

# NORTHAMPTONSHIRE **GOLF**



**2018**

**The Driving Force in County Golf**

# 2018: Special year for Northamptonshire

AS one of the smallest counties in England, in terms of number of Golf Clubs, Northamptonshire has a reputation of continually punching above its weight - and 2018 was no exception.

Players representing the Rose of the Shires enjoyed team and individual success at regional level, and occasionally national level, during the year.

The men's first team won the Anglian League for the fourth time, as they overcame a narrow loss in their opening fixture to storm to the title with four impressive wins over the other counties.

The seniors have been the dominant force in regional golf for a couple of years, but they took their performances to another level in 2018 as they remained unbeaten in competitive fixtures.

Alan Wrigley's side won the Anglian League and East Midlands League, before they completed an unprecedented treble by winning the Midlands Final.

Although the Boys just missed out on retaining their Midlands Six-Man Team crown, the Girls, many of whom represented the ladies at County Week, made no mistake in the Midlands South Final as they took the Scratch title for the second year in a row, and also won the Handicap Final.

For the ladies, Christina Hancock and Ann Lester won the Coronation Foursomes at St. Andrews.

Junior golf continues to go from strength to strength as Charlie Salter triumphed at Midlands level and also qualified for the Faldo Series Grand Final in UAE, alongside Max Hayward, while Ashleigh Critchley won two Midlands Girls titles, the Abraham Trophy and the Scottish Under-14s.

Teenager Ben Jones was promoted into the England A Squad and, if that's not enough, Robin 'Tiger' Williams represented Europe in the Junior Ryder Cup and had the pleasure of meeting his hero, 14-time major winner Tiger Woods.



# Northamptonshire Teams 2018

## Men's first team:

Anglia League v Leics: Lost 6½-5½.  
 Anglia League v Norfolk: Won 8½-3½.  
 Anglia League v Lincs: Won 7½-4½.  
 Anglia League v Suffolk: Won 7½-4½.  
 Anglia League v Cambs: Won 8½-3½.  
 Anglian League: Champions.  
 Eastern Counties Foursomes: Seventh.  
 Midland Team Championships: Fourth.  
 Friendly v Beds: Won 12-3.  
 Friendly v Warwicks: Lost 8-7.

## Men's second team:

Anglia League v Leics: Lost 7-5.  
 Anglia League v Norfolk: Lost 6½-5½.  
 Anglia League v Lincs: Lost 6½-5½.  
 Anglia League v Suffolk: Lost 7½-4½.  
 Anglia League v Cambs: Won 9-3.  
 Anglian League: Sixth.  
 Friendly v Warwicks: Lost 11½-3½.

## Ladies first team:

County Week v Berks: Lost 3-2.  
 County Week v Bucks: Lost 3½-1½.  
 County Week v Oxfords: Lost 3½-1½.  
 County Week v Warwicks: Won 3-2.  
 County Week v H'ford & Worcs: Won 3-2.

## Ladies second team:

Friendly v H'ford & Worcs: Lost 5½-3½.  
 Friendly v Warwicks: Won 7-2.

## Boys:

U-18 League v Lincs: Won 8-7.  
 U-18 League v Cambs: Drew 7½-7½.  
 U-18 League v Leics: Lost 8-7.  
 Midlands Six-Boys Team: Runners-up.  
 Four Counties: Runners-up.  
 U-16 Midland Team Cup: Fourth.  
 U-14 Midland Team: Sixth.  
 U-14 friendly v Beds: Won 3-2.  
 U-14 friendly v Cambs: Won 11-5.

## Men's Past Captains:

Friendly v Ladies  
 Past Captains:  
 Lost 232-221.  
 Friendly v Bucks:  
 Won 7-1.

## Seniors:

Anglian League v Suffolk: Won 9½-5½.  
 Anglian League v Cambs: Drew 7½-7½.  
 Anglian League v Norfolk: Won 9½-5½.  
 Anglian League v Lincs: Won 8-7.  
 Anglian League: Champions.  
 East Midland League v Notts: Won 13½-4½.  
 East Midland League v Cambs: Won 10-8.  
 East Midland League v Leics: Won 9½-8½.  
 East Midland League v Lincs: Won 9½-8½.  
 East Midland League: Champions.  
 Midland Final v Worcs: Won 9-3.  
 Friendly v Shrops & H'ford: Lost 11-7.  
 Friendly v Warwicks: Lost 10½-7½.  
 Friendly v Derbys: Won 10-8.  
 Friendly v Worcs: Lost 12½-5½.  
 Friendly v Staffs: Won 10-8.  
 Friendly v Northants Vets: Won 3½-2½.

## Girls:

East Mids Scratch v Warwicks: Won 6-0.  
 East Mids Scratch v H'ford & Worcs: Drew 3-3.  
 South Mids Scratch Final v Bucks: Won 4-2.  
 East Mids H'Cap v Warwicks: Won 2-1.  
 East Mids H'Cap v H'ford & Worcs: Won 2-1.  
 South Mids Handicap Final v Bucks: Won 2-1.  
 Roses 'experience' friendly v Beds: Lost 4-0.

