

Ladies' Open Gold Challenge Cup



The Gold Cup, established in 1926, took place last Saturday 6th April in a stiff SW wind. The golf course was in excellent condition after the wet winter and spring. The field of 41 of the best women golfers – professional and amateur – in the country were all delighted to have such a perfectly presented course and the Grounds Staff were commended for their hard work in getting the course up to scratch so early in the year.

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With some excellent scoring, Ladies' European Tour rookie professional Hannah Screen from the Centurion Club in Hertfordshire, led the way all day with two rounds of 69 for 36-hole total of 138 – six shots clear of the field.



Hannah, a much-decorated amateur, a graduate of Oklahoma State University, was delighted with her first professional win. It sets her up nicely for her forthcoming trip to South Africa where she will play in two tour events in Johannesburg (Modderfontein) and at Somerset West (Erinvale) in the Cape. Following this she is off to Korea and tour events in the Far East.

Sarah Towler, partner Russell-Cooke presenting the Gold Cup to the winner Hannah Screen

Wimbledon, who carded two rounds of 72 for level par 144.
Second professional, third overall, was Thalia Kirby from Harleyford Golf Club on 148 (72,76).
Third professional Jae Bowers on 150 (71,79).
Second amateur and seventh overall was Ella Butteriss from Beaconsfield with 151 (75,76).

On Sunday Ella was among 19 players from the Gold Cup who went on to compete in the Hampshire Rose at North Hants Golf Club in the second half of the Gold Rose Trophy, accruing double points on the women's amateur tour. Ella had two rounds of 75 to add to her scores at Roehampton Club to win the double by four shots from Hyun-Ji Kim.

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The runner-up and leading amateur was highly-commended Hyun-Ji Kim, aged 18 from Royal



Sarah Towler, partner Russell-Cooke with runner up Hyun-Ji Kim

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