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Junior golfers shine despite tough weather in competition final

The 27th Hills Junior Golf Championship, combined this year with the Wiltshire Age Group Championship, was won by Corey Sheppard of High Post Golf Club following a play off with last year's winner Jack Vallis from North Wilts GC.

Sixty one boys and girls, aged between 8 and 18 years, teed off at Marlborough Golf Club in damp, cold conditions with moisture slowing the green and no run on the ball. The weather did not seem to hamper competitors and some fine performances were delivered despite the difficult conditions.

Of note was one of the youngest entrants, Benjamin Wakeley, from Shrivenham Park who played 9 holes on a short course in 36 shots.

In the main event, the Girls' Championship title was taken by 2 handicapper, Katie Warren from Wrag Barn who was round in 80. Oliver Morris from Marlborough GC took the best nett prize with a nett 65 off his 28 handicap.

In the Boys' Championship the low handicap players returned some impressive scores. Corey Sheppard eagled the 16th and birdied the 17th to get himself to two under par for the round, a par on 18 meant he then tied with Jake Vallis.

With the light fading the play off was to be decided by sudden death over holes 10, 11 and 12, but Corey's putt for a birdie 4 on the 10th green saw him take the title for 2012.



Major Prize winners, L-R: Katie Warren, Girls Champion, Corey Sheppard, Boys Champion, Oliver Morris, Nett Champion with Chairman of the Hills Group, Alan Pardoe



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