## Ladies Vets:

First team v Warwicks: Won 5-3.  
 First team v Leics: Won 5-3.  
 First team v Lincs: Won 5-3.  
 Second team v Cambs: Drew 4-4.  
 Second team v Lincs: Won 5-3.  
 Second team v Leics: Won 6½-1½.  
 Second team v Beds: Won 5½-2½.  
 Third team v Staffs: Lost 7-1.  
 Third team v Leics: Drew 4-4.  
 County 'A' Team: Champions.

## Ladies Past Captains:

Friendly v Cambs:  
 Drew 3-3.  
 Friendly v Leics:  
 Lost 5½-2½.

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# NGL County Champions 2018

## County Men's Championship:

Gross: Liam McNeela (Northants County).

Net: Owen Watts (Northants County).

Team: Northants County.

## County Ladies Championship:

Gross: Ellie Darnell (Wellingborough).

Swannell Salver: Claire Lindsay (Northampton).

Intermediate Gross: Miriam Johnson (Wellingborough).

Intermediate Net: Sally Bingham (Kettering).

Bronze Gross: Suzanne Hope (Kettering).

Bronze Net: Sue Mobbs (Kettering).

## County Boys Championship:

Gross: Charlie Salter (Northants County).

Net: Mark Stockdale (Overstone Park).

Irish Cup: Mark Stockdale (Overstone Park).

Shoe & Leather Cup: Overstone Park.

Scottish Cup: Overstone Park.

## County Girls Championship:

Gross: Ashleigh Critchley (Kettering).

Net: Shivani Karthikeyan (Peterborough Milton).

## County Academy Par 3 Championship:

Gross: Joseph Hyde (Kettering).

Net: Morgan Creswell (Peterborough Milton).

## County Men's Seniors Championship:

Gross: Alan Wrigley (Northants County).

Net: David Dare (Northampton).

Gross Team: Peterborough Milton.

Net Team: Northampton.

## County Ladies Seniors Championship:

Gross: Carol Gibbs (Wellingborough).

Net: Ida Jane Huggins (Wellingborough).



# Glory for Liam, Ellie, Charlie and Ashleigh

LIAM McNeela became County Men's Champion for the first time as he beat Northants County club-mates Luis Witherall and Michael Farr in a three-hole play-off at Northampton GC.

The Scratch golfer, who tied for first place in the 36-hole event after he added a magnificent blemish-free 66 to an opening round of 73, parred the 16th and 17th holes in the play-off, before holing a five-footer for a winning birdie on the 18th hole.

Ellie Darnell lifted the County Ladies Championship trophy as she went one better than her runners-up finish last year by triumphing on her home course at Wellingborough GC. The teenager beat Rosie Youngman (Northampton) in the final.

Reigning Champion Claire Lindsay (Northampton), who beat Darnell in the final 12 months ago, lifted the Ladies Swannell Salver with victory over club-mate Lorraine Gilder.

Charlie Salter (Northants County) and Ashleigh Critchley (Kettering) were crowned Boys and Girls County Champions respectively for 2018 at Oundle GC.

Last year's County Men's Champion Salter was imperious as he opened with a 71, before carding three birdies and an eagle two on the 12th hole in a second round 69 to finish seven shots clear.

It was a lot closer in the Girls competition as Critchley needed a play-off to beat 2017 winner Darnell after the duo tied for first place on 155.

At the other end of the experience scale, Alan Wrigley (Northants County) and Carol Gibbs (Wellingborough) won the two Seniors Championships in 2018.

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## NGL Knockouts 2018

**Singles:** Jensen Parfitt (Collingtree Park).

**Fourball Betterball:** Darren Buchan & Pete Dee (Priors Hall).

**Foursomes:** Dennis Mathers & Paul White (Cold Ashby).

**Scratch Singles:** Tiger Adams (Wellingborough).

**Boys Scratch Singles:** Joe Witty (Northants County).

**Girls Scratch Singles:** Ashleigh Critchley (Kettering).

**Seniors Team:** Whittlebury Park.



# NGL Competition Winners 2018

**Higgs Bowl:** Lee Smith (Kettering).

**NGL Open:** Michael Campbell (Kettering).

**Family Foursomes:** Paul Askew & Liam Askew (Cold Ashby).

**Scratch Foursomes:** Taylor Sargeant (Kingsthorpe) & Sam Henfrey (Whittlebury Park).

**Stableford Cup:** Taylor Sargeant (Kingsthorpe) & Garry Tindle (Overstone Park).

**Izzard Trophy:** Individual: Robert Arnold (Farthingstone). Team: Collingtree Park.

**Seniors Pairs Open:** Glenn Harris & Ricky Sanders (both Wellingborough).

**Men's Champion of Champions:** Mikey Chambers (Overstone Park).

**Ladies Champion of Champions:** Thalia Martin (Peterborough Milton).

**Ladies Vets Spring Meeting:** Senior Cup: Phyl Cook (Peterborough Milton). Silver: Pauline Hurley (Elton Furze). Bronze 1: Gill Rivers (Wellingborough). Bronze 2: Juliette Parish (Whittlebury).

