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Libby Smith Featured in National Magazines



UVM sophomore Libby Smith has been receiving national attention for her unique position as both a starting guard for the women's basketball team and a key player on the men's golf team. She has been featured in both *Golf for Women* and *Sports Illustrated for Women* as well as *The Boston Globe*, *USA Today*, and *NESN*. She is the only woman to compete on a Division I men's golf team and became the first woman to break 80 on the difficult New Seabury course in the New England Intercollegiate Golf Tournament last fall. (She played from the men's tees.)

In her first collegiate game, Libby scored 23 points and hit the game winning shot in overtime. Coach KiethCieplicki was quoted in the *Boston Globe* as saying: 'Libby is a special person. As a coach you get certain players you call once-in-a-lifetime players, and that is what she is. She has a very strong mind and will, but in a very kind way. It's a really neat mix.'

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Libby Smith Wins Collegiate Players Event



Libby Smith recently won a regional Collegiate Players Tour event in Delaware, Ohio. This was a 3-day medal play event on July 27- July 29; one of ten throughout the country. As the winner, Libby was invited to play in the finals held in Houston, Texas, but was unable to compete because it was scheduled at the same time as our VSWGGA Championship.

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Smith Fires 69 to Edge Allbright



The 1999 VSWGGA Championship at Neshobe proved to be one of the most exciting tournaments in VSWGGA history with a two-person battle developing between two exceptional young players - Libby Smith of Essex Junction and Kiersten Allbright of Meriden, NH. On Monday, both golfers scored even par 71's just two strokes ahead of Jeanne Morrissey of Williston. Tuesday's round saw Libby and Kiersten pull away from the rest of the field shooting 72 and 71 respectively.



On Wednesday, Kiersten saw her one stroke lead disappear quickly as Libby birdied the first hole. The day continued to be a back and forth battle which finally saw Libby reach the 18th tee with a slim one-shot lead. Kiersten's approach shot to the 18th green put her well within birdie range, however, undaunted, Libby stuck her approach to within 2 feet of the hole to all but clinch the victory. Kiersten made a valiant attempt at birdie, but missed leaving Libby with 2 putts for the win. She made her birdie to shoot a sensational sub-par round of 69 and win her first championship by two strokes. *Great golf by both players!*



Jeanne Morrissey, although unable to keep pace with Libby and Kiersten, finished a solid third with a three day total of 232. Former LPGA touring professional and newcomer to Vermont golf, Mary Anne Levins of Rutland finished fourth at 235. Former champion, Sheila Darrah of Copley finished 5th at 237. Low net honors went to Sandy Jarvis of Williston with a net score of 206 winning in a match of cards over Bonnie Heald of Rutland. The Buxton Trophy went to the Rutland Country Club.

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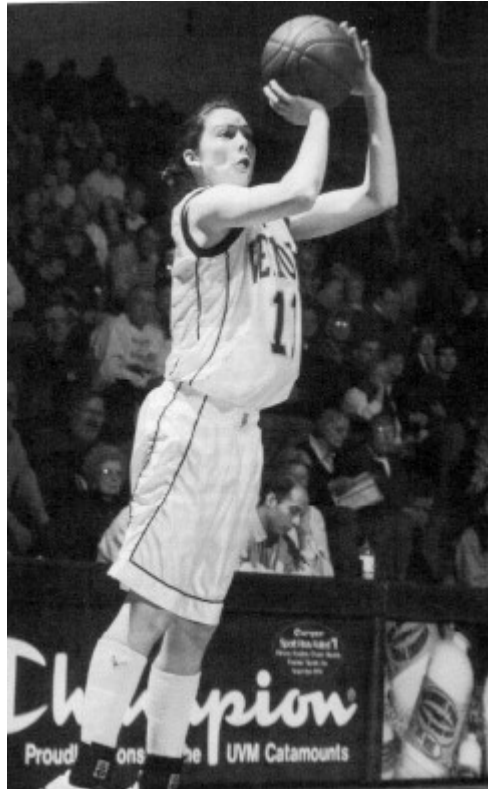
UVM Lady Cats 1st in America East

The UVM women's basketball team, with Libby Smith starting at guard, has finished the regular season in 1st place following a come-from-behind victory over arch rival Maine in Orono last Thursday. UVM and Maine were tied for first place going into that game with identical records of 14-3 in the America East Conference.

