

Women & Golf

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The sixth Women & Golf Bermuda Trophy took place last month at Port Royal Golf Club. Forty women golfers representing 23 golf clubs arrived on the beautiful island for what proved to be a fabulous week of golf and lots of fun on and off the course



The Bermuda Trophy was once again hosted and run by former LET player Christine Langford who was also on hand to offer coaching and encouragement.

The week began with a fun Texas Scramble event to enable players to get to know each other and for many it was their first opportunity to get to grips with the challenging Port Royal golf course.

The winning team comprised of Susan MacVicar (Nairn), Emma Duckworth (Knebworth, Herts), Kate Gregory (Highpost, Wilts) and Karen Lewis (Hintlesham Hall, Suffolk), and although playing the course for the first time, they had no difficulty in taming Port Royal, scoring an amazing four-under-par gross with five birdies on the card.

Day one of the championship brought near perfect weather conditions. Anita Tullett (Langley Park, Kent) posted an early lead with 35 points but was pipped by Jan Scott (Kingswood, Surrey) who topped the leaderboard by one point with 36 points.

After a well-deserved day off round two got underway. The wind had picked up and provided some tricky playing conditions, particularly on the huge and fast Port Royal greens. Nairn's Susan MacVicar, a 10 handicapper and perhaps no stranger to windy conditions, carded a more than respectable 32 points to elevate her to joint second place with Shirley Darrah (Aspley Guise, Beds) who also had 32 points. An exceptionally fine score of 36 points saw 6 handicapper Ailsa Fraser (Army Club, Hants) leapfrog her way to a one point lead going into the final round.

With everything to play for, conditions were once again ideal. After 9 holes

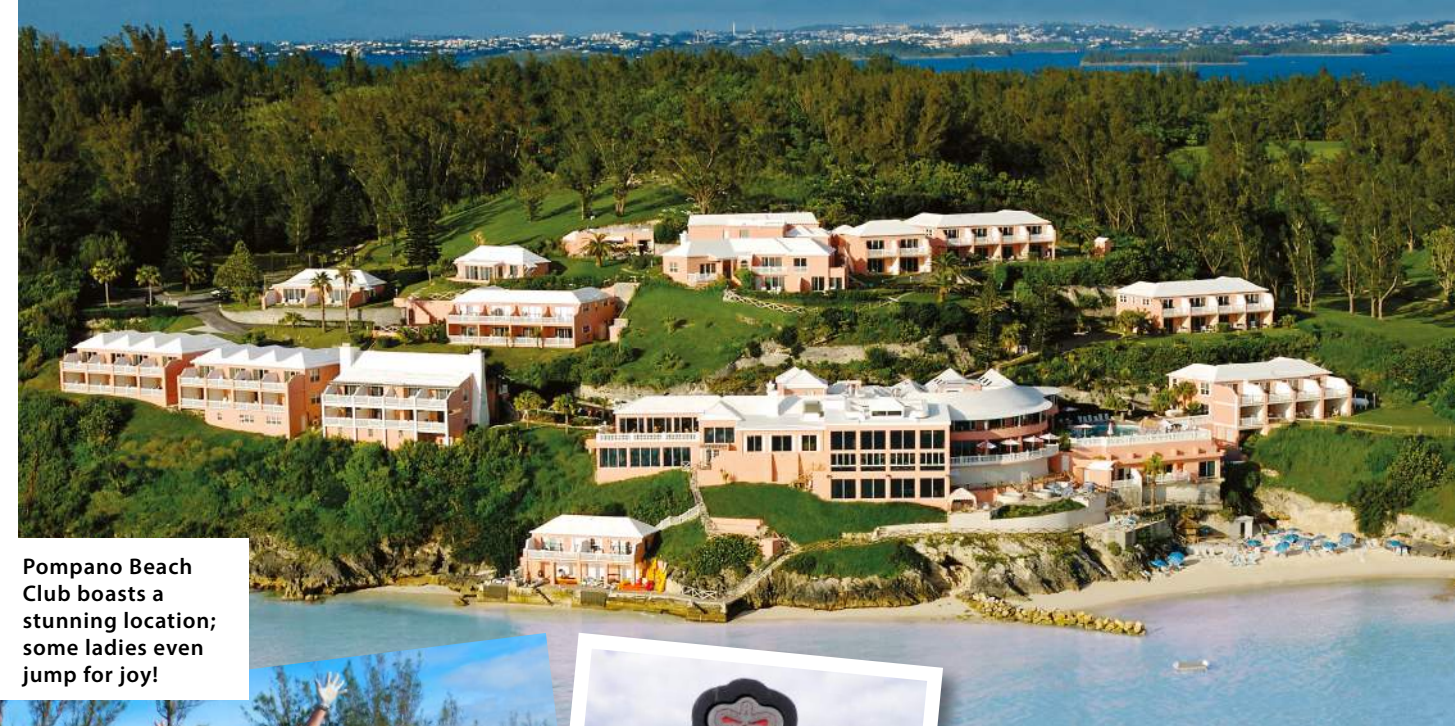
Susan MacVicar led by a point and with Ailsa a further 3 points behind after the 13th hole it looked like the Scot had it in the bag, however, Ailsa played a magnificent final 5 holes, making two birdies, including one at the 14th, the hardest hole on the course, to amass 13 points and snatch victory by 2 points from Susan. Kate Gregory (Highpost) came third with a final round of 35 points, while Kjersti Simonsen from Norway, Shirley Darrah and Jan Scott shared fourth place.

