

Peter Alliss and Georgia Hall match play finals

The Peter Alliss and Georgia Hall competitions, take place over the winter months and are either the best three out of four or two out of three depending on how many rounds we managed to get in over the winter. The top eight go through to the match play in April. The Peter Alliss is for handicaps below 18 and the Georgia Hall 19 – 40 handicaps.

Saturday April 1st sixteen girls took part in the Peter Alliss (low handicaps) and Georgia Hall (higher handicaps) at Ferndown Golf Club on the Alliss course.

Arriving at 7:00 – and it was pouring down with rain and when we started at 08:00 it was still quite heavy rain. The course was very wet and muddy in places but still playable. The first girls out were Peter Alliss players:

Chloe Northover v Ellie Mans
Abi Cartwright Terry v Olivia Harris
Scarlett Phillips v Funky Diamond
Evie Brown v Honor Johnson.

I am very pleased to say they all went out in the rain and no one complained about the weather. Honor had to withdraw after three holes because she wasn't very well, with Evie going through to the semi-finals.

Ellie Mans won against Chloe, Abi won against Olivia, Scarlett won against Funky. All girls played very well and enjoyed playing.

In the afternoon it was the Georgia Hall and it was fine to begin with but there were a few heavy showers later in the day. The matches were between:

Poppy Overton v Molly Cartwright Tickle
Lily-Paige Littlewood v Daisy Best
Hollie Levens v Hattie Isaacs
Harmony Gaskin v Ava Dobson

The winners were – Molly Cartwright Tickle, Lily-Paige Littlewood, Hollie Levens, Harmony Gaskin.

Onto Sunday morning – a bit chilly but no rain which was great news. First to tee off –

Ellie v Abi followed by Scarlett v Evie.

Again, there was some wonderful golf played by all players and eventually Ellie and Scarlett came out winners.

In the Georgia Hall – the semi-finals were between, Molly v Lily Paige and Hollie v Harmony. We are lucky to have such young wonderful players coming through Dorset girls and their golf is amazing. Again, someone has to win and the final was between Lily-Paige and Hollie.

Sunday afternoon, at last a bit of sun and lovely conditions. The girls played amazing golf and enjoyed themselves.

The winners were – **Ellie Mans (Peter Alliss) and Hollie Levels (Georgia Hall)**, congratulations to the winners and commiseration to those that came second.

I would like to thank Ferndown Golf Club for courtesy of the course, the green keepers for managing to get the course playable after vandals had damaged the course. A big thank you to catering for tea, coffee and lovely food. Thank you to Sue in the office for keeping me informed on the state of the course.

I was very lucky in having Jo Hadley and Claire Bird help out by starting the girls and keeping them company on the course. It is a full on two days and they really helped me.

Thank you to Jo for presenting the prizes and always being happy and chatty.

Thank you to the parents as always for their support with the girls and walking around ball spotting. Without them, we wouldn't have such a good squad of juniors. Last of all thank you to the girls for playing in awful weather and not complaining once.

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