Libby Smith, VSWGA 1999 state golf champion, is an integral part the team's success. At point guard, she averages 4.3 points and 3.5 rebounds per game with a season high of 16 points against Boston University. She leads the team in assists and leads the conference in assists/turnover ration (2.11). On a team loaded with scoring potential such as All-American candidate senior Karalyn Church and freshman stars Morgan Hall and Dawn Cressman, Libby has found other ways to contribute to the team's success with solid ball handling, tenacious defense, assists and rebounding.

The team now heads into the America East tournament on the UVM campus playing the 8th place team Thursday evening March 9 at 6:00PM. The winner of the tournament receives an automatic bid to the NCAA tournament. For ticket information, contact the UVM ticket office at 802-656-4410.

Good luck in the tournament to Libby and the rest of the Lady Cats!



GO CATS, GO!

Posted: 3/13/00

UVM Women Win Conference Tournament



The UVM Women's Basketball team won the America East Tournament at Patrick Gym on Saturday by beating a very good Maine team by a convincing 27 points earning an automatic bid to the NCAA Women's Basketball Tournament.

UVM came out firing on all cylinders at the start of all three tournament games leaving first Drexel, then Northeastern, and finally Maine all wondering what hit them. In the Maine game, senior guard Christie Lauzon hit 4 of 4 3-point shots in the first 3 minutes of play giving Vermont a 15-5 lead. The Cats then turned their attention to shutting down the opponents offense. Maine's star player, Jamie Cassidy, was allowed only 4 points in the first half.

Libby Smith saved her best play for the time when it counted the most. She averaged 11 points and 7.3 rebounds over the three tournament games more than doubling her regular season averages. This combined with her hustle and tenacious defense (usually guarding one of the opposition's star players) earned Libby a spot on the all- tournament team along with Karalyn Church and Christie Lauzon. The TV broadcast announcers referred to Libby as the "heart and soul" of the Vermont team. This photo shows a little of Libby's intensity which makes her such a tough competitor on the basketball court as well as on the golf course.

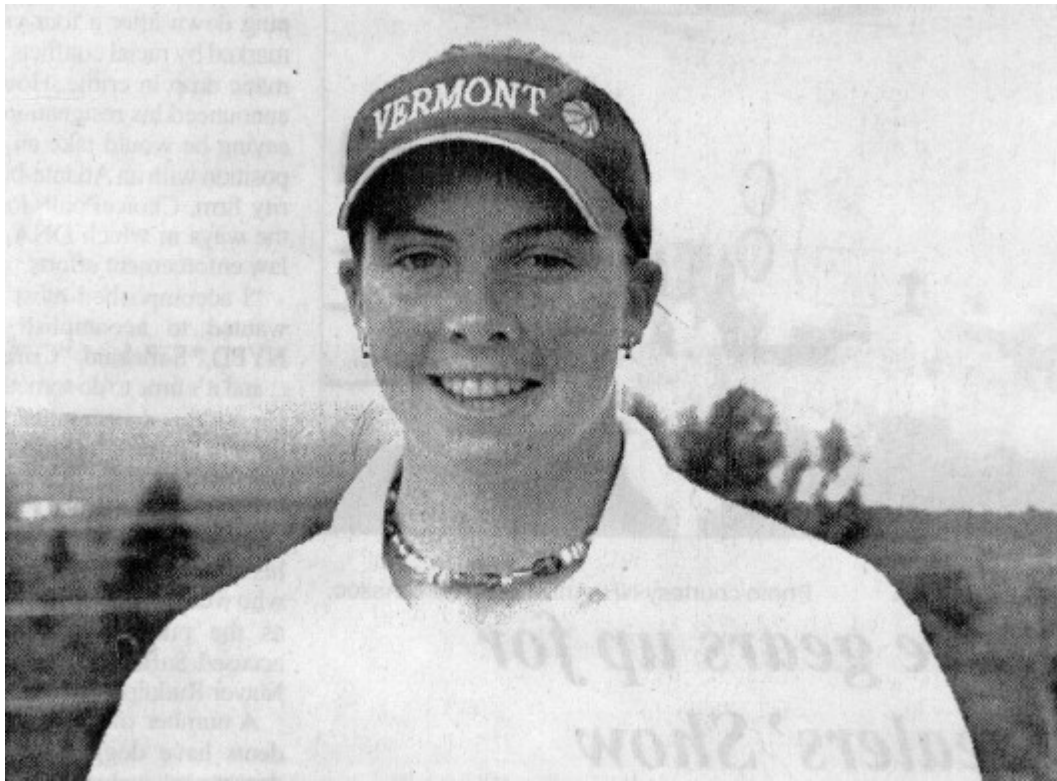
Prior to the start of the tournament, the America East conference named Karalyn Church as the Most Valuable Player, Morgan Hall as the Rookie of the Year, and Keith Cieplicki as the Coach of the Year. This is a clean sweep of the post season honors for UVM. Libby was last year's Rookie of the Year. Karalyn was also named to the America East First Team while Morgan and Dawn Cressman were named to the All Rookie Team

