

# **West of England Amateur Open Ladies' Championship For the HARPER SALVER 2009**

The above competition was held at Bath Golf Club on Sunday 14<sup>th</sup> June and the very worthy winner this year was Hannah Barwood from Knowle Golf Club with a handicap of +3. This is the 7<sup>th</sup> time Hannah has played in this competition and has previously been 2<sup>nd</sup> 3 times but at last her perseverance has paid off and she has won the Harper Salver. Her total of 145 was 3 points ahead of her nearest rival Tara Watters from Muswell Hill. She did this after reaching the quarter finals of the British Amateur Open at Royal St David's Golf Club last week and after recovering from a upset stomach.



Conditions were ideal for golf and this was reflected in the magnificent scores. Each hole had been birdied and there were 7 eagles over the 2 rounds which showed the great quality of the golf. 50 ladies played from 40 different clubs with ages ranging upwards from 11 years of age. The youngest competitor was Eloise Healy from Lee Park with an age and handicap of 11. Russell Covey the golf professional at Bath Golf Club described her swing as "awesome" and as she played to her handicap in the morning and then 2 under in the afternoon round I think we will see much of her in the future.

Thank you once again to Mrs Diney Costeloe for her kind sponsorship and also to Gloucestershire Ladies' County Golf Association for their additional funding. We are very grateful to these sponsors and were pleased that Diney and Jenny Clink President of the GLCGA were able to be there for the presentation.

Thank you to everyone at Bath Golf Club especially Richard Lennon and Russell Covey who helped make the day run so smoothly and for the great hospitality they showed us. The course was in excellent condition which is thanks to Andy Boyse and his team. Also thanks to Lady Captain Jane Iredale and her team of ball spotters who did a magnificent job in helping the girls find any slightly wayward golf ball and to Jenny Hobbs for being our Rules Advisor.

Congratulations again to Hannah and we all wish her well in the coming year and look forward to her returning next year to defend her title.