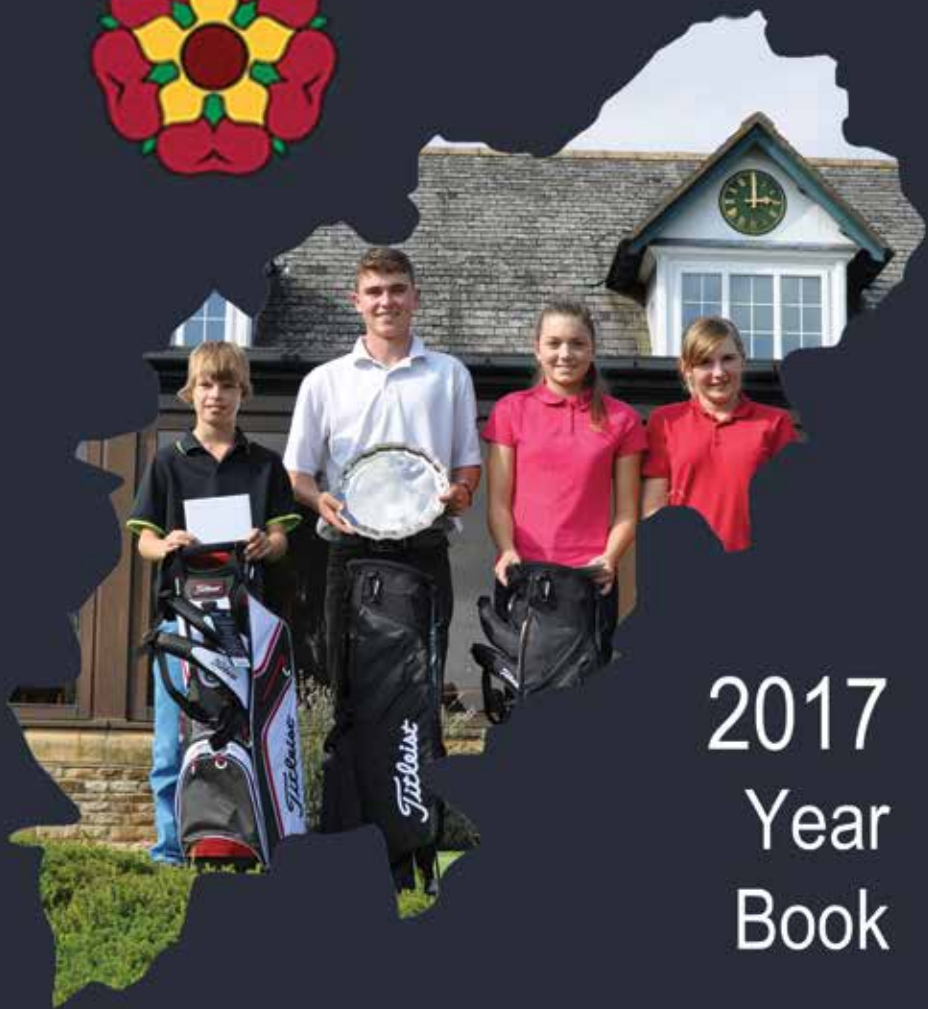


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First full year is a success

COUNTY President Roger Butler said: "The merger of the men's and ladies governing bodies in 2015 to form Northamptonshire Golf Ltd has raised the profile of golf in this county.

"It was needed because we couldn't continue moving in two directions. The long term benefits will be seen in the coming years, but there's no doubt our first full year has gone well.

"The county men's and ladies teams didn't have much joy, but the men's seniors team did well in the Anglian League and Midlands League, the girls were successful, while the boys team qualified for the national finals again, which was fabulous. The calibre of the golf with the boys was of a top level. This is the next wave of potential superstars and we have some young players who are seriously good.

"One big success away from the course has been the NGL Competitions Committee because the men and ladies have worked closely together to deal with the increased workload. A huge thank you to Marcel (Aarts), Kathryn (Stronach) and their team of volunteers, who have all contributed to the success story.

"The question is; how do we engage with more golfers and club members? because the age demographic goes from seven up to 95 years old, so getting the message across to those people is very different.

"Youngsters are on social media, adults prefer to use the internet, while others tend to rely on a diary or year book.

"All the formats work with certain groups, so as a body we need to be aware of this and target all our customers. Sometimes you have to look back and ask whether it worked better or not.

"We have done that, learnt from it and are now looking forward to promoting golf to a wider audience as we enjoy a successful year together in 2017."



NORTHAMPTONSHIRE GOLF MEN & LADIES CELEBRATION DINNER & DANCE

Saturday, March 17th, 2017

Rodber Suite, Franklin Gardens,
Northampton Saints Rugby Ground
6.30pm-12pm

Three Course Meal, with Coffee
Dancing to the 'Dukes of Havoc'
with support Disco

Tickets £42.50 per person (table of 10)
All profits go to County Junior Golf

Tickets can be purchased on
www.northantsgolf.co.uk



Northamptonshire Golf Ltd Clubs

FOLLOWING the merger of the Northamptonshire Golf Union and Northamptonshire Ladies County Golf Association in 2015, the county increased the number of Golf Clubs in the region to 27 - a couple for the ladies only. These are the NGL Clubs:

For more details about all the Golf Clubs in the county, please visit www.northantsgolf.co.uk

1 Brampton Heath	9 Farthingstone	13 Kingsthorpe
2 Cherwell Edge	10 Hellidon Lakes	14 Nene Park*
3 Cold Ashby	11 Kettering	19
4 Collingtree Park	20	14
5 Daventry & District	25	7
6 Delapre Park	3	17
7 Elton Furze*	21	11
8 Embankment	26	22
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	15	21 Pytchley
	16	22 Rushden
	17	23 Silverstone
	18	24 Staverton Park
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* Ladies Only



Who does which role at the NGL?