The team now heads for the Mid-East Regionals of the NCAA tournament with an 11 seed against 6 seeded Tulane. The game is next Saturday, March 18 in Lubbock, Texas. Unfortunately, that game is not one currently scheduled to be aired on ESPN or ESPN2. UVM finds themselves in the same bracket as the powerful University of Tennessee and Boston College who is coached by former UVM coach Cathy Inglesse. Maine, surprisingly, received an at-large bid and will play in the West Regional.

You can follow UVM's progress on the official Web site for NCAA basketball at www.finafour.com.

Posted: 8/9/00

Libby Smith Wins State Amateur Championship



Libby Smith of Vermont National CC successfully defended her VSWGGA State Amateur title today at Newport Country Club with a six stroke victory over newcomer Margie Mather of Mount Anthony. Unhampered by the foot injury which kept her off the golf course for most of this season, Libby fired rounds of 71, 72, 72 for a three day total of 215. Combining her length off the tee with a short game which was sharp enough considering that she had played only a few rounds this year, Libby was able to hold off a second day charge by Margie and another newcomer, Tiffany Maurycy of Basin Harbor. Margie fired an excellent round of 70 (2 under par) on Tuesday for a 2-day total of 147 while Tiffany shot an even par round of 72 for a 2-day total of 148. Margie made a effort to catch Libby early in the third round, but Libby was able to stretch her lead to six strokes. Margie finished in second place with a total of 221, while Tiffany finished third at 227.

Margie, who is from Massachusetts, finished fifth in this year's New England Amateur Championship at Sugarloaf, Maine. Tiffany is a former New York state women's champion who moved to Burlington from Colorado last November. Last year, she was a quarter finalist in the USGA Women's Mid-Amateur.

Jeanne Morrissey of Williston finished in fourth place with a total of 237. Jeanne was last year's third place finisher and the 1998 Mid-Am champion. Kathy Allbright of Crown Point finished in fifth place with a total of 238. Last year Kathy's daughter Kiersten was the runner-up to Libby. Kiersten is now the assistant pro at the Quechee Club.

The Low Net prize was won by Cheryl Hoar of Burlington. Barb Schiffler and Ellen Sheffer, both of Rocky Ridge, were second and third respectively.

The Buxton Cup for the club team with the lowest total was won by Rocky Ridge with a total of 759, just 4 strokes better than the Burlington Country Club. Copley was third with a total of 774.

Posted: 9/30/00

Libby Smith Featured in SI Faces in the Crowd



Libby Smith was featured in the September 18 issue of *Sports Illustrated Golf Plus* in the Faces in the Crowd section. She was recognized as a two-sport standout athlete at UVM in basketball and golf and also for winning her 2nd straight Vermont Women's Amateur Golf Championship.

Libby is the only woman competing on a men's golf team at the Division I level. She is also a standout point guard on the women's basketball team leading the team to the 2000 America East conference title and the team's first bid to the NCAA tournament in nine years.

Posted: 8/17/01

Libby Makes It Three In a Row



Libby Smith, of Essex Junction and Vermont National Country Club won her third consecutive VSWGGA state amateur championship Thursday at Manchester Country Club. She fired rounds of 74, 72, and 72 for a one under par total of 218, thirteen strokes better than her nearest competitor, Margie Mather-Bowes of Mt. Anthony. Margie played well over the three days with rounds of 76, 76, and 79, but the putts wouldn't drop and she steadily lost ground to Libby's strong play.