Ailsa won the tournament in 2013 and was runner-up in 2014 so she certainly has the measure of Port Royal! As well as winning the coveted Women & Golf Bermuda Trophy, she received a beautiful ETIQUIS timepiece and a pair of G-FORE golf shoes. Commenting on the week, Ailsa said:

"I am thrilled to have won the tournament again. This year the opposition was tough and it was so close going into the final round. It was good to have so many new players, it's a great trip with some really good people coming together on a fabulous island."



The delighted champion Ailsa Fraser (top); Susan MacVicar (above) just missed out; the class of 2015



Pompano Beach Club boasts a stunning location; some ladies even jump for joy!



The beautiful ETIQUIS timepiece was the star prize; always time for tea; ducks didn't want to miss out

As well as the 54-hole event the competitors took part in some fun team formats. Susan MacVicar and Karen Lewis won the Bermuda Blind Date Pairs. On the final day the team event was won by Rachael Paul (The Bristol), Marie Ellis (Frinton), Mary Dolman (Saltford) and Annette Smith (Haydock Park).

At the prize presentation Alex Madieros, Director of Golf at Port Royal, said:

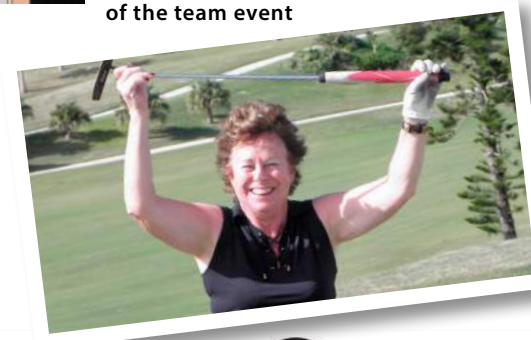
"We are honoured to host the Women & Golf Bermuda Trophy, all of the ladies are such fun to be around and they play some incredible golf."

As well as enjoying playing golf, all the competitors delighted in some sightseeing on the island and also some retail therapy! Mary Dolman from Saltford celebrated her birthday during the week and also a trip down memory lane. Mary first came to the island in 1969 as a young bride and went on to work as a nurse. She stayed on the island until 1984 and in her final few years she was the private nurse to Sir Henry Tucker, Bermuda's first Prime Minister.

As always, the competitors were welcomed and looked after so well by the wonderful staff at Pompano Beach Club and Port Royal Golf Club. A huge thank you to them all and to the wonderful sponsors - ETIQUIS, G-FORE, Olverum, Srixon, Gosling's Rum and the Bermuda Tourist Authority - we will be back!



Langley Park's Reay Newman loves her putter; smiles from the winners of the team event



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