Matt ends Myers wait for County title

TEENAGER Matt Myers was crowned NGL Men's Strokeplay champion after recording a two stroke success over 36 holes at Kettering GC.

The 18-year-old, whose older brothers Adam and Andrew both missed out on the county's top prize when they were amateurs, was a model of consistency in the first round as he carded a one-over-par 70.

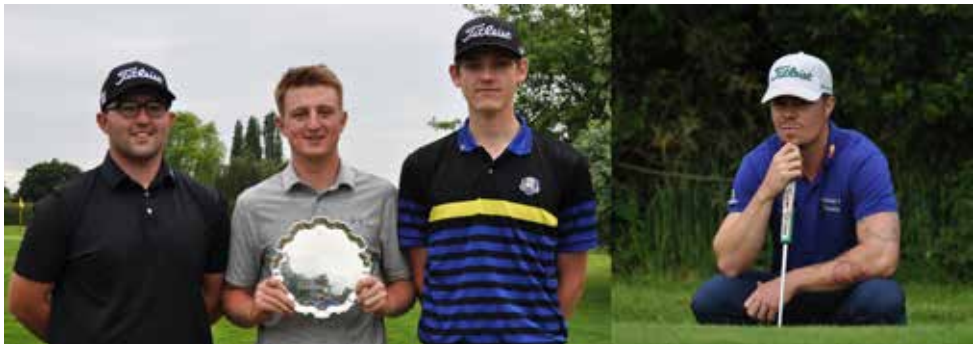
Jointly leading with Mikey Chambers (Priors Hall), the plus-one handicapper started the afternoon with birdies on the third and fourth holes, before dropping back with high scores on holes six and eight.

However, the Northants County member (pictured above right, with NGL President Roger Butler) held his nerve brilliantly over the closing stretch as he birdied the 14th, 16th and 17th holes before safely paring the last for a winning total of 137.

Home club member James Northern (pictured below, far right) came through to grab second position as he fired six birdies in an afternoon round of 66.

The four-handicapper's net total of 131 lifted him six shots clear of David Gottsch (Brampton Heath) in the race for the net championship.

The team prize went to Priors Hall (pictured below left) as Chambers combined with brothers Michael Farr and Callum Farr, who finished third in the overall gross category after shooting a final round of 69.





No repeat for Mary as Thalia bags win

THALIA Martin (Peterborough Milton) lifted the Ladies County Championship title for the first time as she beat reigning champion Mary MacLaren (Wellingborough) 2&1 in the Final on her home course.

After coming through the 36-hole qualifying competition as the top seed with scores of 74 and 78, Martin outplayed Alison Irvine (Northampton) 7&5 in the Quarter-Final.

The six-handicapper battled back to beat Whittlebury Park's Natasha Ainsley-Thomas, who qualified in fourth place, on the 16th hole in the last-four.

Despite playing in her first county final, Martin showed no nerves as she defeated MacLaren, who progressed through to the showpiece match with wins against Georgina Dunn (Peterborough Milton) and Carol Gibbs (Wellingborough).

After just missing out on qualification for the knockout stages on countback, Roseanne Youngman (Northampton) went on to lift the Salver title as she recorded three convincing wins, including defeating Ellie Darnell (Wellingborough) with four holes to spare in the Final.



Family double for Kirsty and Ashleigh

KETTERING mother and daughter Kirsty and Ashleigh Critchley claimed a double success as they won the Ladies Bronze and Intermediate titles respectively at Kingsthorpe GC.

Kirsty was the first member of the family to collect a top prize as she secured the Bronze plaudits by three from Leah Ribano, who clinched the net category.

Eleven-year-old Ashleigh made it the perfect day for the Critchleys as she carded rounds of 89 and 84 to grab the Intermediate crown by 13 strokes from Pat Silburn (Oundle).





Ben takes the plaudits in Boys event



BEN Jones (Northants County) was crowned 2016 Boys County champion after holding off the challenge of Callum Farr (Priors Hall) by three strokes over 36 holes at Overstone Park GC.

In damp weather conditions, Jones (pictured left) carded 72 and 71 to get the better of Farr, who shot a magnificent five-under-par 67 in the afternoon.

Home club member Cameron Reeves (pictured below second from left) lifted the 36-hole Handicap Trophy as a superb second round of net 66 pushed him a single stroke ahead of Jones and Kingsthorpe's

Elijah Woodward (pictured below centre), who collected the Under-16's prize.

The Under-14's net prize went to Peterborough Milton's Jacob Williams (pictured below second from right) while Collingtree's Liam McNeela won the Under-18s net.

Farr (pictured below far left) was the leading Under-18's gross player, Charlie Salter (Northants County) clinched the Under-16's gross plaudits, while Kettering's Joseph Hyde (pictured below far right) won the Under-14's gross prize.





Perfect birthday gift for champ Tasha

WHITTLEBURY Park's Natasha Ainsley-Thomas celebrated her 18th birthday in style as she produced a dominant performance in the County Girls Championships at Overstone Park GC.

Ainsley-Thomas (pictured right), who finished fourth in the qualifying rounds of the County Ladies Championships on her way to the Semi-Final a few weeks earlier, posted the best gross round in both the morning and afternoon.

Wellingborough's Becky MacLaren finished 10 strokes adrift in the runners-up position.