Janet Larson of Rutland Country Club finished with an excellent 76 to move into third place with a total of 241, one stroke ahead of Cindy Paquet of Essex and two ahead of Karen Lewis of Montague. Ann O'Day of the Country Club of Vermont, who was playing in the final group, finished in 6th place with a 244 total. Ava LaLancette of Basin Harbor was the low junior in the tournament with a score of 245 which was also good for 7th place.

Winifred Aboff, of Manchester, was the low net winner with a total of 206, two strokes better than Barb Shiffler of Rocky Ridge.

Rutland Country Club with a strong seventeen member team won the Buxton Cup over the defending champion Rocky Ridge club.



Libby for Par on 18

Posted: 12/2/01

Libby Smith Received NEIGA Award

Libby Smith received a special award from the New England Intercollegiate Golf Association in October for her outstanding contribution to Division 1 golf. She is the first women to compete in the NEIGA championship for four years. She had her best showing in the NEIGA championship this year in Brewster, Mass. finishing 38th out of 229 golfers (men) with scores

of 75-80, just 15 strokes off the lead. Libby was named UVM's co-athlete of the week for the week of October 22-28.

Libby is also co-captain of the UVM women's basketball team for the second year and is the starting point guard. She is UVM's all time leader in games started having started every game in her career at UVM. Already this season, she has been named America East player of the week for the week of 11/12-11/18 and UVM athlete of the week for the weeks of 11/12-11/25

Posted: 3/3/02

Libby Leads Cats to First Place in America East Conference



Senior co-captain Libby Smith, part-time golfer, part-time point guard, and part-time civil engineering student, has lead the UVM women's basketball team to a first place regular season finish in the America East Conference. The Lady Cats finished the season with a 12-game winning streak and an overall record of 20-7; 14-2 in conference play.

Libby is an outstanding player and a true team leader whose tenacity, determination, and hustle are an important reason for the team's success. Libby has started every game of her four-year career. She is third on the team in scoring averaging over ten points per game (more over the last 12 games) and has found a mid-range jump shot which she consistantly makes and is not afraid to take at critical points in games. At 5'9" she is no where near the tallest player on the team, but she leads the team in rebounding with 5.7 rebounds per game. She always seems to be

in the right place at the right time. She also leads the team in assists and in steals.

Playing in her final game at Patrick Gymnasium last Thursday, Libby had her first double-double of her career with 16 points and 12 rebounds. She followed that up with another one Saturday with 12 points and 10 rebounds. Earlier, she nearly had the first triple-double in the team's history with 11 points, 9 rebounds, and 9 assists. In Saturday's final regular season game, Libby reached another milestone scoring her 1000th point in the final minutes of the game.

If you have never seen her play, you are missing something special. She is truly everywhere on the court diving for loose balls, crashing into and over tables, chairs, water coolers, and anything else that gets in the way of saving a ball from going out-of-bounds. I'm certain she leads the nation in floor burns. It will be the little things that she does on the court (the ones they don't keep stats for) that the team and the fans will miss the most after she graduates. Her intelligence, fearlessness, and a "refuse to lose" attitude will also serve her well in her bid for the LPGA.

The UVM women head to Hartford this week for the Friendship Cottage Cheese America East Women's Championship March 7-9. Check the UVM web site www.uvmathletics.com or the America East web site www.americaeast.com for more information. Also check your TV listings as some of the games may be broadcast. The winner of this tournament receives an automatic bid to the NCAA Tournament. Good luck to Libby and the rest of the Lady Cats in Hartford!

Posted: 6/22/02

Smith, Bowes in NEWGA Top Ten



Libby Smith of Alburg, three-time VSWGGA state amateur champion, finished in a tie for fourth place Thursday at the Portsmouth Country Club in New Hampshire. Libby fired rounds of 72-77-79 for a total of 228 achieving her best NEWGA finish. She was tied for 12th in last year's tournament.

Margie Bowes of Mt. Anthony also cracked the top ten with a 9th place tie shooting rounds of 75-78-81 for a 234 total. Margie's best NEWGA finish was a tie for 5th at Sugarloaf in 2000.

