

**Pearson Inter-County Finals Report 2019**  
**Batchworth Park Golf Club**  
**Rickmansworth**  
**Hertfordshire**  
**Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup> July 2019**

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Semi-Finals: Surrey (Leatherhead) v Kent (Mid-Kent) and Hertfordshire (Moor Park) v Middlesex (Ealing)

Final: Surrey (Leatherhead) v Middlesex (Ealing)



It was already warm and sunny when players, caddies and supporters began arriving at Batchworth Park Golf Club for registration and breakfast from 7.00am. Many stayed inside in the relative cool of the clubhouse whilst others enjoyed the light breeze under the shade of umbrellas on the terrace overlooking the golf course. This was going to be one of the hottest days of the year and the club had prepared well providing water and chilled towel stations around the course. Players and caddies stocked up on food and water before heading off to the practise range and putting green in readiness for their matches.

Batchworth Park staff had worked tirelessly to present the course in excellent condition for finals day and the course looked magnificent with lots of roll on the fairways and fast, sloping greens, which would be a test of the players as the day progressed. We are grateful to the starter for the day Batchworth Park's Lady Captain, Ed Partridge CVO OBE. The matches teed off in 8 minute intervals between 8.30am and 10.14 am. First to tee off was Leatherhead's Penny Harrison and Mid-Kent's Chris Galbraith followed by Moor Park's Marianne Montgomery and Ealing's Pam Fox. The remaining 6 matches followed alternating a Surrey v Kent match with a Herts v Middlesex match. Surrey secured 3 strong wins from the first 4 matches with the 4th win coming from their 5<sup>th</sup> match so matches 6 and 7 were called in. Meanwhile Middlesex and Hertfordshire were competing strongly for a place in the final. The result was very close with some tight

matches but in the end Middlesex were delighted to come out on top and earn their place in the Final.

After a quick lunch the Final started at 2.15pm. The sun was still blazing down but a welcome breeze had picked up, drying out the course and making approach shots and putting rather tricky. Middlesex won the first match followed by two strong early wins for Surrey. The other matches were close, although Surrey were ahead in the last three matches Middlesex were fighting back reducing the lead hole by hole. It was tense and exciting but Surrey held their nerve and in the end Sue Choularton, Leatherhead's Pearson Captain fittingly sank the winning putt in her match to give Surrey their 4<sup>th</sup> win. Surrey had won the Inter-County Pearson Trophy, retaining it for the County following Foxhills' win last year!.

The Trophies were presented by the Reverend Hugh Wickner, President of Batchworth Park Golf Club and Chris Corke, Chair of the Inter-County Pearson Management Committee. Leatherhead were delighted to have had the support of the SLCGA Captain, Lorna Robey and President, Val Howard. It was a wonderful day of competitive, yet friendly golf played in great spirit. A testament to the Pearson Trophy competition.



Leatherhead Pearson Captain Sue Choularton holds the Inter County Trophy pictured with her team, caddies, Surrey Pearson Managers Gill Longdon and Susan Sadler and Batchworth Park's President

Gill Longdon - Surrey Pearson Manager