An opening net 70 helped Brampton Heath's Amelia Humphreys (pictured below, far right) win the 36-hole Handicap Trophy by one from Whittlebury's Rayner Edwards, who claimed the Under-18's net prize. Humphreys also lifted the Irish Cup.

The Under-14's gross and net prizes went to Peterborough Milton's Jade Roberts (pictured below, third from left) and Overstone's Baylie Pyke (second from left) respectively, while Northampton's Katie Amos (far left) took the Under-16's net.





Cole is too hot to handle at Collingtree

RICHARD Cole produced a magnificent three-under-par back nine at Collingtree Park GC to pull three shots clear of Alistair Heslop (Whittlebury Park) in the County Seniors Championship.

The Peterborough Milton member, who also won the gross and net team prizes alongside Ian Kerr and Ted Dunn, carded a gross round of 74.

Heslop finished runner-up in the net competition as Overstone's John Gleeson clinched the Presidents Cup on countback with a net 72.

Northants County's Alan Wrigley was the leading player aged between 55 and 59, while Kingsthorpe duo Tim Johnson and Tony Carter were successful in the 60-64 age group and over-65's respectively. Prize winners pictured below.



Another county championship for MacLaren

WELLINGBOROUGH's Mary MacLaren claimed the gross prize in the County Ladies Seniors Championship at Farthingstone GC.

The Ireland international (pictured third from left) nudged one ahead of Overstone's Gill Hodgson (far right), who took the net category.

Lorraine Gilder (far left), Sue Pawson (second left) and Gill Snelson finished in the prizes, while the Tazza Trophy went to Rosie Cullis.





McNeela strikes two knockout blows

LIAM McNeela (Collingtree Park) capped an excellent season by winning the County Boys Matchplay KO crown with victory over Charlie Salter (Northants County) in the Final at Wellingborough GC.

The 17-year-old, who completed the Men's and Boys Club Championship double at his home club earlier in the summer, edged out England Boys international Salter on the 19th hole.

McNeela had already needed three additional holes in the morning, as he got the better of Fergus Robinson (Northants County) in a thrilling last-four contest.

Salter, meanwhile completed a 5&4 Semi-Final win against Kettering's Jordan Darnell, who responded by taking third place with a 3&1 victory over Robinson.



Ainsley-Thomas shows her qualities again



NATASHA Ainsley-Thomas (Whittlebury Park) grabbed the County Girls Matchplay title with two narrow victories in the Semi-Final and Final at Wellingborough GC.

The 18-year-old, who won the County Girls Strokeplay crown earlier in the year, needed one extra hole to beat Millie Billson (Northants County) in the last-four.

After coming into the event on the back of setting a new course record at her home club, Ainsley-Thomas secured another top prize by beating club-mate Rayner Edwards on the last in the Final.

Billson finished third with a 3&2 win against Northampton's Katie Amos.



Setting the standard for years to come

COLLINGTREE Park teenager Liam McNeela added another honour to his collection during the year as he won the gross prize in the County Junior Grand Final at Northants County GC.

The four-handicapper, who topped the County Junior Order of Merit, carded a gross round of 74 to finish clear of home club member Corey Neville.

Fellow Northants County member Jack Peters went one better in the boys net category as a score of net 69 clinched first prize ahead of Owen Watts (Kingsthorpe) and Ben Lavender (Northampton).

With the competition also doubling up as the Moulton Junior Open, Peters triumphed by a single shot from Brampton Heath's Ethan La Porta, who was runner-up on countback from two players.

Overstone Park enjoyed a double success in the girls as Baylie Pyke won the gross competition ahead of Rayner Edwards (Whittlebury), while Elise Warden grabbed the net plaudits from Katie Amos (Northampton) and Leah Ribano (Kingsthorpe).





Oh my Lord, Tony has done it again!

NORTHANTS County's Tony Lord (pictured below) used all his experience in the 36-hole County Men's Scratch Matchplay KO Final as he beat James Northern (Kettering) on the penultimate hole at Wellingborough GC.

Lewis White (Northampton) lifted the County Men's Club Champion of Champions title with a level par 72 in the Final.

David Gottsch (Staverton) and Richard Dalton (Overstone) were next on 74 apiece.

Craig Cotterill and Gary Osborne (Hellidon Lakes) were successful in the County Men's Fourball Betterball KO Final as they recorded a 3&2 victory over Karl Byron and Mark Conway (Cold Ashby).

Northants County's Andy Billson and Jason Hall held their nerve in a fluctuating Foursomes KO Final with Wellingborough duo Paul Hughes and Chris Ludwig as they triumphed on the 18th hole at Overstone Park GC.

In the Handicap Singles KO Final, Brampton Heath's Elliott Metcalfe was on top form as he recorded a comfortable 6&5 win against Darren Matthews (Northampton).



Did you know?

Tony Lord (Northants County) also won the Northamptonshire Men's Scratch Strokeplay Championship back in 1995.



Bell hits the high notes

JUSTIN Bell found his form over the back nine at Kingsthorpe GC as he clinched the Higgs Bowl on countback with a round of net 69.

The Priors Hall member won the first County Order of Merit tournament of 2016 from Farthingstone's Liam Saunders and Wellingborough's Rob Camplisson.



Wood proves too strong

DAN Wood (pictured) below) beat a field of county professional and amateur golfers over 36 holes to clinch the NGL Open by one at Northampton GC.

The Brampton Heath pro carded a four-under-par total to nudge ahead of Northants County teenager Ben Jones.



Myers and Jones are a class above the rest

MATT Myers and Ben Jones justified their status as pre-event favourites in the County Scratch Foursomes.

The Northants County members were in devastating touch on their home course as they secured a convincing victory with a 36-hole total of 141.