**Ladies Vets Summer Meeting:** Paula Teckham (Staverton), Irene McGowan (Kingsthorpe), Mary Ganley & Betty McGowan (both Delapre).

**Ladies Vets Autumn Am-Am:** Lin Johnson, Chris Rudkin, Karin Henderson & Carla Myhill (all Elton Furze).

**Ladies Past Captains Am-Am:** Madeline Henderson (Kingsthorpe), Julie Edwards (Delapre), Sandy Burgess (Overstone Park) & Maureen Core (Rushden).

**Ladies Fourball Betterball:** Lema Townsend & Ida Jane Huggins (both Wellingborough).

**Ladies Fourball Am-Am:** Carol Gibbs, Gill Snelson (both Wellingborough), Sue Potter & Leah Ribano (both Northampton).

**Ladies Bouverie Bowl:** Jane Petts (Northampton).

**Ladies NGL Charity Medal:** Joanne de Waele (Whittlebury Park).

**Ladies NGL Tazza Trophy:** Mary Ganley (Delapre).

**Girls Roses Spring Cup 18-hole:** Chelsey Sharp (Kettering).

**Girls Roses Spring Cup Nine-hole Fun:** Eleanor Hamilton (Northampton).

**Girls Roses Autumn Cup 18-hole:** Gracie Murray (Kettering).

**Girls Roses Autumn Cup Nine-hole Fun:** Olivia Barby (Wellingborough).

**Mixed Fourball Betterball:** Sue Potter & Terence Gelder (both Northampton).

**Past Captain's Winter Meeting:** Peter Coles (Whittlebury) & John Bishop (Kettering).

**Men's Order of Merit:** Michael Farr (Northants County).

**Junior Order of Merit:** Boys 18-hole Gross: Theo Brown (Northants County). Boys 18-hole Net: Mark Stockdale (Northampton). Girls 18-hole Gross: Ashleigh Critchley (Kettering). Girls 18-hole Net: Shivani Karthikeyan (Peterborough Milton). Boys Nine-hole: Jack Meakin (Wellingborough). Girls Nine-hole: Olivia Barby (Wellingborough).

**Junior Order of Merit Grand Final:** Boys 18-hole Gross: Jacob Williams (Peterborough Milton). Boys 18-hole Net: Oliver Godwin (Overstone Park). Girls 18-hole Gross: Hattie Billson (Northants County). Girls 18-hole Net: Katie Amos (Northampton). Boys Nine-hole: Isaac Wakefield (Peterborough Milton). Girls Nine-hole: Demi-Leigh Petruschke (Overstone Park).





# NGL Leagues 2018

**Scratch League Division 1:** Northants County.  
**Scratch League Division 2:** Staverton Park.  
**Scratch League Division 3:** Collingtree Park.  
**Intermediate League:** Collingtree Park.  
**Hollingsworth Trophy:** Wellingborough.  
**Handicap League:** Brampton Heath.  
**Junior League:** Peterborough Milton A.  
**Ladies Scratch League:** Wellingborough.  
**Ladies Intermediate League:** Peterborough Milton.  
**Ladies Cecil Leitch:** Oundle.



## Future remains bright as juniors lead the way

NORTHANTS County and Wellingborough produced dominant performances to regain their Men's and Ladies Scratch League titles respectively after missing out in 2017.

County's success in the men's event was built around a nucleus of talented youngsters as they recorded some impressive wins, including thrashing defending champions Wellingborough twice.

A combination of youth and experience helped Wellingborough's Ladies to the 2018 Scratch title as they collected four wins out of four matches.

Collingtree Park's men enjoyed a stellar year as their Scratch squad were promoted to the second division, the Intermediate team won the final, while the Handicap side came close to retaining their title before losing out to an impressive Brampton Heath outfit in the final.

Peterborough Milton picked up two team first prizes as the Ladies won the Intermediate League, while the club's youngsters beat Kettering B in the Junior League.

Milton also provided some of the leading golfers in the rejuvenated NGL Junior Order of Merit as the series saw record fields throughout the season, culminating in a successful Grand Final.

Jacob Williams (Milton) won the Boys Gross 18-hole Grand Final at Northants County GC, the Boys Net prize went to Oliver Godwin (Overstone Park), while the Girls Gross and Net awards were presented to Hattie Billson (Northants County) and Katie Amos (Northampton).

With the host venues running nine-hole competitions for the first time, Wellingborough's Jack Meakin and Olivia Barby won the respective Boys and Girls Order of Merits, while Isaac Wakefield (Milton) and Demi-Leigh Petruschke (Overstone) were victorious in the showpiece final event.



# NORTHAMPTONSHIREGOLF

NORTHAMPTONSHIRE Golf Ltd was formed in 2015 following the merger of the Northamptonshire Golf Union and Northamptonshire Ladies County Golf Association.

The new county governing body increased the number of Golf Clubs in the region to 27 - a couple are ladies only.

Anyone who is a member at a Golf Club affiliated to Northamptonshire Golf Ltd is eligible to compete in NGL tournaments. These are the NGL Clubs:

