

Alresford Cup

ALRESFORD CUP 2011 **Sunday 2nd October, at Alresford GC, Hants**

*(Trophy presented by the Ladies of Alresford Golf Club in 2005
for an Inter-County Junior Girls Team Event)*

*(Each county fields a team of six junior girls who each play an
individual full handicap Stableford round. The best four scores count.
Each team consists of one player in the handicap range 0-9, two players with
handicaps 10-15, two players with handicaps 16-24, and one player with a
handicap of 25-30)*

Our team for the 2011 Alresford Cup was:

*Elodie-Jane Yates (handicap 0-9), Amber Cockram & Penny Brown (handicaps 10-15),
Megan Edwards & Zhane Mayo (handicaps 16-24), and Anya Olsen (handicap 25-30)*

What a day at Alresford this year – hot, hot, hot like summer, course outstanding as always, and the perennial warm welcome you are sure to receive from all members and staff at Alresford GC. Congratulations to Surrey for winning the trophy for the third successive year. The first Alresford Cup was held in 2005, when five counties took part: Essex, Hampshire, Hertfordshire, Surrey and Sussex. Kent joined in 2006, Berkshire and Buckinghamshire came on board in 2010, and this year Dorset brought the number of counties involved up to nine. It is a special day in the junior calendar and great to see the teams arriving, with many of girls representing their counties for the first time.

From the earliest scores returned it was clear that Surrey was on top form and it would be unwise to bet against their hat trick of cup wins. The second and third groups confirmed the high bar they were setting, although other counties were not making it easy for them. Bucks and Kent were chasing hard, and newcomers Dorset were also scoring well on their first visit. Herts had a really hard job to do with only four players and all four scores to count, but by the end of proceedings the magnificent best score of the day from Moor Park's Georgie Wisbey had taken them up to equal 4th place. But Surrey never wavered. All six of their Stableford scores were in the thirties, a superb performance from the entire team which produced a Stableford total of 145 points from the four counting scores. As in 2010, this year's runners-up were Buckinghamshire on 136 points, and Berkshire's five players brought them 3rd place on 131.

Although the Sussex team tried as hard as they might they could only score 126 which unfortunately put them in 9th place. Each year a player who has not competed in the Alresford Cup is chosen to represent Sussex, perhaps next year a more experienced team who have played the course previously might be chosen – watch this space.

Congratulations to Surrey on their hat trick of Alresford Cup wins. Meanwhile many thanks as ever to all at Alresford GC for their hard work and wonderfully welcoming hospitality.