County Men's champion Myers and County Boys champion Jones (pictured with County President Roger Butler) finished nine ahead of another home club member Fergus Robinson and his partner Luke Barney (Overstone).





Mikey tops Order of Merit

PRIORS Hall enjoyed a triple success on their own course in the last event of the season as their members dominated the prize giving in the Am-Am.

Mikey Chambers (pictured right) clinched the 2016 County Men's Order of Merit from club-mate Ryan Genner, while their England Boys International Callum Farr fired a brilliant score of 42 points to win the amateur prize on the day.

Rob Draper, Paul Briggs and Tommy Byrne took the honours in the team competition as they bagged 89 points in partnership with Wellingborough's Graham Bott (all pictured below), who finished runner-up in the amateur section with 41.



Scratch hat-trick for Northants County

NORTHANTS County wrapped up their third successive Scratch League crown in clinical fashion as they thrashed title rivals Peterborough Milton 6½-1½ at home in their last match.

Away victories against Wellingborough and bottom side Overstone, plus a draw at Northampton, proved vital in their title defence as they finished four points clear.

Four consecutive wins at the start of the season laid the foundation for Priors Hall's promotion into the top flight as they eventually went up courtesy of a 5½-2½ home win against Brampton Heath, who finished bottom.

Rushden responded to a home draw with Kettering in their opening fixture to grab promotion into the second tier, thanks to a 5½-2½ home success against rivals Farthingstone on the last day.

Stoke Albany finished top in the fourth section.

2016 Scratch League tables							
Division 1	W	D	L	PF	PA	PD	Pts
Northants County	6	1	1	38½	25½	13	13
Peterborough Milton	4	1	3	30½	33½	-3	9
Wellingborough	3	0	5	32½	31½	1	6
Northampton	2	2	4	29½	34½	-5	6
Overstone	3	0	5	29	35	-6	6
Division 2	W	D	L	PF	PA	PD	Pts
Priors Hall	5	1	2	40	24	16	11
Cold Ashby	4	0	4	33	31	2	8
Staverton	4	0	4	32½	31½	1	8
Kingsthorpe	3	1	4	27	37	-10	7
Brampton Heath	3	0	5	27½	36½	-9	6
Division 3	W	D	L	PF	PA	PD	Pts
Rushden	3	2	1	29	19	10	8
Farthingstone	3	0	3	21	27	-6	6
Collingtree	2	1	3	23½	24½	-1	5
Kettering	2	1	3	22½	25½	-3	5
Division 4	W	D	L	PF	PA	PD	Pts
Stoke Albany	2	0	1	15	9	6	4
Whittlebury	2	0	2	15½	16½	-1	2
Cherwell Edge	1	0	2	9½	14½	-5	0





Hellidon Lakes grab Handicap glory

HELLIDON Lakes secured their third Handicap League crown in five years with a convincing 18-3 victory against Brampton Heath in the Final at Wellingborough GC. The 2012 and 2013 champions made a solid start as Ben French and Clive Jennings grabbed the opening match by four holes.

Brampton, who defeated Wellingborough 15-4 in the Semi-Finals, halved the deficit thanks to a win from Simon Clarke and Steve Holt.

But Hellidon, who booked their Final place by beating Cold Ashby 11-1 in the last-four, seized control as Richard Barnes and Richard French (six holes) and Len Edwards and Jon Barrett (seven holes) enjoyed big wins.

2016 Handicap League tables

Group A	W	D	L	PF	PA	PD	Pts
Brampton Heath	6	0	2	100	24	76	12
Collingtree	5	0	3	115	35	80	10
Rushden	3	0	5	66	81	-15	6
Oundle	3	0	5	44	111	-67	6
Peterborough Milton	3	0	5	34	108	-74	6



Group B	W	D	L	PF	PA	PD	Pts
Cold Ashby	5	0	2	75	62	13	10
Kingsthorpe	5	0	3	64	57	7	10
Northampton	4	0	4	78	75	3	8
Northants County	4	0	4	61	58	3	8
Staverton	1	0	6	63	89	-26	2



Group C	W	D	L	PF	PA	PD	Pts
Hellidon Lakes	6	0	2	140	51	89	12
Farthingstone	5	0	3	109	72	37	10
Daventry	3	1	4	71	100	-29	7
Cherwell Edge	3	1	4	66	90	-24	5
Delapre	2	0	6	50	123	-73	2



Group D	W	D	L	PF	PA	PD	Pts
Wellingborough	5	0	3	102	55	47	10
Overstone	5	0	3	98	57	41	10
Kettering	5	0	3	92	57	35	10
Priors Hall	2	1	5	51	111	-60	5
Silverstone	2	1	5	57	120	-63	5





Intermediate title goes to Collingtree



opening

COLLINGTREE Park were crowned Intermediate League champions for the second time as they beat Kettering 5½-2½ in the Final at Northampton GC.

The 2009 winners got off to a decent start as Trevor Twelftree (3&1) and Chris Malton (4&3) took the opening two ties, while Conor Rosling clinched the fourth game on the 17th hole.

Kettering, who needed a play-off to beat number one seeds Northampton in the Semi-Final, responded with wins for Neil White and Jordan Darnell.

Collingtree, who also progressed into the Final via a play-off against Wellingborough, weren't to be denied as Aidan Rosling added another point.

Team skipper Neil Abery (pictured left) had the honour of confirming the victory as he clinched his game down the 18th, before Andy Castell halved the last tie.

