

Connie Evans wins the Georgia Hall Trophy

Sturminster Marshall hosted the inaugural Georgia Hall Matchplay Finals for the Girls with handicaps over 18 at the season started over the weekend 24-25 October.

On a wet and very windy Saturday morning the conditions were tough for all the girls competing in the Quarter finals all the girls played well the results were

Katie Hampton-Rumbold beat Jessica Stainer 3 and 2

Devon Clark beat Immie Stratman 3 and 2

Connie Evans beat Lilli May Jones 5 and 4

Natalie Stainer beat Scarlett Phillips 2 UP

In the first semi-final in the afternoon Katie got off to a great start with 4 pars and birdie taking a good early lead against Devon. Devon then matched Katie through the turn but was not able to break into Katie lead resulting in a 7 and 6 victory for Katie.

The second semi-final was a closer match and Natalie taking an early lead to be 3 up against Connie after 6 holes including a 25 ft putt on the 6th. Then Connie fought back to make things all square after 10 holes. The good form continued with pars on 12 and 13 where she chipped in to take Connie in front and maintaining this Connie won the match on the 15th 5 and 3.

On Sunday the wind had dropped and but the finalist Connie and Katie still had several strong showers to deal with as they set off. With both players having the same handicap it was always going to be close competition. Connie paring the opening hole went 1 up but Katie won the second and the girls remained all square until 7th where Katie then went ahead for the first time with a good par. By the turn things were again back level. The back nine continued to be close even with Katie hitting the flag from her bunked shot on the 12th par only halved the hole. Connie then found a good run to win 3 out of 4 holes from 13 through to 16 with 3 pars being enough to take her to victory winning 3 and 2.

Congratulations to Connie Evans on her win and becoming the first winner of the Georgia Hall trophy and to Katie Hampton-Rumbold on making the final.

Many thanks go to the hosts Sturminster Marshall Golf Club, all players' parents for their support and help ball spotting and to Val Ford County President for supporting the girls on Saturday.