



# Leicestershire & Rutland Golf Union

Leicestershire and Rutland Golf Union's Centenary Year has continued with another host of tournaments – for all ages of golfers throughout the county.

The Anglian League fixtures reached a climax with matches against Cambridgeshire. It saw the county seconds win away 6.5-5.5 at Royston and take this title for the first time for several years. The county 1sts, playing at The Leicestershire, drew 6-6, but the title was already in the hands of Lincolnshire again.

This was the final league match for county captain Phil Thomason, a member of The Leicestershire, who has led the team for 4 years. Stuart Marriott was skipper at Royston, where the county side knew they would be champions if they won.

After the foursomes were drawn 2-2, they turned in a strong singles show, winning 4-3, one shared, for their overall victory. Celebrations followed.

A former county amateur match-play titleholder Matt Stephens (Kirby Muxloe) within days of turning professional, won the LRGU Mark Group County Open title at Longcliffe GC. Stephens scored 69-70-139 – 5-under-par.

David Mee, the Longcliffe pro, with 72-69-141 was runner-up, and teenager Ashley Mason (Glen Gorse) was the winning amateur. He had 69-74-143 and was in 3<sup>rd</sup> place overall.

Mason had to be content with second position in both the county boys' tournaments – the stroke and match-play – at his home club. Kieran Foster (Melton Mowbray) pipped him to both titles.

Both lads are aged 17 and play regularly for the county teams. Foster had 73-71 for his level par 144 total to win the stroke-play when Mason was on 147 – after 76-71 – and Jon Davies, also from Glen Gorse 72-77-149 finished third.

But the match-play finale was between Foster and Mason after the 2-days of knockout games. It was close though. Foster won by 1-hole. Foster was a 2 and 1 semi-final winner against Callum Blair another home member, with Mason winning by 3 and 2 against Jack Merry (Birstall).

The boys' Age Group Championship was at Western Park, the club celebrating its Centenary this year. Longcliffe's Jack McPhillips, won the Rae Spillane Trophy with his 63 net, when Jon Davies was runner-up 65 net, and Willesley Park's Phil Rutherford 69 took the scratch prize.

There were also age group awards for both scratch and net scores. They went to: U.12 gross David Rees (Oadby) net Jake Mogg (Melton Mowbray); U.14 gross Jake Hurst (Kibworth) net Harry Litt (Melton Mowbray); U.16 gross Oliver Dennies (Willesley Park) net Adam Wilkie (Glen Gorse); U.18 gross Luke Burrows (Cosby) net James Woodcock (Scraftoft).

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View from the 4th Green at Charnwood forest Golf Club.