2016 Intermediate League tables

Qualifying Group	W	D	L	PF	PA	PD	Pts
Northampton	5	1	0	32½	15½	17	11
Wellingborough	4	1	1	29½	18½	11	9
Collingtree	4	0	2	32½	15½	17	8
Kettering	3	0	3	22½	25½	-3	6
Overstone	1	1	4	17	31	-14	3
Cold Ashby	1	0	5	16½	31½	-15	2
Kingsthorpe	1	1	4	17½	30½	-13	1





Long wait is over for Wellingborough

WELLINGBOROUGH lifted the Hollingsworth Trophy for the first time in 32 years as they defeated Brampton Heath 4-1 in the Final at Staverton Park GC.

Richard Brown and Adam Sherlock (2&1) set the tone, before Wellingborough skipper Jon Harris and Dominic Holden doubled the lead with a thumping 7&5 win. Brampton, who edged a tight Semi-Final with Kingsthorpe, reduced the arrears with a victory on the 18th for David Gottsch and James Wiggins.

But it only delayed the inevitable as Tiger Adams and Joseph Griffiths bagged the decisive win for Wellingborough, who dropped just one point in their last-four tie with Rushden. Damian Magill and Dean Smith added the last point for Wellingborough.

2016 Hollingsworth Trophy League tables

Group A	W	L	PF	PA	PD	Pts
Brampton Heath	4	0	17	3	14	8
Cold Ashby	2	2	9	11	-2	4
Oundle	2	2	9	11	-2	4
Northampton A	1	3	9	11	-2	2
Daventry	1	3	6	14	-8	2



Group B	W	L	PF	PA	PD	Pts
Wellingborough	3	1	14	6	8	6
Northants County	3	1	11	9	2	6
Overstone	2	2	10	10	0	4
Peterborough Milton	2	2	10	10	0	4
Stoke Albany	0	4	5	15	-10	0



Group C	W	L	PF	PA	PD	Pts
Rushden	4	0	14	6	8	8
Kettering	3	1	12	8	4	6
Northampton B	2	2	11	9	2	4
Cherwell Edge	0	3	5½	10½	-5	-2
Collingtree	0	3	3½	12½	-9	-2



Group D	W	L	PF	PA	PD	Pts
Kingsthorpe	3	1	15	5	10	6
Staverton	3	1	10	10	0	6
Farthingstone	2	1	9	6	3	4
Whittlebury	1	3	8	12	-4	2
Priors Hall	0	3	3	12	-9	-2





Perfect year for Wellingborough ladies

WELLINGBOROUGH regained their Ladies Scratch League crown in style as they whitewashed Northampton at Overstone Park GC.

After losing out to Northants County in 2015, Wellingborough made no mistake this year as their fourth victory was all down to the MacLaren family as Mary



(pictured far left) combined successfully with daughters Becky (centre) and Meghan (right) to seal the title.

Meghan MacLaren, who secured the winning point for the GB & Ireland team in the Curtis Cup a few weeks earlier, was playing her last club match as she prepared to join the professional ranks.

The plus-five handicapper did not play in the last match the following month, but Wellingborough had few problems completing a perfect season for the sixth time in the last seven years as they recorded their fifth victory in 2016 with a 3-0 win against Peterborough Milton at Whittlebury Park GC.

2016 Ladies Scratch League table

Group	W	L	PF	PA	PD	Pts
Wellingborough	5	0	14	1	13	5
Northants County	3	2	10	5	5	3
Northampton	3	2	9	6	3	3
Whittlebury	3	2	8	7	1	3
Overstone	1	4	2	13	-11	1
Peterborough Milton	0	5	2	13	-11	0



Underdogs Overstone bag Cecil Leitch

OVERSTONE Park ended Whittlebury Park's reign as Cecil Leitch champions as they recorded a gripping 4-3 victory in the Final at Kettering GC.

Whittlebury, who had won the title in the previous three years, made a positive start as Christine Pearce and Sylvia Smith recorded convincing wins.

Twelve-year-old Baylie Pyke started the Overstone fightback as she beat Bev Price down the 18th, before Margo Lerin levelled the scores with a 3&2 success.

Although Whittlebury, who beat Peterborough Milton 6-1 in the Semi-Final, took the next point through Jill Aldous, the momentum remained with the underdogs.

Points from Marlene Roy (2&1) and Jo Craddock (3&2) helped secure the title for Overstone, who defeated Northants County 5-2 in the last-four.

2016 Ladies Cecil Leitch League tables

Group 1	W	L	PF	PA	PD	Pts
Northants County	6	2	36	20	16	6
Oundle	5	3	33	23	10	5
Northampton	4	4	26	30	-4	4
Kettering	3	5	25	31	-6	3
Rushden	2	6	20	36	-16	2



Group 2	W	L	PF	PA	PD	Pts
Peterborough Milton	6	2	37	19	18	6
Brampton Heath	6	2	34	22	12	6
Daventry	4	4	26	30	-4	4
Delapre	4	4	22	34	-12	4
Silverstone	0	8	21	35	-14	0



Group 3	W	L	PF	PA	PD	Pts
Overstone	5	1	30	12	18	5
Cold Ashby	4	2	26	16	10	4
Staverton	3	3	26	16	10	3
Priors Hall	0	6	2	40	-38	0



Group 4	W	L	PF	PA	PD	Pts
Whittlebury	5	1	26	16	10	5
Wellingborough	3	3	23	19	4	3
Elton Furze	2	4	18	24	-6	2
Kingsthorpe	2	4	17	25	-8	2



Milton A juniors beat Milton B juniors

PETERBOROUGH Milton A got the better of Peterborough Milton B to clinch the Junior League crown with a 5-1 success on their home course in the Final.

After the opening match was halved, captain Ben Morris earned the A team the lead by winning the 16th and 18th holes against Adam O'Brien, whose driver shaft snapped with five holes to play.

Ben Baker and Jade Roberts couldn't be separated in the next game, before Kai Raymond moved the A team, who beat reigning champions Collingtree Park A 3-1 in the last-four, within touching distance of victory with a 4&3 win.

The honour of bagging the winning point went to Lisa Johnston as she beat Rylan Thomas on the 15th hole, while Harry Smith completed the scoring by slotting in a long putt on the 17th. Milton B defeated Milton C by one point in the Semi-Final.

2016 Junior League tables

Group A	W	D	L	PF	PA	PD	Pts
Peterborough Milton B	3	0	0	10½	1½	9	6
Wellingborough	1	0	1	4½	3½	1	2
Northants County B	1	0	2	4	8	-4	0
Northampton A	0	0	2	1	7	-6	0



Group B	W	D	L	PF	PA	PD	Pts
Collingtree A	3	0	0	10	2	8	6
Rushden	1	0	1	5	3	2	2
Staverton A	1	0	1	5	3	2	2
Priors Hall	0	0	3	0	12	-12	-2



Group C	W	D	L	PF	PA	PD	Pts
Peterborough Milton C	3	1	0	12	4	8	7
Kettering	2	1	1	9	7	2	5
Northampton B	1	2	1	9	7	2	4
Northants County A	1	1	2	6	10	-4	3
Cold Ashby	0	1	3	4	12	-8	1



Group D	W	D	L	PF	PA	PD	Pts
Peterborough Milton A	2	0	1	7½	4½	3	4
Overstone	1	1	1	6½	5½	1	3
Kingsthorpe	1	1	1	6½	5½	1	3
Collingtree B	1	0	2	3½	8½	-5	2







Marcel is a Fourball Aart-ist with Mary

FIVE net birdies in seven holes around the turn helped Kettering's Marcel Aarts and Wellingborough's Mary MacLaren (both pictured right) win the Mixed Fourball Betterball at Northampton GC.

The duo grabbed 42 points to finish one ahead of Staverton Park's Barry Harding and Samantha Harding, with Alan Price and Marianne Price (Wellingborough) in third on countback from Matt Bishop and Tracy Bishop (Silverstone) on 40.

Kingsthorpe's Jason Hy and Yen Pham (39) took fifth from Northampton junior members Ben Lavender and Katie Amos.



Tap-In's

ASHLEY Connolly combined with his son Ryan to win the Stableford Cup on their home course at Wellingborough GC.

HOME advantage proved vital in the Izzard Trophy as Dennis Mathers, David Eason and Peter Rigby triumphed on their own course at Cold Ashby GC.

NORTHAMPTON'S David Dare and Colin Dare won the Seniors Pairs Open at Wellingborough GC with 42 points.

COLD Ashby father-and-son Paul and Liam Askew were successful in the Family Foursomes at Priors Hall GC after bagging 38 points.

COUNTBACK was needed in the Vets Ladies Spring Meeting at Oundle GC as Elton Furze's Tricia Croke edged out home club member Karen Johnson.

STAVERTON quartet April Owens, Bronwen Curtis, Linda Steele and Debbie Pendlebury were untouchable on home turf in the Ladies Fourball Betterball Am-Am.

NORTHAMPTON teenager Katie Amos enjoyed her seasonal county girls competitions as she added the Autumn Cup to the Spring Cup.

PAULA Teckkam (Staverton) bagged the Ladies County Charity Medal with a net 67 at Rushden GC.

TWO shots was the victory margin in the Bouverie Bowl as Denise Brady triumphed at Northants County GC.

NORTHAMPTON'S Mark Gilkes joined forces with his daughter Charlotte to lift the Generation Cup on countback at Kingsthorpe GC.



Future looks bright for County Boys

THEO Brown (pictured right), Ed Keech, Yeong Bin Lee, Max Faulkner, Joe Quinn and Luis Witherall were successful in representing Northants in the Midlands Boys Under-14's Team Championship.

The county line-up grabbed the plaudits by four strokes from home county Derbyshire on the par three course at Broughton Heath GC.

The Northamptonshire boys also won the Keith Tripp Trophy after finishing two ahead of Derbyshire at Lingdale GC in Leicestershire.

Despite being a player down through illness, the Boys Under-16's team showed their battling qualities in the Midlands County Cup event as they finished runners-up at Great Barr GC.



Oundle youngster takes Midland title

TOM Forster won the 2016 Midland Boys Amateur Championship by a single stroke with a level par total of 144 over 36 holes at St. Ives GC.

The Oundle teenager (pictured right) carded a two-under-par second round of 70 to nudge clear of The Warwickshire's Tom Charley.

First round leader Charlie Salter (Northants County) finished a further shot back in third as the England Boys international was unable to rediscover his very best after a brilliant morning 70.





Boys U18's bag third in national finals

NORTHANTS Boys Under-18's reached the England Finals for the second successive year as they went on to finish third at Cumberwell Park GC.

The line-up of Ben Jones, Callum Farr, Charlie Salter, Tom Forster, Fergus Robinson and Luke Barney made a slow start to the Final as they lost the opening game against Hertfordshire 5-4.

Needing a win on the second day to have any chance of glory, Northants responded in stunning fashion as they defeated Yorkshire, who were victorious on the opening day.

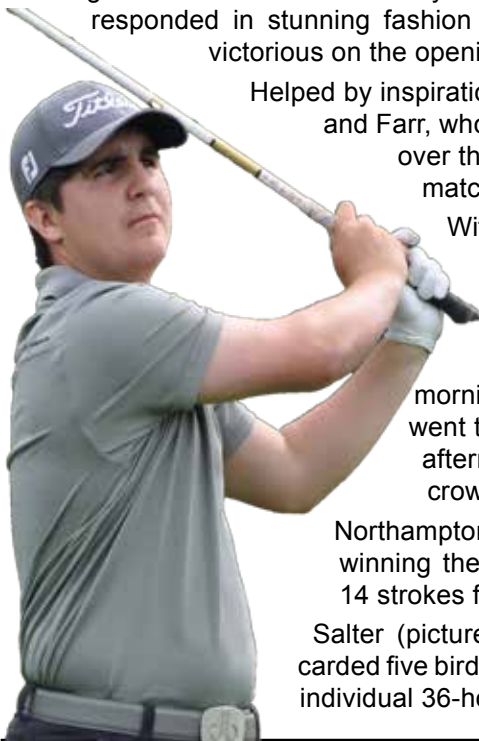
Helped by inspirational morning foursomes play from Jones and Farr, who had a run of five birdies and two eagles over the front nine, the team went on to win the match 5-4.

With Hertfordshire losing on the second day, Northants knew that a comfortable win against host county Wiltshire on the last day should be enough to take the title.

Unfortunately, despite halving the morning foursomes, when all three games went to the 18th, the county couldn't claim the afternoon singles as Wiltshire retained their crown with a 5½-3½ win.

Northamptonshire reached the national finals after winning the qualifying competition by an incredible 14 strokes from Staffordshire at Kidderminster GC.

Salter (pictured left) led the way as the 16-year-old carded five birdies in both his rounds to shoot the leading individual 36-hole total of one-under-par 143.



2016 England Under-18 Boys Championship table

County	W	D	L	PF	PA	PD	Pts
Wiltshire	2	0	1	16	11	5	4
Yorkshire	2	0	1	15½	11½	4	4
Northamptonshire	1	0	2	12½	14½	-2	2
Hertfordshire	1	0	2	10	17	-7	2





First Scratch Team Cup for Northants

NORTHAMPTONSHIRE Girls lifted the Scratch Team Cup for the first time as they defeated Buckinghamshire 4-2 in the 2016 South Regional Final at Moseley GC.

Skipped by Rayner Edwards, the side of Becky MacLaren, Ellie Darnell, Millie Billson, Hattie Billson and Sinead Birks showed their battling qualities against a side with lower handicaps on an unfamiliar course.

MacLaren and Millie Billson gave the county an excellent start by winning their matches, before Darnell added another point as she fought back from three holes down to defeat her opponent with a brilliant 25 footer on the 18th hole.

Although Edwards and Hattie Billson lost close matches, Northants grabbed the plaudits when Birks overturned a three hole deficit early on to clinch the winning point on the 18th.

Ashleigh Critchley, Charlotte Gilkes and Katie Amos were also part of the county squad (pictured right).



Plenty more success for County Girls

HATTIE Billson, Ashleigh Critchley and Rayner Edwards (pictured right) formed the winning team in the net competition of the Four Counties Girls Championship at Northampton GC.

Billson also finished runner-up in the individual net category thanks to a score of 70, while Katie Amos clinched the fourth prize on countback with a 71.

In the nine-hole competition, Emily Grace Horsted bagged 20 points to finish two ahead of Jade Potter.





Seniors retain Anglian League crown

NORTHAMPTONSHIRE Seniors team clinched the Anglian League title for the third year in a row with a 8½-6½ victory against Cambridgeshire at Barkway Park GC.

After halving the foursomes, the reigning champions took control in the afternoon singles as points from Alan Freeman (5&4), Gary Hardy (4&3), Ted Dunn (3&2) and MacDonald (6&4), and a half from Richard Cole, put them on the brink of glory.

County President Roger Butler had the pleasure of claiming the winning point as he shook hands with his opponent on the 16th green.

It all started with an away victory against Suffolk at Stowmarket GC in May as the team (pictured below) triumphed by the scoreline 9½-5½. The seniors then backed it up with home wins over Lincolnshire and Norfolk at Northants County GC and Kettering GC respectively.



2016 Seniors East Anglian League table

County	W	D	L	PF	PA	PD	Pts
Northamptonshire	4	0	0	36	24	12	8
Norfolk	3	0	1	32½	27½	5	6
Suffolk	2	0	2	30	30	0	4
Lincolnshire	1	0	3	26½	33½	-7	2
Cambridgeshire	0	0	4	25	35	-10	0



Strong finish to tough Anglian League

NORTHAMPTONSHIRE ended a fluctuating 2016 Anglian League campaign on a high as both the first and second teams recorded wins against Norfolk in September. With Paul Hodgkiss and Michael Farr (pictured left to right) playing, the first team secured a 8-4 home success, while the reserves enjoyed a 8½-3½ away victory.

The results meant both county sides finished fourth in the Anglian League table with five points apiece.

A 7½-4½ win at home to Suffolk in June was the only other victory for the main team, but another highlight for Mike Gilbrook's outfit was a battling draw at Cambridge in July.

After losing their opening two fixtures of the year to Lincolnshire and Suffolk, the second string showed plenty of character as Tom Burgh's side beat Cambridgeshire 7-5 at home, before they grabbed a share of the spoils away to Leicestershire and Rutland.



