

Senior champion East among four new caps in England team for Europeans

Stephen East (Moortown, Yorkshire), recently crowned English Seniors champion, is one of four new caps in the England team for the European Seniors Team Championship to be played at Sierra Golf Club in Poland on 2nd – 6th September.

The other three are Clive Jones (Toulouse, France), Tony McLure (Longhirst Hall, Northumberland) and Alan Mew (Stoneham, Hampshire, IoW & CI). Completing the six-man team is Richard Latham (Woodhall Spa, Lincolnshire) and Andrew Stracey (Denham, BB&O).



East (image © Leaderboard Photography) has enjoyed remarkable success in his first year as a senior golfer. He won the English title at Matfen Hall in Northumberland in June which followed his victory in the Spanish Seniors at La Manga.

Since then he hasn't looked back, finishing runner-up in the British, Irish and Scottish Seniors and fourth in the European Seniors. All this follows a successful career in golf in which he was a stalwart for Yorkshire while he also won the English Mid Amateur Championship for the Logan Trophy three times, the European, British, Portuguese and Yorkshire Mid Amateur titles.

Jones, another in his first year as a senior, has lived in France for the past 20 years after moving from Sussex. He won this year's European Seniors title against a strong field, including East, by a shot in Spain in June and had two good round in the British.

McLure, 56, is another enjoying success at a new level after a highly productive amateur career which included winning the Lytham Trophy. He is a former winner of the French Mid Amateur and three times the Durham Match Play champion when a member of Whickham.

In the senior ranks last year, he won the Seniors County Champions Tournament at Woodhall Spa, finished second in the Welsh Seniors and third in the Scottish, while this year he again finished runner-up in Wales and equal third in the British Seniors.

Mew, 61, has also enjoyed a distinguished amateur record, particularly in his home county of Hampshire. Again, the senior rank has opened a new career. He won the Senior County Champions Tournament in 2012 and this year has finished second in the Scottish Seniors, eighth in the European Seniors and 15th in the British.

Latham, 56, was the man to beat last year when he became a senior. A stalwart of Hertfordshire golf for many years and then Lincolnshire, he had a meteoric rise through the senior ranks, winning the Scottish and English titles within weeks then being capped in last year's European Seniors Team Championships.

Although he hasn't tasted victory this year, Latham finished fourth in defence of his English Seniors at Matfen Hall, sixth in the Scottish Seniors and equal 20th in the British. He was also selected in the GB&I team for the Concession Cup against the USA in Florida.

Stracey, 60, is a former winner of the Irish and Welsh Seniors and was also selected for the Concession Cup. A senior international since 2009, he finished joint runner-up in this year's English Seniors, equal fourth in the Welsh Seniors and tied eighth in the British Seniors.

England has not won the European Team title since 2010 at Fairhaven. Last year in Hungary the team finished third.