

# County Pro & Am & Alliance Updates

Several more county golf union titles have been at stake in the last few weeks as the Centenary Year continues.

The 3 inter-club foursomes championships reached their climax after a summer-long campaign.

Humberstone Heights GC claimed the first title to be resolved - the mixed - when they beat Park Hill at Rothley Park. They finished 6-up on aggregate to be champions in the mixed event for the second time. They won for the first time back in the 1993 season.

On this occasion at Rothley Park, their leading pair of Lorraine Hornsby and Paul Maurice were 2-up against Park Hill's Oli Willson and Rachel Reynolds after being 1-down after the opening 18-holes. Humberstone Heights second pair – Jane Leigh and Adie Hurd - ended 4-up against Park Hill's Terri Wills and John McCreedy after they had trailed by 4-holes after the first session completing a fine fightback.

A week later the other 2 foursomes championships were settled at Birstall GC. Beedles Lake won the pro/am tournament for the first time ever. Their club professional Sean Byrne and amateur Will Slater won by 6 and 4 over 36-holes against Longcliffe club pro David Mee and Steve Critchley. Byrne and Slater were 4-up at halfway in this clash.

Rothley Park recorded their 11<sup>th</sup>. victory since 1933 when they became men's champions. They finished 11-up on aggregate in the final against Scraftoft. Rothley's Ian Anderson and Tom Roberts were all square after the opening round against Nathan Tabor and Ollie Booth, going on to be 3-up at the end of the 36-holes, while in game 2 Rothley Park's Nick Preedy and Phil Russell were 6-up at halfway against Dave Cort and Phil Norris, going on to be 8-up after the second session.

Another county golf union men's championship was also decided at Birstall – the county Club Champion of Champions event. This was won by teenager Kieran Foster (Melton Mowbray) in another success for the club. Foster, the county boys' stroke and match-play winner earlier in the summer, had rounds of 74 and 2-under-par-68 with his 142 total leaving him 4 shots ahead of 3 tied on 146 – Kevin Dandy (Longcliffe), Paul Maurice (Humberstone Heights) and Steve Sansome (Birstall).

Leicestershire & Rutland County Golf Alliance.

The county golf Alliance 2010/11 season opened recently with the first of a total of 27 tournaments scheduled up to the climax in late April next year when the Championships will take place at Forest Hill GC, one of the county's newer clubs.

But the launch of the new series of events came at Charnwood Forest, the county's oldest course. This produced a new pro medal winner – Ross Bradshaw, the Birstall assistant pro, with 2-under-par-67 who won from 2 longer established men – David Mee (Longcliffe) and Craig Shave (Whetstone) with 69 apiece shared 2<sup>nd</sup>. place.

Lutterworth professional Lee Challinor and amateur Allan Simmonds with their 60 card were first overall in the better-ball medal, ahead of second placed Shave and Cosby amateur Darren Anderson on 62 when Anderson contributed a hole-in-one with his 4-iron on the 7<sup>th</sup>. hole.

Owen Cook (Melton Mowbray) and Roger Chamberlain (Birstall) were third after a tie on 63 with Scraftoft pro Simon Wood and Lingdale amateur Graham Adani, 4<sup>th</sup>. on Alliance rule.

Pro Dan Bailey and Lutterworth amateur Ian McGahan with 64 won the pro/am prize and the am/am went to Neil Pearson (Glen Gorse) and Andrew Pearson (Lutterworth) who had a 63 score.

Father-and-son Jamie and Sam Voss were first overall in the Alliance at Rothley Park, but only after they had tied with Mark Franklin and Julian Harris, both from Glen Gorse, second on the countback. Both these pairs had 63 scores.

Kibworth GC professional Bryn Morris with his 3-under-par-68 card won the pro medal there from Matthew Cort of the host club 69, runner-up, with Clive Fromant (Rutland Co) 70 third, and two on the 71 mark – Shave and Ian Lyner (The Leicestershire) in a tie for fourth.

Lyner and Faz Dean, who carded 65, won the pro/am section, with Lutterworth's Tony Rogers and Stuart Prime, also on 65, the am/am prizewinners.

The third tournament of the autumn was held at Willesley Park where Craig Shave completed the double of winning overall in the better-ball Stableford with his amateur partner Mick Jordan (Cosby) after a 3-way tie on 41 points from Glen Gorse pro Dominic Fitzpatrick and Phil Powdrill, second; Cosby amateurs Mick Treacy and Keith Akiens, third – all decided on Alliance rule.

Shave's 2-under-68 saw him 2 in front of Matthew Cort in the pro medal, with Dominic Fitzpatrick 71, 3<sup>rd</sup>; Bryn Morris and David Mee tied fourth with their 72 rounds. Cort and Jamie Voss with 40 points picked up the pro/am prize and with a similar return Cosby's Darren Anderson and Mick Wells won the am/am section.