

Glen Gorse Girls

Report by Bob Blair, the junior organiser at GGGC



What a fantastic effort the Glen Gorse Junior Girls Team made in their attempt to get to the National Finals of the Home International Inter-Club Championships on Monday 4th October 2010. The sun shone at Studley Wood GC in the heart of Oxfordshire as the team of 6 battled hard to overcome this very testing venue in this Regional Final. When they registered an hour before Tee-Off they expected to find themselves up against 2 other Girls Teams from Clubs based in the Chiltern and Friern Leagues. Then they discovered that the 2 other all girls teams were actually composed of players from several clubs within each of those Leagues. For Glen Gorse it was almost like a Club side competing against an International side or in this case two of them. What a challenge it was going to be to overcome the odds and brush these two composite League Teams aside to get to the National Finals.

This is the first time that invitations have been made to All Girls Teams to compete in this prestigious competition so Glen Gorse have now made their own bit of history by being the only Club in the country to field a Girls Team who are all members of the same Club, and if there were prizes for the best dressed team they would have won easily, and that includes the other 10 competing Teams that were either all boys or of mixed gender.

Studley Wood GC was in great condition despite several days of heavy rain. This course looks like it's well worth playing if you ever get the chance. The greens were probably the trickiest test as apart from being very speedy they were also extremely difficult to read, with so many hidden undulations. This is definitely the kind of course where you need a lot of local knowledge and a bit of luck, but with 5 scores out of 6 to count the Glen Gorse Girls still fancied their chances, and all 6 showed great determination and composure throughout their rounds. Emily Jefferson got the best score of the Team with a nett 69, 4 under par.

No they didn't get through to the National Finals but they did not disgrace themselves, finishing only 8 shots behind the Chiltern League and 4 shots behind the Friern League. Whilst the Glen Gorse Team may probably rue a few missed opportunities they can hold their heads up and say that they gave it their best shot, they enjoyed themselves and they'll be back to have another go, hopefully next year.

They had some great support on the day from parents, members of The Ladies Section, Club Officials and Helen Buckingham who runs County Junior Girls Team matters. The Team can all be very proud of their performances. They were a credit, not just to Glen Gorse but also to the LRGU.

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