

**ENGLAND GOLF**  
**Suffolk Delegates Meeting held at Bury St. Edmunds Golf Club on**  
**Friday, 15th August 2014**

1. **Apologies:** Received from Gorleston, Hintlesham, Royal Worlington, Thorpeness, Ufford & Waldringfield.
2. **Minutes of the last meeting:** Agreed.
3. **Matters arising:** None.
4. **Suffolk Golf Day - Chris Lynch-Bates:** 31-teams participated & an excellent day was had by all. Thanks to Chris for all her hard work. Following feedback from Clubs & discussion at the GB meeting, Chris reported this will remain a one-day event with the following entry process: 1. Entries will all be opened on the final day, 2. priority will be given to those whose entry was not accepted in the previous year, 3. one team from each club will be entered, 4. remaining teams will be drawn at random. Volunteers to assist on the day will always be welcomed.
5. **Inter-Club County Competitions: Haskell:** Final between Felixstowe & Aldeburgh is to be played at Ufford on Sunday, 17th August 2014. Supporters will be most welcome. **Cranworth & Stearn:** The suggestion was made that if a player, having played in the first round, then has their handicap reduced, they should still be eligible to play in subsequent rounds. This resonated with the Delegates & will be discussed at the next GB meeting. Neutral venues continue to raise challenges. Please remember, it is good to talk!! Bury proposed additional rules be introduced for Cranworth players, which will be discussed at the next GB Meeting. **Senior Shield:** Any alterations to the age & handicap limits have been rejected by the GB & the GB will now discuss neutral venues for the semi-finals. The wording in the rules concerning nominated players to play-off in the event of a tie will be reviewed. The Final of the 2014 competition between Gorleston & Rookery Park takes place at Thorpeness on Sunday, 7th September. **Weston:** The current rule whereby the winner is the team with the best points total, as opposed to matches won, appears an anomaly & will be discussed at the next GB Meeting. Could all clubs, which participate in this competition, please confirm by 14th September 2014, whether they wish their team to go out in handicap order or not? At the meeting, six clubs said they did, one did not & two were flexible. Replies to June Kenworthy: [RJ4649@btinternet.com](mailto:RJ4649@btinternet.com) .
6. **England Golf:** Anne Archer reported on the July 2014 Meeting at Woodhall Spa. For ease of reference, attached is a copy of Anne's report on the meeting sent to the GB. Regional Competitions for the Seniors & Australian Spoons both took place at Haverhill Golf Club, who are due a huge vote of thanks for their excellent hosting of these events. Delegates were reminded to encourage entries for the Australian Spoons & Ping 4-BBB Competitions in 2015. It is great to see the number of Suffolk Players on the England Golf Rose Spoons contenders list. Sue Cook raised the challenges of the new course rating system & was asked to contact Claire Dowling at England Golf direct. All clubs are requested to address any queries on handicaps & rules initially to the county handicap advisor, Ann Graves, before contacting England Golf.

7. **County Cards:** Hermione confirmed the take-up was only 4.5% & discussions will continue as to whether County Cards for Ladies is a viable option going forward.
8. **100-Club:** The draw was made & the results will be published on the County Website. The end of the current cycle has been reached & it was unanimously agreed the 100-Club should continue. Sue Cook volunteered to continue as organiser - thanks Sue!! Club Delegates' were given their lists & requested to collect the monies due & if possible to increase participation.
9. **County Website:** There is more to the Website than just seeking competition information. Please checkout & contribute, photos, anecdotes etc.
10. **AOB:**

**Division 2:** Now being run on the same day as Division 1 at Felixstowe. Cretingham asked whether it was possible to substitute a player who was in the original draw with another player from the same club if the change of date created a problem. A quorum of GB members present agreed this was sensible & thus ratified on this occasion.

**County Rota:** Jeanette reported it is not possible to obtain a representative from one particular club whose turn it is to organise the Championship. However, Chris Lynch-Bates has volunteered to continue in this role for the time being. This still leaves uncertainty with the County Rota going forward. Various options were discussed at the meeting & will now be taken to the GB.

**Delegate Meeting:** Delegates' are reminded this is a Forum & as such any decisions taken at the meeting are not binding on the GB & consultation with Club Committees/Members remains paramount.

**Date, Time and Venue of Next Meeting:**

Friday, 31st October 2014 at 10.30 am - Venue: TBA.

**Anne Archer**

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