Only two other Vermont players survived the 36-hole cut. Ava LaLancette of Essex finished with a 252 total while Kathy Allbright of Crown Point ended with a 267 total.

The championship was won by Laura Shanahan-Rowe of Stonebridge Country Club in Goffstown, NH firing a final round of 68 for a total of 209 and a 5-stroke win over last year's champion Abby Spector of Waterville, Maine. Haley Gildea, a junior player from Rhode Island, was third with a 220 total. Haley held the first round lead with a 69.

Posted: 8/15/02

Libby Smith Wins 4th VSWGGA Championship



Margie, Libby, Andrea

Libby Smith, of Essex Junction and Alburg Country Club won her fourth consecutive VSWGGA state amateur championship Thursday at Champlain Country Club. Libby fired a 1-under par round of 70 on the opening day of competition giving her a 5 stroke lead over newcomer, Andrea Brown of Williston. Libby struggled a bit on Wednesday with a round of 77, but still maintained a 3 stroke lead over Andrea and an eight stroke lead over Margie Bowes of Mt. Anthony. In the final round, Libby fired a steady one-over par round of 72 for a total of 219 to win by seven strokes over Andrea. Margie was third at 230.

Ann O'Day of the Country Club of Vermont fired three very consistent rounds of 78 to finish in fourth place. Fourteen year old Tayler Johnson of Champlain was the junior winner with a score of 252.

Diane Jones of Lake Morey and Ellen Sheffer of Neshobe tied for low net with scores of 207. Diane won the low net title in a match of cards.

Williston Country Club took the Buxton Cup away from a strong Rutland team.

Check the [results page](#) for complete results and more photos.



The Press



**Libby with VSWGGA President
Kathy Domenicucci**

Posted: 8/8/03

Libby Makes It Five In A Row



Libby and Andrea

Libby Smith of Alburg Country Club won her fifth consecutive VSWG State Amateur Championship Thursday at Brattleboro Country Club by a four-stroke margin over last year's runner-up Andrea Brown of Williston Country Club. Libby took a one-stroke margin into the second day of competition firing a one-under round of 71 to Andrea's 72. After a somewhat uninspired opening six holes on Wednesday, Libby turned it up a notch and reeled off six straight birdies to shoot a superb round of 68 and open up a comfortable seven stroke lead over Andrea. As it turned out on Thursday, she needed that seven stroke lead as Andrea pulled to within one stroke at one point during the final round. Libby struggled with the



treacherous pin placements a bit on the front nine while Andrea steadily gained ground, however, Libby was able to pull ahead again on the back to win by four strokes. Both players played some excellent golf and were well ahead of the rest of the field. Libby's 68 on Wednesday tied the tournament record of 68 shot by Holly Reynolds at Manchester in 1992.



Fifteen year-old Molly Aronsson of Burlington Country Club won the Junior Championship and finished in seventh place overall with a fine total of 245 which included a 76 in Wednesday's round. This is Molly's first State Amateur appearance. This is also the first year that the tournament has seen

a significant contingent of junior players with five juniors entered in the tournament.

Mari Harter of Orleans and Kristin Turcotte-Mahoney of Rutland were tied at 239 for third place. Mary Anne Levins of Rutland and Ashlee Marcell of Proctor-Pittsford were tied for fifth place at 240. Check the Results page for a complete listing of the top ten.

The hotly contested net division saw Barbara Shiffler of Rocky Ridge take the low net title by one stroke over Eva Mastalos of Ralph Myhre and two strokes over Andy Sak of Neshobe and Brattleboro's Sherryl Libardoni.

The coveted Buxton Cup was won by seven strokes by Rutland Country Club over last year's winning Williston Country Club team. Rutland placed three players (Kristin Turcotte-Mahoney, Mary Anne Levins, and Stacie Eaton) in the top ten.



**Andrea congratulated by Frank Smith
and Libby congratulated by Ashlee Marcell**

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USGA State Team Results



The Vermont Team of Libby Smith, Andrea Brown, and Mari Harter finished in a very respectable tie for 24th in the 2003 USGA State Team Championship at Wellesley Country Club in Wellesley, MA. Libby Smith had a three-day total of 222 combined with Andrea Brown's total of 255 for team score of 477. The Ohio team won the event with a score of 447 over the North Carolina team with of total of 451. Vermont finished squarely in the middle of the pack ahead of other New England teams from New Hampshire, Connecticut, Rhode Island. The host state of Massachusetts was the highest ranking New England state finishing in 11th place.