2016 Anglian League tables

First Team	W	D	L	PF	PA	PD	Pts
Leicestershire & Rutland	5	0	0	43	17	26	10
Norfolk	3	0	2	29	31	-2	6
Lincolnshire	2	1	2	32.5	27.5	5	5
Northamptonshire	2	1	2	27.5	32.5	-5	5
Cambridgeshire	0	3	2	25	35	-10	3
Suffolk	0	1	4	23	37	-14	1

Second Team	W	D	L	PF	PA	PD	Pts
Lincolnshire	5	0	0	41	19	22	10
Suffolk	4	0	1	36.5	23.5	13	8
Leicestershire & Rutland	2	1	2	32	28	4	5
Northamptonshire	2	1	2	28.5	31.5	-3	5
Cambridgeshire	1	0	4	23.5	36.5	-13	2
Norfolk	0	0	5	18.5	41.5	-23	0



Northants blown off course at Seacroft

THE county men's team couldn't capitalise on a positive start to their Eastern Counties challenge as they finished eighth out of nine on the seaside links at Seacroft GC.

The Northants selection of Sam Henfrey, Paul Hodgkiss, Michael Farr, Harry Woan, Callum Farr, Lewis White, Miles



Mudge, Chris White, Ben Jones and Fraser Carnihan (pictured above left-to-right, with team captain Greg Croxton and Jack Brown, centre front) all contributing on the first morning, the county beat Berks, Bucks & Oxon, but narrowly lost to Suffolk.

Although double county champion Brown came into the Northamptonshire line-up in the afternoon session, the team struggled to cope with eventual winners Leicestershire & Rutland and an in-form Norfolk outfit as they lost both matches by the scoreline 4-1.

A change in weather the following day brought about a change of fortune for the team in the morning as they made the most of the warmer conditions to secure five and a half points against Bedfordshire and Lincolnshire.

Needing a strong afternoon display against Cambridgeshire and Essex to have any chance of a high finish, Northants couldn't fully recover from a poor start as they lost both matches by a single point.

2016 Eastern Counties table (points each day)

County Team	Saturday	Sunday	Total
Leicestershire & Rutland	15	12½	27½
Suffolk	14½	10	24½
Norfolk	11½	10	21½
Essex	6	14½	20½
Bedfordshire	12	8	20
Lincolnshire	9½	10	19½
Cambridgeshire	11	8½	19½
Northamptonshire	8	9½	17½
Berks, Bucks & Oxon	2½	7	9½



No return for ladies in County Week

A GOOD team spirit was not enough in Ladies County Week as the Northamptonshire side suffered defeats in all five matches at Temple GC in Berkshire.

After losing a rain-affected opening game against eventual winners Buckinghamshire 5-1, the team came closest to grabbing something on the second and third days as they were beaten by a single point by both Oxfordshire and Warwickshire.



Day four saw a 6-3 reverse to the host county, before Worcestershire and Herefordshire inflicted a fifth defeat on Northants, for the second successive year, by the scoreline 7-2 on the last day.

Charlotte Taylor was the stand out player for the county as she won four and lost just one of her seven games, while county champion Thalia Martin remained unbeaten until the singles on the last day.

Pictured above (Back row left-to-right): Ellie Darnell, Becky MacLaren, Thalia Martin, Alex Banham, Charlotte Taylor. (Front row): Mary MacLaren, Carol Gibbs, Rosie Youngman. (Squad player not pictured Rachel Smith).

2016 Ladies County Week table

County	W	D	L	PF	PA	PD	Pts
Buckinghamshire	5	0	0	27½	14½	13	5
Berkshire	4	0	1	27	15	12	4
Worcestershire & Herefordshire	3	0	2	25	17	8	3
Warwickshire	2	0	3	18½	23½	-5	2
Oxfordshire	1	0	4	14	28	-14	1
Northamptonshire	0	0	5	14	28	-14	0



2017 NGL Fixtures

Date	Event	Venue	Category
April 9	Roses Spring Cup	Priors Hall	Girls
April 9	Roses Spring Fun Competition	Priors Hall	Girls
April 29	Men's Higgs Bowl*	Peterborough Milton	Men
May 5	County Ladies Championship	Northants County	Ladies
May 26	Men's NGL Open*	Staverton	Men
May 29	Family Foursomes	Overstone	Mixed
June 2	County Boys Championship	Kettering	Boys
June 2	County Girls Championship	Kettering	Girls
June 2	Junior Inter Team Championship	Kettering	Boys & Girls
June 8	Ladies Fourball Betterball	Northampton	Ladies
June 17	Men's County Championship*	Wellingborough	Men
July 6	Ladies Intermediate Championship	Oundle	Ladies
July 6	Ladies Bronze Championship	Oundle	Ladies
July 14	Seniors County Championship	Northampton	Seniors
July 22	Men's Scratch Foursomes*	Silverstone	Men
August 10	Ladies Fourball Am-Am	Wellingborough	Ladies
August 16	Ladies Goodyear Cup	Kettering	Ladies
August 19	Men's Stableford Cup	Cold Ashby	Men
September 11	Seniors Pairs Open	Wellingborough	Seniors
September 21	Ladies Charity Medal	Overstone	Ladies
September 26	Ladies Bouverie Bowl	Northants County	Ladies
October 1	Men's Champion of Champions	Northampton	Men
October 1	Roses Autumn Fun Competition	Hellidon Lakes	Girls
October 1	Roses Autumn Cup	Hellidon Lakes	Girls
October 4	Ladies Senior Championship	Whittlebury	Ladies
October 4	Ladies Tazza Trophy	Whittlebury	Ladies
October 7	Men's Izzard Trophy	Collingtree	Men
October 8	Mixed Fourball Betterball	Rushden	Mixed
October 13	NGL Am-Am	Kingsthorpe	Men & Ladies
October 15	Roses Generation Cup	Kingsthorpe	Girls
October 20	Boys & Girls KO Finals Day	Wellingborough	Boys & Girls

* Order of Merit events