

Strathmore's Margaret Young is UK Champion

On Sunday September 25th the United Kingdom Public Courses Championship Final, run by the NAPGC, was held on the Eden Course at St. Andrews. 101 players from all over Britain had reached the Final through their Club Qualifying and Regional Qualifying events, in which over 2500 players had entered in 2011.

Margaret Young from Strathmore Golf Club won the overall Ladies' Championship with 36 points over the Eden Course in testing conditions. With sunny skies but gusty, swirling winds and fast greens, she managed to brush off all competition with a good exhibition of par golf. She won the Silver Championship Trophy as the Nett Champion, together with a large glass engraved Claret jug, presented to her by **Sir Michael Bonallack, OBE.**, President of the National Association of Public Golf Courses. This is a huge boost to Strathmore Golf Club and Scottish Public & Proprietary Golf in general.

At the Presentation, Margaret said how surprised she was to have won because she was pushed into entering her Club Qualifier at the last minute by her pals. She was overwhelmed by the quality of the field in which she had competed and had the day of her life on the beautiful course at St. Andrews. This Tournament is open to every Public and Proprietary Club Member, whether their Club is an NAPGC Member or not, and is for Men, Ladies, Seniors or Juniors. Entry forms for next year will be available soon on the website at www.napgc.org.uk under UKPCC., together with photographs of this year's Prize-winners. Tournament Organiser, Maureen Brooker, said she would like many more entries from Scotland in 2012. With a good entry at Club Level it is likely that there will be 3 Regional Finals in North, Central and South Scotland to ease with travel costs.

Men's Overall Champion: Steven Hollis. Tamworth GC. 39 pts.
Ladies' Overall Champion: Margaret Young. Strathmore GC. 36 pts.
Men's Gross Champion: Matt Sheath. Southsea GC. 34 pts.
Ladies' Gross Champion: Sandra Combstock. Hoebridge CC. 28 pts.
Men's Gross Runner-up: Nicholas Pinnock. Little Hay GC. 32 pts.
Ladies' Nett Runner-up: Val Riziotis. Richmond Pk. GC. 36 pts.

Men's Division 1: 1st: James Dennison. Basildon GC. 36 pts.
2nd: Stuart Crawford. Farnham Pk. GC. 36 pts.
3rd: Chris Clayton. St. Helens GC. 35 pts.
4th: Shaun Holding. Basildon GC. 34 pts.

Ladies' Division 1: 1st: Emily Waterston. Tapton Pk. GC. 35 pts.
2nd: Anita Robinson. Western Pk. GC. 35 pts.

Men's Division 2: 1st: Kevin McCoy. Loughgall GC. 33 pts.
2nd: David Hoult. Tapton Pk. GC. 32 pts.
3rd: Tony Bent. Trent Pk. GC. 32 pts.

Ladies' Division 2: 1st: Tracy Billingham. Abbey Hill GC. 36 pts.
2nd: Kathleen Grieve. Rodway Hill GC. 34 pts.

Men's Division 3: 1st: Stuart Green. Rose Hill GC. 37 pts.
2nd: Peter Shearer. Hoebridge GC. 37 pts.
3rd: Tony Ticehurst. Hoebridge GC. 37 pts.

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