Our own Libby Smith fired the low round of the tournament on Tuesday with a 3-under par 70! Let me repeat that ... Libby shot the low round of the tournament beating Curtis Cup team member Emily Bastel of Ohio and Carol Semple Thompson, legendary amateur player for many years as well as Abby Spector of Maine and many, many other fine amateur players from around the country. Libby continued her sparkling play on Wednesday with a 34 on the front nine until a 9 on the 12th hole derailed her temporarily. She ended with a 76 followed by another 76 on Thursday for a three-day total of 222. This put her in third place individually behind Emily Bastel and Carol Semple Thompson. A par on that 12th hole would have tied her with Emily for the individual lead. This is an awesome performance for Libby at this level of competition.

Way to go Libby!!

Posted: 12/4/05

Libby Smith Finishes 2nd in LPGA Qualifying School



Libby Smith added a -3 score of 69 in the fifth and final round of the 90-hole LPGA Qualifying Tournament to move from 8th into a tie for second with long-time tour veteran, Lee Ann Walker-Cooper at five under par. This is a fantastic accomplishment for Libby! The tournament was won by Ai Miyazato who had a substantial lead going into the final round and could not be caught. She finished at -17. The top 24 players earned exempt status for the 2006 tour. The next 35 players and ties earned conditional status.

Earlier this fall, Libby earned a spot in the qualifying tournament by finishing in a 4th place tie in the sectional qualifier held at the Plantation Golf and Country Club in Venice, Florida on October 4-7. The top 30 players from two sectionals survived to play the 90-hole tournament in Daytona Beach where they were joined by current LPGA players trying to regain their tour cards or improve their status.

Libby then went to Spain and earned exempt status on the Ladies European Golf Tour by finishing 23rd in their qualifying tournament held at La Cala Resort in Marbella, Spain on November 19-22.

It's been quite a fall for Libby. For more information, check www.lpga.com.

Posted: 2/2/07

Libby Wins in Hong Kong



Libby Smith won her first tournament as a professional today in Hong Kong at the Hong Kong Ladies Masters at the Discovery Bay Golf Course. Libby fired a final round of 66 (which included a double-eagle 2 on the 465 yard par 5 4th hole) to overcome a two-stroke deficit and force a playoff with Shih HueiJu of Chinese Taipei. Libby had a opportunity to win the tournament in regulation, but bogeyed the 18th hole while Shih HueiJu birdied it.

On the first playoff hole, Libby sank a nervous 3-footer for the victory and was greeted by former coach, Cliff Barlow who was a surprise visitor in the gallery. Libby's paycheck was enough to put her in second place on the Order of Merit behind fellow American Natalie Tucker who won last week at the Macau Ladies Open in China. Libby finished in a tie for 28th in that tournament giving her a total of \$12,758 for the young season.

You can read more about Libby at www.lagt.org. Libby will be playing tournaments on the Ladies Asian Tour, the European Ladies Tour and the Futures Tour this year hoping to get back to the LPGA tour for next season.

Posted: 5/4/07

Libby Inducted into VPA Hall of Fame

Libby Smith was inducted into the Vermont Principal's Association Hall of Fame on May 2, 2007 at the Killington Lodge.





Posted: 12/9/09

Libby Has LPGA Conditional Status



Libby Smith has completed the grueling rain-delayed five-round LPGA Qualifying School at LPGA International in Daytona Beach, Florida. Libby finished tied for 30th and has achieved conditional status for the 2010 LPGA season. This status will allow her to compete in a few LPGA events and will also give her the opportunity to compete in the Monday qualifiers.

Libby opened the tournament with a 76 and then spent the next four rounds working hard to make up the lost ground. Her remaining four rounds were 71-72-71-72 for a total of 362, just two two strokes short of the top 20 which would have given her full exempt status.

Libby finished tied for 24th in the 2009 Futures Tour which gives her full exempt status for that tour and she will compete on both tours for the 2010 season. She will be in need of all the financial support that we can give her for what will be an exciting and costly 2010 season.